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Giddyup, Li'l Pony! It's the 'Mane' Event: Chincoteague Pony Swim 2019



Photo by Angie H. Crutchley

The 94th Annual Chincoteague Pony Swim was held Wednesday morning. Around 110 ponies swam across the Assateague Channel, cheered on by a crowd of spectators estimated at 35,000.

Scenes From the Chincoteague Pony Swim

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Hard Work and Early Mornings for Refuge Interns

By Krystle Bono

It was an early 3:15 a.m. alarm that signaled the start of a very busy day, the first of many this week for the Chincoteague Wildlife Refuge interns who are responsible for helping and overseeing many of the annual Pony Penning activities. But early days are not abnormal for the hardworking staff, typically embarking on their morning adventures out in the field by eight on a normal working day to monitor and protect the refuge's many species of wildlife, as well as keep the public well-informed.

Casey Manera, a 20-year-old intern in the biology program from southern New Jersey, said her typical day begins around 6:45 a.m.

"Getting up early, showing up to to office, grabbing my iPad and keys to the truck, and then I'm out all day on the beach pretty much from eight to around three. So, I'm out baking all day," said Manera. "It's fun, I enjoy it—I love it. Checking on the plovers [piping plovers] and the oyster catchers, monitoring the nests, and then whatever kind of curve balls nature throws at us—we're there. We show up if a dolphin or something happens to wash up, or a sea turtle nest, we abandon our normal day and get on that track and roll with it. We've had a couple dolphins wash up, which is sad, but it's pretty cool to see [them up close]. We've had a couple turtle nests and false crawls, where they come up and make a nest but don't lay any eggs and then leave. So that's pretty cool, it's like a drill, so then you're like oh, I know what to do for the real thing."

Monday morning at approximate-



Photo by Krystle Bono
Chincoteague Wildlife Refuge interns Casey Manera (left) and Nicole Beck pose in front of the Herbert H. Bateman Center sign.

ly 6:50 a.m., the north herd made its way down the beach as thousands of spectators watched in awe as the sun peeked over the Atlantic Ocean, casting a pinky-peach hue across the beach. The ponies, directed by the Saltwater Cowboys, were guided down the beach and then around the corner at the corrals, where people could stop and visit. As spectators made their way through the refuge gates and packed the beach in the early hours before the walk was scheduled, the interns and refuge employees were at attention bright and early to lend their assistance. Manera was positioned up toward Swan's Cove trail, north of where the biggest part of the crowd was camped.

"We mostly crowd control and interact with the public, answering any questions they may have to the best of our ability and pointing them in the right direction if we don't know the information. Today [Monday] was probably the craziest, being up at 3:15 and rolling up at 4 o'clock, but it was cool. Standing out there and watching the sunrise, I was like, man, I get to do this as a job, that's so cool," said Manera.

When Manera is not working, she enjoys riding her bike to the park and seeing the ducks, being an avid bird

lover, although she gets to do many of those things while on the clock, something very humbling to her.

"There are just certain points in my day where I'll be walking to different nests on the beach, or if I am plant mapping, and I'll just take a second to look around and think, I get to be here. The other week, I had to ride a 4-wheeler in the impoundment [a big farm-field], and I just thought, wow, this is really cool I get to do this every day. I'm just so grateful for that. I just try to take a second every day to be grateful for where I'm at," said Manera.

Manera, who is studying environmental studies at Stockton University in New Jersey and looking toward a career in Fish and Wildlife services, chose to apply to the program after visiting last year. She also has frequently camped at the Assateague State Park in Maryland, for most of her life, and fell in love with everything about the area.

Nicole Beck, a 40-year-old mother of four from Pennsylvania, is an intern in the Visitor Services Program. Her normal working day starts at 8:45 a.m., preparing the visitor center for opening and getting everything up and running for the public. She does

however, like to start her day at 6:30 a.m. with a trip to the beach to eat her breakfast and enjoy the calm, quietness—and emptiness—of the usually crowded area. Once she is in the office and the center is open for guests for the day, her responsibilities include a wide variety of things, from answering phone calls, directing and answering questions in the center, to manning the top of the Assateague Lighthouse.

"The lighthouse is so much fun. It can be hot, but it's awesome. You get to go up to the top and you just see that view all day. People come up and are like oh, this is your job you get to be up here? Yes! It is, and you can do it, too!" said Beck.

Beck also said when it comes to the ponies, the visitor center is a place many come to for questions regarding where they can be spotted and when, and they've come to the right place; Beck explains the ponies can tell visitors exactly where they are. During Pony Penning week, she is able to get out into the field more, having to help with all of the various things happening, including helping out down at the corrals, where both the north herd and south herd were contained after the roundups in the days before the swim.

"The ponies are the stars all year around but this week, they are the spotlight stars. On Sunday, I did a shift in the morning and in the afternoon at the corrals. Just there answering questions for the visitors just about, hey, which ponies are these, what's happening. The whole rundown. There's a lot of people," said Beck.

As a student at Oregon State, Beck is majoring in fisheries and wildlife. She says her favorite part of her job, and her day, is that moment she is able to stop and acknowledge what an opportunity this is for her to be able to do this.

