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## Christmas cookie sale scheduled

A Christmas Cookie Walk will be held Saturday, December 10 between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Bethany United Methodist Church located at 8648 Stephen Decatur Hwy. in Berlin. Home-made fancy holiday cookies will be sold by the pound. Make your own selections. There will also be a Christmas White Elephant Room. For more information contact Barbara at 410-213-8238 or [bdm58oct@comcast.net](mailto:bdm58oct@comcast.net).

## Light up the Pines contest set

Ocean Pines residents once again have the chance to show off their holiday decorating skills with the community's annual "Light up the Pines" outdoor display contest.

This year, Ocean Pines community members will get to vote for their favorites via an online ballot. A map showing the locations of the entries will also be available at [OceanPines.org](http://OceanPines.org). Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place overall winners.

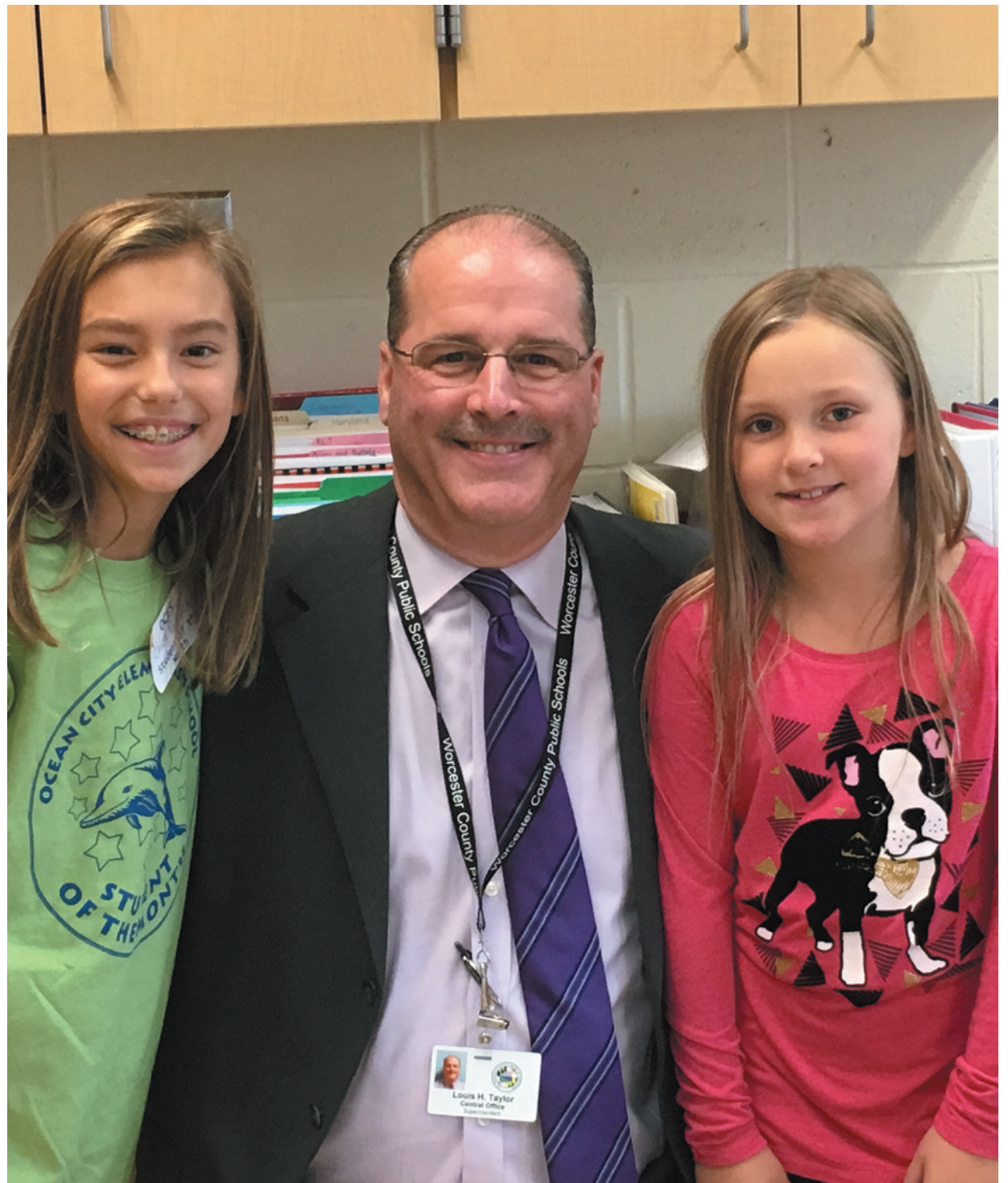


The deadline for applicants is Friday, December 9. Participants will be notified when voting is to take place. Those new to the contest as well as previous contestants are encouraged to enter.

Residents interested in entering may do so by submitting a name, address and phone number by email to [info@oceanpines.org](mailto:info@oceanpines.org), fax to 410-641-5581, phone to 410-641-7717 ext. 3014 or to the Ocean Pines Association in person or mail at 239 Ocean Pkwy., Ocean Pines, MD, 21811.

## Retired nurses to meet

The Retired Nurses of Ocean Pines will celebrate the holiday season with a cocktail party on December 14, at 5 p.m. at Sally Smith's house. The officers for 2017 will be installed at that time. The cost is \$15 per person, reservations required. For reservations or more information, call Sally Smith at 410 208 0564.



**Visit** - *Chloe Paddack and Maddie Loughrey, fourth graders in Dr. Biscoe's class at Ocean City Elementary, wrote letters to invite Lou Taylor to their classroom. Worcester County's Superintendent of Schools was pleased to visit with these students during American Education Week.*



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# November

Community Calendar 2016



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## Fire company to hold yard sale

The Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will hold an Indoor Yard Sale at the main station on Saturday, December 3. Doors will be open to the public between 7 a.m. and noon. Breakfast sandwiches will be served. Call 443-235-2926 for more information.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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6 <small>Harriet Tubman Birth Day</small>	7	8 <small>Election Day</small>	9	10	11 <small>Veterans Day</small>	12
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## Performing arts company to present a Christmas classic

‘Tis the season for hot chocolate, snow covered rooftops and beloved Christmas carols. Families far and wide will be celebrating the Christmas holiday sharing memories and making new ones. One family activity that has spanned generations is the time spent gathered around the television watching Christmas classics. We have our favorites, but none have spread the warmth of the Christmas season as much as Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol.”

This December, the Lower Shore Performing Arts Company will present the beloved classic “A Christmas Carol” to audiences with live performances showcasing a host of local talent. The production will be directed by Mark Tyler, who directed the highly-lauded “1776 The Musical” in June, and include many faces familiar to the stage.

A Christmas Carol tells the story of Ebenezer Scrooge, a hardened man, and his transformation after being visited by

four ghosts: an old business partner and the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future. Tyler comments “the show has a very talented cast of local actors, singers and dancers. All three will be featured in this production. Our hope is to present the story in a way that is true to Dickens’ original text.”

The Lower Shore Performing Arts Company will present “A Christmas Carol” at Washington Academy and High School Theater in Princess Anne, MD on December 9-11 and December 16-18 with performances at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets can be purchased online at [lowershorepac.org](http://lowershorepac.org) or call 800-838-3006. For more information, visit [lowershorepac.org](http://lowershorepac.org) or call 443-614-0830. Lower Shore Performing Arts Company is committed to expanding the arts on the lower eastern shore through advocacy, education leadership, and providing artistic opportunities.

