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SEARCHING FOR SPONGEBOB ON CHINCOTEAGUE A GEOCACHE ADVENTURE IN WHICH WE LEARN THE ROOKIE LESSONS AND SHARE THEM WITH YOU

Story and Photo by Connie Morrison

Let's start with an admission: I'm not the most agile person, or the best puzzle solver. I do have an overdeveloped sense of adventure given my limited abilities. They combined for an interesting first attempt at geocaching, a high-tech treasure hunt that uses a phone's global positioning system (GPS) to locate a hidden cache. At its most basic, the cache will hold a log for the participant to sign. Some contain trinkets to swap with the finder. Regardless of form, the thrill is there when the quarry is found.

Robin Mead Huttner and her son, Maxwell, have the bug. "We have a blast," she said, but they haven't been out much lately. "They are everywhere," she said of the caches.

There are so many geocache sites that it constitutes a secret world where participants call those who aren't in the know "muggles," after non-magical people in Harry Potter novels who are oblivious to the magical realm.

To start the transition from muggle to geocache wizard, download the Geocaching app to a mobile phone. The app will use the phone's location information to "find" it on the map and display nearby caches.

For each cache, the app will reveal who placed it and when, the level of difficulty for the find and the terrain, the cache size — so folks will know what they're looking for — and other information, like whether to bring a pen to sign the log. Others who have logged their finds might provide hints

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SpongeBob in his geocache site on Chincoteague's Island Nature Trail. The trail is home to six geocache stashes.

ANNETTE WASILIK BRINGS AWARD-WINNING MUSIC TO ISLAND THEATRE ANNEX JUNE 30

Submitted Article

Annette Wasilik writes award-winning songs of love and longing; angels and demons. Her performances are marked by her compelling alto and moving songs that “touch you to the bone.” In the tradition of the poet songwriter and with rich tones reminiscent of Linda Thompson or Natalie Merchant, she weaves a spell both startling in its intimacy and expansive in its vision.

“I found my first guitar in an old tin wardrobe in my basement. Its bridge was broken but it was love at first sight, as if I found a buried treasure in my backyard. The room spun and everything. I glued the bridge back on and never looked back,” said Wasilik.

She was always writing and singing but took a break from performing to attend to family and grow her massage practice. Now she is out singing again and quickly becoming known in the Washington, D.C., area as a powerful songwriter and performer. Her songwriting influences include Jane Siberry, Lucinda Williams, and John Prine, to mention just a few. Both down to earth and deeply atmospheric,

Wasilik’s songs are explorations into longing, love, loss, God, home, homesickness, and hope.

Her debut CD, “Songs from the Talking House,” was awarded Best Contemporary Folk Recording of the Year by the Washington Area Music Association in April 2016. She also won Honorable Mention for her song “Don’t Look Down” in the 2016 MidAtlantic Song Contest.

Annette performs in local and regional venues and festivals from Washington, D.C., up to New York City. In January 2018 she started Songwriter Sundays, a monthly concert series showcasing exceptional local and touring songwriters at the very cool new venue, MilkBoy ArtHouse in College Park, Md. She also co-hosts a songwriting circle at Asparagus Media in Takoma Park, Md. She is looking forward to bringing her music to Chincoteague, one of her favorite places.

See and hear Wasilik Saturday, June 30, at 7 p.m., at the Island Theatre Annex, 4076 Main St. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 at the door, and a cash bar will be available.



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Annette Wasilik performs June 30 at the Island Theatre Annex.

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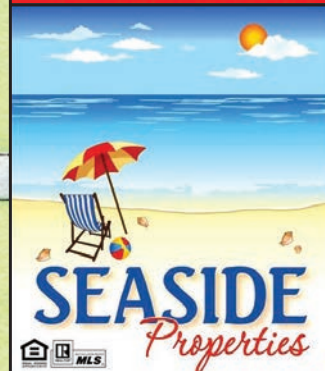
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~ Geocaching ~

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about where to look, or provide feedback to cache owners if maintenance is required.

“I had a blast geocaching with my son a few years ago,” said Kathryn Rasmussen Hall. “We found some neat things in the boxes and left a few as well. It’s a lot of fun!”

“There are some great ones in Chincoteague,” said reader Shaena Leigh Rausch, of Greenbackville. For this article, the adventure started at Chincoteague’s nature trail (hat tip to Amanda LeMoi for the suggestion), home to five geocache targets, including SpongeBob and his best buddy, Patrick Star. SpongeBob was rated two of five stars for finding difficulty and two-and-a-half of five stars for terrain difficulty. The first geocache hunt for this amateur was on!

I followed the GPS navigation along the nature trail path, noting the number of feet until the stash. Suddenly, the distance began to increase. An about-face saw it decrease and then, again, slowly begin to climb. It was like the child’s game “hot and cold,” but with the GPS letting me know whether I was getting warmer or colder.

Slowly it dawned on me I was going to have to venture some 130 feet off the path and into the woods.

As a mobility-challenged person, I would have rated the terrain difficulty as three of five stars owing to high-stepping around the poison ivy. The mosquito repellent had been left in the car and I was regretting not wearing socks as the brambles grabbed and cut into my ankles.

Lesson #1: Some caches are off the beaten path. Prepare accordingly (insect repellent, long pants, socks and closed-toe shoes).

