

# Biking and Walking Tour Reveals Historical Treasures Across the Island

#### Story by Angie Heady

Walking is a proven exercise method to maintain overall good health at any age, and there are numerous ways to enjoy a good walk or bike ride on Chincoteague Island. One fun way to learn about the town while doing so is the Historic Chincoteague Walking and Biking Tour.

The Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission has expanded its free tour map – which began in 2009 and was revised for 2017 - toinclude informative notes on different sites along the route for exploring the hidden history of the island on foot or by bicycle.

The walking tour is mostly within the sidewalk-connected downtown district, while the biking tour encompasses a larger area. For safety, it has clearly marked "danger" zones to avoid due to high vehicle traffic, and includes the locations of designated nature trails, native plant gardens, water access points and public restrooms.

"The guide was made possible by a Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program Technical Assistance NOAA grant program," says Shannon Alexander, coastal resources program manager of the planning district commission. "An update of the guide was especially important, as the previous version was created prior to construction of the new bridge onto the island, and because we needed to show the new bike and recreational trail work that the town has been diligently completing for the last seven years. We added water access points, restrooms, the Eastern Shore Native Garden demonstration sites, along with several other previously not-included locations. I believe this is the first time that a guide, independent from the Plant ES Native campaigns, has includWalking & Biking Tour



Historic Chincoteague Island

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ed site locations to improve public engagement."

As the walking tour winds through the downtown district of Chincoteague and the surrounding blocks, it covers various historic points of interest; some long gone, some still in existence and re-purposed. For instance, the old town jail, built in 1927 and utilized until the 1960s, is now the site of Chincoteague's broadband network project.

Other highlights include the turn-of-the-century Frank Matthews House, home of the island's first mayor, as well as the 1909 Powell Opera House and Theater that is presently the site of the "Village Mall." Island churches are showcased in a "tour-within-a-tour."

The bike tour covers an area from the north Main Street cul-de-sac, site of the 1877 grave of Captain Joshua Chandler, past the island's oldest home, the Timothy Hill House, all the way down to south Main Street's Coast Guard station, carnival grounds and Curtis Merritt Harbor, then back up Ridge Road with a trek to Memorial Park. There are numerous historical points in between, and it does include the downtown walking portion of the tour, with a reminder to always walk against traffic and cycle with traffic, and to walk bicycles on sidewalks and ride only on the street.

Maybe the most entertaining aspect of the commission's guide is the "Neighborhoods of Chincoteague" portion of the map, a comprehensive collection of anecdotes taken from Lillian Rew's popular book, "Assateague & Chincoteague: As I Remember Them," clearly marked for those enjoying the tour. Walking and cycling tourists won't look at the island the same after reading Rew's colorful descriptions of Chincoteague neighborhoods.

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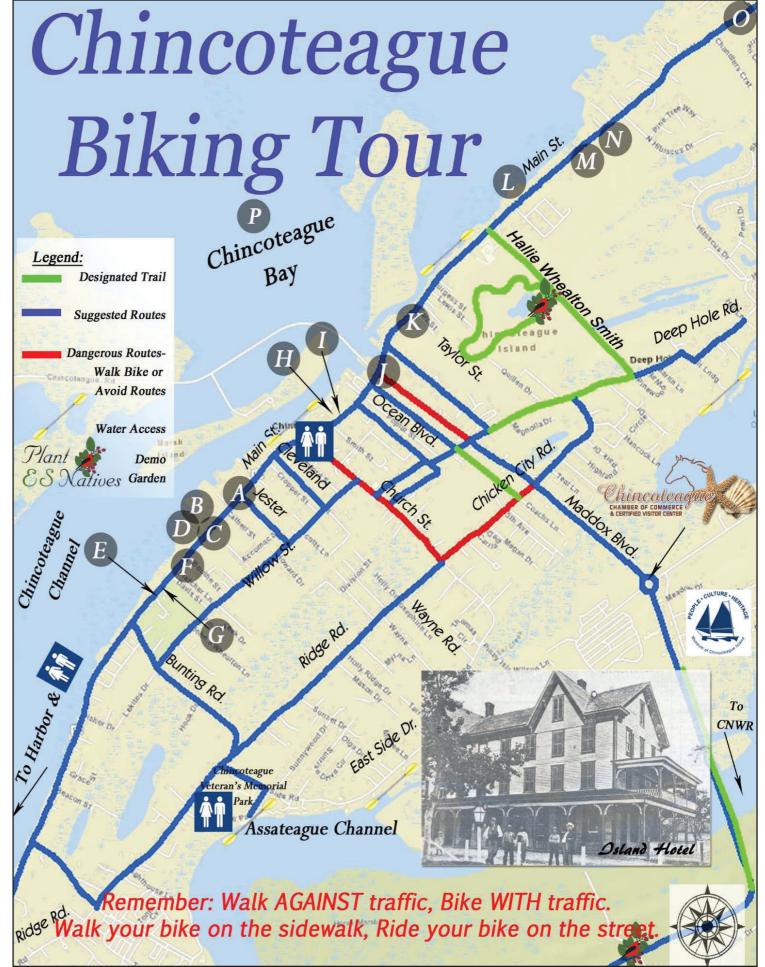
For more information, contact Shannon Alexander at the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission, or download a printable tour map at the planning district commission's website <u>http://</u> www.a-npdc.org

Pre-printed copies are also available at the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce and Certified Visitor Center, the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance or various hospitality and bike rental businesses throughout the island.

