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Santa waves to the crowd from the top of a fire truck during the 48th annual Berlin Christmas Parade last year.

## Town prepares for 49th annual holiday parade

By Rachel Ravina  
Staff Writer

(Nov. 28, 2019) More than 80 floats will travel through downtown Berlin next Thursday night as the 49th annual Berlin Christmas Parade sets the holiday mood for the town.

The parade will take place from 7-9 p.m. on Main Street, beginning near the Berlin Welcome Center on South Main Street, and ending at the Berlin Fire Company on North Main Street, according to event organizers.

Ivy Wells, Berlin's community and economic development director said one of the reasons for the parade's popularity is its timing.

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The Stephen Decatur High School Choir participates in the 2018 Berlin Christmas Parade last year.



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## FLAGS RETIRED

Nearly 1,600 flags were retired during the American Legion and Scouts of America's retirement ceremony at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines on Saturday, Nov. 23. See story page 21.

## Trendic goes to court over petition case

Argues directors' reasoning for rejection not justified

By Greg Ellison  
Staff Writer

(Nov. 28, 2019) Former Ocean Pines Association Board member Slobodan Trendic filed suit in Worcester County Circuit Court on Nov. 15 in response to the OPA Board of Directors' rejection in August of a petition containing more than 800 signatures.

Trendic, who is represented by attorney Bruce Bright, is seeking up to \$75,000 in compensatory damages from the association's board of directors for legal fees following a referendum drive campaign launched in April seeking to amend the OPA by-laws to require the board to conduct a membership vote to approve any single capital expenditure over \$1 million.

Bright has filed suit seeking de-

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Slobodan Trendic

## Gudelskys contribute \$4M to AGH

Surprise gift by family puts 'Campaign for the Future' over goal by \$2.5 million

By Morgan Pilz  
Staff Writer

(Nov. 28, 2019) An appropriate tune to have played at Atlantic General Hospital's Motown party last Friday night at the Aloft Hotel in Ocean City would have been the 1964 "Martha and the Vandellas hit, "Dancin' in the Street."

That, most likely, is what the hospital's leadership and supporters felt like doing when Atlantic General

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Ioana and Rolfe Gudelsky, center, donate \$4 million to the Atlantic General Hospital Campaign for the Future at the Aloft Hotel on 45th Street, Friday, Nov. 22.



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# White Horse boat ramp examined

**By Greg Ellison**  
Staff Writer

(Nov. 28, 2019) Isolating use of the White Horse Park boat ramp from associated parking spaces, along with potentially installing a gated entrance to the vessel launch area, dominated the discussion during the Marine Activities advisory committee last Tuesday.

Committee Chairman Dr. Gerald Horn said the group had examined the associated costs to operate the boat ramp and whether a gate was warranted to restrict use.

"To me it gets down to how much it's going to cost [and] if it gets worn out by nonmembers and commercial persons," he said.

Horn said the OPA governing documents lists the White Horse Park boat ramp as a fee-based amenity.

"To collect the fee isn't going to be the simplest thing in the world," he said. "I have seen quite a bit of commercial traffic, whether its crabbers or people launching boats."

OPA President Doug Parks, who also serves as board liaison for marine activities, said the topic of boat ramp use has been a longstanding point of contention.

"Is the membership subsidizing the use by nonmembers," he said.

Nailing down associated construction and operational costs has also proven challenging, with Parks noting the boat ramp was revamped about a half dozen years ago at a cost of roughly \$300,000.

"I look at it not only from the cost, but I look at sustainability and the operational aspects," he said.

Parks also acknowledged that while in theory OPA resolution M-02 lists the boat ramp as a fee-based amenity, in practice that has yet to be applied.

"How we collect that fee and how we administer it over time hasn't really been defined," he said.

Horn also noted the OPA website information regarding boat ramps and launches specifies, "they are for the use only of Ocean Pines property owners, residents and their guests."

Committee member Roger West asked if instituting a fee, or installing a gate, at the boat launch area in White Horse Park might drive users to seek comparable options at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club.

"It's not just installing a gate and okay we're done," he said. "You have to really map out what it is you want to do and how you're going to accomplish it."

West also questioned the relative life expectancy for boat ramp segments included in the previous investment made a handful of years ago.

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you have to really map out what it is you want to do and how you’re going to accomplish it.’**  
Committee member Roger West

Parks said the life expectancy of the boat ramp sections installed in the last round of renovations varies but is in the decade range.

“You’re talking at least 20-plus years on every one of the components except for a couple,” he said. “That place is going to last a while unless something happens ... like a force of nature.”

Parks said the issue should be decided based on data concerning the number of days the boat ramp and parking lot are experiencing crowded conditions.

“It would be interesting to have some data because I differentiate the boat launch versus the parking spaces,” he said. “What problem are we trying to solve: the capacity in the parking lot or usage of the boat ramps?”

Committee member John Larue said capacity is only an issue on a few peak days, such as Fourth of July or the Ocean City Air Show.

Parks suggested the committee should contact General Manager John Viola to confirm the frequency of complaints regarding ramp usage and lot ac-

cessibility.

“We know there’s a problem on several days during the year [but] does that warrant or justify an expense to address the other 360 days when it’s not an issue?” he said. “My only concern would be the cost because at some point and time, as a resident, you’ve got to pay for that.”

While noting some boat ramp components have life spans up to 40 years, Horn said infrastructure costs would be incurred eventually.

“Should it be everybody or should it

at least partially pay its own way?” he said. “The commercial people, because they provide a service, are going to deteriorate it faster.”

Horn said the issue would require further research and proposed revisiting the topic during the group’s next meeting, while also vowing to follow up with Viola regarding frequency of complaints surrounding the White Horse Park boat ramp.

“I don’t feel we have enough definitive information or opinion to make a recommendation to the board,” he said.

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Ocean Pines Elections Committee Chairman Steve Habeger, left, and committee member Bob Windsor, review initial research regarding new balloting system during its meeting last Friday.

# Elections Committee review numerous balloting systems

**By Greg Ellison**  
Staff Writer

(Nov. 28, 2019) Besides establishing evaluation criteria for selecting a new balloting system for the 2020 OPA Board of Directors contest, the Ocean Pines Elections Committee last Friday also weighed the option of switching from employing paper forms to electronic means.

Elections Committee Chairman Steve Habeger resumed discussions on the matter by noting that committee member Bob Windsor had, since the committee's last meeting, developed a scoring system and methodology for examining the voting systems available.

"When we find the best system, we'll be able to identify it and identify why we think it's the best system," he said. "We're at least starting to consider the cost/benefit analysis."

Among the actions included in the elections committee's final report from the 2019 contest issued in September was investigating an updated ballot counting machine.

Windsor said after considering the roughly defined voting system requirements drafted by Habeger, he developed a rating system to establish objective criteria.

"We're going to have objective criteria and there's going to be a lot of subjective stuff here too," he said.

The decision will involve a paper versus online divide, with the cost and details of various alternatives clearly defined, Habeger said.

Committee member Steve Grabowski said after conducting initial research on voting system, the options uncovered besides paper ballots included telephone, mail-in, online or kiosks.

"Some of these online places will do all these things, if you want them all,

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# Pines considers replacement voting system

or just one if you want,” he said. Habeger said OPA’s newly instituted Northstar financial software also includes a balloting option.

Grabowski acknowledged the existence of Northstar balloting systems but said so many options had yet to be considered that further investigation is warranted.

“I think we need to decide, first, do we put all our eggs in one basket?” he said.

The decision is more convoluted than simply paper or electronic, with hybrid alternatives also existing, Grabowski said.

“You can still do paper ballots and do it online,” he said. “They just do it all for you and they calculate it online and you watch the tally on the board.”

There are also dial-in options, which Grabowski said could prove popular.

“I would say they would be a lot of people that would vote by phone,” he said. “All they have to do is dial a toll free number and punch their code in who they wanted to vote for.”

This would also provide an alternative voting method for residents who don’t have access to the Internet, Grabowski said.

Since no alternatives have been discounted, Habeger said details about the Northstar balloting system options should be acquired.

Ace Print & Mail owner Thom Guylas, who handles OPA election materials, said one advantage to using Northstar balloting systems would be added incentive for residents to sign up on the group’s website, while also noting Ocean Pines is likely its largest account.

“I want to, first of all, see if they can handle that quantity reliably and securely,” he said.

Guylas also distributed a list of five vendors offering “optimal mark recognition,” software.

“What I like about some of these systems is it gives us the ability to design our own ballot,” he said.

The design potential could include adding a barcode for verification and candidate pictures.

“My biggest thing is just making sure that somebody can’t scream foul at a later point,” he said. “If we get to design them, then you’re not spending all that money on those Scantron forms and you can make it more personal.”

Guylas said the handful of vendors listed represented a small sampling that appeared suitable to maintain prior cost levels.

“These are only five of thousands,” he said.

Windsor inquired about evaluation strategies for the abbreviated list, much less the larger number of options available.

The bulk of vendors have online video material providing system operational insights, Guylas said

“The majority of them have pretty in-depth websites, it’s just a matter of jumping online,” he said.

Committee member Mark Heintz asked if cost points could be obtained from voting system suppliers.

Habeger said obtaining related fiscal information would involve registering online with assorted vendors.

“You’re going to get marketing emails as soon as you put it in there,” he said.

Grabowski suggested committee members could do a cursory review of the five options before providing any information to potential vendors.

“We can eliminate some of these just by their functionality,” he said.

Guylas said converting to electronic voting systems might reduce community participation.

“People are too skeptical, especially with the age bracket that’s here,” he said.

Guylas championed a hybrid ap-

proach that incorporates both paper ballot and phone voting options to maintain a sense of continuity.

“Try it that way and slowly work in the electronic,” he said.

Bylaws and Resolutions Committee Chairman Jim Trummel, who attended the meeting to provide insights regarding any required changes to OPA governing documents, said the hybrid approach would be preferable to wholly eliminating paper ballots.

“I think you would be stretching the bylaws if you deleted the paper ballot option,” he said. “Make sure you’ve got the authority to go electronic if you’re seriously considering electronic only.”

Trummel said any potential changes to election processes would require a change to resolution M-06.

Trummel suggested adding to the current trio of attachments to M-06,

with a fourth amendment outlining alternative mail-in options for OPA elections.

Habeger, while outlining committee next steps, said the meeting discussion appears to have established the need for a short-term and long-term strategies.

“I think we’ve achieved sort of a consensus that we might be looking at an interim process and then possibly an eventual process,” he said.

Looking ahead to the committee’s next Dec. 13 meeting, the members agreed to survey the proposed vendor list to match needs with options, with Grabowski volunteering to investigate options available through Northstar, and Habeger tasked with drafting an attachment to resolution M-06 to be reviewed in conjunction with Trummel.

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Elections Committee Chairman Steve Habeger

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# Route 113 to move to four lanes

By Elizabeth Bonin  
Staff Writer

(Nov. 28, 2019) Construction to make Route 113 a four-lane highway remains on schedule, though with an ambitious timeline, according to Bob Rager, the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) liaison. By the end of December, the administration hopes to have all four lanes from Berlin to Snow Hill open for traffic.

Contractor Allan Myers is currently working on paving the final road surface on the four-mile section from north of MD 365 Public Landing Road to the north of Five-Mile-Branch. How quickly that goes is largely dependent on weather, Rager said.

"It's a tall order, as surface asphalt mixes generally require a minimum temperature of 40 degrees for proper compaction and good ride quality," Rager said. "As long as the weather is favorable, we plan on paving seven days a week during daylight hours."

He added that construction will not take place during the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Route 113 project began in 2003, when the SHA tied a two-lane section south of Snow Hill to the dual highway leading to Pocomoke, and then expanded the highway from Delaware to Berlin. Work on the eight-mile section going into Snow Hill started at the end of 2017.

The effort to widen the highway, however, began more than two decades ear-



ELIZABETH BONIN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Traffic on Route 113 has been separated and the Maryland State Highway Administration hopes to open the full four lanes from north of MD 365 Public Landing Road to the north of Five-Mile-Branch by the end of December.

lier, in 1994, when Ocean Pines resident Robert Hulbard founded "CRASH", (County Residents Action for Safer Highways) after his cousin was killed in an accident on Route 113.

