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Suicide loss event scheduled

The local observation of International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day will take place at the Zenna Wellness Studio in Berlin on November 21 at 12:30 p.m. The event is designed to assist in healing those who have lost someone to suicide. Those in attendance will watch the film "Family Journey: Healing and Hope after a Suicide" and then enjoy a communal meal of thanksgiving and a discussion. Visit www.survivorday.org/event/berlin-md to reserve a spot.

Family event scheduled

Families are invited to a harvest-themed Free Family Art Day on Saturday, November 21 at the Ocean City Center for the Arts on 94th St. The event is designed for children of all ages and their parents, grandparents or significant adult family member.

This is a drop-in event from 10 a.m. to noon, and reservations are not required.

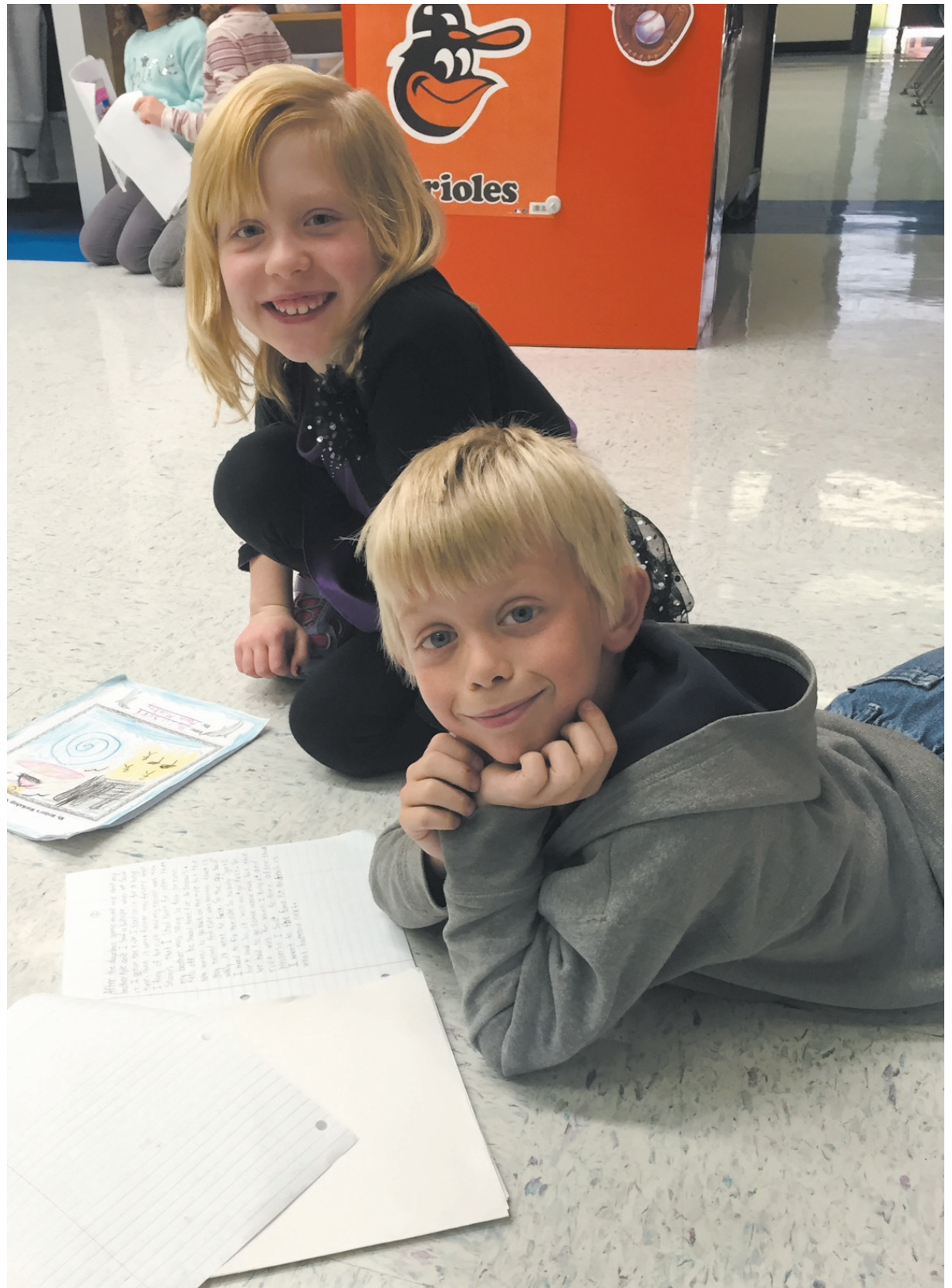
The theme of Family Art Days is "How Does Your Garden Grow?" and this month's theme is "Harvest Garden" where families will make a multi-media project using pumpkins and gourds.

There is no charge for participating or for supplies, and no experience with art is necessary. The event is funded by a grant from the PNC Foundation.

Free Family Art Days continue once a month at the Arts Center through June 2016. During the December 1s "Winter Garden" class, families will build and paint a clay snowman. A full schedule of free classes is available at www.artleagueofoceancity.org or by calling 410-524-9433.