Right: The map is an excerpt from the recently revised an updated HIstoric Downtown Chincoteague Walking Tour. The entire brochure can be downloaded at http://www.a-npdc.org or preprinted copies can be found at the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce or local hospitality businesses and civic organizations.



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# What to do this week in and around Chincoteague

## Friday, Aug.11, Friday, Aug. 18:

Rocketry, 2 p.m., free admission, all ages welcome, NASA Visitor Center, www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter

Captain Timothy Hill House, open to public Fridays, 1 - 3 p.m., free admission, donations welcome, 973-831-5961, 5122 Main Street, Chincoteague, www.captaintimothyhillhouse.com

## Saturday. Aug. 12:

2nd Saturday Artful Flea, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., free admission, Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., www.ChincoteagueCulturalAlliance.org

2nd Saturday Art Stroll, 5 - 8 p.m., array of special events and a Scavenger Hunt at participating galleries and shops on Main Street and Maddox Boulevard, www.chincoteaguechamber.com/events

Astronomy & Night Sky Summer Series-Perseid Meteor Shower Night, 7 - 10 p.m., free and open to the public (refuge entrance fees still apply), Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter

#### Saturday, Aug. 12, Wednesday, Aug. 16, Saturday, Aug. 19: Chincoteague Island Farmer & Artisan Market, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., 6309 Church Street, ChincoteagueCulturalAlliance.org

## Saturday, Aug. 12, Saturday, Aug. 19:

Imagination Playground, 11 a.m., free admission, geared toward ages 4 - 9, NASA Visitor Center, www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter

Peculiar Planet, 2 p.m., free admisstion, all ages welcome, NASA Visitor Center, www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter

Sunday. Aug. 13: *Kitchen Gallery*, 3 - 5 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church Street, ChincoteagueCulturalAlliance.org

Tuesday. Aug 15: Tuesday Nights at the Museum: Where Island Tales Are Told, 7 p.m., \$4

admission for adults, free admission for children 12 & under, active military and museum members, 7125 Maddox Blvd, ChincoteagueMuseum.org

## Wednesday, Aug. 16:

Engineering Challenge, 2 p.m., free admission, pre-registration begins at 1 p.m. at the Visitor Center front desk, approximately 60 minutes, recommended for ages 6 and up, NASA Visitor Center, www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter

Game Night, 6 - 8 p.m., \$3 per person or \$8 per family, 757-336-0614, The Chincoteague Center, 6155 Community Drive, www.thechincoteaguecenter.com

Last Man on Earth, 8 p.m., \$5 admission, Theatre Annex, 4076 Main St., www.chincteagueislandarts.com

## Thursday. Aug 17:

Tales 4 Tots - End of Summer Program Party, 10 a.m., free admission, The Chincoteague Island Library, 4077 Main Street, www.chincoteaguechamber.com/events

Young Explorers - End of Summer Program Party, 10 a.m., free admission, The Annex (across from the library, next door to the Island Theatre), www.chincoteaguechamber.com/events

3rd Thursday Theatre, 8 p.m., \$5 donation suggested at door, Chincoteague Island Theatre Company, CCA Community Center for the Arts, 6309 Church St. www.chincoteaguechamber.com/events

#### Friday, Aug. 18:

Serving Up the Shore, 6 p.m., Chincoteague Bay Field Station, 34001 Mill Dam Rd., Wallops Island, purchase tickets online at www.cbfieldstation.org

## Saturday, Aug. 19:

CCA Island Coffeehouse, 7 p.m., \$5 cover charge (\$3 for 21 and under with ID), Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., www.ChincoteagueCulturalAlliance.org

All listings are provided for information only; call or check websites for updates and confirmation.

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# Day Trips and Side Trips Around the Eastern Shore

#### Friday, Aug. 11:

The Eastern Shore of VA Historical Society presents Tarrant at Music on the Lawn, 5:30 p.m., cash bar and onsite concessions, free and open to the public, 757-787-8012, Historic Ker Place, 69 Market Street, Onancock, www.shorehistory.org

Documentary: The Last Boat Out with Laura Seltzer-Duny, 7 - 9 p.m., \$5 at the door, The Palace Theatre, 305 Mason Ave, Cape Charles, www.artsentercapecharles.org/

#### Friday, Aug. 11 – Saturday, Aug. 12:

We are sponsored by most local campgrounds.

