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Lose Yourself On The Beach And Make The Find Of A Lifetime

By Connie Morrison

It's a time-honored tradition to walk the water's edge, lost in thought as the waves lash against the sand, heaving their daily offerings onto the shore.

The thrill of discovering what is waiting on the beach is enough to compel beachgoers out of bed in the morning, and with 36 miles of beach in the Assateague Island National Seashore, there's plenty of coastline to explore.

We asked readers about their best beachcombing finds and they did not disappoint.

"One day as I was walking down the beach of Assateague, I was wading in the water and I was grabbing whatever the ocean handed me in the waves," said Emily Guemple, of Parksley. Handful after handful yielded only sand and broken shells and she was ready to return home, when "that last wave

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Photo by Emily Guemple

Reader Emily Guemple found this item in the surf at Assateague Beach. She has identified it as a "prehistoric petrified sea robin skull." A family member of another reader also found one.



Grant Will Help Field Station Better Serve Community

Submitted Article and Photo

Chincoteague Bay Field Station received a \$25,000 grant from the Eastern Shore of Virginia Community Foundation to support the upgrade and expansion of its transportation fleet.

The grant allowed for the purchase of two used school buses and a used vehicle for the outreach program. A dedicated outreach vehicle will allow the field station to increase programs at local schools, community centers, and events. Specifically, the vehicle will allow the field station to expand its Shore People Advancing Readiness for Knowledge (SPARK) after-school program into Kegotank, Accawmacke, and Pungoteague elementary schools.

Alverne W. Chesterfield, executive director, expressed his appreciation to the community foundation for selecting the Chesapeake Bay Field station for the grant, saying, "This grant will allow CBFS to enhance its fleet

and expand programs and activities offered at CBFS and the surrounding community. The funds provided will have a great impact on our ability to better serve our community."

"The Eastern Shore of Virginia Community Foundation is a permanent charitable endowment that provides grants to the nonprofits in our community," said foundation director Julie Badger. "The Chincoteague Bay Field Station's grant to upgrade and expand its program vehicles matched our grant mission of supporting Eastern Shore organizations that provide services to our community that help it grow over the long term. We are delighted to assist the field station meet their educational, environmental, and community service goals and wish them continued success."



Chincoteague Bay Field Station Executive Director Alverne W. Chesterfield (left), Education Director Kent Chapple, and Business and Finance Manager Julie Lurowist (far right) accept a \$25,000 check from Eastern Shore Community Foundation Executive Director Julie Badger. The funds will be used to upgrade the field station's transportation fleet.

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A beached sturgeon at Assateague National Seashore.



Photo by Beached Paws Photography

A seal basks in the sun on the beach at Assateague National Seashore.

~ Beach Treasures ~ (Continued From Front)

handed over (the) treasure.” At first it wasn’t clear she was holding anything special, “but I saw two eye sockets and then two nostrils. ... This thing started looking more and more like a baby dragon skull.” Through her research she determined it was a prehistoric sea robin skull that had petrified. A sea robin is a bottom-feeding fish that gets its name from the large pectoral fins which, when in use, resemble a flying bird.

“There are always things washing up here,” said Heather McDaniel, lead seasonal interpretive park ranger at Assateague National Seashore. Many variables affect what a beachcomber might find on any given day. “It depends on how far you walk and how slowly you walk,” she said. Storms also play a role because “storms dislodge things.”

The migratory nature of barrier islands is a factor as well. “Assateague is constantly rolling over itself,” said McDaniel, burying what was once visible and uncovering what was buried.

Kimberly Blackwelder, of Landenberg, Pa., has spent many summers on the Assateague beach. She has been visiting Chincoteague since first grade and was married at the Channel Bass Inn in 2009.

Blackwelder recounts the time she floated out in an inner tube “because I could see the sun reflecting off of something.” Her parents waved from the shore for her to come back, but “I was determined to see what it was.”

What she found was a bottle with a note inside. “My family had a great time opening the bottle and reading the message. I no longer remember what it said, but I have great memories of carrying that bottle back to shore,” she said.

Faith Sturgis, of Painter, found something valuable in the sand the summer before her high school senior year. “I was on the beach and just sitting on my towel talking,” she said. “I reached my hand in the sand and felt something. It was a class ring.” She and her grandmother located and called the school depicted on the ring (at a time before Google) and the school’s guidance department helped them get in touch with the young man who had it.

“He said that he and his friends looked for a couple of hours.” She mailed it back to him. “He sent me some money for finding his ring, but I sent it back,” said Sturgis. “We ended up corresponding during my senior year and guess who showed up to my graduation? Yep, you guessed it!”

Others, like Linda Hess, find beauty in the natural features like shells and driftwood. “I found a beautiful piece of driftwood with a natural cross in the wood,” she said. “I had it painted with ‘Be still and know that I am God.’”

“Everything washes up here at some point,” McDaniel said. Last year, lifeguards found an entire whale vertebrae in the surf and dragged it to shore, stash-

ing it under the guards' chairs. "They educated people about it for a day or so" before taking it to the visitor center. Mammal remains, like the whale vertebrae, are completely off limits for taking from the national seashore.

More common discoveries for beachcombers are "lots of different shells," egg casings, fish bones, fishing tackle, and jellyfish. "If people have questions about what they have found, they are welcome to come in to the visitor center," said McDaniel.

One gallon of "unoccupied shells" per person per day may be taken from the beach, so be sure to check shells for snails and hermit crabs or other critters who might have made the shells their home.

"If you take the time to look, you can find some cool stuff," said McDaniel.

Some say their best finds are not tangible: they are memories of meaningful moments.

"Last time I was there (years and years ago) there was a storm offshore and some dolphins were swimming close to shore," said Doug Kerins, who now lives in Texas. "That was a super day."

Denise Brown, of Greenbackville, had a similar experience last fall. She had walked north on the beach to find a quiet spot to sit and enjoy the sea. "I noticed dolphins playing," she said. "They were fairly close to the shore and the waves were high. All of a sudden three of them ride the wave in. They were actually inside the wave curl."

She was unable to get her phone out in time to record the moment, but it is one she won't forget. "It was incredible!"

Beach Paws Photography had a hard time choosing and submitted several images as favorites, including a seal and beached sturgeon (both on Page 4).

Other intangibles mentioned were peace and tranquility.

"Riding down the beach with the ponies walking in the surf beside me, that's what I found to be extra special to me," said Roy Ballard, of Exmore.

Perhaps the greatest finds were made not by those looking down for treasure cast upon the shore, but looking up to find their prizes already gazing toward them.