The mosquito assault was wearing on my resolve, but I soldiered on and the payoff was sweet when the cache was found and SpongeBob’s goofy grin stared back from inside his snug box.

Concluding Patrick Star’s hiding place would be similarly situated, I opted for a different cache on the northern part of the nature trail. This one was said to be right on the trail.

Following the navigation from my

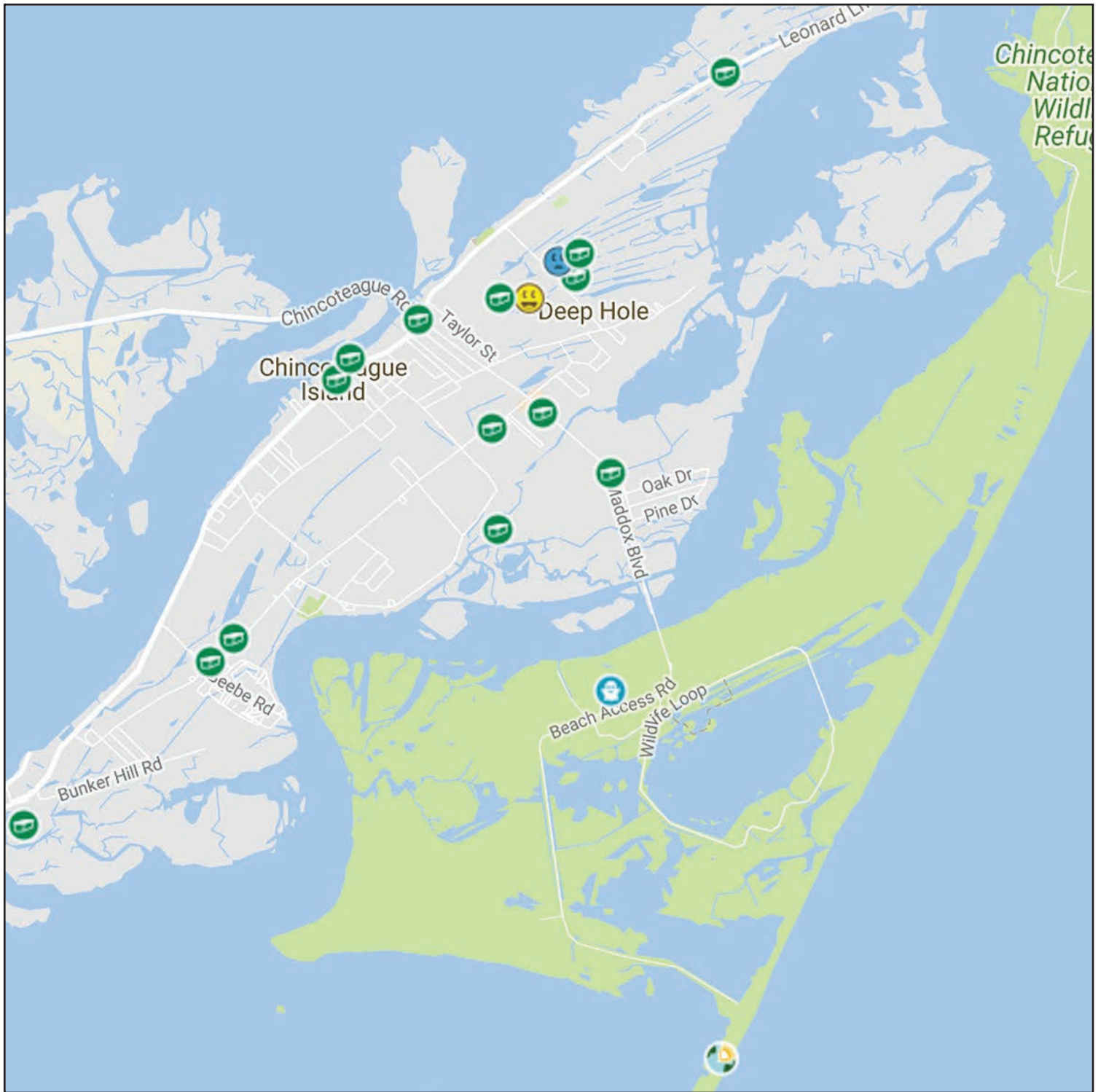


Image from Geocaching App
Locations of geocache stashes on Chincoteague Island including one found (yellow smiley face) and one looked for but not found (blue face).

phone’s GPS got me within 6 feet of the prize, but alas, no find. I couldn’t help but think two things: This would be more fun with someone else, and another brain would be really helpful. I was so intent on the hunt I found myself in another poison ivy patch, so I had to make an unscheduled stop for a different kind of cache.

H&H Pharmacy had just what I

was looking for: products to remove poison ivy oils before they soaked into the skin. A couple of bottles of water and my van was converted to a mobile washing station.

With the poison ivy taken care of, I decided to stay on the well-beaten path for a couple of P&Gs (park-and-grabs) before heading back across the causeway.

I attempted to find a cache locat-

Lesson #2: If you didn’t prepare, make a stop at the local pharmacy. They have products that wash off poison ivy oils, along with socks, insect repellent, sunscreen, water, and trinkets to place in found caches. Like a good party guest, you don’t want to arrive at stocked cache empty-handed.

ed along the causeway. It was a good time to try that location because no muggles were present, when a weekend attempt might have drawn attention. One cardinal rule of geocaching is drawn from another wizarding world: Keep it secret, keep it safe (Gandalf's instructions to Frodo about the One Ring in "Lord of the Rings"). Geocaching is one big honor system reliant on the discretion of participants not to reveal caches to nonparticipants who, without investment in the game, might not take care of the caches. Despite the many hints from other successful hunters, this site was also a bust.