### Monday

**Ocean Pines Poker Club**  
Poker players wanted in Ocean Pines area for Monday evenings. Call 410-208-1928.

### Sweet Adelines

The Delmarva Sweet Adeline Chorus meets from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Call 410-641-6876.

### Monday/Tuesday

**Sanctioned Duplicate Bridge**  
Open bridge games Monday at 12 p.m., Tuesday at 10 a.m. at OP Community Center. Call Mary Stover 410-726-1795.

### Tuesday

**Families Anonymous**  
From 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at room 37 in the the Community Church at Ocean Pines on Rte. 589. For more information call Carol at 410-208-4515.

### Tuesday/Thursday

**Poker Players** wanted for Gentlemen's Poker in North Gate area Ocean Pines. Game played every Tuesday & Thursday evening 5:45 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. on Pinehurst Rd. Ocean Pines. Call 410-208-0063 for more information.

### Wednesday

**Kiwanis Club Meeting**  
Weekly meetings at 8 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Doors open 7 a.m. October through April.

### Elks Bingo

Ocean City Elks in Ocean City (behind Fenwick Inn) open at 5:30 p.m. Early birds at 6:30 and bingo at 7 p.m. Call 410-250-2645.

### Delmarva Hand Dancing

Dancing at The Fenwick Inn in Ocean City from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Contact 302-934-7951 or [info@delmarvahand-dancing.com](mailto:info@delmarvahand-dancing.com).

### Rotary Club

Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club meetings are held at 5:45 p.m. at the Captains Table in Ocean City. Contact Stan.Kahn@carouselhotel.com.

### Square Dancing

The Pinesteppers have introduction to square dancing at the OP Community Center at 7 p.m. Call Bruce Barrett at 410-208-6777.

### AL-Anon/OP-West OC-Berlin

Wednesday Night Bayside Beginnings Al-Anon family meetings are held at the Ocean Pines Community Center at 7:30 p.m.

### Thursday

**Story Time**  
Stories, music and crafts at 10:30 a.m. for children ages 3-5 at Ocean Pines library. Call 410-208-4014.

### Beach Singles

Beach Singles 45 for Happy Hour at Harpoon Hanna's at 4 p.m. Call Arlene at 302-436-9577, Kate at 410-524-0649 or Dianne at 302-541-4642.

### Legion Bingo

American Legion in Ocean City opens doors at 5:30 p.m., games begin at 7. For information call 410-289-3166.

### Gamblers Anonymous

Group meets at 8 p.m. at the Atlantic Club, 11827 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City. Call 888-424-3577 for help.

### Friday

**Knights of Columbus Bingo**  
Bingo will be held behind St. Luke's Church, 100th St. in Ocean City. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments available. Call 410-524-7994.

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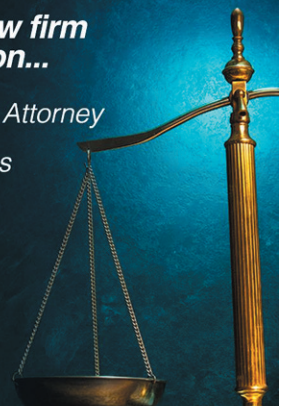
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# Struggles of a big city girl in a small town

By **Gloria Dietz**

All of my life, I've been a big city girl.

A recent turn of events has brought me to Ocean Pines as a permanent resident. My husband accepted a job



There is a sense of relief that I do not have to deal with the crowds or the hustle and bustle of major metropolitan life. The low-key atmosphere has allowed me to relax my overactive mind.

Some of the things running through my head are: Will I go stir crazy after a while and need more excitement and restaurant choices? Will I meet people my own age in a similar situation? Will I be able to fit in? It's an isolating feeling living in a new environment when your family, friends and familiar surroundings are not nearby. Being a newcomer, I'm sure there are many more layers to peel and discover about this small town. The community and surrounding areas have lots to offer, and it's just a matter of getting acclimated and comfortable with my new life.

Am I converting to a small-town girl? Only time will tell. If I limit my

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transfer in Salisbury, and we packed up and moved from Baltimore in September. He has adapted quite nicely and is the happiest I've ever seen him. I, on the other hand, find myself to be like a fish out of water and need more time to adjust. How long does homesickness last?

Growing up in a big city, noise is something that you become accustomed to from the everyday busyness. There are sirens, beeping horns, children playing in the street, and dogs barking on the daily. It's nearly impossible to become bored since there are so many places to go and people to see. It's easy to just sit on your front porch and people watch due to the number of passersby. My new neighborhood offers quite the opposite - *peace and quiet*. The most noise that I have encountered to date is the occasional pine cone or acorn hitting the roof of my house. When I first heard this, I thought someone was hiding up in my attic.

Moving to a small town has brought many changes to my daily routine where I now find myself on the opposite end of the spectrum. I'm not quite nearing retirement age where I am ready for the lower, slower pace; nor am I young enough to want to hang out every weekend which requires much more energy than I can muster. I refer to this as the "in-between" where I am seeking a balance.

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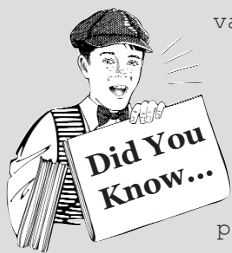
## 2012 Business of the Year

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What would Christmas gift-giving be without a tree under which to place the presents? Tree shoppers

have plenty of variety to choose from when selecting that ideal tree. Approximately

21,000 Christmas tree farms exist in the United States, and these farms sell between 30 and 35 million real trees each year. Those who prefer artificial trees can shop for everything from trees that appear to be natural to pastel-hued boughs. The first printed reference to a Christmas tree was made in 1531 in Germany. Since then, Christmas trees have grown in popularity through the centuries.



# Taylor House to host special holiday events

The Calvin B. Taylor House Museum will have several special openings in December to celebrate the holidays. The House will be decorated with fresh greenery arrangements in early December.

On Saturday, December 3, the museum will open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in celebration of our Museums of Worcester County Holiday Traditions Day. Curator Susan Taylor said, "Wassail and gingerbread will be served to Museum guests that day to give visitors an early taste of the holidays." Each year the Museums of Worcester County celebrate the holidays by special openings highlighting different Christmas traditions or events in each museum.

The Taylor House Museum's Classical Christmas Dinner and Concert will be held on Monday, December 5, featuring The Salisbury String Trio and a three-course gourmet dinner. The candlelight concert is at the museum and the dinner is at the Atlantic Hotel. There are two dinner seatings available. The first seating begins at 6 p.m. with the concert to follow. The second dinner seating begins with the concert at the museum at 6:30 p.m. with an 8 p.m. dinner following. Tickets are \$60.00 per person and reservations are required for this popular event. Contact the Museum at 410-641-1019 for reservations.

Holiday events at the Taylor House end with a candlelight tour on Friday, December 9, from 5 to 8 p.m. and guided tours on Saturday, December 10 from 11 to 4 p.m.

