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Pony Penning In Its 93rd Year: 'It's Something That's In Our Blood'

By *Connie Morrison*

As the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company's Saltwater Cowboys round up the Chincoteague ponies this weekend in preparation for Wednesday's 93rd pony swim and Thursday's auction, more than 30,000 people are expected to flock to the island to witness the annual event.

It's a ritual with deep roots. "I really don't have all the words to explain it. It's something that's in our blood, this whole pony thing," said fire company spokesperson Denise Bowden. "There is just nothing to compare it to for us."

The ponies are owned by the fire company and live year-round on Assateague Island under a permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which allows up to 150 ponies to graze on the land. The auction serves the dual purpose of thinning the herd and raising funds to help purchase vehicles and equipment for the volunteer fire company.

Some of the auctioned foals will be returned to the island to live permanently and keep the herd strong. The winning bidders earn the right to name these foals, known as "buybacks." In 2015, the buyback, Surfer's Blue Moon, sponsored by the Chincoteague Pony Legacy Group, brought the highest bid ever for a Chincoteague pony, fetching \$25,000. "I think Surfer's Blue Moon foal will cause some chatter among the bidders," Bowden said.

The company knows the herd well and considers previous years' foals and which stallions are with which herds



Photo by *Angie H. Crutchley*
Saltwater Cowboys herd the ponies down the street after last year's swim.

when determining the foals that will be released back onto the island. "We do not do DNA testing but genetics does play a part," in selecting the ponies that will continue the wild pony bloodlines, said Bowden. "The Pony Committee keeps meticulous notes from year to year and all of that plays a factor as to which ones are picked."

After Wednesday's swim, the ponies are given a day to rest — and it's a day for potential bidders to look them over. The auction commences Thursday at 8 a.m. sharp.

Bowden offers this advice for first-time auction-goers:

- **Get there early.** Auction participants take the event very seriously, and the hardest stake out their turf well in advance. "People set up chairs very early, not early that day, but like, a week early."
- **Be careful with gestures.** "You do not need to register to bid, so be careful when you wave to your friend across the crowd. You may just be bidding on a pony and not realize it."
- **Bring extra cash.** "Besides ponies there are also some unique items donated that are auctioned as well, such as prints, wall hangings, etc."

The best part of the auction is when a young person has the highest bid.

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“Knowing that what you have worked so hard on has just made a child’s dream come true and they are so grateful to have their own pony. It’s just a feeling like no other,” said Bowden.

The auction is frequently not the last the company sees of the ponies. “You would be surprised how many messages and emails we get from people over the years sending us pictures,” Bowden said. “It always fills our hearts with joy to see this.”

The auction is the culmination of a full week of Pony Penning activities outlined below.

Full Schedule for Pony Penning Week

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Saturday, July 21 - South Herd Roundup (around 4 p.m.)

- The Saltwater Cowboys herd ponies (adults and foals) from the south part of the island into the southern corral. The public watch as the ponies arrive at the corral and take photos of the ponies at the corral July 21 through July 24.
- The carnival is open 7 - 11 p.m.

Sunday, July 22 - North Herd Roundup - Public is NOT permitted (around 7 a.m.)

- The public is unable to view this event, when the Saltwater Cowboys herd the larger of the two pony populations into the northern corral.

Monday, July 23 - Sunrise Beach Walk

- The Saltwater Cowboys escort the ponies along the beach to join the other ponies at the south corral. The ponies leave the north corral at 6 a.m.
- The carnival is open 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Tuesday, July 24 - Carnival Continues

- Ponies can be viewed in south corrals.
- The carnival is open 7 - 11 p.m.

Wednesday, July 25 - Pony Swim

- The ponies will swim the Assateague Channel between 8 and 10 a.m when the Saltwater Cowboys determine slack tide, a time when there is no current, to ease the ponies’ swim. The ponies swim to a point just south of Memorial Park, but the only parking at Memorial Park is for buses. All others are encouraged to catch the free shuttle. (See pages 14-

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Cowboy silhouette during a previous Pony Penning on Chincoteague.



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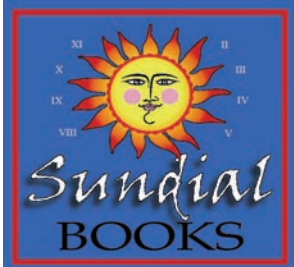
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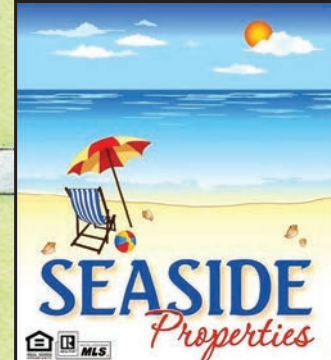
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Allen Family and Chincoteague Pony Drill Team

Submitted Article and Photo

For 18 summers, Chincoteague ponies of the Allen family, including descendants of Misty, spent their summers at the Chincoteague Pony Centre, doing pony rides, riding lessons and introducing people to the world of Chincoteague ponies through their nightly shows in the indoor ring.

But in the fall of 2017, that all changed. Today, the ponies still graze on the Eastern Shore, but they now have a 37-acre farm a little farther south of Chincoteague to call home. Near Bloxom, the Allen family ponies are enjoying their summer off in their new pastures.

The Chincoteague Pony Drill Team is going strong, already having made appearances this year in parades, and they are looking forward to seeing people during Pony Penning week on the island. They will be making "meet the Pony" visits Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and the drill team will be performing Thursday morning at the Pony Penning Auction at approximately

7:45 a.m. The public is welcome to come and meet the members and ponies of the drill team at these places and times. Future events include performing at international horse

events, as well as local parades.

On May 6, the newest addition of Misty's family to be born in Virginia, and the first foal to be born on the Bloxom Farm (known as Kerka-

ken Acres), was born. The mother of the smoky black and white filly is Misty's Icicle. The gorgeous spunky filly frolics with her mother in their own paddock, while Icicle, the first ever cremello-colored member of Misty's family, takes maternity leave from the drill team. The foal is named Misty's Audra Rain, after a special friend of the family who suddenly passed away this spring.

Kerkaken Acres, a family farm run by the Allen family (Kendy Allen and her three grown children, Kerra, Katye, and Kenneth) is a new enterprise of its own, dedicated not only to quality Chincoteagues, but wonderful horses and ponies of all breeds. The farm has been a two-year undertaking, transforming it from a former chicken farm to an equine facility that will board, train, teach riding skills, and showcase the Chincoteague Pony Drill Team. The farm will feature Kerra Allen Johnson and her equine training facility, Johnson Equestrian.

The family farm will continue its work with Chincoteague ponies, training foals to fully grown ponies and horses, and helping people in their pursuit of equestrian skills, while keeping the legacy of Misty alive through her descendants.



Misty's Icicle and her two-month-old foal, Misty's Audra Rain, enjoy time together in a paddock at the Allen family farm.