Pine'eer Craft Club to hold meeting

The Pine'eer Craft Club will hold a meeting on Thursday, November 19 at the South Side Fire Hall in Ocean Pines. There will be refreshments at 9:45 a.m., and the business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. For more information contact Sharon at 410-208-3032.



Write stuff - Enjoying each other's fabulous narrative writing, **Mara Minkey** and **Shayne Adkins** share during a Writer's Workshop Celebration in Mike Johnson's class at Showell Elementary School.

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Penguin swim approaching

The 22nd annual Atlantic General Hospital (AGH) Penguin Swim will be held January 1 in front of the Princess Royale on 91st street in Ocean City. The event begins with registration at 11:30 a.m., and the main event will begin at 1 p.m. Individual and team participants can register now to start collecting donations. On Thursday, December 31, participants can pre-register and pick up their prizes from 2 to 4 p.m. in the premier lobby. The registration fee is \$25 per swimmer, which includes eligibility to receive an official 2016 AGH Penguin Swim t-shirt.

Special recognition awards will be given to the oldest and youngest Penguins. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies will be awarded to those who raise the most money for individuals and teams. Prizes will also be awarded for best costumes. All Penguins will receive incentive prizes based on individual fundraising efforts.

Proceeds from the event, gathered through corporate sponsorships and participant fundraising,

support the strategic plans undertaken by AGH to uphold their mission to improve individual and community health.

For more information or to register, visit aghpenguinswim.org, find the event on Facebook at www.facebook.com/penguinswim or call the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation office at 410-641-9671.

Club to hold dance lessons

The Delmarva Hand Dancing Club meets every Wednesday at Peaky's Rooftop Restaurant and Bar, located in the Fenwick Inn, 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Beginner and intermediate dance lessons are held from 5:30 to 6:30, followed by dancing until 9 p.m. Jitterbug, swing, and cha-cha to the sounds of the 50s and 60s and Carolina beach music. All are welcome. There will be discounted food and drink prices. For more information call 302-200-3262.



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Nurses attend elementary school

Nurses from Atlantic General Hospital came to Ocean City Elementary School to help the kindergarten students learn about the hospital and the people who work there. The nurses brought hospital equipment, a slideshow and gear for the students to view. Pictured are students **Samantha Chavarria-Aguilar** and **Trevor Lehman** from Mrs. Christine Lieb's class with Nurse **Denise Esham**.

Turkey shoot scheduled

The Synepuxent Rod & Gun Club will host a Turkey Shoot benefiting Ocean City/Berlin Boy Scout Troop 225 on Saturday, November 21 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants should bring their own 12 or 20 gauge shotguns, and ammo will be provided. Rounds start at \$2 per target. Attendees have the chance to win gift certificates from area restaurants, hotel accommodations, sporting goods, tools, hunting supplies, turkeys, jewelry, etc. Raffle tickets may be purchased for a chance to win a Ruger 10/22 rifle. The event includes breakfast, lunch and a bake sale.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Event will be held at Synepuxent Rod & Gun Club, 7909 Purnell Crossing Rd. in Berlin. For more information contact Matt Norman at 443-366-5882 or scoutmaster@octroop225.org.

Thanksgiving Eve worship to be held

A Thanksgiving Eve worship service will be held on November 25 at 7 p.m. at Bethany United Methodist Church located on 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin. The service will consist of singing praises, sharing prayers of gratitude and reflecting on meditations of thanksgiving. For more information contact Reverend Connie at 410-641-5194 or wesconnie55@gmail.com.

Wor-Wic to hold founder's day celebration

Wor-Wic is holding a founder's day celebration to celebrate its 40th anniversary on November 18 at 2 p.m. in Guerrieri Hall at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury. Speakers will include Dr. Ray Hoy, president, Sen. Jim Mathias, D-38, Del. Charles J. Otto, R-38A, Bob Culver, Wicomico County executive, Jim Bunting, president of the Worcester County commissioners, and Marty Neat, chairperson of the college's board of trustees. Robert W. Cook, one of the founders of Wor-Wic, will give the keynote address.

Four former students were selected to give brief remarks focusing on their experiences at Wor-Wic and how the college has impacted their lives. Alumni

speakers will include Barry Q. Brittingham Jr., a 2014 business transfer graduate who was recently hired as human resources director of McCready Health; Matt Maciarelo, a 1994 general studies graduate who is state's attorney for Wicomico County; Michele Y. McIntosh, a 2003 nursing graduate who is a clinical manager at the Peninsula Regional Medical Center; and Karie Solembrino, a 1995 radiologic technology graduate who is professor and department head of Wor-Wic's radiologic technology program. Jason Stokes, plant manager at PolyOne, will address the benefits of customized training services offered by Wor-Wic's continuing education and workforce development division.

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People have been enjoying popcorn for thousands of years. In 1948, popped kernels around 5,000 years old were discovered in caves in New Mexico.



It is believed that the Wampanoag Native American tribe brought popcorn to the colonists for the first Thanksgiving in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Traditionally, Native American tribes flavored popcorn with dried herbs and spices, possibly even chili. They also made popcorn into soup and beer and made popcorn head-dresses and corsages. Some Native American tribes believed that a spirit lived inside each kernel of popcorn. The spirits wouldn't usually bother humans, but if their home was heated, they would jump around, getting angrier and angrier, until eventually they would burst out with a pop.

