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Worcester Preparatory School (WPS) announced that several student writers have been published in "Fright Club: Home Before Dark," a national flash fiction anthology showcasing spine-tingling stories in just 100 words or less.

This unique challenge invited young authors from across the country to craft and complete compelling spooky tales in exactly 100 words—a true test of precision, imagination, and storytelling skill. Worcester Prep students stood out for their originality, chilling twists, and ability to pack a punch in a small package.

Pictured are Worcester Prep's student writers

Front row from left: Anna French, Claire Cooper, Lillian Ha, Lilly White, and Tenley Abshe.

Second row from left: Isha Garg, Sydney Parker, Bella Forman, Genia Fedarkevich and Keerat Brar.

Third row from left: Raia Gorfinkel, Olivia Owens, Lara Owens, Gabriella Damouni, Haven Harrison, Kayley Adkins and Alex Gjoni.

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Huber works to prevent youth suicides in Worcester County

By **Elaine Bean**

In Worcester County in 2022-2023, 8.3% of middle and high school students attempted suicide. In Maryland overall, that rate was 9.4%.

It is Katrin Huber’s mission to lower that number.



Katrin Huber

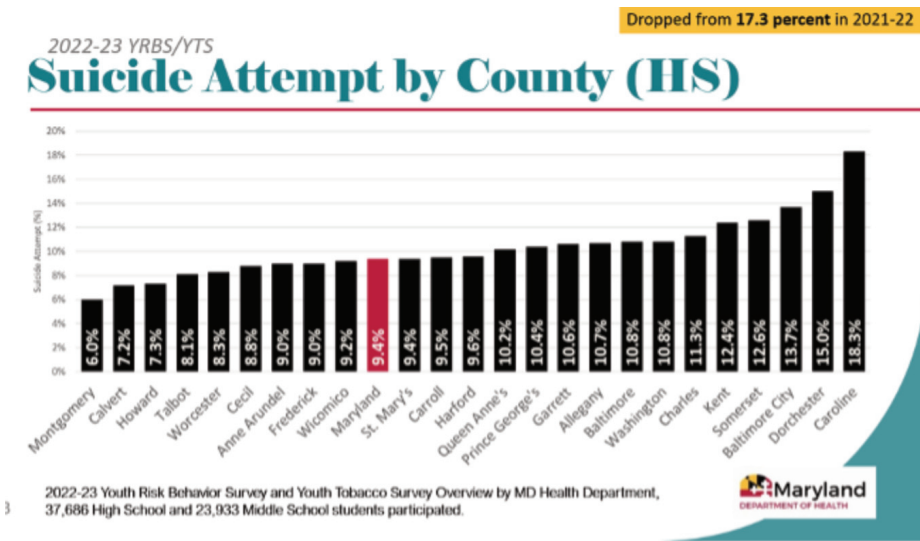
As executive director of the non-profit Jesse Klump Memorial Fund, Huber goes into local schools with programs designed for suicide prevention and self-care, and to make stu-

dents aware that there is help out there if they need it.

The Jesse Klump Memorial Scholarship Fund was created in March 2009 following the suicide of Jesse Klump, a promising Snow Hill High School senior. “I wanted to do something Jesse would approve of,” his mother, Kim Klump, said. The community responded with an outpouring of love and support.

By 2011, the mission of the fund expanded to youth suicide prevention and education. The nonprofit’s main focus is preventing youth suicide by teaching young people skills to cope with modern stresses such as bullying, peer pressure, and grade pressure. This is the program Huber took over in June 2024, with the mission to raise awareness and prevention for suicide by visiting schools, churches, and organizations to talk about kindness, self-care, the warning signs of suicide, and where to find help.

“The program for pre-K to fourth grade is all about kindness and care for others, but also for themselves,” Huber said. “While talking about kind-



ness, the students will answer questions like why do we need to be kind, what does kindness look like, and what can they personally do. We follow this discussion with a pour painting art project where the students use colors based on how they are feeling that day.”

The program for middle and high schoolers addresses bullying with the slogan, “Bullying is never okay!” “We talk about what bullying is, if anyone

has ever been bullied, if anyone has ever bullied someone, how you can keep yourself safe from bullying, and what to do if you can’t escape it,” Huber said. After the discussion, the students paint rocks with uplifting messages and images like oceans, flowers, or whatever makes them smile.

In April 2025, more than one thousand of these painted rocks were
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Being jealous of young people at the beach

It's getting to be that time again when gold beaches beneath a sky more blue lure like-minded revelers to the ocean. Summering in the Cape May, NJ area as a child, many sun-shiny days were spent on the beach in the shadow of Congress

ticed the other people around me. They were all young. They were all buff. They were all tan. And they were all beautiful. I thought I had inadvertently walked in on auditions for a "Baywatch" reunion.

Seemingly all around me were young, appallingly in-shape twenty-somethings enjoying the sun and surf with seemingly not a care in the world. I bet not one of them had to slather on sunscreen before heading to the beach. I bet not one of them had

to worry about making sure the kids were where they could be seen them at all times while in the water. I bet not one of them had to pay a mortgage or worry about the cost of a child's braces.

