

## Elections Committee report details process, results of 2020 OPA Board election

The Ocean Pines Elections Committee this year saw a slight increase in voter participation percentage and successfully held an election with a new balloting system, according to a committee report released this week.

The committee held nine meetings from November 2019 to August 2020.

On May 20, Association Secretary Camilla Rogers sent the committee a letter confirming three candidates met qualifications for the 2020 Board of Directors election: Doug Parks, Colette Horn and Stuart Lakernick.

A candidate draw held by the committee on June 12 set the ballot order as Horn, Parks and Lakernick, and three candidates met for an Elections Committee forum on June 17.

Election results, announced on August 7 and validated during a special Board meeting on August 12, saw the re-election of incumbent directors Parks (2,206 votes) and Horn (1,801 votes). Lakernick finished third, with 1,149 votes, and was not elected.

Additionally, on the ballot this year was a question on the "Possible Use of Future Electronic Voting." Most, 65.8% (1,581 votes), said they would support electronic voting, while 34.2% (822 votes) were not in favor.

"Consistent with the results of the survey question on possible future electronic voting, the EC will investigate options for future balloting systems," the report said.

A total of 6,975 ballots were mailed to homeowners in good standing, and 2,769 ballots were counted by an Elections Committee contractor, using the new hardware and software system. The committee manually invalidated 20 ballots, including 18 returned "marked improperly or [with] comments on [the] ballot" and two because of improper envelopes.

Including 162 ballots received after the voting deadline, the total return rate was 42.2%. That compares favorably to a year ago, when the ballot return rate was 39.3%.

The committee this year adopted a new balloting system, according to the report, because of the "obsolescence of the Scantron system" and the move by Ocean Pines to new Northstar software systems.

Committee members developed a set of requirements and explored several options, and later created a cost-benefit analysis to weigh those options. Eventually, the Snap Survey operating system was selected and "performed as expected," according to the report.

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**Low scoring** - On September 16, at Glen Riddle Golf Club, the Worcester Preparatory School co-ed golf team kicked off the fall sports season with their first ESIAC conference win! The WPS team finished with a cumulative score of (174) over rivals, Gunston School (203), The Salisbury School (216), and Salisbury Christian (246). Breakout freshman, Vanesska Hall of Ocean City finished with the lowest score (42) for the WPS team, just behind Gunston's Paget Kellogg who was the quad-match medalist with a score of (39).  
**Above: Vanesska Hall.**

## WCVMF to offer 'virtual' Veterans Day ceremony

Volunteers with the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines are planning a virtual ceremony for this Veterans Day, November 11.

The ceremony, to feature guest speakers, a special presentation by the Delmarva Chorus and more, will be pre-recorded and released to the public on November 11.

In a normal year, the annual Veterans Day program in Ocean Pines draws thousands of people from across the region. However, circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic made planning for the event impossible.

"This year, we're going to do something a little different, but we also want to make the Veterans Day

ceremony as special as it always has been." Marie Gilmore, Veterans Memorial Foundation president, said. "We're going to videotape in advance various segments of the ceremony, and give the people of Ocean Pines and adjoining communities the opportunity to use various platforms to go online at their leisure and watch the ceremony."

Gilmore said the Veterans Memorial Foundation hopes to capture as much of the normal ceremony

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# Heiser contends with busy summer

By **Victor Fernandes**

The spirit of true law and order, born from the lessons learned in a family deeply rooted in law enforcement, is firmly embedded within Kris Heiser's soul. But she's still a human being with a heart and mind that knows the difference between right and wrong.

Both sides collided at times during a one-of-a-kind, yet unsurprisingly busy summer season on the Lower Shore. Heiser pointed to the "level of disrespect" and "vitriol" consistently directed at law enforcement that plagued the region at a time when residents and local businesses faced the daunting challenges of staying open and serving the community in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I have witnessed the level of disrespect by which {police officers} have been treated. I haven't seen anything like it before," said Heiser, the State's Attorney for Worcester County for nearly two years and a prosecutor with 12 years of experience. "When you're witnessing the attacks on law enforcement, it's an attack on prosecutors as well as upholders of the law. We are law enforcement."

Still, the work continues for Heiser and her staff - the way it has throughout the opening half of Heiser's four-year term, which began on January 7, 2019, when she was sworn in as the county's first female State's Attorney. Because no matter how disappointed she feels about what has transpired in recent months in Ocean City and across the county, upholding the law is what's right.

"I am the chief law enforcement officer in the county," she said. "So to me, it was very important to remind my team to consistently and fairly evaluate everything on the merit - the same as we would [in] any other climate [in society], the same as we would have without COVID having existed this year. We can say, 'Yes, this level of hate is directed at us, but it's not going to be an excuse for us to treat anyone any differently than we would have before.' Having an eye on

the consistency in which we handle cases became a priority, because in these kinds of situations and in this climate, it wouldn't be difficult to lose track of the goal."