"Sometimes you're doing something and you just stop and you're like, dang, I get to do this. This is amazing. How am I even here doing this."

Beck also explains how she took the unconventional route, having a family first and school after, and having the opportunity to obtain a position in

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"Amazing Magic"
by Rob Westcott

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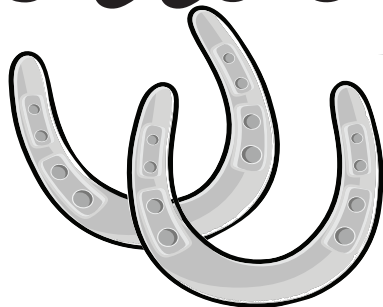
People from all around the world came to enjoy the view of approximately 100 ponies from the northern herd walk along the shore of the Atlantic Ocean during the annual Beach Walk that took place on Monday at daybreak.

The Saltwater Cowboys moved the herd of ponies, which were corralled Sunday, to join the southern herd of ponies, which were corralled Saturday. The beach was full of locals and tourists taking pictures and cheering on the cowboys and ponies. The walk is the first major event of Pony Penning week, which also includes the Pony Swim, Wednesday, and the auction, Thursday.



Kids' Corral

*With Isabella Bono-Evans,
Documented by Krystle Bono*



The last few weeks on the island have been particularly busy as the summer season comes full circle, and even more so as the days crept closer to the annual Pony Penning festivities. A prequel to the “mane” event, the Blueberry Festival was a way to load up on antioxidants to fuel the body before all of the grueling weeklong, four-legged centered spectacles that will have most risin’ and shinin’ long before the sun has awakened and spending long heated hours in the crowds that migrate for the show year after year.

The Blueberry Festival, held at the Chincoteague Community Center, kicks off the start of the busy, historic week beginning the Friday before the swim and concluding on Sunday. In its 32nd year, the event has drawn larger crowds with each season. Who can resist an event filled with varieties of foods flavored with those sweet little blues? Not my kid! All she talked about was getting her hands on a container of fresh berries, and thankfully, she did! There were so many refreshing things to eat, which was a relief (Island Creamery blueberry ice cream!) considering the 100-degree weekend we all have been enduring. What’s that saying about it being so hot you could fry an egg? It definitely surpassed that.

The festival was also advertised as the largest fine arts and craft show on the Shore, having over 100 local vendors and artisans in attendance from over 12 different states. There were so many neat, handmade, fresh, and invigorating products for sale. Bella gravitated toward any of the jewelry stands and ended up getting a beautiful pair of glass stud earrings from Sundrift Glass that were coincidentally blueberry-blue and sparkled swirls. She also got a unicorn necklace and scooped up some cute horse-shaped soaps from Seaside Herbals that were blueberry and rose scented.

One tip: Make sure to have plenty of cash. I do not usually carry cash on me, and many festivals I’ve been to usually accept cards or offer an ATM somewhere on the grounds, so I thought I’d be okay. Most vendors did offer card machines, but you need cash to get in the festival itself, and a few sellers were only accepting cash payment. The closest ATMs were on Maddox Boulevard, right down the street. We learned our lesson.

After we were done at the festival, which wrapped at 4:30 p.m., we went over to our favorite place to grab a light meal on the island for dinner, Pico Taqueria. Bella absolutely loves this place. I’ve tried to talk her into other options so we can have a little variety now and then, but nope, always Pico. I can’t argue, it’s a great spot and it definitely lives up to the hype that has surrounded it. It has a beachy, laid-back atmosphere where you can grub on locally named tacos and play cornhole while you wait. It’s well-deserving of the chatter. They serve tacos, bowls, and salads, as well as daily specials, and you can also grab a margarita or beer. The setup is a counter where you walk up and place your order and get a number-buzzer, and then you are free to find a seat or play a game until it signals you. Bella’s favorite is the Chincoteague Classic, and my go-to is the Chicken City. There is also a kid’s meal option that consists of a quesadilla, chips or fruit, and a drink, all served on a “plate” that turns out to be a logoed frisbee. This weekend’s specials were blueberry themed to go along with the festival, serving up blueberry lemonade and blueberry salsa.

We usually like to go before 5:45 p.m. to eat, because after 6 p.m., the

line gets pretty long. I think the most we have waited in line is 20 minutes, but I can imagine it taking much longer, as we’ve passed through during peak hours and the line has been enormous with no places to sit. This is the case with most places—the best window of opportunity is between 5 and 6 p.m., from our experiences.

After dinner, you guessed it—Island Creamery! They were also serving blueberry ice cream. I think Bella has gotten her blueberry fix for the entire year. This is a place you have to be prepared to wait for. There is a

parking lot across the street for a reason. It’s packed pretty much every time we’ve been, no matter the time of day, other than when we go in the off-season

It was our first time attending the Blueberry Festival, and we would absolutely recommend marking your calendars for next year even if blue isn’t your flavor. It’s worth seeing all of the unique items for sale from places far and wide, and even some local. It’s a busy time of year, but if you plan accordingly, you can hit some of these local staples with the family.