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Buckaroo Bingo at the Chincoteague Center

Submitted Article

Head 'em up, move 'em out! Mosey on down to the Chincoteague Center at 6155 Community Dr., Chincoteague, on Tuesday, July 24, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. for Buckaroo Bingo. The Museum of Chincoteague Island and Chincoteague Center are co-hosting this fun event.

Some great prizes are up for grabs with the help of local businesses, restaurants, artists, and shops. Chincoteague artists Cindy Faith, John Beam, and Nancy West have all donated works of art to the event. There are also fun prizes from Pony Tails, Ms. Kiss & Company, Girls Day Out, Atlantic Shoals, Sundial Books, Blue Crab Treasures, and Beebe Ranch.

Some prize baskets include tasty

treats from Mister Whippy, Don's Seafood Restaurant, Ropewalk, and Bill's Prime Seafood & Steaks. There are also items from Captain Dan's Around the Island Tours, Daisey's Island Cruises, Captain Barry's Backbay Cruises, Teaguer's Tump Tours, and Hampton Suites. Capt. Zack's Seafood is donating some vintage Pony Swim memorabilia to the event.

Tickets are \$20 and include 20 rounds of classic bingo at this western-themed, family-friendly event. Participants will have nine boards for each round—that's 180 chances to win the 20 pony-themed prize packages. Lil' Buckaroo board game packets are also available for purchase, with three chances to win each round for \$5 with the purchase of a full-price ticket.

Wet your whistle and get some chow from the watering hole and chuck wagon. A variety of snacks and drinks will be offered for sale, including ice cream from Island Creamery.

Advance tickets are available for purchase in person at The Museum of Chincoteague Island, the Chincoteague Center, or you can purchase your bingo boards at the door the day of the event.

Add this shindig to your Pony Penning Week itinerary. Grab your Stetson hat and your spurs, and head on over to the Chincoteague Center to play bingo.

To learn more about the prize sponsors, visit the Chincoteague Center Facebook page. Additional event information is available at www.thechincoteaguecenter.com, or by calling Chincoteague Center at 757-336-0614.

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15 for shuttle details.) After a short rest, the ponies begin their parade through town, escorted by the cowboys, to the carnival grounds.

- The first foal to make it across is named King or Queen Neptune and is raffled off at the carnival later Wednesday.
- The carnival is open 7 - 11 p.m.

Thursday, July 26 - Pony Auction

- The auction begins at 8 a.m. at the carnival grounds. From 7 a.m. until 1 p.m., the Pony Express will run a special Pony Auction schedule.
- Be there early to beat the crowd and get a good space close to the front if you wish to bid on a pony. Wear a sun hat and sunscreen and bring plenty to drink. Optional items to bring include a pencil and paper, a camera, and a folding chair, because the bleachers fill up quickly. You do not have to register for the auction. If you raise your hand during the auctioneer's chant, you are making a bid. Be prepared to pay with Visa, Mastercard, or cash. The fire depart-

ment will not accept checks!

- Your transportation home for your new foal must be approved by the pony committee (a horse trailer). Ponies must be picked up by 5 pm Friday.
- Buybacks are returned to Assateague to replenish and upgrade the herd. Buyers are photographed with the turnbacks and although buyers will receive official registration papers, any offspring of turnbacks will belong to the fire company.

Friday, July 27 - Swim Back

- The northern herd will have gone back to Assateague by trailer Thursday night or Friday morning. The southern herd ponies that are going back will make the reverse parade through town, followed by a swim back across the Assateague Channel. Time is yet to be announced.
- The carnival is open 7 - 11 p.m.

The Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce and Official Visitor Center provided information for this article.



Photo by Angie H. Crutchley
Silhouette of spectators and a Saltwater Cowboy during the 2017 pony swim.

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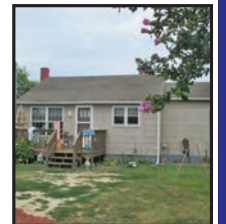
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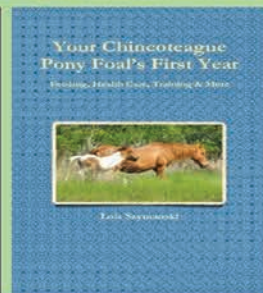
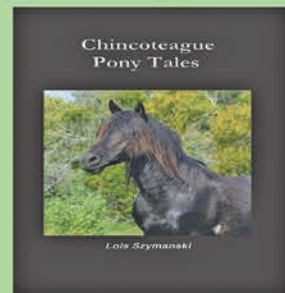
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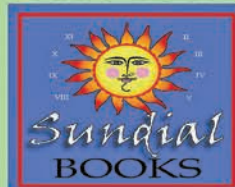
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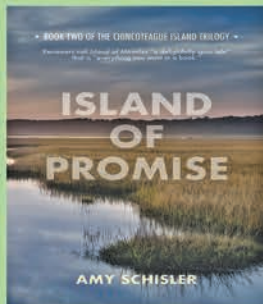
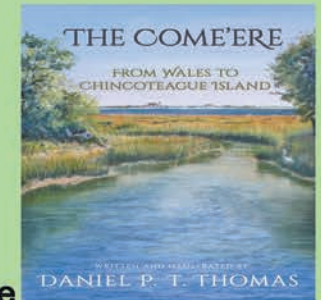
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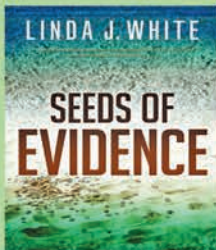
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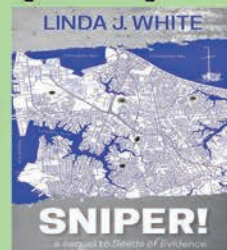
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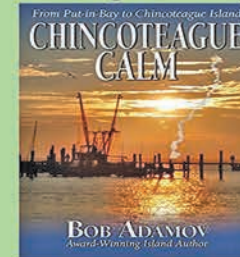


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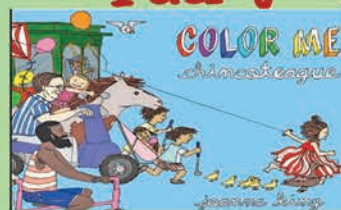
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Feather Fund Makes Pony Dreams Come

Submitted Article and Photos

Fourteen-year-old John Price, of Danville, Pa., and 11-year-old Tia Tanner of Bartlesville, Okla., have quite a lot in common. They may be different ages and live states away from each other but both have been chosen by the Feather Fund for a 2018 pony award. Each of them will choose and bid on the foal of their dreams at the 93rd Annual Pony Penning Auction, becoming the 40th and 41st foal the Feather Fund has awarded.

The Feather Fund, a nonprofit, was created in 2004 to honor the memory of Carolynn Suplee, a cancer survivor who came to Chincoteague annually to help children purchase ponies. During the eight years she survived cancer, Suplee and her husband, Ed, purchased ponies for four children plus two buy-back ponies.

Suplee always said it was her way of “giving back” for another year of life. When she died in 2003, family, pony recipients, and friends joined

together to form the Feather Fund. By then, this small group had realized that raising a foal helps children understand the importance of hard work, love, care, and sometimes giving things you want for the pony you love.

