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Photo by Connie Morrison

## Welcome to the Manna Cafe

Hannah Ferrell and Harmony Meekins, both ninth grade students at Chincoteague High School, prepare hot dog buns for the weekly meal at the Manna Cafe on Chincoteague Island. The cafe welcomes anyone who wants to come for a free weekly meal and is averaging about 350 guests each week in the dining hall and 40-45 delivered meals. Get the full story, beginning on page 4, and meet the volunteer crew that turns up each week to prepare hot meals for neighbors, friends, and new friends, because as a Hitching Post reporter found, no one is a stranger at the Manna Cafe.



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### They Ride Bicycle Broncos at This Rodeo

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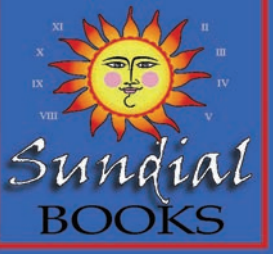
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Above left, Barbara Mason, Valerie Tolbert, and Marjorie Hiob serve the main dishes to lunch guests and have been doing so since the cafe opened in January 2017. Above right, Gail Ficken and Sandy Paulhus staff the salad table. Below left, Manna Cafe founders Bill and Fran Lytle check on the day's chili.

## Manna Cafe's Mission To Feed the Hungry Becomes Ministry That Feeds the Heart of an Island

*Story and Photos by Connie Morrison*

In the Bible, manna is the miracle food God sent the wandering Israelites. It might be a stretch to call the food served by Chincoteague's Manna Cafe miraculous, but the ministry, which offers a free meal open to everyone in the fellowship hall of Chincoteague's Christ United Methodist Church every Monday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., is based on biblical principles for its success.

The cafe feeds more than 400 each week. Most would find that overwhelming, but cafe founders Bill and Fran Lytle cut their teeth on a feeding ministry in Princeton, N.J., their home before moving to Chincoteague 10 years ago.

Fran Lytle cited two biblical principles. The first is to help those who cannot repay you. The second is to use your talents. "God gives every one of us gifts," she said. "Bill and I have gifts for hospitality."

"We had the skill set," she continued, "the managing, shopping, cooking," and the couple knew there were food insecure people on the island, so with

a cadre of core volunteers, they began their food ministry. Bill Lytle is the head chef and Fran Lytle is the director. Sixteen people turned up to eat the first week in January 2017.

With some publicity it started to grow and to draw not only those who needed food but those in need of connection and conversation, including "the elderly, who can become lonely or isolated," Fran Lytle said. Donations have been plentiful and sponsors have kicked in for entire meals. The June 4 meal was sponsored by Taylor Bank.

The Lytles, branding consultants by trade, repackaged the cafe's message to "everyone is welcome," and soon everyone was there. By the summer of 2017, more than 300 guests were joining the weekly meals, and they are closing in on 400 in the hall and more than 40 meals delivered each week.

It is so much more than a meal, says Fran Lytle. Senior citizens greet friends and make new ones. Island visitors come to hear stories from local residents. "It evolved based on the actual needs of the people on the





**Above left, Bill Lytle and Mark Mentzer are lead cooks and can always be found in the kitchen. Above middle, coffee servers Sue and Dave Johnston have been volunteering at Manna Cafe for about eight months. Above right, Ruth Mascari and Jailey Winder serve up beverages. Winder is home-schooled and has been volunteering at the cafe since it opened. Below right, Donnie Carson and Jackie Mentzer help guests choose from tempting desserts.**

island," she said. One of the volunteers said it's like the TV show "Cheers."

"Without beer," Lytle quipped.

"It's a nice place for senior citizens," said Susan Jester who was dining at the cafe recently.

Donald Jester said he enjoys making new friends. "Everyone is so gentle," he said.

A nice side benefit of everyone dining together is it's hard to know who is there out of necessity, so there is no stigma attached to dining at the Manna Cafe. "I think it makes everyone more comfortable," said volunteer Valerie Tolbert.

