



Golf clubhouse demolition underway

The first visible signs of the replacement of the clubhouse at Ocean Pines Golf Club were seen on Thursday as demolition of the building began.

Demolition, which is being performed by Ocean City-based Absolute Demolition, was slated to be completed on Monday, May 20.

According to Ocean Pines Board Director Steve Tuttle, Absolute Demolition, having just finished another project in the area, was able to start in Ocean Pines quickly. He noted that the contract for the work came in at a cost approximately \$3,000 below what the project proposal had allowed.

“Removing the building now allows identification of the utilities and also will expose the existing foundation, allowing evaluation and possible use of some portions of the existing foundation,” Tuttle said.

A motion to award a guaranteed maximum price contract in the amount of \$1.6 million to Whayland Company for the design and construction of the new clubhouse was made and approved by the Ocean Pines Board of Directors at its April 6 meeting.

Golf operations have been moved to a trailer and will remain there until the new clubhouse is completed. Food and beverage service and restroom facilities will be available in the interim.

“The first draft of the new clubhouse floor plan and elevation views were received yesterday. The plans were reviewed by the construction working group on Friday,” Tuttle said. “Recommendations to the architect and contractor Whayland Company will be made early next week after gathering some additional information.”

Ocean Pines Golf Club opened in 1972, making it one of the community’s oldest buildings and one of the earliest courses in the Ocean City area. Open to the public year-round, it is the only Robert Trent Jones, Sr.-designed course on Maryland’s Eastern Shore.

In addition to offering memberships for families, individuals and juniors, Ocean Pines Golf Club features 18 holes of championship golf, practice facilities, instructional clinics, summer junior golf camp, private lessons and club sales, fittings and repair services.



NOTICE

The Courier will not publish May 29.
It will publish again on June 5.

Community Calendar

MAY

Monday

Ocean Pines Poker Club

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

Delmarva Chorus

The Delmarva Chorus meets every Monday evening at 7PM at the Ocean Pines Community Center in Ocean Pines, Md. Women of all ages are invited to sing with us. Please contact CAROL at 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.

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.

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.

Second Wednesday

The Polish American Club of Delmarva meets at the Columbus Hall, behind St Luke's Church, 100th St & Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month. Come join us if you are of Polish or Slavic descent. No meetings.

June, July, August. Call Helen Sobkowiak 410-723-2639 or Maryann Lula 410-250-2548 for more information.

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 or Kate at 410-524-0649 for more activities. BeachSingles.org.

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.

First Saturday

Creative Writing Forum

Every first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Berlin Library. Novice and established writers gather to share their fiction, non-fiction, and creative writing projects. Program includes critiques and appreciation, market leads, and writing exercises.

A Time To Remember



On this day in 1859 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the creator of master sleuth Sherlock Holmes was born.

Doyle was born in Scotland and studied medicine at the University of Edinburgh, where he met Dr. Joseph Bell, a teacher with extraordinary deductive reasoning power. Bell partly inspired Doyle's character Sherlock Holmes years later.

Public meeting scheduled for inlet projects

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in coordination with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and Worcester County, is hosting a public meeting May 30 at the Worcester County Library – Berlin Branch (13 Harrison Ave. in Berlin) from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to discuss two concurrent efforts: a project to address sediment accumulation in the Ocean City Inlet, as well as a study on the scour hole near Homer Gudelsky Park.

From 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., there will be an open house in which participants can view posters, provide feedback and speak with project personnel. From 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., there will be a formal presentation to provide an overview of the projects, as well as open the floor for questions. The meeting will wrap up at 8:30 p.m., allowing attendees to again view materials and speak with Corps and state employees about specific concerns following the presentation.

The Ocean City Inlet navigation channel is regularly used by commercial fishermen, recreational boaters, the U.S. Coast Guard and others. The Corps removes material from the inlet through dredging two or more times per year in an attempt to maintain the channel's authorized depth of 10 feet; however, it continues to fill in with material, creating concerns for navigation.

The Corps signed a project partnership agreement Feb. 14, with Maryland DNR and Worcester County for the "Ocean City Harbor and Inlet" navigation improvement project, which is 90 percent federally funded. The Corps will evaluate sediment transport in the inlet and recommend options to manage the shoaling to include structural solutions like jetties or channel modifications like

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Memorial Day ceremony returns

The Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation invites all to attend its annual ceremony honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice. The ceremony will be held Monday, May 27, at 11 a.m. at the memorial site on Rte. 589, between Cathell and Manklin Creek roads.

The ceremony will feature patriotic music and pageantry, honoring

the service men and women who gave their lives for our freedoms. Also honored will be local Gold Star mothers and American Ex-POWs. Graham Caldwell will be the Master of Ceremonies.

Music will be provided by Frank Nanna and the "WWIIunes," featuring Todd Crosby. Randy Lee Ashcraft and the Delmarva Chorus will also perform.

Golf carts will be circulating from tent to parking lot for those needing some assistance. Please

bring a lawn chair, as seating under the tent is limited. The ceremony will move to the Ocean Pines Community Center in the event of inclement weather.

Club to host game party

Enjoy a day of fun and friendships at the Women's Club Game Party on Thursday, June 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Dunes Manor Hotel located in Ocean City.

Organize a table to play a game or cards with your friends or let us know what you'd like to play and we'll find a group that needs a player. There will be munchies and beverages during play plus a lunch entree from a choice of three selections. Raffles will complete the day. The cost is \$30 per person payable to WCOP. This is a fundraiser to benefit the high school scholarship and community donations program.

For reservations, contact Kay Hickman on 410-600-0552, 443-397-6121 or soonerkay@gmail.com.



North Gate roundabout plans shared

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (SHA) has shared plans for the proposed single lane roundabout at Ocean Parkway at the north gate entrance in Ocean Pines. According to the department:

- SHA is designing a single lane roundabout with channelized right turns entering and exiting Ocean Parkway.

-Intersection improvements are necessary to resolve the vehicle backup (queueing deficiency) occurring while exiting Ocean Parkway.

-SHA conducted a Roundabout Feasibility Study in 2016. The analysis showed that the proposed roundabout will operate better than the existing traffic signal and will reduce delays along westbound Ocean Parkway (leaving Ocean Pines). It will also allow traffic to U-Turn along MD 589 without entering Ocean Parkway, and has been de-

signed to accommodate future traffic counts.