The state conducted its first study of the possibility of adding two lanes to the highway from Delaware to south of Snow Hill in 1997.

Since taking office in January 2015, Gov. Larry Hogan has made completing the project one of his priorities.

Rager said that after the surface is completed, the SHA will still need to work striping, rumble strips and raised and reflective pavements parkers, as well

as more environmental items, such as the landscape, swales and stormwater management ponds.

"We're very confident this project will be completed by the spring," Rager said. "When it's done, all 38 miles of US 113 in Maryland will be dual highway."

He reminded drivers to watch for lane shifts and flagging, as well as workers moving equipment.

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# Gudelsky family gives \$4M to AGH campaign

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Hospital Foundation Chairman Todd Ferrante announced that Rolfe and Ioana Gudelsky were donating \$4 million to AGH's Campaign for the Future.

The party, which marked the end of the three-year campaign, went \$2.5 million over its \$10 million goal with the donation from the Gudelskys, who own Ocean City Fishing Center, Sunset Marina, Sunset Grille and Micky Fins, all in West Ocean City, along with other holdings.

"It was very important to my uncle, Albert Berger, who worked extensively with Atlantic General Hospital, he's been with Ocean City since forever," Rolfe Gudelsky said. "Giving back to the community is very important to us and is part of our mantra."

One of the main reasons for the Gudelskys' generosity was the overall generosity of the resort-area community itself.

"It's a great little community and as you can see, we're not the only ones who donated," Gudelsky said. "Everybody donated ... look how many small donors we have here. Everybody gave what they can. Money is not always the most important ... you have to look at how many people donated their time for these events."

"This donation is just fantastic," said John "Jack" Burbage Jr., co-chairman of the Campaign for the Future executive committee. "The Gudelsky family has been so kind and good to us. They're just wonderful people who are very giving and very kind. We've very, very happy."

Co-Chairwoman Michelle Fager also expressed her gratitude, not just for the massive donation, but for everyone who contributed.

"We just want to say thank you so much to each and every person in this room," Fager said. "You've all given to the campaign in some way, shape or form and there are hundreds, if not thousands, of people in our community that aren't here tonight that would want to say thank you for the services they have been able to receive at the cancer care center, women's health center and other projects we were able to do because of this campaign."

The campaign money will be used for several projects, including a 70,000 square foot emergency department and outpatient services expansion, which will be developed on Route 589 in Ocean Pines.

"We're going to start a new project on Route 589, which is going to be named after the Gudelsky family," Burbage said. "It's going to be a 70,000-square-foot building with an ambulatory center in it and many other services that Atlantic General Hospital will offer. It will be fantastic and this will help support it. It's going to be wonderful for the community and a lot of new services offered."

The sentiment felt throughout the party was shared by Atlantic General Hospital President and CEO Michael Franklin as well.

"Exceeding our \$10 million goal is a testament to the generosity of our community," Franklin said. "More importantly for Atlantic General Hospital, it is a demonstration of trust from the community that we will create and deliver the care and services that our community will need into the future. The Gudelsky family's gift is a wonderful and enduring statement of their family's affection for our community, and we are forever thankful to them."

Other programs in the offing or already have been completed include a new Women's Health Center with 3D mammography screening (completed in 2017), the opening of the John H.

"Jack" Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center (completed in 2018), a renovated inpatient care area inside the hospital, and updated technology and surgical facilities.

The Gudelskys plan to remain involved in the community however they can.

"Whether it's been the hospital, the fire department, local charities, softball teams, we're always very involved," Gudelsky said. "I'm very proud of the community. Look how many \$1,000 donations were made. You don't get that from small towns like this. When small towns support each other like this ... they're unbeatable. Look at the hours people volunteer around here, let alone the money. That's a better show of charity. This is a strong community ... always has been."



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Ioana and Rolfe Gudelsky donate \$4 million to the Atlantic General Hospital's Campaign for the Future, at the Aloft Hotel on 45th Street on Friday, Nov. 22. The overall total raised for the campaign is \$12.5 million.

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# Berlin receives ‘unmodified opinion’ in audit

**By Rachel Ravina**  
Staff Writer

(Nov. 28, 2019) Despite a turbulent budget cycle, PKS & Company accountants presented the town with an “unmodified opinion” for its annual audit.

“This is also known as a clean opinion, and it’s the highest level of assurance that we can provide as auditors,” Michael Klager, a partner in the firm, told the Town Council Monday night.

Leslie Michalik, an audit manager at PKS & Company, agreed with Klager’s assessment.

“The books and ... records of ... the town are in good order,” she said. “You have a good strong accounting controls in place.”

The general fund had a roughly \$5.16 million balance on June 30, the end of the fiscal year, according to the report. There was about \$6.6 million in revenues — up \$645,000 from the year before — and approximately \$6.7 million in expenditures, down by a little more than \$1 million from the previous year.

The audit cites several changes, including “increases in real estate taxes, state shared income taxes” and a reduction in the number of capital projects during this fiscal year.

Berlin’s Town Council increased the real property tax rate to \$.80 per \$100 of assessed value for the fiscal year 2020 budget. The water and sewer rates also were increased.

The audit also broke down the town’s four enterprise funds: sewer, electric, water, and stormwater. Among the utilities, auditors agreed that the sewer fund needed some attention.

The town’s sewer fund had a \$930,640 operating loss, according to the audit. There’s also a decrease in the fund’s net position prior to “special connection fees” of \$170,329 as compared to \$567,860 last year.

“At June 30, 2019, the Sewer Fund owes the General Fund \$3,384,000 and \$374,000 to the Water Fund,” the audit stated.

Klager and Michalik suggested the town establish a repayment plan for the sewer fund. Among several recommendations, they said officials should inquire if “the town has the in-

tention and ability to repay this amount?”

“You didn’t get into this issue overnight and you’re not going to get out of the problem in one year either,” Klager said.

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams addressed last year’s difficult budget cycle and said he was eager to see how the restructured rates could alleviate the sewer rate debt.

“I have a feeling that ... we’ll have a plan for FY21 starting July 1, [2020] as to what we expect the repayment process to be and then in a year we can review it and then determine is that realistic and if not do we need [to] make some additional adjustments to make it realistic?” Williams said.

# Berlin ordinance, bulk pickup policy tabled

**By Rachel Ravina**  
Staff Writer

(Nov. 28, 2019) An ordinance revising trash collection and policies governing bulk pickup in Berlin hit a roadblock after it was tabled during a Town Council meeting, Monday.

The measure, introduced during a Nov. 12 meeting, would allow resi-

dents to discard three free items during bulk pickup periods, which happens twice a year.

A \$25 fee would then applied, with \$25 per additional item “payable prior to collection.”

Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood previously said the ordinance was revised to update language and

remove grammatical errors.

He said 2,000 tons of trash were collected in 2018, and roughly 1,600 tons were collected in 2019.

Area residents objected during a public hearing. Several citizens, including Marie Velong, took issue with the upfront payment required for additional items. She added that a “scav-

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# OP clubs cmte. talks yacht club ballroom sound issues

By Greg Ellison  
Staff Writer

(Nov. 28, 2019) The problem of how to address acoustic issues inside the Ocean Pines Yacht Club ballroom without harming the aesthetics was examined by the Clubs Committee last Thursday.

Committee Chairman Gary Miller said the topic was broached during the OPA Executive Council meeting on Nov. 6.

“The concern seemed to be anything that we do up here could distract from the ‘wow,’ factor,” he said.

After conducting preliminary research, Miller discovered potential solutions that could satisfy acoustic needs and aesthetic issues.

“There are foam panels in a wood frame covered in material,” he said. “You can get them, so they look like artwork or just get them so they kind of blend in.”

The variations among sound baffling panels are numerous, Miller said.

“Most of them would attach to the walls or ceiling,” he said. “They can hang down vertically or be attached directly to the ceiling and upper part of molding. There’s also decorative wall coverings.”

Based on previous board emails regarding sound concerns in the ballroom, Miller said there appears to be a consen-

sus to find a solution.

“Something needs to be done but we’ve got to figure out how to do it, so it doesn’t look bad,” he said.

Some alternatives could affect views from the ballroom, Miller said.

“The other thing that helps a lot is some sort of drapes or curtains [but] that’s going to take away some of the view,” he said.

Miller said OPA Elections Committee Chairman Steve Habeger previously had proposed forming a work group to research options to curtail sound distortions.

“We’re going to do that, but I would encourage anybody that’s wants to come up with ideas to make suggestions, so I can take it to the rest of the committee,” he said.

Committee member Donna Hickey suggested seeking the opinions of Operations Director Colby Phillips.

“She may come up with solutions,” she said. “I kind of think she had some in mind already but the budget didn’t allow for it at that time.”

Committee board liaison Tom Janasek said Phillips has been continuing to compile a maintenance project list for public works.

“She’s putting together that list with

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# Brushmiller talks plans for building

**By Rachel Ravina**  
Staff Writer

(Nov. 29, 2019) Now that Bryan Brushmiller, owner of Burley Oak Brewing Company, has purchased the Globe Theatre on 12 Broad St., he's figuring out his plans for the space.

"We definitely plan to keep it a music venue, event space," Brushmiller said, referring to the building's more immediate past as the Globe restaurant and entertainment venue, which closes this Saturday.

"We know there's going to be food there," he continued. "We know that there's going to be a food concept there, and we know that there's going to be a bar concept."

Brushmiller, who also owns Viking Tree Trading Company on Main Street and Burley Cafe on Jefferson Street, said the property owner, Kate Patton, approached him about buying the building.

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RACHEL RAVINA/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Globe will close on Saturday, Nov. 30. Bryan Brushmiller, owner of Burley Oak Brewing Company and several other businesses in Berlin, purchased the building on 12 Broad St. and said he's unsure of what will become of the space as his plans are still in the preliminary stages.

# Acoustics, aesthetics considered

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Public Works [Director] Eddie Wells," he said. "She's put together some sort of a program of maintenance for all these facilities."

Janasek said the entire OPA operating budget is highly dependent on positive earnings from amenities, which provides more flexibility to address needs.

"The fact that with the Matt [Ortt Companies] we're not giving away money [but] we're making money," he said. "We can do a whole lot more across the board."

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# Santa's Open Charity Golf Tournament set for Dec. 7

(Nov. 28, 2019) The 27th annual Santa's Open Charity Golf Tournament, sponsored by Delmarva Shorebirds, will take place at the Ocean Pines Golf and Country Club on Saturday, Dec. 7, the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore announced last week.

Since 1992, residents and businesses have stood behind Santa's Open as players, donors and sponsors of the effort to provide support for local children and families facing adversity.

Organizers said sponsorship opportunities still remain, including: tee sign sponsors, Santa's Cheer sponsor, Santa's Helper sponsor, and Blitzen's Brochure ad sponsors. These contributors will be included in the event's promotions and marketing materials, according to the level of contribution.

Golfer registration is open to the

public at \$75 per player for early registration until Nov. 30. Registration at the door is \$85 per player.

In addition, each golfer is asked to bring one unwrapped gift for an underprivileged child between the ages of 6-18. Start time will be 9 a.m. and the format is a four-person scramble.

Registration includes breakfast, carts, reception, golfer's gift, and the chance to win contests and prizes. To register to play or become a sponsor, visit

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore is an affiliate of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. Services and programs are offered in Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties.

## Comcast Pines meeting, Dec. 3

(Nov. 28, 2019) Representatives from Comcast will host a town hall meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. in the Asateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center on 235 Ocean Parkway.

Construction related to Comcast infrastructure should begin this week and company officials said phone, television and internet service could be available in

some areas of Ocean Pines as early as next spring.

During the town hall, Comcast representatives will discuss the implementation schedule and answer questions from the audience. Additionally, the company plans to send mailed notice to those in areas affected by the construction.

## Plans still in preliminary stages

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Brushmiller said the process took about two months. He added that there were some potential buyers from elsewhere who expressed interest in the property, but the desire was there to keep the Globe Theatre's legacy local.