Lesson #3: The more, the merrier. Everyone thinks differently and when you are stuck, it helps to have another perspective. Plus, you can send someone else into the poison ivy.

At the end of the causeway was a quick P&G that even I could find, so I was able to end my day on a high note. As I was logging cache attempts and finds into the Geocaching app at the end of the day, I noticed encrypted hints for



An unscheduled stop at H&H Pharmacy found plenty of options to treat poison ivy.

Photo by Connie Morrison

Lesson #4: Even an easy grab is satisfying.

each cache that I had not noticed before. Easily decoded, they provided clues that might have made the difference in find-
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Northern segment of Island Nature Trail, home to three geocaches.

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Lesson #5: Plan your outing, read the clues, and decode the hints ahead of time. Unless you are an experienced geocacher, you'll probably need the extra help.

ing the cache or coming up empty-handed. After a couple of times out, you'll start to see the landscape around you in terms of hiding places, muggles, and cachers. The more you find, the easier it gets, and before long, you'll be hooked.

Lesson #6: Leave extra time when going to new destinations. You won't be able to resist looking to see if there are any geocaches close by, and if there are, you'll have to go look for them.

Contents of a geocache: A log, silly string, a key tag making its way to geocaches in all 50 states, a trackable tag with a special request, and trinkets to trade.

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Common Geocache Abbreviations

BOCP - Base of Concrete Post	LWF - Log Will Follow
BOP - Base of Post	MTT - Multi-Trunked Tree
BOT - Base of Tree	NA - Needs Archiving
BYOP - Bring your Own Pen	NM - Needs Maintenance
C&D - Cache and Dash	P&G - Park & Grab
CITO - Cache In Trash Out	PMO - Premium Member Only
CO - Cache Owner	PQ - Pocket Query
COTD - Cache of the Day	ROT13 - Code to Encrypt Hints
DNF - Did Not Find	QEF - Quick Easy Find
EO - Event Organizer	RAF - Replaced as Found
EOW - End of Wall	RHS - Right Hand Side
FTF - First to Find	SL - Signed Logbook
GC - Geocoin	STF - Second to Find
GPS - Global Positioning System	SWAG - Stuff We All Get (trade items)
GZ - Ground Zero (Cache Coordinates)	TB - Travel Bug
ICP - Ivy Covered Post	TFTC - Thanks for the Cache
ICT - Ivy Covered Tree	TFTH - Thanks for the Hide/ Hunt/Hike
LPC - Lamp Post Cache	TNLN - Took Nothing Left Nothing
LN - Left Nothing (in the Cache)	LTF - Log to Follow
LOFTS - Logged Only For The Smiley	

Annabelle's Curse To Play July 21 Concert at Island Theatre

Submitted Article

The Chincoteague Island Arts Organization is pleased to host Annabelle's Curse in concert on Saturday, July 21, 7:30 p.m. at the Island Theatre. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online by credit card at www.ciarts.org or in person by cash or check at Sundial Books.

Annabelle's Curse is an indie-folk band from Bristol, Tenn./Va. that plays a rootsy mix of acoustic and electric instruments with a focus on lyric-based songwriting. The band's members are Tim Kilbourne (vocals, banjo, guitar), Carly Booher (vocals, mandolin), Zack Edwards (guitar), Travis Goyette (percussion), Tyler Luttrell (bass), and Kirk Bagnall (auxiliary percussion). They have released four full-length albums and one EP.

Since forming in 2010, Annabelle's Curse has toured extensively, developing a devoted fan base throughout the southeast and mid-Atlantic. There is, of

course, a story behind the band's name. They wanted an upright bass for their image so the group pooled all of their money together, bought a bass and named it Annabelle. Not long after they purchased it, they dropped the instrument, which broke in half. The night they got it back from being repaired, it fell through a window in Edwards' house breaking the bass. Again. And Annabelle's Curse was born.

Annabelle's Curse came in second as the FloydFest fan favorite in the On the Rise contest in 2014, appeared on Music City Roots, and has become a fixture at the Bristol Rhythm and Roots Reunion and Rooster Walk Music and Arts Festival. The band has also played Rhythm and Blooms, HoustonFest and is scheduled for the inaugural Hillfest over Labor Day.

The Island Theatre is located at 4074 Main St. in historic downtown Chincoteague. Additional information can be found at www.ciarts.org



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Annabelle's Curse, above, will play in concert July 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Island Theatre.

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Fishing from the Shore

By Bill Hall

The 2018 spring surf fishing season was one of the best in recent memory, producing nice catches of black drum, red drum, and striped bass. However, like all good things, it had to eventually end. The summer's warmer water temperatures have ushered out these species until the autumn months, with smaller species such as whiting and croaker as well as sharks of all sizes, rays, and skates dominating the action for the next several months.

The lower Chesapeake Bay cobia season is still underway and producing good numbers of fish, though many more smaller-sized specimens than trophy catches.