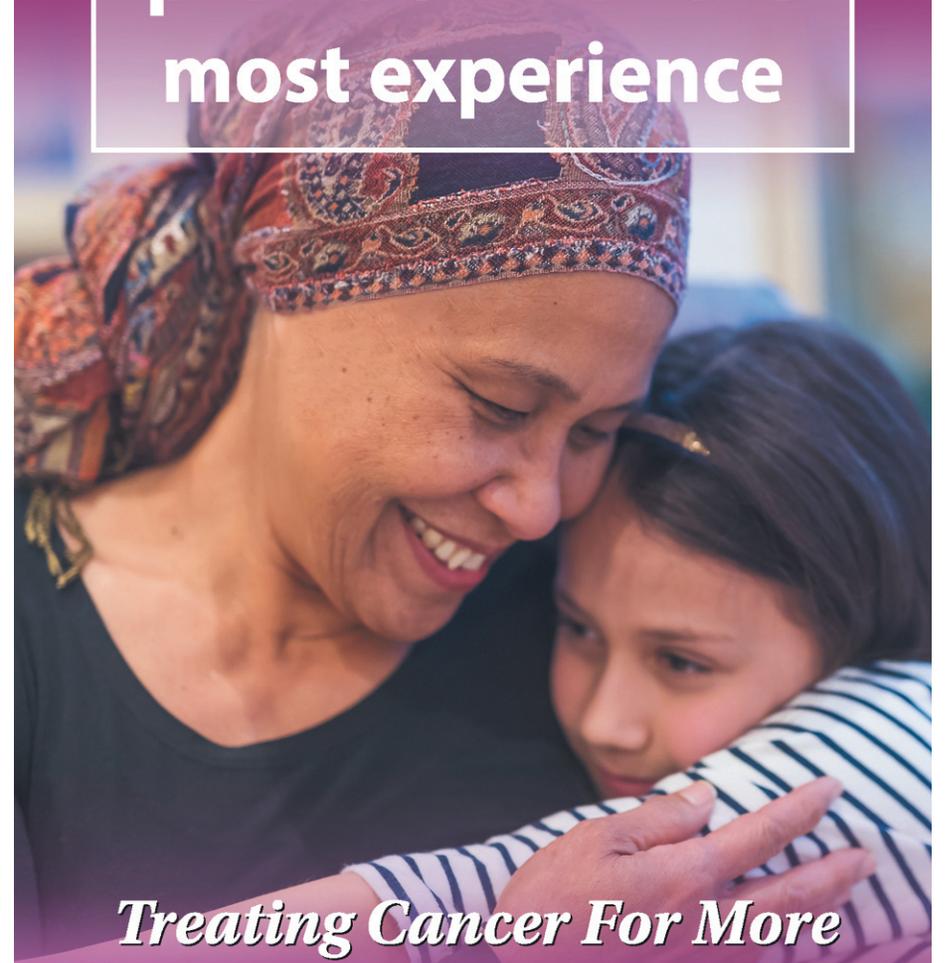
-The proposed design incorporates traffic calming and speed control strategies to ensure that drivers will safely reduce their speed approaching this intersection.

-It is anticipated that the intersection will remain open during construction. MDOT SHA will make every effort to minimize the impact to traffic.

-A public meeting will be scheduled at which time SHA will be pleased to discuss this project in person with all interested parties. SHA will be able to share information that is available to the department at each design phase.

For demonstration on how to properly and safely navigate the roundabout, please visit <https://www.roads.maryland.gov/Pages/roundabouts.aspx>.

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Rabid raccoon captured in Ocean Pines

The Worcester County Health Department has confirmed that a raccoon recently captured in the area of Abbott Place in Ocean Pines has tested positive for the rabies virus.

Anyone who was exposed to this animal, either by bite, scratch or contact with its saliva, is asked to contact the Worcester County Health Department at (410) 352-3234. Exposures also include direct contact between your pet and the rabid animal.

The County reminds residents of important rabies prevention guidelines:

- Check to make sure all your pets have current rabies vaccinations, contact your veterinarian.
- Avoid feeding pets outdoors. This will draw wild and stray ani-

mals to your property. If you must feed outdoors, do not leave food outdoors overnight or allow spillage onto the ground or your deck.

- Do not let your pets roam free, or leave cats outdoors overnight. This increases the possibility of contact with sick wildlife.

- Cover garbage cans securely. If you see sick acting animals or wild animals behaving in a threatening manner:

Bring pets and children indoors and report immediately.

Contact the Ocean Pines Police Department at 410-641-7747.

If your pet has had contact with a wild animal (fight or face to face contact):

Do not touch your pet with bare hands, use gloves or other barriers, such as plastic grocery bags.

Isolate the pet from other pets/people.

Immediately contact the Ocean Pines Police Department so the suspect animal can be obtained and made available for rabies testing.

Consult your veterinarian if your pet is injured. The Worcester County Health Department will determine the appropriate management for your pet.

Diakonia golf tournament returns

Diakonia, the only comprehensive provider of emergency and transitional housing for men, women and families on the Lower Shore, is accepting registrations for its 10th annual golf tournament on Wednesday, July 31, at the Ocean City Golf Club, Seaside Course, on South Point. This is the organization's most important fundraiser of the year.

For further info, contact Marlene Lombardi, golf chairperson at Oc2beachbums@aol.com or 410-641-5442.



The Pine Tones

Pine Tones to perform

On Sunday, June 2, at 3 p.m., the Pine Tones Chorus will present its spring concert at the Community Church at Ocean Pines (Rte.589 & Beauchamp Rd). Admission is \$10, payable at the door.

The concert takes its name from the opening song "Music, Music, Music." Other favorite melodies from the 1950s will include "Singin' in the Rain," popularized by Gene Kelly and "Love Me Tender," an Elvis Presley standard. Fans of stage and screen will recall "Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat" from "Guys and Dolls." Rhythmic beats are featured in "Hernando's Hideaway." And the well know songs of the "Music Man Medley" have wide audience appeal.

Two comedy skits are flashbacks to the TV shows "I Love Lucy" and "Lawrence Welk"

This spring the chorus is also holding a ticket raffle at the concert. A variety of prizes will be offered such as restaurant dinners, a golf four-some outing and ladies fashion-wear. Doors will open at 2:15 p.m. allowing extra time for this activity. The chorus president Dave Holloway said, "I'm excited about the variety of interesting prizes this raffle is offering."