Movie: Despicable Me 3, 7 p.m., \$5 admission, Marva Theatrer, 103 Market St., Poco-

moke, Md., 410-957-4230, www.marvatheater.com

#### Friday, Aug 11 - Wednesday, Aug. 16:

Movie: Dunkirk, 7 p.m., \$9 adults, \$8 seniors, \$7.50 children 12 and under, Roseland Theatre, 48 Market St., Onancock, 757-787-2010 or 757-787-2209, www.roselandonancock.com

#### Friday, Aug. 18 - Saturday, 19:

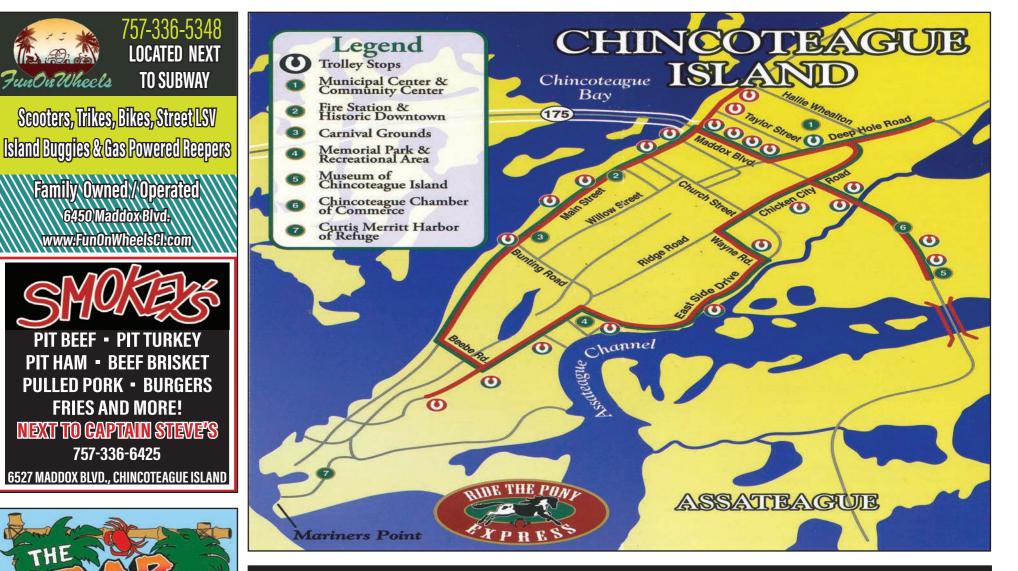
Play: Sherlock Holmes, 8 p.m., \$20 adults, \$18 seniors, \$10 students, North Street Playhouse, 34 Market St., Onancock, 757-787-2050, www.northstreetplayhouse.org



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#### **ROUTE DAYS OF OPERATION**

• The Green Route will run the 3rd of June, and will run continuously June 6th through September 9th. The Green Route route will be run Friday and Saturday, starting September 15th through October 14th.

#### • The Red Route will begin on June 5th and will run every day through August 31st.

Trolley fare is 25 cents per person per ride. Exact change is appreciated. Free ride tokens are available at local businesses. Drivers do not carry cash. As a courtesy, please: no alcohol, no tobacco, and no pets. The Pony Express is seasonal transportation service provided by the Town of Chincoteague. This service is open to the public. Many of the motels, restaurants, shops, parks, recreational areas, ice cream parlours, and campgrounds are along our routes. Trolleys are equipped with wheelchair lifts. To inquire about Americans with Disabilities Act public transportation option, please contact the Town of Chincoteague during business hours at 757-336-6519, or The Pony Express at 757-854-8572, after 5 p.m.



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Local Stories from Around the Island

Chincoteague is rich with history, which has given rise to a number of local legends. Reporter Amanda Mehall has captured a few for your enjoyment.

#### By Amanda Mehall

#### <u>The murder of Jennie Hill</u>

The gruesome homicide/suicide tale behind the deaths of 13-year-old Jennie Hill and 20-year-old Tom Freeman is a hopeless love story that took a lethal turn in the 1880s.

Freeman worked as a farmhand for the Hill family, and Jennie caught his eye right away, Cindy Faith, Road Scholar Director at the Chincoteague Museum said.

"He was in love with Jennie. He asked her parents repeatedly if he could court her and they said 'no," Faith said. She added that the two probably could have gotten married if it wasn't for Freeman's social standing, because Jennie's parents wanted her to marry someone of a higher status so he could support her.

Freeman eventually left his job with the Hill family to work on a lightship, a lighthouse on a boat, but Timothy Hill, Jennie's father, asked Freeman to come back because he really needed his help on the farm. However, Timothy Hill did not understand that Freeman still had feelings for Jennie, and now some built up resentment as well.

On the morning of June 18, 1885, Freeman killed Jennie, wounded her mother, Zipporah Hill, and then killed himself.

"He shot her twice, once in the ear and once in the neck, and he shot her mom in the stomach. Then he ran to another house in the compound and ended his own life," Faith said.