AGH announces pulmonary clinic services

Atlantic General Hospital and Health System is pleased to announce the opening of Atlantic General Pulmonary Clinic, located in the Atlantic Health Center on Healthway Drive in Berlin.

Under the leadership of Medical Director Peter Costantini, DO, Atlantic General Pulmonary Clinic provides much needed education and guidance for individuals in the community with chronic pulmonary conditions. Chronic illnesses such as COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) and asthma can be complex, as are the treatments to manage them.

“Patients often struggle to understand their disease and fail to grasp how to take their various medications appropriately,” said Costantini. “Then, they end up in the hospital with an acute problem. The clinic can help individuals avoid that and maintain a high quality of life.”

The Pulmonary Clinic provides comprehensive evaluation of current conditions and diagnostics including lung function and basic sleep and nutrition screenings. Patients referred to the Atlantic General Pulmonary Clinic will also receive valuable education on their prescribed treatments which will include usage demonstrations of inhalers and other medications and action plans for self-care.

Costantini has been providing pulmonary and intensivist care for nearly 35 years. He is board certified in internal medicine and pulmonology with certificates in medical diseases of the chest and in critical care.

Physician referrals can be made by calling the Atlantic General Pulmonary Clinic at 410-641-9703.

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will be given to letters of 300 words or less. Letters must be received by Friday at 5 p.m. They can be e-mailed to: thecourier@delmarvacourier.com



Kiwanis serves at Pine'eers Craft Club

Kiwanis served assorted egg and meat croissants in the morning and pulled pork barbecue sandwiches and hot dogs in the afternoon at the Ocean Pines Pine'eers Craft Club Holiday Craft Fair at the Community Center on Saturday, November 6. Pictured are members of the Kiwanis “Dawg Team” which participates in many of the Ocean Pines events selling snacks to raise money for their Scholarship Foundation. The funds help local graduating senior high school senior students further their educations. Pictured (L-R) Dan Peletier, Carolyn Dryzga, J. Graham Caldwell, Stella Hartington, Dawg Team Chair Barbara Peletier, Pat Winkelmayr and Ralph Chinn as they serve up the goodies.



Mismatch pride - Mike Johnson's third graders, **Claire Cutlip** and **Mara Minkey**, celebrate meeting the Showell Elementary School Monthly Discipline Challenge by enjoying a Mismatched Spirit Day.

Relics of my past

Walking somewhat aimlessly through an antique shop recently I discovered something I hadn't expected to find: artifacts of my early years. I've apparently arrived at a point in my life when things I remember from my childhood and early adult years are

I saw many I remember from childhood. Two brought back memories of the upstairs bedroom in my grandparents' Philadelphia row home. One was Engelbert Humperdinck "Spanish Eyes." The other was Tony Bennett "I Left My Heart in San Francisco." My grandfather had a small portable record player he kept in an upstairs closet along with his records. When I was supposed to be taking a nap, I would go into the closet and look through his albums. Looking back, his taste in music varied greatly from Country

to Elvis, Dinah Shore to Don Ho. The other thing I remember about that closet was the overwhelming smell of moth balls and cedar.

There were several displays that contained memorabilia from the Bicentennial. There were plates, figurines, buttons and glasses emblazoned one way or another with



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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now considered antique shop worthy. It was quite an eye opener and just a little disconcerting to find familiar items I recall so vividly and once used so regularly now stocked as relics on racks and shelves to be viewed as curios by those younger than me.

As a child I peddled around the driveway in a little light blue car. It was made of metal not plastic. I would zoom down the driveway and quickly turn onto the sidewalk before reaching the street. I really liked that little car and eventually learned to parallel park between my brother's tricycle and a neighbor's Big Wheel (remember those?). I even vocalized signal sounds when turning, "dink donk, dink donk." Whatever happened to that little car I do not know but I found a similar one in the antique shop. It cost nearly as much as my first real car.



Down one of the aisles, on a shelf near the back, were some odd dishes that had the pattern of the plates we had when I was growing up. They were brown with a blue flower pattern. I remember when we got those dishes. Not far from the dishes was a coffee pot. It was a white Corning Ware percolator with a flower pattern on the sides and a glass bulb at the top through which you could watch the coffee percolate. One similar to this sat on our stove for years. Although I never drank coffee I do recall my childhood fascination watching the coffee bubble up. We didn't have video games so I spent time watching coffee brew.

Throughout the store were boxes of old LPs. Fingering through the covers

"1776-1976" or etchings of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin. Although that anniversary occurred 39 years ago, looking at some of these mementos now made me think it was only yesterday when I went with my class to Independence Hall to see the Liberty Bell. How time flies and how interesting that the trinkets of that period are now items to collect or collect dust depending on one's interest.

The experience of the antique shop shouldn't surprise me too much I guess. Although I don't feel it, it could be said that I'm now in my middle age years. My children are for the most part grown and I'm a grandfather. Yet I know the things I use regularly with no thought at all will someday be considered ancient relics by my granddaughter. I just hope she won't think of me the same way.