"It's really the epicenter of arts and entertainment in Berlin," Brushmiller said. "So we have to figure out how to keep [it] the cultural landmark that it is."

While his plans are still in the preliminary stages, Brushmiller said he's working to get a liquor license for the new establishment, but he said that could take at least a couple of months. Brushmiller added that he still needs to go through the necessary permit process to operate a business in the building.

Brushmiller also said that once the doors close on Saturday, Nov. 30, his team can begin renovations on the 7,000-square-foot building, and he hopes to have the new space ready by February.

As for entertainment plans, Brushmiller said he'd like to continue the current restaurant's tradition of hosting live entertainment.

“We love beer and music here, so it just makes sense that we keep that going over here,” Brushmiller said.

The building was erected in 1910 to store a horse and carriage, but became a movie theater in 1917 and stayed open for approximately 50 years. After a 20-year hiatus, the space was transformed into a retail store and art gallery for several years. It then reopened as The Globe restaurant in 2006 under the ownership of “a group” of business owners, according to Jennifer Dawicki.

Dawicki said she became the sole proprietor a few years later. She announced earlier this month announced the plans to close after 13 years.

"Many circumstances led to the decision the close," Dawicki said. "The universe was tugging me in a couple of different ways and it was the right time for me to make my exit."

Meanwhile, Brushmiller is planning his entrance into the building. When asked about a name for a business, Brushmiller said he'd like to have "at the Globe Theatre at least."

"It makes the town, you know? I couldn't see the town being [the town] without The Globe and that marquis," Brushmillier said.



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# OPA receives Sibson wages study

## Compensation rates and employee benefits found at or below comparables

(Nov. 28, 2019) Results of the Sibson Consulting study conducted on Ocean Pines employee wages and benefits show the association generally is in-line with comparable organizations, if not slightly below those levels, according to a statement released by the association last week.

General Manager John Viola said he incorporated a process to address the findings in the preliminary draft budget.

The association commissioned the review in July at a cost of about \$50,000. According to Sibson, the study considered roughly 215 non-seasonal, seasonal and police workers.

Sibson said it took into consideration the following factors:

- “As the largest HOA in the area, Ocean Pines is in essence a municipality organized for governance as an HOA.”

- “There is a need for a multi-pronged market comparison approach involving other HOAs, small municipalities, counties, and companies within the local area.”

- “Employees are the backbone of OPA, and feel like the organization is

family. There is a good, collaborative, team-based work environment, especially with the recent introduction of combined Board and Staff Work Groups for various initiatives and trust being built by the new General Manager.”

During the last three months, the company spoke with stakeholders, including members of the board of directors, “to understand the challenges of the current compensation program and hear about the desired future state.”

Sibson developed a compensation philosophy based on that information, conducted market assessment of positions, and developed salary structures and ranges.

Sibson received assistance from Viola, Executive Secretary Michelle Bennett, Payroll/Human Resources Coordinator Kathy Strjewski and department heads "to review the matching of the jobs to the market and preliminary costing results."

The market assessment included 11 comparable organizations: Captain's Cove, Crofton Civic Association, Berlin, Ocean City, Rehoboth Beach, Salisbury, Salisbury University, the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Wor-Wic Community College, Wicomico County, and Worcester County. Other communi-

ties suggested for review, including the Columbia Association, chose not to take part or were unresponsive.

Based on the data collected, Sibson said Ocean Pines in aggregate is "at 84 percent of the market 50th percentile of the competitive range." The company defined the desirable range as 90 to 110 percent of the market 50th percentile, meaning the overall compensation package is slightly below the recommendation.

Sibson developed a minimum, mid-point, and maximum salary range for each position, and Viola and other staff graded each employee on a 1-to-5 scale during mid-year reviews. Out of more than 200 employees, Sibson considered 22 as below the minimum salary range. The cost to bring those workers up to the minimum, as was the recommendation, would be about \$34,000.

Additionally, eight employees of the Ocean Pines Police Department were below the minimum, with the total cost to bring them up being about \$28,000.

Sibson only considered one employee above the maximum compensation range.

Viola said the study was “objective, independent and data driven.”

“It was also important to have current job descriptions and a current organizational chart, and staff avail-

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# 'Light Up the Pines' deadline nears

**By Greg Ellison**  
Staff Writer

(Nov. 28, 2019) While not competition-driven this season, the "Light Up the Pines" outdoor display event has opened for registration, with the initial deadline for participation set for Dec. 6.

For the third straight year, Choptank Electric Cooperative is sponsoring the illuminating event and is providing gift baskets for the first 20 households to sign up.

Choptank Marketing and Communications Manager Beth Hallett at the Denton headquarters office said the intent is to foster goodwill over the Christmas season.

"Ocean Pines is served by Choptank Electric and to give back to all of our members down there, as a happy holiday theme, we decided again to support the 'Light Up the Pines' event," she said.

Unlike customers of traditional utility providers, consumers who receive electricity from Choptank are members of a cooperative, Hallett said.

"We have members, they are people who purchase energy from us and they have stock in the company, essentially," she said.

Homeowners taking part in the holiday festivity are encouraged to sign up for the "Ocean Pines Holiday Parade of Homes," which provides an online Google map to locate the address of displays.



PHOTO COURTESY OCEAN PINES ASSOCIATION

The initial sign-up deadline for the annual "Light Up the Pines" outdoor display event is Friday Dec. 6, which assures the option for inclusion in the Holiday Parade of Homes map.

"It's a scatter of members who participate," she said. "It's easier if it's a self-guided portion."

To encourage wider participation, the competition element of the holiday lighting event has been abandoned this go-round.

"In previous years, it has been a competition but this year they made it an event instead," she said.

Arguably, all are winners this year, as participants will be rewarded with Choptank-branded gift baskets.

"We delivered them to Ocean Pines and they will hand them out as people come into the office to sign up," she said.

Included items are LED light bulbs, drawstring backpack, glass cutting

board, 2020 calendar, Farmer's Almanac, ice scraper, sunglasses, flashlight, multi-tool and energy efficiency pamphlets.

Households wanting to participate should email their name, address and phone number to [info@oceanpines.org](mailto:info@oceanpines.org) or call 410-641-7717.

Anyone registering after the Dec. 6 initial deadline can still be included on the Holiday Parade of Homes map, which be updated throughout December.

The map of participating homes may be viewed at [https://drive.google.com/open?id=1sAvmTC7hgxb0iXW21\\_83hrGxRDM3Nb8h&usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1sAvmTC7hgxb0iXW21_83hrGxRDM3Nb8h&usp=sharing)



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# Berlin Tree Lighting to kick off holiday season

**By Rachel Ravina**  
Staff Writer

(Nov. 28, 2019) It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in downtown Berlin.

Or at least it will, once the tree is lit on Friday evening.

Around 1,000 people are expected to attend the annual tree lighting and open house, according to Ivy Wells, Berlin's community and economic development director.

"Oh, it's so much fun. The whole community comes out for it," Wells said. "It's pretty much the kickoff to the holiday season."

The event will take place from 5:30-9 p.m., and Main Street will be closed for the event.

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams will speak just before the tree is lit at 6 p.m.

"It's a nice community event," said Debbie Frene, former co-owner of Victorian Charm.

Wells said attendees can take ad-

vantage of several activities during the holiday-themed festivities.

Ice Sculptor Erik Cantine is expected to begin carving his creation around 5 p.m., according to Wells. People can also have a beverage at the bar outside of the Atlantic Hotel on 2 S. Main St., but can't walk around town carrying an alcoholic beverage.

Following the ceremony, Wells said that carolers will perform outside of Stevenson United Methodist Church on Main Street.

Participants can also elect to take a horse and carriage ride. Rides will be free from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, but at night, they'll cost \$6 per person and free for children 3 years and younger, according to Randy Davis, owner of R and B Carriage Service.

Davis also said that Santa Claus will be the horse-and-carriage coachman during the evening rides.

For those interested in town history, Calvin B. Taylor House Museum

Curator Susan Taylor said a free candlelight tour of the downstairs will take place from 5-8 p.m. at the museum on 208 N. Main St. Docents will be dressed in period costumes, she said.

"The museum is so pretty in the candlelight, so it's like stepping back in time," Taylor said.

Moreover, Wells said the downtown shops would also be open late for those looking to start their holiday shopping.

While the exact origin of the tree lighting ceremony is unclear, Wells said people look forward each year to it and its attendant activities.

"It's definitely grown over the last five years," Wells said. "I think people want to feel part of the Berlin community and we make everyone feel welcome here and it's just an enjoyable evening."

For more information about the Tree Lighting and Open House, visit the "Berlin Tree Lighting & Holiday Shop Night" Facebook event page.



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The brightly decorated tree is lit in front of the Atlantic Hotel on Main Street in Berlin during the Tree Lighting and Open House event last year.



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Santa Claus confirms Frankie Maratea, 6, of Ocean Pines has been nice, not naughty, during A Hometown Christmas celebration in White Horse Park in 2018.

## Santa tours OP before tree lighting

**By Greg Ellison**  
Staff Writer

(Nov. 28, 2019) Elfin assistants at the North Pole have confirmed that Santa Claus will make an extended stopover on Saturday in Ocean Pines, starting at 5:30 p.m.

St. Nick will offer a community-wide greeting while cruising atop a firetruck and then attend a tree-lighting ceremony during the ninth annual "A Hometown Christmas" celebration at 6:30 in White Horse Park.

This year, Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks has combined its efforts with the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department to marry St. Nick's tradi-

tional "Cruise the Parkway," mobile community greeting with the annual tree lighting fiesta.

Katie Goetzinger, recreation program supervisor, said the merriment at White Horse Park lasts about an hour and typically draws upwards of 500 people.

"We're going to have 45 trees sponsored by businesses, families and community groups," she said.

Goetzinger said many of the original trees remain a part of the event.

"At least 20 of the trees have participated the last five-plus years," she said.

Santa's tour route on Saturday will

begin at 5:30 p.m., with a departure from the north gate entrance and then trucks south on Ocean Parkway until hitting Points Reach, where the fire truck will turn around to venture north along the parkway before ending at White Horse Park.

As per tradition, Santa will be the master of ceremonies for the first lighting of the enormous Christmas tree in White Horse Park at 6:30 p.m., before heading over to St. Nick's "little house," to greet children.

"He counts down when we light the big tree," she said.

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# Trendic to fight petition's rejection in lawsuit

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claratory and injunctive relief based on what Trendic argues are legally dubious assertions made by OPA attorney Jeremy Tucker.

Trendic stepped down as a director after abstaining from a vote on April 6 to approve expansions of the police and administration building, as well as the golf clubhouse and cart barn, which combined totaled more than \$3 million.

During the OPA homeowners annual meeting on Aug. 10, Trendic presented a pair of petitions. One called for limiting the board's unauthorized spending authority, and the other sought a referendum on the recently commenced club house project at the Ocean Pines Golf Course.

Tucker's opinion was issued on Aug. 20, and the next day the board opted to invalidate the latter petition, which contained 743 signatures and failed to meet the required 10 percent of eligible voters at 9.69 percent.

While not contesting that conclusion, Trendic filed suit over the spending limit issue, noting the 808 signatures collected for that drive did, by Tucker's admission, meet the 10 percent threshold.

Trendic's suit takes exception with Tucker's grounds for refusing to recognize the spending limit petition

due to the inclusion of the term, "should," which he reasoned "seeks an opinion" of membership and does not "ask specifically whether they vote to approve the amendment."

Tucker goes on to purport, "The petition seeks no referendum to amend the bylaws and does not require action by the Board of Directors."

Within that legal opinion, Trendic's legal counsel notes that Tucker failed to obtain data regarding past practices.

Tucker's opinion stated, "I do not know how petitions have been handled in the past. For example, I do not know if every petition that met the signature requirement was allowed to move to referendum regardless of the content of the petition."

Bright also noted that the day after Tucker's opinion was issued the board announced its, "ill-considered opinion" to not recognize the 808 validated signatures, while claiming the petition failed to request specific action and would not go to referendum.

Bright contends that, according to OPA bylaw section 4-08, a referendum can be initiated by petition that, "must contain a specific question, proposal, or action suitable for an affirmative or negative response on a ballot."