Lower Shore — Jeb Brady of Bailey's Bait & Tackle reported that cobia action was still going strong from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel to buoy 36A, with a lot of small cobia in the mix. He had received reports of spadefish at the fourth island of the bridge-tunnel, as well as around the Plantation Light. The top flounder catches were coming from inside the Ditch and along the Fisherman's Island bridge.

Chris Snook of Chris' Bait & Tackle reported cobia fishing has been great between Lattimore Shoals and buoy 36. Spadefish were available at the fourth island, but bigger fish were swimming around the Chesapeake Light tower. Red drum were hitting around buoys 16 and 13 in the evenings. Nice-sized flounder were starting to come from along the bridge-tunnel, while sea mullet/whiting were hitting along Lattimore Shoals. Croaker catches were coming from buoy 262 out of Oyster, but the fish have been on the small side.

Wachapreague — Captain Lindsay Paul of Trident Tackle reported that anglers were managing to find some keeper flounder amongst the large number of throwbacks. Scott Taylor had two keepers inside of Metompkin Inlet on Sunday. Croakers of mixed sizes are also showing up for anglers using strips of squid, peeler, or bloodworm. A few red drum were reported from the surf, but the last two outings have produced mostly stingrays. Paul said that the influx of unstable weather over the weekend kept most offshore vessels in port.

Chincoteague — Jimmy Vasilou of Captain Steve's Bait & Tackle reported that kingfish/whiting were being caught off the beach at Assateague. Circle hooks (#2) with small red floats, baited with



Photo courtesy of Sea Hawk Sports Center

Brandon Age with one of 13 cobia caught off Kiptopeke during a recent trip with Captain Matt Abell.

bloodworms, Fish Bites, or Gulp bloodworms were the most effective kingfish rigs according to Visilou. A weekend trip on the inshore wrecks produced a mixed catch of spadefish, gray triggerfish, and flounder, as well as a cobia sighting. Keeper flounder up to 20 inches were caught off the docks over the weekend. Croaker fishing has been spotty, with most of the fish on the small side. As the waters continue to heat up, so does the shark fishing. A hammerhead was caught in Chincoteague Bay over the weekend.

Donna Rae of Captain Bob's Marina reported that fishing has been "pretty good overall." Lots of flounder but more throwbacks than keepers. Popular flounder catching locations include buoys 17, 19, and 21 inside the Chincoteague Channel, as well as inside the canal across from the Inlet View Campground up to the area in front of the Waterside Inn. Top baits have been live minnows with white Gulp 4-inch swimming mullet, Gulp shrimp, or strips of squid. Kingfish/whiting are in the canal, off Mariner's Point and out to the inlet and are readily hitting bloodworm-scented Fish Bites and bloodworm-scented squid. Lots of shark action inside the inlet, but retaining most of the species is prohibited; check the VMRC shark regulations and seasons before venturing out for sharks if you plan to keep any. The subway cars were producing flounder up to 24 to 26 inches in length as

well as some spadefish. Large yellowfin tuna have been hitting trolled ballyhoo rigs in the Washington Canyon. The shop will be holding three inshore coastal finetooth shark tournaments during the third weekends of July, August, and September.

Upper Shore — Captain Matt Abell of the Sea Hawk Sports Center reported a good catch of flounder has come from the rail cars. He described the cobia fishing off Kiptopeke as "spectacular." Two charters last week produced 17 cobia to 44 inches and a trophy red drum release. The tuna bite fell off a little bit mid-week but had rebounded by the weekend. Spadefish and triggerfish were over the coastal wrecks. Rockfish and perch catches were coming from the mouths of the Wicomico and Manokin creeks in the lower Maryland portion of the Chesapeake Bay.

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.