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Keynote speaker **Sonny Bloxom**
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Honoring those who served

The Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines held its annual Veterans Day Tribute last Wednesday. Overcast skies and an at times strong, cold breeze did not keep people from attending. Sharyn O'Hare, co-founder of the Memorial was the emcee. Worcester County Attorney Sonny Bloxom was the keynote speaker.



Reverend Mister **John Lemon**, Maryland State Delegate **Charles Otto**, **Mary Adair** (Veterans Day program chair), **Bob Thompson**, (Ocean Pines General Manager) **Marie Gilmore** (Veterans Memorial president), **Sharyn O'Hare** (Veterans Memorial co-founder), Worcester County Commissioner **Chip Bertino**, Worcester County Attorney **Sonny Bloxom** and Maryland State Delegate **Mary Beth Carozza**. Photo by Joe Reynolds



Jean Beatty

Beatty named crafter of the month

Jean Beatty has been selected as the 'Crafter of the Month' by the Pine'eer Craft Club of Ocean Pines. Jean has been a resident of the Pines for about 12 years and has been a member of the craft club for the past several years. Jean is an active nurse and sings with the Delmarva Chorus of the Sweet Adelines. In addition to the crafts she sells at the craft shop, Jean also creates and donates dresses from pillowcases and backpacks and pants from t-shirts for children in Haiti and Africa.

Jean developed a love for crafting during her childhood and was encouraged by her creative mother. Locally she displays and sells her items at the Pine'eer Craft & Gift Shop across from the Ocean Pines Community Center. She creates specialty greeting cards, fabric bottle carriers, picture frames with chalkboard effects, lamps, and various Christmas decorations. Her innovative creation for the holidays is a miniature set of Santa's long johns, sure to bring a smile to your face!

Stop by the Pine'eer Craft & Gift Shop to see Jean's items. Additionally, you can shop for hand crafted jewelry, cheese dishes made from wine bottles, monogrammed and cross-stitched items, wreaths, doll clothes, painted items and much, much more. Items change along with the seasons, so visit the shop and start your holiday shopping. The shop is

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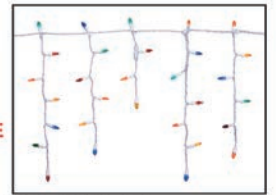
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Worcester Humane Society welcomes new director

The Worcester County Humane Society Board of Directors is pleased to welcome John Moreno as the new Executive Director. Moreno brings to the Humane Society a fresh perspective, complimented by fifteen years of management experience with knowledge of animal health, ca-



John Moreno

nine psychology, behavior shaping techniques, and kennel and veterinary clinic management. His combination of education and animal welfare experience will allow him to successfully move forward the mission of the no-kill animal shelter.

"The Board welcomes John," said Kelly Austin, WCHS Board President. "We feel confident with his knowledge, enthusiasm and experience that he is up for the challenge to help the shelter continue to grow and thrive."

John is a native of San Antonio, Texas. Early in his career, John served in the U.S. Navy where he oversaw the daily care, welfare and continuous training of Military Work Dog teams assigned to respective units during Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and several humanitarian missions around the world.

After leaving the Navy, John spent nine years working for various defense contracting companies, one of those companies being K2 Solutions Inc., where he provided advice to battlefield commanders assigned to U.S. Forces Command. There he supervised kennel operations and eighty-two Tactical Explosive Detection Dog (TEDD) teams in an effort to detect explosive devices throughout Afghanistan.

In May of 2015, John founded Operation Release, LLC, a non-profit organization in San Antonio whose mission is to reunite military and civilian working dog handlers with their displaced working dogs. This charitable organization also has an outreach program which includes assisting rescue groups in adopting, fostering, rehabilitation, behavior & obedience training, and the international transportation of rescue dogs. John directed the administrative and daily

operations of this organization.

Bob Baker, WCHS Board Vice President, headed the search committee for a new executive director. "In our search, we took our time and conducted a nationwide search," said Baker. "We feel confident that John's expertise and experience will be instrumental in, not only continuing our progress, but improving in all areas."

Moreno will be responsible for planning, organizing, and developing various programs to meet and maintain the mission and objectives of the organization. His duties will include directing the day-to-day operations, managing personnel, liaising with government and civic organizations and managing finances.

The Worcester County Humane Society is a private, nonprofit, no-kill animal shelter that relies on fundraising and donations. The shelter is located at 12330 Eagles Nest Rd., Berlin. Shelter hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Sundays and Wednesdays. For information call 410-213-0146, or visit www.worcestercountyhumanesociety.org. Follow the shelter on Facebook and Instagram for updates on events and available pets.

Christmas Bazaar scheduled

The annual Christmas Bazaar has been scheduled for December 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Stevenson United Methodist Church in Berlin. Attendees may purchase a pulled pork sandwich, cole slaw, and a beverage to eat in or carry out for five dollars. There will be retail and hand craft vendors and silent auction items. The event is open to the public.

Kiwanis recognizes Reverend David Herr

Pictured are (L-R) Kiwanian Charlie Warner, immediate past president Carolyn Dryzga and reverend David Herr who is the Spiritual Adviser of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City. Herr has served in that capacity for many years, and Dryzga wanted to recognize his service to the club during her presidency. Reverend Herr is a full time pastor to three different local Methodist churches and always finds time to be an active member of Kiwanis.