Photo by Krystle Bono
Isabella Bono-Evans, of Cape Charles, snacks on fresh blueberries while wearing new jewelry from the Blueberry Festival.

~ Interns ~

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the program was something she didn't quite think would happen.

"I kind of applied for practice. I had my kids first, and then I went to school, so I haven't applied for a job or internship or anything in years, so I was like, I'm going to do a bunch of these for practice, and I was so shocked when she [Laurel Wilkerson] called. My husband was like, you've got to do it. I've been coming here for years and years, and I just love it here. This is like my Disney, some people love Disney, but I just love it here."

Both Manera and Beck agreed that their positions give them a sense of gratitude every day they are on the job, and if anyone is questioning moving forward in their current studies and looking for an internship with the refuge, it's one they should seize, as the experience is one that shouldn't be missed.

The refuge currently has seven interns employed across both departments. Applicants for any of the internships with the Wildlife Biology Program are required to be a college

graduate or current student with a minimum of junior status and focusing on wildlife biology, environmental science, natural resources management, or another related field. Other requirements are a valid driver's license, 4-wheel driving experience, and must be comfortable with driving an ATV, as well as the applicant must be able to work independently, have observation skills, schedule flexibility of around 9-12 daily work hours, including weekends and evenings, and basic knowledge of GIS, ArcGIS software, and GPS and surveying principles. Additional requirements for applicants seeking the Shorebird Monitoring and Management route are having a strong interest in ornithology and experience using optical equipment, experience working with breeding shorebirds, colonial waterbirds, and conducting bird census, the ability to locate and monitor cryptic shorebirds and precocial chicks at 100-300 meters, and they must be able to walk in difficult terrain for at least 5 miles per day, carry 30-pound equipment, as well as tolerate biting insects and ex-

treme temperatures.

Applicants for the Visitor Services Program must be a recent graduate or current college student in areas such as resource interpretation, communication, education, environmental science, natural resources management, or other related fields, but all majors are encouraged to apply. The program is looking for interns who have good oral and written communication skills. They must be able to work independently as well as with others, a willingness to work weekends and evening, and be able to tolerate both indoor and outdoor activities requiring physical activity over wet, uneven terrain, and being able to lift and bend. Background experience speaking in front of groups and a knowledge of animal and plant identification is also desired.

Three interns are selected for each program, with the Shorebird Monitoring and Management internships running two 16-week programs, one on Assawoman Island and one on Assateague Island from April 22 to Aug. 3, and one 12-week program on Assateague Island from May 20 to Aug.

10. One intern is chosen for the Habitat Monitoring and Management Program on Assateague Island from May 2 to Aug. 10. Three interns are selected for 13 weeks for the Visitor Services Program from May 19 to Aug. 17. Assawoman interns will be required to complete NASA Security Clearance.

All interns are housed in bunk-style accommodations on Assateague Island conveniently located close to headquarters and the beach. They are given uniforms and a living allowance of \$308 biweekly, paid for by the Chincoteague Natural History Association.

To apply to the biology program, applicants should email a packet in PDF format with a cover letter, resume, copy of college transcript, and three letters of recommendations to Emarie_Ayala@fws.gov; Visitor Services applications apply with the same required materials to Laurel_Wilkerson@fws.gov. Packets are accepted through mid-February. As the season approaches, exact dates will be updated on the website at [www.fws.gov/refuge/Chincoteague/what we do/internships.html](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Chincoteague/what_we_do/internships.html)

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- ★1, 4, 7, and 9:50 p.m. - **Movie: "The Lion King"** - The Island Theatre, 4074 Main St. - Call 757-336-6109 for other show times.
- ★2 p.m. - **History Tours of the Island** - Museum of Chincoteague Island, 7125 Maddox Blvd. - \$5/adults, \$3/children 2-12 - 757-336-6117
- ★2 p.m. - **Rocketry: Water Bottle Rockets** - NASA Wallops Flight Facility Visitors Center - free admission - 757-824-2298 - www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter
- ★7 p.m. - **Story Swap: Pony Tales** - Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St.
- ★7-11 p.m. - **94th Annual Chincoteague Vol. Fireman's Carnival** - 3648 Main St. - 757-336-6161

**SATURDAY
JULY 27**

- ★8-10 a.m. - **Mega Breakfast Buffet and Baked Goods Sale** - American Legion Post 159, 4023 Main St. - 757-336-9749
- ★9 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Farmers and Artisans Market** - Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St. - free admission and parking - www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org
- ★12-3 p.m. - **Carving Demonstrations with Larry Beauchamp** - Museum of Chincoteague Island, 7125 Maddox Blvd. - 757-336-6117
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**SUNDAY
JULY 28**

- ★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
- ★2-4 p.m. - **Kitchen Gallery: Hold Your Horses** - Community Center for the Arts, 6309 Church St.