That's what the Howard County native's father and uncle, both police officers, taught her. She held onto those lessons as she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Maryland, her Juris Doctor degree from the College Park school, and began her legal career in March 2008 as a prosecutor in Ocean City District Court. She enjoyed a stint in Wicomico County before returning to Worcester County, this time in Snow Hill, to take over the role of Assistant State's Attorney.

"I think it laid a foundation for a principled view of the world. From that foundation, you just build on it," Heiser said. "My father was very strict. I had a very structured upbringing. I thank my parents for that, looking back on it. I think that helped. It lends a discipline at a younger age, and I think treating everyone with respect and treating everyone fairly was also

highly emphasized. You treat others how you want to be treated. If you can simplify it to that extent, it's always a good thing."

Those lessons have provided the foundation for her successful and fulfilling career.

"It certainly simplifies decision making as a prosecutor," she said. "You know the things you're going to consider when making a decision, and you know the things you're not going to consider. Those don't change, and you do it consistently every time. You don't have to worry about different outcomes for different people or potentially treating somebody differently for some reason that you shouldn't. It narrows what you look at, which is good. The things that should matter are the facts and the law."

Heiser said she and her staff have done fine work in the face of adversity. What's happened, from the trouble on Ocean City's boardwalk earlier this summer to the ongoing health crisis, is beyond their control. How they handle

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**Kris Heiser**

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# Carozza calls for student sports to resume

Senator Mary Beth Carozza last week sent a letter to Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association Executive Director R. Andrew Warner requesting the resumption of the fall sports season for the student athletes of Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset.

"Student athletes, parents, and coaches personally have contacted me urging for the resumption of competitive sports for the fall 2020 semester," Senator Carozza said in her letter. "The Maryland Sports Commission and Governor Larry Hogan have issued guidelines that allow for students to practice and play games while following all sanitary and social distancing protocols..."

As schools begin to re-open for in-person instruction after the first quarter, it only makes sense to allow for the resumption of competitive sports."

"Now that Governor Hogan has announced that we're in Stage 3 Recovery and most of the students will be back in their classrooms by November, there is no reason not to allow our student athletes to play competitive sports this fall," said Carozza who also played high school field hockey and tennis. "We see other states like Delaware moving forward with fall sports, and our student athletes in Maryland should not be left behind."

Carozza said, "I will continue to work on behalf of our student athletes, parents, and coaches for safe high school sports this fall."

## Virtual CNA information session set

The continuing education division at Wor-Wic Community College is offering a free information session on Friday, October 9, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., via Zoom.


This is mandatory for anyone interested in registering for certified nursing assistant (CNA) training, attendees can learn the requirements and expectations of the training, as

well as about financial aid. The same session will also be held on Wednesday, October 14, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 1, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and Friday, December 11, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information or for the Zoom link, email [tstevenson@wor-wic.edu](mailto:tstevenson@wor-wic.edu) or call 410-334-6780.


## Dem 'Blue Wave' set

Members and friends of various Democratic clubs in Worcester County will participate in a "Blue Wave" every Friday through the November 3 election at the West Ocean City Park & Ride. Those interested will gather along Route 50 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. each Friday. Bring signs, water, and a chair if you need it. Masks and social distancing required.



The Barbie doll's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts, from Willows, Wisconsin. Her birthday is March 9, 1959, when she was first displayed at the New York Toy Fair.

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**Honk** - The first grade team at Ocean City Elementary held a Beep and Greet on September 11 so students and their families could drive by and meet their new teachers.

## Take away dinner planned

A Take Away Dinner Italian Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, October 10 between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Bethany United Methodist Church. On the menu is chicken parmesan, pasta, salad and bread. The cost is \$15. The church is located at 8648 Stephen Decatur Hwy. in Berlin. Pre-orders recommended. Call 410-641-2186 and leave a message.

## Pet blessing scheduled

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, who loved all animals and whose feast day is October 4, the Church of the Holy Spirit in Ocean City will hold a Blessing of the Animals ceremony on October 11 from 11:30 a.m. till 1 p.m. in the church parking lot.

The church is located at Coastal Highway and 100<sup>th</sup> St. Pets should be on leashes or otherwise under their owners' control. Any size, shape or type of pet is welcome. You may also bring a photo of a departed pet, or a stuffed animal that means a lot to you.

Call the church at 410-723-1973 for further information.

## Courier Almanac

German astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle discovered the planet Neptune at the Berlin Observatory on September 23, 1846.

Neptune, generally the eighth planet from the sun, was postulated by the French astronomer Urbain-Jean-Joseph Le Verrier, who calculated the approximate location of the planet by studying gravity-induced disturbances in the motions of Uranus. On September 23, Le Verrier informed Galle of his findings, and the same night Galle and his assistant Heinrich Louis d'Arrest identified Neptune at their observatory in Berlin. Noting its movement relative to background stars over 24 hours confirmed that it was a planet.

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# Nostalgic hues

When a person gets to a certain age, and that age is different for everyone, he (or she) begins thinking about ex-

Once I earned my driver's license and had a car, the moped remained parked in the utility house. I don't know what happened to it, probably sold at a yard sale.