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In the Rear View Mirror

Mercury Cougar: the Pony with Class

The pony car revolution hit America's streets in 1964, launched by the Ford Mustang. Loosely defined, the pony car segment would come to include any smaller, affordable car that was big on style and had impressive performance or was at least endowed with a sporty image.

The field populated quickly. Ply-



mouth Barracuda, Chevrolet Camaro, Pontiac Firebird and even the AMC Javelin crowded into the mix, making for fierce competition by the time Ford Motor Company's Mercury division introduced the Cougar late in September 1966 (as a '67). Prices started at \$2,851.

Cougar hit the street as more than just a dressed-up Mustang. It brought a new level of class with nearly seven more inches of length (including a 3-inch increase to the wheelbase) and 200 additional lbs. of weight which gave a more solid feel and better ride. Better yet, unlike the 6-cylinder engine that was standard in its Mustang-kin Cougar's base motor was a 200-horsepower V8-289 (that's a lot of ponies).

Unlike Mustang, there was no convertible but there were plenty of stylized touches exclusive to Cougar. It had "hideaway headlights" that flipped-open from behind an electric razor-type grille and sequential taillights that flashed a series of three bulbs successively to indicate a turn (Ford-exclusive technology at the time).

Car-buyers didn't take long to notice. The debut 1967 model sold almost 151,000, including the mid-year addition of the further-upscale "XR7" which brought even more class with extra trim, a burl wood-simulated dashboard panel and generally upgraded interior with leather seats. The press noticed too. "Motor Trend Mag-

azine" named it their Car of the Year for 1967. The '68s remained unchanged.

Ever wonder what the XR 7 nomenclature stood for? One of the earliest project names for Mercury's pony car was the "experimental racer." It's been said that the styling division took seven tries to come up with something that pleased the big brass. Thus, e(X)perimental (R)acer # (7) became a badge of honor.

And there was controversy at the outset. When Cougar arrived, the logo featured its signature cat walk-

ing on all fours on the hideaway headlight door. Foreign rival automaker Jaguar cried foul, declaring it looked too much like their "stalking" Jaguar emblem and a lawsuit is said to have been brought. Whether or not that lawsuit really existed, clearly Mercury lost the battle as their cat logo disappeared after the 1970 model...but the mere controversy only further boosted public awareness of this classy new pony car.

The year 1969 brought a light restyle for Cougar and the addition of a convertible body. From the day Cougar arrived in showrooms, there



had been strong interest in offering a drop-top version. Now, for an extra \$366 onto the '69 Cougar's \$2,999 base price, open-air driving was reality. By comparison, a Mustang convertible that year started at \$2,832. Cougar was getting heavier, too. In a growing trend across the industry, Cougar had tacked on another 380 pounds in just two years. As a result, the standard engine in Cougar was upgraded to the new 351-cubic inch V8. Other engines could now pack more ponies than ever...up to 390 horsepower in the optional V8-427.

Just like two years earlier with the mid-model year introduction of the XR7, Mercury introduced another derivation halfway through 1969. The Cougar "Eliminator." It was in answer to Ford's beefy new "Mach 1" Mustang and featured all the obligatory scoops, spoilers and graphics of the day. The ad campaign referred to them as "sweet streepers," a play on words indicating the two places Cougar performed well; the street and the (drag) strip. It was class, with muscle.

The last year of Cougar's 4-year styling cycle brought mostly modest changes and a lengthy list of bright and wild paint color choices. From "grabber blue" to "competition green" to "calypso coral," you could see a 1970 Cougar coming from miles away. But production numbers had been slipping all along. Just four years into Mercury's pony car history, sales

had fallen by more than half to just over 72,000. A serious overhaul was due and that would come with the second generation Cougar to debut for 1971...but that's a topic for another day.

Still, it adds up to almost 437,000 Cougars released onto the streets in those early days. In recent years, well-restored or rare original Cougars have tipped the auction scales bringing in amounts over \$50,000-\$75,000 with a few examples surpassing six figures. That's a lot of dollars per pony...and a nice return on an investment made in the pony car that seemed the classiest of them all.