Keith Underhill, who grew up on the Shore but now lives in Texas,



Photo by Connie Morrison

Toms Cove Visitor Center at Assateague Island National Seashore where visitors can get help identifying beach finds.

said "the love of a beautiful woman" was the best thing he ever found on the beach at Assateague.

similar sentiment. He was married there last June 30.

"My wife," he said, "by far is the best thing I ever found anywhere."

Troy Jean, of Suffolk, shared a



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Safe Cycling On Chincoteague

By **Connie Morrison**

During tourism season, Chincoteague's population swells with visitors seeing the sights, which means more vehicles of every kind are on the road, including bicycles. They are a fun way to explore the island and a great family activity, but nothing can ruin a fun trip like an accident or injury.

To assist cyclists, the Chincoteague Police Department has published a map with recommended routes based on traffic volumes and road features, and scenic routes. The map can be found online at <https://chincoteagueva.gov/files/BIKEMAP2.pdf>

In some areas, bike lanes and shared-use paths provide an alternative to riding in the travel lane. A dedicated bike lane runs along Maddox Boulevard from Deep Hole Road to the Museum of Chincoteague where the shared-use bicycle/pedestrian path to the wildlife refuge begins. A shared-use path also follows Deep Hole Road from the intersection with Maddox Boulevard to Hallie Whealton Smith Drive. More information about Virginia's bicycle facility inventory can be found at <http://www.virginiadot.org/programs/bikeped/maps.asp>

For safety's sake, bicyclists must not carry articles which prevent them from keeping at least one hand on the handlebars and must not carry more people than the bicycle is designed to accommodate, except for adult bicyclists carrying a child under six years of age securely attached to the bicycle in a seat or trailer designed to carry children. Also, bicyclists may not attach themselves or their bicycles to any other vehicle on the roadway, nor are they permitted to wear earphones in both ears while riding a bicycle.

If a bicycle is operating on the roadway, it is considered a vehicle under the code of Virginia and has the same rights and duties as other vehicles. Some of those are to move in the same direction as traffic, stop at stop signs and signals, signal for turns, and yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.

Bicyclists on sidewalks, shared-use paths, and crosswalks have all the rights and duties of pedestrians under the same circumstance. If crossing highways at clearly marked crosswalks, they must come to a complete stop at stop signs prior to entering such crosswalk. If there isn't a stop sign or other signal, they aren't required to stop, but cannot disregard oncoming traffic.

Even though cyclists have to obey all signals, under certain circumstances bicyclists, motorcycles, and mopeds may proceed through a proceed through a nonresponsive solid red light at an intersection, but only if the driver or rider:

- Comes to a full stop at the intersection for two complete cycles of the traffic light or for two minutes, whichever is shorter.
- Exercises due care as provided by law.
- Otherwise treats the traffic control device as a stop sign.
- Determines that it is safe to proceed.
- Yields the right of way to the driver of any vehicle approaching on such other highway from either direction.

There are also stipulations about where bicyclists can ride.

- Ride with the flow of traffic on the right side of the highway.
- If operating on a roadway at less than the normal speed of traffic, ride as close as safely practicable to the right curb or edge of roadway.
- Exceptions to this are when overtaking and passing another vehicle in the same direction, preparing for a left turn, avoiding unsafe conditions, avoiding riding in a lane that turns or diverges to the right, riding on a one-way street where bicyclists may ride near the left-hand curb or edge of roadway, or when the lane width is too narrow to share with a motor vehicle.
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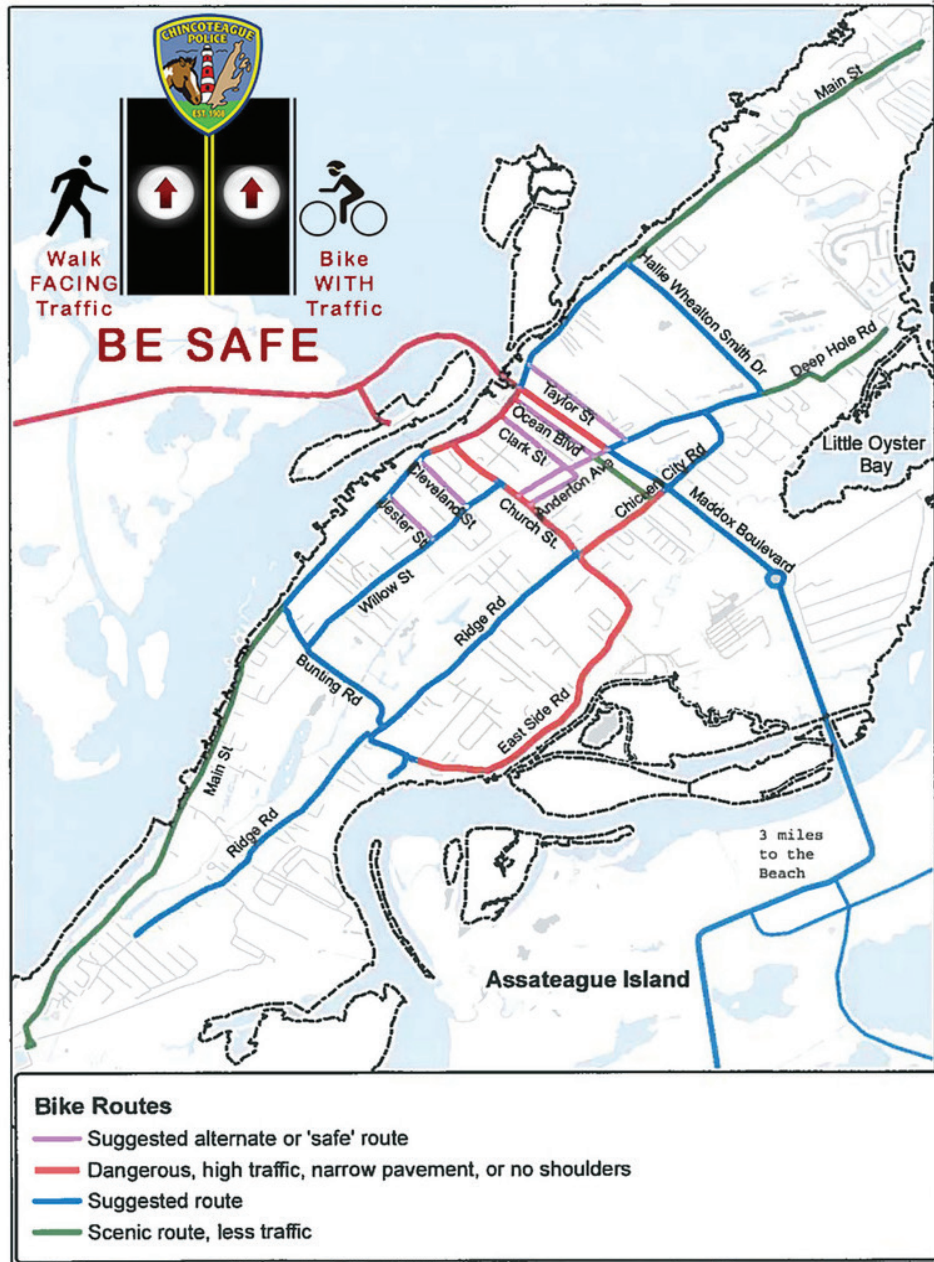
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Bicycling Map of Chincoteague