Zipporah survived the attack, but Faith said Jennie died a painful and sorrowful death. All night, Jennie kept saying how sorry she was and that it was all her fault.

"Everyone in the family said she died of a broken heart," Faith said. Today, the Timothy Hill house, where the crime took place, still stands on Main St. on Chincoteague Island about one mile past the high school. It is the oldest house standing on the island and is filled with many other stories aside from Jennie's. Tours of the house are available by calling 973 831-5961.

#### <u>James Alone</u>

A wicked storm off the coast Assateague destroyed a ship carrying more than 400 people in 1802. Only one person survived. A mother strapped her young boy to a wooden board broken off the ship in an attempt to save him, and it worked. He washed ashore not speaking a word of English or even looking like anyone else on the island with his olive tone skin and dark hair.

"He was adopted by a local family here and they named him James Alone," Faith said.

At age 18, James Alone legally changed his name to James Lunn.

"He went across the bay in his boat and walked about 15 miles to the Accomac County courthouse to have his name changed," Faith said.

From there on out, James Lunn spent the rest of his life on Assateague Island. He married twice and fathered four children, and their descendants eventually moved over to Chincoteague Island. Today, Faith said about a third of Chincoteague residents can say they are related to James Lunn. His descendants take pride in their eastern heritage and call themselves the "Mediterranean Chincoteaguers."

#### <u>The storm of 1962</u>

A two-day storm with 60 mph winds, extremely high equinox tides and nonstop rain hit Chincoteague Island in March of 1962, known as the Ash Wednesday storm.

"It was not predicted, nobody was prepared for it," said Deb Landis, a volunteer at the Chincoteague Museum, adding it was one of the most severe storms to hit the Eastern Shore.

The causeway flooded from high tides in the Chincoteague Bay which drove water onto the island, and parts of Main St. were submerged up to six feet. Piers, docks and businesses on the waterfront were completely wiped out. Ninety-five percent of Chincoteague Island was underwater.

People needed to be helicoptered off the island to be saved from the waistdeep water, including the Beebe family, Misty of Chincoteague's owners. Landis said the family saved Misty by bringing her into the house and keeping her in the kitchen.

Once the storm passed, Chincoteague was an island consisting entirely of flooded rubble and destruction. The storm not only wrecked homes and the pony herd, but Chincoteague's livelihood and success in chicken farming. Chincoteague had thrived in chicken farming since the late 1920s.

"The 1962 storm wiped out the poultry industry and it never got built back up again," Landis said.

Thousands of chickens drowned in the flood, but Landis said an urban legend on the island is that one lone chicken survived the storm.

#### <u>The first African American light-</u> house keeper

William Major Parker served as the nation's first African American lighthouse keeper during his time manning the Killock Shoals Lighthouse in the 1800s. Today, the skeleton of the Killock Shoals Lighthouse still stands out on the bay when you're crossing the bridge to get on the island, right before the stoplight.

Beginning his career at the Assateague Lighthouse as the second assistant keeper, he inherited his position at Killock Shoals Lighthouse after the first assistant keeper at the Assateague Lighthouse, Samuel Quillen, said manning Killock Shoals Lighthouse was not the job for him.

The role of a lighthouse keeper was a well-respected job. Every day, Parker shined the brass devices that held and turned the lens to the lighthouse, filled the oil to power the light and kept accurate records in the log book regarding weather conditions or passing ships.

However, an African American taking on this position did not sit well with some of the folks on Chincoteague Island during this time.

Angry islanders started petitions to fire him and local newspapers wrote he was unqualified, but the Lighthouse Establishment out of Washington refused to revoke his position because of his hard work and nine years of dedication to the Assateague Lighthouse.

Unbothered by these complaints against him, Parker excelled at his job. Every time the lighthouse inspector came to the Killock Shoals Lighthouse, he found that Parker maintained it up to standards and regulations. Parker never let the light in the Killock Shoals Lighthouse go dark in his 25 years as the lighthouse keeper.

The only time the lighthouse didn't shine was at Parker's death. He died in the lighthouse while on his knees, hands clasped together in prayer next to his bed. He died at the age of 55, and he spent nearly half of his life lighting up the waters to provide safety for sailors. Parker's wife, Venus, then took over the lighthouse for about a year until she retired.

Roughly one month after Parker's death, the New York Times wrote an obituary for him, claiming, "He was esteemed by all who knew him."

The museum of Chincoteague has an African American exhibit on display, showcasing William Major Parker as well as other famous people from the island's history.

# Chincoteague Island Library to Hold Labor Day Weekend Yard Sale

#### Submitted Article

Saturday, Sept. 2, and Monday, Sept. 4, the Chincoteague Island Library will be holding the Second Annual Labor Day Yard Sale from 8 a.m. until noon.

The proceeds from the sale benefit the library, providing funding for programs, materials and maintenance. The yard sale will be inside, so rain or shine, there will be plenty of shopping for great bargains! There will be collectables, toys, tools, books, furniture, house hold items and much more.