Bright argues Tucker's legal analysis based on the inclusion of the term "should," is "patently unfounded," and appears contrived to achieve the board's desired, but improper, goal of avoiding a referendum vote.

"It distorts and misrepresents the straightforward content of the petition form, which plainly and simply presented an appropriate proposal to be put to referendum vote," Bright wrote in an Oct. 6 letter to the board and Tucker.

Bright further stated OPA bylaws

sec 4-07 and 4-08 only require that a referendum petition "present a question" to be voted on by OPA members.

"The bylaws simply require the requisite number of signatures on a petition asking the board to present the specific proposal for a referendum vote," Bright wrote.

Lastly, Bright noted OPA board resolution B-07 related to petitions includes a sample petition that incorporates the term "should," in the same manner as Trendic's petition.

# Nighttime parade expected to draw major crowds, again

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"It's magical ... it's just a different feeling when it's at night," she said.

The theme for this year's even is "Magical Melodies: the Music of the Season."

Parade spectators who drive to town will find additional parking at Berlin Intermediate School off Route 113. They also can take advantage of a free shuttle.

Usually, the event has a stage set up in front of the Atlantic Hotel, but organizers this year decided to move the stage to the intersection of Baker and Main streets to allow for more space.

Judging of parade entries will be done by two panels — one for bands and one for the floats.

She added that float judges will be looking for the best in show for fire company, commercial, nonprofit, and children's categories.

Wells said that Lou Taylor, superintendent of Worcester County Public

Schools Superintendent, Elaine Brady, assistant publisher for the Bayside Gazette and Ocean City Today newspapers, Steve Frene, former co-owner of Victorian Charm, as well as James Tingle, a "local celebrity" and former mailman in Berlin, will judge the floats.

While this is Tingle's first time judging the parade, he said he's been attending it for more than 30 years.

Tingle said the judges are "looking for dedication, accuracy, presentation and their theme for the [Berlin] Christmas Parade."


Tingle said he looks loves coming back to see the Christmas parade year after year.

"The Town of Berlin looks forward to it ... it's just an exciting time for Berlin period," Tingle said. "It's a kickoff for Christmas. It just gets the spirit just flowing even greater."

"For more information, visit the "Berlin Christmas Parade" Facebook page.




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# American Legion and Scouts lay to rest nearly 1,600 flags

Group disposes worn, torn star-spangled banners in respectful circumstances

By Morgan Pilz  
Staff Writer

(Nov. 29, 2019) Around 1,600 American flags were retired in a ceremony conducted by the American Legion and Scouts of America at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines last Saturday.

The Boy Scouts of Troop 261, Cub Scouts of Pack 261 and Girl Scouts of Troop 621 properly laid to rest hundreds of flags during the annual retirement ceremony by placing worn and torn flags into a fire pit for a respectful burning.

Worn U.S. flags were collected at American Legion Post #166 in Ocean City, Posts #123 and #231 in Berlin, and at the Ocean Pines Community Center throughout the year. Assisting with the ceremony were the Ocean Pines Public Works and the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Company.

So many were collected, in fact, that the Legion is considering asking other groups to conduct retirement ceremonies as well.

“It’s been a popular event with the community as far as donating the flags that need to be retired and it’s starting to become overwhelming with so many,” Scoutmaster Ken Nichols said. “the idea to move forward is to take a portion of our flags that we’re collecting and hand them off to other local youth groups and scout groups so they can have their own ceremony. We’ll spread them around.”

The event was well attended, he added.

“We had a great turnout from the general public,” Nichols said. “We had a lot more people attending today than we have in the past, so I’m thankful for that.”

Scouts of all ages attended the retirement ceremony, including Cub Scout River Jones, 7, who was happy to help the community any way he could.

“There’s so many flags and I like to help put them into retirement,” Jones said. “I like helping with the flags because it’s good for our community.”

A special flag was added to the retirement ceremony at the last minute, when Ocean Pines resident and Korean War Veteran Frank Krach, 84, arrived with a flag that flew during the Vietnam War. The flag belonged to his late brother-in-law, Master Chief Petty Officer Christopher Quinn, who had toured twice in Vietnam.

Paying respect to the flags and the

veterans is a major part of the retirement ceremony, Eagle Scout Kurt Leinemann said.

“It’s very important that we define the history of this country and that we respect our fallen veterans and this is a way we can pay homage to their service,” Leinemann said.

The ceremony ended with Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts folding the final flag before sending it into retirement.

MORGAN PILZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE  
Korea Veteran Frank Krach, left, of Ocean Pines and Ocean City Councilman Mark Paddock stand in silence as they retire a flag that had flown during the Vietnam War during the American Legion and Scouts of America’s retirement ceremony at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines on Saturday, Nov. 23.



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# Pines Hometown Christmas, Sat.

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and for both young and old, will be the Delmarva Chorus, as well as the Little Dreamers Homeschool Choir, which is organized by Boone's Tunes of Delmarva.

"It's local home school kids that have a choir they put together," she said.

Canine fans can look forward to the winner of the annual "Pup of the Pines," photo contest.

Free hot chocolate and homemade cookies will be provided by the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City.

To add further brilliance to the anchor tree and 45 surrounding sponsored saplings, the yuletide offerings in White Horse Park also will feature more than a dozen lighted displays.

"We have over 15 of those that we put out in the park," she said. "It's like a mini 'Winterfest of Lights.'"

With the decade marker approaching next year, Goetzinger said plans are afoot to expand the annual holiday showcase.

"Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks is looking for businesses and clubs that would like to sponsor Christmas light displays for the following year, which will be the 10th annual," she said.

Making it to that benchmark proved challenging this season because of a nationwide shortage of evergreen firs.

"We're in one of those years where trees are still growing," she said.

Among a multitude of causes that have been cited for the deficit are both excessive heat and extended rains in recent years, plus nearly a week less time between Thanksgiving and Christmas than usual.

Additionally, following the recession in 2008, numerous tree farmers scaled back plantings, which on average take a decade to mature.

"I had to call a whole bunch of people," she said. "We got the them from Don's Tree Farm in Greenwood, Delaware."

For more information contact Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

# New Stephen Decatur food pantry

By Morgan Pilz  
Staff Writer

(Nov. 28, 2019) Counselors and teachers at Stephen Decatur High School who were concerned that some students may not be getting enough to eat, opened a food pantry on Friday, Nov. 22, to help alleviate that problem.

Organized by Curricular Resource Teacher Nikki Billetdeaux and Counselor Lauren Sharkey, the food pantry will assist students on the FARM (Free and Reduced Meals) program and who were not able to grab something to eat before coming to school or for any other reason they might need food.

"It started with discussions in July," Sharkey said. "We had some committees that had met over the summer and the idea was sort of thrown out there as an initiative for the school to start finding somebody to lead this project. And when it was brought up, we started realizing that guidance was feeding people and classroom teachers were feeding people."

"We started to see that, 'Wow, there's a bigger need, a much bigger need,'" she continued. "So, that's how it started, with just the sort of discussion of 'would this be something that Decatur, being the largest school in the county, should be doing since the other schools are doing something very similar?'"

"I think that educators, and as a school, we feel responsible for not just a child's academic education, but providing a safe, happy place for students, and I'm not sure that this place can be that unless they're well fed and they're not arriving hungry," Billetdeaux said.

Around 44 percent of Stephen Decatur High School students participate in the Free and Reduced Meal program. But according to Billetdeaux, that number could be higher or lower.

"We also struggle, as some students don't fill out those forms," she said. "Because sometimes these kids could have received these services, but for whatever reason, they don't think they need it anymore or the resources ... they don't know where to go to ask for things like that. It's about making it more accessible to them as well."

In addition to providing food during the school week, food-insecure students who are registered to receive meals can take home packages of supplies to get through the weekend or week, depending on their needs. Students with dietary restrictions or food allergies can request specialized packages.

Students can also request additional items like toothpaste, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo and other supplies through the food pantry registration form.

The pantry holds non-perishable items like crackers, oatmeal packets, Pop Tarts, dry cereals and granola bars as well as canned goods such as Chef Boyardee and macaroni and cheese.

"We don't know when we're sending this food home, what resources they have to cook it or to open it or what things they have to put with the food," Sharkey said. "We are gathering things with pop tops ... things that can be easily opened and eaten."

Currently, the pantry is stockpiling food to give to students who might need it to get through the Thanksgiving holiday and winter break. The school has already received donations from local churches and the Maryland Food Bank.

Donations can also be made directly at the school, with a donation food barrel – designed to look like a Campbells Soup can – set up in the front office.

The food pantry is inside a small storage closet in the school, but Billetdeaux and Sharkey hope once more donations come in, they will be able to move the goods to a larger, more accessible room.

"I think what the goal is right now is not necessarily to have people be able to shop from it quite yet," Billetdeaux said. "We want to expand it to get to



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Curricular Resource Teacher Nikki Billetdeaux displays some of the items available in the Stephen Decatur Food Pantry on Friday, Nov. 22.

that point where other people [can] come in and just grab a granola bar because they had a rough morning ... and as students come in and ask us for things, we can send them over there."

Once the program has expanded into a larger space, students can volunteer at the food pantry to earn community service hours.

"It allows us to take students who are not in any way, shape or form insecure about having food or getting food," Billetdeaux said. "They are going to have the opportunity to help and volunteer with this pantry to help those students. There are people that are sitting right next to them that they may not even know that have these issues with [food]."

Students can ask for a registration form at the guidance office and receive their packages of food at their own discretion.

The food pantry is open to students during school hours.

For more information about the Stephen Decatur High School food pantry, visit <https://stephen-decaturhs.weebly.com/>, go to parent resources and click on food pantry registration or call the school at 410-632-2880.

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# Fassett marker designated on interactive map

**By Rachel Ravina**  
Staff Writer

(Nov. 28, 2019) History buffs and inquisitive minds can now find Cpl. Isaiah Fassett, of Berlin, on the Civil War Trail's online interactive map.

Fassett's marker, which is on 229 Branch St. in Berlin, was installed in 2004, and the sign was updated in 2018, according to Drew Gruber, executive director of Civil War Trails.

The website's interactive map, which was launched in September 2019, showcases more than 1,200 historical designations, Gruber said.

"We've been interpreting lesser-known sites and stories for over 20 years, allowing visitors to stand in the footsteps of soldiers, citizens, and freedom seekers just like Fassett," Gruber said.

Berlin resident Jane Briddell, whose husband, David, is one of Fassett's descendants, said her family is grateful for the recognition in both the physical and digital worlds.

"It's good because I think also David would say it's good for an African-American to be recognized for his contribution that he's made to the United States, really," Briddell said.

Greg Purnell, Berlin resident and local historian, agreed.

"That marker, and these types of history show that these men were brave, and that they stood for what America stood for, and that they fought for that flag and that red white and blue," Purnell said. "That red is their blood intermingled with all blood."

Fassett was born on March 17, 1844 in Sinepuxent in Worcester County to Andrew Fassett and Mary Bratten, according to Volume One of Dr. Clara L. Small's, "Compass Points - Profiles & Biographies of African Americans from the Delmarva Peninsula." Fassett's parents were slaves and owned by different slaveowners.

During the Civil War, Maryland had not recruited enough white soldiers, and two months after President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation was presented on Jan. 1, 1863, a law was passed that stated "all abled bodied male citizens" were eligible for recruitment, according to "Compass Points."

According to Small, slaveowners could free their slaves so those newly freed men could enlist in the Union Army. Slaveowners were also paid \$300.

Slaveowner Sarah Bruff freed four slaves, including Fassett, according to "Compass Points." He was freed on Nov. 11, 1863 where he served in the Ninth Regiment Company "D" of the United States Colored Troops.

Purnell said he noticed similarities between that date and Veterans Day, which symbolizes the conclusion of a war that would not happen for another 55 years.