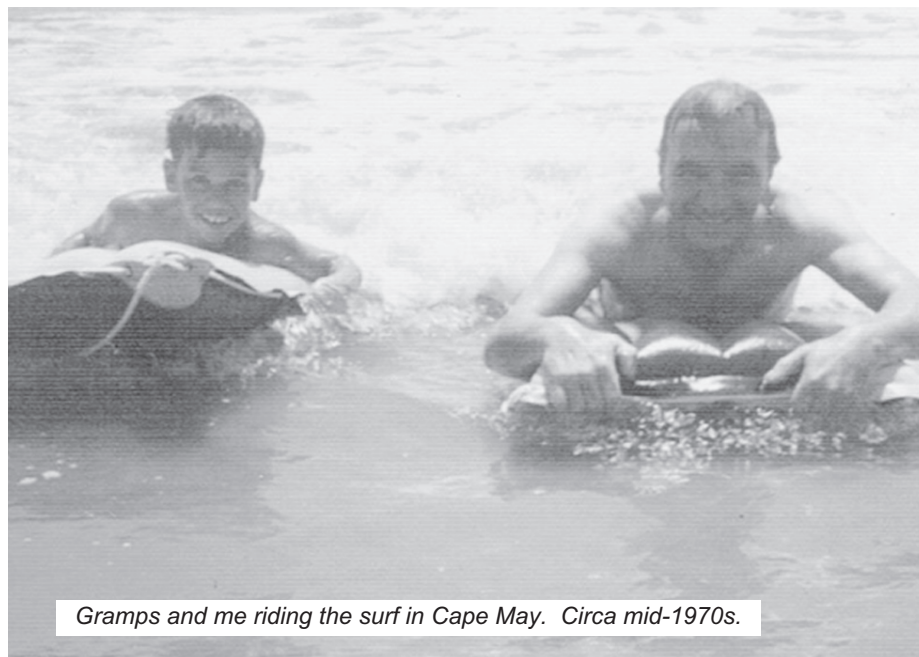
Hall. My brother and I along with our grandfather dove through waves, body surfed and dug our toes into the warm, sometimes very hot, sand. The scent of sea air and the sight of bikini-clad girls made for



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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Gramps and me riding the surf in Cape May. Circa mid-1970s.

days well spent.

Going to the beach is still of interest. But truth be told, the older I get, the more I realize that in some ways the "going to the beach experience" is a younger man's pursuit. I recall the first time I realized this. It happened a number of years ago.

It may have been a mistake for me to go to the beach that day, my first time that year. It wasn't the weather. It was ideal. It wasn't for a lack of bringing reading material. I had. It wasn't because I did not have money for refreshments. I did.

The problem was not something I could easily put my finger on until... and this is a big "until": I no-

There I sat under my umbrella taking in the scenes around me. I watched as young men with evenly tanned, perfectly chiseled physiques strutted along the water's edge. You could almost hear choirs of angels heralding their every step. In fact, I think I saw several sea gulls, those that weren't circling above me contemplating target practice, bow their heads in awe.

Awe for me is making it from under my umbrella to the water's edge without getting winded. If I can remain standing while wading into the surf and not have a wave crash over me leaving me covered in a seaweed residue, it's considered a

good day.

I watched as some young men performed acrobatic feats while running down the beach, diving into the water to impress attractive young women who were nearby. At this stage of my life the only way I could attract a beautiful young woman is if she were an EMT trying to revive me after losing consciousness while attempting to suck in my belly so it didn't hang over my bathing suit.

Watching these young bucks athletically stroll along the beach reminded me of all the false starts I had trying to diet during the winter. I am so far out of shape that if I were a rectangle I'd look more like a droopy oval, with nipples. I have no one to blame but myself for this. Well, I could blame my wife's excellent cooking.

There's really no place you can hide on the beach. You're right there in the open for all to see.

It's easy to be jealous of all the young people at the beach. Their bodies are more toned. Their hair is shinier. Their teeth are whiter.

They tan perfectly and the rays of the sun seem to follow them wherever they go. There was time when I was fit, trim and tanned perfectly. Now, I tan like orange swirl ice cream with patches of orange and white streaks from where I was sitting on a webbed chair.

Young people look good because they are young. They live life to its fullest. While they're playing Frisbee, touch football and/or volleyball, my athletic prowess on the beach consists of digging my toes in the sand while sitting in my 12-year-old beach chair with the frayed webbing.

I enjoy going to the beach and I don't plan on giving it up because of all the young people enjoying youth. In fact, I could be just like them if I really wanted. A little black hair dye, a corset under my T-shirt and a truss would no doubt work wonders for my self-esteem.

The only thing left to accomplish would be to convince the gulls, and my wife, to stop laughing. That would be a little more difficult.

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Commentary

By Joe Reynolds
OceanPinesForum.com

Ransdell - yet again!

Steve Ransdell proved once again that he should not be on the OPA Elections Committee, much less the chair of that most important committee.

Ransdell rose during the OPA Board of Directors meeting of May 24, 2025 to give public comments.

During those public comments, he denigrated association members who have expressed concern about a complete lack of transparency and possible violations of the Maryland HOA Act by Ransdell's committee under his guidance.