John said when he started middle school three years ago, he felt like an outcast. To take his mind elsewhere, he started riding lessons, and there he found a place where he fit in. He worked hard to advance his riding skills and during those long evenings, a new desire blossomed. John wanted to ride the most stubborn and wildest horse on the farm – a horse named Sam. He had no idea that – under his tutelage – Sam would become a great riding horse and his best friend, or that he would take Sam home to live with him forever.

“Sam and I have been working together to increase our skills,” John wrote in his essay to the Feather Fund. “I learned a lot about horse

care and needs while planning my Eagle Scout project. My project is a horse shelter for a local SPCA.”

Now, John has a new dream of becoming a horse trainer one day. He wants to bring a Chincoteague Pony friend home to Sam, one that they can love together, and one that Sam can train from the ground up.

Like John, Tia has an immense love for horses. She has been riding for almost as long as she could walk. Three years ago, when she rode a friend’s event horse, Tia fell in love with speed and has been competing in rodeos and barrel racing ever since.

“I won my first saddle after running the fastest time at the Josey Barrel Clinic, when I was 9 years old,” she wrote in her essay, noting that she has been saving her barrel racing earnings toward the purchase of a foal. “I’ve also done odd jobs like hauling rocks and selling eggs from our farm,” she added.

Tia, who currently serves as secretary of her local 4H Horse Club, applied to the Feather Fund

for a foal in 2017. She came close, but did not win. Still, Tia thought she had saved enough on her own. Then, that same year, her father’s horse died. That’s when Tia selflessly gave the money she had saved to her father, so he could replace the horse he’d owned since his own childhood.

Over the past year, Tia has continued to dream of owning a Chincoteague Pony, one she can use to start an ongoing literacy program, one meant to excite kids about reading the way the Misty books excited her.

“I have purchased a classroom set of Misty of Chincoteague that I will allow others to checkout,” Tia said. “Also, I have purchased a trailer to transport my pony to and from schools and events in our area to encourage literacy. Now all I need is my very own pony from Chincoteague Island.”

Tia and John will see their dreams come true when they raise feathers

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Tia Tanner, of Bartlesville, Okla., is a recipient of the 2018 Feather Fund.

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high in the air to bid on a dream-come-true foal at the Chincoteague Fire Company's Annual Pony Auction on July 26.

Feather Fund winners must be between the ages of 10 and 18. They must have some horse experience and they must have some money saved through means of their own. At Pony Penning, they donate the money they've saved to the Feather Fund to help the next child get a pony, a lesson in paying it forward. If they sell their pony within five years it must come back to the Feather Fund, so it can be passed to another deserving child.

Across the United States, Feather Fund ponies are competing in stadium jumping, cross country, western pleasure, reining and dressage. Some are cart trained. Others are competing in 4-H and U.S. Pony Club, while some are the family pony, for all to enjoy.

When you see a feather raised high

to bid at Thursday's Pony Penning auction you'll know that feather is a sign that a child's life-long dream is about to come true.

On Tuesday evening of Pony Penning week, the Feather Fund will hold its annual Feather Fund Auction Fund-raiser beginning at 6 p.m. in the Robert Reed Waterfront Park (on Main Street behind the Misty statue). Each year, volunteers paint model horses to look like favorite island ponies, and they are sold at the auction along with photographs, original art, pony jewelry, and other donated items.

To read Suplee's story, to learn more about the Feather Fund or to download an application for a 2019 foal visit www.featherfund.org or www.featherfund.net

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John Price, of Danville, Pa., was selected for this year's Feather Fund.

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Chincoteague Police Department to Participate in Viral Lip Sync Challenge

By Linda Cicaira

The Chincoteague Police Department decided to take on the popular lip sync challenge and will release its video next week during Pony Penning, Assistant Chief Bryan Lewis said Tuesday.

“After many requests from the public, we decided to take a 24-hour poll from our Facebook followers,” the officer continued. The result was more than 1,700 votes of approval or about 97 percent.

“We have chosen not to reveal our song choice,” Lewis said. “We will shoot scenes on Assateague and Chincoteague islands,” he said, “the top of the lighthouse to name one location.”

Besides being the trendy thing to do, taking the challenge will build and develop rapport as “music is a common ground for everyone,” the officer said. “It allows the public to see law enforcement’s human side (while) also building morale within. We have had a lot of laughs and positive input with the public as well as each other,” said Lewis.

When the announcement was made that production would be started right

away, hundreds of posts of anticipation were made to the police department’s Facebook page. They included ones from islanders and those who live elsewhere but love Chincoteague.

“Yes, you need to do it!” wrote Jamie Bunting. “Norfolk did it. I want to see our boys do it!”

“Can’t wait!” said Wanda Walker Martincic. “You’re the best! You all need to get the ponies involved somehow.”

“This will be epic,” wrote Rhonda Green. “I love our town!” She included smiley faces giving thumbs-up.

“Woo hoo!” remarked Debbie Taylor. “Dying to see it! You all will be awesome! Bring down the house!”

There were also song suggestions including “Sitting on the Dock of the Bay,” “Under the Boardwalk,” “Island Song,” and “I’m Sexy and I Know It,” featuring one of the officers in “a Speedo, wig, and big sunglasses.”

“After you all are done, challenge the Accomack County Sheriff’s Office,” Ellen Powell wrote.

“There are several law enforcement agencies throughout the U.S. that em-

ploy Eastern Shore natives,” said Lewis. “We plan to challenge one or two of those and one or two local agencies.”

The examples he gave were the

Douglas County Sheriff’s Department in Colorado and the Manassas City Police Department in Manassas, Va., and the Accomack County Sheriff’s Office.



Photo by Roger Adams

The Chincoteague Police Department will take part in the popular lip sync challenge that is sweeping the internet. Pictured from L-R: Chief Randy Mills, PA Alice Reed, Dispatchers Amy Lewis, Erika Snyder, and Rachel Northam, Sgt. Tyler Greenley, Cpl. Thomas Adams, Cpl. Cody Butler, Asst. Chief Bryan Lewis, Dispatcher Benjy Holloway, Ptl. Jeffery Stevens, and Pfc. McPherson. Not pictured: Pfc. David Gladding, Pfc. John Carmody, Pfc. Andy Miller, Pfc. Sean Lenhoff, and Dispatcher Melissa Hart.

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Fishing from the Shore

By Bill Hall



Offshore action has rebounded after the passage of last weekend's tropical system, especially with dolphin (mahi) and billfish. Tuna catches have been inconsistent though.

Inshore structure fishing has been a highlight of the early summer as gray triggerfish, sea bass, and keeper-sized flounder continue to provide steady action during periods of slow current and calm seas.

Cobia and red drum continue to hit in the lower bay, but action in the upper Chesapeake Bay has been disappointingly slow.

Lower Shore – Mark Snook, at Chris' Bait & Tackle, reported that cobia action remains good, with anglers finding success while bait fishing on Latimer Shoal, the Inner Middle Grounds, and on Nine Foot Shoal, while sightcasting has been steady at the Hot Dog and buoy 36A area. Croaker, mostly on the small side, have been reported out of Oyster and marker 262 in Magothy. Latimer Shoals was also producing sea mullet. Spadefishing has slowed around the bridge islands and pilings, and the recent fish that have been caught have been smaller in size.