From 9 until about 10:30 a.m. kitchen volunteers are busy readying the day's meal, servers are bustling to prepare their stations, a two-person cleanup team is at the ready for quick dish turnaround, and a group of committed volunteer drivers is staging to package meals to be taken to homebound residents. The menu was hot dogs, chili, sauerkraut, baked beans, salad, watermelon, desserts, and beverages. In the dining hall, 383 guests were served. Forty-four meals were taken to homebound neighbors.

Each week tables along sidewalls invite guests to select a food or personal care item to take home. In the

back of the room is the Loving Hearts and Hands table, where guests can purchase items for "any amount or no amount at all," Lytle said. Volunteer Joyce Westberry started the tables after bringing in a few items she made and putting them on the "take one" tables. She noticed they went quickly and thought maybe lunch guests would like the chance to find inexpensive items for their homes or family members. The informal shop has proven very popular. "As soon as they walk in the door they come right back," she said.

Some volunteers have been with the Lytles since the beginning, and others cycle in and out, but one thing is clear: being at the cafe is a joyful experience. "Everyone is happy. I don't think I've seen a grumpy face since we started," said Barbara Mason. "They walk in the door and they're looking for us."

"We don't want to miss it," added Marjorie Hiob, another volunteer.

The volunteers get to know the guests by name, and ask about their family members who usually come along if they don't see them, said Lytle.

The meal delivery drivers, from St. Andrews Catholic Church, also look out for the people on



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Senior citizens Susan, Donald, and Grace Anne Jester, and Joanne Lewis are regulars at the Manna Cafe.

~ Manna Cafe ~

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their meal routes. "I'm very attached to these people," said Amy Jo Krystek, many of whom can't come to the door for their meals. In some cases the drivers are their best links to the outside world, reporting back when assistance is required or taking winter coats when needed.

The Manna Cafe has fans far and wide. "The generosity and compassion shown by the people of this little island is what drew me in on my first visit over 20 years ago," commented Elizabeth Wray, of Pulaski, Va. "Manna Cafe is a perfect example of what can be done with a little effort and a lot of love!"

Wray's comments were left on Facebook in response to a nomination of Manna Cafe as one of Reader's Digest's Nicest Places in America. A "nicest place" is "one where the people believe in kindness, civility, and each other, neighbors help each other out, and strangers are welcomed as friends," according to the magazine website.

Judging began on June 5. Qualifying entries will be viewable on [www.rd.com](http://www.rd.com), and finalists will be viewable at [www.10Best.com](http://www.10Best.com)

There could be more "nice places" springing up. Several of the tourists who have visited the Manna Cafe have been very impressed with the operation. "They go back home and start initiatives like this in their own communities," said Lytle. "Isn't that a wonderful thing?"

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## More volunteers from the Manna Cafe

Above left, Deb Hall, assistant hall manager, also oversees the “take one” table where guests can select a food or personal care item to take home.

Above right, Joe and Linda Leigh stand ready to tackle the dirty dishes. Lunches are served on china, so there are plenty of plates to be washed.

Middle right, Joyce Westerberry and Debbie Ehst keep the Loving Hearts and Hands table stocked and assist guests in selecting items.

Below right, a team from St. Andrew’s Catholic Church packages lunches to take to homebound residents. Pictured are Patricia Beitzel, Irene Smyth, Jack Beard, Amy Jo Krystek, and Craig Beitzel.



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## Fishing from the Shore

By Bill Hall

Reports of red drum catches behind the breakers of the lower shore barrier islands have fallen off greatly over the last weekend, but it has nothing to do with a decline in the number of available red drum in the area. It has everything to do with anglers shifting their attention and fishing efforts over to cobia.

Cobia season opened last Friday and the southern portion of the Chesapeake Bay is one of the top areas for catching this tough battler affectionately known as “the man in the brown suit.” Cobia anglers can be seen from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel as they cruise the bridge and nearby flats in small boats with large towers, attempting to spot the fish as they glide just under the surface.

Cobia will hit a number of baits including large bucktails, spoons, live spot, small bluefish, and eels, or can be caught by anchoring and chumming with menhaden while using chunks of menhaden (aka bunker) as bait fished from fishfinder rigs on the bottom.

