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By Parks Nunnally

On Thursday, Aug. 2, the Wallops Flight Facility hosted a downlink that enabled a 20-minute Q&A session with the current commander of the International Space Station, Andrew Feustel. Virginia Space Coast Scholars, Virginia Space Flight Academy students, and NASA summer interns were invited to submit questions to the commander, and through a stringent process that involved approval from both the Wallops Flight Facility and the International Space Station, 26 questions were selected. The selected scholars and interns lined up to ask Feustel their questions.

Students asked Feustel questions related to the effects of microgravity on the human body, conserving resources on the space station, and how spending time in space has impacted his perspective of life on earth.

The goals of the NASA intern program, the Vir-

ginia Space Coast Scholars program, and the Virginia Space Flight Academy is to expose students to real projects, real science, and the variety of career paths they could pursue by working for NASA.

Joyce Winterton, assistant associate of education for NASA, hopes that the experience will give students "motivation to do well in STEM fields." She believes that once school starts, if a student is struggling in a class or is up late studying one night, that looking back to this summer experience can inspire them to work hard and pursue their goals as this program gives students an in-depth look at what they could do with a career in NASA.

Winterton also hopes that these opportunities and experiences will inspire students to consider college majors related to what they learned this summer and go on to "consider careers in NASA research and joining this workforce."

OUT OF THIS WORLD

Ask an Astronaut

Here are some questions that were asked by students and answered by Andrew Feustel.

Q: What is the most overlooked attribute of a good astronaut?

A: "We talk a lot about commanding, but one of the things we learn as we prepare to fly in space is that it's important to listen and follow and rely on the strengths of your team members for the betterment of the team. So I think followership is a wonderful trait and one that's critical for astronauts"

Q: Are you currently using hydroponics, or any other methods, to grow food or plants on the ISS?

A: "We use sort of a modified version of hydroponics but we do grow...vegetation on the space station...so that as we become a space-faring species we'll have the capability to generate our own food on orbit."

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Photos by Parks Nunnally
Andrew Feustel, current commander of the International Space Station, answers students' questions over live video at the Wallops Flight Facility on Aug. 2.

ls for an End to Pony

PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) recently called on the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company to end its annual Pony Penning, including the swim and auction, following the death of the mare, Butterfly Kisses, in an acci-

dent while in a pen on the carnival grounds. The public responded on the fire company's Facebook page and with letters.

Below is PETA's letter to the fire company, followed by a slightly condensed version of a response letter by Lois Ssymanski to PETA.

Letter from PETA to Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company

I'm writing again on behalf of PETA and our more than 6.5 million members and supporters worldwide, including thousands across Virginia, where our headquarters are, in response to the death of Butterfly Kisses. She died needlessly of a broken neck after being chased into a pen and left behind a now-motherless foal. Once again, we urge you to end the annual pony swim and auction and instead find humane ways to raise funds for the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Department's important work while managing the pony herd's size.

Butterfly Kisses' death is more evidence that penning up wild ponies and auctioning off foals are reckless. Had she not been penned at the carnival grounds after the auction, she would still be alive. This is not the first time that a pony has died at the fairgrounds or the first death that has been written off as an "accident." Reports going back decades discuss how frightening and stressful the ordeal is for these animals and how ponies have been seen penned without access to shade or water and hit with sticks.

While in theory a few auctioned ponies may go to good homes with families who have the money to take care of them, their fate is never certain after they are sold and there is the strong possibility that they may end up at slaughterhouses or neglected and starved as new guardians lose interest in them.

It's time to reconsider what you are doing. Since this event's inception, much has changed in the way that people view animals—who were once seen merely as commodities—and in the development of humane population-control methods. This pony swim is sim-

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Chincoteague Cultural Alliance

Pony Penning Filled Local Hotels

Hotels, bed-&-breakfasts, campgrounds, and rental houses were about 96 percent full on Chincoteague for Pony Penning, Evelyn Shotwell, executive director of the island's chamber of commerce, reported to town officials Monday.

The chamber office had 264 fewer phone calls about the event compared to last year and were four percent down on the number of visitors who came to the office. But that was explained.

"They had already gotten their information," Shotwell said explaining online visits to the chamber website

were up more than 300 percent. The chamber also reached 500,000 on its Facebook page that week and 1.74 million for July.

A video of the Pony Swim got 176,000 reaches. "It was amazing to watch the numbers go up as people were watching," Shotwell said. "Comments were just flying." There were also 1,900 shares.

Folks also stayed in Exmore, Onancock, Cape Charles, and Pocomoke, Md., and went to events as day trippers. "Sparser crowds could be attributed to fewer day trippers due to rain," she said.