Incredibly, Ransdell tried to mock those who expressed concerns about lack of Election Committee meeting minutes on the OPA website and total lack of notice or information about any committee meetings by stating publicly that no meetings were held.

Based on the YouTube video tran-

script, Ransdell stated:

"The last thing I'd like to address is there's been some public comment about a lack of transparency on behalf of my committee and I'd like to address that forthrightly. There were a couple of meetings earlier in the year where we had some logistics problems with our meeting location and meetings were not held, so to those who say we didn't post transparent minutes and agendas. Not true. Those meetings simply weren't held. You can't post meeting minutes of a meeting that doesn't happen. So with that our only focus is running a free and fair election so that everybody can feel that but, negative misinformation doesn't help our effort."

Do the facts support Ransdell's mocking of concerned association members, and his use of innuendo, perhaps even accusatory innuendo

aimed quite improperly at a specific candidate in the upcoming board election? No.

Ransdell claimed publicly there were no Election Committee meeting minutes, apparently prior to April 28, 2025, because there were no meetings. Yet there is a video of a meeting on January 27, 2025 but no meeting minutes on the OPA website. There does not appear to be any motion to send out a request for proposals to election contractors during that meeting. In fact, they just talk vaguely about "getting it out."

How could Ransdell's public comments about "no meetings" and thus no meeting minutes be true? *Ocean Pines Progress* publisher Tom Stauss reported in early April that the Elections Committee had received bids from five vendors to handle the 2025 OPA Board of Directors election process and there was no further Election Committee meeting after January 27, 2025 until April 28, 2025.

Does Ransdell think association members are fools? How could the Elections Committee never hold a meeting, as he stated publicly, yet somehow issue a request for bids and subsequently receive bids related to

hiring a contractor to run the election process when there is no record of any meeting motion to do so prior to the excellent reporting by Stauss?

If there is any OPA Committee requiring transparency, it is the Elections Committee.

With these latest public comments, not to mention how, at a prior board meeting, to the consternation of other committee members, he provided the board a personal opinion about selection of an elections contractor other than the one actually approved by a vote of the Elections Committee, Ransdell has lost all credibility.

The board should replace Ransdell as chair of what may be OPA's most important committee.

Icing on the cake for why **reasonable** people might think Ransdell should not be on Elections Committee, much less chairing it?

When current board candidate Peck ran for election a few years ago the following exchange took place on *OceanPinesForum.com*:

Dave Walter wrote: "Vote NO for Peck and Wheatley. Neither should be on the board."

Steve Ransdell replied: **"Definitely! Those two gotta go!"**

Courier Almanac

On June 4, 1876, a mere 83 hours after leaving New York City, the Transcontinental Express train arrives in San Francisco.

Getting engaged is a momentous occasion worthy of celebration. However, soon after the question is popped, people in the couple's lives tend to start asking when the big day might be. Newly engaged couples may feel pressured to rush into setting a wedding date, but enjoying one's engagement for however long it may last is an option for brides and grooms. Some couples want to run to the altar in a month, while others are happy to stay engaged indefinitely. The Knot, a trusted wedding resource, surveyed nearly 170,000 American couples in 2024 to gauge how long most were waiting to wed. The Knot 2025 Real Weddings Study found that the average engagement length is 15 months. This number has held steady since 2022. Event Source in Canada says the average engagement length for couples in Canada also is 15 months. In general, couples across North America are waiting just over a year to tie the knot after getting engaged.



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Institutions earning the designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. More than 1,800 schools participated in the survey. Methodology, criteria and weightings were determined by VIQTORY with input from the Military Friendly advisory council of independent leaders in the higher education and military recruitment community. Final ratings were determined by combining the institution’s survey scores with the assessment of the institution’s ability to meet thresholds for student retention, graduation, job placement, loan repayment, persistence (degree advancement or transfer) and loan default rates for all students and, specifically, for student veterans.

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“Wor-Wic takes pride in our veteran students and the services we provide for them,” said King. “Every year, we have an average of 300 veteran, military and eligible dependent students.”

“Military Friendly is committed to transparency and providing consistent data-driven standards in our designation process,” said Kayla Lopez, vice president of Military Friendly. “Our standards provide a benchmark that promotes positive outcomes and support services that better the educational landscape and provide opportunity for the military community. This creates a competitive atmosphere that encourages institutions to evolve and invest in their programs consistently. Schools who achieve awards designation show true commitment in their efforts, exceeding the standard.”

The Military Friendly Schools list can be found at www.militaryfriendly.com and will be published in the May and October issue of G.I. Jobs magazine.

Decatur presentation planned at library event

The Friends of the Ocean Pines Library (FOPL) will present a Worcester History event during the group’s semi-annual membership meeting Monday, June 9. The Friends’ efforts to support the Ocean Pines Branch of the Worcester County Library will be discussed at the 10 a.m. membership meeting, and Ocean Pines Police Chief Tim Robinson will present the exploits of Commodore Stephen Decatur at 11 a.m. The event is free and all are welcome.

Stephen Decatur was born in the Worcester County village of Sinepuxent in 1779, and he was one of the most celebrated figures in the U.S. Navy during its formative years. He fought Barbary pirates and engaged in several naval battles during the War of 1812. Decatur was killed in a duel in 1820 in Bladensburg, Maryland. He was only 41 years old.