Donnie, at Bailey's Bait & Tackle, reported that cobia action is still good "up and down" the bay. He commented that spadefish remain available at the lighthouse. Flounder action was described as slow, and bottom fishing in general also remains slow, with the exception of a few croakers being caught out of Oyster.

Wachapreague – Captain Lindsay Paul, of Trident Tackle, reported that several billfish were released over the weekend and that "right many" dolphin (mahi) and a few tuna have been caught. The Miss Molly released two white marlin and the Bite Me had a white marlin release. Dale Dirks released a blue marlin and boat-ed blueline tilefish, dolphin, and tuna over the weekend. Closer to shore, flounder fishing on the wrecks had slowed due to strong currents, Anglers were having to resort to 7-ounce weights to keep the baits in the strike zone. One boat returned with only one keeper for their efforts on Sunday. Fishing was described as "bad" inside the inlet!

Chincoteague – Peter Vasilou, at Captain Steve's Bait & Tackle, reported that kingfish (whiting) and spot as well as "toothy" sharks were providing action in the Assateague surf. Croaker were hitting Fish Bite baits from the back bay to the inlet. Keeper-sized flounder were described as "scattered" with some landed in Chincoteague Channel, inside the canal, off the southern tip of the island and a few in Queen Sound. Offshore,

nel. Sharks were being caught near the inlet. The in-shore wrecks have been producing flounder, black sea bass triggerfish, and some small tautog, while the offshore wrecks held larger black sea bass. Offshore anglers were finding yellowfin tuna and mahi in the canyons.

Upper Shore – Captain Matt Abell, at the Sea Hawk Sports Center, reported that the offshore dolphin (mahi) action has been the highlight of the weekend. Abell said that some of his customers reported catches of as high as 35-40 mahi per boat. There was some tuna action in the Washington Canyon and north, with one boat landing five yellowfin. Choppy water conditions prevented most anglers from fishing the railcars out of Chincoteague. Abell said that cobia fishing was still good in the lower bay.

the shop saw some nice wahoo brought in. The biggest weighed 68 pounds and was caught aboard the Aquaholic with Captain Frank Borowicz and crew.

Mike, at Captain Bob's Marina, reported that fishing has been "slow and spotty" for croakers. Flounder catches were coming from Assateague Channel and inside Chincoteague Channel.

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 by Drew Harmon
Greg Harman with a nice gray triggerfish caught off Fisherman Island aboard the "Gone Girl."



Photo Courtesy of Captain Steve's Bait & Tackle
Captain Frank Borowicz and crew (Robb Borowicz, Martin Koerner, and Vince Lusby) with a 68-pound wahoo caught aboard the "Aquaholic."

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Seaside	Assateague Beach	H 3:22 p.m. L 9:13 a.m.	H 4:23 p.m. L 10:05 a.m.	H 5:18 p.m. L 10:57 a.m.	H 5:30 p.m. L 11:48 a.m.	H 6:18 a.m. L 12:36 p.m.	H 7:03 a.m. L 1:21 p.m.	H 7:46 a.m. L 2:03 p.m.
	Chinco.Channel	H 3:26 p.m. L 9:12 a.m.	H 4:27 p.m. L 10:04 a.m.	H 5:22 p.m. L 10:56 a.m.	H 6:11 p.m. L 11:47 a.m.	H 6:22 a.m. L 12:35 p.m.	H 7:07 a.m. L 1:20 p.m.	H 7:50 a.m. L 2:02 p.m.
	Gargatha Neck	H 4:18 p.m. L 9:52 a.m.	H 5:19 p.m. L 10:44 a.m.	H 6:14 p.m. L 11:36 a.m.	H 6:26 a.m. L 12:27 p.m.	H 7:14 a.m. L 1:15 p.m.	H 7:59 a.m. L 2:00 p.m.	H 8:42 a.m. L 2:42 p.m.
	Folly Creek	H 4:11 p.m. L 9:37 a.m.	H 5:12 p.m. L 10:29 a.m.	H 6:07 p.m. L 11:21 a.m.	H 6:19 a.m. L 12:12 p.m.	H 7:07 a.m. L 1:00 p.m.	H 7:52 a.m. L 1:45 p.m.	H 8:35 a.m. L 2:27 p.m.
	Wachapreague	H 3:57 p.m. L 9:21 a.m.	H 4:58 p.m. L 10:13 a.m.	H 5:53 p.m. L 11:05 a.m.	H 6:05 a.m. L 11:56 a.m.	H 6:53 a.m. L 12:44 p.m.	H 7:38 a.m. L 1:29 p.m.	H 8:21 a.m. L 2:11 p.m.
	Quinby Inlet	H 3:22 p.m. L 8:52 a.m.	H 4:23 p.m. L 9:44 a.m.	H 5:18 p.m. L 10:36 a.m.	H 6:07 p.m. L 11:27 a.m.	H 6:18 a.m. L 12:15 p.m.	H 7:03 a.m. L 1:00 p.m.	H 7:46 a.m. L 1:42 p.m.
	Machipongo	H 3:52 p.m. L 9:21 a.m.	H 4:53 p.m. L 10:13 a.m.	H 5:48 p.m. L 11:05 a.m.	H 6:37 p.m. L 11:56 a.m.	H 6:48 a.m. L 12:44 p.m.	H 7:33 a.m. L 1:29 p.m.	H 8:16 a.m. L 2:11 p.m.
Bayside	Tangier Sound Light	H 6:55 a.m. L 1:25 p.m.	H 7:58 a.m. L 2:20 p.m.	H 9:01 a.m. L 3:14 p.m.	H 9:58 a.m. L 4:05 p.m.	H 10:48 a.m. L 4:52 p.m.	H 11:33 a.m. L 5:36 p.m.	H 12:13 p.m. L 6:18 p.m.
	Muddy Creek	H 7:11 a.m. L 2:00 p.m.	H 8:14 a.m. L 2:55 p.m.	H 9:17 a.m. L 3:49 p.m.	H 10:14 a.m. L 4:40 p.m.	H 11:04 a.m. L 5:27 p.m.	H 11:49 a.m. L 6:11 p.m.	H 12:29 p.m. L 7:03 a.m.
	Guard Shore	H 7:03 a.m. L 1:56 p.m.	H 8:06 a.m. L 2:51 p.m.	H 9:09 a.m. L 3:45 p.m.	H 10:06 a.m. L 4:36 p.m.	H 10:56 a.m. L 5:23 p.m.	H 11:41 a.m. L 6:07 p.m.	H 12:21 p.m. L 6:59 a.m.
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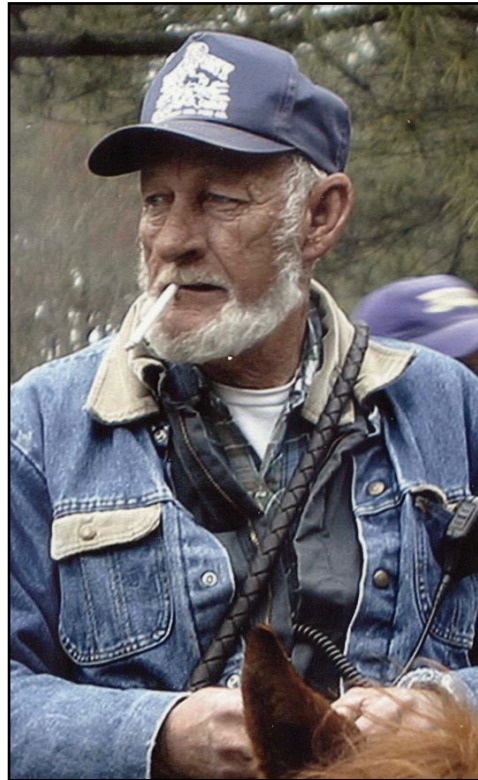
Staff Report