June Todd is the chorus director and Jenny Anderson is the group's pianist. Featured musicians will include Kristilyn Friese playing cello,

Tom Baione playing string bass and Becca Doughty on drums. Bob Palladino will play jazz piano and lead the instrumental ensemble beginning about 10 minutes before the concert.

The Pine Tones Chorus includes 50 singers from Ocean Pines, Ocean City, and nearby areas. The Chorus has been entertaining local audiences in the Ocean Pines and Ocean City areas for more than thirty years. For additional information, phone Dave Holloway 410-641-5672, or June Todd, 410-289-7373.

Safe sitter courses offered

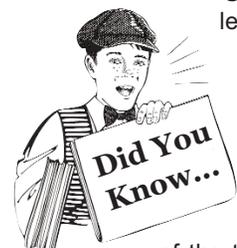
Peninsula Regional Medical Center will offer Safe Sitter courses this summer for young men and women ages 11-14. Safe Sitter is a medically accurate course that covers how to handle emergencies when caring for young children.

Safe Sitters learn: Basic life-saving techniques; safety precautions to prevent accidents; how and when to summon help; and, Tips on basic child care

The one-day course will be held on June 28, July 12, July 26 and August 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A fee of \$50 covers the day's program and materials. To register a participant, call 410-912-6943. Maryland law says a child must be at least 13 to babysit.

The Appalachian Trail is the longest hiking-only footpath in the world. According to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, the trail stretches across 14 states from Maine to

Georgia. The total length of the trail is 2,192 miles. Millions of visitors traverse all or a portion of the trail every year. Many thru-hikers attempt to hike the entirety



of the trail in a single season, beginning either at the trail head at Springer Mountain, GA or Mount Katahdin, ME. Those who have hiked the trail estimate it typically takes five to seven months to do so in its entirety. Most hikers can average about three miles an hour and will travel between 12 to 24 miles a day. The highest elevation of the trail can be found at Clingmans Dome on the Tennessee/North Carolina Border. The lowest point on the trail snakes through Bear Mountain State Park in New York. Although the AP trail is a very long hiking trail, many day hikers do portions of it only and still can respectfully say they've hiked the AP trail.

Remembering

Publisher's Note: This week I yield this space to my son-in-law.

By **Jacob Terlizzi, CPT USA**

Memorial Day. Summer is here! The smell of charcoal aflame beneath

understand being uneasy about what to say to someone who's loved one has paid the ultimate price for our freedom. We are certainly proud of the heroism and sacrifice of the fallen but how do you sensitively express that to their family? We are sorrowful for their loss although it doesn't quite feel right to express condolences either. We are forever grateful for those heroes but does a, "thank

you," seem appropriate? There is difficulty in digesting such a mix of emotions and the greater challenge of expressing them appropriately.

Thinking through the *versions* of Memorial Day though, I imagine the day from various perspectives. We may have lost a loved one to combat. Perhaps we were in combat ourselves and lost a fellow warrior. Maybe we have no direct experience with our nation's fallen. Memorial Day looks different through each lens. It all comes down to how we each choose to honor them.

As my brother-in-law and I both prepare to take our first commands only a few months apart, Memorial Day has taken on another layer. Looking at it through the lens of a commander is quite sobering, terrifying even. For an officer in the United States Army, Command is not just a rite of passage, it is the pinnacle; the opportunity to lead our nation's sons and daughters, particularly through combat. The enduring measure of success is returning those entrusted to you back to their families safely. This is not always possible in combat. The thought is gut-wrenching, but will be on my mind this Memorial Day.

Regardless of how you spend your long weekend, on Memorial Day honor those who gave their *last full measure of devotion* for this country. Participate in a memorial service and support Gold Star Families. Stand up at the BBQ or party and implore everyone to take a moment to remember the fallen. However you choose to do it, ensure that the selfless sacrifice of those courageous men and women is not forgotten.

After all, it's all about remembering.

It's All About. . .

burgers. The bright crack of a can of beer opening signals the start of the long weekend's festivities. Pools across America open for the season, the aroma of sunscreen and chlorine now joining the smoldering grill's coals. Every car dealership is 'slashing prices' for their start-of-summer Memorial Day weekend sale extravaganza. College students flood back into town to work and party, mostly just party, their summer away.

To others it is folded flags and bagpipes; a somber day of remembrance. Different from other days only in that perhaps it is spent at a National Cemetery or War Memorial surrounded by support from strangers. Remembering their loved ones who did not return from combat, feeling proud of their service, and sorrowful for the price they paid is no different than any other day. For the families, the friends, and the comrades of those fallen in combat, Memorial Day is quite far from a jubilant summer kick-off party. Thinking about the disparity between these two versions of Memorial Day I'm perplexed and I don't think I'm alone on this.

Memorial Day seems to confuse people. "Happy Memorial Day," does not convey the correct theme yet is a salutation you will hear. Memorial Day is *observed* rather than *celebrated*. Semantics, I know but, words do mean things. It is not Independence Day. It is not Veterans Day. Though we feel patriotic and grateful for all who have served and fought for our nation, this day in particular is about their comrades who did not return. Saving the history lesson, Memorial Day is to remember those servicemembers who have died in armed conflict.

Perhaps it all relates to our general awkwardness around loss and grief. I

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Maryland's regular striped bass season opens

Maryland's regular striped bass season got underway May 16, and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources reminds anglers that conservation regulations put in place last year are in effect through the end of 2019.

When fishing in the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries, anglers must use non-offset circle hooks when live-lining or chumming, and must use circle hooks or "J" hooks when using fish, crabs, worms, or processed baits.

The minimum size striped bass that may be kept is 19 inches. Catch limits are two fish per day between 19-28 inches, or one fish between 19-28 inches and one fish over 28 inches.

With these regulations, Maryland took the lead last year in addressing the most pressing problem facing the Chesapeake Bay's striper population: the significant volume of "dead discards" in the recreational fishery, where many striped bass are caught and released, but do not survive when they are returned to the water.

"These regulations were designed to address the shared concerns of anglers, charters and conservationists who reported high mortality rates of sublegal rockfish," Fishing and Boating Services Monitoring and Assessment Director Michael Luisi said. "The public input from these stakeholders along with our best available science helped us establish an early effort to curb this mortality."