Also, the Ocean Pines Historical Task Force will discuss their preservation efforts, including their collection of local vintage photos and the re-release of Bud Rogner’s “History of Ocean Pines.”

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Supermassive black hole signature discovered

Astronomy & Spaceflight

By Douglas Hemmick, Ph.D.



Black holes of various types have fascinated astronomers from the time of theoretical conception in the 1930s to the eventual telescopic evidence found in the 1960s and 1970s. But it is the “supermassive” black holes present at the center of most massive galaxies that really steal the show. A famous radio-image of such an attraction in galaxy M87 was taken in 2019, and featured in international headlines.

Recently, another nearby galaxy, M83 or the Southern Pinwheel Galaxy, is making news. This glowing spiral galaxy has puzzled astronomers for years, showing no sign of such a supermassive monster. Now with the special infrared capabilities of the James Webb Space Telescope the secret of M83 may finally be revealed.

Instrument (MIRI). The instrument enabled the astronomers to identify unusually energetic gasses in M83’s central nucleus area. The gasses they saw there were highly-ionized Neon V and Neon VI.

Lead author of the study, Svea Hernandez, said, “Before Webb, we simply did not have the tools to detect such faint and highly ionized gas signatures in M83’s nucleus. Now, with its incredible mid-infrared sensitivity, we are finally able to explore these hidden depths of the galaxy and uncover what was once invisible.”

The study was supported by NASA grants and conducted at the Space Telescope Science Institute located at Baltimore’s Johns Hopkins University. That institute is the science operations center for the Hubble Space Telescope, the James Webb Space Telescope, and will also guide the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope, scheduled for launch in 2027.

Black holes are places where cosmic matter has been crushed to extremely high density, resulting in such enormous gravitation that even ray of lights are ensnared. In the core

of large galaxies lurk the supermassive black holes, which act to draw in surrounding matter. As the material swirls inward, its rapid motion creates a so-called accretion disk. Extreme heat in these disks leads to emission of high energy x-rays and jets of material streaming up and outwards from the galaxy core. Just such an accretion disk was famously visible in the 2019 image of M87.

Astronomers consider it quite plausible that an accretion disk with its extreme conditions could give rise to the high energy ionized neon just as seen by James Webb at the core of M83. It would seem that M83 has finally been caught in the act with clear evidence for a supermassive black hole in its center.

To further unravel the nature of M83 and its energetic processes, the team plans to conduct follow-up studies using other observatories such as the Atacama Array, and the Very Large Telescope, both are in Chile, as well as the Hubble Space Telescope.

Astronomers are enjoying notable success in recent times. For example, readers may recall the August 2024 column describing one of the clearest cases of an intermediate mass black hole. Other recent discoveries of black holes include a so-called triple formation. In the October 2024 issue of “Nature” scientists at MIT and

Caltech reported observing this phenomenon, which consists of a black hole orbited by two stars.

The future seems to promise still more such fascinating discoveries in the mysterious world of black holes.

As the June stars become fully visible at about 9:30 p.m. Leo the Lion appears prominently in the western sky. The constellation Bootes the Herdsman is centrally located overhead. Moving southwards from Bootes, the bright star “Spica” appears.



Spiral Galaxy M83

Experienced hobbyists can aim their telescopes towards the skies south of Spica where this month’s topic, M83, the Southern Pinwheel Galaxy might be spotted.

Leo the Lion might be the most enjoyable sight of the sky this time of year and it might be worth seeking out especially on the night of June 16. On this occasion, Mars dances just half a degree above Leo’s prominent star

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Annual community awards

Ocean City Knights of Columbus (Council # 9053 and Assembly #2454) held its annual Community Awards Ceremony on May 22. Sir Knight and Faithful Navigator Thomas Herwig presided over the ceremony at Columbus Hall in Ocean City. Pat Schrawder District Representative for Maryland State Senator Mary Beth Carozza, assisted by Senator Carozza’s parents Tony and Mary Pat Carozza, presented Maryland State Citations to 2024-2025 Awardees. Also in attendance was Ashley Miller, Deputy Communications Manager at Ocean City Police Department.

Pictured above: Front Row (left to right): **Kathy Foote** (Ocean City Knight’s Special Recognition Award), Detective First Class **Hailie Brumley** (Ocean City Police Officer of the Year), Assistant State’s Attorney **Toni Rinaldi** (Worcester County Prosecutor of the Year)

Second Row (left to right): **Kimberly Bean** (Ocean City Lady Knights Auxiliary Member of the Year), Sir Knight **Neil Foote** (Ocean City Knight’s Special Recognition Award), Sir Knight **Ken Hidenfelter** (Grand Knight Ocean City Knights of Columbus), Sir Knight **Richard Fox** (Ocean City Knight of the Year), Ocean City Volunteer Fire Chief **J. Lester**, **Marissa Poliks** (Ocean City Knight’s Special Service Award), **John Haskell** (Most Blessed Sacrament School Teacher of the Year), Petty Officer **Zachary Dale** (United States Coast Guard, Ocean City), **Adrienne Celeste** (President, Ocean City Lady Knights Auxiliary)

Back Row (left to right): Ocean City Chief of Police **Raymond J Austin** and **Kristin Heiser** (State’s Attorney, Worcester County)

Candidate draw results announced

Results of the 2025 Ocean Pines Association Candidate Draw were announced by the Ocean Pines Elections Committee on May 27.