"For holiday shopping, the museum is a great place to pick up last minute gifts for those hard-to-buy-for friends and family on your shopping

list," said Taylor. Three special books are available at the museum for the local history buff. Images of America: Berlin at \$21.19 is a gift for those wanting more information on the history of our town. This photographic history of the 'Coolest Small Town' is a memento of the museum's "Images of the Past" gallery display. Joseph Moore's "Murder on Maryland's Eastern Shore" at \$26.49 and "Worcester County Maryland's Arcadia" by Regi-

nald V. Truitt and Dr. Millard G. Les Callete at \$26.50 are choices for the book lover on your list. Other available gift ideas include a museum tote bag or Peach Festival t-shirts at \$15 each, or a Peach Festival ball cap for \$15. Museum memberships are also available for \$20 for individuals, \$25 for families or \$50 for corporate membership. All memberships include a subscription to our quarterly newsletter.

## Scholarships offered for CNA training

The continuing education division at Wor-Wic Community College has received an Employment Advancement Right Now (EARN) grant from the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation to offer scholarships covering tuition, fees and textbooks for qualified individuals interested in becoming certified nursing assistants (CNAs).

Anyone interested must attend free orientation, information and application sessions. The orientation session will be held Wednesday, December 7, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., in Room 105 of Henson Hall on the college campus on the corner of Route 50 and Walston Switch Road in Salisbury.

The EARN information and application session will be held on Friday, December 9, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., in Room 103 of Fulton-Owen Hall. Details on availability, eligibility, application and approval of the scholarship will be provided.

CNA training at Wor-Wic is an extensive state-approved series of courses that include classroom and laboratory instruction, as well as a supervised clinical experience in an area nursing home. Upon successful completion, students can register with the Maryland Board of Nursing for certification.

For more information, call 410-334-6780.

## Insurance open enrollment dates announced

The Lower Shore Health Insurance Assistance Program's has announced that this year's open enrollment period for Qualified Health Plans will begin on November 1 and carry through January 31, 2017. During this time certified Navigators are available to assist individuals and families with the application and enrollment process into

a Qualified Health Plan through the state marketplace, Maryland Health Connection.

There will be a sign-up session at the Ocean Pines library on December 10 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The Lower Shore Health Insurance Assistance Program provides one-on-one help for residents of Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties applying for health insurance through the state's marketplace, Maryland Health Connection. The number is 855-445-5540.

## Christmas concert scheduled

Enjoy the sounds of the season with a special performance of the Eastern Shore Madrigal Singers, Sunday, December 4, at 3 p.m. at All Hallows Episcopal Church, 109 W. Market St. in Snow Hill.

The Eastern Shore Madrigal

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expectations, stop making comparisons and be more patient, I'm sure I will get settled in more quickly. I haven't gotten used to the slower pace, the silent neighborhood, or even how to relax. But, I can certainly get used to being 10 minutes away from the beach to see the sunrise or sunset over the water on any given day; the local breweries have piqued my interest and are plentiful; there are no lines in the local stores and everyone is happy to assist and greet you upon entering; and the yard sales in this community are by far the best I've ever seen.

Growing up in Baltimore has certainly given me a level of spunk. However, I am hoping that this new phase in my life will offer me a level of appreciation, how to keep an open mind, and accept the challenge of finding the right balance. My youngest son asked me how I feel about being a local, and I have to admit that I still feel like I'm on an extended vacation. When I am able to call myself a local is when I will feel I am at home.



# It's Superman by a mile

When it comes to super heroes, for me the all time best is far and away Superman. You can keep Spiderman,

hangs out a shingle letting Commissioner Gordon and the rest of Gotham City know that he's available to fight the likes of The Joker, The Penguin and The Riddler. What kind of criminals are these? It's as if the looney bin on the outskirts of town provides weekend furloughs allowing these characters to get some rest and relaxation by creating comical havoc around town.



## It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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Batman, the Incredible Hulk and whatever other pretender is out there. Superman is top of the heap. He has the word "super" in his name and he's a newspaperman.

Let's take a look at the facts. Superman is faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than a locomotive and able to leap tall buildings in a single bound. He's a complete package. He can fly on his own. He has a body stronger than steel that can deflect anything. And, and this is important, as a superhero he doesn't wear a mask. He looks people straight in the eye and the villains can look him straight in the eye, if they have the wherewithal, the guts, to come face to face with the Man of Steel.

Now contrast that to Spiderman who is actually a human in a costume. He has the powers and features of a spider. A spider, something most people stomp on when they see one in their kitchen. Spiderman is uncomfortable being seen for who he is so he wears a mask. I like my superheroes right out there in the open, sans mask. Spiderman needs to shoot silk in order to "fly" through the air. That can get a little messy. Who wants to clean that up?

Then there's Bruce Wayne a/k/a Batman. Here again another pretender to super hero status. Why would anyone who had a choice want to be named after a rodent with wings? Basically this guy is a multi-millionaire with way too much time on his hands and too much money. He outfits himself in a tailored costume, tricks out his car, gets himself some gadgets, recruits a young sidekick and basically

Superman would have put these clowns away in short order and still had time to file his story by deadline.

As far as the Incredible Hulk is concerned, I don't know if he could even be classified as a super hero. He's more like animated green Playdough on steroids.

That's why Superman is head and shoulders above the rest or should I say head and cape? Sure his mild mannered alias, Clark Kent, can be a little on the nerdy side. He was probably a member of the audio-visual club in high school.

And yes it's true that it seems odd that Lois Lane, Perry White and Jimmy can't identify Clark as the Man of Steel with his glasses on, but that's part of the lure and charm. Kal-El (Superman's real name) arrived on our planet as a baby, after his own home planet was destroyed. He

could have turned bitter but no, he decided to use his powers for good, for truth, for justice and the American way!

Superheroes should be clean cut and certainly not named after a creature that repulses most people. A super hero shouldn't need gadgets and gizmos to make them super. Only Superman fits the bill. And to top it off, he even has a neat jingle: "Look, in the sky. It's a bird. It's a plane. No! It's Superman."

Now of course there's Wonder Woman. I like her too but for entirely different reasons but I won't elaborate because I would get in such trouble at home that even Superman couldn't help me.



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## Women's health practice opens

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The new offices of Christine Neto, MD, Kevin J. Lee, MD, MSPH, FACOG, Atlantic General's newest Fellowship trained gynecologist, Lisa Bayles, DNP, CRNP and Nicki Akstinas, CRNP, is located in Unit 8 of Atlantic General Medical Center located at 12308 Ocean Gateway in West Ocean City.

Neto will maintain office hours in Pocomoke as well to ensure continued ease of patient access in the

southern part of the county. In addition, Brandi Musselman, MD, will provide care at the West Ocean City location in the near future, while maintaining her primary practice in Selbyville.

The new Atlantic General Women's Health Center will provide a convenient location dedicated to providing women's healthcare services to our growing population. Beginning in January the center will offer 3D mammography screening, bone density screening and ultrasound services, conveniently located in the same complex in addition to lab services, minor surgical procedures and routine gynecologic services.

"By bringing women's health, diagnostic imaging and related services to one location, we are able to provide comprehensive, one-stop care for women in a relaxed, comfortable atmosphere," said Jim Brannon, FACHE, Vice President of Professional Services at Atlantic General Hospital.

Appointments can be made by calling 443-728-1050.