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	Chinco. Channel	H 9:39 a.m. L 3:46 p.m.	H 10:21 a.m. L 4:26 p.m.	H 11:03 a.m. L 5:07 p.m.	H 11:45 a.m. L 5:51 p.m.	H 12:28 p.m. L 6:37 a.m.	H 1:13 p.m. L 7:20 a.m.	H 2:03 p.m. L 8:04 a.m.
	Gargatha Neck	H 10:31 a.m. L 4:26 p.m.	H 11:13 a.m. L 5:06 p.m.	H 11:55 a.m. L 5:47 p.m.	H 12:37 p.m. L 6:35 a.m.	H 1:20 p.m. L 7:17 a.m.	H 2:05 p.m. L 8:00 a.m.	H 2:55 p.m. L 8:44 a.m.
	Folly Creek	H 10:24 a.m. L 4:11 p.m.	H 11:06 a.m. L 4:51 p.m.	H 11:48 a.m. L 5:32 p.m.	H 12:30 p.m. L 6:16 p.m.	H 1:13 p.m. L 7:02 a.m.	H 1:58 p.m. L 7:45 a.m.	H 2:48 p.m. L 8:29 a.m.
	Wachapreague	H 10:10 a.m. L 3:55 p.m.	H 10:52 a.m. L 4:35 p.m.	H 11:34 a.m. L 5:16 p.m.	H 12:16 p.m. L 6:00 p.m.	H 12:59 p.m. L 6:46 a.m.	H 1:44 p.m. L 7:29 a.m.	H 2:34 p.m. L 8:13 a.m.
	Quinby Inlet	H 9:35 a.m. L 3:26 p.m.	H 10:17 a.m. L 4:06 p.m.	H 10:59 a.m. L 4:47 p.m.	H 11:41 a.m. L 5:31 p.m.	H 12:24 p.m. L 6:18 p.m.	H 1:09 p.m. L 7:00 a.m.	H 1:59 p.m. L 7:44 a.m.
	Machipongo	H 10:05 a.m. L 3:55 p.m.	H 10:47 a.m. L 4:35 p.m.	H 11:29 a.m. L 5:16 p.m.	H 12:11 p.m. L 6:00 p.m.	H 12:54 p.m. L 6:46 a.m.	H 1:39 p.m. L 7:29 a.m.	H 2:29 p.m. L 8:13 a.m.
Bayside	Tangier Sound Light	H 1:53 p.m. L 8:07 a.m.	H 2:30 p.m. L 8:42 a.m.	H 3:07 p.m. L 9:18 a.m.	H 3:46 p.m. L 9:54 a.m.	H 4:27 p.m. L 10:32 a.m.	H 5:10 p.m. L 11:12 a.m.	H 5:57 p.m. L 11:56 a.m.
	Muddy Creek	H 2:09 p.m. L 8:42 a.m.	H 2:46 p.m. L 9:17 a.m.	H 3:23 p.m. L 9:53 a.m.	H 4:02 p.m. L 10:29 a.m.	H 4:43 p.m. L 11:07 a.m.	H 5:26 p.m. L 11:47 a.m.	H 6:13 p.m. L 12:31 p.m.
	Guard Shore	H 2:01 p.m. L 8:38 a.m.	H 2:38 p.m. L 9:13 a.m.	H 3:15 p.m. L 9:49 a.m.	H 3:54 p.m. L 10:25 a.m.	H 4:35 p.m. L 11:03 a.m.	H 5:18 p.m. L 11:43 a.m.	H 6:05 p.m. L 12:27 p.m.
	Chescon. Creek	H 1:36 p.m. L 7:50 a.m.	H 2:13 p.m. L 8:25 a.m.	H 2:50 p.m. L 9:01 a.m.	H 3:29 p.m. L 9:37 a.m.	H 4:10 p.m. L 10:15 a.m.	H 4:53 p.m. L 10:55 a.m.	H 5:40 p.m. L 11:39 a.m.
	Onancock Creek	H 1:50 p.m. L 8:10 a.m.	H 2:27 p.m. L 8:45 a.m.	H 3:04 p.m. L 9:21 a.m.	H 3:43 p.m. L 9:21 a.m.	H 4:24 p.m. L 10:35 a.m.	H 5:07 p.m. L 11:15 a.m.	H 5:54 p.m. L 11:59 a.m.
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	Nassawadox	H 11:51 a.m. L 5:37 p.m.	H 12:28 p.m. L 6:21 a.m.	H 1:05 p.m. L 6:57 a.m.	H 1:44 p.m. L 7:33 a.m.	H 2:25 p.m. L 8:11 a.m.	H 3:08 p.m. L 8:51 a.m.	H 3:55 p.m. L 9:35 a.m.
	Ocohan. Creek	H 12:30 p.m. L 7:04 a.m.	H 1:07 p.m. L 7:39 a.m.	H 1:44 p.m. L 8:15 a.m.	H 2:23 p.m. L 8:51 a.m.	H 3:04 p.m. L 9:29 a.m.	H 3:47 p.m. L 10:09 a.m.	H 4:34 p.m. L 10:53 a.m.
	Cape Charles	H 10:40 a.m. L 4:45 p.m.	H 11:17 a.m. L 5:24 p.m.	H 11:54 a.m. L 6:04 p.m.	H 12:33 p.m. L 6:41 a.m.	H 1:14 p.m. L 7:19 a.m.	H 1:57 p.m. L 7:59 a.m.	H 2:44 p.m. L 8:43 a.m.
	Kiptopeke Beach	H 10:18 a.m. L 4:14 p.m.	H 10:55 a.m. L 4:53 p.m.	H 11:32 a.m. L 5:33 p.m.	H 12:11 p.m. L 6:15 p.m.	H 12:52 p.m. L 6:48 a.m.	H 1:35 p.m. L 7:28 a.m.	H 2:22 p.m. L 8:12 a.m.

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The Chincoteague library welcomes summer readers.

Chincoteague Island Library Announces Summer Programs

Summer is heating up at the Chincoteague Island Library. The Summer Reading Challenge for students from kindergarten through 12th grade kicked off June 7. Sign-ups continue through June 28. The wrap-up party will be held on Aug. 16 at the Chincoteague Island Arts Organization (CIAO) Theatre Annex.

The summer series for the popular children's programs will begin on Thursday, June 28, at 10 a.m.

Tales 4 Tots for children ages 2-5 includes songs, stories, finger plays, and crafts. For the older children, ages 6-10, the Young Explorers program will be in the Theatre Annex on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Special programs featuring science, music, art, and more as well as stories and crafts are included in the Young Explorer programs.

In addition, there are three special programs planned. Two of these programs will be held at the social hall of the Christ United Methodist Church. On July 12 at 10 a.m. the Salisbury Zoo will present the popular "Zoo 2 You" program featuring live animals from the zoo. On Thursday, Aug. 2 at 10 a.m. magician Chris Yerlig will perform for the children. On Thursday, Ju-

ly 26 (at the library), everything will be about ponies. Pony stories, crafts, and the Chincoteague Pony Center will bring one of Misty's descendants to the library as a special guest!