The Maryland Department of Nat-

ural Resources further encourages all anglers to do their part by implementing voluntary conservation measures, including handling fish more carefully and reducing the number of fish they catch and later release. The department has several recommendations and resources, including new videos, available online for easy reference.

Key recommendations are:



-Use larger circle hooks in the 8/0 - 9/0 size range

-Keep fish in water when unhooking

-When releasing striped bass, minimize handling and get the fish in the water as fast as possible

-Minimize heat stress by avoiding fishing days when air temperatures are above 95 degrees

-Have appropriate de-hooking hardware on hand

-Keep hands wet to help fish maintain their protective slime layer

Anglers can also help department scientists by providing their catch information to the state's striped bass volunteer angler survey. This data helps the Maryland Department of Natural Resources characterize recreational striped bass catch and harvest. The department relies on this information to manage striped bass to keep this species thriving.



Wor-Wic bids farewell to employees

Wor-Wic Community College recently held a reception for employees who retired after many years of dedicated service to the college. **Dr. Ray Hoy**, left, president of Wor-Wic, is shown with this year's retirees, from left, next to Hoy, **Dr. Allison S. Bartlett**, associate professor of English, 21 years; and **Ronald G. Dolch**, department head and associate professor of business, 31 years. Not pictured are Deborah E. Jenkins, director of financial aid, 33 years; Dr. Coleen M. Weil, professor of nursing, 17 years; and Jill Heathfield, director of continuing education and workforce development, who was with Wor-Wic for eight years.

Wild turtles are on the move

Wild turtles are currently heading to their breeding and nesting sites. During this time of year, wild turtles can often be seen crossing roads and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources urges drivers to be cautious and give turtles a "brake."

Common turtles found on the road include eastern box turtles, snapping turtles, painted turtles and red-eared sliders.

If you need to help a turtle cross the road, check for traffic and move the turtle in the direction it was traveling, until it is safely out of vehicle lanes. Do not move the turtle to the side it started from or far away from where it is found. Turtles

have specific territories and moving them too far away can cause more harm than good. Some species, such as snapping turtles, lay their eggs on land, so moving a pregnant female to water can impact her ability to lay eggs.

Handling turtles should be done with caution. Particular care should be taken with snapping turtles, which can inflict a serious bite. The animal

should only be picked up gently using two hands, with your thumbs on the top of the turtle's shell and other fingers supporting the underside of the shell. Handle the turtle only as long as needed to get it to safety.



Photo by Janet Kerr

While it may be tempting to take a wild turtle home, it is important for both the well-being of wildlife and people to keep wildlife wild. Like all animals in the wild, turtles can carry diseases and parasites; conversely, they can live a long time and often need specialized care. In addition, several of Maryland's turtle species are declining in the wild.

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By Joanna Fuchs



Memorial Day

Monday, May 27
11 a.m.

*Worcester County Veterans
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Softball offered at summer camp

Worcester County Recreation and Parks (WCRP) is starting up a new summer camp and is calling all softball enthusiasts to register. Softball camp is in collaboration with Delaware Diamonds Fastpitch Softball.

Along with Delaware Diamonds Founder Gerald Jester and other coaches, the staff will include Collegiate Pitchers Erika Murphey and Mykala Scott. Both Murphey and Scott hold multiple collegiate awards and titles. This camp is designed for those wanting to learn more about softball and perfect their skills by learning from great athletes. Participants will practice hitting, fielding, throwing, running drills, and live scrimmages. Pitching instruction will be offered to interested participants. All campers are

asked to bring their own gloves, tennis shoes or cleats, and fielding masks.

Softball camp will take place at the Northern Worcester Athletic Complex in Berlin from Monday to Thursday, June 17 - 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the makeup day will take place Friday, June 21. The cost per person is \$90.

To learn more about this camp, contact Jacob Stephens at 410-632-2144, ext. 2506 or jstephens@co.worcester.md.us. Visit www.worcesterrecandparks.org to see all of the available summer camp programs or register.

Flea market scheduled

An outdoor flea market will be held Saturday, June 1, between 8 a.m. and noon at Bethany United Methodist Church located at 8648 Stephen Decatur Hwy. in Berlin, at the corner of Rte. 611 and Snug Harbor Road. Breakfast and baked items will be offered. For information or space rental, contact: 410-641-2186 or bethany21811@gmail.com.

Dems to host picnic

The Democratic Club will host its annual picnic at Fiesta Park in Ocean City on June 29 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is \$15. Chicken, salads, desserts and beverages will be served.

Call 410-629-9107 for reservations or send remittance. Make check payable to DCOCB and mail to DCOCB, PO Box 3196, Ocean City, Md 21843.

Safe boating course offered

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering the Maryland Basic Boating Safety Course June 4, 5, and 6 at the Ocean Pines library. The Maryland Safe Boating Certificate is required for all boat operators born after July 1 1972 and is awarded after successful completion of the course. The class includes piloting in local waters, tying nautical knots, foul weather tactics, legal issues and common marine maintenance. The cost is \$15 for all three evenings. Register or get more information by calling Barry Cohen at 410-935-4807, or Email CGAUXOC@Gmail.com



DAR Recognizes Cadet

The General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently awarded the Silver DAR Outstanding Cadet Medal to Cadet Nicolas Coleman at Stephen Decatur High School. Chapter Regent Gail Weldin presented the medal, which is awarded to a student for participation in a non-ROTC, military-affiliated cadet program funded by the school or privately.

The DAR is a women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education. For more information, visit www.dar.org.

Photo (l-r): Cadet **Nicolas Coleman**, General Levin Winder Chapter Regent **Gail Weldin**

Diller resigns

In an announcement released last Wednesday, the Ocean Pines Board of Directors confirmed the resignation of Board Director Esther Diller.

The Board will meet soon to address the resignation and to fill the vacant Director position.

The Board of Directors is a legislative policy-setting body of the Ocean Pines community. The affairs and business of the Association are managed by a Board of seven and the terms of the Directors are for three years and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified.

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It's the most wonderful time of the year

By **Linda Sprows**

The best thing about European winters may be the Christmas Markets. Christmas Markets are just as they sound. Markets celebrating Christmas. They run in dozens of European cities every year from late November until early January.

Being in the travel industry for over 30 years has afforded me opportunities to see many parts of the globe. One of my most memorable trips has been the Christmas Markets of Europe.

If you embark on a Christmas Market tour you are actually experiencing two tours in one. The rich history of the areas you will visit with a guide and the added bonus of the Christmas Markets.