For the first time in a long time, saltwater cowboy Wesley Bloxom, known to many as "Old Dad," won't join the Saltwater Cowboys in guiding the Chincoteague ponies as they swim across the channel and parade through town to the carnival grounds. Bloxom died last November. He participated in 57 Pony Pennings, an event now in its 93rd year.

"The Loss of Wesley Bloxom will be felt wholeheartedly by all this year, not just the fire company and pony committee, but by all the people who had come to know him over the years," said Denise Bowden, public relations officer for the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company.

"Wesley was a dedicated member of the fire company and was also the pony committee chairman in years past," Bowden continued. "It will be strange to look over and not see him on the dock and in the auction ring. The legacy that he left will continue to live on in the lives that he touched for many years to come."

The Chincoteague native was 78 years old.



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2. Volunteer guides are available on the buses to assist you. Other Pony Shuttle volunteers will be available at various locations to assist you.
3. Please be prepared for hot and humid conditions at the swim site. Bring plenty of water, sunscreen, and insect repellent. No seating is provided. The swim area at Pony Swim Lane is marshland so wear proper shoes. Flip flops are not recommended.
4. Vehicles displaying disabled parking license plates will be allowed access into two front parking lots at the municipal center. Very limited parking is available. No disabled parking will be available at Veteran's Memorial Park (this is different from past practice).
5. Day visitors should go to the municipal center for parking and shuttles. There is no parking at other pick-up points.
6. There will be one bus equipped for disabled guests. To use the bus equipped for disabled passengers, you must go to the municipal center. Please see a Pony Shuttle volunteer for assistance.
7. Immediately after the swim, two lines will form in the front of Memorial Park (where you were dropped off for the swim). One line is for transportation to the carnival (where the ponies are going), and one line is for transportation to the municipal center on Community Drive and other locations.
8. Several buses will go directly to the carnival grounds after the swim. Most buses will load at the front of Memorial Park and go to the municipal center, then to other stops. Buses will return to Memorial Park to reload until the swim area is cleared.
9. No buses will load behind the carnival grounds until the swim site is emptied. Buses will begin to load after the ponies arrive. Service from the carnival will continue until approximately one hour after the ponies arrive on the carnival grounds.
10. Travel will be extremely heavy in the carnival grounds area after the swim. Several of the roads from the swim site to the carnival will be closed until after the ponies arrive. Parking will be limited to the carnival parking lots. Traffic will clear after the shuttle ends operation.
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15. After the swim area is cleared, there will be no further stops at Memorial Park. Buses will only be available behind the carnival grounds on Willow Street.
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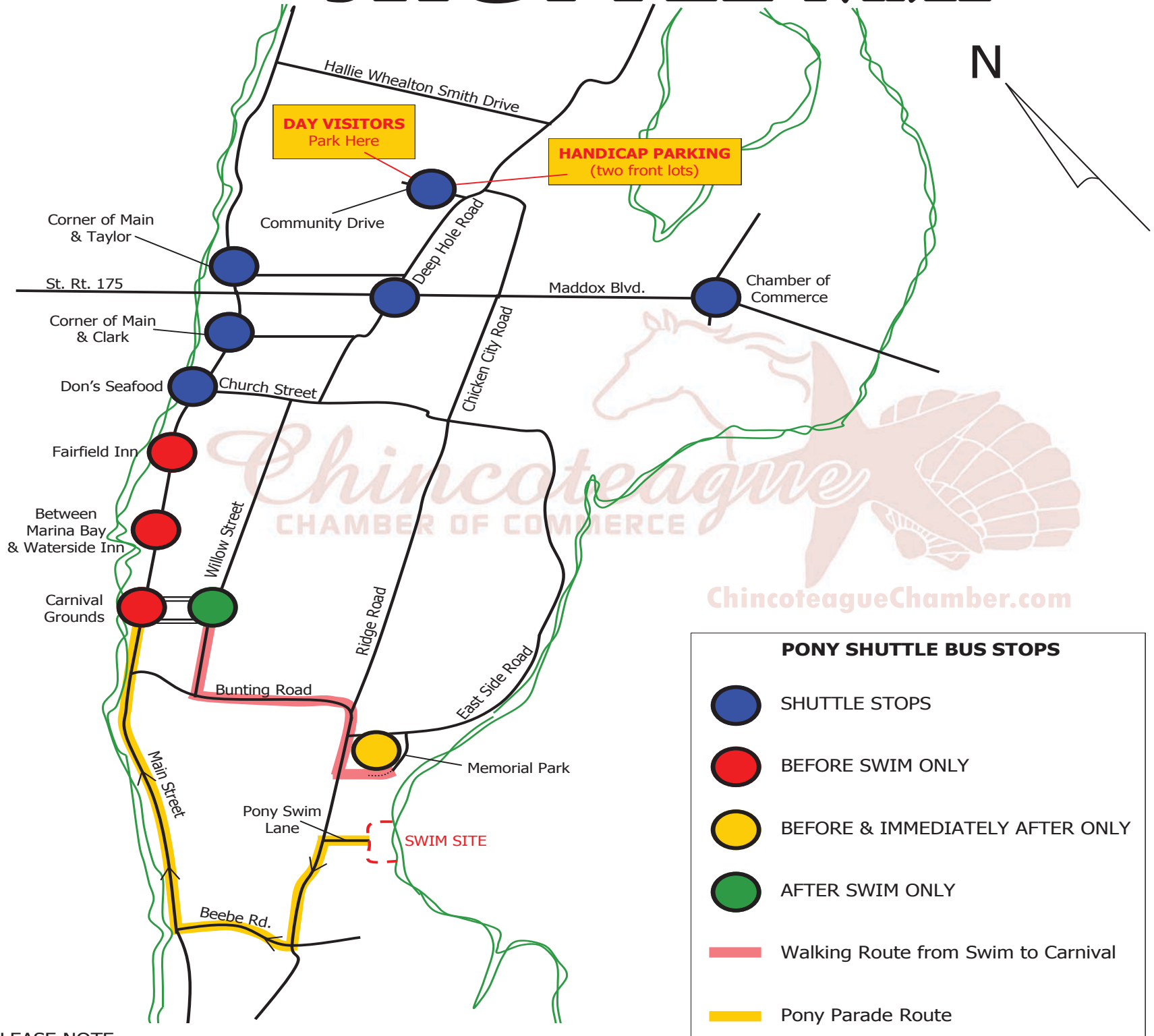
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Blueberry Lemon Cake