All programs are free and open to the public thanks to the hard work of library volunteers, donations, and support from the community. "The activity at the library ramps up in the summer," said Chincoteague Island Library Board President Linda Ryan. "The children's programs, the summer reading challenge, and an increased number of patrons all add to a bustling time at library. Summertime is a great time to build, create, have fun, and let your imagination take off," she continued. "We invite residents and visitors alike to visit the Chincoteague Island Library. We especially hope that parents and grandparents will take advantage of the opportunity to bring their children and grandchildren to these special programs."

The Chincoteague Island Library is located at 4077 Main St., Chincoteague. For more information call the library at 757-336-3460, visit the web site www.chincoteagueislandlibrary.org or visit the Chincoteague Island Library on Facebook.



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Early Morning Liftoff

The 2017 RockOn!/RockSat-C launches from NASA's Wallops Flight Facility as morning begins on June 22.

Nearly 200 university and community college students and instructors from across the country built and flew experiments on the rocket through the RockOn! and RockSat-C programs.

The rocket flew the student experiments to nearly 73-miles altitude. The experiments then landed via parachute in the Atlantic Ocean where they were recovered by boat and returned to participants later in the day to begin their data analysis.

4th of July Deadline for Hitching Post

Due to the July 4 Holiday, the deadline for the July 6 edition of the Hitching Post is Monday, July 2, at 5 p.m.



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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**

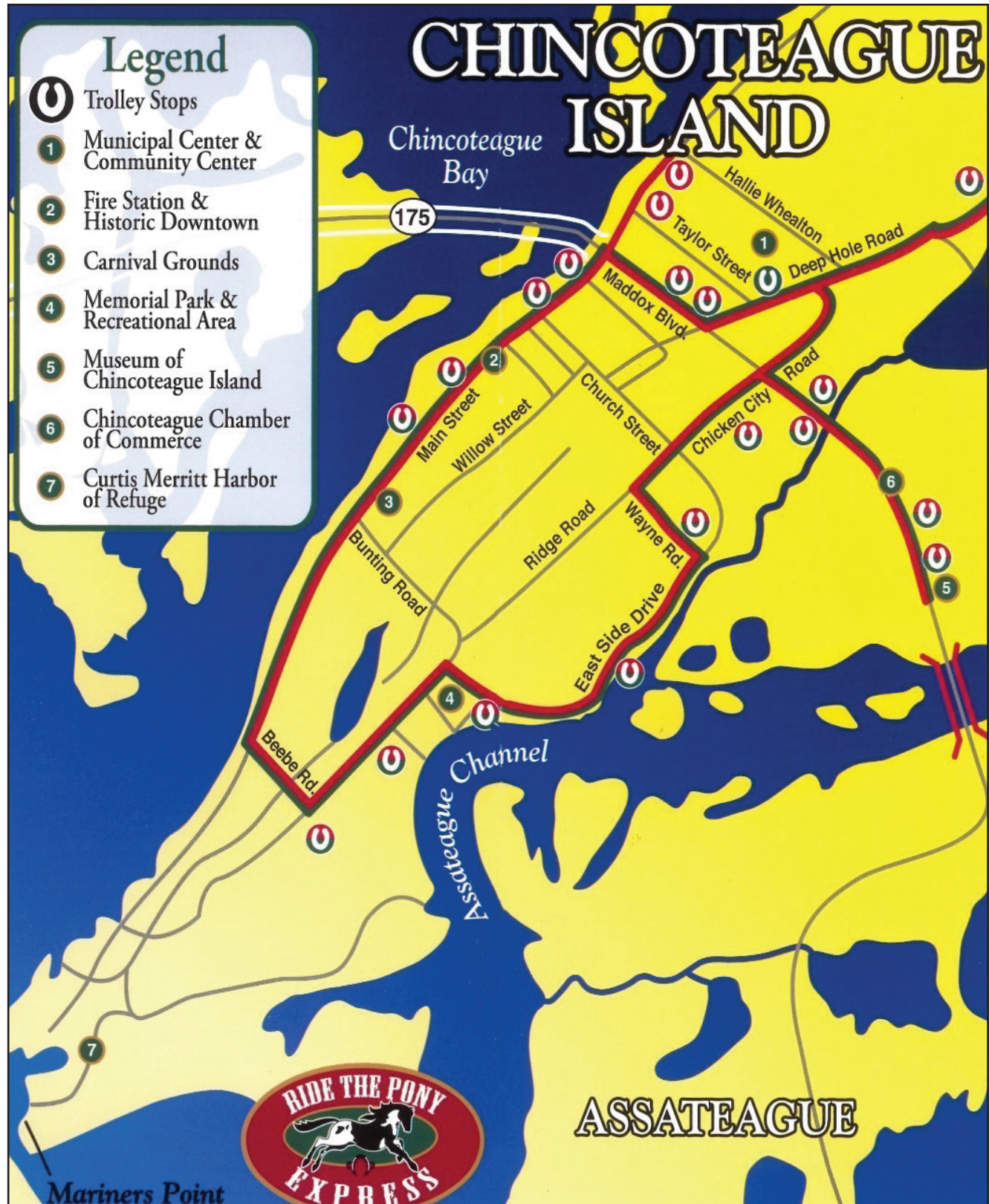
** Last Call for Trolley during Carnival is 11:00pm