**Lower Shore** — Jeb Brady at Bailey’s Bait & Tackle reports that the cobia bite has been good with keeper-sized cobia landed along with plenty of throwbacks. Most of the cobia anglers have been concentrating on the area from the Cabbage Patch down to the bridge-tunnel. The shop has received reports of flounder catches from Ship Shoal Inlet out of Oyster, as well as in the Ditch. Catches of sea mullet were reported from the Kiptopeke State Park Pier over the weekend.

Chris Snook at Chris’ Bait & Tackle reported that black drum are still available by the bridge and off Fisherman’s Island, but they have been smaller in size. Red drum were still in the breakers. The shop had seen a “handful” of sheepshead brought in and spadefish have made their appearance off the fourth island of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel. Anglers fishing out of Oyster were finding croaker. Flounder action was reported from Wise Point, the Ditch, and off Kiptopeke’s concrete ships, while pier anglers were catching a mixed bag of flounder, croaker, and sea mullet. When conditions were favorable, anglers were spotting up to 20 cobia per trip from their towers, but a lot of the fish have been on the small side. The shop is stocking fresh and frozen bunker, as well as chum and live eels.

**Wachapreague** — Captain Lindsay Paul at Trident Tackle reports that anglers are finding “a few flounder, but nothing hot and heavy recently.” Captains Sam Parker and Nat Atkinson found decent numbers of flatfish over the weekend but had lots of throwbacks just below the 16.5-inch minimum size limit. One captain returned from an offshore trip with a catch of tasty tilefish. Catches of false albacore were made over the Lumpy Bottom and Sam’s Hill.

**Chincoteague** — Donna Rae at Captain Bob’s Marina reported that flounder action has improved during periods between the recent wind and rain. Flounder action was reported on the north and south side of Queen Sound bridge, up to the area around Buoy #4. Action in Assateague Channel has fallen off, probably due to the intense concentration of anglers targeting flounder there over the last few weeks. Increasing numbers of small croaker, as well as larger-sized kingfish/whiting, are showing up in the inlet. Keeper gray trout catches have come from the southwest area of Queen Sound, opposite the sandbar, directly in front of the marina and catches of bluefish have come from inside Chincoteague Channel. The annual Captain Bob’s Marina Flounder Tournament started on June 7 and will run through Sunday, June 10. The largest flounder will be worth \$1,500 to the angler!

Jimmy Vasilou at Captain Steve’s Bait & Tackle reported that the waters of Assateague Channel were hot last weekend, producing some nice-sized flounder. Gulp baits combined with minnows or silversides and fished on Aqua Clear rigs have been very successful producers, second only to the East Coast flounder rigs in the chartreuse color version. Bob and Bonnie Jagger enjoyed a successful flounder trip on Monday, using Berkley Gulp and minnow combinations. Black drum are still dominating the action in the Assateague surf, with the biggest recent catch made by Sheryl Turner weighing in at 70 pounds. King can be found in numbers and are hitting bloodworms or Fish Bites.

**Upper Shore** — Captain Matt Abell at the Sea Hawk Sports Center reports that anglers have seen a slight increase in the number of speckled trout inside Pocomoke Sound recently. A good bite was reported on Saturday, mostly by anglers casting artificials. Hunter Hickman boated a 26-inch speckled trout on Monday. Flounder action has been very good on the flats during last of the ebb tide through the first of the flood. A recent charter boated 35 flounder, finding seven keeper-sized fish. Matt verified the good start to the cobia season as customers reported fish up to 47 inches in the lower Chesapeake.

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Photo by Claude Bain  
John Conquest with a black drum caught and released from the barrier island surf.



Photo by E.T. Hickman  
Hunter Hickman with a 26-inch speckled trout caught in the Pocomoke Sound shallows.

*Year. Bill is an IGFA 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.*



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## Posted at Sea Level

By Linda Cicoirá



Now there is a perfect beer for everyone. Even me and I don't usually like the stuff. It's called "Cranky," which is probably part of the reason I fell for it. But don't believe the name. It depicts an ill-tempered or irritable grouch, but it is none of that.

In a way, it is typical Eastern Shore. It's described one way and is really the opposite. Example: "That Chincoteague Pony is lame," he said after it kicked him in the ribs. "She's an ugly one," he said, describing a most beautiful woman.