Drawn at random using a series of playing cards, the results determine ballot order for the 2025 Board of Directors election, and the order candidates are seated during the election forum.

Results were:

- 1. Stuart Lakernick
- 2. Monica Rakowski
- 3. Steve Jacobs
- 4. Amy Peck

This year, three seats on the Board will be up for election: those currently held by Lakernick, Rakowski, and Jacobs. The seven-member volunteer board is the governing body of Ocean Pines.

The deadline for candidates was extended to June 20, 2025 to allow for additional candidates per the applicable Bylaw provisions. Any additional candidates will be added to the ballot order determined by the date of their application submittal.

Once any additional applications

have been verified, the Elections Committee will announce the date and time for the candidate forum.

For questions about the election, email elections@oceanpines.org.

Art League, Bethany Resort Furnishing collaborate

The Art League of Ocean City is partnering with Bethany Resort Furnishings to offer a series of workshops presenting ways to use original art in home decorating.

“We are pleased to team with Bethany Resort Furnishings for their workshops on using art in your home,” Jessica Bauer, Art League Development Director, said. “The Art League offers so many choices in original art, and the designers at Bethany know how to put it all together. We are also excited to establish brand partnerships and engage the community in different ways with art.”

The first workshop is free on Thursday, June 12, entitled “Creating a Mood Board to Inspire Your Space,”

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New members - On May 22 at the luncheon meeting of the Republican Women of Worcester County (RWWC), four new members were welcomed.
Above (L-R): **Jennie Allen**, RWWC Membership Chair, new members **Annette Pennewell Furst**, **Alice Wigfield**, **Susan Wilgus-Murphy**, **Barbara Firchak** and **Jean Delcher**, RWWC President. For more information on membership, please contact Jennie Allen at gopwomenofwc@gmail.com.



Donation - The Ocean City American Legion and Touch of Italy Foundation teamed up to donate \$5,000 each to the Veterans Memorial Foundation during the Foundation's 20th Anniversary Gala held Friday night. Left to Right - **Marie Gilmore**, Veterans Memorial Foundation president; **Bob Ciprietti** of Touch of Italy; and **George Barstis** from the American Legion. Photo by John Viola



ACSA Kid's Fishing Derby 2025



Who: Group1- Ages 6 -10
Group2 - Ages 11 - 16

NOTE: All Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

When: June 7, 2025, 9:00AM – 1:00PM

Where: Oceanic Fishing Pier
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Backyard visitor - *Linda Knight* snapped this picture of a heron standing on her dock in Ocean Pines.

Art League Games to support the arts

The Art League of Ocean City seeks supporters to champion for the arts and participate in the “Art League Games.” This new competition encourages those passionate about the arts – nicknamed Gladiators – to host events on their own to financially support the many educational and outreach programs of the non-profit Art League.

“In these Art League Games, our modern-day Gladiators enter a new kind of arena,” Rina Thaler, Executive Director of the Art League, said. “They battle not with swords, but with passion, raising funds and rallying support to keep creativity thriving in our community. Each Gladiator fights for the arts with boldness – hosting events, calling on supporters, and championing a cause greater than themselves.”

The goal of the Art League Games is for supporters to raise funds for the arts by planning and hosting one major event or a series of events, whatever fits their style and comfort level. Suggested events include wine tastings, competitive board or sports games, monthly trivia nights, and so on. The Art League will support the events with posts on social media and

email blasts.

The Games will run as individual Gladiators or Teams of Gladiators with the goal of being crowned “Champion of the Arts” during an Art League celebration in April 2026. The Champion will be honored, not only for raising the most funds, but for their courage, dedication, and relentless drive to strengthen the creative spirit of Ocean City, and will be recognized with a public acknowledgment.

“This initiative is more than just about creating benefits,” Jessica Bauer, Art League Development Director, said. “It’s about fostering community support for the arts, strengthening relationships, and making a lasting impact on the Art League. By taking ownership of an event, you are directly contributing to keeping the arts alive and accessible in the greater Ocean City area.”

To become an Art League Gladiator, participants should apply at OCart.org/ArtLeagueGames. The Games will conclude March 31, 2026.

For more information or to discuss participation, parties should contact Bauer at 410-524-9433, ext. 105, or at development@artleagueofoceancity.org.

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Historical events from June 1925

The month of June has been home to many historical events over the years. Here's a look at some that helped to shape the world in June 1925.

Twenty-one-year-old New York Yankee Lou Gehrig is inserted as a pinch hitter for Pee-Wee Wanninger in a game versus the Washington Senators on June 1. Gehrig's appearance begins what would become a streak of 2,130 consecutive games played.

An Independence Tribunal orders the closure of Turkey's Progressive Republican Party on June 3. The order is

issued on the grounds that the party had supported the protection of Islamic religious customs that had spurred the Sheikh Said rebellion.