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Mary Lynch McElroy

Mrs. Mary Lynch (Booz)
McElroy, of Potomac Falls
and Chincoteague Island,
Va., died peacefully on June
19, 2018, after a period of failing health. She was 82.

Mrs. McElroy was born and raised in Philadelphia, where she lived until her marriage to Joseph H.

McElroy Jr. in 1958. Her husband's career in the U.S. Air Force took them all across the U.S. as their family grew with the addition of six children born between 1959 and 1969. As a full-time homemaker, Mrs. McElroy was active in the nomemaker, Mrs. McElroy was active in the church and both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and was a perennial team mom, score keeper, and snack booth worker during her five sons' Little League years. She also managed to earn an associate's degree in travel and tourism.

In later years, children grown, Mrs. McElroy indulged in her passion for travel. She joined the CIA as an administrative assistant and, later, editor

served as her weekend retreat and a popular family getaway, and she moved there full-time in 2012. With the help of family and a devoted team of caregivers, she was able to remain in her home

taste a few of the recipes for which she was famous. Dress casual and comfy; it's the beach, after all! In lieu of flowers you are invited to make a contribution in Mrs. McElroy's name to the Assateague Island Alliance (http://www.assa org/index.html#donations).

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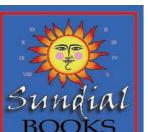




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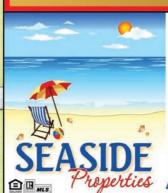
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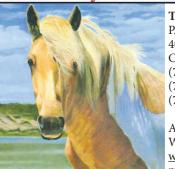
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Accomack County Students Receive Eastern Shore Christian Businessmen's Association Scholarship

Submitted Article and Photo

The Eastern Shore Christian Businessmen's Association recently presented \$1,000 scholarships to two local graduating seniors, Hannah Dunton of Chincoteague High School and Anna Wallace of Nandua High School.

Scholarships are based on school, church and community activities, academic achievement, an essay on a Christian topic, and an interview with a three-member committee.

Dunton, the daughter of Jeff and Miranda Dunton, of Chincotrague, was the salutatorian at Chincoteague High School and attends Union Baptist Church. She will be attending Christopher Newport University in the fall

She was a member of the Senior Beta Club, student director for the Drama Club, and a member of the yearbook staff.

At church, Dunton was a member of the Baptist Women and helped prepare meals for shut-ins, participated in the Backpack For Christ program, volunteered with Operation Christmas Child, and volunteered in the church nursery.

In the community, Dunton interned at the NASA Wallops Flight Facility, and volunteered at the Chincoteague Seafood Festival and the Chincoteague Island Outfitters. She also conducted a Tie-Dye T-Shirt Day for students at the Chincoteague

Elementary School with the help of her family's printing business.

Wallace, the daughter of Richard and Stefanie Wallace, of Accomac, was the 2018 valedictorian at Nandua High School and attends Union Baptist Church. She will be attending the University of Virginia this fall.

At Nandua, she played volleyball and was on both the swim and track and field team. She was a member of the Beta Club, Key Club, and the Health Occupation Students of America.

At church, Wallace volunteered in the nursery, Operation Christmas Child, World's Vision's 30-Hour Famine, and Kid's Own Worship Helper.

In the community, Wallace volunteered for Habitat for Humanity and the Laugh for Life event to benefit the Accomack-Northampton Pregnancy Center. She also volunteered for the Feeding the Gulf Coast and Mobile Barbecue programs in Alabama.

ESCBA scholarship chairman Vernon Bell presented the awards.

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Annual Pass Photo Contest

Submitted Article

Calling all amateur photographers! Your picture may be the next winner of the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Annual Pass Photo Contest, a great opportunity to showcase local talent. Send in photos of the refuge, images that highlight the best of the scenic land-scapes, precious wildlife, and small wonders which we all cherish.

Starting Aug. 15, you can submit a photo that you have taken on the refuge over the past two years. Entries will be accepted until the close of business on Oct. 1. Do not submit images of the lighthouse, ponies, bald eagles, monarch butterflies, or snapping turtles, because they were pre-

viously featured as winning images.

This year, voting will be done in two stages. Refuge staff will select the top five photos that capture the essence of our island. Local community leaders will pick a winner from these finalists. The winner will be announced on Oct. 22. The selected image will be featured on the front of the 2019 Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Annual Pass. Grab your cameras, visit the refuge, and start capturing memories! Head to the website for contest rules and the entry form: www.fws.gov/refuge/Chincoteague

Entries will be accepted: Aug. 15 – Oct. 1. Winner will be announced Oct. 22.



