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Agency Seeks Comments on Beach Relocation Plan

By *Connie Morrison*

Two of the area's biggest tourism draws are Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge and the recreational beach at Assateague National Seashore. The two combined draw more than 1 million visitors annually, about 90 percent of whom are there primarily to visit the beach. But maintaining the beach and its access have become increasingly difficult and costly. Assateague is a barrier island eroding at an annual average rate of 13 feet each year on the ocean side, and growing with deposits of sand on the westward side. Since 2003, seven major repairs have been required to the access road and parking areas at a cost of nearly \$3.5 million.

An Environmental Assessment (EA) issued Monday recommends 1,000 relocated parking spaces divided among several lots constructed along what is known as the service road (north-east of the wildlife loop) with walking trails leading from parking areas to the beach, an access road, a new multi-modal trail along the access road, and replacement of beach amenities like showers, toilets, changing rooms, foul weather shelters, and lifeguard towers. The proposal also calls for the eventual demolition of the Toms Cove Visitor Center with relocation of staff to the Bateman Center, and a new parking area at the south pony corral. Access to the remainder of the former beach

road would be restricted. The entrance to the refuge would not change, but additional lanes would be added including a dedicated pass-holder lane.

"I'm not seeing anything alarming," said Chincoteague Town Manager Jim West at his initial view of the plan. "The concept is what we had all discussed."

The plan was devised through the course of two public meetings last year where three initial beach concepts were refined to come up with a "hybrid" recommendation. Other parking configurations that were considered included an option that concentrated parking at the north end of the alternative site, and an option that spread out 10, 100-space lots along the service road, along with a

"no action" scenario. The workshops had followed the August 2015 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service release of its final Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP)/ Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which included alternatives to address the eroding beach and washouts and the recommendation to relocate the recreational beach rather than continuing to maintain it at its existing location.

One of the attractions of Assateague beach is the proximity of parking to the oceanfront. The proximity is also what makes parking susceptible to overwash during major storms. The new plan would require a parking setback of 505 feet, including a 325-foot "accommodation zone,"

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Photo by Linda Cicaira

The parking area at Assateague National Seashore following a tropical storm in 2016.

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which is essentially an area expected to be slowly eroded away at an average rate 13 feet per year over the 25-year design life of the project. “Commercial planning studies have found that 600 feet is the average maximum distance people are willing to walk” from their vehicles to their destination, according to the document, and most of the parking in the Maryland portion of the seashore is within 600 feet of the beach.

The recommended alternative, called the “hybrid” because it was derived from elements of the initial proposals, provides the shortest overall distance and walk times to the beach, ranging from 380 to 585 feet, or 2 to 2.4 minutes. Other options examined had ranged to as many as 530 to 1,360 feet (roughly a quarter mile) with walk times from 2.08 to more than 5.5 minutes.

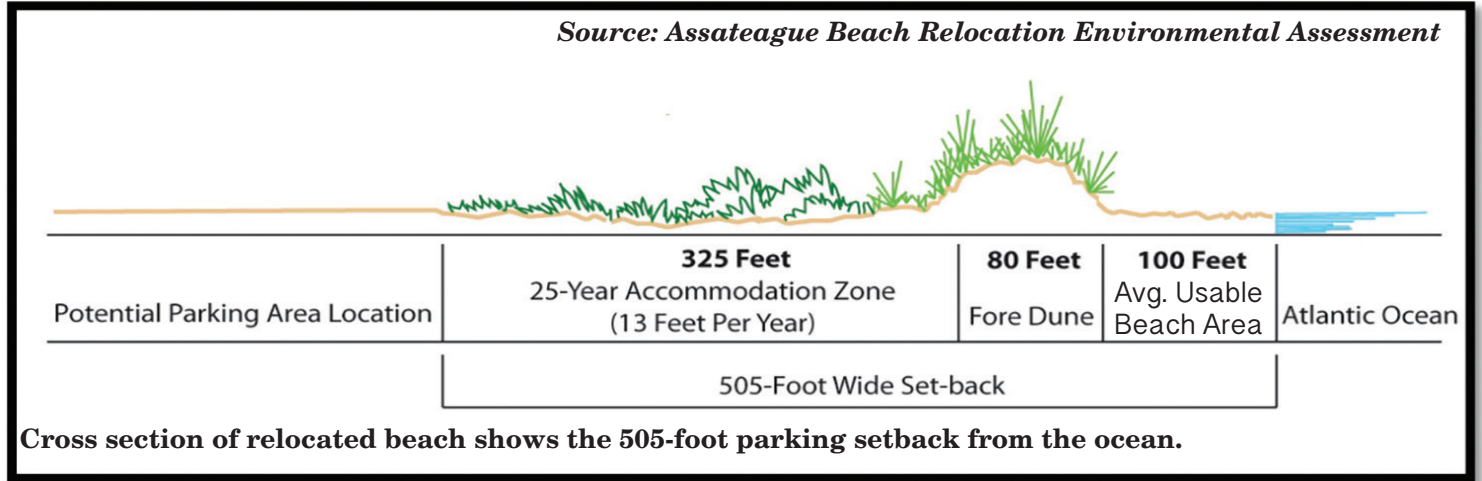
Although the impact on tourism was an important consideration for the town, it was not the town’s only concern. “We had hoped they could retain the south beach because it protects Toms Cove,” West said. “We really are concerned about the south end of Assateague.” The project does not include restoration in the area of the current recreational beach.