The most popular destinations for the Christmas Market Tours are Germany, Austria and France. A highlight of this tour is Oberammergau, Germany, a tiny town best known for the Passion Play performed by the locals every 10 years. This is such a strong tradition that in the town the local men start growing beards a year before the play just to audition for this historic event.

As you travel through the scenic countryside of Germany you are in the heart of the Black Forest. Here you can relish the peacefulness of the surrounding forested mountains.

I took a Christmas Market tour two years ago and fell in love with Strasburg, France. The Christmas decorations on the buildings were the most

exquisite I have ever seen.

Strasburg France has incorporated French, German and Alsatian influences to lend this city its unique character.

Along with beer, the most popular beverage at the Christmas Market is glühwein, which is a special mulled wine served hot. It's wonderful to warm you up while you are wandering through the cold Christmas markets and its traditionally served in beautiful festive mugs that are unique to the city you are visiting.

Another highlight of the Christmas



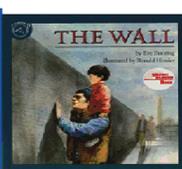
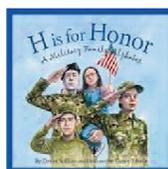
Markets is Nuremberg, Germany where the "Christmas Angel" is as revered as Santa is in the U.S.

This is a sampling of a few cities you will visit if you join me as your host November 30 through December 8. For a detailed itinerary please visit my Facebook page Linda Sprows/Bethany Travel/Dream Vacations or email at lsprows@dreamvacationinc.com, you can also call me at 410-726-4713.

This trip will surely bring out the child in you and leave you in awe of the magic that is Christmas.

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Memorial Day has meaning beyond mourning

More than 150 Memorial Days ago this nation was tending to its wounds while mourning the thousands in blue and gray that gave their lives in the Civil War. Many stories exist with regard to the actual beginnings of Memorial Day. Dozens of towns and cities claim to be the site of the first celebration. There is proof that women's groups in the South decorated the graves of the fallen soldiers prior to the official start of the national holiday.

General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in publishing his General Order No.11, officially proclaimed Memorial Day on May 5, 1868 and it was first observed on May 30 of that year. The day was celebrated by placing flowers on the graves of the Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The South refused to recognize the day. They honored their dead on separate days until after World War I, when Memorial Day began to honor all the dead in all the wars, not just the Civil War. However, several Southern states continue to have an additional day on which they honor the Confederate war dead.

Since 1968 Memorial Day has been observed on the last Monday in May, a measure passed by Congress to ensure a three-day weekend for federal workers.

The red poppy tradition had its beginning in the mind of Moina Michael, in 1915, after she wrote a poem inspired by the poetic work, "In Flanders Fields." The lines of her poem are:

*We cherish too, the Poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led,
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies.*

She implemented her idea of wearing a red poppy on Memorial Day to honor those that died serving the nation in wartime by being the first person to actually wear the poppy. She began selling the poppies to friends and acquaintances and donated the money to help servicemen in need.

Her tradition spread to several countries. In 1948 the U.S. Post Office honored Ms. Michael for her part in founding the National Poppy movement by printing a red 3-cent stamp with her image on it.

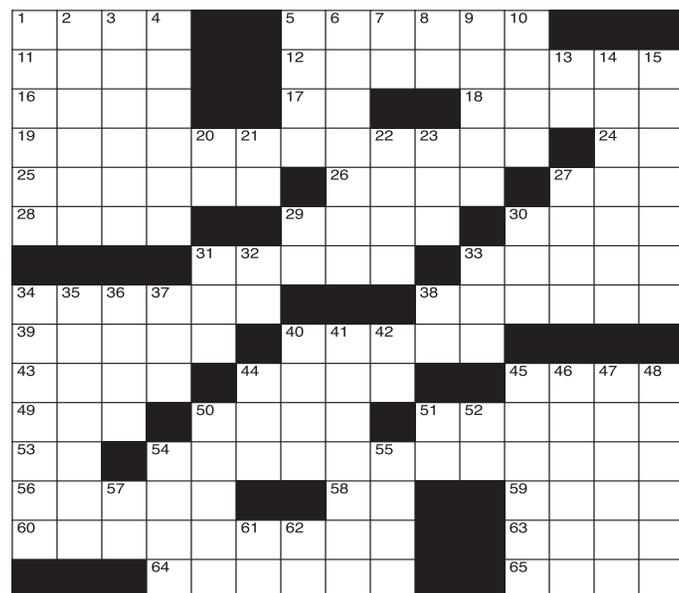
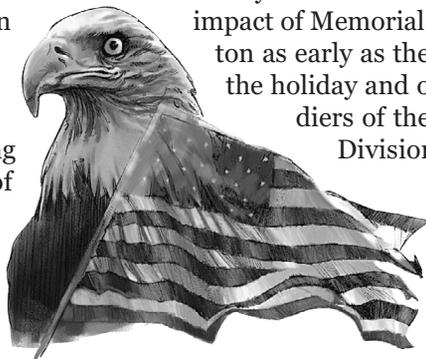
In hundreds of locations around the nation the day is celebrated with parades, wreath presentations at memorials and ceremonies at the national cemeteries, not only at Arlington National Cemetery, but also at the cemetery just off the Normandy beachhead, the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in the hills above Honolulu, HI and many others.

If you wish to experience the full impact of Memorial Day, visit Arlington as early as the Thursday before the holiday and observe 1,200 soldiers of the 3d U.S. Infantry Division (Old Guard) placing small American flags before the more than 260,000 grave-stones, a tradition continued since the late 1950s. These soldiers will patrol the cemetery 24-hours a day on the weekend to ensure the flags remain in place.

So it is a day of mourning, at least in part, but it is a day of celebration also. Parades and picnics mark the occasion in thousands of backyards and parks across the land. These are ceremonies celebrating family and comradeship on a different, yet similar plane to those previously mentioned.

Making the holiday the last Monday of May has allowed people more time to join in the various festivities or just visit each other. Some believe it should be moved back to May 30 to make Memorial Day more meaningful. If a person is going to reflect on the meaning of the day, the date may not be significant. If you observe the "National Moment of Remembrance," a resolution passed in December 2000, which takes place at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day and asks citizens to share a moment of silence and listen for the sound of "Taps," then you have participated in the memorial to the fallen.