Isaiah Fassett

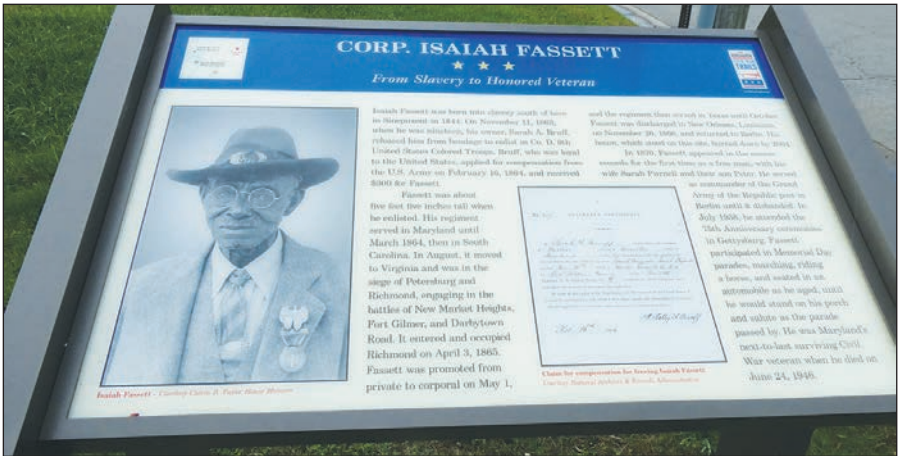
"If you note the date of Nov. 11, which is the 11th day, and the 11th month, and the 11th hour that the World War I ended, how appropriate that it would be that Isaiah was freed on that

day and had his service to be decorated on that day even before World War I, Purnell said. "This was ... greatly ironic these dates come back into the purview and here this slave, former slave, not fighting for his freedom, but fighting for the rights of others that's just so important now as we forge our way through the future."

Following his service in the Civil War, Fassett returned to Berlin, according to Small's book. He wed Sallie Purnell in September 1867. The couple were married for 59 years and they had eight children.

Fassett worked as a carpenter and he was involved at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Berlin, where he devoted his time being a "class leader, steward and janitor" at the religious institution on Flower Street, according to "Compass Points."

"Isaiah Fassett, 'Uncle Zear,' as he was affectionately known, often talked about his life as a soldier and was proud to have served in the



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A plaque for Corp. Isaiah Fassett, of Berlin, is displayed on a marker on Branch Street. The late soldier was designated on the Civil War Trails interactive map, which launched in September.

Union Army," Small said in her book.

Those who knew Fassett said that he attended Berlin's Memorial Day Parade for many years.

Additionally, Fassett was one of 22 Maryland veterans to attend the 75th battle reunion in July 1938 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, according to "Compass Points."

He died on June 24, 1946.

Purnell emphasized how it's important for younger generations to learn about Fassett's legacy.

"We need for our younger people as a source of pride for themselves a source of their own citizenry to know that we have been from the time that

we've been on that land, we've fought for the right thing and that was what the United States stood for and what the constitution said for every man, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, even though it was declared that didn't mean us because we were four-fifths of a citizen, four-fifths of a man," Purnell said.

"Still people like Isaiah Fassett stood as a 100 percent man, not 100 percent colored man, but just a 100 percent American to fight for the American ideal," Purnell continued.

To learn more about the Civil War Trail's interactive map, visit [civilwartrails.org/map.html](http://civilwartrails.org/map.html).

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# Opinion

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## Worcester's greatest quality ... generosity

Picking just one thing for which northern Worcester County residents should be thankful would result in a selection from among the usual suspects: the lifestyle, the beach, ocean, the proximity to major cities, good schools, and other attributes that often overshadow the one big thing that makes this area what it is: the incredible generosity of the people who live here.

If there is a specific trait that sets this area apart from so many others, it's the widely held belief that charitable giving is the right thing to do.

That virtue was exhibited most recently by Rolfe and Ioana Gudelsky, whose \$4 million gift to Atlantic General Hospital was announced during last Friday's wrap party for the hospital's Campaign for the Future.

As stunning as that contribution is, it should not be that surprising, considering the Gudelsky family's long history of philanthropy in this state and elsewhere. The desire to support good causes is something that Homer and Martha Gudelsky passed down to their children and, in this instance, their grandchildren.

But as Rolfe Gudelsky observed after the donation was revealed, the inspiration for this largesse was the generosity exhibited by so many residents of varying degrees of personal wealth. Almost everyone who can will chip in money or their services for a worthy cause.

Some residents are known for it, albeit reluctantly, while others proceed so quietly that only their accountants and the recipients know about the good works they've done. Regardless, the motive — helping others — remain the same.

Years ago, when asked to write a profile of the coastal communities for a regional publication, the result we delivered was not what anyone expected. This essay contained no references to restaurants, entertainment, the beach, local history or community origins and lifestyles.

It concentrated almost exclusively on the one thing about which outsiders knew little: the incredible generosity of the people who live here.

As thankful as we are for the coastal area's assets and circumstances, we are most appreciative of the people who, in ways large and small, give back to make it better.



## Letters

### Berlin Bulk Trash fees

Editor,

I am writing to express my concerns about the new bulk trash fees that were proposed at last week's council meeting.

Residents are already unhappy about tax increases and higher utility rates. They'll be even more unhappy if the town starts cutting back on services while at the same time increasing taxes.

More pointedly, the idea behind this fee increase is short sighted at best. The numbers presented at the council meeting were from the last year alone.

One year of data is not an indicator of a trend. Five years of data showing a steady increase may demonstrate a trend, and something that would need to be addressed through modifying a fee structure. But one year of data alone is not enough to warrant a fee structure change of this sort.

Second, Mr. Wheaton seemed to indicate that a significant amount of that increase could be due to construction trash, which is

already prohibited from bulk trash pickup. If that's the case, then the town should simply not pick up construction debris of any sort.

If costs are too high, then having other people take the trash seems like a win-win for town. Banishing this kind of community trading, if you will, seems counterproductive.

After all, if someone else takes the trash, then the town won't have to pay to haul it away.

There are other options that can help reduce costs as well and help the town get a handle on the amount of bulk trash they pickup.

For example, residents could be required to call when they have bulk trash for pickup. Town employees will spend less time driving down every street looking for items to pick up, decreasing wear and tear on equipment.

The point is, the mayor and council need to lead with collecting more data, enforcing existing rules, and working with citizens to find solutions to these issues, rather than reducing services and increasing fees.

I urge the mayor and council to vote no on this bulk

trash tax.

Jeff Smith  
Berlin

### Offshore wind development

(The following is a letter from Delegate Christopher T. Adams (R-37B) to Maryland Public Service Commission Chairman Jason Stanek and forwarded to Bayside Gazette for publication).

Dear Chairman Stanek,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments related to the increase in turbine sizes for Maryland's Offshore Wind developments. As a representative from the Eastern Shore, I have unique interest in these projects and provide the following comments.

#### Background

On Sept. 24, 2019 and Oct. 1, 2019, respectively, Skipjack Offshore Energy, LLC ("Skipjack") and US Wind Inc. ("US Wind") filed non-confidential letters notifying the Maryland Public Service Commission to a change in the turbine selection size originally anticipated for use in the two commission-approved offshore wind projects in Order No. 88192.

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Specifically, Skipjack notified the commission that it now plans to use General Electric’s Haliade-X 12MW wind turbines for its approved offshore wind project. In addition, US Wind notified the commission that the Siemens SWT-4.0-130, a 4.0 MW wind turbine and other turbine units that were being evaluated in 2016 by US Wind are no longer commercially available and that US Wind is now evaluating a variety of units with higher (8, 10, and 12) megawatt ratings. US Wind also stated that it would notify the commission of its final turbine selection decision as soon as it is made.

Upon these notifications, Maryland Energy Administration (“MEA”) filed a letter dated Oct. 21, 2019 with the commission and signed by Director Mary Beth Tung. In the letter, Director Tung notes the difference in size from what the OSW developers initially planned to use and the new planned sizes.

She writes, “MEA believes that these changes demand additional review by the commission to ensure that the facts underlying the original Order have not been materially modified.”

The commission did issue a notice for an Opportunity to Comment to parties of record and interested persons regarding the turbine size changes and potential impacts on these offshore wind projects.

These comments represent my remarks to the commission under this Opportunity to Comment.

### Introduction

The increase in size of the turbines is significant for at least two reasons. The increase in size represents 1.5 to 3 times the size of the turbines originally contemplated by the developers in their applications.

Such an increase will have an impact on construction costs, operations and maintenance costs. Larger capacity turbines are taller to accommodate the larger blades and as a result will have an impact on the viewshed. This could be construed as directly violating Condition I.V. G (7) for set forth in Commission Order No. 88192.

### Impacts to Project Cost

In her June 4, 2019 letter, Joy Webber, development manager for Skipjack writes, “This change will have no impact on the OREC price schedule and we remain committed to all conditions of the Order.”

This suggests that Skipjack will seek no change to the OREC price schedule to support the new technology. This implies further that the new turbine sizes will have zero net impact on the cost of the Skipjack program. This is without support.

In his Oct. 1, 2019 letter to the commission, Carville Collins, counsel to US Wind goes further and writes:

“US Wind assures the commission that although technology is rapidly changing with regard to turbines that are commercially available and ultimately

to be selected by US Wind, the final turbine selection is expected to have no material impact on US Wind’s overall construction costs for its project.

Similarly, as a result of final turbine selection, US Wind expects no changes in net ratepayer impacts or the OREC price schedule, and no impact on any condition, US Wind or obligation or other requirement under Order No. 88192.

Neither developers offers a single piece of evidence supporting that their project costs will remain the same.

This increase in size will have an impact on the number of turbines needed to satisfy the order. The order governing the OREC contemplates a certain amount of generation. If indeed that generation can come from fewer turbines, costs should fall as well.

Fewer turbines means developers will spend less money on construction. Fewer towers are necessary. Fewer blades are necessary. Fewer turbines are necessary. Fewer towers means less manpower to construct them. Fewer boats and boat trips to the lease area will be necessary. Fewer turbines will require less cabling to connect them.

Beyond reduced construction costs, there are also reduced operations and maintenance costs over the 20-year life of the OREC contract. Fewer employees are necessary to operate and maintain fewer turbines. Fewer turbines require fewer replacement parts.

Every cost associated with the project goes down by some degree as the size of the turbine increases. Maryland’s OREC is worth \$131.93 per megawatt-hour (MWh).

Electricity generated by offshore wind turbines is extremely expensive. However, recent procurements in both Massachusetts and New York, while expensive, will cost ratepayers of those states remarkably less, \$65/MWh and \$83.36/MWh respectively. That is to say that Massachusetts’ approved projects will cost less than half of what Maryland projects will cost. New York’s projects will cost about two thirds of Maryland’s cost.

It should be noted that Sunrise Wind shares one thing in common with Skipjack, they both count Ørsted, among their owners.

Skipjack and US Wind bid their OREC applications based on the best technology available at the time of their bids. Now each wants to modify their projects to reflect current technology. If current technology represents reduced costs as procurements in both New York and Massachusetts might indicate, Maryland ratepayers should enjoy a similar modification in the form of an adjusted OREC reflecting the reduced costs. If there are no material impacts to costs as asserted by both developers, then they should show why this is the case.

### Viewshed Impacts

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## HOLISTIC FAIR

Ocean Pines resident Patty Ward, left, surveys a diffuser demonstration from Young Living Essential Oils vendor Tammy Townsend, while cohort Susan Pleasanton awaits questions, during the Ocean Pines Holiday Holistic Fair, last Saturday at the community center.



RACHEL RAVINA/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

## HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Mom and Me Crafts vendors Barbara Devenport, left, and Lori Davis, showcase their products last Saturday during a Holiday Bazaar at Buckingham Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Berlin.



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## PRESENTATION

District Gov. Bill Ferguson recently attended a meeting of the Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club and presented the group with the 2019-20 Rotary International Banner. Pictured, from left, are Co-President Cliff Berg, Ferguson and Co-President Dan Harris. The Ocean City Berlin Rotary Club meets Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the Residence Inn by Marriott, 300 Seabay Lane in Ocean City.



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## GUEST SPEAKER

Ocean Pines Players President Karen McClure receives the special pen given to guest speakers from Kiwanis Club President Roy Foreman during the organization's weekly on Oct. 23. Members visited the club's meeting to talk a little bit about the theater group.