I tell you that little story to share with you the experience of this recent trip. Attired in a fluorescent colored protective jacket and similarly colored helmet I cruised on my Shadow Aero

over the same narrow sand blown streets I had ridden decades ago on that moped. The route was the same but the experience was different. Multi-story semi-mansions have replaced many of the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century small Millman houses built for weekend fishermen and their families. Layer's Dutch Kitchen Restaurant is a memory but the amazing sunsets that could be viewed from its once splendid dining room remain.

As I rode along Delaware Avenue toward the home my grandfather built in the late 1950s and in which my mother lives now, nostalgic hues of Kodachrome memories of hot 1970s lazy summer days awoke spectral spirits of long passed neighbors. There was the widow Louise and her black and white chihuahua Petie heading toward the beach for a walk. Andy was fiddling with something under the hood of his old pale blue and white Ford pick-up parked on his crushed clamshell driveway. There was Hap, wearing black shorts, a sleeveless T-shirt and suspenders, giving me a sideways glance as he stood in his front yard watering weeds. Mr. Feeney, cleaning the couple fish he caught earlier in the morning, gave me a wave. Old lady Bert was working in her garden. And there at the end of the street, was the familiar roof peak of my grandparents' house. The faded blue window shutters are gone. As it did many times before, the expansive, come hither view of the Delaware Bay captured my attention as I rolled to a stop in the driveway.

Bucket List items don't always have to be a trip to a not-yet-visited faraway place. Sometimes it can be a motorcycle ride to a familiar place saturated with memories.

I should mention, my mother was very disappointed I had not brought an extra helmet so she could once again take a ride on back. Next time.



## It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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periences he wants to have and/or things he wants to do before the spool of time trails to an end. In short, a bucket list.

Through the years I've added items to my list such as cruising the Intercoastal Waterway on my boat. And I've crossed items off my list either because I accomplished them or questioned why they were on the list in the first place. For instance: parachuting - ACCOMPLISHED. Submersing into shark infested waters inside a cage - WHAT WAS I THINKING? Off the list. I wanted to see the Grand Canyon - ACCOMPLISHED. You get the idea.

About a decade ago, I fulfilled an objective by completing the motorcycle rider course and earning my license designation to ride. Was I the oldest person in the class? So? I'm pleased to report I passed, top of the class.

Recently I crossed another item off my list, riding my motorcycle to Cape May via the Cape May Lewes Ferry. As small an event as it may seem, when I rode across the ramp onto the ferry, I felt a sense of satisfaction. That little experience filled my head with grand ideas for more travels by bike. Possibly traversing the Lincoln Highway or cruising Route 89A from Prescott, Arizona to the mountaintop town of Jerome. In time. In time.

When I was a teenager, before I was able to drive (legally), my mode of transportation was a fire engine red moped. I can't remember the make, it was some Italian manufacturer. My grandfather had purchased it at the end of the tourist season from a "friend" who rented them on the Wildwood boardwalk. I rode it to work and other places as well without a helmet I will admit. They weren't required at the time, at least I don't think they were. There were times when my mother sat on back and we cruised the coastal byways of Villas, Town Bank and North Cape May.



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# Yom Kippur begins Sunday

Yom Kippur is an annual holiday in the Jewish faith. The celebration begins this year on Sunday. Considered the holiest day in Judaism, Yom Kippur is also known as the Day of Atonement.

According to History.com, Yom Kippur marks the culmination of the 10 Days of Awe. Those 10 days represent a period of introspection and repentance. On Yom Kippur, faithful Jews are asked to make amends and seek forgiveness for sins committed during the previous 12 months. Yom Kippur has many traditions, including a roughly 25-hour period of fasting and prayer. Jews believe that God judges all people's fate for the coming year during the 10 Days of Awe, which begin with the Jewish New Year celebration of Rosh Hashanah.

Due to the significance of Yom Kippur, Jews refrain from work on the holiday. That includes high-profile professional athletes. In fact, Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Sandy Koufax, a practicing Jew, famously refused to pitch in Game One of the 1965 World Series because the game was scheduled to take place on Yom Kippur. Religious services on Yom Kippur bear such significance that some congregations seek additional space to accommodate all worshippers. While the 25-hour fast is a significant component of the holiday, some people are exempt from fasting. Women who have recently given birth, the sick and the elderly are allowed to eat during Yom Kippur. Those who observe the fast do so because it is believed to cleanse the body and spirit. As significant as the fast is, food still plays an essential role in Yom Kippur observa-

tions. For instance, feasts of the eve of Yom Kippur tend to be plentiful so people who will fast can gather strength for the holiday. In addition, once the fast has ended, another festive meal takes place.

This year Yom Kippur will begin on the evening of Sunday, September 27 and end on the evening of Monday, September 28.

## Carry-out chicken dinner offered

The Bishopville Ladies Auxiliary will host a carry out only Chicken and Dumpling dinner on Saturday, October 10 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Chicken, pint of dumplings, sweet potatoes (with our special sauce), green beans and a roll will be available for \$12. Additional pint of dumplings is \$5. Pre-orders must be made by October 8 by calling 619-922-9950. This will be curbside pickup. You don't get out of your car! Please help us raise some valuable funds for our local firefighters.