### Taking his shot

Part-time Ocean Pines resident and \$1 Million Shootout qualifier **Don Smith** (center) got a chance at the big money by taking one shot from Ocean Pines Golf Club's 18th hole from 170 yards out on November 19. Smith was cheered on by his brother **Evan** (left) and wife, **Annette** (right). Although Smith, who qualified for the shootout at Residents' Day on October 23, missed the shot, he received two free rounds of golf and other prizes for his attempt.

## Community alert signals to sound

On Saturday, December 3, Worcester County emergency alert signals will sound from area fire sirens. A steady alert tone will sound at 10 a.m. for ap-

proximately one minute.

The signals are tested the first Saturday of each month. In the event of an actual emergency, the sirens would be used as additional means to warn the surrounding communities of imminent danger and the need to tune to either radio, television or the internet for information.

### concert

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Singers will present an original cantata, "What a Glorious Night," arranged by the Madrigal Singers, with a script by Linda Hinton.

Tickets are \$10 at the door for adults, \$5 for students under 12.

For more information, contact David Jones at djnzcckr@hotmail.com or visit us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/The-Eastern-Shore-Madrigal-Singers-610332475670304>.

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# Taming indoor odors improves home living

A clean home interior can make a strong first impression on prospective buyers, but only if that home is accompanied by pleasant scents. Odors can make a strong impact on buyers' perceptions of a home, including its level of cleanliness and upkeep.

Although dirt and other grime can contribute to the odor of a home, additional culprits can contribute to foul smells as well. Everything from pets to the foods cooked in the kitchen to the hidden presence of mold can impact air quality and odor inside a home. Fortunately, there are ways to remedy stinky problems and come away with sweet-smelling solutions.

It is important for homeowners to realize that foul air inside a home can be the result of poor indoor air quality which can be a health hazard. The United States Environmental Protection Agency ranks indoor air quality as a top five environmental risk to public health. EPA studies found indoor air pollutants were generally two to five times greater than outdoor pollution levels. In some cases, indoor air pollution was 100 times greater. The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission says the following can contribute to poor indoor air quality and also to some interior odors: combustion sources; tobacco products; building materials and furnishings; wet or damp carpet; cabinetry or furniture made of

certain pressed wood products; products for household cleaning and maintenance and even outdoor sources such as radon, pesticides and outdoor air pollution.

So how does one remedy poor indoor air quality and odors inside a home? These tips can improve conditions.

Ensure adequate ventilation. Open windows and doors when weather permits to eliminate the concentration of pollutants and help air out odors. Use exhaust fans in kitchens and baths to pull indoor air to the outside.

Invest in an air filter. A high-efficiency particulate air filter will force air through a fine mesh and trap harmful particles, such as pet dander, smoke, pollen, and dust mites, that can build up in a home. Remember to change the filter regularly.

Increase the number of plants. Plants can brighten interior spaces, and they are also remarkable at cleaning indoor air. The Clean Air Study conducted by NASA set out to find out the best way to clean the air in space stations. The association found that the Boston fern, spider plant, Chinese evergreen, weeping fig, variegated snake plant, and English ivy, among many other plants, were ideal for filtering air and removing harmful contaminants.

Ditch disposal odors. Food can become trapped and decompose in garbage

disposals. Cut citrus fruit into chunks and drop them into a running disposal to remove many odors.

Air out the washer. New washing machines have tight seals and gaskets that do not allow air to penetrate (or water to leak out). Mildew can grow as a result. Leave the washer door open after a round of laundry to let things dry and air out.

Tame pet odors. Pets contribute heavily to odor in a home. Wet dog smells are prevalent on rainy days, while cat litter boxes can pack a pungent punch.

Cleanliness can cut down on smells. Use activated charcoal in litter products to tame smells and empty the litter box frequently. Make sure dogs are dried off thoroughly when coming in from the rain, and use a deodorizing spray on pet fur. Regular grooming can help as well.

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## Pickleball holiday challenge scheduled

Eastern Shore Pickleball will be holding a fun, social Pickleball Holiday Challenge! The event will be held on Saturday, December 17, at the Worcester County Recreation Center's six indoor courts in Snow Hill.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with check-in at 9:30 a.m. The entrance fee is \$10 per person, which includes a meal ticket good for either breakfast or lunch from the concession stand. The registration deadline is Monday, December 12.

For this challenge, Eastern Shore Pickleball has teamed up with the WCRC for their Toys for Tots Drive. Participants can bring a new, unwrapped toy and receive 2 wins towards their total games for the day! As this is a fun challenge and not a tournament, all pairing of partners will be by random drawing. There will be prizes, awards,

and raffles throughout the day. Concessions will be open and the local Pro-Lite pickleball paddle distributor will have paddles available and on display.

For more information contact USA Pickleball Association Ambassador, Vicky Sieber-Keefer at 757-824-4345 or [vsieber@verizon.net](mailto:vsieber@verizon.net) or Program Manager, Trudy Porch at 410-632-2144 x2520 or [tporch@co.worcester.md.us](mailto:tporch@co.worcester.md.us). Visit [www.WorcesterRecandParks.org](http://www.WorcesterRecandParks.org) for more information on this tournament or for a complete list of our Pickleball programs.

## WPS to hold annual bazaar

All are welcome to browse, shop and dine, as Worcester Preparatory School (WPS) kicks off the holiday season at the 45<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Bazaar on Sunday, December 4, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free and the event is open to the public. Held in the WPS Field House and Athletic and Performing Arts Center, the Bazaar is a one-stop shop where you can fulfill all your holiday needs. Funds raised from the WPS Christmas Bazaar go directly toward school and program upgrades and improvements.

Take a holiday stroll through the Christmas Village, which includes one-of-a-kind greens and decorations, decadent homemade desserts, handmade gifts, vendors, silent auction items and so much more. Children can purchase gifts for their loved ones in the Mallard General Store, enjoy a holiday scavenger hunt and have a picture taken with special guest Santa Claus, who will stop by the Village from noon to -2 p.m.

## Performance to benefit cancer research

Versakats, Inc., a local non-profit performance group, is presenting its original musical comedy "Jazzin' At The Glitz" on December 8 and 9 in the Crystal Ballroom of the Clarion Fontainebleau in Ocean City. Tickets are available for \$45, which includes a buffet dinner at 6 p.m. followed by the show at 7 p.m. Net proceeds from the performances benefit ovarian cancer research. The show features a late 1920's theme and includes more than 20 songs of the era. Guests are invited to dress in period costume (optional) and sing along. For more information, contact Pat Schrawder at 410 726-1234 or Mary Kirtley at 410 250-4689.