The Chincoteague Island Library serves the needs of the residents of

Chincoteague and the surrounding area, as well as visitors and guests, and is located at 4077 Main St. on Chincoteague.

For more information, contact the library at 757-336-3460.

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# EASTERN SHORE MASTER NATURALISTS BASIC TRAINING CLASS REGISTRATION

#### Submitted Article

A few slots remain for the Eastern Shore Master Naturalists 2017 Basic Training Class before registration closes on Aug. 21. Classes are held on Thursdays, starting Sept. 7, through Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Historic Onancock School.

The fee for the 10-week course is \$95, which covers all materials and field trips to many of the Shore's Natural Area Preserves. For more information and registration forms, contact Mimi Stitt at 757-678-7879 or mimistitt@gmail.com.

The training is an opportunity to explore the shore with classes and field trips offered by experts in the shore's ornithology, geology, forestry, entomology and botany as well as the natural processes that create the barrier islands and the bayside coasts.

Since the Eastern Shore chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalists was chartered in 2007, graduates of the 40-hour course have volunteered thousands of hours to numerous research, stewardship, and educational projects that have enhanced the environment and contributed

to a growing base of knowledge about the shore.

They have conducted bird counts on Wreck Island, surveyed the bayside beaches for the rare Northeastern Beach Tiger Beetle, helped with oyster restoration projects, planted seagrass on the seaside and marsh grass on the bayside, and engaged in hundreds of outreach projects such as the annual Watershed Walk. And they have helped to restore more than 500 acres of migratory songbird habitat.

Last year, the Eastern Shore Master Naturalists launched a new project - restoring 17 long over-looked Birding and Wildlife Trail sites on the Shore contributing more than 225 hours to this effort.

"Quality stewardship of Natural Heritage resources on the Eastern Shore would not be possible without Master Naturalist volunteers," said Dot Field, Eastern Shore Region Steward and Natural Areas Research Coordinator for the Division of Natural Heritage, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

"They are true extensions of my eyes and ears and my hands and feet."

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# Virginia Students Explore Earth and Space on the Eastern Shore

#### Submitted Article

For the past five years, students throughout Virginia have received the opportunity to explore Earth and space through the Virginia Space Coast Scholars Summer Academy program at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility.

More than 500 students have participated in the summer program funded by the Commonwealth of Virginia and conducted in partnership between NASA Wallops and the Virginia Space Grant Consortium.

The program includes a five-module online course during the spring semester for high school sophomores focusing on the science, engineering and technology integral to current missions at Wallops. Upon completion of the on-line program, top performing scholars are invited to attend a seven-day residential summer academy at Wallops.

Since its beginning with the 2012-13 school year, more than 1,300 students have participated in the on-

line portion of the program and more than 500 of those students have participated in the summer academy at Wallops.

"The Virginia Space Coast Scholars program has seen an increase in interest from students from across the commonwealth to participate in this unique learning opportunity. Participation in the online segment of the program has more than doubled in five years and the summer academy has grown from one, one-week session with 40 students in 2013 to three sessions with 121 students in 2017," said Mary Sandy, director of the Virginia Space Grant Consortium.

Through the online course, students learn basic project management skills, data analysis and teamwork required for a successful payload and launch. They also learn how science drives the engineering and space mission design process.

During the Summer Academy, students interact with NASA scientists, engineers, pilots and project managers to hear first-hand about Award. In 2015, the program was missions at Wallops. Through presentations, facility tours and informative briefings, students become familiar with NASA Wallops and the research being conducted from Virginia's Space Coast.

"During the week at Wallops, the students are immersed in the research and engineering activities at the facility and are challenged to develop their own missions," said Joyce Winterton, NASA Wallops senior advisor for education. "The combination of the online sessions and the summer academy allows the students to explore and gain an in-depth look at developing science missions. The Virginia Space Scholars program is truly a unique learning experience."

In 2014, the Virginia Space Coast Scholars program was recognized for its achievement in educating students in science, technology, engineering and math by receiving the NASA Robert H. Goddard Team recognized for having a positive impact on student learning when it received the Programs That Work Award from the Virginia Mathematics and Science Coalition.

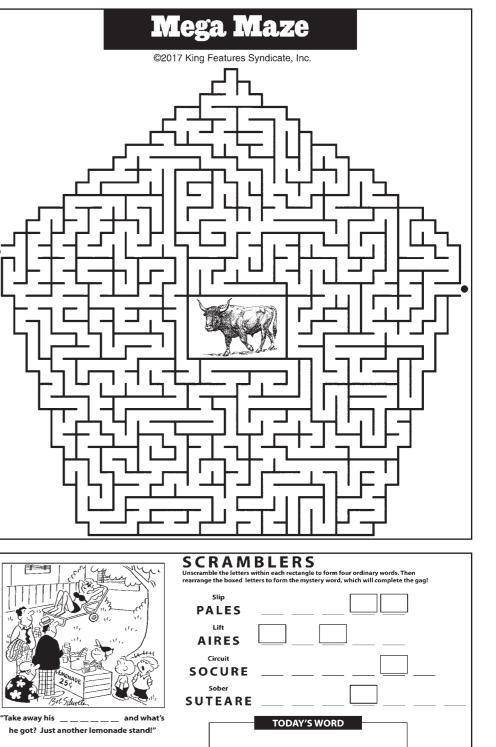
Virginia students can apply for the Virginia Space Coast Scholars in the fall of their sophomore year. Applications for the 2018 program are due in November 2017. There is no cost to participate.