## Church yard sale scheduled

The Community Church at Ocean Pines Christmas Yard Sale will be held Saturday, October 17 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Shepherd's Nook parking lot. Items will include table top decorations, linens, new and gently used clothing, gift and boutique items, ornaments, wreaths and trees. There will be a children's table with books and toys. The church is located at 11227 Race Track Road. Masks required. The rain date is October 24.



**Experimentation** - After completing a virtual lesson on germs, **Yaretzi Castro** from Jen Spicer's third grade class at Ocean City Elementary School, explores how soap and hand sanitizers protect you against germs. Her brother **Alfredo**, a first grader at OCES looks on as his sister conducts her experiment.

## House numbers needed on all Ocean Pines homes

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) would like to remind homeowners that house numbers are required on each home in Ocean Pines.

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the ARC guidelines:

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Director Steve Tuttle, the liaison between the ARC and the Ocean Pines Board, said making sure each house has a visible number should help reduce the number of violations reported to the Compliance, Permit and Inspections (CPI) Department of Ocean Pines Public Works.

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the work they do is well within their control. Her time as a prosecutor has prepared her for anything the job places in front of Heiser and her team.

"I feel like we're doing a lot of good," she said. "The strides we've made in 18 months, even considering all of the obstacles with COVID and the climate in the country and the boardwalk issues, I can point to accomplishments that I'm proud that will move the office forward and prepare us for the future in a way that I don't think had been done before. I'm proud of where we've come."

Heiser has two and half years left in her term as State's Attorney before the next election. The position has no

term limits, and Heiser sees no immediate limits in what she can do in the future if reelected. Heiser feels she has a home with this job.

"I've noticed that once you are elected and take office," she said, "everybody assumes there's some ulterior motive, like you want to go somewhere else. I ran for the job. I actually want it. I feel like I'm in the right place, and I feel like I'm doing what I'm supposed to be doing right now. ... I feel very rewarded in this position and very humbled that I've been selected to hold the position. The respect of the voters means everything to me. Being transparent and accountable to them is first and foremost on my mind all the time. Unless they change their minds and want somebody different in the job, I'm happy to stay here and continue to serve them."

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Beneficiary of the most fiercely disputed election in American history, Rutherford B. Hayes brought to the Executive Mansion dignity, honesty, and moderate reform.

To the delight of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Lucy Webb Hayes carried out her husband's orders to banish wines and liquors from the White House.

Born in Ohio in 1822, Hayes was educated at Kenyon College and Harvard Law School. After five years of law practice in Lower Sandusky, he moved to Cincinnati, where he flourished as a young Whig lawyer.

He fought in the Civil War, was wounded in action, and rose to the rank of brevet major general. While he was still in the Army, Cincinnati Republicans ran him for the House of Representatives. He accepted the nomination, but would not campaign, explaining, "an officer fit for duty who at this crisis would abandon his post to electioneer... ought to be scalped."

Elected by a heavy majority, Hayes entered Congress in December 1865, troubled by the "Rebel influences ... ruling the White House." Between 1867 and 1876 he served three terms as Governor of Ohio.

Safe liberalism, party loyalty, and a good war record made Hayes an acceptable Republican candidate in 1876. He opposed Governor Samuel J. Tilden of New York.

Although a galaxy of famous Republican speakers, and even Mark Twain, stumped for Hayes, he expected the Democrats to win. When the first returns seemed to confirm this, Hayes went to bed, believing he had lost. But in New York, Republican National Chairman Zachariah Chandler, aware of a loophole, wired leaders to stand firm: "Hayes has 185 votes and is elected." The popular vote apparently was 4,300,000 for Tilden to 4,036,000 for Hayes. Hayes's elec-

tion depended upon contested electoral votes in Louisiana, South Carolina, and Florida. If all the disputed electoral votes went to Hayes, he would win; a single one would elect Tilden.

Months of uncertainty followed. In January 1877 Congress established an Electoral Commission to decide the dispute. The commission, made up of eight Republicans and seven Democrats, determined all the contests in favor of Hayes by eight to seven. The final electoral vote: 185 to 184.

Northern Republicans had been promising southern Democrats at least one cabinet post, federal patronage, subsidies for internal improvements, and withdrawal of troops from Louisiana and South Carolina.

Hayes insisted that his appointments must be made on merit, not political considerations. For his cabinet he chose men of high caliber, but outraged many Republicans because one member was an ex-Confederate and another had bolted the party as a Liberal Republican in 1872.

Hayes pledged protection of the rights of Blacks in the South, but at the same time advocated the restoration of "wise, honest, and peaceful local self-government." This meant the withdrawal of troops. Hayes hoped such conciliatory policies would lead to the building of a "new Republican party" in the South, to which white businessmen and conservatives would rally.