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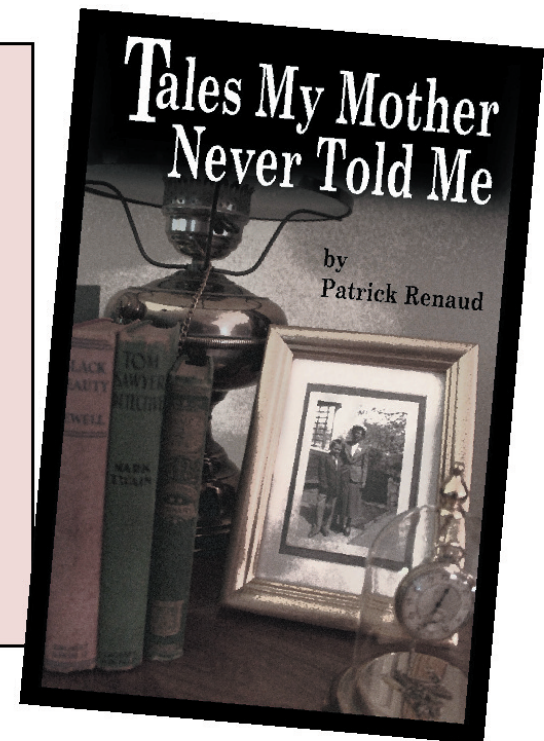
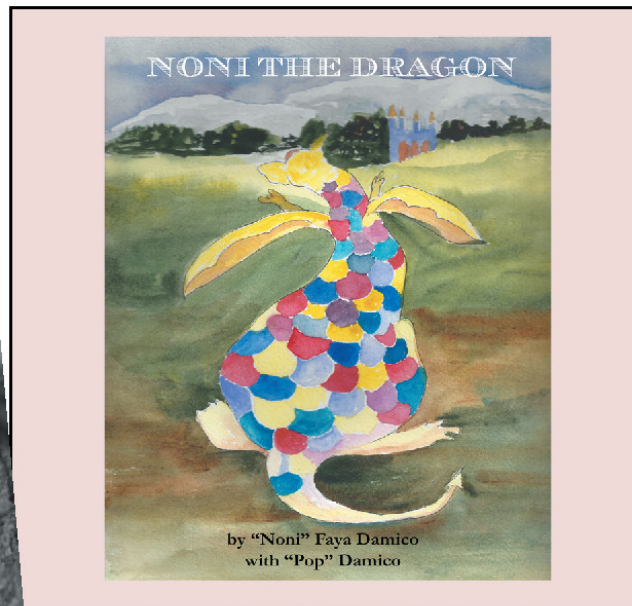


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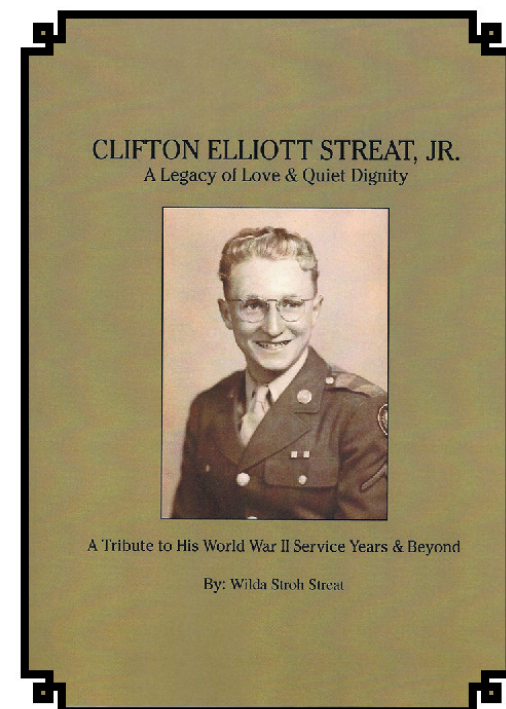
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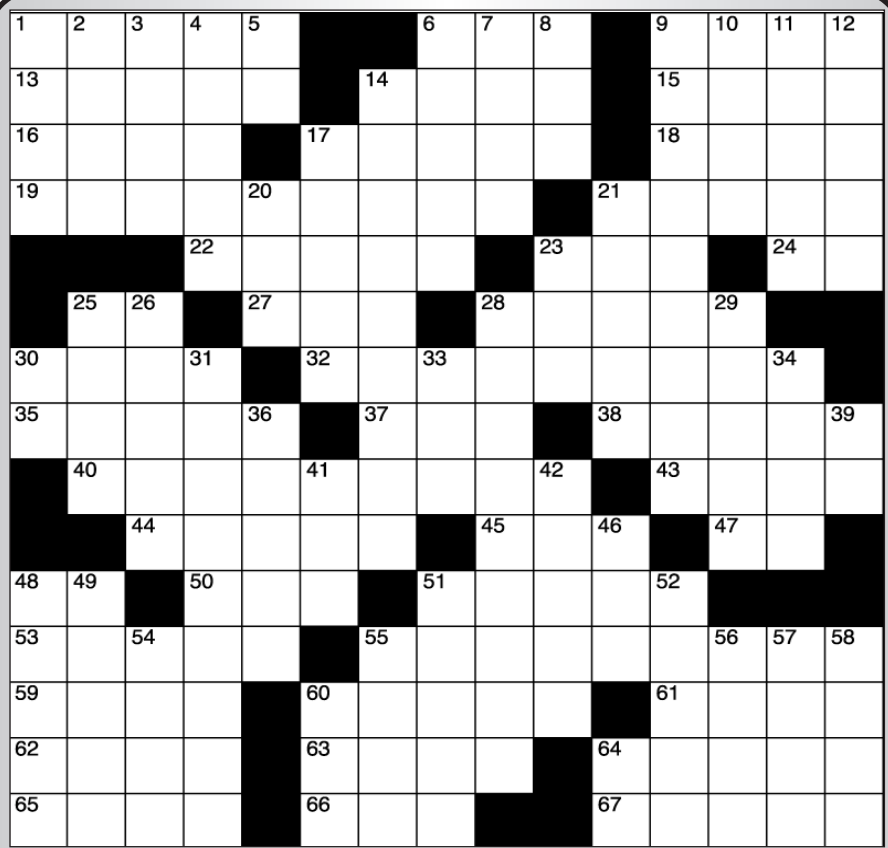
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# The history of holiday lights

Holiday celebrants employ holiday lights in various ways. Certain individuals may be content to hang lights on their Christmas trees and call their decorating complete. Others may get their holiday jollies by making sure each square inch of their home is covered in twinkling lights. Still, other people prefer the more subdued effect of lights framing one picture window of the house.

The tradition of Christmas lights stretches back to early modern Germany when people used candles to decorate Christmas trees in Christian homes. Those candles were harbingers of what would come when electric lights replaced gas and other open flame illuminating devices that were commonplace prior to the 20th century.

Thomas Edison, the inventor of the first successful practical light bulb, also created the first strand of electric lights that would be used in holiday decorating.

By 1880, Edison had standard incandescent light bulbs well sorted out and desired a way to better advertise his invention, so he decided to make the most of the holiday season and put his light bulbs on display. According to a 2003 article in "American Heritage" magazine titled "The Wizard of Your Christmas Tree," Edison strung incandescent bulbs all around the compound of his Menlo Park, NJ, laboratory. Edison constructed an eight-mile underground wiring system in order to power this grand light display. Because the laboratory was situated along the railroad that passed between Manhattan and Philadelphia,

thousands of people were able to see the display.

The concept of electric holiday lights took a bit of time to catch on. Edison's friend and associate Edward Johnson was tasked with stringing together colored lights in 1882 and placing them on an evergreen tree. Johnson hand-wired 80 red, white



President and Mrs. Coolidge at the first tree lighting

and blue light bulbs. In 1895, President Grover Cleveland requested the White House family Christmas tree be illuminated by multi-colored electric light bulbs.