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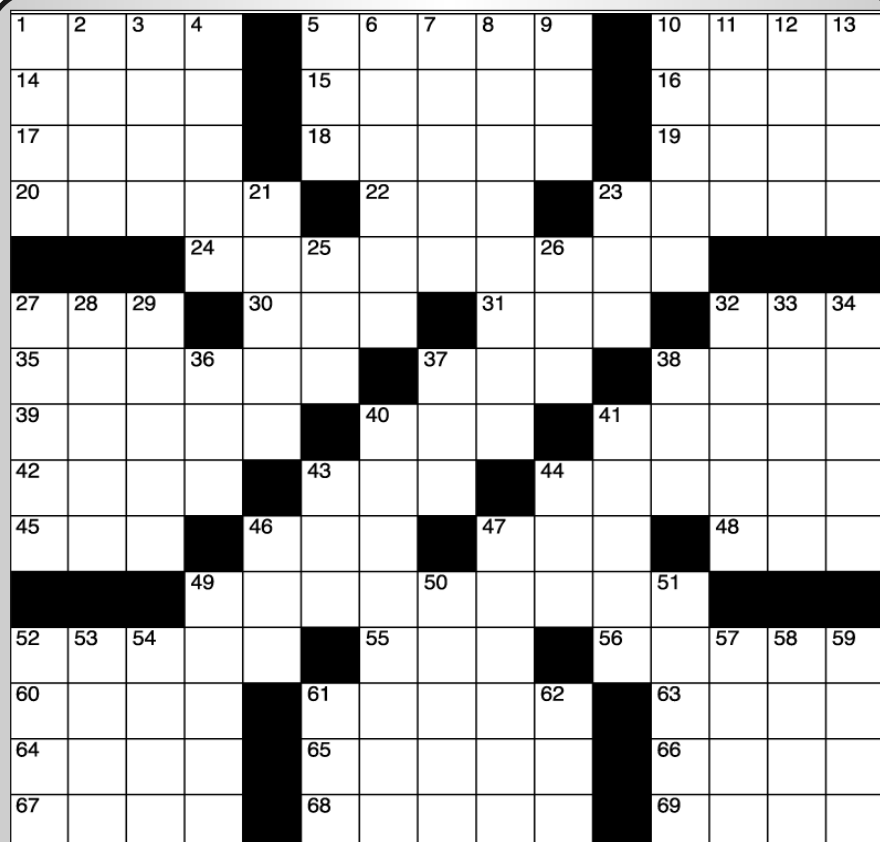
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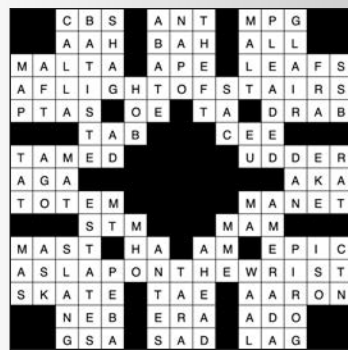


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- 17. Venice beach
- 18. Infirm due to old age
- 19. Attentiveness
- 20. Mortify
- 22. Whale (Norwegian)
- 23. Family Bufonidae
- 24. "A Passage to India" author
- 27. Ocean
- 30. Dad's partner
- 31. Owned
- 32. Swiss river
- 35. Female golf star Gibson
- 37. Base
- 38. A way to summons
- 39. Acquit
- 40. Male parent
- 41. Brendan Francis ___, author
- 42. Rattan
- 43. Aromatic hot beverage
- 44. Inflorescence
- 45. Former CIA
- 46. Make lace
- 47. Airborne (abbr.)
- 48. Thieving bird
- 49. H. Potter's creator
- 52. Frequency
- 55. Nothing
- 56. More lucid
- 60. Riding mount
- 61. Deducted container weight
- 63. Molten rock
- 64. In this place
- 65. Ancient upright stone slab bearing markings
- 66. Rumanian Mures River city
- 67. Mentioned before
- 68. An heir (civil law)
- 69. Without (French)
- DOWN**
- 1. W. Samoan monetary unit
- 2. Baby's feeding apparel
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- 4. Shut
- 5. Certified public accountant
- 6. Payment for release
- 7. Red twig dog-wood
- 8. Basked in
- 9. Midway between E and SE
- 10. A way to detest
- 11. Mother of Cronus
- 12. In bed
- 13. Bolsheviks
- 21. Farro wheat
- 23. CNN's Turner
- 25. Farmers of America
- 26. Small amount
- 27. ___ and Venzetti
- 28. Hers in Spanish
- 29. Belongs to sun god
- 32. Expressed pleasure
- 33. Small terrestrial lizard
- 34. Regenerate
- 36. Own (Scottish)
- 37. The cry made by sheep
- 38. Chest muscle (slang)
- 40. Explode
- 41. Notice
- 43. Pitch
- 44. Run due to the batter
- 46. Fight referee declares
- 47. Alternate forms of a gene
- 49. Shifted in sailing
- 50. One who cables
- 51. Elaborate celebrations
- 52. Expresses pleasure
- 53. Carbamide
- 54. Persian in Afghanistan
- 57. 1st capital of Japan
- 58. Welsh for John
- 59. Radioactivity units
- 61. Tanzanian shilling
- 62. Hyrax



Answers for Nov 11



Captain Ron's Fish Tales

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Catching Tautog

Fishing Report: Not much going on in the bay except for a few flounder most of which are undersize. Some short stripers at night from the Route 50 Bridge. However, the striper bite is heating up in Delaware so they should soon start moving in our direction. Offshore they are doing well on sea bass and blue fish with a few flounder also being caught at the wrecks.

Understanding the Tautog: The tautog (tog) is also known as a blackfish. It is an ugly fish with large teeth which it uses to crush the shells of clams, crabs, barnacles and other shell fish that it normally feeds on. There are times however that tog will also bite on squid. It is a bottom feeder and likes to hang around rock piles, wrecks and piers making it a difficult fish to catch since it also likes to dart into the rock piles after grabbing your bait and thus snagging the fishing line unless you set the hook and pull them out quickly before they snag your line in the rocks or wreck. Unlike flounder which are an ambush fish and pursue their prey by sight the tog pursue their prey a great deal by scent.