To encourage students to continue their interest in science, technology, engineering and math careers, students who have participated in Virginia Space Coast Scholars and others can apply to participate in the Virginia Aerospace Science and Technology Scholars, or the Virginia Earth Systems Science Scholars programs during their junior or senior year held at the NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton. Both programs are free, offer dual enrollment credit and also encourage students to apply for NASA internship opportunities.

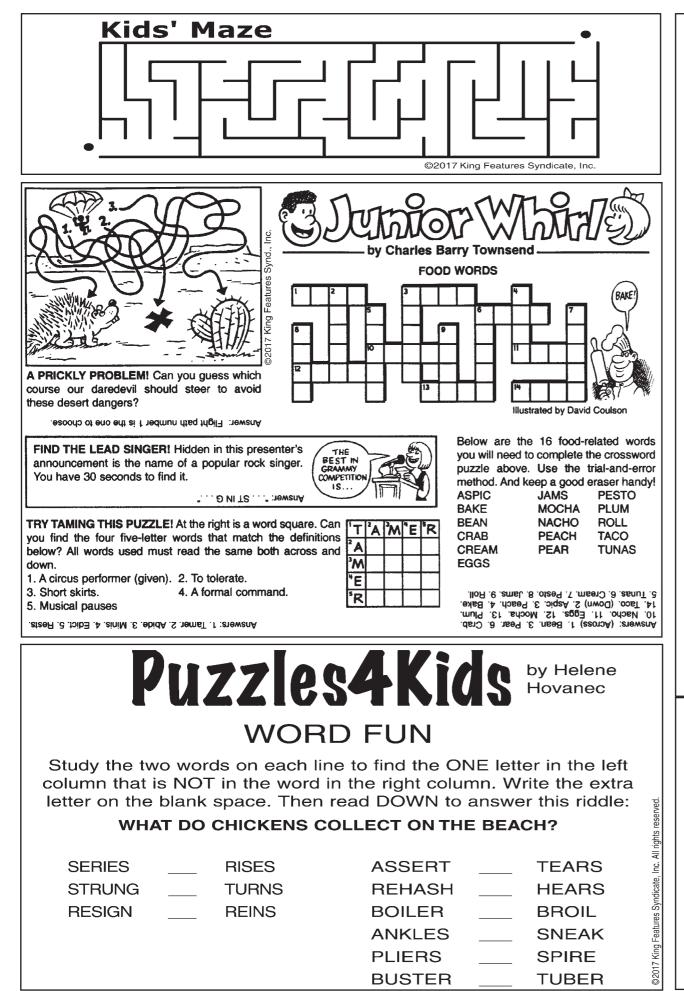


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2. GEOGRAPHY: Which is the largest of the Great Lakes?

3. MUSIC: How many notes are in the military bugle call "Taps"?

4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the only American president born on July 4?

5. EXPLORERS: What European explorer discovered the Grand Canyon?

6. FLAGS: What kind of tree is featured on Lebanon's flag?

7. BUSINESS: What firm was originally known as the National Biscuit Company?

8. TELEVISION: Who starred as Kunta Kinte in the original miniseries "Roots"?

9. ANATOMY: What is the normal temperature of the human body in Celsius?

10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: At which school are Rhodes scholars invited to study?

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# oid you know? Chincoteague Historical Trivia

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- In 1650, Col. Daniel Jennifer was
   the first to obtain a land grant on Chincoteague. He was granted
   1,500 acres.
- In 1671, Chincoteague was given the name, "Land Across the Waters," by the Gingo-Teague Tribe.
- On April 1, 1671, the first record of white man's land quest of Gingo-Teague was recorded. By 1672, large farm lands were in abundance, owned by the first settlers, Mr. R.W. Bishop, the Jesters, the Bowdens, Tarrs and others.
- In April 1692, the first religious history on the island was recorded.
- In 1838, 36 homes were on the Island. Two years later, the first school on Chincoteague was established.
- In 1841, the First Baptist Church was built. Its first pastor was Rev. William P. Thornton.
- In 1853, the Methodist Protestant Church was organized on Church Street on land purchased from Evaline Sharpley.
- In 1854, the first postmaster was J.A.M. Whealton. Six letters arrived from Horntown. At that time, Horntown was the shipping center for early settlers. James E. Matthews, in the same year, brought mail to Chincoteague from the mainland.
- The first doctor was Dr. Hudson. It was 1859. He was from the • mainland.