The Eastern Shore Christian Businessmen's Association recently presented \$1,000 scholarships to Hannah Dunton of Chincoteague High School, third from left, and Anna Wallace of Nandua High School, fourth from left. Dunton is pictured with her mother, Miranda Dunton, second from left, while Wallace is pictured with her parents, Stefanie and Richard Wallace, to her right. Also pictured are Garnett Kellam, far left, president of the Eastern Shore Christian Businessmen's Association, and Vernon Bell, far right, scholarship chairman of the ESCBA.







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ilar to other festivals, such as turkey drops and greased pig wrestling, that have taken their places in the annals of history as examples of the callous disregard of other living, feeling beings. Won't you please choose to raise funds with events that are modern and animal-friendly? We'd be happy to discuss suggestions with you. Thank you for your consideration.

Ingrid E. Newkirk, President of

Condensed Letter to PETA

I am director of the Feather Fund, a group that purchases one to three Chincoteague ponies each year during Pony Penning for deserving children in honor of Carolynn Suplee, who made it her practice to annually purchase a foal for a child until she died of cancer. In that capacity and as an author who has researched and written about the Chincoteague Ponies for over 30 years, I would like to respond to your radical posts and recent press release about the annual swim and auction. Your let-

ter has prompted reactions from others without any knowledge. They are not digging deep to learn the truth.

First, you speak of how the ponies are forced to swim. Do you know that these ponies swim on their own all the time? They swim across the bay and get into the campgrounds or corn fields. I have witnessed more than once, a mare giving her young foal a swimming lesson. Search YouTube for videos of them swimming on their own. Some ponies have even shown us that they enjoy the swim. In 2009, a stallion named Miracle Man sensed that it was around swim time and brought his entire herd across the channel a week early. He trotted down the streets to the carnival grounds and waited to be let into the pens. This started a trend of him coming early five more years in

That last year, more stallions followed him, bringing their mares across early. They knew that the carnival pens would offer huge round bales of good hay and buckets of cold water to drink, and they could not wait to get there.

The swim is not cruel, and no ponies have ever drowned or died as a result of the swim. The older ponies, the very pregnant ponies, mares with young foals, and ponies with injuries or health issues do not swim. They come to Chincoteague on a trailer.

Many of the things you addressed in your letter happened many decades ago. When you write about things that happened in years long past, you negate the fact that the fire company has evolved and has continuously made changes to better the lives of these ponies and specifically their care during Pony Penning week. Every trailer is inspected before a pony leaves the island. It must meet stringent standards. The fire company now has a list of people on hand who have been charged with animal abuse and who are not allowed to take a foal home, no matter how much they bid. That is why you occasionally see a foal that has been sold come through the sale again. The buyer went to pay and was not approved.

At Pony Penning, each foal leaving the island has a Coggins test (for equine infectious anemia) and the owner is offered shots before it leaves. Foals are handled with care in the sale ring and then returned to their mother if they are too young to leave. In those cases, they remain with their dam until the fall. At the sale, these are called fall pickups. A woman named Darcy Cole hikes all the way north three times a week and records data on every single pony, including the birth date of every foal (never off by more than 4 days) and she now provides all her data to the fire company in a book (that can also be purchased at Pony Penning). That book gives the fire company the age of the foal so that, unlike in the past, it is not up to the guess of a veterinarian - who is always on hand for the entire Pony Penning week.

Throughout the year, whenever the fire company gets a call from Darcy Cole, other hikers, or the tour boat captains who are always on the lookout that they have spotted a pony in trouble, there is an immediate response. The fire company, this year alone, pulled in horses with cuts from oyster beds, rescued an orphaned foal, and pulled several horses out when they were stuck in the mud (because they are wild ponies). Two of the older ones

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NNUAL DOCK DAY ON THE

Submitted Article

On Saturday, Sept. 29, the waterfront docks in historic Crisfield, Md., will come alive with the sights, sounds, and smells of the fishing heritage and seafood bounty of the Chesapeake Bay. Dock Day on the Bay, a free maritime cultural heritage festival, will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., along the waterfront at Somers Cove Marina. This annual communi-



ty event celebrates the history of local fishing traditions including commercial fishing, sport fishing, seafood cooking, and regional culture.