-Excerpts from an article written by Bob Adair in May 2003

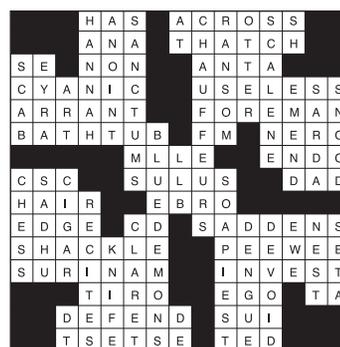


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Guitarists use them
- 5. Makes less intense
- 11. Julia Louis-Dreyfus series
- 12. Once in a while
- 16. Up to the time of
- 17. A moon of Jupiter
- 18. "Riddley Walker" writer
- 19. Basketball's "Grandmama"
- 24. Gallium
- 25. Stocky sea duck
- 26. Expressions of delight
- 27. Albanian monetary unit
- 28. Some are electric
- 29. Refine
- 30. Clusters
- 31. Get rid of
- 33. Female body part
- 34. Passerine bird
- 38. One who is killed for their religion
- 39. Green (Spanish)
- 40. Partner to awe
- 43. Flightless, running Aussie birds
- 44. One who breaks up the ground
- 45. Sacred language of some Hindu texts
- 49. Get free of
- 50. Furnace of burning
- 51. Sent in large quantities
- 53. Type of medical patent (abbr.)
- 54. Failure to follow the rules
- 56. Egyptian unit of capacity
- 58. A public promotion of some product or service
- 59. Strongly scented subshrub
- 60. Miserable in appearance
- 63. Coagulated blood
- 64. Boil at low temperature
- 65. Republic of Ireland

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Pull or tear away
- 2. Dennis is one
- 3. Gas
- 4. Popular rec activities
- 5. Owl genus
- 6. Cries
- 7. Morning
- 8. Pass catcher
- 9. Spirit of an era
- 10. Suffix
- 13. Megabyte
- 14. In an expectant manner
- 15. More curving
- 20. Plural of thou
- 21. Son with the same name
- 22. Not one
- 23. The woman
- 27. Uncouth man
- 29. Laugh
- 30. Sustained viral response (abbr.)
- 31. Between northeast and east
- 32. In the matter of
- 33. A tree that bears acorns
- 34. Supervised
- 35. Not quite a full earner
- 36. Unpleasant substance
- 37. Some are fake
- 38. Hammer is a famous one
- 40. Type of cup
- 41. Poisonous Eurasian plant
- 42. An alternative
- 44. Belongs to he
- 45. Bond actor's real name
- 46. Ring-shaped objects
- 47. One who reads in a church service
- 48. Conceive
- 50. One educated in Japan
- 51. Rural delivery
- 52. Robot smarts (abbr.)
- 54. Women
- 55. German river
- 57. Delaware
- 61. Automaker
- 62. Mystic syllable



Answers for May 15



Tribute - State Senator **Mary Beth Carozza** was the keynote speaker Saturday afternoon at the *Flags For Heroes* ceremony held adjacent to the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines. The Rotary Club of Ocean City-Berlin and the Worcester County Veterans Memorial co-sponsored the *Flags for Heroes* display. The flags will be flown through Flag Day, June 14. If you are interest in sponsoring a flag for a hero in your life, contact cliff917@aol.com.

MBS to host open house

On Friday, May 31 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School (MBS) will host a Spring Open House at the school. MBS is a pre-K 3 through eighth grade school located at 11242 Race-track Rd. in Berlin, MD 21811. All are

welcome. For more information, please call 410-208-1600.

Tides for Ocean City (Fishing Pier)				
Day	High /Low	Tide Time	Sunrise /Sunset	
Th	23	Low	5:46 AM	5:43 AM
	23	High	11:34 AM	8:11 PM
	23	Low	5:36 PM	
	23	High	11:57 PM	
F	24	Low	6:34 AM	5:43 AM
	24	High	12:22 PM	8:12 PM
	24	Low	6:28 PM	
Sa	25	High	12:46 AM	5:42 AM
	25	Low	7:23 AM	8:13 PM
	25	High	1:14 PM	
	25	Low	7:22 PM	
Su	26	High	1:38 AM	5:41 AM
	26	Low	8:12 AM	8:14 PM
	26	High	2:10 PM	
	26	Low	8:17 PM	
M	27	High	2:33 AM	5:41 AM
	27	Low	8:59 AM	8:14 PM
	27	High	3:07 PM	
	27	Low	9:13 PM	
Tu	28	High	3:27 AM	5:40 AM
	28	Low	9:45 AM	8:15 PM
	28	High	4:01 PM	
	28	Low	10:09 PM	
W	29	High	4:19 AM	5:40 AM
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	29	High	4:49 PM	
	29	Low	11:02 PM	

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Ocean Pines Board candidates, election dates announced

The Ocean Pines Association has announced the names of eight candidates who are eligible for election to the Ocean Pines Board of Directors for 2019-20. The candidates will be vying to fill three vacant Board positions, all of which are for three-year terms.

Board Secretary Dr. Colette Horn conducted the required eligibility verification of the candidates in accordance with Resolution M-09 and under the provisions of 5.02(d) of the Association's by-laws. All eight registrants who filed met the stated requirements.

The candidates, in alphabetical order, are Cynthia L. Bartolomeo, Paula Roberson Gray, Tom Janasek, Shawn Kotwica, Larry Perrone, Camilla J. Rogers, Hans Edward Solum, Jr. and Gregory Turner.