INGREDIENTS:

- › 2 LARGE EGGS
- › 1 CUP GRANULATED SUGAR
- › 1 CUP SOUR CREAM (8 OZ)
- › 1/2 CUP SUNFLOWER OIL
- › 1 TABLESPOON VANILLA EXTRACT
- › 1/4 TSP SALT
- › 2 CUPS ALL-PURPOSE FLOUR
- › 2 TEASPOONS BAKING POWDER
- › ZEST AND JUICE FROM ONE MEDIUM LEMON, DIVIDED
- › 1/2 TABLESPOON CORN STARCH
- › 16 OZ FRESH BLUEBERRIES



DIRECTIONS:

LIGHTLY BUTTER THE SIDES OF A 9-INCH SPRINGFORM PAN AND LINE THE BOTTOM WITH BAKING PARCHMENT. PREHEAT OVEN TO 375°F.



RINSE BLUEBERRIES AND DRAIN WELL. IN A MEDIUM BOWL, TOSS BLUEBERRIES WITH 1/2 TABLESPOON OF CORN STARCH AND 1 TEASPOON OF LEMON JUICE, STIRRING UNTIL WELL COMBINED AND NO DRY WHITE CORNSTARCH REMAINS.

BEAT 2 EGGS AND 1 CUP SUGAR UNTIL LIGHT IN COLOR AND THICK. ADD 1 CUP SOUR CREAM, 1/2 CUP OIL, 1 TABLESPOON VANILLA, 1/4 TEASPOON SALT, AND BEAT ON LOW SPEED UNTIL WELL COMBINED.

COMBINE 2 CUPS FLOUR WITH 2 TEASPOONS BAKING POWDER THEN ADD TO BATTER 1/3 AT A TIME, MIXING TO INCORPORATE WITH EACH ADDITION. DO NOT OVERMIX. FINALLY, ADD 1 TABLESPOON LEMON JUICE AND 1/2 TABLESPOON ZEST.

POUR HALF OF BATTER INTO PREPARED SPRINGFORM PAN AND SPREAD EVENLY. EVENLY DOT WITH HALF OF THE BLUEBERRIES. SPREAD WITH REMAINING BATTER THEN DOT WITH THE REST OF THE BLUEBERRIES, PUSHING THEM GENTLY, ABOUT HALFWAY INTO THE BATTER.

BAKE AT 375°F FOR 45 TO 55 MINUTES, OR UNTIL A TOOTHPICK INSERTED IN CENTER COMES OUT CLEAN. LET CAKE REST IN THE PAN 15 TO 20 MINUTES, THEN REMOVE SPRINGFORM RING AND COOL UNTIL ROOM TEMP.

 This recipe was found at several online recipe sites, but was adapted from <https://natashaskitchen.com/> 

Blueberries are in season, and while it's hard to beat eating them fresh, baking them in a cake that can be eaten at breakfast, dessert, or snack (or a midnight meal if we're being completely honest here) is a close second. Double the recipe and freeze one.



This cake is moist, dense, and delicious.



ALL THINGS BLUEBERRY

By Parks Nunnally

The pony roundups mark the opening of Pony Penning activities on the island, but the weekend holds another time-honored tradition: the 31st annual Chincoteague Blueberry Festival. Visitors can expect to see “all things blueberry,” said festival promoter and blueberry enthusiast Sam Serio, who has been in charge of the festival for the past 13 years. Festivalgoers will enjoy fresh blueberries, baked goods, and just about every other blueberry-derived item, recipe, and craft imaginable.

When the festival began in 1987, blueberries were chosen as the feature crop because they are grown locally on the Eastern Shore and they can withstand the July heat. Blueberries also have lots of vitamins and antioxidants that combat free radicals. Their superfruit status and recent surge in popularity have benefitted the growth of the festival over the years as the Blueberry Festival is now the largest fine arts and crafts festival on the Eastern Shore. Serio

anticipates 5,000 to 6,000 visitors to this year’s festival and notes that this weekend’s forecast is “awesome with cooler than seasonable temperatures.”

Musical guests and a wide variety of vendors will fill the weekend. The festival will host six musical acts and 125 different artists, crafters, and vendors. Returning festival attendees will recognize about half of the vendors from last year. Returning act Hemlock Hollow and Dawn Williams will play on Friday, followed by Young & Young and Mary Lynn Yost Flenner on Saturday. Jessica Smith and Thrift Store Gypsies round out the weekend on Sunday.

The Chincoteague Center, 6155 Community Dr., hosts the festival again this year. It runs from Friday, July 20, through Sunday, July 22, from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Adult day passes are \$5, two-day passes are \$8, and three-day passes are \$10. Day passes for children 12 years old and under are \$1. See the ad on Page 9 for a coupon offering \$1 off the admission price for one adult ticket.



Photo by Angie H. Crutchley

Seein' Red

Red smoke is set off during last year's annual Pony Penning to signal the start of the swim.

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Schedule of Appearances:

Tuesday, July 24, 5:30-7pm - Pony Appearance @ Comfort Inn

Wednesday, July 25, 1-3pm - Osprey Nest, Main St.,

Meet the Pony!

Thursday, July 26, 7:45am - Drill Team Performance @ Pony

Auction & at Carnival Grounds

1-3pm - Osprey Nest, Main St.,

Meet the Pony!

1-3pm - Chincoteague Public Library

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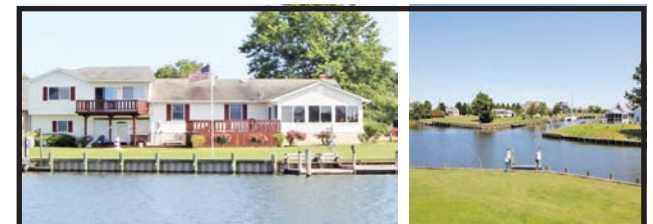
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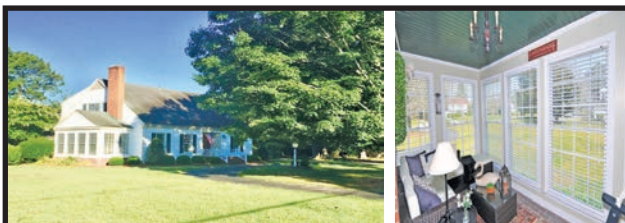
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Chincoteague Island Pony Express 2018 Trolley Schedule