Many of the leaders of the new South did indeed favor Republican economic policies and approved of Hayes's financial conservatism, but they faced annihilation at the polls if they were to join the party of Reconstruction. Hayes and his Republican successors were persistent in their efforts but could not win over the "solid South."

Hayes had announced in advance that he would serve only one term, and retired to Spiegel Grove, his home in Fremont, Ohio, in 1881. He died in 1893.

The anniversary of Rutherford B. Hayes' birth is Sunday, October 4.

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# Patient health and safety remains biggest priority

By **Jennifer S. Hamilton, DPT, CHT**

Can you believe it has been seven months since our county and the country was shut down due to the COVID-19 global pandemic? I remember



**Jennifer Hamilton**

hearing about the first cases on the east and west coasts of our nation, and the naïve thought that it would never reach us here on the Eastern Shore. While we have not had the number of cases compared to many parts of our state and country, the risk of contracting the virus remains.

According to Maryland's COVID-19 website ([www.coronavirus.maryland.gov](http://www.coronavirus.maryland.gov)) there have been 117,245 confirmed cases, with 3,706 confirmed deaths. In Worcester County, there have been a total of 945 confirmed cases with 25 confirmed deaths. Therefore, the percentage of deaths in Maryland is 3.2%, whereas in Worcester County, that percentage is lower at 2.5%. The website states, "This is a rapidly evolving situation and the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) will provide updates as they become available." That accurately sums up how I believe we all feel – that this entire situation is rapidly changing every day, and fortunately it appears we are heading in the right direction.

We have heard complaints from our patients that they are hearing conflicting stories on the news, so it can be difficult to discern what to believe. Therefore, many choose to err on the side of caution to stay as safe as possible. While the warm summer temperatures allowed for more time outdoors, many are still fearful to leave the safety of their homes.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, we wanted to take the time to reiterate the procedures and precautions that we maintain, to ensure that our patients remain safe while achieving their physical therapy goals. Let me describe what to expect during a typical Physical Therapy session with us. First and foremost, our entire staff, and all patients must wear a mask while in our clinic. Our staff members perform temperature checks on themselves at the start of each day. Each

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If you have any other questions or concerns about how we are operating, or if you have been holding off on getting the treatment you need, feel free to contact our office to get those questions answered. Although our everyday lives have been abruptly changed due to COVID-19, our mission at Hamilton Physical Therapy remains the same – to have a positive effect on our community and to assist our patients and community members in maintaining a healthy and active lifestyle.

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In the Rear View Mirror

# Orphan Cars of the 60s

By **Bruce Palmer**

The word orphan brings to mind Oliver Twist, holding out his bowl to ask for more gruel. But, to an auto fanatic, an orphan is a car, originally made by a company which no longer exists. History offers many examples.

Let's look at a decade synonymous with change and upheaval. The 1960s. The first major automotive casualty came as the decade began when Ford's Edsel was fading fast. Edsel had been introduced with much pomp three years earlier; a mid-priced offering from Ford with much of the excess reserved for high-end cars. Air conditioning, 400+ cubic inch engines and even a floating speedometer with an early form of cruise-control were among the options.

But just as those '58 Edsels arrived...a recession was grounding the American economy. Almost overnight, the middle class car-buyer had to scale down spend-

longer-standing line of cars, their DeSoto. Unlike Edsel, DeSoto had been around since 1929...introduced by Walter P. Chrysler with a remarkable debut, breaking a record for the most first-model-year sales ever at over 81,000. DeSoto, like Edsel, was a mid-priced car but DeSoto inherited strong in-house competition when parent company Chrysler also bought out Dodge and



1960 DeSoto

added their mid-priced cars to the corporate line-up.

Even so, DeSoto sales remained consistent through the lean years of war and sales boom of the post-war era. Then, the nation's economic slide pulled the rug out from under DeSoto. Mid-decade production of more than 100,000 cars/year had tumbled to less than 40,000 in 1958 and the slide continued with barely 25,000 sold for 1960. Not long after production began on the '61s, Chrysler ended the

DeSoto run leaving what remained of the more than 2 million DeSotos built as a fleet without a parent. Orphans.

By mid-decade, America's oldest auto company closed its doors. Studebaker was incorporated in the 1850s by five brothers who built wagons. By the end of the 19th century, Studebaker was transitioning to horseless carriages and success was swift. For 1908, more than 8000 "cars" were sold, placing Studebaker third in sales behind