**MONDAY
JULY 29**

- ★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
- ★7 p.m. - **Monday Nights at Main and Mumford: Amazing Magic with Rob Westcott** - Island Theatre Annex, 4076 Main St.
- ★7-9 p.m. - **Country Line Dancing** - Island Community House, 6246 Mumford St. - \$7/class

Day Trips and Side Trips Around the Eastern Shore

**FRIDAY
JULY 26**

- ★4:30-6:30 p.m. - **Barbeque Chicken Dinner** - Oak Grove UMC, 30053 Seaside Rd., Melfa - \$8/person
- ★7 p.m. - **Texas Hold 'Em Poker** - Bloxom Vol. Fire Co., 15312 Bayside Dr., Bloxom - doors open at 6 p.m. - 757-710-0408

**SATURDAY
JULY 27**

- ★7 p.m. - **Harbor for the Arts Performance: Bobby Blackhat Band** - Central Park, 301 Plum St., Cape Charles - 757-331-2087
- ★7 p.m. - **Paul Pesco Performance** - Do-Drop-Inn, 8204 Bayford Rd., Weirwood - \$10/person at the door - 757-442-2139

**WEDNESDAY
JULY 31**

- ★10:30-11:30 a.m. - **Pre-school Delmarva Discovery Center** - Delmarva Discovery Center, 2 Market St., Pocomoke, Md. - ages 3 to 5
- ★6:45 p.m. - **Bingo** - St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, Onley - doors open at 5:30 p.m.

*Hitching Times, July 26-Aug. 1:
What to do this week on and
around Chincoteague Island*

**TUESDAY
JULY 30**

- ★7-8 p.m. - **Tuesday Nights at the Museum** - Museum of Chincoteague, 7125 Maddox Blvd. - \$4 adults, free/12 years old and under

**WEDNESDAY
JULY 31**

- ★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. - **Exploration Station** - NASA Wallops Flight Facility Visitors Center - free admission - 757-824-2298 - www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter

**THURSDAY
AUG. 1**

- ★10-11 a.m. - **Young Explorers Prgm. and Tales for Tots** - Chincoteague Island Library, 4076 Main St.
- ★2 p.m. - **History Tours of the Island** - Museum of Chincoteague Island, 7125 Maddox Blvd. - \$5/adults, \$3/children 2-12 - 757-336-6117
- ★2 p.m. - **What's Up At Wallops: Antares** - NASA Wallops Flight Facility Visitors Center - free admission - 757-824-2298 - www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter

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CIAO Offers Theater Academy Day Camp and Magic

Submitted Article

The Chincoteague Island Arts Organization, in partnership with the Lower Shore Performing Arts Company, is offering a special summer day camp experience for kids, age 8 to 15. "Broadway...at the Beach," a week-long Theater Academy will be held in the Island Theatre Annex, 4076 Main St., with instructional sessions from Monday, Aug. 12, to Friday, Aug. 16.

Guided by the company's directors and actors, students will be taught

character development, voice, stage movement, play structure, and improvisation as they learn skits and songs from "South Pacific," "Pirates of Penzance," "Peter Pan," and other shows. On Saturday afternoon, Aug. 17, "Broadway...at the Beach" concludes with performances for families and friends.

Tuition is \$125 per participant. Instruction will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Drop-off is 8:30 a.m. with pick-up at 4 p.m. Participants

should bring a bag lunch each day; drinks and snacks will be provided.

Enroll your child online at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4250182> For more information, go to www.lowershorepac.org

Magician Rob Westcott brings "Amazing Magic" to the Island Theatre Annex Monday, July 29, at 7 p.m., with a show that's a dazzling delight for all ages with astounding magic tricks, illusions, and humor. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Westcott is an award-winning professional comedy magician who has performed thousands of shows for children and adults.

The summer-long program series, "Monday Nights at Main and Mumford," is sponsored by the Eastern Shore Post.

Admission to this special Monday evening show is free, and it is offered through a partnership between the Island Library and the Chincoteague Island Arts Organization.



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Fishing from the Shore

By Bill Hall



The eyes of the local offshore fishing world will be focused on the community of Wachapreague this weekend and the 2019 edition of the Eastern Shore Marlin Club's Annual Billfish Release Tournament. Vessels are allowed to fish two out of the three days beginning on Friday, July 26, and running through Sunday, July 28. Numerous awards will be on the line including top daily catches, most billfish releases, and largest dolphin, tuna, and wahoo. The offshore fishing action has been very good recently, with the exception of tuna, so expect some outstanding catches during this event.

Wachapreague – Captain Lindsay Paul, of Trident Tackle, reported that anglers were still finding flounder inside the inlet as well as out on the wrecks. Spanish mackerel, cobia, and spadefish were also prowling over the inshore wrecks. Farther offshore, trollers in the blue water were finding “nice” gaffer dolphin (mahi) and both blue and white marlin. Tuna have been scarce over the last week. The shop had registered release citations for a shark and white marlin caught over the weekend. The Wachapreague Inn reported the offshore bite has been “really good.” They received reports of mahi caught as far inshore as the wrecks, as well as Spanish mackerel, houndfish, and cobia.