Key dates in the election process include:

- Candidates Draw for Ballot Order
June 7, 11 a.m., Community Center
- First Candidates' Forum
June 12, 7 p.m., Community Center
- Second Candidates' Forum
June 22, 10 a.m., Community Center
- Voter Eligibility Deadline
July 3
- Ballot Deadline
August 7
- Ballots Counted and Totals An-

nounced
August 9, 10 a.m., Community Center

-Annual Meeting
August 10, 10 a.m., Community Center

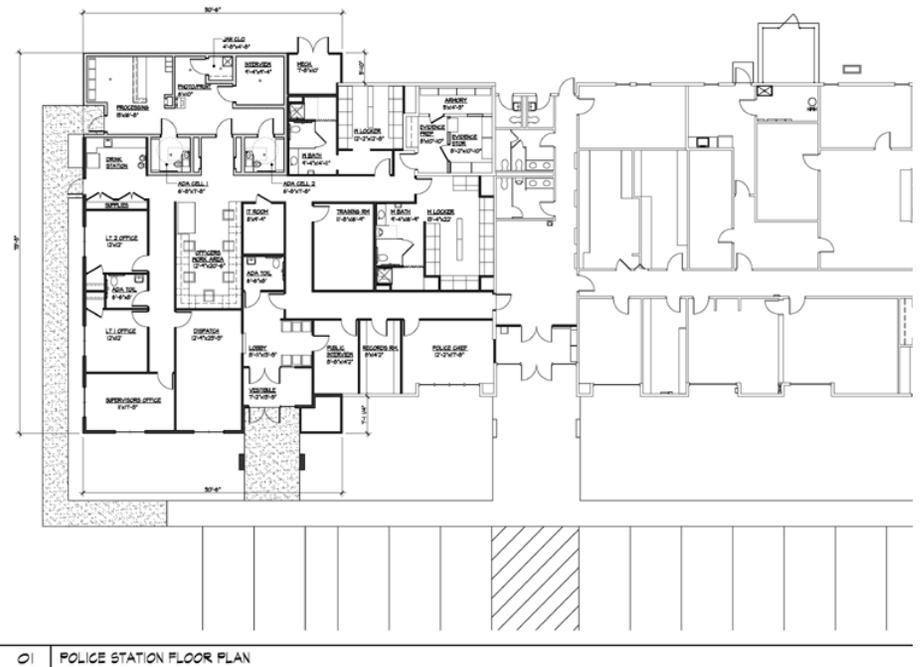
For more information, contact Ocean Pines Elections Committee Chair Steve Habeger at elections@oceanpines.org or John Viola, interim general manager for the Ocean Pines Association, at (410) 641-7717 ext. 3001 or gm@oceanpines.org.

Poet's reading to be held

The public is invited to attend a free reading by Diane Glancy on Tuesday, June 11, at 7 p.m., in Room 302 of the Hazel Center at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury.

An award-winning poet, author and playwright of Cherokee descent, Glancy is the author of "Pushing the Bear" and "Mary Queen of Bees." Her most recent works are "It was Over There by That Place" and "The Book of Bearings." She teaches in the master of fine arts program at Carlow University in Pittsburgh, Pa., and is a professor emeritus at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn., where she taught Native American literature and creative writing.

For more information, contact Adam Tavel at atavel@worwic.edu or 410-334-2866.



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SOUTH ELEVATION

New police station drawings released

The Ocean Pines Board of Directors has released the first draft of the architectural plans for the addition to the community's administration building that will house the Ocean Pines Police Department.

The addition, which will increase the police department space by about 3,700 square feet, will be built on the west end of the existing building. Ar-

chitectural and engineering firm Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc. submitted a floor plan as well as south, north and west elevation views.

The new plans feature a dedicated entrance in addition to rooms for photos and printing, processing, interviews and training. An armory and space for evidence preparation and storage are also included.

turtle
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To protect turtles, the law prohibits the removal of some species from the wild. It is also illegal to possess any turtle under four-inches in length. Reptiles that have been bred in captivity, or which are not native to Maryland, may not be released into the wild. Only individual animals that were taken from the wild may be released back into the wild, and only if:

- They have not been held in captivity with any other reptile or amphibian;
- They have not been in captivity for more than 30 days; or
- Written authorization is given by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

People who are interested in keeping a turtle as a pet can obtain more information from the Mid-Atlantic Turtle and Tortoise Society, which provides opportunities to adopt turtles and tortoises that cannot be released into the wild.

The rules and regulations surrounding the taking and keeping of turtles and other reptiles are designed to protect native wild populations and to prevent the spread of disease. More information about permits for captive reptiles and conditions for release into the wild, as well as species lists, is available online.

inlet
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deepening the channel in the inlet.

As part of the "Scour Hole: Beneficial Use of Dredged Material" study, which is 100 percent federally funded, the Corps and crews from the Corps' Engineer Research and Development Center began work in 2017 to gather field data to better understand the approximately 50-foot-deep scour hole just northwest of Homer Gudelsky Park. Work included collecting sediment samples, deploying instrument suites, and mapping the region to obtain information about the movement of sediment in and around the scour hole. The scour hole is causing shoreline instability, foundation issues and compromising the rip rap along the shoreline. Both efforts are being conducted through the Corps' Continuing Authorities Program, which allows the Corps to partner with state and local partners for smaller water resources issues without the need for Congressional authorization.

For more info, visit: <https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/OceanCity>

Seaside Christian Academy to hold open house

Seaside Christian Academy (SCA) will host a second spring open house event on Tuesday, May 28 at 7 p.m. Interested families will be able to tour the school and learn more about SCA and the application process. Please call Seaside at 410-213-7595 to register for this event.

Seaside is expanding its academic program for the 2019-2020 school year to include high school in addition to its highly successful Pre-K3 through eighth grade classes. SCA has become known on the Eastern Shore for its high academic quality and Christ-centered, traditional approach to education where church, home and school work together.

Seaside's small class sizes, dedicated staff and caring, Christian environment provide opportunities for students to grow and be challenged.

"We are excited to be implementing a long-term vision of partnering with Liberty University Online Academy to offer an exceptional blended learning experience," says Julie DuChene, principal.

Ninth and tenth grade students will enjoy blended learning with a combina-

tion of classes taught in a traditional classroom and online courses in the school's new tech lounge. In addition, eleventh and twelfth grade students will have the option of online dual enrollment courses from Liberty University. A variety of diploma options will be available including: an accelerated track that allows a student to earn a high school diploma and an associate degree from Liberty University simultaneously, an 18-credit hour certificate program in addition to high school diploma, a la carte dual enrollment courses and an advanced high school diploma.

"We are pleased at the strong interest in SCA's high school program and encourage parents interested in exploring enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year to attend our open house or schedule a private tour," adds DuChene.

Contact Seaside Christian Academy for additional details or to register for the May 28 open house at: 410-213-7595 or email info@seasidechristian.com.

Sport fishermen to meet

The Atlantic Coast Sportfishing Association is having its monthly meeting on Tuesday May 28. The meeting will be held at the Lion's Club on Airport Rd. in West Ocean City and will

start at 7:30 p.m. Two guest speakers will talk on flounder fishing in the bay and stripe bass, (rockfish), bluefish. There will also be a discussion on the Recreational Fishing Forum with the Department of Natural Resources with regard to the future of rockfish.