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 29-30; July 4-7

Chincoteague Volunteer Fireman's Carnival, 7-11 p.m., fireworks July 4 at 10 p.m., Chincoteague fairgrounds, Main St., <http://cvfc3.com/>

Friday, June 29

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

Story Swap, 7 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., free admission and parking, www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org

Saturday, June 30

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

Kitchen Gallery Art Show, 10 a.m.-noon, Community Center for the Arts, 6309 Church St., www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org

NASA Story Time: Space, 11-11:30 a.m., geared toward ages 3 to 6, 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.chincoteaguemusuem.com

NASA Rocketry Water Bottles, 2 p.m., learn about sounding rockets (lasts about 20-60 min.), geared toward ages 6 to adult, NASA Wallops Flight Facility Visitors Center, 757-824-2298, free admission, www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter

Music at the Dock, Salisbury Community Band, 7 p.m., Robert Reed Waterfront Park, Main Street, free admission

Sunday, July 1

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

Monday, July 2

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

Tuesday, July 3

Tuesday Nights at the Museum: Where Island Tales Are Told, "Chincoteague: Abuzz: Keeping Bees on Chincoteague," by Stephanie Hale, 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, July 4

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

NASA STEAM Lab: Paper Rockets, 2 p.m., dive into science, technology, engineering, art and math (lasts about 30 min.), geared toward ages 6 to adult, NASA Wallops Flight Facility Visitors Center, 757-824-2298, free admission, www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter

Thursday, July 5

Free Lecture "Astronomical Fireworks", by Nicholas Troup, Ph.D., assistant professor of physics at Salisbury University, 5:30 p.m., NASA Wallops Flight Facility Visitors Center, 757-824-2298, on Facebook @nasawffvisitorcenter, www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter

Day Trips and Side Trips Around the Eastern Shore

Friday, June 29

Concert in the Park featuring 229th Maryland Army National Guard Band, 6 p.m., Cypress Park, 7 Bridge St., Pocomoke City, Md., free admission

Friday, June 30

River Otter Program, Delmarva Discovery Center, 12-1 p.m., 2 Market St., Pocomoke City, www.delmarvadiscoverycenter.org

The Harbor String Quartet Summer Soiree, The Lemon Tree Gallery and Studio, 6-8 p.m., complimentary refreshments, cash bar, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles, free admission, 757-331-4327, Facebook @lemontreecapecharles

Wednesday, July 4

Annual 4th of July Non-Motorized Parade, 10 a.m. on Front Street in Accomac
Independence Day Parade, 10 a.m. on Mason Avenue in Cape Charles

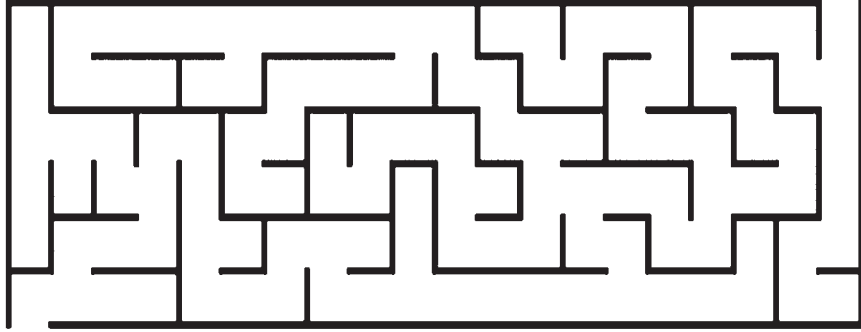
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Kids' Puzzle Page

Kids' Maze



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"I've a hunch her _____ isn't going to be easy to find!"

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!

Mode

Gear

Contest

Mean

TODAY'S WORD

SEASIDE by Coleman

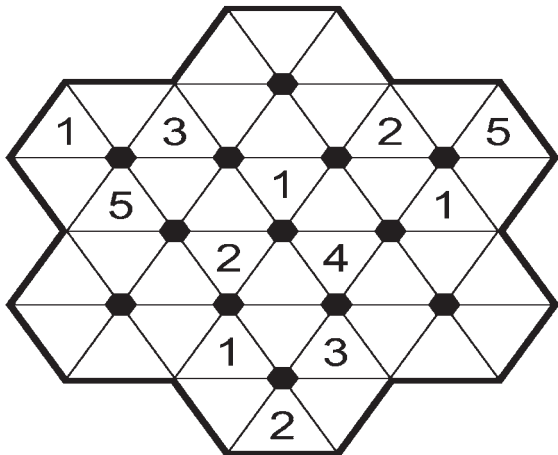
HEY! DON'T THROW YOUR TRASH IN THE OCEAN! IT CAN HURT WILDLIFE!



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.

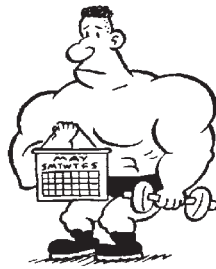


DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

RIDDLE CARD

1. What has more feet in winter than in summer?
2. What fastidious animal reminds you of a flower?
3. Which is the strongest day of the week?
4. On which side of a pitcher is the handle?
5. How can you make a coat last?