Lower Shore – Chris Snook, at Chris' Bait and Tackle, reported the flounder bite has improved around the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, especially near the high-rise section and around the third and fourth rock islands, where schools of spadefish are also cruising. The shop weighed in a 7-pound, 6-ounce doormat flounder for Maryland angler Wayne Waters. Red drum fishing has picked up outside the bridge-tunnel, where a few schools of late-season black drum have also been seen. Croaker fishing has been increasingly productive near buoy 262 and out

of Oyster. The sea mullet (whiting) bite remains strong south of Kiptopeke and a few speckled trout are starting to hit inside some of the lower bayside creeks.

Jeb Brady, at Bailey's Tackle Shop, reports that cobia fishing remained good through last weekend. Due to the excessive heat, most bottom fishermen limited their angling activities to the early mornings and late afternoons, but still found plenty of success. The Plantation Light area has produced some larger Spanish mackerel catches and spadefish catches have come from up against the structure as well as around the fourth island. The Cape Charles pier has produced sea mullet (whiting) and a few gray trout.

Chincoteague – Donna Rae Roeske, at Captain Bob's Marina, reports the flounder throwback percentage went up with the last heat wave and she is hoping the drop in air temperatures will reverse that trend. The best flounder fishing has occurred in the Chincoteague Channel from buoy 17 north beyond the new bridge with live minnows and Berkley Gulp Swimming Mullet combinations producing the bulk of the fish. The kingfish (whiting) bite has been strong all summer, according to Roeske, and live or scented artificial bloodworm baits have been very productive on the tasty panfish. The inshore coastal shark fishery is active and always a hit with the tourists. Flounder, black sea bass, triggers, and spadefish have been taken over the railcars. Offshore action has consisted of large mahi and a few tuna, with large black sea bass taken over the deep-water wrecks.

Jimmy Vasiliou, back at Captain Steve's Bait & Tackle after his J Lo concert experience in Philadelphia, reports that the surf anglers are finding kingfish (whiting), spot, small bluefish, a few pompano, and some large sharks (just in time for Shark Week)! The in-

shore structures were producing triggerfish and spadefish, but the flounder fishing has been inconsistent. Offshore anglers were finding large mahi, king mackerel, and hammerhead and mako sharks at the Parking Lot. Inside the back bay, anglers were finding flounder, spot, and a few cobia.

Upper Shore – Captain Matt Abell, of the Sea Hawk Sports Center, reports that a number of his customers have been trying to beat the heat by high-speed trolling for Spanish mackerel in the inshore ocean waters off Chincoteague. Anglers bait fishing inside the inlets are finding a mixture of kingfish (whiting) and flounder, while flounder fishing on the railcars has been inconsistent. Trigger fishing, however, has been good on the Winter Quarters wreck and on Blackfish Banks for anglers soaking small pieces of clam for bait. Cobia fish-

ing picked up over the week, with more keeper-sized fish being reported. Large schools of red drum are prowling the waters off Fisherman's Island. In the upper reaches of the Pocomoke Sound, bottom fishing has produced speckled trout, rockfish, perch, and spot.

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 CCAVA Virginia Outdoor Writer Conservation Leadership Award.



Photo courtesy of Byte Me Charters and The Wachapreague Inn

Look for some outstanding dolphin catches this weekend in the ESMC Billfish Release Tournament.