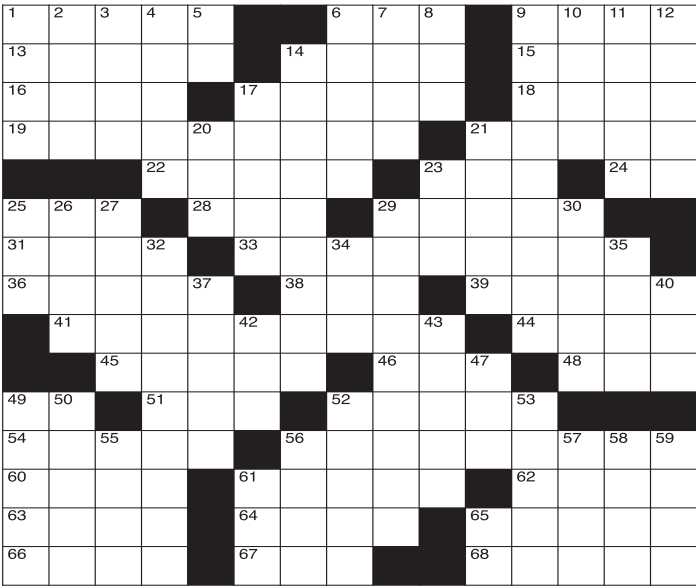


1960 Edsel

ing plans. Ford's projected annual sales of 200,000 fell far short at just over 63,000. Things got worse in 1959 with less than 45,000.

1960 Edsels had just begun rolling out when the Edsel project was cancelled. Word hit the street in November, '59...and as the calendar turned to 1960, the small stock of new Edsels on the lots dwindled leaving what would be a grand total of just over 110,000 orphans (orphaned Edsels) roaming the streets.

Ford's Edsel wasn't the only casualty of that recession. Chrysler saw the same fate come to a much



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Emaciation

6. Million barrels per day (abbr.)

9. Light dry-gap bridge system (abbr.)

13. Anatomical term

14. Tropical starchy tuberous root

15. Jewish calendar month

16. Round Dutch cheese

17. Western Pacific republic

18. List of foods

19. It can strike the ground

21. Drenches

22. Some are cole

23. \_\_\_ Squad

24. Expresses emotion

25. One point east of due south

28. Satisfaction

29. Holds nothing back

31. Top of the body

33. Not well-liked

36. Did slowly

38. Greek goddess of the dawn
39. Gland secretion

41. Vital to existence

44. Aristocratic young women

45. Erik \_\_, composer

46. Not young

48. Jewish term for "Sir"

49. Secondary school

51. \_\_\_ student: learns to heal

52. Regarding

54. Highly excited

56. Mainly

60. Thin, narrow piece of wood

61. Cakes

62. Biomedical nonprofit

63. Dried-up

64. One who is symbolic of something

65. Body part

66. Muslim ruler

67. Women from Mayflower

68. Notes

### CLUES DOWN

1. Not us

2. Helper

3. Bleat

4. Type of chair

5. Jr.'s father

6. Necessary for certain beverages

7. Hillside

8. Dutch painter Gerrit \_\_\_

9. Gave a new look

10. Ancient Greek City

11. Confidence trick

12. Type of fund

14. From an Asian island

17. Malay boat

20. Western Australia indigenous people

21. Cluster on underside of fern frond

23. You need it to get somewhere

25. The woman

26. It may be green

27. Makes less severe

29. One from Beantown
30. Cavalry sword

32. Metric linear unit

34. Hawaiian dish

35. Yokel

37. Dissuade

40. Mutual savings bank

42. \_\_\_ Caesar, comedian

43. Primordial matters

47. We all have it

49. Hermann \_\_, author of "Siddhartha"

50. Historic MA coastal city

52. Shady garden alcove

53. Small amount

55. Horse-drawn cart

56. Nocturnal rodent

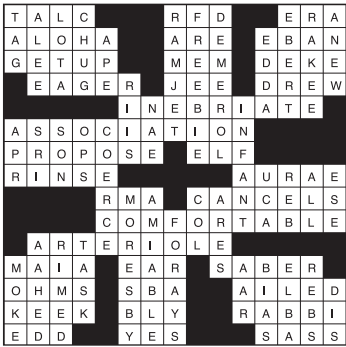
57. Spiritual leader

58. Air mattress

59. Speaks incessantly

61. Auction term

65. Atomic #62



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only Ford and Buick.

Along the way, Studebaker scored many firsts; the first-ever outdoor proving grounds for testing vehicles, the first manufacturer to surpass 50 different models in a model year and styling advances including the first wrap-around glass rear-window (on the '47 Starlight Coupe). In 1950 Studebaker reached an all-time production high of 320,000.

But strong initial post-war sales quickly faded when a price-war erupted between Ford and GM. The smaller manufacturers suffered but none more so than Studebaker. A merger with the fast-fading Packard Corporation in 1958 failed to turn things around and by March of '66 Studebaker was no more, leaving untold millions of orphans roaming the streets.

The last cars orphaned during the decade were orphaned in name only. From 1900-1915, Kenosha, WI was home to Rambler, a company which never built more than 3,600 cars in a year. The name disappeared when Nash bought-out Rambler, only to reappear as the name of a Nash model

35 years later. Who could ever forget the 1950s tune about "the little Nash Rambler"?

But, that same GM-Ford price war also rocked Nash hard enough that they wound up merging with the flailing Hudson Corporation, renamed as American Motors Corporation and streamlining their brand name to be Rambler, at the direction of company president George Romney (yes, Mitt Romney's father).