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- Bicycles may be ridden on sidewalks unless prohibited by local ordinance or traffic control devices. While on sidewalks and shared-use

paths, bicyclists must always yield the right of way to pedestrians and give an audible signal before passing a pedestrian.

- Bicyclists pulling onto a sidewalk or highway from a driveway must yield the right of way to pedestrians or vehicles already on the sidewalk or highway.

Information for this article is from the Virginia Department of Transportation http://www.virginiadot.org/programs/bikeped/laws_and_safety_tips.asp and the Chincoteague Police Department <https://chincoteague-va.gov/law-enforcement>

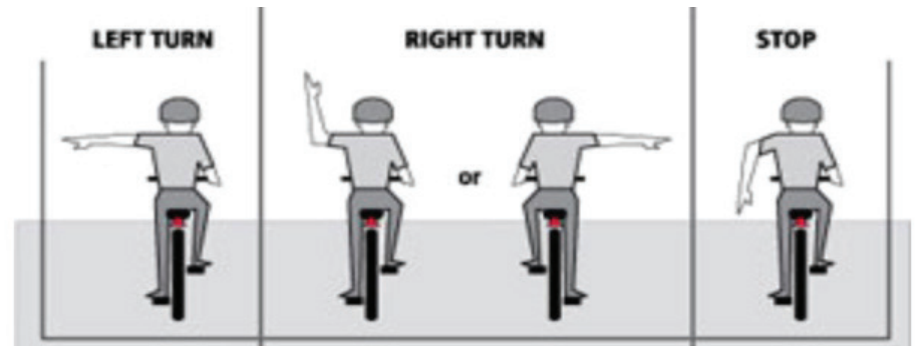


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Hand signals for left turn, right turn, and stop.

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Fishing from the Shore

By Bill Hall

Yellowfin tuna offshore and cobia in the lower Chesapeake Bay have highlighted the angling action over the last week as the recent run of nice weather has pleased both anglers and tackle shop operators. One tackle shop reported that every boat they were aware of which ventured offshore to the canyons was rewarded with catches of yellowfins. Cobia remain abundant in the lower bay, but anglers are having to work to find keeper-sized fish.

Lower Shore — Mark Snook at Chris' Bait & Tackle reported there were plenty of cobia to be found in the area between Cape Charles and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel. Small spadefish were being caught around the bridge-tunnel's fourth island. The fantastic run of red drum seems to have slowed down a bit, but a few small black drum remain in the surf of the lower barrier islands. Croaker catches of up to a half cooler full were being made out of Oyster. Latimer Shoals was producing catches of sea mullet.

Jeb Brady at Bailey's Bait & Tackle reported there has been "some really good cobia action with anglers having some really good days, but lots of shorts." He cited the area around buoy 36-A as well as the shoals along the bridge-tunnel as productive locations for cobia. Flounder action was still going on in the "Ditch."

Wachapreague — Captain Lindsay Paul at Trident Tackle reported that anglers had "a pretty decent weekend" out of Wachapreague. Flounder anglers were finding a few more keepers for their efforts, although there were still plenty of throwbacks. Croakers have arrived, but they are small in size. Captain Paul said that offshore anglers were finding yellowfin tuna in the Washington Canyon, as well as in Bob's Canyon. A few dolphin (mahi) and even a couple of makos were included in the catches. One of the makos was caught while trolling for tuna, the other was caught while shark fishing

along the 20 fathom line. False albacore were "everywhere" from the canyons inshore to the Hills.

Chincoteague — Donna Rae at Captain Bob's Marina reported that fishing over Blackfish Banks really heated up over the weekend with flounder in the 22- to 24-inch range.

Black sea bass, spadefish, and triggerfish rounded out the catches. Offshore, big-eye tuna and large yellowfin tuna catches came in from the Washington and the Poor Man's canyons. Shark action was on the increase as three-foot-long Atlantic finetooth shark catches were reported. A nice-sized sand tiger was caught and released in the Assateague surf. Croakers measuring 8- to 12-inches, 13- to 14-inch kingfish/whiting, and mostly throwback flounder dominated the action on the inside. Small cobia catches were reported from the Chincoteague Channel in front of the Waterside Inn.

Jimmy Vasilou at Captain Steve's Bait and Tackle reported that the Rumer Has It won the Frederick Tuna Tournament held last weekend with a 79-pound, 3-ounce bigeye tuna that was caught by Terry Conrad. The shop also weighed in a 177-pound bluefin tuna caught in the Poor Man's Canyon over the weekend for Robert Dobart. The Huntress had a limit catch of black sea bass from an offshore wreck, while catches of spadefish, gray triggerfish and a few keeper seabass were being made over some of the inshore wrecks. A 7-foot sandtiger was released by a surf fisherman. Kingfish/whiting and sharks comprised most of the catches being made by surf fishermen. Pinhead croakers were starting to show up, with action reported from the dock at Robert Reed Park as well as in Deep Hole. A few keeper flounder are still around and Bob Miller stopped by the shop with three nice flatfish. A 3-pound, 2-ounce largemouth bass took first place in a recent tournament held at the Wallops Mill Pond.

Upper Shore — Captain Matt Abell reported that the big fishing news centered on the yellowfin tuna bite. Matt reported that everybody caught tuna along with a few dolphin/mahi. Steve Shumaker had a large blue marlin release in the Washington Canyon. Catches of triggers



Photo courtesy of Captain Steve's Bait & Tackle
Capt. Bob Dobart from Bel Air, Md., and Chip Taylor from Bowleys Quarters, Md., with a 177-pound bluefin tuna caught aboard the Showtime in the Poor Man's Canyon.

and spadefish were reported from the wrecks and large flounder were caught along the rail cars out of Chincoteague. The best flounder action that was reported came from Wachapreague, where a total of nine keeper fish were made by a three-person fishing party. Brian Sheats and sons had a catch of three cobia, one of which was a keeper, in the lower bay. Bottom fishing in Pocomoke Sound was slow, with only a few kingfish catches reported.