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		Friday July 26		Saturday July 27		Sunday July 28		Monday July 29		Tuesday July 30		Wednesday July 31		Thursday Aug. 1
Seaside	Assateague Beach	H 4:00 p.m. L 9:44 a.m.	H 4:56 p.m. L 10:36 a.m.	H 5:50 p.m. L 11:31 a.m.	H 6:43 p.m. L 12:26 p.m.	H 7:01 a.m. L 1:21 p.m.	H 7:54 a.m. L 2:15 p.m.	H 8:47 a.m. L 3:07 p.m.						
	Chinco. Channel	H 4:04 p.m. L 9:43 a.m.	H 5:00 p.m. L 10:35 a.m.	H 5:54 p.m. L 11:30 a.m.	H 6:47 p.m. L 12:25 p.m.	H 7:05 a.m. L 1:20 p.m.	H 7:58 a.m. L 2:14 p.m.	H 8:51 a.m. L 3:06 p.m.						
	Gargatha Neck	H 4:56 p.m. L 10:23 a.m.	H 5:52 p.m. L 11:15 a.m.	H 6:46 p.m. L 12:10 p.m.	H 7:04 a.m. L 1:05 p.m.	H 7:57 a.m. L 2:00 p.m.	H 8:50 a.m. L 2:54 p.m.	H 9:43 a.m. L 3:46 p.m.						
	Folly Creek	H 4:49 p.m. L 10:08 a.m.	H 5:45 p.m. L 11:00 a.m.	H 6:39 p.m. L 11:55 a.m.	H 6:57 a.m. L 12:50 p.m.	H 7:50 a.m. L 1:45 p.m.	H 8:43 a.m. L 2:39 p.m.	H 9:36 a.m. L 3:31 p.m.						
	Wachapreague	H 4:35 p.m. L 9:52 a.m.	H 5:31 p.m. L 10:44 a.m.	H 6:25 p.m. L 11:39 a.m.	H 6:43 a.m. L 12:34 p.m.	H 7:36 a.m. L 1:29 p.m.	H 8:29 a.m. L 2:23 p.m.	H 9:22 a.m. L 3:15 p.m.						
	Quinby Inlet	H 4:00 p.m. L 9:23 a.m.	H 4:56 p.m. L 10:15 a.m.	H 5:50 p.m. L 11:10 a.m.	H 6:43 p.m. L 12:05 p.m.	H 7:01 a.m. L 1:00 p.m.	H 7:54 a.m. L 1:54 p.m.	H 8:47 a.m. L 2:46 p.m.						
	Machipongo	H 4:30 p.m. L 9:52 a.m.	H 5:26 p.m. L 10:44 a.m.	H 6:20 p.m. L 11:39 a.m.	H 6:38 a.m. L 12:34 p.m.	H 7:31 a.m. L 1:29 p.m.	H 8:24 a.m. L 2:23 p.m.	H 9:17 a.m. L 3:15 p.m.						
Bayside	Tangier Sound Light	H 7:14 a.m. L 1:42 p.m.	H 8:13 a.m. L 2:37 p.m.	H 9:14 a.m. L 3:33 p.m.	H 10:14 a.m. L 4:30 p.m.	H 11:11 a.m. L 5:26 p.m.	H 12:06 p.m. L 6:21 p.m.	H 12:59 p.m. L 7:10 a.m.						
	Muddy Creek	H 7:30 a.m. L 2:17 p.m.	H 8:29 a.m. L 3:12 p.m.	H 9:30 a.m. L 4:08 p.m.	H 10:30 a.m. L 5:05 p.m.	H 11:27 a.m. L 6:01 p.m.	H 12:22 p.m. L 6:56 p.m.	H 1:15 p.m. L 7:45 a.m.						
	Guard Shore	H 7:22 a.m. L 2:13 p.m.	H 8:21 a.m. L 3:08 p.m.	H 9:22 a.m. L 4:04 p.m.	H 10:22 a.m. L 5:01 p.m.	H 11:19 a.m. L 5:57 p.m.	H 12:14 p.m. L 6:52 p.m.	H 1:07 p.m. L 7:41 a.m.						
	Chescon. Creek	H 6:57 a.m. L 1:25 p.m.	H 7:56 a.m. L 2:20 p.m.	H 8:57 a.m. L 3:16 p.m.	H 9:57 a.m. L 4:13 p.m.	H 10:54 a.m. L 5:09 p.m.	H 11:49 a.m. L 6:04 p.m.	H 12:42 p.m. L 6:58 p.m.						
	Onancock Creek	H 7:11 a.m. L 1:45 p.m.	H 8:10 a.m. L 2:40 p.m.	H 9:11 a.m. L 3:36 p.m.	H 10:11 a.m. L 4:33 p.m.	H 11:08 a.m. L 5:29 p.m.	H 12:03 p.m. L 6:24 p.m.	H 12:56 p.m. L 7:13 a.m.						
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	Occohan. Creek	H 6:31 p.m. L 12:39 p.m.	H 6:50 a.m. L 1:34 p.m.	H 7:51 a.m. L 2:30 p.m.	H 8:51 a.m. L 3:27 p.m.	H 9:48 a.m. L 4:23 p.m.	H 10:43 a.m. L 5:18 p.m.	H 11:36 a.m. L 6:12 p.m.						
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Randy Lee Ashcraft and The Saltwater Cowboys Free Performance

Submitted Article

The Chincoteague Cultural Alliance will host a free concert in Robert Reed Downtown Waterfront Park to top off Pony Penning Week On Saturday, July 27, at 7 p.m. Randy Lee Ashcraft and the Saltwater Cowboys will perform as part of CCA's Music at the Dock concert series. Ashcraft has been entertaining people around the country for over 25 years, winning numerous awards along the way including the Jimmy Dean/True Value Country Music Showdown, the Independent Music World Series held in Philadelphia, and Best Entertainer/Singer of the Eastern Shore, as well as Best Singer/Songwriter on Delmarva multiple times. His recordings include the locally inspired songs "Shore Thing" and "Pony Penning Time."

While Ashcraft has opened for such national acts as Lonestar, Phil Vassar, Aaron Tippin, Sawyer Brown, Travis Tritt, Toby Keith, and Sara Evans, he

is happy to be back on the Eastern Shore with the Saltwater Cowboys playing their own brand of music, often called "Beach Country." Other members of the band are Jimmy Rowbottom on guitar, Ken Roughton on drums, and Leon Carlins on bass and guitar.

Earlier on Saturday, the Island Farmers and Artisans Market, at 6309 Church St., will offer local seafood, produce, meats, and other edibles plus a wide array of arts, crafts, antiques, and plants. The market runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with live music by Mike Hawker, free admission, and free parking. The market returns each Wednesday and Saturday through August.

CCA is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that presents over 100 events on the island each year. CCA is supported by donations from individuals and local businesses and by the Town of Chincoteague, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts.



Submitted Photo
Randy Lee Ashcraft and the Saltwater Cowboys perform in Robert Reed Park on Saturday.

POSTED at
Street Level
BY *BAYLEE JUSTIS*

"What is your first memory of Chincoteague/Assateague?"