In 1903, when General Electric began to offer pre-assembled kits of holiday lights, strung lights were reserved for the wealthy and electrically savvy. For example, in 1903 a single string of electric lights cost \$12, or around \$300 today.

It would take several more years before holiday lights became a national tradition. On Christmas Eve 1923, President Calvin Coolidge began the country's celebration of Christmas by lighting the National Christmas Tree on the Ellipse located south of the

White House with 3,000 electric lights.

Today, illuminated strands of lights have become a large part of holiday celebrations and have even been adopted for use during various year-round events. Such lights can be a beautiful and festive addition to many celebrations.



Thomas Edison

**ACROSS**

- 1. Poets
- 6. Insecticide
- 9. Insect feeler
- 13. Intestinal
- 14. ÓDrum BoogieÓ singer
- 15. Region
- 16. Chinese automotive co.
- 17. Served before entree
- 18. Dwells
- 19. Boosted
- 21. Tells players what to do
- 22. Infections
- 23. Hoover is one
- 24. Expresses surprise
- 25. Basketball position (abbr.)
- 27. Fresh Prince of \_\_\_ Air
- 28. Hindu queens
- 30. Easter marshmallow treat
- 32. Where coaches stand
- 35. Women
- 37. Thai province
- 38. Drenches
- 40. Matters that settle
- 43. Not wide
- 44. Elaborate garments
- 45. Swiss river
- 47. South Dakota
- 48. Instinctive

- part of the mind
  - 50. Some put this in their hair
  - 51. French young women
  - 53. Two legged support
  - 55. Stimulates the heart
  - 59. Waste matter
  - 60. Nocturnal rodents
  - 61. The Who anthem Ó\_\_\_ OÓRileyÓ\_\_\_
  - 62. Old age personified
  - 63. Remnant
  - 64. Disband
  - 65. Nanosecond
  - 66. Referee declares
  - 67. A citizen of Iran
- DOWN**
- 1. ÓERÓ actress Leslie
  - 2. Wings
  - 3. Power to direct and control
  - 4. Small freshwater fishes of Eurasia
  - 5. Scandium
  - 6. Earnhardt and Hunter are two
  - 7. Two-parted
  - 8. Foul-mouthed bear from the movies
  - 9. Tan horses

- 10. Song
- 11. Draw blood
- 12. High-ranking Turkish officer
- 14. Determine time
- 17. Begets
- 20. Watch chain
- 21. Constellation representing a dog
- 23. Indian dish
- 25. Legumes
- 26. Romanian river
- 28. An auto you donÓt keep
- 29. Signs, \_\_\_, delivers
- 30. Police Department
- 31. Relating to teaching
- 33. Sportscaster Patrick
- 34. A way to glide
- 36. Fathered
- 39. Statute mile (abbr.)

- 41. One-thousandth of an inch
- 42. Discounts
- 46. Rockers from Georgia
- 48. Norwegian playwright
- 49. Herbs
- 51. S. China seaport
- 52. Stout sword
- 54. Pasty
- 55. Fill a suitcase
- 56. Japanese weapon
- 57. Dark brown or black
- 58. Grain crop
- 60. Time used in far western states
- 64. Drill instructor



Answers for Nov. 23



## Interesting events that unfolded in December 1916

The year 1916 was a significant one in world history. World War I, one of the largest wars in history and one that involved more than 70 million military personnel, was raging in 1916. In Ireland, the Easter Rising of 1916 would end in defeat for the Irish Republicans but go on to have long-lasting and far-reaching impacts on the United Kingdom.

The month of December 1916 was no stranger to meaningful events. The end of the year is a time of reflection for many people, and those interested in world history can use the end of 2016 to reflect on what the world was thinking about when the calendar turned a century ago.

December 13: White Friday occurs along the Italian front of World War I. Roughly 270 soldiers are killed when an avalanche strikes the Austrian barracks on Mount Marmolada. Hundreds more are killed later in the day when avalanches also strike Italian and other Austrian positions. Reports indicate

both sides were intentionally firing into weakened snow packs to bury their enemies.

December 18: The Battle of Verdun, which began 10 months earlier and became one of the largest and longest battles in World War I, ends. The battle averaged 70,000 casualties per month, claiming the lives of more than nearly one million French and German soldiers, according to recent estimates.

December 30: Influential Russian mystic Grigori Yefimovich Rasputin is murdered by Russian nobles. A Siberian-born peasant, Rasputin would gain considerable influence over Czar Nicholas II and Czarina Alexandra. Though some historians now believe Rasputin's influence over the royal couple has been exaggerated, the Russian nobles were nonetheless threatened and tried to kill him, first with poison and then by shooting him. When each of those efforts failed, Rasputin was bound and tossed into a freezing river.

## Caddyshack Classic scheduled

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School will host the MBS Caddyshack Classic on December 2 between 6:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. It is presented by Atlantic Retina Center and Atlantic Adult & Pediatric Medicine. The event will be held at Old Pro Golf, located at 6801 Coastal Highway in Ocean City. Heavy appetizers will be provided by Ropewalk OC. An Orange Crush Bar will be provided by Sunset Grille. Beer and wine will also be provided. Music will be by DJ Wax. Sponsorships still available. Registration is open to the public. The cost is \$45 per golfer and includes everything mentioned above. Contact Rick Deale at rick.deale@gmail.com for more information about sponsoring or playing in the tournament. This is an adult only event.

## Tide and Sun Chart

\* tide is for Ocean City Fishing Pier. Add two hours for Isle of Wight tide

DATE	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Thur., December 1	8:51 a.m. 9:08 p.m.	2:13 a.m. 2:59 p.m.	6:59 a.m.	4:40 p.m.
Fri., December 2	9:32 a.m. 9:50 p.m.	2:52 a.m. 3:40 p.m.	7:00 a.m.	4:40 p.m.
Sat., December 3	10:13 a.m. 10:33 p.m.	3:33 a.m. 4:24 p.m.	7:01 a.m.	4:40 p.m.
Sun., December 4	10:55 a.m. 11:18 p.m.	4:19 a.m. 5:10 p.m.	7:02 a.m.	4:40 p.m.
Mon., December 5	11:41 a.m.	5:09 a.m. 5:59 p.m.	7:03 a.m.	4:40 p.m.
Tues., December 6	12:09 a.m. 12:32 p.m.	6:05 a.m. 6:50 p.m.	7:04 a.m.	4:40 p.m.
Wed., December 7	1:06 a.m. 1:28 p.m.	7:04 a.m. 7:43 p.m.	7:04 a.m.	4:40 p.m.



**Decorating** - Some of the members of the Ocean Pines Garden Club decorate their club's Christmas tree for the Pines' Hometown Christmas held at White Horse Park.



**Lighting up** - The Pine'er Craft Club decorated a tree in front of their Gift and Artisan Shop to help celebrate the Ocean Pines "Light Up The Park" celebration. The tree is covered in small snow people made from tree branches and bright red sleds created from popsicle sticks, as well as white poinsettias and pine cones. Pictured are (standing) **Carol Mills, Nancy Welsh, Sarah Hammer, Louise Lassiter**, (kneeling) **Lois Schultz and Luz Castillo**.