- Seafood was the chief occupation in 1860.
- In 1861, Chincoteague voted 132-2, not to secede from the Union and against slavery.
- In 1865, the first Sunday School was organized by the Baptist Church and was led by Benjamin Scott.
- In 1879, Capt. John Bunting led the organization of Beulah Baptist Church.
- In 1879, the railroad line boat between Franklin CIty and Chincoteague was completed.
- That in 1881, Pony Penning was held on Aug. 10, 1881.
- On July 12, 1883, steps were taken to organize a Masonic Lodge on the island.
- Tom Freeman killed Jenny Hill and wounded her mother Zepporah Hill in June 1885.
- The Pennsylvania Railroad Company placed one of its steamers on route between Chincoteague and Franklin City in 1885.
- In 1886, a black school was opened with a teacher and 20 students.
- In 1890, oysters were sold at Chincoteague at the following prices per barrel. Primes \$1.40, culls 10 cents, cullenteens such as were known to be sold before from 30 cents to 40 cents. The purchasers were from the Northern and Eastern Markets.
- Oysters were in great demand in 1890. A thousand barrels of oysters were shipped from Chincoteague on the Steamer "Widgeon" and the average daily freight was about 500 barrels. The price was about \$3 a barrel.
- In 1891, a Lodge of Red Men was organized with 66 members.
- In 1891, a school was erected on Ridge Road. It was called South End School.
- On Feb. 14, 1891, The Christ's Sanctified Holy Church was organized.
- A large bell was put up by the town in 1894, which was rung promptly at 9 p.m., when all stores closed.

- On Dec. 1, 1894, a newspaper known as the "Chincoteague Islander" was started on with Editor J. W. Fields and Frank Townsend. The last issue was in 1895.
- On April 30, 1896, Union Baptist Church was destroyed by a fire.
- In 1896, the bank building was completed and is one of the handsomest south of Wilmington. It is a two story building, 20 feet long by 32 feet wide, furnished and cost \$3,000.
- In 1896, Western Union opened an office with messenger service attached. The office adjoined Dr. Smith's Drug Store. Twenty-five messages were received and sent on the opening day.

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- In 1899, Joe Baker built a large Blacksmith Shop. Also that year, every ice house on Chincoteague was filled during the freeze with the finest ice that was ever saved there.
- In 1900, the first barrel house was built.
- In 1900, a petition was circulated asking the government to place a lighthouse at the outer end of Chincoteague Shoals.
- The street were lighted by gas lamps in 1900.
- In 1902, a telephone office was established on Chincoteague. Retta Smith was the first telephone operator on the island. She was succeeded by Alice Laws. In 1905, long distance services were received.
- In 1903, Mary Hudson sold her dwelling on Main Street to Mary Ann Hill for \$1,900 for an Oyster Saloon.
- In 1906, the population was 3,100.
- Chincoteague was incorporated in 1908. Frank Matthews was the first mayor.
- In 1908, the first automobile was brought to the Island. The owner, Archie Jones, purchased a Premier car in Baltimore, Md.
- In 1920, the Chincoteague Bridge was being built.

- On Nov. 15, 1922, a crew estimated that more than 300 people journeyed to Chincoteague from the mainland for the opening of the toll road and bridge.
- In 1924, the first Pony Penning was held. This round up was called "Horse Penning."
- In 1925, the newly organized volunteer fire department had its first chief, Mr. Eve Jones.
- On Feb. 19, 1930, the state took over the John B. Whealton Memorial Causeway for \$150,000. In June of the same year, it was opened to the public as a free road.
- In 1930, the poultry industry started on a large scale on Chincoteague.
- In 1930 plans to build a new fire house on the corner of Main and Cropper streets were made.
- The 1933 storm damaged a lot of property, but no lives were lost.
- The bridge at Oueen Sound was carried away by ice in January 1940.
- The Ash Wednesday Storm in 1962 was one of the worse storms that ever occurred on the Island; property and animals were destroyed, and much of the debris went out to sea. Many of the ponies died on Assateague Island.
- In 1964, St. Andrews Roman Catholic Church established in the former Methodist Protestant building on Church Street.

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# Chincoteague Kids Fishing Day Success

#### Submitted Article and Photos

Chincoteague Island Charterboat Association held its annual Kids Fishing Day on Monday, Aug. 7, and with threatening skies, loaded the boats with 20 of the total 32 who had registered.

The kids fished the main channel and some of Queen Sound, and managed to catch a few flounder and many small seabass.

After two hours and some showers in the area, the brave young anglers headed in for lunch. Everyone left with a T-shirt and door prizes.

Many thanks to the Charter Captains who volunteered their boats, and to all the wonderful donations from the island businesses who helped support this event.