The Rentenmark becomes obsolete in Germany on June 5. The currency had initially been issued in 1923 to combat hyperinflation in the Weimar Republic. The Reichsmark replaced the Rentenmark.

Walter P. Chrysler incorporates the Chrysler Corporation on June 6 after acquiring the assets of the defunct Maxwell Motor Company.

Norway sends out two planes to

search for Roald Amundsen and his crew on June 6. The explorers had been on the North Pole seaplane expedition but were missing for two weeks before the planes were sent. Amundsen and his crew would land safely in Norway on June 16.

On June 7, the Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial is unveiled

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and will be held at the Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St. bay-side. Designers from Bethany Resort Furnishings will talk about how to make a mood board and how it can inspire personal style in the home.

On Thursday, June 26, designers from Bethany Resort Furnishings will cover art selection, displaying art like a pro, balancing color and pattern, and making art the focal point of the space. This workshop is also free and at the Arts Center.

During the free First Friday event at the Arts Center on August 1 and throughout the month of August, Bethany Resort Furnishings will take over Studio E. Designers will create two installations inspired by the Pantone Color of the Year, Mocha Mousse. Guests can walk through space, chat with designers, and re-

ceive inspiration for their own home. All items on display will be available for purchase. "It will be a lively spectacle, and people will be excited to view it," Bauer said. "This is a completely new idea for us, and we hope it will be an inspiration to everyone."

Seventeen people are killed as a result of a coal mine explosion in Sturgis, Kentucky, on June 8.

Eddie Gaedel is born in Chicago on

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moved to the "Community River of Kindness" pathway at Stephen Decatur Park in Berlin, built by the Stephen Decatur Middle School Kiwanis Builders Club with sponsorships from the Town of Berlin and the Humphreys Foundation of Ocean City. The rocks were painted by students at Stephen Decatur Middle School, Willards Elementary School, Worcester Recreation Center After School Program, Cedar Chapel Special School, Pocomoke Elementary School, Worcester Youth and Family, Stephen Decatur High School, Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, St. Francis de Sales Catholic School, and Snow Hill Middle School. And the river keeps growing.

Another program for middle and high schoolers talks about mental health, suicide awareness, and prevention. "We ask students questions like what are the warning signs of suicide, what can I do to help a friend, and where do I find help. After the discussion, students role-play and draw a self-portrait that highlights what makes each one unique and special."

Huber was born and raised in a small town in East Germany, studied engineering, and received her MBA at the University of Technology and Business in Mittweida. After meeting her husband, an orthopedic trauma surgeon, they moved to the United States in 2002 and became citizens in 2021. From their home near Assateague Island, Huber paints with friends, plays tennis, frequents the gym, surfs, and bikes.

She was inspired to take on her position with the Jesse Klump Fund after personally struggling with suicidal

thoughts in her teen years and listening to her own two children in their teens. Huber previously spearheaded the "Stigma Highlighted Project" for the Art League of Ocean City, where she was Education Director, to address the stigma of mental illness through art and storytelling.

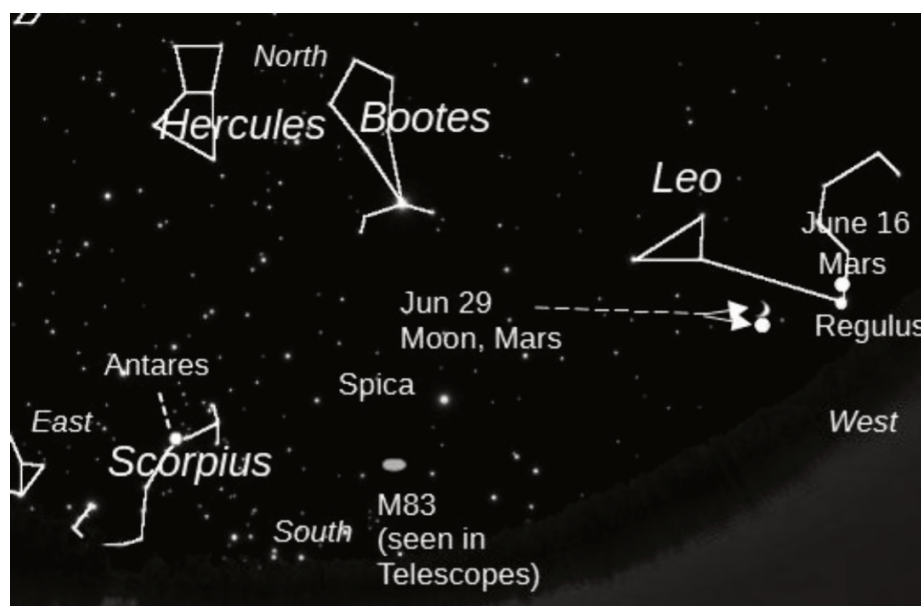
"Working with students through the Stigma Highlighted Project, I found that I love to work with young adults and try to help them find ways to live a happier life by having open conversations about problems that affect them, like drug addiction, depression, and suicidal thoughts," Huber said. "I want to help them find ways to deal with these problems by offering outlets in creating art and finding companionship in conversations."