Guest are welcome to attend bring a friend. Questions contact President Ron Smith at smitty3894@aol.com.

Free vascular screenings

The Guerrieri Heart & Vascular Institute at Peninsula Regional Medical Center is offering free vascular screenings by appointment in Salisbury and Ocean Pines.

The vascular screenings are for people ages 55 and up and include ultrasound testing for carotid artery blockage and abdominal aortic aneurysm, and ankle-brachial index tests for peripheral artery disease. The screenings are for people who exhibit at least three prominent risk factors or one symptom.

If you are 55 or older, please call the Guerrieri Heart & Vascular Institute at 410-543-7123.



Career - At Ocean City Elementary School, fourth grade students participated in a college and career exploration program, culminating in Career Day. On May 10, the school welcomed community members who spoke about their careers. Pictured are **Pfc. Danielle Braniff** of the Ocean City Police Dept., **Darin Engh**, musician-Beach Music, **Dave Messick**, videographer-Unscene Productions, **Jean Vivola**, meteorologist-WMDT 47 News, **Terry McGean**, city Engineer for the Town of Ocean City and **Brooke Rogers**, artist and head of the Art Dept. at Salisbury University.



Walking for fitness - On May 8, the fourth-grade students at Ocean City Elementary School (OCES) completed a fitness walk of the entire boardwalk up and back. After the walk, they attended a water safety lesson presented by Ward Kovac of the Ocean City Beach Patrol. OCES PE Teachers, Tracey Drocella and Mark Engle arrange the trip each year as part of their health and physical education lessons, with the hopes of encouraging students to love being physically active. The OCDC Boardwalk Committee supported the students and their walk by donating t-shirts to all 4th grade students. Second grade students participated in their walk on May 15 and third grade on May 16. Pictured are fourth grade students on the boardwalk and during the water safety lesson.

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Fashion - The Community Church at Ocean Pines held its 16th annual Fashion Show and luncheon on May 17 in the church's Family Life Center. This year's show played to a sellout audience of people interested in a friendly get together with friends and neighbors and to look over very reasonably priced fashions from the church's Shep-

herd's Nook. The theme of this year's show was "Shared Treasures" with 26 models parading a variety of clothes, all available immediately after the show at the church's Shepherd's Nook. Nearly \$2,500 was raised to benefit the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and CCAOP Committee Outreach through the Shepherd's Nook and Sarah's Pantry.

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My puppy has worms; now what?

Bringing a new puppy home can be an exciting time that's full of challenges. Change also is part of welcoming a new puppy into the family.

Puppies rely on their owners to meet all of their needs, and it can take weeks for a pup to acclimate to a new home and adapt to a routine.

New puppy parents may be surprised to learn their puppy, particularly one rescued from a shelter, has parasitic worms. This is a common occurrence. According to a report published in the journal *Animals*, the prevalence of gastrointestinal parasites in shelter dogs is typically higher than in owned dogs. This is due to the combination of daily admissions of dogs from diverse backgrounds and the difficulty of preventing environmental contamination with infectious parasitic developmental stages. Shelters provide favorable conditions for the establishment and spread of GI parasitic infections.

Worms are transmitted in various ways, and many result from pups walking through the infected waste of other dogs. Some dogs ingest contaminated feces or develop infections after being in an environment where there is a buildup of waste and poor sanitation. The American Kennel Club says worms also can be passed from an infected mother to her unborn puppies in-utero or through nursing.

By and large, worms are not something that should be terribly concerning. With the right treatment and preventative care, most parasitic worms, like roundworms, hookworms, heartworms, and whip-

worms, can be treated effectively. However, if left untreated, worms can compromise the health of a puppy, po-

pot belly appearance, vomiting, coughing, weight loss, diarrhea, abdominal pain and visual confirmation of worms in stool.

A veterinarian can walk new pet parents through deworming their young dogs. Medications produce results in a matter of hours and will immobilize worms in the digestive tract before they are soon expelled. It may take a few treatments to get a handle on the problem. In addition, vets will likely want to examine stool samples on an ongoing basis to ensure all immature and fully formed worms are gone.

To prevent future outbreaks, clean up pet waste in the yard frequently and administer a monthly heartworm medication with a generalized deworming agent for other parasites.

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tentially contributing to anemia, low weight/poor growth, diarrhea, and inflammation.

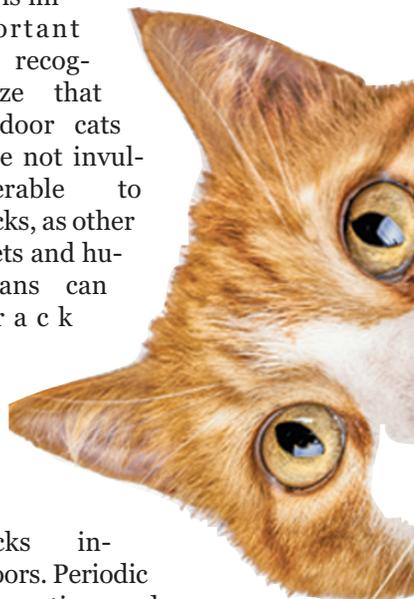
Some symptoms of worms include:

Ticks can be a problem with cats

Thought they might be most often associated with dogs, ticks can affect cats as well. According to Blue Cross for Pets, cats are most likely to encounter ticks if they live near areas with lots of deer and sheep or in regions where other wildlife, such as hedgehogs and rabbits, are present. While ticks are active throughout the year, cats are most likely to encounter them between spring and autumn. That's due in part to the climate during these seasons, which tends to be warmer and therefore more inviting to cats, compelling them to spend more time outdoors than they do in winter. Ticks, which are egg-shaped, are big enough to spot, so cat owners should conduct a careful examination of their cats' fur each time they come into the house after spending time in the yard. Blue Cross for Pets notes that ticks feel like small bumps on a cat's skin. Ticks are most likely to attach themselves to particular areas of a cat's body. These areas include the head, neck, ears, and feet. Routine brushing, especially

whenever cats come inside after time spent outdoors, can help cat owners spot and remove ticks from their cats. It is important to recognize that indoor cats are not invulnerable to ticks, as other pets and humans can track

ticks indoors. Periodic inspections and brushing of indoor cats can protect them from ticks and the diseases ticks carry.





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