Photo by Jimmy Vasilou
"Uncle Dave" Abell with a nice flounder caught on a Philly Special with a Gulp and minnow combination inside Chincoteague.

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	Chinco Channel	H 4:57 p.m. L 10:39 a.m.	H 5:50 p.m. L 11:30 a.m.	H 6:36 p.m. L 12:18 p.m.	H 6:49 a.m. L 1:03 p.m.	H 7:32 a.m. L 1:46 p.m.	H 8:15 a.m. L 2:26 p.m.	H 8:57 a.m. L 3:06 p.m.
	Gargatha Neck	H 5:49 p.m. L 11:19 a.m.	H 6:03 a.m. L 12:10 p.m.	H 6:54 a.m. L 12:58 p.m.	H 7:41 a.m. L 1:43 p.m.	H 8:24 a.m. L 2:26 p.m.	H 9:07 a.m. L 3:06 p.m.	H 9:49 a.m. L 3:46 p.m.
	Folly Creek	H 5:42 p.m. L 11:04 a.m.	H 6:35 p.m. L 11:55 a.m.	H 6:47 a.m. L 12:43 p.m.	H 7:34 a.m. L 1:28 p.m.	H 8:17 a.m. L 2:11 p.m.	H 9:00 a.m. L 2:51 p.m.	H 9:42 a.m. L 3:31 p.m.
	Wachapreague	H 5:28 p.m. L 10:48 a.m.	H 6:21 p.m. L 11:39 a.m.	H 6:33 a.m. L 12:27 p.m.	H 7:20 a.m. L 1:12 p.m.	H 8:03 a.m. L 1:55 p.m.	H 8:46 a.m. L 2:35 p.m.	H 9:28 a.m. L 3:15 p.m.
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	Machipongo	H 5:23 p.m. L 10:28 a.m.	H 6:16 p.m. L 11:39 a.m.	H 6:28 a.m. L 12:27 p.m.	H 7:15 a.m. L 1:12 p.m.	H 7:58 a.m. L 1:55 p.m.	H 8:41 a.m. L 2:35 p.m.	H 9:23 a.m. L 3:15 p.m.
Bayside	Tangier Sound Light	H 8:30 a.m. L 2:54 p.m.	H 9:31 a.m. L 3:46 p.m.	H 10:26 a.m. L 4:34 p.m.	H 11:15 a.m. L 5:18 p.m.	H 11:58 a.m. L 6:00 p.m.	H 6:54 a.m. L 12:38 p.m.	H 1:16 p.m. L 7:32 a.m.
	Muddy Creek	H 8:46 a.m. L 3:29 p.m.	H 9:47 a.m. L 4:21 p.m.	H 10:42 a.m. L 5:09 p.m.	H 11:31 a.m. L 5:53 p.m.	H 12:14 p.m. L 6:35 p.m.	H 12:54 p.m. L 7:29 a.m.	H 1:32 p.m. L 8:07 a.m.
	Guard Shore	H 8:38 a.m. L 3:25 p.m.	H 9:39 a.m. L 4:17 p.m.	H 10:34 a.m. L 5:05 p.m.	H 11:23 a.m. L 5:49 p.m.	H 12:06 p.m. L 6:45 a.m.	H 12:46 p.m. L 7:25 a.m.	H 1:24 p.m. L 8:03 a.m.
	Chescon. Creek	H 8:13 a.m. L 2:37 p.m.	H 9:14 a.m. L 3:29 p.m.	H 10:09 a.m. L 4:17 p.m.	H 10:58 a.m. L 5:01 p.m.	H 11:41 a.m. L 5:43 p.m.	H 12:21 p.m. L 6:24 p.m.	H 12:59 p.m. L 7:15 a.m.
	Onancock Creek	H 8:27 a.m. L 2:57 p.m.	H 9:28 a.m. L 3:49 p.m.	H 10:23 a.m. L 4:37 p.m.	H 11:12 a.m. L 5:21 p.m.	H 11:55 a.m. L 6:03 p.m.	H 12:35 p.m. L 6:57 a.m.	H 1:13 p.m. L 7:35 a.m.
	Pungoteague Creek	H 7:43 a.m. L 2:11 p.m.	H 8:44 a.m. L 3:03 p.m.	H 9:39 a.m. L 3:51 p.m.	H 10:28 a.m. L 4:35 p.m.	H 11:11 a.m. L 5:17 p.m.	H 11:51 a.m. L 5:58 p.m.	H 12:29 p.m. L 6:49 a.m.
	Nassawadox	H 6:28 a.m. L 12:33 p.m.	H 7:29 a.m. L 1:25 p.m.	H 8:24 a.m. L 2:13 p.m.	H 9:13 a.m. L 2:57 p.m.	H 9:56 a.m. L 3:39 p.m.	H 10:36 a.m. L 4:20 p.m.	H 11:14 a.m. L 4:59 p.m.
	Ocohan. Creek	H 7:07 a.m. L 1:51 p.m.	H 8:08 a.m. L 2:43 p.m.	H 9:03 a.m. L 3:31 p.m.	H 9:52 a.m. L 4:15 p.m.	H 10:35 a.m. L 4:57 p.m.	H 11:15 a.m. L 5:38 p.m.	H 11:53 a.m. L 6:17 p.m.
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	Kiptopeke Beach	H 5:35 p.m. L 11:10 a.m.	H 6:29 p.m. L 12:02 p.m.	H 6:51 a.m. L 12:50 p.m.	H 7:40 a.m. L 1:34 p.m.	H 8:23 a.m. L 2:16 p.m.	H 9:03 a.m. L 2:57 p.m.	H 9:41 a.m. L 3:36 p.m.

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Free Tennis Lessons At Memorial Park

Community Tennis Association of Chincoteague (CTAC) will offer two free tennis clinics. The lessons will be held Thursday, July 12 and Aug. 9, at the Memorial Park Courts on East Side Drive in Chincoteague.

The lessons for adults (ages 16 and older) are from 9-10 a.m. and young people (6-15) from 10:15-11:15 a.m. Participants must wear tennis shoes and should bring water. Wearing caps and using sunscreen are strongly suggested. Bring a racquet or the association will provide them for those without.