What kind of gear should I use? Your will require a fairly stiff rod 6' to 7' in length so you can set the hook and pull the fish out of the rocks quickly. The gear can be either spinning or a conventional level wind reel depending on what you prefer. At a minimum you will require 20lb test line, I prefer 30lb test. I also prefer to use monofilament.

What type rig should I use? I recommend using a 4' monofilament leader of 40-50 lb. test attached to

your line with a swivel. A sinker should be at the bottom of the rig when fishing slack tide which is the best time to fish for tog. A dropper should be tied 8-10 inches above the sinker. To the dropper attach a long shank Mustad size 3 or 4 Pacific sea bass hook on approximately 6 to 8 inches of leader. If you don't want to make your own rig visit your local tackle shop and ask for a tog rig.

What about bait? Everyone has their own favorite bait but some of the most popular baits are green crab, clams and my favorite sand crabs. When tog fishing the bait should always be fresh as frozen baits do not have the scent necessary to attract tog. Also, I would highly recommend that if you are new to tog fishing that you ask your local tackle shop where you purchase the bait to demonstrate how the bait is to be hooked. This is very important as the hook must be hidden for tog fishing.

Where should I fish for Tog? Head boat fishing is usually great for tog when in season. If you have your own boat and want to fish inshore seek out rocky structure such as the inlet jetties or tie up to some pilings and fish right down along the piling. This is done best at slack tide. If you are bank fishing there is some great fishing along the inlet jetties but I prefer the bulkhead from Second to Fourth Streets in Ocean City. Again the best time is slack tide so watch your tide charts and have plenty of rigs as you will likely loose a few in the rocks.

What about eating tog? They are a great tasting fish. Here is one of my favorite recipes:

please see capt. ron on page 11



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Nurses annual tea to be held

The Retired Nurses will hold their annual tea on November 18 at 2:30 p.m. at The Parke Clubhouse on Arcadia Lane, Ocean Pines. Everyone is asked to bring an appropriate "tea food" to share as well

as a bag of nonperishable food items which will be donated to food pantries in the area. There will be a 50/50 raffle held for the scholarship fund. Guests are welcome to join for this sharing event.

capt. ron
from page 10

Broiled tautog (tog) steaks
4-6 fish steaks (about 1-inch thick)
2 tablespoons olive oil
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
Lemon wedges, for garnish

1. Preheat the broiler to high, brush or drizzle the olive oil on the fish steaks, then sprinkle them with salt and pepper.
2. Place fish steaks in a broiler pan and broil, turning them once with a spatula, until the steaks are



golden on the outside and done to taste inside, about 4-6 minutes per side. Serve immediately, garnish with the parsley and lemon wedges.

Did you know? The Northern Stargazer frequently caught in the bays of Ocean City can deliver up to a 50 volt shock. They have eyes on top of their heads (hence the name). They also have two large venomous spines situated behind their opercles and above their pectoral fins. Handle with care or not at all. Become familiar with this fish!

Remember to take a kid fishing,
Capt. Ron

Tide and Sun Chart				
* tide is for Ocean City Fishing Pier. Add two hours for Isle of Wight tide				
DATE	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Thur., November 19	12:36 a.m. 1:03 p.m.	6:50 a.m. 7:34 p.m.	6:46 a.m.	4:45 p.m.
Fri., November 20	1:40 a.m. 2:05 p.m.	7:54 a.m. 8:30 p.m.	6:47 a.m.	4:45 p.m.
Sat., November 21	2:44 a.m. 3:07 p.m.	8:58 a.m. 9:26 p.m.	6:48 a.m.	4:44 p.m.
Sun., November 22	3:44 a.m. 4:04 p.m.	10:02 a.m. 10:20 p.m.	6:49 a.m.	4:44 p.m.
Mon., November 23	4:39 a.m. 4:59 p.m.	11:03 a.m. 11:13 p.m.	6:50 a.m.	4:43 p.m.
Tues., November 24	5:32 a.m. 5:52 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	6:51 a.m.	4:43 p.m.
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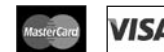
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-Monitor your account. Use online and mobile banking to keep an eye on your transactions, especially during the holidays. Notify the bank right away if there’s any fraudulent activity.

-Beware of phishing scams. During the holidays, fake package delivery emails are popular. Criminals create a fake email about a delivery, supposedly for you. Other emails may be for a deal that’s too good to be true. If you click on any links within the email, you may be downloading malware onto your computer or you may be asked for payment information that could lead to fraud.

-Limit large sums of cash. Even though we’ve seen financial crime migrate from physical to cyber, customers should be careful not to carry around large sums of cash when shopping. If cash is stolen, your money is gone.

-Be cautious before giving. Charity scams exist throughout the year, but peak during the holidays. Many fake charities will pitch you through email or social networks. Always check out the legitimacy of a charity first before making a contribution.

-Secure your internet connection. If shopping online, make sure you do so from a password protected Wi-Fi network. Never access online banking from a public Wi-Fi network.