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## BENCH DEDICATION

The dedication of a handmade wooden bench, donated by the Republican Women of Worcester County, took place at the Germantown School on Trappe Road in Berlin on Oct. 12. The bench faces the school and is in what was the original apple and peach orchard. Six apple trees were recently planted. Peach trees will soon be planted.



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## NEW MEMBER

District Gov. Bill Ferguson recently installed Kelley Wallace, right as a new member of the Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club. Pictured, with them is Wallace's sponsor, Sonia Baker.



# NPS November census nets 75 horses on Assateague

(Nov. 28, 2019) The National Park Service has completed its November population census of the wild horses in Assateague Island National Seashore.

There are 75 horses in the Maryland herd, including 22 stallions and 53 mares.

One death was documented. A 5-month-old filly (N2BHS-AR) was observed on Oct. 29 with neurological symptoms. The horse died soon after park staff were notified.

A necropsy was completed by the state animal health lab. Tests for Eastern Equine Encephalitis, West Nile Virus, Equine Herpesvirus and rabies all returned negative results.

The cause of death was determined to be a natural occurrence, following intussusception of the small intestine. Intussusception is a condition in which one segment of intestine “telescopes” inside of another, causing an intestinal blockage.

The National Park Service completes a full census of the horse population in Maryland six times per year, in February, March, May, July, September and November.

Managed as a wildlife population, the Assateague horses are free to roam over approximately 27 miles of the barrier island and can be difficult

to find at times.

During each census, horses are identified by their distinguishing characteristics, mapped and counted. Individual horses that are not observed during multiple census periods are presumed dead.

The purpose of the census is to monitor the overall population dynamics of the horse herd in support of the long-term fertility control program that was initiated in 1994.



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The National Parks Service completed its November census and found 75 horses in the Maryland herd.

# Council split about ordinance vote

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ant?”

When asked about the foragers, Fleetwood said “I’m not suggesting you stand guard, but it’s your property.”

Town Attorney David Gaskill suggested an alternative solution: send the homeowner an invoice after additional items are collected.

Councilman Zack Tyndall proposed working with area organizations including Habitat for Humanity and Atlantic General Hospital’s thrift shop to donate items in good condi-

tion that were slated for pickup.

Williams later asserted that other people were bringing their bulk items to town to be discarded.

Councilman Dean Burrell agreed. “I would like to have something done with those people because this is a service that is needed this is a service that I think is a good thing, but when folks game the system ... sometimes the good has to suffer with the bad, and I don’t think that’s right,” Burrell said.

Tyndall moved to table the ordinance and bulk pickup policy. The

policy was unanimously tabled. Postponing the ordinance narrowly passed in a split decision that resulted in Councilmen Burrell, Tyndall and Troy Purnell voting in favor of pressing pause. Councilmen Elroy Brittingham and Thom Gulyas dissented.

Resident Jack Orris said he was pleased with the result of Monday night’s vote.

“I’m encouraged that the council paused, listened to great suggestions from our community and decided to table and review alternatives,” Orris said following the meeting.

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## HOMECOMING COURT

Worcester Prep's Upper School dedicated the entire week of Oct. 7-12 to celebrate Homecoming. Festivities kicked-off with an activity-packed Spirit Week and culminated with an alumni/family cookout, soccer game, and Homecoming dance. The Homecoming Court was announced during the Upper School Homecoming Dance on Oct. 12. Pictured, are freshman Prince and Princess, Luke Bunting and Olivia Mattingly; senior Prince and Princess, Gavin Carmody and Jordan Campbell; senior King and Queen, Jacob Lewis and Kennedy Humes; sophomore Prince and Princess, Vaughn Zender and Brooke Phillips; and junior Prince and Princess, Hunter Gentry and Arusa Islam.



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## NEW SHIRTS

Berlin Intermediate sixth grade students sported their new shirts while attending Catapult: A Shadow Dance Co. at the Ocean City Performing Arts Center last month as part of the school's Arts Integration Program. Pictured, from left, are Layla Jenkins, Marely Cabello-Vargas, Alyssa Clymire and Za'Mya Handy.



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## CONFERENCE

It's a team effort when it comes to educating children and Stephen Decatur High School is doing all it can to raise its own educators, bringing four prospective teachers to the inaugural Teach in Maryland conference in Linthicum, Maryland, on Oct. 17. Pictured, from left, are Decatur conference attendees, Chalea Brittingham, D'ajah Smith, Billy King and Mandi McCready.



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## BUILDERS

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School eighth graders worked with Chesapeake Housing Mission to build a handicap ramp for a Westover resident on Oct. 21. Students worked under the direction of Joe Flanagan and Kevin Johnson of the Chesapeake Housing Mission, in using hand and power tools in their task completion.



## INSTALLATION

The District Deputy Grand Master Right Worshipful Jabbar Mills of the Eighth Masonic District for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland recently held an installation ceremony for officers of the district lodges at Lincoln Lodge #53 in Berlin. The senior and junior wardens and all elected officers for the several lodges in the district were installed. Right Worshipful Howard Price, the Regional Grand Lecturer, installed Patrick Smith as the worshipful master of Lincoln Lodge #53 with Michael Foreman as the senior warden and Past Master James Mapp, Sr. as the junior warden, along with Norman Colbourne as secretary and Past Master Michael Bowen as treasurer. The Eighth Masonic District includes Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties. The Honorable Emanuel J. Stanley 33 Degree is the most worshipful grand master.

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# Letters

The school board will also have a

Following that approval, Tolbert said the budget will be forwarded to the Worcester County Commissioners by the first week in March. County officials will meet with school board representatives in April. The county will incorporate it into the general budget, and hold a review meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, Tolbert said, before adopting the budget in June.

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*Delegate Christopher Adams*

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Dec. 1: Opposite Directions, 2 p.m.  
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# Buckingham teacher highlights EL curriculum

Presentation to Worcester school board focuses on ‘empathy’ and ‘awareness’

By Rachel Ravina  
Staff Writer

(Nov. 29, 2019) Equip, empower and engage: it’s a mantra that Buckingham Elementary School English Learner teacher Karen Conner said she recites for her students and their families.

Conner addressed members of the county’s board of education during Tuesday’s meeting “to bring awareness, to build empathy and to focus on our strengths at Buckingham, which is family engagement with our English learner community.”

Conner teaches pre-kindergarten through fourth grade students at the Berlin school. She added that 148 students take advantage of English learner services at Buckingham Elementary School, although there are other students whose first language is not English, but aren’t eligible for those services, she said.

There are roughly 84,000 English Learner students in Maryland, according to an enrollment survey for the 2018-19 school year. Of those children, about 76 percent are Spanish speakers and 14.51 percent all other languages.

Conner said Buckingham Elementary School has implemented several technological and educational programs into the English learner curriculum.

Class Dojo, a sharing platform, allows teachers to share photos, stories, updates and students’ positive reinforcement during the school day with parents. There is also a translation component, which Conner said is useful for her English learner families.

“I tap the button and now it’s in English, and the family and I can discuss the strengths and the weaknesses we’re working on with their child, and to reassure them that they’re learning English at a pace which we find acceptable to gain English proficiency,” Conner said.

She added that it’s been a great tool to have a more detailed conversation with parents and guardians.

“So when I send [a message] to a family that speaks Arabic in the home, they’re able to just quickly translate my words into their heritage language, read what I have to say, and we’ve been overwhelmed with the response of whichever language of origin is that families are expressing themselves more, because they’re not limited to the words they know in English or the expressions that they have,” Conner said.

As for increasing inclusion, Con-

ner holds a family literacy class for English learner students and their loved ones.

“It gives them a level of confidence, a level of security,” Conner said. “My families that come with their moms and the children are able to work on their homework together to have more explanations.”

Conner emphasized the importance of building on that established foundation of family engagement.

Earlier this spring, Buckingham Elementary School received a \$750 grant to study the monarch butterflies’ migration.

“I think really it celebrates their heritage. It honors their culture,” she said.

Conner added that they had eggs, caterpillars and butterflies this past spring. Students were able to learn about the life cycle and use other subjects to gain a full understanding of the butterfly’s journey to Mexico and back.

“When we started the school year ... we had a garden full of caterpillars,” Conner said. “So to see that life cycle happen does give the children a sense of hope, a sense of promise and to know when they come back that they have a special spot that honors and respects them and their families.”

Conner said the number of English



Karen Conner

learners on the Eastern Shore is growing.

“So all of a sudden you have all these children that are middle school, high school with little to no English, and they may be Haitian Creole, they may be Sri Lankan, from everywhere, and then we have to be, as a public school system, we have to be ready,” she said.

In the event of an influx of additional English learners in Worcester County, Conner said, “We just have to expand the programs we already have in place.”

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# Cuisine

## Bibb salad with honey-sherry vinaigrette

Ah yes, Thanksgiving is here — truly one of my favorite weeks of the entire year. Of course, I enjoyed it more when I could stuff myself and then plop said self on the couch to relax after cleaning up, but things change when you do something stupid like open a restaurant. Truth be told, things change



By Paul Suplee, MBA, CEC, PC-3

quite a bit. As we have done in the past, the culinary program put on quite the Thanksgiving feast at the college on Tuesday, feeding close to a hundred people. An array of dishes only helped to further educate our students in the ways of holiday cooking and hospitality.

As this paper is delivered, we will be gearing up for a mad rush of patrons at the restaurant, a fun event in which we serve our good friends a family-style turkey day feast, complete with as many fixings as I can throw on the table. I can assure you that nobody goes home hungry.

As I laid in bed last night trying to get some shuteye, The logistics of the week came flooding into my mind, performing their little witchcraft and preventing me from falling fast asleep. I eventually did, but it certainly did take quite a while. As much as I love cooking a good thanksgiving feast, it comes at a price, and that price is a great deal of time and energy.

But, nothing in this life worth doing well is simple. Or, rarely is it simple. I'm just looking forward to pans and pans of candied yams, mashed potatoes, fresh gravy, turkey, creamed spinach and the likes.

A full spread is in order, and as you may have guessed, this is the only meal throughout the year with which I am fully obsessed. The longer we stay in the business, the less excited chefs tend to be with actual food production, hence it is relieving to have a week during which we push out the food and put out a seriously good, satisfying product.

But at the end of the day, Thanksgiving dinner is uber-filling and super rich. The gravy, butter and meat tend to send many of us to the couch prematurely while the poor souls who want a clean house relegate themselves to cleanup duty.



As such, I like to add some light, colorful and refreshing dishes to the spread; namely salads. Believe me, there is plenty of everything else, but a quick and light salad can be a welcome respite at the table that is covered with a mountain of rich, sleep-inducing grub. Let's face it — this meal can induce a straight up coma in some situations.

Here, I must confess that I have a Turkey Day addiction, affliction, really. My holiday Achilles hell is gravy. And if it is a good, homemade gravy, I will eat more of that than food. I consider it a soup. Yes, I know what you might be thinking, but, good lord, do I love gravy.

I typically call my thanksgiving meal a turkey soup with accoutrements. It's just the way I've been since I was a kid. As such, I truly need that salad at hand to help me at least pretend to do something healthy.

I know it is a cop-out, as I will more than likely finish my repast with a piece or three of pumpkin pie slathered in whipped cream.

Ice cream is a favorite in our house, and if you're really prepared, you can cover everything with a nice caramel drizzle. Certainly a salad will not counteract the effects of that mounded plate of all things Thanksgiving, but you can give it a shot.

But at the end of the day, hopefully

your families are together. Happy Holidays!

### Bibb Salad

- serves 6*
- 3 heads Bibb lettuce, washed and separated
  - 1 fresh pineapple
  - 1 red onion, sliced
  - 1 c. Candied nuts (recipe follows)
  - 1 c. Honey-sherry vinaigrette (recipe follows)

1. Start with the sliced red onions by placing them in a strainer and running cool water over them. This will reduce the "heat" of the fresh onion tremendously.

2. Set aside until ready to assemble.

3. When all of your items are done and ready to go, Simply assemble and drizzle the salad with the dressing. This is seriously one of the simplest recipes I've ever given you, but it is absolutely delicious and refreshing. The latter is important in this week of heavy, hearty comfort foods.