When Romney left to become Governor of Michigan by the mid-60s, the new company president thought the Rambler name felt stodgy. He demanded it be phased out, in favor of corporate-shortened AMC. By June 30, 1969 the last car to bear a Rambler badge rolled off the assembly line and the Rambler, too, was an automotive orphan.

Time has passed; other car-makers have disappeared. Today we have an entirely different crop of orphans still rolling down the road: Mercurys, Oldsmobiles, Plymouths and Pontiacs are among the parent-less wheels on the modern road. Automotive orphans are just a sign of the evolving automotive world. Ever in search of a better bowl of gruel.

## Inaugural marine debris plunder scheduled

Help Captain Jack Sparrow and the Maryland Coastal Bays Program plunder the bays in search of marine debris Saturday, October 10, from 8:20 a.m. until 4 p.m. for the Inaugural Marine Debris Plunder.

Boaters and Land Lubbers alike are encouraged to join the plunder to pick up debris that has been carelessly discarded in our bays, beaches and streets, and bring their loot to the West Ocean City Harbor for a weigh-in. Captain Jack Sparrow along with his pirate crew will be on hand to assist with the weigh-in and properly dispose the debris.

There will be awards made from marine debris for several categories which will be awarded in a virtual ceremony.

You must preregister for this social distancing event online on the new Maryland Coastal Bays Program website [www.mdcoastalbays.org](http://www.mdcoastalbays.org). Registration is now open and will close on Friday, October 2. There will be no registration at the event.

Thanks to a grant from Keep Maryland Beautiful and sponsorships by Pure Lure and Bluewater Properties, supplies will be provided for those who preregister (while supplies last) and supply packets can be picked up at Pure Lure at a pre-arranged date.

When participants bring their loot to the West Ocean City harbor, the pirate crew will grab their trash and present them with an event t-shirt (while supplies last).

Boat traffic was at an all time high this summer as well as, sadly, trash on our

streets. The intent of this event is to engage the community in picking up debris in our waterways and streets and bringing it to one location where it will be weighed and disposed of properly. All participants will be asked to fill out data sheets on the debris. This data will be used for an outreach campaign next year reminding our visitors the importance of keeping our waterways clean.

Boaters pursuing debris in the water, will receive specific instructions as to what is marine debris and what is a live trap as crabbing season is still in effect and it is illegal to tamper with any live traps.

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Police will attend the event in case participants have any questions as to what marine debris is, and what is not, in case something is unclear to a participant.


Boaters will be encouraged to pursue abandoned crab pots, derelict crab pots that have been clearly abandoned and are sitting in shallow water and marshes. Every year crabbers lose their pots to careless boaters who do not pay attention and run over crab pot floats, floats identifying pot location. Once these floats are cut, the pot becomes untraceable until it washes into shallow water or on top of a marsh. Unfortunately, ghost pots continually re-bait as crabs crawl inside, eventually die, and new crabs arrive to eat those. These ghost pots also trap and kill pretty much anything that fits, including terrapin, otter and fish.

For event specifics, go to [www.mdcoastalbays.org](http://www.mdcoastalbays.org) or contact [mcbp@mdcoastalbays.org](mailto:mcbp@mdcoastalbays.org).



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# MBS is back to school in person

After nearly six months of vacant classrooms, hallways and playgrounds due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School is again full of activity and voices. Under the direction of our Catholic school's office in Wilmington, DE, our school fit the criteria, being a school with a



**Catherine Taylor** getting ready to head to class on the first day of school.

population under 250 students, of opening in person, five days a week with accommodations. Students must be spaced six feet apart from one another, wear masks inside of our building and outside if social distancing cannot be maintained, practice proper hygiene habits and have their health evaluated by their families each day before entering our school campus.

With changes in our normal school day, we asked our school community to come together to help us transition back to school as seamlessly as possible. One big shift in our days have been additional time spent outside. In addition to recess and gym classes, students now have many breaks through the day to get outdoors.

"This new way of life has given us the opportunity to think 'outside' of the box. Children need time outdoors to

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24	Low	8:01 AM
24	High	2:46 PM
24	Low	9:14 PM
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25	Low	9:05 AM
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25	Low	10:22 PM
Sa 26	High	4:26 AM
26	Low	10:11 AM
26	High	5:04 PM
26	Low	11:25 PM
Su 27	High	5:28 AM
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**Treat** - The Kona Ice truck made a special visit to Ocean City Elementary on August 31 to welcome back the faculty and staff.

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recharge and move. It has been proven to help in their academic and physical development. We are now offering a lot more freedom for teachers to instruct outside in the fresh air. These are changes that will stay with our school community long after Covid-19 is memory," says MBS Principal, Mrs. Kathleen S. Manns.

We are grateful for members of our community for donations made to help us move forward. Ed and Stephanie Rohe donated new and easily sanitized playground equipment for all our classes. We have new touchless hand sanitizing stations thanks to Rick Deale working together with Creative



**Christa Gunther**, librarian, and **Stephanie Rohe**, Mrs. Gunther's mother, disinfecting outdoor recess equipment between use much easier.