For more information or to register, call Peter Lukacs at 301-370-8439 or email communitytennisassoc.2013@gmail.com. Please give name, age, and contact information. Walk-ons are welcome, space permitting, but pre-registration is strongly recommended.

The clinics are offered as a community service to island residents and visitors. The CTAC encourages tennis as a life-long sport, thus its slogan, "Tennis Everyone!"

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Chincoteague Cultural Alliance Serves Summer Interests

Submitted Article and Photos

There's something for everyone at the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance's Community Center for the Arts, 6309 Church St.

On Saturday, June 23, the Island Farmers and Artisans Market, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., offers food from farm, field, and bay, plus quality arts and crafts. Fresh seafood, meats, eggs, produce, baked goods, smoothies, plants, soaps, jewelry, photographs, and much more can be found along with live music and Captain E's food truck. The market continues every Wednesday and Saturday.

Also on Saturday at 7 p.m., the winners of CCA's 15th Anniversary Photo Contest will be on display, and some of the winning photographers will present slide shows of their 20 favorite shots of Chincoteague and Assateague on the big screen. There were so many great photos among the 200 entered that, in addition to Best in Show, First Prize in four categories, and 11 Honorable Mentions, the judges awarded another 16 photos "Best of the Rest." See them all, meet the photographers, and enjoy light refreshments.

CCA's free summer cinema series begins on Monday, June 25, at 8:30 p.m. in Robert Reed Park. Enjoy the science fiction epic "The Fifth Element" in which a cab driver and ex-military

hero unwittingly becomes the central figure in the search for a legendary cosmic weapon to keep Evil and Mr. Zorg at bay. The movie stars Bruce Willis, Milla Jovovich, Gary Oldman, Chris Tucker, and Ian Holm. It is rated PG-13. Bring a chair or blanket. Popcorn and cold drinks will be available at old-fashioned prices. "Monday Movies" continues every other Monday through August.

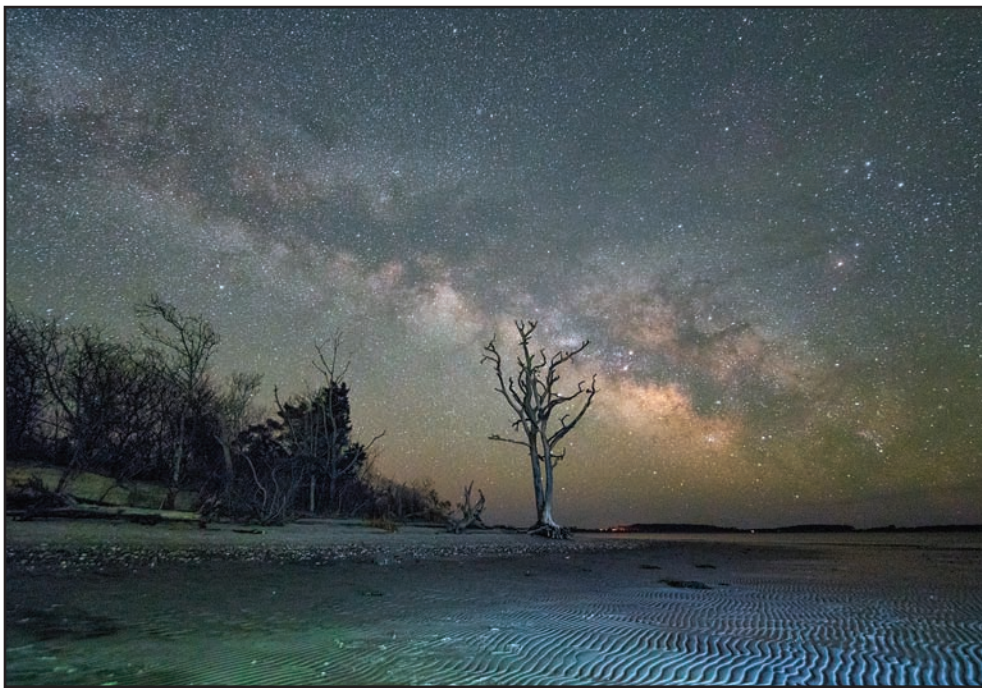
On Friday, June 29, back at 6309 Church St., it's the Story Swap, storytelling for adults by adults. This month's theme is "Road Trips." Professional and experienced storytellers will tell their tales, and audience members are invited to share theirs. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and program begins at 7. Admission and refreshments are free.

Throughout the summer, CCA is offering an array of classes in all things creative, including jewelry making on Sunday, June 24, from 1 to 4 p.m. Artist Kim Reyes will instruct students on beading and other jewelry making techniques. Students will complete and bring home their creations that same day. The cost is \$35 including all supplies. Pre-registration is required online at www.ChincoteagueCulturalAlliance.org or at Sundial Books (cash or check only). Check the website for details of other classes in painting, turn-

ing gourds into art, guitar for adult beginners, and pickling vegetables. At a special weekend painting retreat Aug. 17-19, Nancy Richards West will help artists "Conquer Your Fear of Oils." Like most classes, the retreat is limited to a small number of students so early registration is encouraged.



Artist Nancy Richards West, who is teaching two painting classes this summer.



This photo by Carol Ward won "Best in Show" in CCA's 15th Anniversary Photo Contest. It was selected from among 20 entered.

On June 23, at 7 p.m., it will be on display, along with winners in four categories. Winners will present slide shows of their 20 favorite shots of Chincoteague and Assateague on the big screen.

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Chincoteague Island Pony Express 2018 Trolley Schedule

GREEN ROUTE	EVENING HOURS ONLY							
Pine Grove	5:02	6:02	7:02	8:02	9:02	10:02		
Maddox Blvd. & Deep Hole Rd.	5:05	5:35	6:05	6:35	7:05	7:35	8:05	8:35
Main St. & Church St.	5:08	5:38	6:08	6:38	7:08	7:38	8:08	8:38
Beebe Rd. & Ridge Rd.	5:13	5:43	6:13	6:43	7:13	7:43	8:13	8:43
Memorial Park	5:17	5:47	6:17	6:47	7:17	7:47	8:17	8:47
Pony Centre	5:21	5:51	6:21	6:51	7:21	7:51	8:21	8:51
Museum of Chincoteague Is.	5:25	5:55	6:25	6:55	7:25	7:55	8:25	8:55

GREEN ROUTE: Designated "Free Rides" courtesy of the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce

SEPTEMBER: 29th - Chili Chowder Cook Off - 10am - 10:30pm

OCTOBER: 6th - Oyster Fest - 10am - 10:30pm (Ride free 10am - 5pm)