The event is hosted by Crisfield Heritage Foundation, Somerset County Arts Council, and Somers Cove Marina, and is supported by dozens of local businesses, organizations, and individuals. There will be locally caught seafood and other refreshments for sale, live music, and educational exhibits. Highlights of the waterfront program will include fish cleaning demonstrations, cooking demonstrations—including how to make the perfect crab cake, free children's activities, and local arts and crafts vendors. Guests can see oyster shuckers, crab pickers, fish cutters, and crab pot makers in action. Working fishing vessels will be located along the marina dock and visitors will be able to interact with area watermen to learn firsthand about their livelihoods.

"This is a great opportunity for people to engage with local fisherman, see their boats and gear, and experience the maritime heritage that shapes our community," said Crisfield Heritage Foundation Executive Director Claire Otterbein.

Dock Day is generously funded by a Maryland State Arts Council Maryland Traditions grant and a grant from American Legion Post #16.

There will also be several maritime organizations exhibiting information on their programs and activities. Admission to the J. Millard Tawes Museum will be free on Dock Day. This includes the Watermen's Pavilion, an outdoor exhibit displaying crabbing and oystering tools, which opened this spring. The Watermen's Pavilion was funded by a grant from Maryland Humanities. The working crab shanty exhibit will also be open, complete with updated signage funded by a grant from the Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Council. Closing the festival will be a traditional blessing of the fleet in the marina harbor.

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ebration of the Eastern Shore's unique maritime heritage and traditions. Dock Day is family friendly, free, and open to the public. More information can be found at www.crisfieldheritage.org

CHF's entities include the J. Millard Tawes Historical Museum, Oyster Reef Gift Shop, Ward Brothers Workshop, Cedar Island Marsh Sanctuary, and the Crisfield Customs House. Museum and Oyster Reef Gift Shop hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sundays, May 1 through Labor Day, with other hours as announced for special events and programs.

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did not make it, but the third had almost two months of individual care until she was fully healed.

PETA stated some blatant untruths in their recent press release. The mare, Butterfly Kisses, was not "chased into" a pen at Pony Penning. I know because I was there. She was the lead mare for a pony band lead by the stallion Riptide. She was trotting through the field and he was following because she was in heat. She happened to slip, and she hit the fence when she fell, breaking her neck. The vet was there within minutes and she did not suffer. When the fire company said it was a freak accident, this was a truthful statement.

This could have happened anywhere in the wild. Even wild ponies are fenced away from the roads and the people to protect the ponies. Unlike the Maryland side, which has had 48 ponies hit by cars since 1982 with 31 of them dying, zero Chincoteague Ponies have been hit on the Virginia side.

An entire community of people does its best to track every Chincoteague Pony foal sold. We have over 5,000 members on the I Love Chincoteague Ponies Facebook site, reporting all bad situations. A recent letter-writing campaign about an abuse case in Frederick County resulted in charges being filed against a woman whose Chincoteague ponies were seized and rescued. In another case, we banded together to rescue a Chincoteague pony found in a sale barn and about to go to a kill buyer. This pony was a solid chestnut hard to identify – but detective work and help from the Chincoteague Fire Company records helped us identify

Plus - Mustards, BBQ, Salsa, and **Hot Honey!** STOP IN AND SAMPLE 6273 Cropper St. • 336-3118 her. To make this easier in the future. we asked the fire company to microchip all foals sold at auction to make rescues easier. They not only said "yes," they absorbed the cost, announcing this year at auction that all foals will be microchipped going forward.

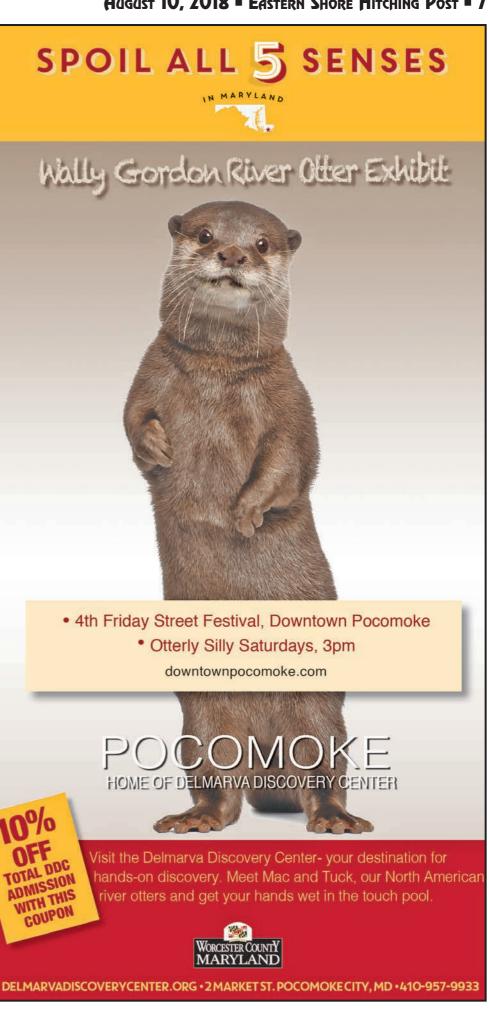
A few years ago, the fire company built new, larger, double-fenced pens on Assateague and then purchased and erected shade tents, so the horses had more room, better protection from the viewing crowds, and adequate shade. This was no cheap undertaking, but it was for the good of the ponies. They always have large troughs of fresh water and more hay in the pens than they can eat, a fact that is underscored by the uneaten round bales still in the now-empty pens.