-Shop online safely. Before making an online purchase, make sure the website is well-established and uses secure technology. When you are at the checkout screen, verify that the web address begins with “https.” Also, check to see if a tiny locked padlock symbol appears on the page.

-Read the site’s privacy policies. Though long and complex, privacy policies tell you how the site protects the personal information it collects. If you don’t see or understand a site’s privacy policy, consider doing business elsewhere.

Film festival approaching

Assateague Coastal Trust is holding their 5th Wild and Scenic Festival on Thursday, November 19 at Seacrets’ Morley Hall. There will be two separate screenings at 2 and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Those who buy 3 tickets get the 4th one free for purchases made in advance. For more information, visit www.ACTforBays.org.

Knights of Columbus to hold bingo

The Knights of Columbus will be holding bingo on November 20 at Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, behind St. Luke’s Church. Refreshments will be for sale. Doors open at 5 p.m., and the games begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 410-524-7994.

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Mondays

Ocean Pines Poker Club

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

Open every Monday through October: **Historic St. Martin's Church Museum.** 1-4 pm. 11413 Worcester Highway, Showell, MD. For more information, call 410-251-2849

Sweet Adelines

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

Mon. & Tues.

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

Mon., Wed. & Sat.

Church Thrift Shop

OC Baptist Church's Thrift Shop by Seaside Christian Academy behind White Marlin Mall open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mon. & Wed., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sat. Call 410-251-6971.

Tuesdays

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.

Take off Pounds Sensibly Meeting.

Berlin group No. 331, Worcester County Health Center 9730 Healthway Dr., Berlin, 5:30-7:00 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly on Tuesdays. Info: jean-duck47@gmail.com

Tuesdays and Thursdays

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.

Wednesdays

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

Elks Bingo

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

Delmarva Hand Dancing

Dancing at The Fenwick Inn in Ocean City from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Contact 302-934-7951 or info@delmarvahanddancing.com

Rotary Club

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

Square Dancing

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

AL-Anon/OP-West OC-Berlin

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

Wed., Thurs. & Fri.

Church Thrift Shop

Stevenson United Methodist Church in Berlin is open Wed. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sale Fridays. Call 410-641-1137.

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The Shepherd's Nook at Community Church at Ocean Pines is

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Thursdays

Story Time

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

Beach Singles

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

Legion Bingo

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

Gamblers Anonymous

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

Fridays

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.

Sundays

Sunday Night Serenity **Al-Anon Family Group** 7:30 p.m. at The Woodlands/Independent Living Apt. Bldg. 1135 Ocean Parkway-Ocean Pines, Md. 21811

Third Sunday

Sharing Sunday

Bring non-perishable groceries and paper goods to the Ocean Pines southside fire hall 1 -3 p.m. to benefit local food banks.

Third Monday

Democratic Women

The Democratic Women meet 9:30 a.m. for coffee followed by a meeting at 10 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Guests and new members are welcome.

Third Tuesday

Widows & Widowers Social Club.

Group meets in Ocean Pines at 1 p.m. for luncheon meeting. Call 410-208-1398.

Third Wednesday

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Fourth Wednesday

Marine Corps League

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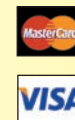


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Chili fun

The Democratic Women's Club of Worcester County held a chili cook-off Saturday night, November 14 at the Ocean Pines Community Center with lots of chili and fixings for a crowd of guests to choose from and vote for their favorite. And the winner? Kay Hickman of Ocean Pines.

Shown from left: **Em Hensch, Tom Wilson, Kathy Emmert, Diana Gross, Senator Jim Mathias, Women's Club President Judy Butler, Irene Daly, Vicky Wallace, Jean Fry, Karen Bray, June Bray, and Harriet Batis.** Photo by Ted Page.

Alpaca Farm Days celebrated

Ocean Breeze Alpacas will celebrate National Alpaca Farm Days on Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. when the farm, located at 10304 Caleb Road in Berlin, will open free to the public for tours and other activities. Co-owners Nancy and Susan Taylor invite all to come meet their alpacas and visit their "Breezy Barn" farm store of local alpaca yarn, roving and fibers. Alpaca goods and one-of-a-kind hand knits are also available for sale in the shop, just in time for the holiday gift-giving season. Susan notes, "We hope everyone can join us on Saturday when we have invited various fiber artists demonstrating tatting, knitting and also possibly spinning, rug-hooking, weaving and felting." There will be face painting and hayrides for the kids and the young at heart. Food will be available to benefit Stevenson United Methodist Church. "It promises to be a fun day on the family farm."

Nancy and Susan Taylor started their alpaca farm business three years ago with a herd of seven males purchased in Southern Maryland. The next year the sisters-in-law added nine females and six more males from a local farm in Delaware.

Both Nancy and Susan love to knit and were excited to have their own alpaca yarn from their own animals' first shearing in 2012. Nancy notes, "Most of this first shearing's fibers were made into yarn and socks we now sell in our shop. We offer rug yarn and bulky and worsted weight yarns perfect for your next knitting or crocheting project. We also have roving and raw fibers available for spinning. Our colors are all natural; we haven't started dyeing yet." Alpaca yarn is hypoallergenic and without the lanolin wool possesses. The alpaca fibers are hollow, making alpaca warmer and lighter than wool.

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