RED ROUTE	EVENING HOURS ONLY							
Pine Grove	5:15	6:15	7:15	8:15	9:15			
High School - Call In								
Main St. & Church St.	5:22	5:51	6:22	6:51	7:22	7:51	8:22	8:51
Beebe Rd. & Ridge Rd.	5:30	6:30	7:30	8:30	9:30			
Memorial Park	5:34	6:34	7:34	8:34	9:34			
Museum of Chincoteague Is.	5:38	6:08	6:38	7:08	7:38	8:08	8:38	9:08

Carnival*, Pony Swim, Pony Auction, Pony Swim Back Extended Hours

JULY: 4th - Fireworks - 5pm - Midnight 25th - Pony Swim - TBA - Midnight

JULY: 26th - Pony Auction - 7am - 1pm** 27th - Pony Swim Back - 6am - 1pm**

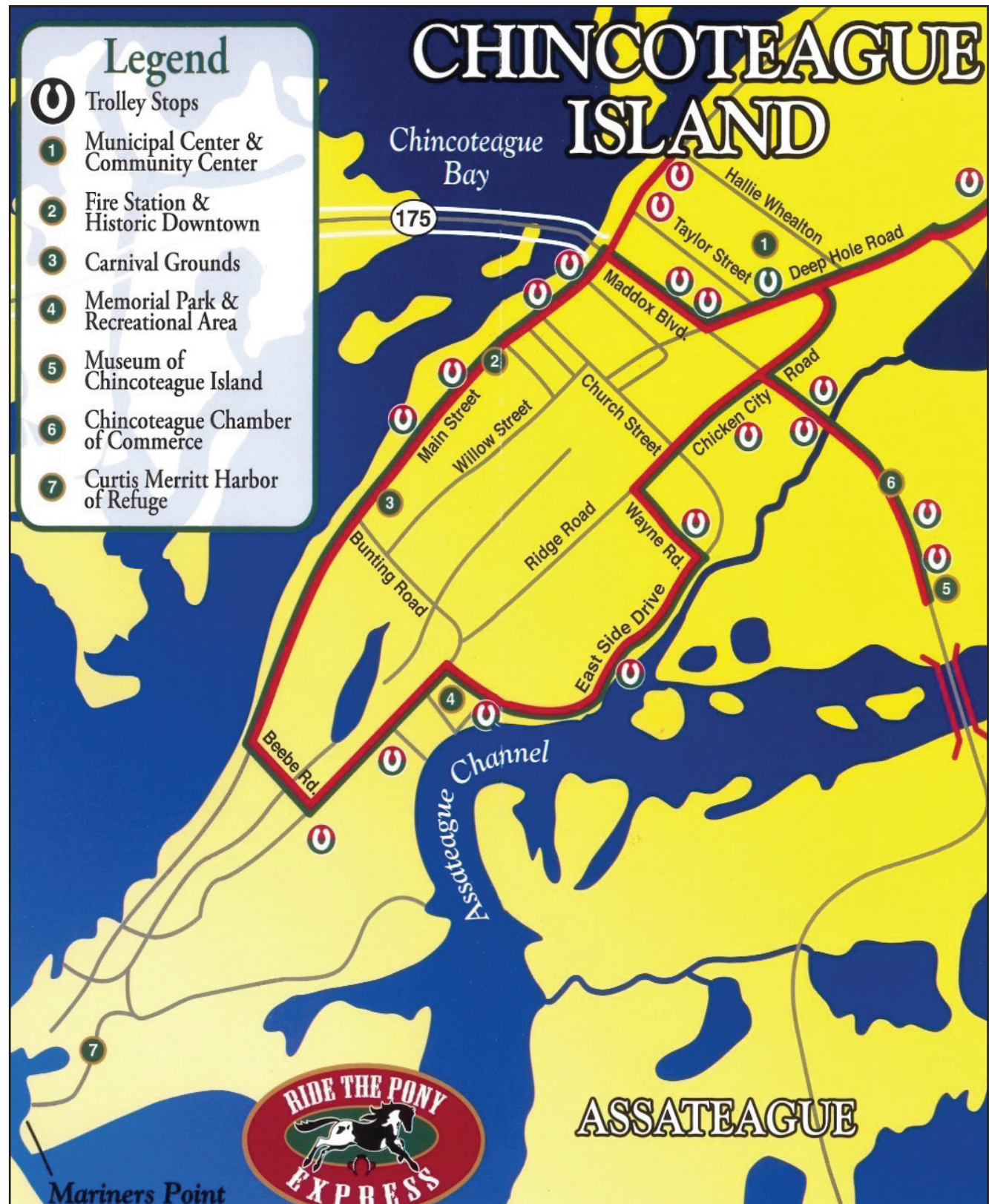
** Last Call for Trolley during Carnival is 11:00pm

Additional Information

Trolley fare is 25 cents per person per ride, or one token. Exact change is appreciated. Free ride tokens are available at local businesses. Drivers do not carry cash. 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. The operator complies with all ADA rules and regulations. ADA trips will be arranged where logistically possible.

THE PONY EXPRESS

A Guide to Chincoteague Island's Public Transit Trolley



What to do this week on and around Chincoteague Island

Friday, June 22

Captain Timothy Hill House, open to public Fridays 1-3 p.m., 5122 Main St., Chincoteague, free admission (donations appreciated), call 973-831-5961, www.captaintimothyhillhouse.com

Saturday, June 23

Farmers and Artisans Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., free admission and parking, www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org

NASA Puppet Show, 11 a.m.-noon, geared toward ages 3 and up, NASA Wallops Flight Facility Visitors Center, 757-824-2298, free admission, www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter

Summer Carving Demonstration, noon-3 p.m., Museum of Chincoteague Island, Miles Hancock Workshop, 7125 Maddox Blvd., admission is \$4 for adults and children older than 12 years, free admission for children 12 and under and for active military, 757-336-6117, www.chincoteaguemuseum.com

NASA Tour of the Solar System, 2 p.m., short program about the solar system, geared toward ages 8 to adult, NASA Wallops Flight Facility Visitors Center, 757-824-2298, free admission, www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter

Photo Contest Exhibit and Reception, 7 p.m., winning photos of favorite shots on Chincoteague and Assateague, free admission and refreshments, 6309 Church St., 757-381-7733, www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org

Sunday, June 24

Episcopal Church Service, 8 a.m., Emmanuel Episcopal Church (conducted in the chapel of Fox Holston Funeral Home, 5049 Chicken City Rd., Chincoteague), the Rev. Claire M. Hunkins, 757-894-7078, www.emmanuelchurchjb.com