Cranky is a light farmhouse ale created at the Black Narrows Brewing Company on Chicken City Road, on Chincoteague, which is the first craft brewery on the Shore. It is part of the Infinite Sky Collection and includes melon, black pepper, and shortbread. And it is the smoothest beer I have ever tasted.

Okay, so my experience with beer is limited. I drank a few Schlitz in college. And I never fared well with that. I tried the little "pony" Millers that family members drank. Blah. Then, I tasted a beer with lime in it and it left me sour. But now, if there was nothing to drink and I was on a remote barrier island thirsting to death, I would turn and ask for a Cranky. Oh yes, I would. I'm just trying to sound like a true Eastern Shore woman.

Last weekend, I was on the island on my way to the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge with the goal of photographing some of



the awesome birds there. My boyfriend, Doug, came along to check out the brewery. So, we stopped by and he ordered the sample combo. There were six four-ounce beers served in canning jars. They were separated in half and came in crate-like holders.

We were told Cranky was the favorite. I usually don't follow the crowd so I wasn't impressed by that information. But I thought I would give it a try. I thought I would try little sips of a couple of them before asking for a bottle of water. I was surprised to find I could put my stamp of approval on three. Cranky, Salts, and Little Bay, in that order, won. Yippee!

Salts, considered the "Mainstay," has tart oyster and wheat and is described as briny, marsh, and lemon. It had the flavor of oyster juice left in the shell after downing the raw mollusk. I could imagine it with melted butter on top. Yippee!

Little Bay, also called Eastern Shore Saison, was described as bright, funky, and floral. It wasn't particularly flowery or funky. But it was a contender for bright.

Doug, who is a beer enthusiast, also favored Cranky and finished the glass. The same went for some stuff called "Good Morning, Good Afternoon, Goodnight," that was a cocoa bean stout described as smooth, roasted, and mocha. That was the strongest and to me tasted bitter. Doug said it was "sweet."

Neither of us was impressed with the beer

called "Plum Wild." We are going to be nice and leave it at that. Well, let me try again, I guess people could rinse their hair with it.

Ulysses' Revenge, a fruited wild ale with strawberry, is also not for me. Ugh, I can't eat strawberries, they make my face breakout. But others seemed to enjoy it.

There were two Philadelphia men sitting on the other side of me. The older one wouldn't give his name or let me take his picture. He was mixing the cocoa bean stout with the Cranky and called it black and tan, a favorite of western Pennsylvanians, he said. His son-in-law was much friendlier. He posed for a photo, spelled his name, Vittorio Meronyck Jr. (above left), and was enjoying Salts. They were visiting Chincoteague for a birthday celebration.



## Celebrated Merz Trio To Bring Classical Concert to Chincoteague June 16

### Submitted Article and Photo

The Chincoteague Island Arts Organization and the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance are pleased to sponsor a concert performed by Merz Trio, the winners of the of the Chesapeake Chamber Music Competition. The competition takes place biennially in April with the winners performing at various regional venues in June. Begun in 2004, the competition has rapidly grown to become a notable international event. It is sponsored by Chesapeake Music Inc., a nonprofit organization that for 30 years has brought outstanding music to the Delmarva peninsula.

Formed in January 2017 as a collaboration between pianist Lee Dionne, violinist Brigid Coleridge, and cellist Julia Yang, Merz Trio has quickly gained a standing as a unique and award-winning ensemble. In addition to winning the Chesapeake competition, the trio also won the Audience Choice award. Later this year, they will serve as the New England Conservatory's graduate piano trio-in-residence. They will also travel to Melbourne, Australia, to perform two recitals presented by Musica Viva and compete as one of eight piano trios invited to the Melbourne International Chamber Music Competition.

The program includes Brahms Piano Trio No. 1 in B major, Op. 8, Johannes Maria Staud 10 Miniaturen



The Merz Trio will perform Saturday, June 16, at 4 p.m.

für Klaviertrio, and Beethoven Piano Trio in E flat major, Op. 70, No. 2.