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Fishing from the Shore By Bill Hall

The catches were on the small side in the Onancock Volunteer Fire Department Croaker Classic, but the participants had a whale of a good time and the event benefitted a worthy organization. Mason Horner captured the top spot as well as the largest croaker caught by a youth. Other winners included Joey Boole (2nd Place), Chad Parks (3rd place/Top First Responder), Brittany Parks (Top Female), Sterling Valentine (Top Non-Croaker) and Brenda Payne (Smallest Croaker).

Brisk winds last weekend, which undoubtedly affected the croaker tournament results, kept most of the vessels inside the creek, and monsoon-like weather in the early part of this week combined to put a damper on most folks' fishing plans. Look for improved angling results once the weather stabilizes.

Just to our north, the 44th Annual White Marlin Tournament is being held this week with Friday, Aug. 11, the last day of fishing. The tournament attracted a field of 353 boats and the 4.6 million dollars in payout money, making it the largest amount of money ever awarded in a fishing tournament. The largest white marlin could earn the angler a paycheck worth two million dollars or more! Offshore fishing up to this week off Delmarva has not been great, but a fleet that big will have the range to find the fish if they are out there. The awards ceremony will be held on Saturday, Aug. 12.

**Wachapreague** – Vessels making the run south to the Norfolk Canyon found marlin fishing to be on the slow side, but hungry hammerhead sharks were very aggressively hitting slow trolled live tinker (chub) mackerel. Most boats gave up on the trolling and ended up deep dropping for blueline tilefish and black sea bass. Captain Lindsay Paul, of Trident Tackle, reported that the action inshore of the canyons was also on the slow side. One boat trolled from the 830 line all the way to the Lumps without a single knockdown. A few king mackerel and false albacore were caught from 20 fathoms inshore to the Hills. Inside the inlet, a few flounder are still being taken, but the overwhelming majority are throwbacks. Anglers wanting a serious shot at a keeper flatfish are having to run out to the wrecks and railcars near #10.

Chincoteague - The offshore fishing up at the Washington Canyon was somewhat better than down in the Norfolk, with some white marlin releases and dolphin (mahi-mahi) action being found around the lobster balls. Donna Rae, at Captain Bob's Marina, reported that the blackfish (tautog) fishing has improved over the offshore wrecks, with triggerfish and spadefish coming from the Blackfish Banks. Inside the inlet, action for keepersized fish remains disappointingly slow. Croaker are few in number and most of the flounder are well below the legal size limit. Kingfish and sharks remain the only steady catches.

Lower Shore - Mark, at Chris' Bait & Tackle, reported that a few croakers were coming from the area around Marker 262 at Wise Point. Anglers fishing from the pier at Kiptopeke State Park were finding a mixed bag of croakers, sand mullet (whiting) and hand-sized spot. Red drum releases are being made around the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel during the evenings. A few cobia are still being caught by anglers sight casting in the waters between the bridge tunnel and buoy 36. Tautog catches have come from over the tubes and spadefish continue to be found around the rock islands. Sharks were described as being "everywhere!"

**Upper Bay** – Matt Abel, at Seahawk Sports Center, reported that red drum were being caught and released from the southern bay all the way up to Pocomoke Sound. There have been some cobia catches as well by anglers targeting the big reds. Bottom fishermen have been finding mostly kingfish, with a few spot and small croakers. Large sheepshead are still a possibility at the target ships for those anglers willing to risk their vessel and personal safety among the sharp remains of the rusted hulls.

Bill Hall was the first Eastern Shore resident to achieve Virginia Salt Water Master Angler Status. He has been named Virginia Saltwater Angler of the Year and Virginia Saltwater Release Angler of the Year. Bill is an I.G.F.A. International Committee Representative and a longtime member of the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament Committee. He is the Virginia Recreation Fishing representative on the ASMFC Striped Bass Management Panel and is a past recipient of the CCA-VA Virginia Outdoor Writer Conservation Leadership Award.



Photo courtesy of Sea Hawk Sports Center Tim Pruitt boated this 8.5 pound sheepshead in Pocomoke Sound.

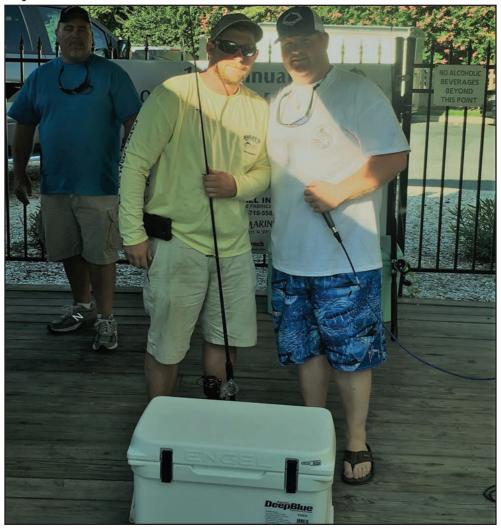


Photo by Bill Hall

Joey Boole is awarded a Penn Fierce Combo and a Deep Blue Cooler by Tournament Official Adam James for his second place catch in the Onancock Fire Department Croaker Classic.

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