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To assure that donors do not forget to drop by and make the most personal gift of all, BBD is introducing a "Holiday Heroes" campaign that runs from December 1 through January 2. Everyone who donates blood at any of

the Blood Bank of Delmarva donor sites or mobile locations will be eligible to win the Grand Prize of having their holiday bills paid (up to \$1,500). Every donor will also receive a collectible ornament and be recognized at each location as a true holiday hero.

"We wanted to infuse some fun into this campaign" according to Rachele Allison, BBD's Manager of Donor Services, "so we've planned a number of different things to celebrate the holiday and the dedicated people who donate blood. We'll have weekly drawings for \$100 in Holiday Cash, an ugly sweater contest for donors and staff, hot chocolate and Christmas cookies on select days in our canteens and a few other surprises."

To find out more about how you can give the greatest gift of all this holiday season, call 1 888 8-BLOOD-8 or visit [www.DelmarvaBlood.org](http://www.DelmarvaBlood.org).



**Scout trip** - Boy Scout Troop 2173 of Bishopville visited the Chapel at The Naval Academy while attending a camping trip and Navy football game sponsored by the Selbyville Elks Club. From left to right **Ray Stever, Keegan Stever, Andrew David, Konnor Stever, William Kozma, Clay Rappold, Robert Rappold and Alex Piela.**

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## State flag flies at half staff

In case you are wondering why the Maryland State flag is flying at half-staff, it is because Governor Larry Hogan ordered it. The flag will fly at half-staff through Friday, December 2 in honor of LT GEN (MD) James F. Fretterd (RET) who passed away on Saturday, November 26.





**Fundraiser** - *The Women's Club of Ocean Pines held their fundraiser at the Fish Restaurant in West Ocean City on Thursday November 17. (L-R) Dorothy Danchik, Barbara Witt, Marion Novack playing bridge at the event. Photo by Anna Foulz.*



**Get together** - *Friends meet once a month at DeNovo's Trattoria in Ocean Pines to enjoy good food, have fun and discuss upcoming events. (L-R) Lynn Hamriciani, Margaret Lucisni, Jane Watt and Bonnie Curro. Photo by Anna Foulz.*

## Child Christmas packages filled

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were filled by the congregations of Wilson and Zion United Methodist Churches in the Bishopville area. The shoeboxes contained hygiene items, school supplies, and small toys and will be sent to children in over 118 countries around the world. As they are distributed the children also receive the Good News of Jesus Christ in their native languages. Since 1993 more than 113 million gift-filled shoeboxes have been delivered to needy children around the world to share God's love in a tangible way as part of the Samaritan's Purse organization.

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## Tips to prolong the life of your Christmas tree

Christmas trees are symbols of the holiday season and the spirit of giving that the season champions. Choosing and decorating a Christmas tree is a tradition for many families, and depending on the trees they choose, families may have some work to do to keep their trees glowing all season long.

vehicle. If it does not, wrap it tightly in a blanket or another form of cover, making sure the cover will not blow off in the wind when you hit the open road.

Have the tree cut before you take it off the lot. If you typically purchase your tree from a florist or tree lot instead of a tree farm, then remember to ask the seller to recut the stem of the tree before you take it home. Tree farm trees are freshly cut, but trees sold away from the farm might have been chopped down weeks before they are ultimately sold. During the interval between being cut down and sold, trees' vascular systems can clog and prevent the tree from getting the water it needs to survive the season. A fresh cut of the stem unclogs the system and ensures the tree will be able to consume water.

Avoid placing the tree near heaters or drafty windows. Many people know that placing a live tree near a potentially hot heating vent poses a fire hazard. But doing so also can dry out the tree, decreasing the chances it will make it through the season. Placing the tree near drafty windows also can dry out the tree, so try to find a spot in your home with a consistent temperature.

Water the tree often. Christmas trees need lots of water to make it through the season. You may notice the water in the tree stand disappears quickly when you first bring the tree home. That is because freshly cut trees will consume more water than trees that were cut several weeks ago. As the season goes on and the tree's vascular system begins to clog, you might not need to water the tree as much as you did when you first brought it home. But check the tree's water stand twice per day when you first bring it home, refilling the stand with water whenever necessary.

A few tricks of the trade can help holiday celebrants maintain lush, awe-inspiring Christmas trees throughout the holiday season.



Artificial Christmas trees require little, if any, maintenance. But live Christmas trees, which some people feel are more authentic and welcoming than their artificial counterparts, require daily maintenance. In addition to supplying the tree with water at least once per day, live Christmas tree owners can take these steps to prolong the life of their trees.

Protect the tree on the way home. Your tree might be vulnerable to damage as you transport it from the farm to your living room. Unwrapped trees placed atop vehicles can be dried out by the wind. Prevent wind damage by wrapping the tree if you plan to place it atop your vehicle. If possible, lay the tree in the bed of a pickup truck and close the cover over the bed. If you do not have access to a pickup truck but can use a minivan or SUV to transport your tree, see if the tree fits inside your



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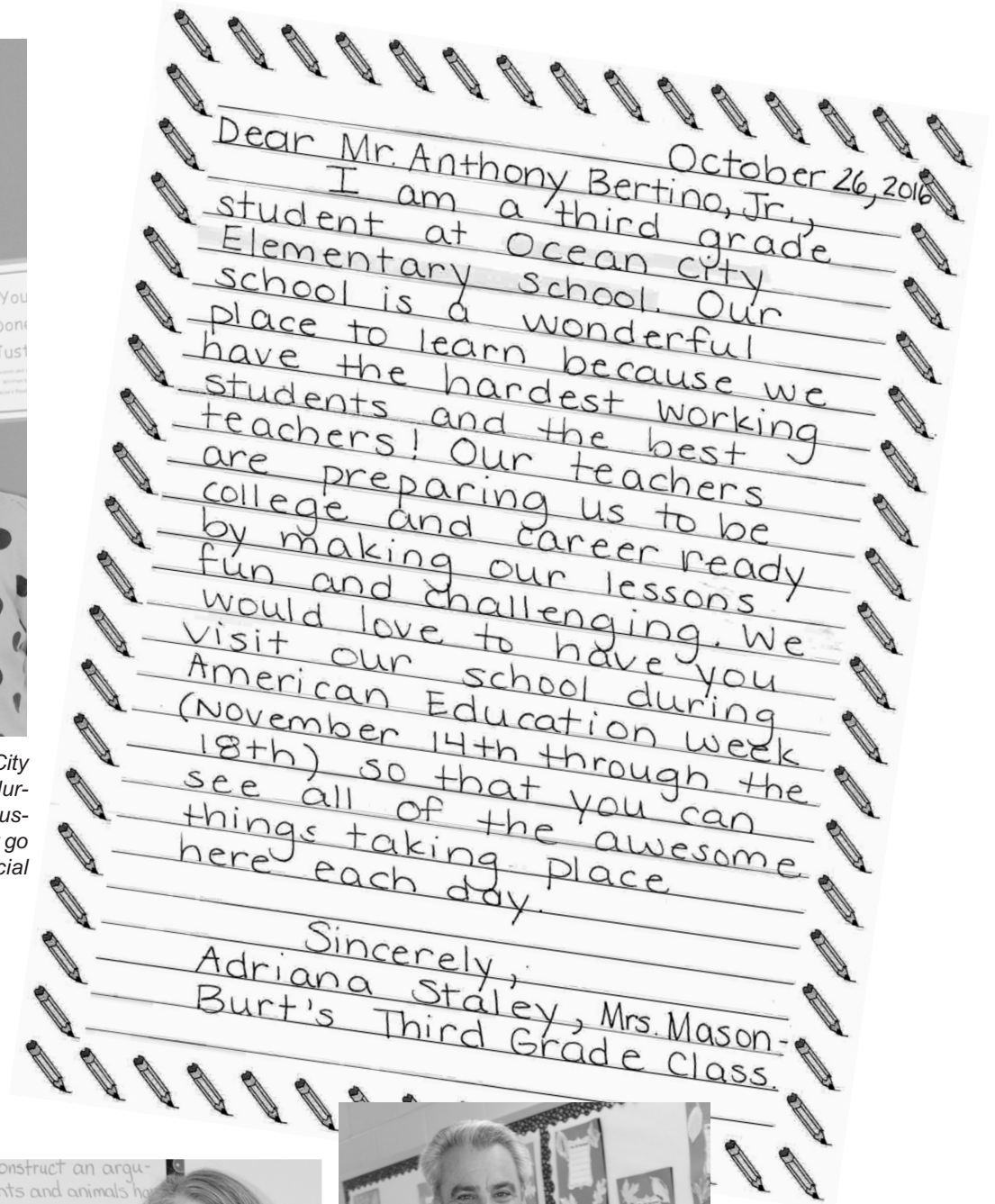
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# American Education Week