The concert will take place at the Island Theatre on Saturday, June 16, at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and available at H&H Pharmacy, Sundial Books (cash or check), and online (credit card) at [\[gueculturalalliance.org\]\(http://gueculturalalliance.org\) Youth 18 and under and students with ID are admitted free of charge. A free reception follows the concert.](http://www.chincotea-</a></p>
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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: 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 8

*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](http://www.captaintimothyhillhouse.com)

*Coming Together for Chincoteague*, informational meeting to learn to fight offshore gas and oil development, Oceana, Virginia Eastern Shorekeeper, and Assateague Coastal Trust, 6 p.m., Chincoteague Island Arts Organization Theater Annex, 4074 Main St., free admission, email [tpascarosa@oceana.org](mailto:tpascarosa@oceana.org)

## Saturday, June 9

*Second Saturday Artful Flea*, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., free admission and parking, [www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org](http://www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org)

*Kitchen Gallery Art Show*, 10 a.m. - noon, Community Center for the Arts, 6309 Church St., [www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org](http://www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org)

*NASA Space Races: Planet Jumble*, 11-11:30 a.m., geared toward ages 4 to 8, NASA Wallops Flight Facility Visitors Center, 757-824-2298, free admission, [www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter](http://www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter)

*NASA Payload Drop*, assemble a team and engineer a way to drop an egg from the roof without breaking it, 2-3 p.m., geared toward ages 6 to adult, NASA Wallops Flight Facility Visitors Center, 757-824-2298, free admission, [www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter](http://www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter)

## Sunday, June 10

*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](http://www.emmanuelchurchjb.com)

## Monday, June 11

*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](http://www.ciarts.org)

## Tuesday, June 12

*Tuesday Nights at the Museum: Where Island Tales Are Told*, "Eastern Shore Railroads," by Ellen Johnson, 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](mailto:info@chincoteaguemuseum.com)

## Wednesday, June 13

*Farmers and Artisans Market*, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., free admission and parking, [www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org](http://www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org)

## Thursday, June 14

*Summer Reading Challenge Open House*, 4-7 p.m., Chincoteague Island Library, 4077 Main St., free admission, 757-336-3460, <http://www.chincoteague.com/chincoteagueislandlibrary/>

## 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/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/chincoteague/)

*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](http://www.chincoteaguemuseum.com)

## Day Trips and Side Trips Around the Eastern Shore

### Saturday, June 9

*Axe Out Cancer Car, Truck, Motorcycle, and Tractor Show*, car show, auction, food vendors, music and fun 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Route 13 northbound, Tasley Hill, Md. Tickets \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 16 and members of Furnace Town and can be purchased at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) or at the door. Call 410-632-2032 or email [info@furnacetown.org](mailto:info@furnacetown.org) for more information.

*ESO LIVE in the Park*, Rude Boy Riddem, 4-7 p.m. Exmore Town Park, corner of Main Street and Bright Avenue, admission is \$5, @townofexmore on Facebook

*Bluegrass, Brew & BBQ at Furnace Town*, 5-7 p.m., doors open at 4 p.m. Snow

*Hill, Md. Tickets \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 16 and members of Furnace Town and can be purchased at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) or at the door. Call 410-632-2032 or email [info@furnacetown.org](mailto:info@furnacetown.org) for more information.*

### Sunday, June 10

*Lecture on the Lawn*, 2 p.m., corner of Johnson Town and Bayside roads, Machipongo. Northampton Historic Preservation Society lecture at a historic home, once Johnsonstown Tavern from the 1700s. Bring a lawn chair and dress comfortably. Suggested donation is \$10. [www.northamptonhistoricpreservationsociety.com](http://www.northamptonhistoricpreservationsociety.com)

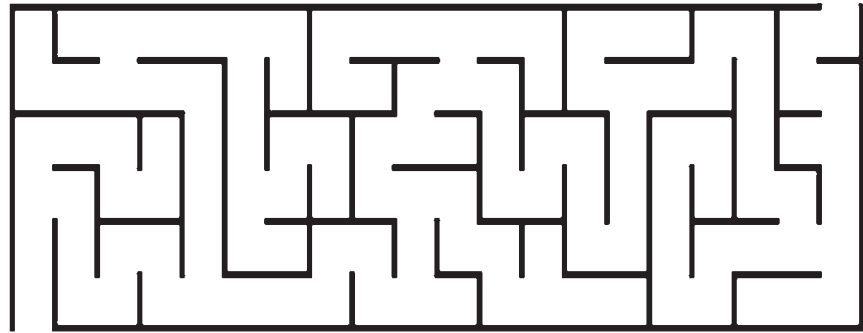
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# Kids' Puzzle Page