**George Phillips,
Onancock**

"It was probably 1951 or 1952. I went to one of the first Pony Pennings."



**Michele Holmes,
Parksley**

"I remember on Assateague when the dunes were really high and you couldn't see anything until you walked across the dunes."



**Michelle Marsh,
Onancock**

"I remember the Pony Penning when I was only six years old."



**Gladstone Waters,
Pocomoke, Md.**

"When I was much younger, I remember going to see the ponies. We live about half an hour away so we ride down there quite often."



**Joanne Smith-Spady,
Cape Charles**

"The very first thing I remember was going to church on Chincoteague after it was integrated."

Chincoteague Island Pony Express 2019 Trolley Schedule

GREEN ROUTE	EVENING HOURS ONLY - START 5:00PM										
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

RED ROUTE	EVENING HOURS ONLY - START 5:15PM										
Pine Grove	5:15		6:15		7:15		8:15		9:15		
High School - Call In (757) 854-8570											
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		

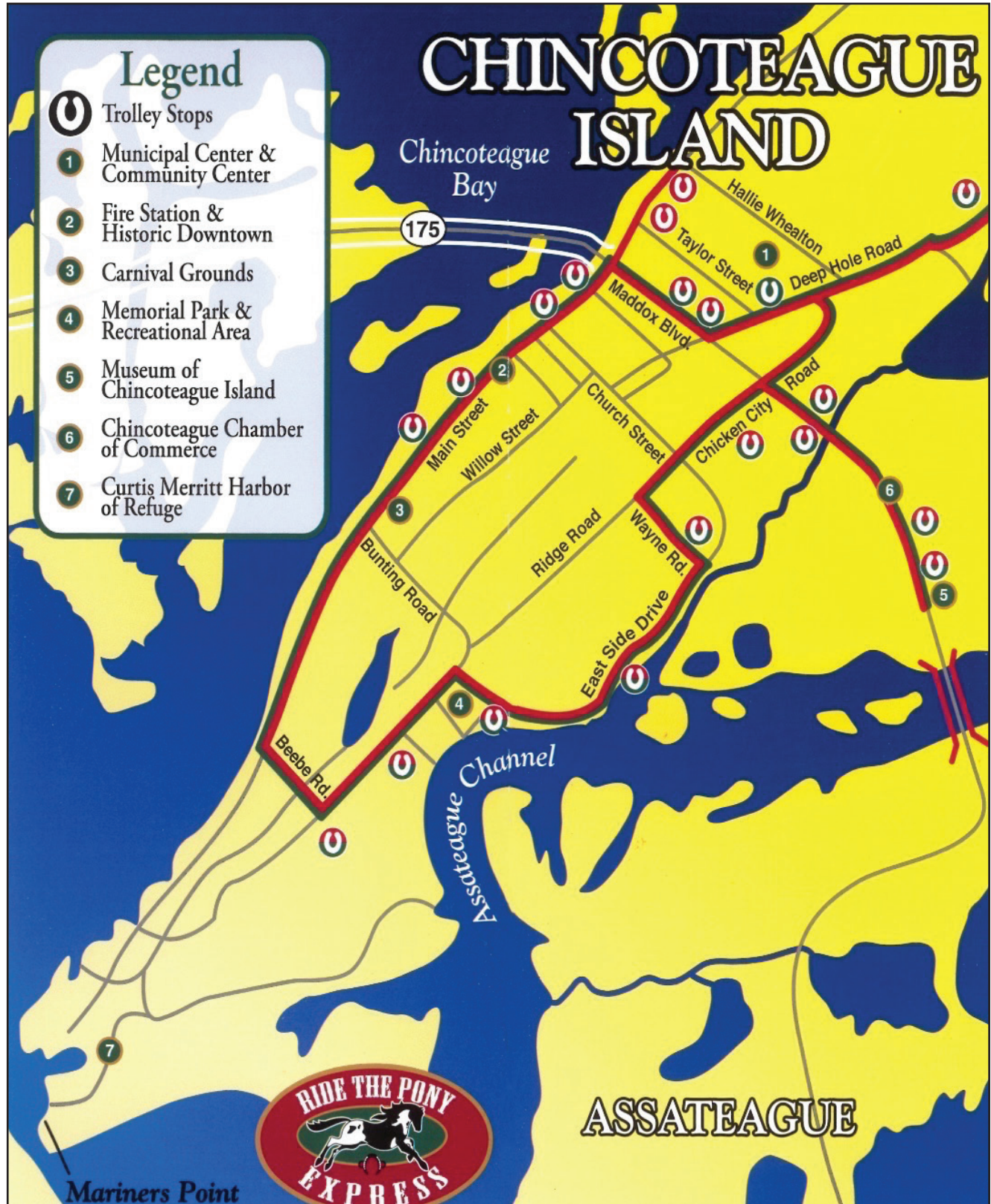
*Last Call for Trolley during Carnival is 11:00pm

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 parlors, 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.