The Pony Express

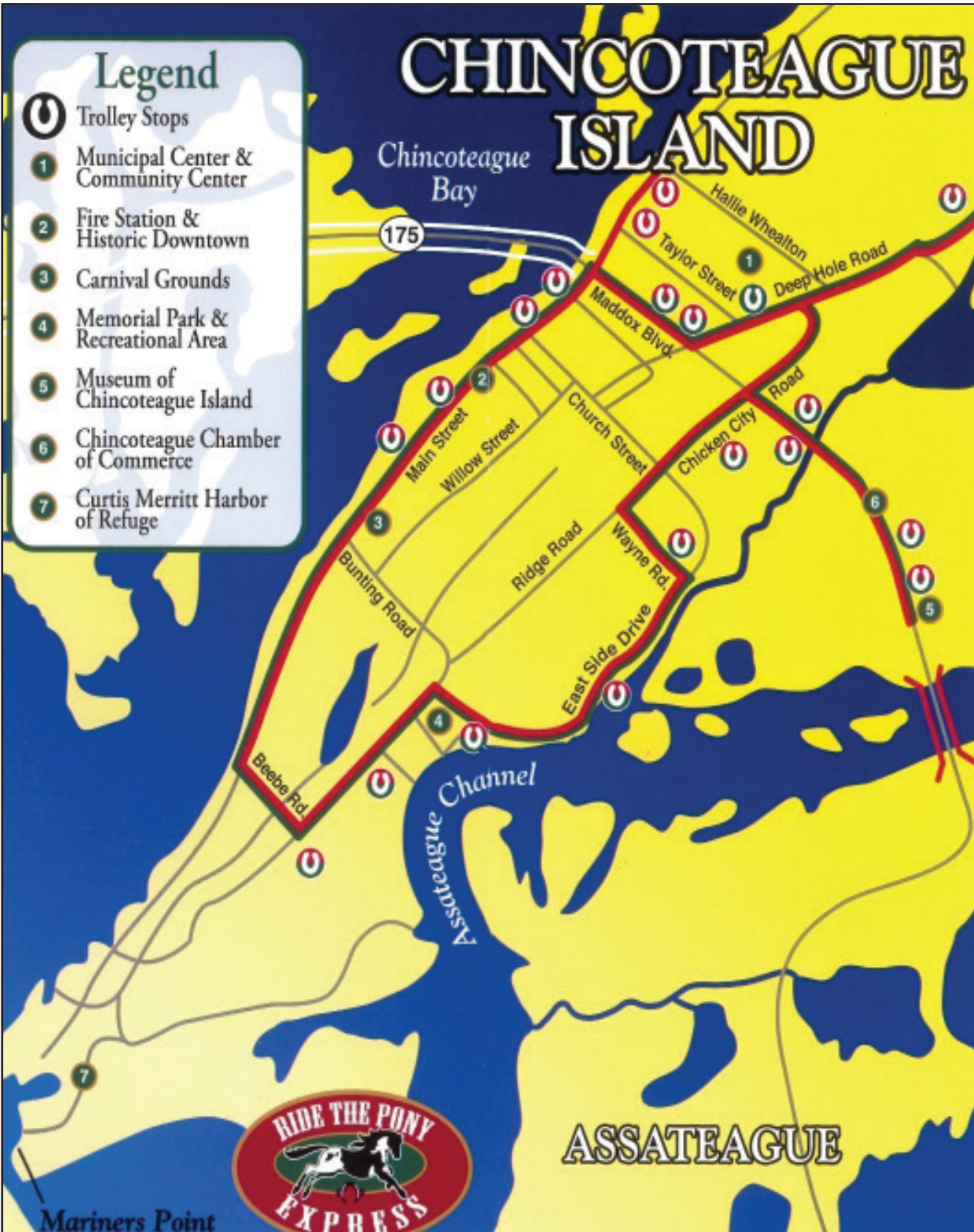
A Guide to Chincoteague Island's Public Transit Trolley

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	9:05	9:35	10:05
Main St. & Church St.	5:08	5:38	6:08	6:38	7:08	7:38	8:08	8:38	9:08	9:38	10:08
Beebe Rd. & Ridge Rd.	5:13	5:43	6:13	6:43	7:13	7:43	8:13	8:43	9:13	9:43	10:13
Memorial Park	5:17	5:47	6:17	6:47	7:17	7:47	8:17	8:47	9:17	9:47	10:17
Pony Centre	5:21	5:51	6:21	6:51	7:21	7:51	8:21	8:51	9:21	9:51	10:21
Museum of Chincoteague Is.	5:25	5:55	6:25	6:55	7:25	7:55	8:25	8:55	9:25	9:55	10:25
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	9:22		
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	9:38		
Carnival*, Pony Swim, Pony Auction, Pony Swim Back Extended Hours											
JULY: 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.



Hitching Post July 20-26: What to do this week on and around Chincoteague Island



SATURDAY JULY 21

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

★2 p.m. - **NASA Tour of the Solar System** - NASA/Wallops Flight Facility Visitor Ctr. - free admission - 824-2298 - www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter

★6:30 p.m. - **Island Coffeehouse** - Community Center for the Arts, 6309 Church St. - \$5/\$3 students, drinks and snacks available

SUNDAY JULY 22

★8 a.m. - **Episcopal Church Service** - Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Chapel of Fox Holston Funeral Home, 5049 Chicken City Rd. - 757-894-7078 - www.emmanuelchurchjb.com

★noon-4 p.m. - **Shop the Dock** - Robert Freed Downtown Waterfront Park

★4-6 p.m. - **Kitchen Gallery Opening** - Community Center for the Arts, 6309 Church St.

MONDAY JULY 23

★11 a.m. - **"Misty" Island Theatre** - Island Theatre - free

★11 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Manna Cafe** - Christ United Methodist Church Social Hall, 6253 Church St. - free hot lunch every

Monday - @MannaCafeCI on Facebook

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

★1-4 p.m. - **Art Class: Kudzu, Copper and Batik** - Community Center for the Arts, 6309 Church St. - preregistration required online at www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org or at Sundial Books

★8:30 p.m. - **Monday Movies: The Black Stallion** - Robert Freed Park - bring a chair or blanket - will be at the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance in case of rain

TUESDAY JULY 24

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

★2-4:30 p.m. - **Buckaroo Bingo** - Chincoteague Center, 6155 Community Dr. - \$20 for 20 rounds - 336-0614 - www.thechincoteaguecenter.com

★6 p.m. - **Feather Fund Auction Fundraiser** - Robert Freed Waterfront Park - www.featherfund.org

★7 p.m. - **Tuesday Nights at the Museum: Chincoteague Ponies & Pony Penning** - Museum of Chincoteague Island, 7125 Maddox Blvd. - \$4/adults & children older than 12 years, under 12 & active military/free - 757-336-6117 - www.chincoteaguemusuem.com

WEDNESDAY JULY 25

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

★2 p.m. - **NASA STEAM Lab: Paper Rockets** - NASA Wallops Flight Facility Visitors Center - 757-824-2298 - free admission - www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter

THURSDAY JULY 26

★10 a.m. - **Takes 4 Tots** - Chincoteague Library - www.chincoteagueislandlibrary.org

★10 a.m. - **Young Explorers Prgm.** - Theatre Annex - www.chincoteagueislandlibrary.org

★1-4 p.m. - **Swirling Pine Needles** - Community Center for the Arts, 6309 Church St. - preregistration required online at www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org or at Sundial Books