## 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!

Respond

TRACE

Angst

AMELIAS

Fairy

PRIEST

Creak

ARGON

### TODAY'S WORD

## SEASIDE by Coleman

YOUR MOTHER TALKED TO YOUR TEACHER AND WE DECIDED YOU CAN'T PLAY WITH YOUR IMAGINARY FRIEND ANYMORE

BUT I'M NOT IMAGINARY

GEORGE, WE CAN'T ARGUE WITH SCIENTIFIC FACTS

SCIENCE SAYS THERE ARE NO SUCH THINGS AS SEAMONSTERS. THAT MAKES YOU IMAGINARY

WAAH!! I WANT TO STAY OUTSIDE AND PLAY WITH GEORGE!!

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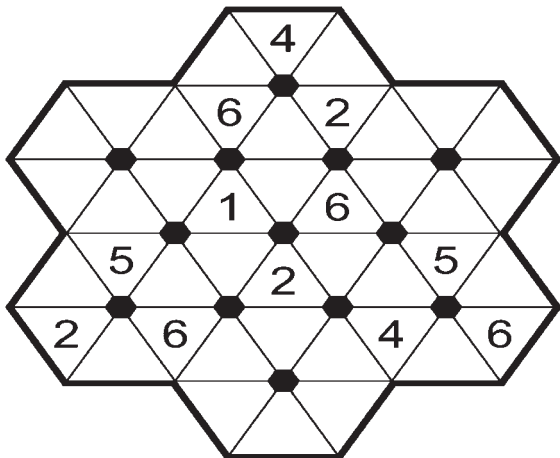
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DON'T CRY, HONEY! YOUR DADDY CAN FIX THIS AND PUT YOU RIGHT ON TRACK TO NORMALCY

## SNOWFLAKES

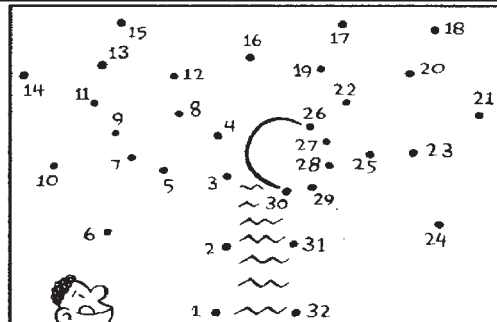
by Japheth Light

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



DO YOU KNOW what nut is a pleasant winter's drink? Connect the dots and find out!

Answer: COCOANUT.

**A LUCKY PROBLEM!** Professor Flunkum challenges you to write a math expression, using seven 7's, that will equal 100. You have seven minutes to pass this test.

One Answer:  $(7 \times 7) + (7 \times 7) + (7 \times 7) + (7 \times 7) + (7 \times 7) + (7 \times 7) + 7 = 100$ .

**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: Dirk, dirt, dint, dints, dens, debs, debt.

## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

### FIND THE BIG WORDS

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3			T		D
4				T	D
5				D	T
6		D			T
7	D				T
8	D				T



Using the definitions and anagrams below, find the eight eight-letter words that fit into the framework on the left. For each definition, the letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

### DEFINITIONS:

- What you get for speeding.
- A military base jail.
- No longer in fashion.
- A nuclear plant accident.
- A tough biscuit.
- Seaward pull of waves.
- To argue in favor of.
- Type of door lock.

### ANAGRAM:

- teed + tick  
odes + tack  
duet + mood  
town + meld  
dart + hack  
rude + town  
toad + cave  
load + debt

Answers: 1. Ticketed. 2. Stockade. 3. Outmoded. 4. Mehdawn. 5. Hardtack. 6. Undertow. 7. Advocate. 8. Deadbolt.





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