Assemblies in Bridgeville, DE and Arena Signs in Lewes, DE. Duane and Josie Cover lead a team of volunteers to create a sunshade over our outdoor classroom.

Mrs. Manns also adds, "Generosity and service to others runs deep in our MBS community. Throughout the months leading up to our opening, our families, teachers and staff really came together with ideas, donations and support. We truly couldn't do any of this without them. Our Diocesan school year theme is 'Called to Serve' and it is already taking action with the shared time, talent and treasure of our school body."

With two weeks under our belts, our students are flourishing in their classrooms. Their resilient nature is evident in all they do. Though smiles are hidden under masks, our student's eyes glow with happiness. They are glad to be back to a routine. As we move on, our goal is to always stick to our plan to keep everyone healthy.

## When are pets considered adults?

Kittens and puppies grow up fast. One minute they're small, fluffy balls of fur, and the next minute they're taking up your entire sofa.

Young animals are full of seemingly boundless energy. Young pets may sprint from room to room as they explore the world around them, sniffing, scratching and chewing along the way. All of this can be adorable for the first few months, but many pet owners are left scratching their heads wondering when their pets are going to grow up" and be less of a full-time job.

The pet resource Rover.com says that puppies are generally considered adults by the time they reach their first birthday. This may vary depending on the breed. The home life guide TheNest.com says that kittens take about a year to reach adulthood.

Just because a cat or dog is considered an adult does not mean he or she will behave more maturely. In fact, adulthood often means the pet simply won't grow any more. Many behavioral issues associated with young animals may continue into adulthood.

A pet's journey to emotional maturity can take quite a while, but it will come. Hormonal surges will even out, and the animal will begin to settle down. Only when that point is reached

will pet owners get an idea of what their animals will be like over the long haul.

It can take a cat up to four years to reach emotional maturity. Dogs' journeys to maturity will vary depending on the breed and the size of the animal. The pet food company Pedigree says a large dog breed will mature into an adult between 15 months and two years, while smaller breeds may only act like puppies for nine months.

Since emotional maturity varies from pet to pet, these signs may indicate it has happened or is just about there:

- Settles down more readily and has fewer episodes of "the zoomies."

- Listens better.
- Responds to social cues from other animals.
- Older animals treat the animal like an adult.
- Responds appropriately to training.
- Doesn't get into the same level of puppy or kitty trouble around the house.

Even as cats and dogs mature physically and emotionally, they may still have some bouts of youngster behavior. But in general, after a year or two pets start to show their true colors and behave more maturely.



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The total cost for the 2020 election was \$18,174, or \$6,826 below the \$25,000 amount budgeted.

On the election, the report notes "This was an unusual year as residents were given until August 1 to pay assessments; however, OPA By-Laws require that if the assessments were not paid as of July 1, residents are ineligible to vote in the election. This situation caused confusion among residents and generated a number of calls to the election committee line."

Also unusual, the report said, was the number of late ballots.

"... there were 162 total ballots received after the deadline. In comparison, for 2019, 46 ballots were received after the deadline," the report said.

The report also listed two "Issues En-

countered and Recommendations for Changes":

"The Election Committee encourages the Board to communicate what constitutes voter eligibility in elections and how to ensure an account is in good standing.

"There were three candidates for two Board openings this year; the by-laws state there should be four for two openings. The situation necessitated a need to extend the deadline for candidates; the compression of deadlines made it difficult for the committee to complete our mission. In planning the 2021 election process the EC will review all timelines to ensure a smooth process."

To view the report, visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/documents/10184/72816/2020-09-12+Election+Committee+Report++FINAL.pdf>.

## Take away dinner planned

A Take Away Dinner Italian Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, October 10 between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Bethany United Methodist Church. On the menu is chicken parmesan, pasta, salad and bread. The cost is \$15. The church is located at 8648 Stephen Decatur Hwy. in Berlin. Pre-orders recommended. Call 410-641-2186 and leave a message

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"It will allow CPI to focus on more serious violations," Tuttle said. "House numbers are also important to help police, fire and other emergency personnel respond to calls for help more quickly."

Street number plate signs are available from the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department, for \$42 for a sign or \$50 for a sign and post. Purchase signs in person at the south station on 911 Ocean Parkway, or download an application at [www.oceanpines.org/docu-](http://www.oceanpines.org/docu-)

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as possible. Segments will be recorded both remotely and at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines.

"I believe it's going to be everything that everybody would expect it to be," she said. "We hope to provide everything that we have in the past."

Video of the Veterans Day ceremony will be made available on the Ocean Pines and Veterans Memorial websites and social media sites.

To tune in, simply visit one of the participating sites on Wednesday, November 11:

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All hardware is included, and installation is available. All proceeds go to the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department.

Additionally, homeowners may buy house numbers at Home Depot or other retailers.

To view the current Architectural Review Committee Guidelines, visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/documents/10184/104157/ARC+Guidelines+Final+Form+3-25-20+APPR+OVED+by+ARC+and+BOD.pdf>.

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