**Emilie Entwistle**, a fourth grader in Julie Justice's class at Ocean City Elementary, was visited by County Commissioner **Jim Bunting**, during American Education Week. During Mr. Bunting's visit, Mrs. Justice's class explained and demonstrated the process that a bill must go through to become a law and Emilie was awarded with a special County Commissioner pin.



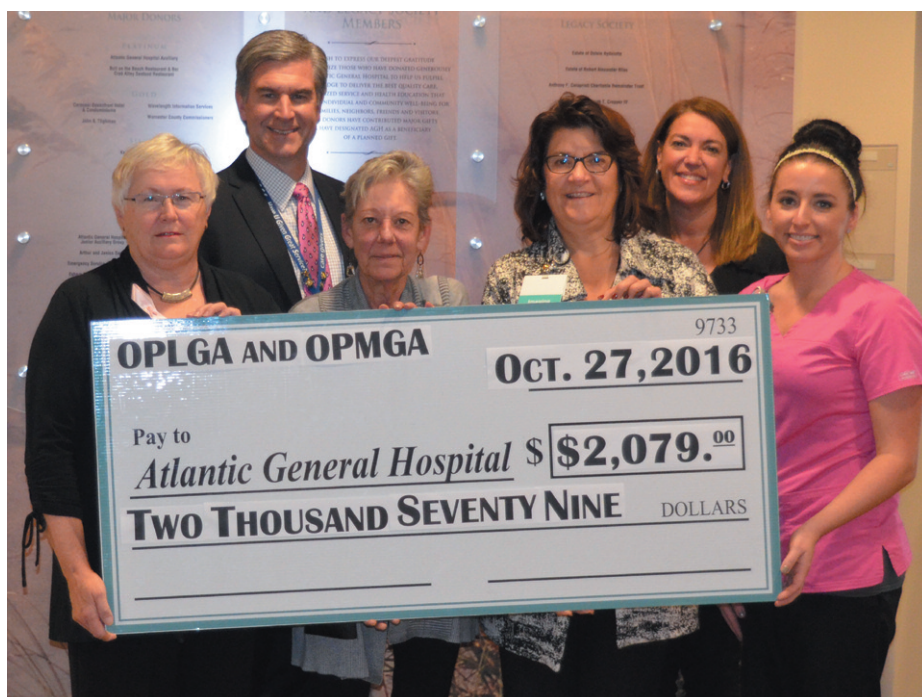
Board of Education member **Sara Thompson** recently made a visit to Julie Moeller's 4th grade class at Ocean City Elementary School. She received a letter from fourth grader **Sarah Parypa** inviting her to visit their classroom during American Education Week.



County Commissioner **Chip Bertino** stopped by Eliza Mason-Burt's third grade classroom to see what they were learning about. Pictured with Mr. Bertino is **Adriana Staley** who personally wrote the letter inviting him to their classroom (see above).

State Delegate **Mary Beth Carozza**, visited Faith Murray's 4th grade class during American Education Week at Ocean City Elementary School. Delegate Carozza received a letter from 4th grader, **Lin Zheng** inviting her to visit their classroom to see what wonderful things they were learning about.





### Lady golfers raise funds

The Ocean Pines Ladies Golf Association held their annual Pink Lady Golf Tournament at the Ocean Pines Golf & Country Club to raise money to help provide mammogram screenings through the Eunice Q. Sorin Women's Diagnostics Center at Atlantic General Hospital. The association raised \$2,079, the most it has raised in recent years bringing their total contribution over the past six years to over \$6,800 for the Eunice Q. Sorin Women's Diagnostic Center

From left, **Norma Kessler**, OPLGA; **Michael Franklin**, FACHE, Atlantic General Hospital president and CEO; **Janet Stoer**, OPLGA Pink Lady Chair; **Maria Phillips**, director of radiology at the Women's Diagnostic Center; **Tammy Patrick**, Atlantic General Hospital Foundation development officer; **Stephanie Banks**, lead radiology technician at the Women's Diagnostic Center.



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## Artisan fair is this weekend

The galleries at the Ocean City Center for the Arts are filled for the holidays this weekend, with the opening art reception on First Friday, Dec. 2 and the annual Artisan Fair on Friday and Saturday, December 2-3.

Friday's opening reception features "The Best of 2016," original artwork by artists who received "best of" awards in shows during 2016: first, second or third place or honorable mention. Also in the galleries is the annual all-media juried show by members of The Art League of Ocean City.

The public is invited to the free event from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. to meet the artists and enjoy complementary hors d'oeuvres.

The Artisan Fair begins during the First Friday reception, and continues on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition to the work of more than a dozen artists, the fair will also feature live music, book signings, kids crafts and baked goods for sale. Admission to the artisan fair is free.

Artists offering their work at the fair include Debbi Dean-Colley, Dee Dobson, Dot Truitt, Jason Giusti, Jon Rees, Kathy Denk, Laura Ellison, Maggii Sarfaty, Margery Violetta, Marisa Longo, Mitzi

Ash, Pat Ellison, and Wendy Helmuth. The work for sale includes jewelry, blown glass (functional and sculptural), ceramics, fiber art including scarves and hats, shell art, and more.

During the fair on Friday night, authors Bunk Mann and Barbara Lockhart will be signing their books, and other authors will be signing on Saturday.

A "Small Works" show fills Studio E with original art in all media under 12 inches, at corresponding small prices.

The Spotlight Artist for December is painter Sandra Esham, a native of the Eastern Shore. She now paints full time after years as an educator and counselor in the Wicomico County school system. Esham paints evocative portraits, luscious still life arrangements and light-filled landscapes.

December's Artist in Residence is jewelry designer Laura Ellison, who creates bold contemporary designs using mixed metals and resin. Inspired by nature, her pieces are colorful, textured and organic.

All shows will be on display at the Arts Center until December 31.

More information is available at [www.artleagueofoceancity.org](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org) or by calling 410-524-9433.

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