### Candied Nuts

- makes 1 cup*
- 1 c. Pecan pieces
  - 3 Tbsp. Powdered sugar
  - water to moisten
  - 1. Combine all of the ingredients

adding more water as needed to fully dissolve the sugar.

2. Spread on a baking pan in a single layer and place in a 350F oven.

3. Cook for about three minutes and then toss gently with a spatula.

4. Continue this until you can smell the sugar turning to caramel. Be careful as these go from done to burnt very quickly.

5. They will not be crunchy fresh out of the oven. Remove and cool completely. They will crisp up as they cool.

6. Set aside in an airtight container until ready to use.

### Honey-sherry Vinaigrette

- makes about 1 cup*
- 1/4 c. Honey
  - 1 Tsp. Dijon mustard
  - 1/4 c. Sherry vinegar
  - 1/4 c. Fresh apple cider
  - 1/4 c. Grapeseed oil
  - salt & pepper to taste
  - 1. Combine all ingredients in a Vitamix (or other) blender until smooth and well-incorporated.
  - 2. Season accordingly.

— Paul G. Suplee is an Associate Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College. Find his ePortfolio at [www.heartofakitchen.com](http://www.heartofakitchen.com).



# Puzzles

REPORT CARD

BY RANDOLPH ROSS / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Randolph Ross, of New York City, is a retired principal for high schools in Queens, Great Neck and Plainview, N.Y. Crosswords helped him get one of his jobs. He says his final interview with the Great Neck Board of Education was devoted mainly to crossword constructing rather than how to run a school. Having had one of his puzzles published in The Times shortly before “was good timing and made for a happy interview.” This is Randy’s 50th Sunday crossword for the paper and his 113th Times puzzle overall. — W.S.

ACROSS

1 Lack of this results in baldness

6 Alcohol

13 Scenes from action movies

19 Old foundation

21 1994 Jean-Claude Van Damme sci-fi thriller

22 Get back

23 Parenting: A+

25 Night demons

26 Maintain

27 Number of people in an office?

29 “Step \_\_\_\_!”

30 Bye word

33 Nervous stress

34 Chip-on-one’s-shoulder outlooks, in slang

35 Taming wild horses: D-

40 Reflex messengers

42 Heavy metal

43 Some kitchen appliances

44 Wildlife conservationist’s device

47 Union station?

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49 Valet skills: B+

54 You can dig it

55 Spain and England in the 16th century

57 Like a sure bet

58 Watch chains

59 Do an old printing-house job

60 Skills, in Sevilla

61 Heart

62 Hosting a morning news show: C+

67 Photo finish

70 First draft picks

71 It makes stealing pay off

75 “See you later!”

76 Cheerful

78 Norman Lear series star

80 Spots

81 Stuffing tip jars: D

83 Chip away at

84 Bottom-line figure

86 Alternative to a Maxwell

87 Indy winner

88 Hot stuff

91 Employee efficiency: D+

95 Sorcerer

97 Much, informally

99 Supply-\_\_\_\_ (economic theorist)

100 Growing room

101 Do a P.R. makeover on

103 16501-16511

107 Put on hold

109 Baseball skill: C

113 Protect, as freshness

114 What to do once you’ve made your bed, per a saying

115 Skirts

116 Nueva York, e.g.

117 Afterword

118 Bibliographical abbr.

DOWN

1 Channel on which to see some b&w films

2 Fleece

3 Noted Deco designer

4 1975 Wimbledon champ

5 New Age author

6 Apt name for a cook?

7 Lulu

8 Used Gchat, e.g.

9 Went back through a passage

10 Hockey infraction

11 “Yer darn \_\_\_\_!”

12 Clear soda

13 Lit \_\_\_\_

14 Farm setter

15 Story

16 Stereo quality: B

17 Blake who wrote “Memories of You”

18 Roast rotators

20 Fantasy author

Canavan, author of the “Black Magician” trilogy

24 Whirl

28 Producers of the most Mideast oil

31 Actress Samantha

32 Rides since 2011

34 Burned rubber

35 Designer Bill

36 U.S. Grant adversary

37 Trouble terribly

38 Learns to live with

39 Set a price of

41 Malodorous

45 Metro areas, informally

46 Sticks together?

48 Luxury-car pioneer

Henry

49 One may exert pressure

50 Significant advances

51 The other guys

52 Diver Louganis

53 Porgy and bass

56 F.D.R. program

58 Dangerous structure

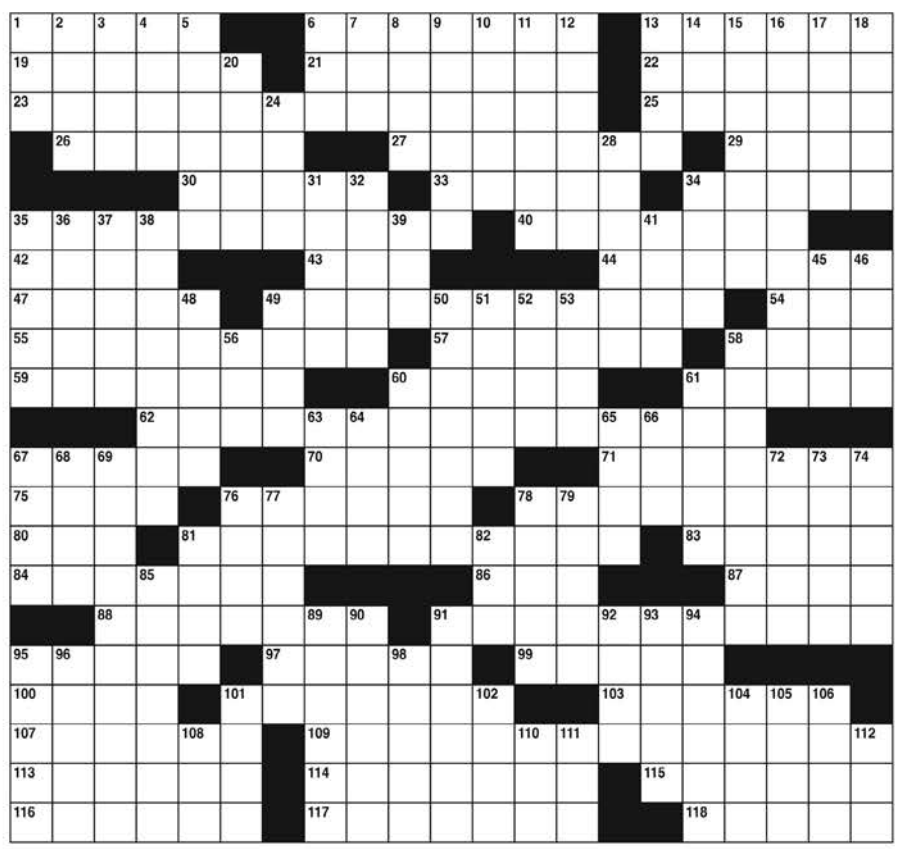
60 Combat zone

61 Anglican headwear

63 Strong brew

64 “Movin’ \_\_\_\_”

65 Call attention to, as a potential problem



- 66 Small power source

67 Classic shoe name

68 Starting job in Washington, say

69 Fashion sense: A

72 Lead-in to fare

73 Part of a TV transmission

74 \_\_\_\_ Garson, Oscar winner for “Mrs. Miniver”

76 Solomonlike
- 77 One-eighth part

78 Funeral stands

79 Mushroom that might be served in ramen

81 Uncivil greetings

82 Sign of a smash hit

85 \_\_\_\_ de Vil, Disney villain

89 Patch (together)

90 Way to get to Harlem, per Duke Ellington
- 91 Desire a piece of the action

92 Conception

93 Chutzpah

94 Mourn

95 Snooker shot

96 Flu symptoms

98 Full

101 Clinton’s attorney general for all eight years
- 102 Rat Pack nickname

104 Quod \_\_\_\_ faciendum

105 Stationer’s stock

106 “Let Us Now Praise Famous Men” writer

108 Kid-\_\_\_\_ (TV for tots)

110 Tiny criticism

111 Pioneer cellphone co.

112 Fancy-looking name appendage

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HARD - 71

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Answers to last week’s puzzles

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6	8	9	7	1	2	4	3	5
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# Calendar

Please send calendar items to [editor@baysidegazette.com](mailto:editor@baysidegazette.com) by 5 p.m. Monday. All community-related activities will be published at no charge.

## Thurs., Nov. 28

### THANKSKITTEN RUN

Ocean Pines South Gate Pond Trail, 9:00 AM. Registration starts at 8:00 AM in Veterans Memorial Park. The event consisting of three laps around the pond (2.5 miles) with exercise stations throughout each lap. Families, children and pets on leashes welcome. Walk or run. Cost is \$15 for adults or \$10 for children 13-17 years or with a cat supply donation. Free for children 12 years and younger. Also collecting supplies such as clumping cat litter, Purina One kitten dry food and Friskies turkey pate canned cat food. Proceeds benefit Town Cats. Register [www.crossfitassateague.com](http://www.crossfitassateague.com), [www.facebook.com/crossfitassateague](http://www.facebook.com/crossfitassateague) or 443-944-2226.

### 31ST ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

Berlin First Baptist Church, 613 Williams St., 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Menu includes turkey, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls, cranberry sauce, cookies and other desserts. Takeout or dine in. Diners should call 410-641-4306 to reserve their seats or carry-out meals. Leave a voicemail.

### 40TH ANNUAL FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER

Ocean City Baptist Church, 102 N. Division St., 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM. Menu includes turkey, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, corn, string beans, cranberry sauce, pies, coffee, tea, rolls and butter. RSVP: 410-289-4054 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. The church will also be serving dinner to shut-ins in Ocean City and West Ocean City. For delivery, call with your location or that of a friend or loved one who needs dinner.

### STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Providing physical and emotional support for survivors and caregivers to share personal experiences and challenges. Coping strategies also discussed. Anne Waples, [awaples@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:awaples@atlanticgeneral.org), 443-614-5720

## Fri., Nov. 29

### HOLIDAY SHOPPERS FAIR

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Featuring more than 150 vendors offering unique merchandise as well as handmade products, nautical, candles, photography, florals, jewelry, ceramics, gifts, and household items. There will also be children's activities, face painting, a non-shoppers lounge and door prizes. Admission cost \$3 for adults and free to children 12 and younger. Melanie, [mcollins@oceancitymd.gov](mailto:mcollins@oceancitymd.gov)

[tymd.gov](http://tymd.gov), 410-723-8605, <https://oceancitymd.com/events/holiday-shoppers-fair-2019>

### SANTA VISITS WHITE MARLIN MALL

White Marlin Mall, 12641 Ocean Gateway, 2:00 PM. Santa Claus will make his annual visit to greet all the children and their parents who visit the mall to kick off the holiday season. Holiday shoppers will also find savings on a broad range of holiday merchandise. Many stores will also feature extended hours. <http://www.whitemarlin-mall.com>

### BERLIN TREE LIGHTING AND HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Downtown Berlin and Atlantic Hotel, 2 S. Main St., 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM. Tree will be lit at 6 p.m. with shops and restaurants open late. There will be two food trucks as well. Carriage rides with Santa available and Ice Carving sponsored by Ocean Downs Casino.