ONGOING

★9 a.m.-5 p.m. - **Assateague National Seashore, Tom's Cove Visitor Center** - 757-336-6577 - www.nps.gov/asis/index.htm/

★10 a.m.-4 p.m. - **NASA Visitor Center** - free admission - 757-824-2298 - www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter



Day Trips and Side Trips Around the Eastern Shore



FRIDAY JULY 20

★2-7 p.m. - **Red Cross Blood Drive** - Parish Hall at Saint Charles Catholic Church, Cape Charles

SATURDAY JULY 21

★7 p.m. - **Bingo** - Eastville Volunteer Fire Company Bingo Hall

★7:30 p.m. - **Movie: What a Glorious Feeling Singin' in the Rain** - Roseland Theatre, Onancock - \$1 admission

SUNDAY JULY 22

★11 a.m. - **Conversation Cafe: Songwriters in the Round** - Lemon Tree Gallery, Cape Charles - featuring: Jeremy Lasley, Jim Newsome and Thelma Peterson

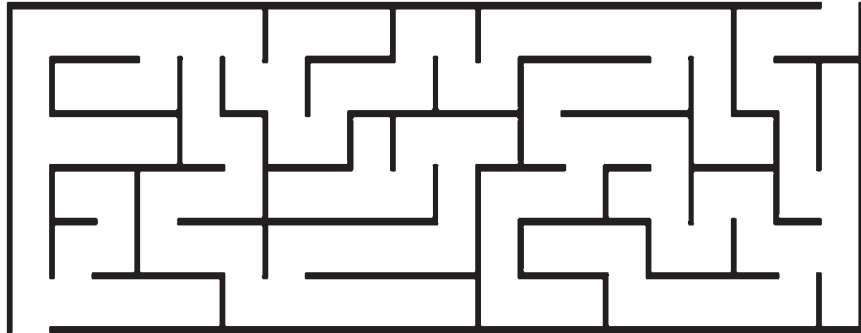
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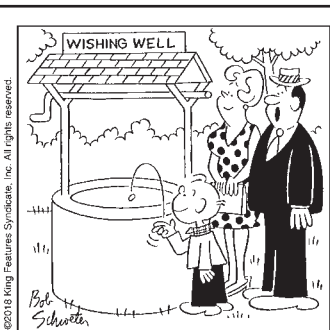
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Kids' Puzzle Page

Kids' Maze



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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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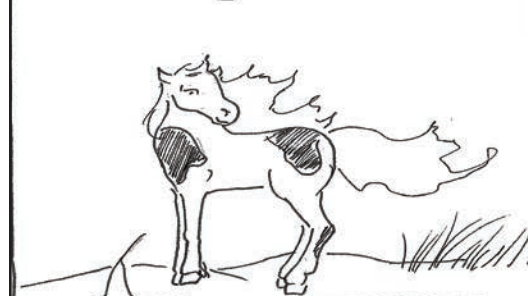
Fierce
FRALE

Tired
WARDN

Fit
LOGBEN

TODAY'S WORD

SEASIDE by Coleman



I AM A CHINCOTEAGUE PONY
I AM KING OF THE MARSH

I AM A GREAT BLUE
HERON. I AM
KING OF THE MARSH

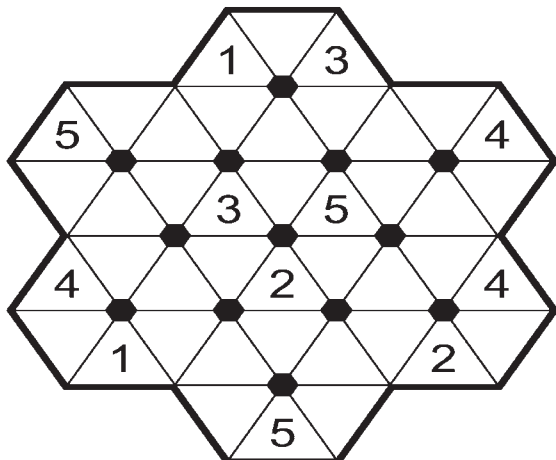


NO, I'M KING. IT'S
ALL ABOUT THE HAIR



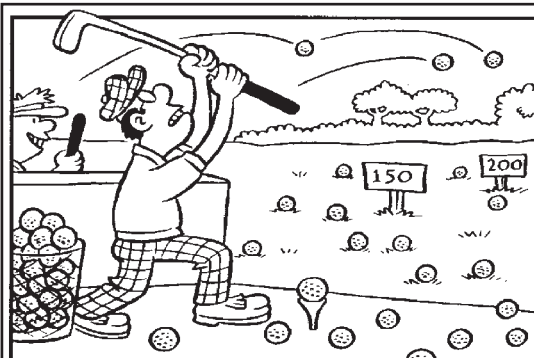
SNOWFLAKES by Japheth Light

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

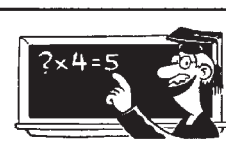


HORACE MACDIVOT had better learn to keep his head down or he's going to be here all day. How many golf balls can you find in the above picture?

Answer: We found 41.

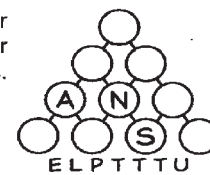
FIDGETY DIGITY! The Professor wants you to find a three-digit number that, when multiplied by four, will give you five. You have one minute!

Answer: 1.25 x 4 = 5



CHAIN REACTION! Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.

Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: Peal, peat, pent, pens, punt, puns, puts, putt.



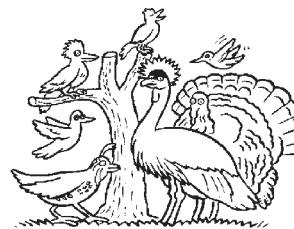
Junior Whirl by Charles Barry Townsend

AN AVIARY ASSIGNMENT!

I know that this quiz is for the birds, but try it anyway. Using the following hints, can you tell us:

WHAT BIRD ...

1. loves to sing?
2. is very religious?
3. eats the most?
4. is the best ocean hunter?
5. could work in an office?
6. would make a good tailor?
7. can carry a tune?
8. can lift heavy weights?
9. likes a good time?
10. shrinks from danger?



Illustrated by David Coulson

Answers: 1. The warbler. 2. The cardinal. 3. A (turkey) gobbler. 4. The kingfisher. 5. A secretary bird. 6. The weaverbird. 7. A hummingbird. 8. A crane. 9. The quail. 10. The jark.



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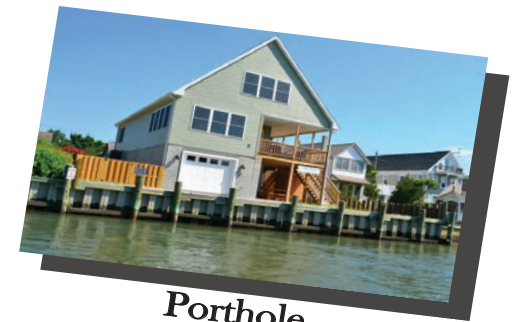
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