Art Class: Jewelry Making, 1-4 p.m., Pre-registration required online or at Sundial Books (cash or check only), 6309 Church St., www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org

Monday, June 25

Manna Cafe, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Christ United Methodist Church social hall, 6253 Church St., free hot lunch every Monday, search @MannaCafeCI on Facebook

Board Games, 1-4 p.m., Island Theatre Annex, 4076 Main St., free admission, www.ciarts.org

Monday Movies, "The Fifth Element," at dusk, free admission, Robert Reed Downtown Waterfront Park, Main St., www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org

Tuesday, June 26

Tuesday Nights at the Museum: Where Island Tales Are Told, "The Sea is a Thief," by David Parmalee, 7 p.m., Museum of Chincoteague Island, 7125 Maddox Blvd., admission is \$4 for adults and children older than 12 years, free admission for children 12 and under and for active military, 757-336-6117, info@chincoteaguemuseum.com

Wednesday, June 27

Farmers and Artisans Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., free admission and parking, www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org

Ongoing

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, 5 a.m.-10 p.m. daily, 757-336-6122, Herbert H. Bateman Educational and Administrative Center open daily, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., www.fws.gov/refuge/chincoteague/

NASA Visitor Center, Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 757-824-2298, Admission: free, www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter

Museum of Chincoteague Island, Tuesday - Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 7125 Maddox Blvd., 757-336-6117, adults \$4, under 12 free, www.chincoteaguemuseum.com

Day Trips and Side Trips Around the Eastern Shore

June 22-23

66th Annual Wachapreague Volunteer Fireman's Carnival, 7-10 p.m., Wachapreague Carnival Grounds

Friday, June 22

4th Friday Street Festival, 5-8 p.m., live music, food, activities for kids, free museum admission, Downtown Pocomoke, Md., www.cityofpocomoke.com/calendar.html

Saturday, June 23

Truck & Tractor Pull, 6:30-8:30 p.m., doors open at 4 p.m., 2003 Broad St., Pocomoke, Md., www.thegreatpocomokefair.org/

Bennett Wales & the Relief Concert, 7-9 p.m., rhythm and blue-eyed soul performer, Cape Charles Central Park, 217 Peach St., free admission, www.hfa-festival.com

Sunday, June 24

Lamké, a Saltworks Opera "Jewel Box" Concert, 3 p.m., Historic Cokesbury Church, 13 Market St., Onancock, free admission, donations welcome.

Monday, June 25

River Otter Program, 12-1 p.m., Delmarva Discovery Center, 2 Market St., Pocomoke, Md., <http://www.cityofpocomoke.com/calendar.html>

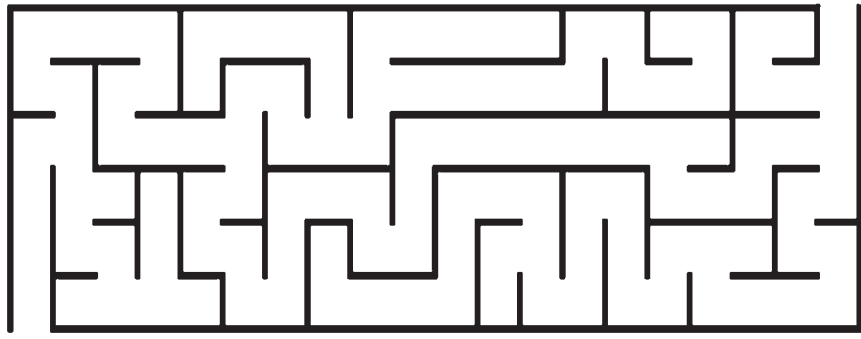
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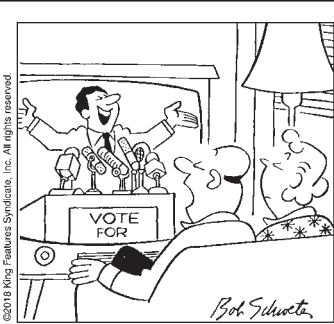
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Kids' Puzzle Page

Kids' Maze



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"One thing about this candidate, I'll bet he's never met a _____ he didn't like!"

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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Area
GREAN _____

Blunt
TRICED _____

Guard
PORTAL

TODAY'S WORD

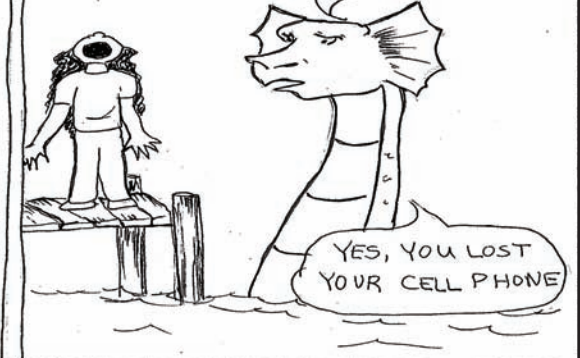
SEASIDE by Coleman

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! I DROPPED MY CELLPHONE IN THE WATER!



ARGHHGH!!

YOU NEED TO LOOK AT THIS IN A DIFFERENT WAY



BUT YOU STILL HAVE ME, AND FRIENDSHIP IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANY ELECTRONIC DEVICE



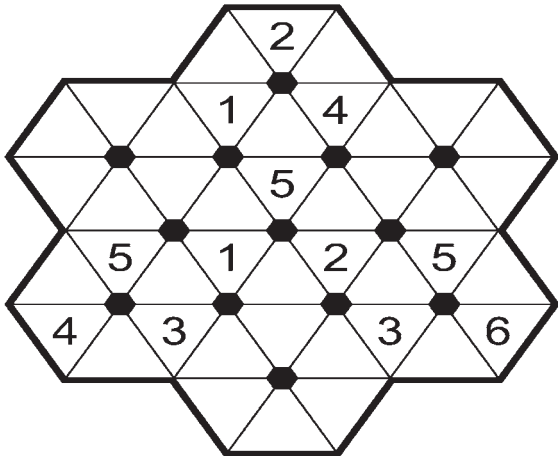
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SNOWFLAKES

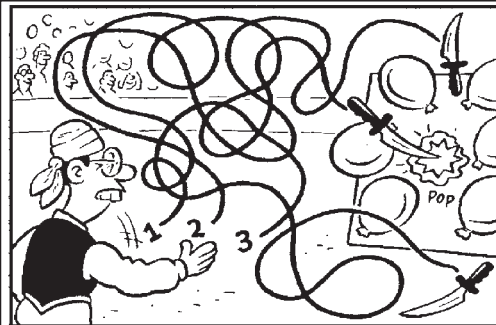
by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult



THIS NEARSIGHTED KNIFE THROWER is lucky to hit one out of three tries at popping balloons. Can you figure out which was the lucky toss?