Over the long and sometimes harsh winters, the fire company drops hay off at various points on the island, providing extra feed to them. The fire company also spends tens of thousands of dollars per roundup at two more roundups per year, in the spring and in the fall. Ponies get complete vet checks at these roundups, are dewormed, vaccinated for Eastern and Western West Nile disease, have their hooves and teeth checked and have any cuts or injuries tended to.

Without the care of the fire company and the sale of the foals, the island would be overpopulated and there would not be enough grass to eat. They would starve and die a horrible death. Please reconsider your attack on the fire company, in the name of all that is good.

Lois Szymanski







Fishing from
the Shore
By Bill Hall

The eyes of the offshore fishing world have been focused on Ocean City, Md., this week and the 45th edition of the White Marlin Open. Around 382 registered boats, including some of the world's top tournament captains aboard some of the sport's most well-equipped and experienced vessels from up and down the East Coast, are vying for a portion of the estimated \$5.45 million tournament purse. The fishing started on the morning of Aug. 6 and concludes on the afternoon of Aug. 10. Offshore action has been on the slow side recently, but if anybody can find the fish and get them to bite, it will be some of these tournament captains.

The vessel Auspicious, out of Palm Beach Fla., took the opening day blue marlin lead with an 881-pound fish. The huge fish was landed by New Jersey angler Joe Rahman and is the sixth largest blue marlin in the history of the tournament. If the catch holds on to the lead, it could earn approximately \$700,000.

For those of us who do not have an extra \$10,000 or more to fish a tournament, Captain Steve's Bait & Tackle on Chincoteague Island has a youth croaker tournament that runs through Aug. 15, and the Onancock Volunteer Fire Department will host its 2nd Annual Croaker Classic on Aug. 11 out of the Onancock Town Wharf.

Lower Shore – The big news here has been the appearance of Spanish mackerel in the lower bay, some exceeding five pounds. Anglers are catching these tasty fish by high-speed trolling, pulling small Drone and Clark spoons on long leaders behind inline sinkers, and small planers.

Mark Snook, of Chris' Bait & Tackle, reported that croakers have become established out of Oyster and the Little Inlet. Cobia catches were still being made in the areas of buoys 16 and 13, as well as on the Inner Middle Grounds shoals. Spanish mackerel were being caught, with the most productive location extending from just outside the concrete ships down to the bridge-tunnel. The shop weighed in a

4-pound, 2-ounce Spanish for 4-year-old Lliam Behe. Sea mullet catches were coming from just outside of the pound nets off Sunset Beach. Spadefish continue to be caught, but the size class continues to shrink. The State Park pier was producing a few kingfish (whiting) and croaker.

Jeb Brady, at Bailey's Bait & Tackle, reported that the weather had made it tough for some anglers to get out, but those who did reported a good cobia bite. Spadefish were landed around Plantation Light and the fourth island of the bridge-tunnel. Catches of spot and small croakers have been made off the Kiptopeke State Park pier in the evenings. The shop weighed in a 5-pound, 14-ounce Spanish mackerel for Max Williams.

Upper Chesapeake Bay – The Onancock Volunteer Fire Department is hosting its Second Annual Croaker Classic on Saturday, Aug. 11. Fishing is from 1-5 p.m., the entry fee is \$40/angler, and all entrants will receive a free T-shirt, tournament towel, and entry to the Tournament Deck Party at the Mallards Restaurant, immediately following the weigh-in.

Wachapreague – Captain Lindsay Paul, of Trident Tackle, reported that flounder fishing has been good on the nearshore wrecks, but very spotty inside the inlet. Croaker are being caught inside the inlet, but they are small. A few dolphin (mahi) have been caught from 30 fathoms and deeper, including over the north and south lumps. Best action has been around the lobster pot buoys. Captain Paul said that tuna have been scarce.