In 2025 alone, 986 local students have participated in suicide prevention programs Huber designed.

While prevention is Huber's mission at the Jesse Klump Fund, founder Kim Klump has established the LOSS team to help those who have lost a loved one to suicide. The LOSS team provides support, connection, resources, and understanding after a suicide and for the months and years that follow. The team is made up of other survivors of suicide, who work closely with first responders, and serves as a guidepost for the newly bereaved in their process of grief and recovery.

Survivors of suicide will connect with the LOSS team when they are ready to receive one-on-one help and support. Certified grief counselors and crisis response professionals host monthly support group meetings in Berlin.

More information on receiving support from the Jesse Klump Fund is available at jessespaddle.org or by calling 667-227-9247.



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Regulus.

After about 10 p.m., the star Antares and other members of Scorpius the Scorpion begin to appear over the southeastern horizon.

As a final June attraction, one may note that Mars appears just two-tenths of a degree from the crescent moon on June 29th.

Wishing good luck and clear skies to all stargazers.

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June 8. Despite his career lasting just a single plate appearance, the three-foot-seven Gaedel is remembered as the shortest player in Major League Baseball History.

Various churches merge to form the United Church of Canada on June 10. The merger takes place during a meeting of church leaders and representatives at the Mutual Street Arena in Toronto, and the Church of Canada immediately becomes the largest Protestant denomination in the country.

On June 11, the Republic of China agrees to assist the Empire of Japan and Japanese soldiers with the removal of Korean immigrants from China's northeastern provinces, where Korean independence agitators had established a foothold.

The Southern Branch of the University of California, now known as the University of California, Los Angeles, awards its first Bachelor of Arts degrees on June 12. Ninety-eight of the 128 degrees are awarded to women.

Charles Francis Jenkins publicly demonstrates the synchronized transmission of pictures and sound in Washington, D.C. on June 13.

Hawaiian surfer Duke Kahanamoku, a gold medal-winning swimmer at the 1912 Olympic Games, saves eight people off the coast of Newport Beach, California, on June 14. Kahanamoku's heroics were prompted by the capsizing of the fishing yacht *Thelma*.

The Philadelphia Athletics score 13 runs in the eighth inning of a game versus the Cleveland Indians on June 15. The thirteen-run outburst erases a 14-2 deficit, and the comeback from 12 runs down remains a record today. The 1925 Athletics share the record with the 1911 Detroit Tigers and the 2001 Indians.

Thirty-eight nations sign the Geneva Protocol on June 17. The protocol establishes a general prohibition on the usage of chemical and biological weapons in international armed conflicts.

Italian Prime Minister Benito Mussolini launches "La battaglia del grano" ("The Battle for Grain") on June 20. The campaign aspires to decrease Italy's reliance on imported grain and advocates for the consumption of rice and rice-based substitutes for traditional Italian foods.

The Vietnamese Revolutionary

Youth League is formally established on June 21. The organization is considered the beginning of communism in Vietnam.

The Irish Free State holds elections on June 23. The elections are the first local elections since Ireland gained its independence.

General Theodoros Pangalos leads a bloodless coup d'état to overthrow the government of the Second Hellenic Republic on June 25. Pangalos installs himself as the leader of Greece a day later.

"The Gold Rush" starring Charlie Chaplin premieres at Grauman's Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood on June 26. The film remains one of the most celebrated works of Chaplin's career.

After a speech by Helen Keller at its international convention in Ohio, the Lions Club formally launches its signature mission of assistance to the blind and the visually impaired on June 30.

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The American Robin

The quintessential early bird, American Robins are common sights on lawns across North America, where you often see them tugging earthworms out of the ground. Robins are popular birds for their warm orange breast, cheery song, and early appearance at the end of winter. Though they're familiar town and city birds, American Robins are at home in wilder areas, too, including mountain forests and Alaskan wilderness.

This species often comes to bird feeders.

Consider putting up a nest structure to attract a breeding pair. Make sure you put it up well before breeding season. An American Robin can produce three successful broods in one year. On average, though, only 40 percent of nests successfully produce young. Only 25 percent of those fledged young survive to November. From that point on, about half of the robins alive in any year will make it to the next. Despite the fact that a lucky robin can live to be 14 years old, the entire population turns over on average every six years.

Although robins are considered harbingers of spring, many American Robins spend the whole winter in their breeding range. But because they spend more time roosting in trees and less time in your yard, you're much less likely to see them. The number of

robins present in the northern parts of the range varies each year with the local conditions.

Robins eat a lot of fruit in fall and winter. When they eat honeysuckle berries exclusively, they sometimes become intoxicated.

Robin roosts can be huge, sometimes including a quarter-million birds during winter. In summer, females sleep at their nests and males gather at roosts. As young robins become independent, they join the males. Female adults go to the roosts only after they have finished nesting.