Answers: 1. A skating pond. 2. A dandy lion (dandelion). 3. Sunday, because all the rest are weak (week days). 4. On the outside. 5. Make the trousers and vest first.

FIND THE "MAGIC" NUMBER! What number can you add to each figure in our math expression to make the statement correct?

Answer: Place a "2" above and to the right of each figure. This will "square" each figure, giving the correct expression: $9 + 16 = 25$.

HERE'S A "HONEY" OF A PUZZLE! At right is a word square. You are challenged to find the four five-letter words that match the definitions below. All words used must read the same both across and down.

1. Looking very pale.
2. To look with favor upon.
3. Hives (given).
4. To single out.
5. What hives are.

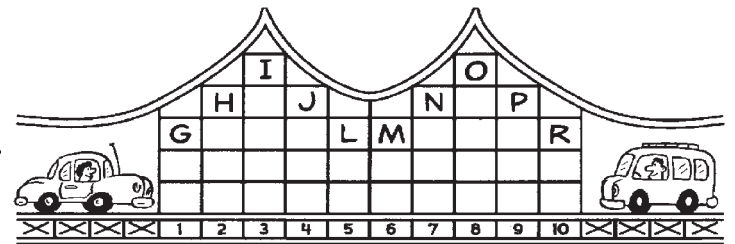


Answers: 1. Ashen. 2. Smile. 3. Hives. 4. Elect. 5. Nests.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

A WORD BRIDGE!



The bridge above contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each word, plus plenty of hints.

1. A long, narrow fish.
2. A metal fastener.
3. Found on computer screens.
4. Jazz musicians' talk.
5. Record of ship's progress.
6. A boy's best friend.
7. A colorful sign.
8. Often referred to as golden.
9. Eastern pocket bread.
10. Slang for wonderful

Answers: 1. Gar. 2. Hasp. 3. Icons. 4. Jive. 5. Log. 6. Mom. 7. Neon. 8. Oldie. 9. Pita. 10. Rad.

PASTIMES

MAGIC MAZE ● LONELY

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 E C I A Y W W O U S D Q A T P
 N T R E S E D O P U L J P H H
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 Y X V G M V U I S E T Q O M P
 N A N M K J L H F E R R L O C
 C I B Z Y O D N A L S I O O X
 S V U T S O P T U O T R F N Q

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

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| Desert | Lighthouse | Outpost | Solo |
| Fire tower | Marooned | President | Space |
| Hermit | Mid-ocean | Single | The moon |
| Island | North Pole | Solitude | |

Last Week's Answers

A T R A L U G E P S S T P A S T O R
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2	9	3	1	4	7	8	6	5
1	2	8	9	7	4	6	5	3
4	6	9	3	1	5	2	7	8
3	7	5	8	2	6	1	9	4
9	8	4	7	6	1	5	3	2
6	3	7	2	5	8	4	1	9
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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

LESSON IN TOLERANCE

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|--|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| ACROSS | 49 Up vote | 93 Tiny nation in Europe | 3 "A Prairie Home Companion" town | 37 Tennis' Fraser | 80 LaBeouf of "I, Robot" |
| 1 Putting game | 50 Digit with a relatively large nail | 96 Be a sentinel for | 4 Rival one is amicable with | 38 Glassy looks | 85 Botch it up |
| 5 Graham of football | 52 Fourth scale steps | 99 Oppressive | 5 Night hooters | 39 Camry, e.g. | 88 Straight |
| 9 Train lines, e.g.: Abbr. | 53 Bubbling, as hot water | 101 Like pre-1991 Russia | 6 4:00 socials | 40 Special FX graphics | 89 Island that's Principe's partner |
| 13 Minnesota's capital | 55 "I read you" | 102 Funny Philips | 7 Tic-toe linkup | 41 Boars, say | 90 Poison |
| 19 Hollywood's Sharif | 57 Not reveal one's pain | 103 Code name | 8 Refinery rock | 42 FBI worker | 92 By one means or another |
| 20 Apparel | 61 Athletic shoe brand | 105 Ring count | 9 Paco of fashion | 47 Davis of "Get on the Bus" | 95 Oreo, e.g. |
| 21 "Got it," facetiously | 63 Outward flow (island group) | 106 Current flow measures | 10 Regarding that matter | 50 Composer Benjamin | 97 Loud noise |
| 22 — del Fuego | 64 Swenson of the screen | 110 "It's Just a Matter of Time" singer of 1959 | 11 That, to José | 51 Devitalized | 98 "Chocolat" actor Johnny |
| 23 Occur | 65 Sacred sites | 114 What the first words of 23-, 25-, 38-, 57-, 76-, 96- and 110-Across can all mean | 12 Collate, e.g. | 53 Casbah city | 100 Compass pt. |
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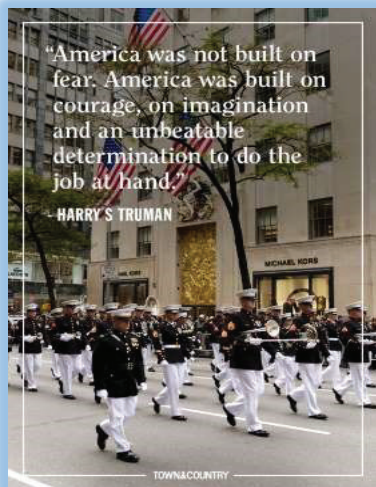
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