Chincoteague – Donna Rae, at Captain Bob's Marina, reported that there were some flounder still being caught in Queen Sound where one anger also boated a small black drum. Flounder catches were also reported from inside the Chincoteague Channel in an area behind the American Legion. Kingfish (whiting) and croaker catches were made near the inlet. Sharks have been the most consistent

catches. Flounder action has been good over the subway cars for fish up to 26 inches in length. The same locations are producing lots of triggerfish, a few black sea bass and small gray trout.

Pete Vasilou, at Captain Steve's Bait & Tackle, reported that there are a lot of "toothy" sharks in the inlet. The inlet was also producing catches of croaker and spot. Blackfish Banks was producing a nice class of flounder, but flounder action inside the inlet was much slower and the fish have been smaller. Some tuna have moved inshore and catches were made over the Parking Lot and Lumpy Bottom by anglers both trolling and chunking. In the surf, catches of spot, kingfish, and croaker were being made late in the evenings and early in the mornings.

Bill Hall was the first Eastern Shore resident to achieve Virginia Salt Water Master Angler Status. He has been named Virginia Saltwater Angler of the Year and Virginia Saltwater Release Angler of the Year. Bill is an I.G.F.A. International Committee Representative and a longtime member of the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament Committee. He is the Virginia Recreation Fishing representative on

the ASMFC Striped Bass Management Panel and is a past recipient of the CCA-VA Virginia Outdoor Writer Conservation Leadership Award.



Photo Courtesy of Bailey's Bait & Tackle

Four-year-old Lliam Behe landed this 4-pound, 2-ounce Spanish mackerel out of Kiptopeke.



Photo courtesy of Bailey's Bait & Tackle Max Williams boated this impressive 5-pound, 14-ounce Spanish mackerel in the lower Chesapeake Bay.

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	Chinco.Channel	H L	7:37 a.m. 1:55 p.m.	H L	8:32 a.m. 2:50 p.m.	H L	9:25 a.m. 3:43 p.m.	H L	10:18 a.m. 4:37 p.m.	H	11:10 a.m. 5:31 p.m.	H L	12:01 p.m. 6:27 p.m.	H L	12:54 p.m. 6:52 a.m.
	Gargatha Neck	H L	8:29 a.m. 2:35 p.m.	H L	9:24 a.m. 3:30 p.m.	H L	10:17 a.m. 4:23 p.m.	H L	11:10 a.m. 5:17 p.m.	H L	12:02 p.m. 6:11 p.m.	H L	12:53 p.m. 6:43 a.m.	H L	1:46 p.m. 7:32 a.m.
Seaside	Folly Creek	H L	8:22 a.m. 2:20 p.m.	H L	9:17 a.m. 3:15 p.m.	H	10:10 a.m. 4:08 p.m.	H L	11:03 a.m. 5:02 p.m.	H L	11:55 a.m. 5:56 p.m.	H L	12:46 p.m. 6:28 a.m.	H L	1:39 p.m. 7:17 a.m.
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	Machipongo	H L	8:03 a.m. 2:04 p.m.	H L	8:58 a.m. 2:59 p.m.	H	9:51 a.m. 3:52 p.m.	H	10:44 a.m. 4:46 p.m.	H L	11:36 a.m. 5:40 p.m.	H L	12:27 p.m. 6:36 p.m.	H L	1:20 p.m. 7:01 a.m.
	Tangier Sound Light	H L	11:49 a.m. 6:05 p.m.	H L	12:45 p.m. 6:53 a.m.	H L	1:38 p.m. 7:44 a.m.	H L	2:31 p.m. 8:34 a.m.	H L	3:22 p.m. 9:23 a.m.	H L	4:14 p.m. 10:12 a.m.	H L	5:07 p.m. 11:02 a.m.
	Muddy Creek	H L	12:05 p.m. 6:40 p.m.	H L	1:01 p.m. 7:28 a.m.	H L	1:54 p.m. 8:19 a.m.	H L	2:47 p.m. 9:09 a.m.	H L	3:38 p.m. 9:58 a.m.	H L	4:30 p.m. 10:47 a.m.	H L	5:23 p.m. 11:37 a.m.
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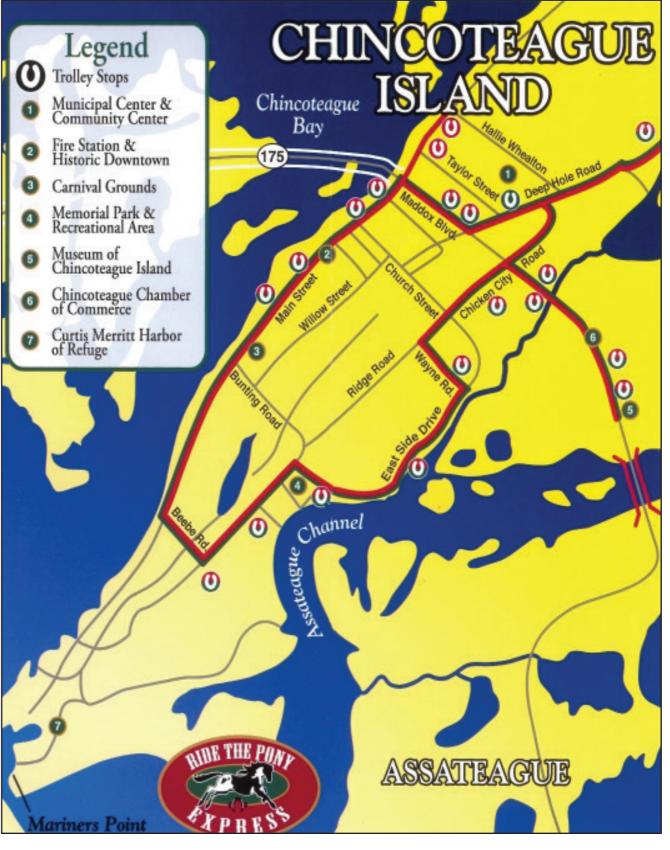
GREEN ROUTE	GREEN ROUTE EVENING HOURS ONLY												
Pine Grove	5:02		6:02		7:02		8:02		9:02		10:02		
Maddox Blvd. & Deep Hole Rd.	5:05	5:35	6:05	6:35	7:05	7:35	8:05	8:35	9:05	9:35	10:05		
Main St. & Church St.	5:08	5:38	6:08	6:38	7:08	7:38	8:08	8:38	9:08	9:38	10:08		
Beebe Rd. & Ridge Rd.	5:13	5:43	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	- 10:3	0pm								
OCTOBER: 6th - Oyster Fest - 10am	ı - 10:	30pm	(Ride	free 1	0am -	5pm							