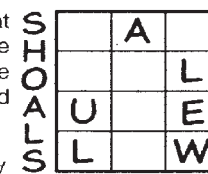
Answer: Number 1 hits the target.

A GIDDYAP GUESSER! A lone cowpoke ambled into Dodge City on Friday, stayed at Ma Bindles boarding-house for two days, and then ambled back out of town on Friday. That's a mighty short week. How did he do it?

Answer: Simple. His horse's name was "Friday."

FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE! In the word square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "SHOALS." Can you replace these letters in the squares so you will have four three-letter words across and three four-letter words down? Time limit: 60 seconds.

Answers: (Across): Has, all, use, low, (Down): Haut, also, slew.



Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

1			S	E	A		
2				S	E	A	
3	S	E	A				
4	S	E	A				
5			S	E	A		
6	S	E	A				
7				S	E	A	
8			S	E	A		



DON'T "WIPE OUT" ON THIS ONE!

Let's "see" what you know about the "sea." Above is a stack of eight words, each of which contains the word "sea." Using the following hints, try to sail home safely in five minutes or less.

1. Part of a pant leg.
2. Result of overheating.
3. A Navy carpenter.
4. To add salt and pepper.
5. To remove from office.
6. A weather protector.
7. A chair for two.
8. An egotistical, self-assured person.

Answers: 1. Inseam, 2. Nausea, 3. Seabeat, 4. Season, 5. Unseat, 6. Sealant, 7. Loveseat, 8. Wisacre.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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|--------|----------|---------------|---------|
| Animal | Coloring | Box | Landing |
| House | Book | Kite | Craft |
| Cat | Cover | (clue answer) | Fair |
| Food | Letter | Instrument | Weather |

Last Week's Answers

PASSABLE ASS RANG MCS
 ASCORBIC WHEREVER OAT
 WHAT IS THE NAME FOR A DRUG
 NOR COGNIC WESTERN
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 AND HARMONY IN WHICH
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

8				2		4		
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

"IF THE SHOE FITS ..."

ACROSS

- 1 Gillette razor brand
 5 Sled in the Olympics
 9 "Hey, you over there"
 13 Sermon deliverer
 19 Debuted
 21 Choral voice
 22 Like a lie
 23 Car riders' jolters, to a shoe collector?
 25 Buccaneer
 26 Kingly name of Norway
 27 IRS money
 28 Highly eager
 30 Paradigm
 31 Rakish sort
 33 Treasure hunters, to a shoe collector?
 36 Everybody
 37 Part of ENT
 39 Direct (to)
 40 Hot-rod rods
 41 "I'm Walkin" singer, to a shoe collector?
 44 Week — -glance
 45 Tree with samaras
 48 More neat
 49 Suffix with lyric
- 50 Covertly add to an email
 52 One of the Brady girls
 55 Not veiled
 56 Nametags, e.g.
 58 Blend on high, maybe
 60 They may be irregular
 61 What Romeo and Juliet were, to a shoe collector?
 66 Not cooked
 69 Itty-bitty
 70 Put on — (fake it)
 71 506, in old Rome
 72 "Kwon do" or "Bo" lead-in
 73 Fleeing, to a shoe collector?
 78 Quarterback Kyle
 79 Pivots on an axis
 80 The "A" of ETA: Abbr.
 81 Title girl in a J.D. Salinger story
 85 Jenny Craig patron
 87 Antiquated
 88 Midpoint: Abbr.
 90 Slacks off
- 92 Ending for mountain
 93 Amazed feeling
 95 Snoring, to a shoe collector?
 97 LaBelle or LuPone
 100 "— the Champions"
 102 Big U.K. lexicon
 103 Comic Charlotte
 104 Emerson's metaphor for art, to a shoe collector?
 108 "... that try — souls"
 109 Chef
 110 Ducasse
 111 Plains native
 112 Slant
 114 Ad-lib
 116 Some cooked taters and peppers, to a shoe collector?
 121 Book after Nehemiah
 122 One-named New Ager
 123 Threatening like a lion
 124 "— Rides Again" (1939 film)
- 125 Lip off to
 126 Be in a choir
 127 Picnic intruders
- 33 Partner of to
 34 Sci-fi carrier
 35 This is a test
 37 Ending for Milan
 38 Flemish painter Brouwer
 42 Sardine cans
 43 Various stuff: Abbr.
 44 Got 100% on
 46 Zodiac sign
 47 Billiards shot
 50 Anheuser- —
 51 Minos' island
 53 Benefit
 54 Court arbiter
 57 Bottom-of-barrel stuff
 58 H.S. junior's hurdle
 59 Village VIP
 62 Bakery string
 63 French painter Dufy
 64 One way to turn right
 65 Too old to qualify
 66 — Island (U.S. state)
 67 Condor nest
 68 Aquatic flora
 74 Colon half
 75 Big ice mass
 76 Mata —
- 77 Barking sea creature
 82 "Yes, we're open," e.g.
 83 Actress Mullally
 84 Dangerous curves
 86 Fixed charge
 88 Dangling enticement
 89 Noisy birds
 91 Three past A
 94 Bit of hair
 95 Unto a chair
 96 Anti votes
 98 Deplane, e.g.
 99 More eensy
 100 Ryder of "Mermaids"
 101 Pieces from pundits
 104 Was gabby
 105 Beethoven title name
 106 Gets stuck in the mud
 107 "Likewise"
 108 — Carta
 112 Big ice mass
 113 Despot Amin
 115 Hear legally
 117 Swedish carrier
 118 Pasty-looking
 119 Dine
 120 Relatives of aves.

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- 1 iPad buy
 2 —TV ("Fake Off" channel)
 3 Mayonnaise-based sauce
 4 Enough
 5 1970s teen idol Garrett
 6 Vase type
 7 Bother
 8 "The Rock" actor
 9 Just average
 10 Everett of Hollywood
 11 Old veteran
 12 Hubbubs
 13 Baby 77-Down
 14 Brutish sort
 15 Golfer's hit
 16 Business' hush-hush technique
 17 Peripheral
 18 Film vault items
 20 "Life — bowl of cherries"
 24 Scope
 29 Biting insect
 31 Pool inflatables
 32 Col. North, familiarly

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