### CANDLELIGHT HOUSE TOUR

The Taylor House, 208 N. Main St., 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM. Stop by for a candlelight house tour. Traditional table greenery decorations will be for sale in the Harrison Room. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. Also learn about Berlin's history. <http://berlinchamber.org>

### SNOW HILL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Takes place in the Christmas Garden Wonderland, located next to the Blue Dog Café beginning at 6 p.m. In addition to the grand reveal of the Christmas lights in the Garden there will be entertainment, free hot chocolate, free hayrides, a mistletoe arch and a laser light show. <http://snowhillmd.gov>

### THE TEN TENORS 'HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS'

Ocean City Performing Arts Center, in the Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 8:00 PM. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Featuring traditional and contemporary seasonal favorites as well as many of the rock and classical songs that have made this group famous worldwide. Tickets cost \$39, \$49 and \$59. Tickets: visit the OC Box Office, call Ticketmaster, 800-551-SEAT or online at [DelmarvaConcerts.com](http://DelmarvaConcerts.com). Tickets to this event also include a ticket to the Holiday Shoppers Fair, held Nov. 29 through Dec. 1. 410-289-2800, <http://thetenors.com>

## Sat., Nov. 30

### HOLIDAY SHOPPERS FAIR

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Featuring more than 150 vendors offering unique merchandise as well as handmade products, nautical, candles, photography, florals, jewelry, ceramics, gifts, and household items. There will also be children's activities, face painting, a non-shoppers

lounge and door prizes. Admission cost \$3 for adults and free to children 12 and younger. Melanie, [mcollins@oceancitymd.gov](mailto:mcollins@oceancitymd.gov), 410-723-8605, <https://oceancitymd.com/events/holiday-shoppers-fair-2019>

### THRIFT SHOP FURNITURE SALE

AGH Auxiliary Thrift Shop, 10452 Old Ocean City Blvd., 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. All furniture will be 50 percent off. All proceeds are donated to Atlantic General Hospital. The store also donates clothing to those in need as well as to inpatients who are without sufficient clothing at discharge. 410-629-1447, <http://www.agh.care/thriftshop>

### TURKEY DAY TRASH TROT

Volunteers will meet at the amusement pier by the inlet parking lot to clean up trash on the beach, 10:45 a.m. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. Volunteers are encouraged to bring a reusable water bottle, gloves and buckets if available. Sponsored by Mother's Cantina this year, all participants will receive a free taco or drink at the 28th Street establishment after the cleanup. Two participants will also win \$25 gift card to Mother's Cantina. <http://www.facebook.com/events/260471207946247>

### SANTA VISITS BERLIN

Berlin Welcome Center, 14 S. Main St., 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

### SHOP SMALL SATURDAY

Downtown Berlin, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Featuring many locally made items as well as specials. <http://berlinchamber.org>

### SANTA VISITS WHITE MARLIN MALL

White Marlin Mall, 12641 Ocean Gateway, 11:00 AM. Santa Claus will make his annual visit to greet all the children and their parents who visit the mall to kick off the holiday season. Holiday shoppers will also find savings on a broad range of holiday merchandise. Many stores will also feature extended hours. <http://www.whitemarlin-mall.com>

### FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

*Saturdays* - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Featuring live music, chef demos, children's activities and other special events. Shop for everything from fresh local produce to unique handmade artisan goods. Open to the public.

### BELIEVE IN SANTA PAWS

Paws and Claws, West Ocean City, 1-3 p.m. For the humans, there will be raffles, mystery boxes costing \$10 each as well as doggie mystery boxes that could hold treats or toys for \$5. Photos with Santa will also be available. Benefits Believe in Tomorrow's Children Foundation. Info: Jan Rooney, 410-213-7490 or Wayne Litton, 410-723-2842

## Sun., Dec. 1

### HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. The public is welcome to tour the museum with free admission. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be on hand from 12:30-2:30 p.m. and will be giving out coloring books to all who stop by. Bunk Mann will be signing his newest book Ghosts in the Surf from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The museum will also be collecting donations, which will directly fund their free summer programs. <http://www.ocmuseum.org>

### HOLIDAY SHOPPERS FAIR

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Featuring more than 150 vendors offering unique merchandise as well as handmade products, nautical, candles, photography, florals, jewelry, ceramics, gifts, and household items. There will also be children's activities, face painting, a non-shoppers lounge and door prizes. Admission cost \$3 for adults and free to children 12 and younger. Melanie, [mcollins@oceancitymd.gov](mailto:mcollins@oceancitymd.gov), 410-723-8605, <https://oceancitymd.com/events/holiday-shoppers-fair-2019>

## Mon., Dec. 2

### CPAP MASK FITTING

Atlantic General Hospital Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive. Free 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., #600, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Monday of every month. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Genie, 410-641-9268

### THE MOBILE MENTOR

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM., Providing one-on-one assistance for those who want to make the most of their tablet or mobile device. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### MOVIE MATINEE (2019)

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. A struggling singer-songwriter realizes he is the only person in the world who remembers The Beatles ever existed. Does he take their work as his own — at the risk of losing his true love? <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 PM. The group meets twice a month to discuss selections recommended by the



# Calendar

Great Books Foundation. 410-208-4014, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

## VEGANISM: WHAT IS IT?

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 5:00 PM. Learn the difference between veganism and vegetarianism, sample vegan food and get easy recipes to impress your vegan friends. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

## TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM. TOPS is a weekly support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. Berlin group No. 169. Rose Champion, 410-641-0157

## AGH DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Open to the public and meets the first Monday of each month. Speaker and education related to diabetes is provided. AGH Diabetes Outpatient Education, 410-208-9761

## POCOMOKE CITY CHRISTMAS PARADE

Featuring marching bands representing high and middle schools from seven counties in three states, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Also featured will be decorated and lighted floats, fire departments, equestrian units and Santa and Mrs. Claus. The parade will travel north on Markets Street beginning at 14th Street and ending at the Pocomoke River Bridge. The judges stand is located in downtown Pocomoke City just in front of the Mini park. Rain date is Dec. 3.

## DELMARVA WOMEN'S A CAPELLA CHORUS

*Mondays* - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 7:00 PM. Come and sing. Drop-ins welcome. Carol, 410-641-6876

# Tues., Dec. 3

## FAITH-BASED PARTNERSHIP

Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center Conference Room, 9707 Healthway Drive, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. A cooperative effort for local Worship Centers and Atlantic General Hospital & Health System to increase health awareness, education and healthy living incentives. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month. Gail Mansell, [gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org), 410-641-9725

## HERBAL HOLIDAY: GIFT MAKING

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM. Relax with a cup of tea and join certified Therapeutic Herbalist Michaela Eggers to discuss the medicinal properties of holiday herbs and create homemade gifts. Register: 410-524-1818. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

## PIZZA PARTY WITH SANTA

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM. Aside from eating pizza, activities include arts & crafts, cookie decorating, visits with Santa and rides through the Winterfest of Lights.

Costs are \$8 for Ocean City residents, \$10 for non-residents and \$4 for adults wishing to ride Winterfest with their group. Pre-registration is required: Denise Ortega, [Dortega@oceancitymd.gov](mailto:Dortega@oceancitymd.gov) or 410-250-0125.

## COMCAST TOWN HALL

Ocean Pines Community Center, As-sateague Room, 239 Ocean Parkway, 6:00 PM. Phone, television and internet service could be available in some areas of Ocean Pines as early as next spring. Comcast representatives will discuss the implementation schedule and answer questions from the audience.

## TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

*Tuesdays* - Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and a healthy lifestyle. [jeanduck47@gmail.com](mailto:jeanduck47@gmail.com)

## GIVING TUESDAY

West-O Bottle Shop, 12611 Ocean Gateway, 5:00 - 8:00 PM. Featuring a wine tasting, oyster sampling and appetizers. Each person that donates as little as \$10 will receive a raffle ticket for a basket of goodies. Benefiting Maryland Coastal Bays Program. Sandi Smith, [sandis@md-coastalbays.org](mailto:sandis@md-coastalbays.org), 410-213-2297, Ext. 106, [www.mdcoastalbays.org](http://www.mdcoastalbays.org)

# Wed., Dec. 4

## GRACE PARKER BREAKFAST

First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Eggs to order, ham, sausage, bacon, biscuits, grits, potatoes, pancakes both plain and buckwheat. All you can eat for \$9.

## WITTY KNITTERS

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Knitters, crochet enthusiasts, needle artists of all skill levels are invited. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

## HYPERTENSION CLINICS

Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place at Rite Aid, 10119 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin and at Rite Aid, 11011 Manklin Creek Road, Ocean Pines, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Genie, 410-641-9268

## INTRODUCTION TO CALLIGRAPHY: BRAIN HEALTH advantage

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. Learn Calligraphy from White House trained Calligrapher Anne Taylor. Register: 410-641-0650. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

## BLOW YOUR OWN GLASS HOLIDAY ORNAMENT

Jeffrey Auxer Designs Blown Glass Studio, 19 Jefferson St., 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Booking individuals or groups up to six people in 30 minute time frames. Cost is \$40 per ornament. Benefits the Bishopville Volun-

# Ocean Pines Pine'eer Craft Club showcases Lobecker

(Nov. 28, 2019) The Ocean Pines Pine'eer Craft Club recognized Bill Lobecker as the Crafter of the Month for November.

Lobecker was born and raised in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. He has been married to his wife, Terry, for 45 years.

Lobecker received a BA from Mansfield University in Criminal Justice Administration. After graduating from college, he went to work for Calkins Media and was there for 40 years.

He retired from Calkins as the circulation director of the Intelligencer and the Bucks County Courier Times in Pennsylvania and the Burlington County Times in New Jersey.

After retiring, Lobecker and his wife sold their home in Bucks County and decided to move to the shore. They settled in Ocean View, Delaware.

"We were looking to do something to keep us busy in retirement and started a craft business called Light-house Decor, and in addition selling



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**The Ocean Pines Pine'eer Craft Club recognized Bill Lobecker as the Crafter of the Month for November.**

wreaths and candles at the Ocean Pines Pine'eer Artisan and Craft Shop, we also do numerous craft shows in the area," he said.

teer Fire Company. Reservations required: Krista Radena, 443-880-4944.

## SNOW HILL BOOK OF THE MONTH

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 5:30 PM. Featuring "What Their Eyes Don't See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance and Hope in an American City" by Mona Hannah-Attisha. Copies of the book are available at the library in advance. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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## RED DOORS CHRISTMAS CABARET

Ocean City Performing Arts Center, in the Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 6:00 PM. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$10. Tickets: [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). 410-289-2800

## DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital, the group is open to the public and meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Speaker and education related to Diabetes provided. AGH Diabetes Outpatient Education program, 410-208-9761

## KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OP/OC

*Wednesdays* - Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Doors open at 7 a.m., meeting begins at 8 a.m. 410-641-7330, <http://www.kiwanisofopoc.org>

## DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB

*Wednesdays* - Ocean City Elks Lodge,

13708 Sinepuxent Ave., 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM. Dance to the sounds of the '50s and '60s music. A \$5 donation to benefit Veterans and local charities in the Delmarva region. Members and guests. [dance@delmarvahanddancing.com](mailto:dance@delmarvahanddancing.com), 410-208-1151, <http://delmarvahanddancing.com>

## OC/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING

*Wednesdays* - Residence Inn by Marriott Ocean City, 300 Seabay Lane, 6:00 PM. 302-540-2127

## BRIDGE WEDNESDAYS

*Wednesdays* - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Knowledge of basic Bridge (Goren/American Standard). 410-596-5498

# ONGOING EVENTS

## GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION

Berlin business are creating their own unique gingerbread houses. Vote for your favorite at any participating locations, Nov. 29th through Dec. 30.

## WINTERFEST OF LIGHTS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, Nov. 21-Dec. 31. Featuring a 50-foot Christmas tree and hot chocolate and pictures with Santa in the heated Winterfest Village pavilion. Board the Winterfest Express to tour the 58 acres of fairy tale themed exhibits of lights. Admission for the train costs \$5 for adults and free for children 11 years and younger. Hours are Sunday through Thursday, 5:30-9:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 5:30-10:30 p.m. Info: 800-626-2326, 410-250-0125 or <http://oceancitymd.gov>.





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The contents of mini storage units will be sold at public auction. Units to be auctioned; B5, B7, B11, B28, S35, S143, S223, S315, S501, S510, L8, O40, O41, O69, O92, O118, O174, O175, O29, O115, O164. Units are being sold due to non-payment of rent. Common items in units are, household items, furniture, tools, fishing equipment, paintings, antique and vintage items.  
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Friday 1-3	33292 Bayberry Ct., Dagsboro DE	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$449,900	Helen Neisser/Keller Williams
Saturday 12-2	373 Lighthouse Rd., Mallard Cove #5	3BR/2.5BA	Condo	\$449,900	Helen Neisser/Keller Williams
Saturday 9-11	12 Tangle Wood Ct., The Parke - Ocean Pines	2BR/2BA	Single Family	\$212,500	Karen Oass/Long & Foster
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