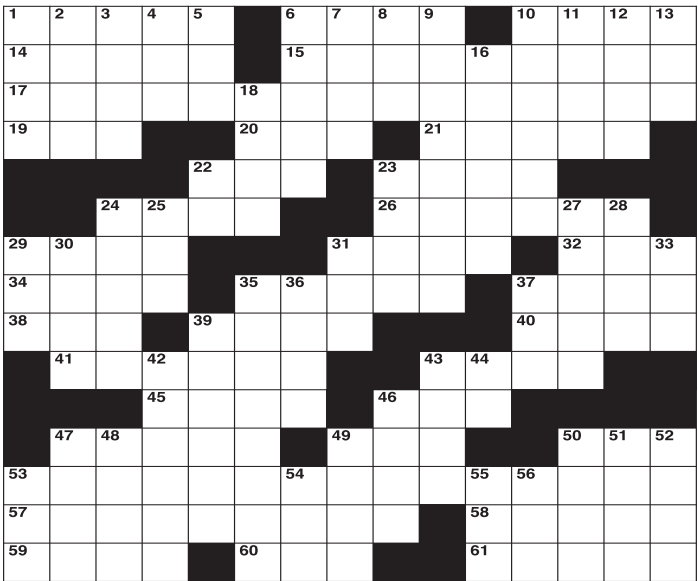
Robins eat different types of food depending on the time of day: more



earthworms in the morning and more fruit later in the day. Because the robin forages largely on lawns, it is vulnerable to pesticide poisoning and can be an important indicator of chemical pollution.

The oldest recorded American Robin was 13 years and 11 months old.

-The Cornell Lab



CLUES ACROSS

1. Marsh plant

6. Southern constellation ("The Peacock")

10. Fogginess

14. Home to Fools' Day

15. Absence of the sense of pain

17. Popular November holiday

19. Consume food

20. Buddy

21. Long-haired goat-antelope

22. Japanese honorific

23. Actor Malek

24. One point south of southeast

26. Illegal acts

29. As fast as can be done

31. Prevents harm to young

32. Exclamation of satisfaction

34. African nation
35. Slow-moving animal

37. Oh, goodness!

38. A team's best pitcher

39. Cleanser

40. Radioactivity units

41. Expectorated matter

43. Cover a wide range

45. The central area of a church

46. California capital (abbr.)

47. Dutch painter Klaver

49. 007's creator

50. Impression of dishonesty

53. Northeastern sports rivalry

57. Cloths

58. Stalin's police chief

59. Hostelrys

60. Bitterly regret

61. Anwar __, Egyptian statesman

CLUES DOWN

1. Satisfy

2. European health advocate

3. Expression of annoyance

4. Strong liquor

5. Large red deer

6. Holder of less common religious beliefs

7. West Indian shrub

8. Family of proteins

9. Wealthy, influential business leader

10. Low spirits

11. Approves food

12. Monetary unit of Iran and Oman

13. Mary __, cosmetics

16. Expressed in pithy maxims

18. Relaxing spaces

22. The NFL's big game

23. Proof of payment (abbr.)

24. Starchy preparation of dried orchid tubers

25. Indicates near
27. Minneapolis suburb

28. Herring-like fish

29. Doctors' group

30. Pouches

31. Bread dipping in sauce

33. Commercial

35. A reminder of past events

36. Affected by injury

37. Geological time

39. Stationary part of a motor

42. Brings together

43. Of sound mind

44. Personal computer

46. Without (French)

47. A bank might give you one

48. Agricultural testing organization

49. A small island

50. Type of gene

51. Murres

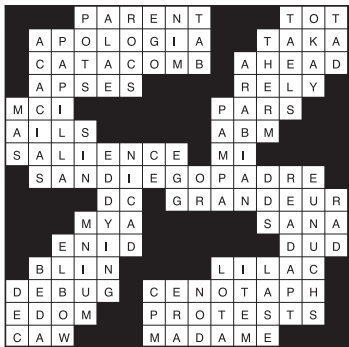
52. Card game

53. A measure of human health

54. Australian airline (abbr.)

55. One point south of due west

56. Affirmative



Answers for May 28



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Some things to think about

Gathered from the internet
by **Jack Barnes**



My neighbors complain about me groaning too loud during sex in the morning...If they only knew I'm just trying to get my socks on!

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A little humor

- Today I was in a shoe store that sells only shoes, nothing else. A young girl with a tattoo and green hair walked over to me and asked, "What brings you in today, I looked at her and said, "I'm interested in

buying a refrigerator." She didn't quite know how to respond, had that deer in the headlights look.

- I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.

- When people see a cat's litter box they always say, "Oh, have you got a cat" I just say, "No, it's for company!"

- Employment application blanks always ask who is to be called in case of an emergency. I think you should write, "An ambulance."

- The older you get the tougher it is to lose weight because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

- The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

- Have you ever noticed: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL.

- The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he knows when he's really in trouble.

- Did you ever notice that when you put the two words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "Theirs?"

- Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it. Some people try to turn back their "odometers." Not me. I want people to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way and a lot of the roads were not paved.

- Ah! Being young is beautiful but being old is comfortable.

- Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.

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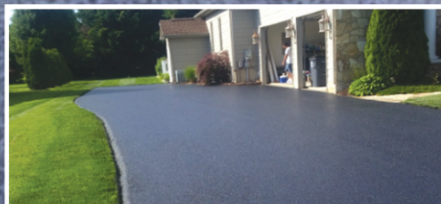
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