RED ROUTE	EVE	NING	HOU	RS ON	LY				
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

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
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Public Transit Trolley



FRIDAY AUG. 10

★8 a.m.-5 p.m. - Captain Steve's Annual Youth Croaker Tournament (Aug. 10-15) - Captain Steve's Bait and Tackle, 6527 Maddox Blvd.

★1-3 p.m. - Captain Timothy Hill House - 5122 Main St.,

Chincoteague - 973-831-5961 - free admission - www.captaintimothyhillhouse.com

★2-3 p.m. - NASA Rocketry - NASA Wallops Flight Facility Visitors Ctr. - free admission

- 757-824-2298 - www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter

SATURDAY AUG. 11

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

★10 a.m.-noon - **Kitchen Gallery Opening** - Community Center for the Arts, 6309 Church St.

★9 a.m.-2 p.m. - Second Saturday Artful Flea - Community Center for the Arts, 6309 Church St.

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

★7:30 p.m. - Astronomy & Night Sky Summer Series/Perseid Meteor Shower -

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge - https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Chincoteague/Events.html

SUNDAY AUG. 12

★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

★1:30-4:30 p.m. - Beginners Guitar Part 1 - Community Center for the Arts, 6309 Church St. - pre-registration is required

MONDAY AUG. 13

★11 a.m. - Movie: Misty of Chincoteague - 4074 Main St. - \$10/ adults, \$8/seniors 62 & under, \$8/children 12 & under http://www.islandtheatres.com/

★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. - free admission - www.ciarts.org

Hitching Post Aug. 10–16 What to do this week on and around Chincoteague Island

TUESDAY AUG. 14 ★7 p.m. - Tuesday Nights at the Museum: Making Crabpots - Museum of Chincoteague Island, 7125 Maddox Blvd. - \$4/adults & children older than 12 years, under 12 & active military/free - 757-336-6117 -

www.chincoteaguemuseum.com

WEDNESDAY AUG. 15

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

★2 p.m. - NASA STEAM Lab: Parachute Egg Drop Challenge - NASA Wallops Flight Facility Visitor Center - 757-824-2298 - free admission - www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter

THURSDAY AUG. 16

★10 a.m. - Tales 4 Tots: Music! - Chincoteague Island Library

ONGOING

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

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



Day Trips and Side Trips Around the Eastern Shore

FRIDAY AUG. 10

★4-6 p.m. - Second Friday Wine Tasting - 5 North St., Onancock

★5-10 p.m. - Family Fun Carnival (Aug. 10-11) - Across from 501 Mason Ave., Cape Charles

★6-8 p.m. - Flatfooting - Lemon Tree Gallery, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles - free

★7-9 p.m. - Annual Relay for Life Womanless Pageant - Onancock Elks Lodge - You must be 18 to attend - for more information contact Shaun O'Shea at 757-710-8609

★7:30 p.m. - Texas Hold 'Em Poker - Parksley Fire Hall

SATURDAY AUG. 11

★9:30-10:30 a.m. - Yoga on the Beach - 3540 Kiptopeke Dr., Kiptopeke - \$8, \$3 mat rental

★7 p.m. - Bingo - Eastville Vol. Fire Co.