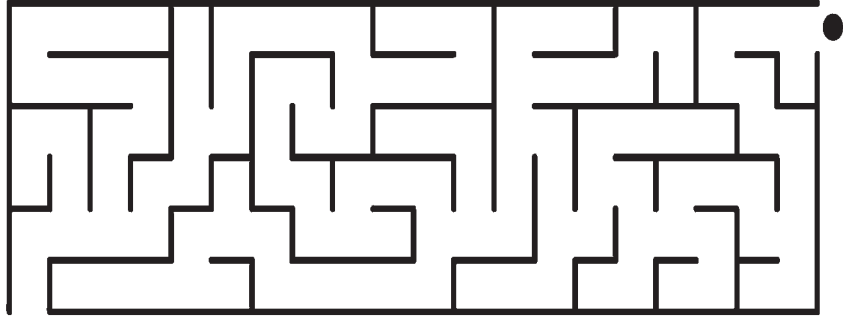
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Kids' Puzzle Page

Kids' Maze



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"Don't you think you should wear your glasses when you _____?"

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!

Ship ELVSS

Void SCAHM

Harsh EVERSE

Relief SEREALE

TODAY'S WORD

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

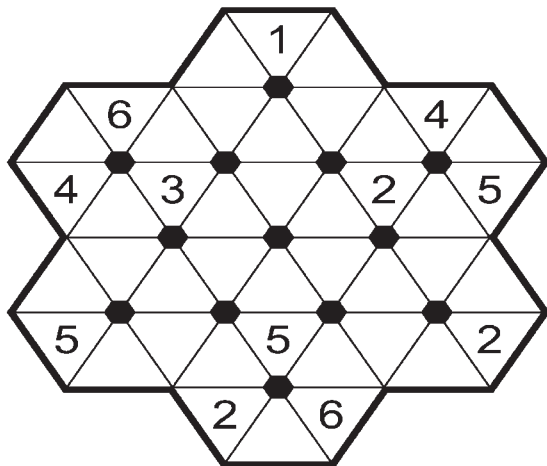
WHAT STORIES DO BASKETBALL PLAYERS LIKE TO TELL?

DEPART	___	DRAPE	VILEST	___	EVILS
SAILED	___	SLIDE	AIRMEN	___	MINER
CLEAR	___	RACES	MORALS	___	ROAMS
SPINAL	___	PAINS	ENRAGE	___	ANGER
			MELONS	___	LEMON

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

- When is a boat like a pile of snow?
- What's the difference between a jeweler and a jailer?
- What word of three syllables specifies the time at which we should dance?
- What is it that never uses its teeth for eating purposes?
- Why are money and a secret alike?



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Answers: 1. When it's adrift. 2. One sells watches and the other watches cells. 3. Atten-dance. 4. A comb. 5. Because both of them are hard to keep.

A "DIRTY" PROBLEM! How many cubic feet of dirt can you remove from a hole that is 6 feet square and 6 feet deep?

Answer: None. The dirt has already been taken out.



DON'T FLIP YOUR LID ON THIS ONE! In this puzzle, all of the words get progressively longer, and they all end in LID. The following hints should help:

- A jar cover (in place).
- How he crossed the ice.
- A just conclusion.
- Lacking vivid coloring.
- Dirty surroundings.
- Reverted to wrongdoing.

1. LID
2. ___ LID
3. ___ LID
4. ___ LID
5. ___ LID
6. ___ LID

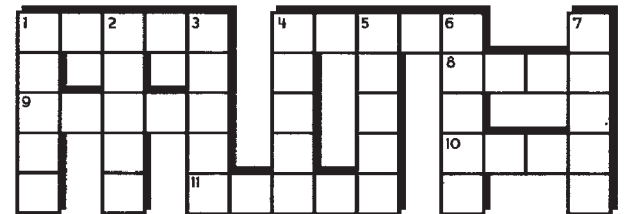


Answers: 1. Lid. 2. Slide. 3. Valid. 4. Pallid. 5. Squallid. 6. Backslid.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

AN "AT HOME" PUZZLE!



Below are words pertaining to items and objects found in and around the house. These words will complete the puzzle grid provided. Use the trial-and-error method, and try to finish before lunchtime!

4-Letter Words	5-Letter Words	5-Letter Words
HOSE	CHINA	SHIRT
RAKE	NAILS	SINKS
	NEWEL	SLIDE
	RADIO	SOAPS
	ROSES	SOCKS
		STOVE

Answers: (Across) 1. Sinks. 4. Roses. 8. Hose. 9. China. 10. Rake. 11. Stove. (Down) 1. Socks. 2. Nails. 3. Soaps. 4. Radio. 5. Slide. 6. Shirt. 7. Newel.



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Capt. Cove WF Bldg. Lot Canal Front, water & sewer available. Cul-de-sac location with sweeping bay views! \$99,900



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Onancock - darling waterfront cottage with upgrades and detached garage & 2nd level guest suite. \$197,500



Eagle Sound Estates Atlantic VA
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Capt. Cove - 3BR/2BA ranch w/wood burning FP, screened porch, great storage, newer roof & HVAC. A smart buy at only \$164,900

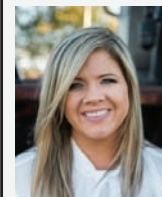


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