★7 p.m. - U.S.Navy Fleet Forces Band in Concert - Cape Charles Park - free admission

SUNDAY AUG. 12

★11 a.m. - Conversation Cafe with Jack van Ommen - Lemon Tree Gallery, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles.

★6 p.m. - 2018 Concert on the Lawn featuring The Geckos - Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, 208 North Main St., Berlin, Md. - www.taylorhousemuseum.org

MONDAY AUG. 13

★noon-1 p.m. - Lunch at the Library - Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox - for all youth 18 and under

★1 p.m. - Kids Program: Rocketing to Space! - Northampton Free Library, Nassawadox - for all youth 18 and under

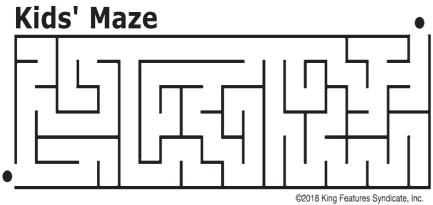
★7 p.m. - Bingo - Onancock Elks Lodge - doors open at 5:30 - food will be served

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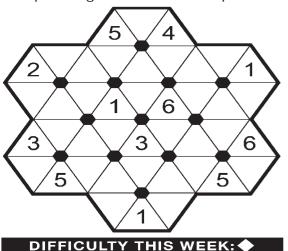


FROZEN	SCRAMBLERS Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!
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"Go easy on that stuff, Dad — last time I almost got	TODAY'S WORD



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.



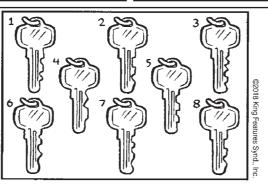
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at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "STIFLE" See if the second states and second word "STIFLE." See if you can replace these letters in the squares so that you will have four three-letter words across and three four-letter words down. The time limit is 60 sec-

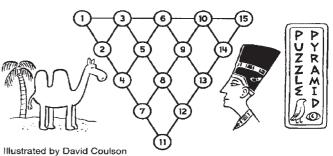
FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE! In the word square

Answers: (Across) Foe, ale, sir, toy. (Down) Fast, olio, eery.



MIX AND MATCH! Can you spot the two keys that are exactly alike?

Answer: Keys 2 and 8.



ODD WORD OUT!

To the right is a list of five words. Can you figure out which word doesn't belong on the list?

cereal grain. (1. Corn. 3. Oats. 4. Rye. 5. Wheat.) Answer: Raining. The other words all contain the name of a



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THE GREAT PUZZLE PYRAMID

Here's a problem that should keep you busy for hours. On our puzzle board, place 14 coins on all of the circles except No. 6. Now, jumping one coin over another along the lines, as you would in checkers, and removing the jumped-over coin, try to remove every coin from the board except one. As an extra challenge, try to leave the last coin in circle No. 6.

4,7 to 2, 1 to 4, 10 to 8, 14 to 12, 12 to 5, 4 to 6, One answer: 4 to 6, 11 to 4, 12 to 5, 2 to 7, 6 to

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CARD MAGIC MAZE • **GAMES**

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

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Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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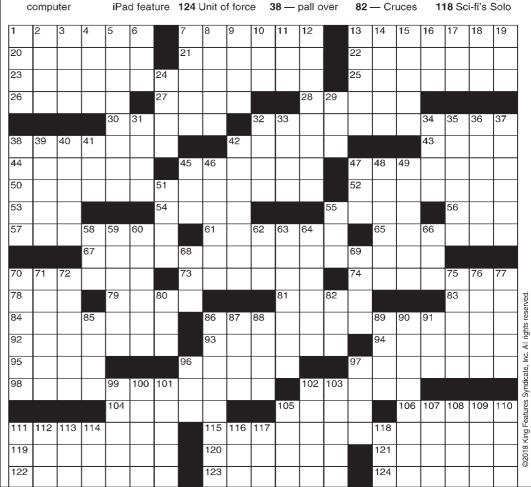
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♦ Moderate ♦ ♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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