The town has asked the Army Corps of Engineers for a comprehensive study of the tip of Assateague that would also include Chincoteague Inlet and Wallops Island to give some conclusive answers to how natural processes are changing the landscape on Assateague, Chincoteague, and Wallops and provide some clear direction for solutions. “So much planning has to happen before federal money can be spent,” said West.

Lisa Landers, who is managing the project for the Federal Highways Administration on behalf of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service, said the project is scheduled for construction in 2020, but that date is contingent on identifying construction money. The design environmental study and design are being funded through Hurricane Sandy relief funds.

The complete environmental assessment for the beach relocation project is available on the project website: <https://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/projects/va/chin-10/> Hard copies are available for review at the Herbert H. Bateman Ed-

Source: Assateague Beach Relocation Environmental Assessment



Parking Option	Walking Distance	Walking Travel Time*
Seclude	500 feet to 1065 feet	2.08 minutes to 4.43 minutes
Diffuse	880 feet to 1360 feet	3.67 minutes to 5.67 minutes
Cluster	490 feet to 800 feet	2.04 minutes to 3.33 minutes
Hybrid (Preferred)	480 feet to 585 feet	2.00 minutes to 2.44 minutes

*An average speed of 4 feet per second was used (TranSafety, Inc. , 1997)

Environmental Assessment for the Recreational Beach Relocation Project Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge



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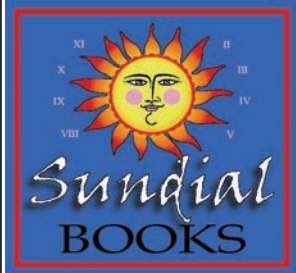
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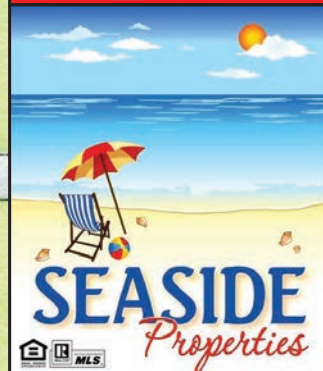
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educational and Administrative Center in the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge and at Chincoteague Island Library, 4077 Main St., Chincoteague.

A public information meeting will be held on Monday, Aug. 27, from 4-7 p.m. in the Herbert H. Bateman Educational and Administrative Center Classroom at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. Graphics of the proposed recreational beach parking and access, entrance fee booth queue lanes, and South Pony Corral parking area will be displayed, and the project team will be available to answer questions. All displays from the public information meeting will be uploaded to the project website after the meeting.

Comments on the environmental assessment may also be submitted via email to NorthChincoteagueBeach@dot.gov or mailed to Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, ATTN: North Chincoteague Beach, P.O. Box 62, Chincoteague, VA 23336. To ensure comments are included in the EA process, please enter or mail them by Sept. 13.

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Photo courtesy of the Sea Hawk Sports Center

Unusual Chincoteague Flat Catch

Andy Hill caught this highly unusual right-handed summer flounder over the railcars off Chincoteague.

STUDENT EXPERIMENTS SOAR WITH EARLY MORNING LAUNCH FROM WALLOPS

Submitted Article

Approximately 100 undergraduate university and community college students from across the United States were on hand to witness the launch of their experiments and technology demonstration projects on a NASA sub-orbital rocket at 6:13 a.m., Aug. 14, from NASA's Wallops Flight Facility.

The Terrier-Improved Malemute sounding rocket launched as the sun was rising and carried the student projects to an altitude of 98.5 miles.

After a brief ride into space, the payload carrying the students' projects descended by parachute and landed in the Atlantic Ocean approximately 64 miles from the launch site. After recovery, the experiments will be returned to the students.

The eight experiments developed by students from across the country flew through the RockSat-X program in conjunction with the Colorado Space Grant Consortium. RockSat-X is the most advanced of NASA's three-phase sounding rocket program for students. The RockOn launches are at the entry level, then progress to the intermediate level RockSat-C missions and then RockSat-X.

Also joining the RockSat-X students for the launch were about 50 students participating in the RockSat-XN program who are at Wallops preparing their experiment projects for flight. Similar to RockSat-X, XN includes experiments developed by students in the United States and those from universities in Norway and Japan.

XN is launching in January 2019 from the Andoya Space Center in Norway as part of an international project called the Grand Challenge Initiative (GCI) – Cusp.

In the GCI, NASA, and United States scientists will join those from Norway, Japan, Canada, and other countries during the next two years to investigate the region called the geomagnetic cusp — one of the few places on Earth with easy access to the electrically charged solar wind that pervades the solar system. The coordinated studies of near-Earth space at the Polar Regions will help understand the fundamental processes of our neighborhood in space; such knowledge is needed for safe navigation and communication near the poles, where solar activity can disrupt radio signals.

Dangerous Plants Beginning to Show Up in Virginia

Submitted Article

Two invasive species are showing up in Virginia. Giant hogweed (*heracleum mantegazzianum*) and wild parsnip (*pastinaca sativa*) are making their way into Virginia from northern states.

“These plants have protective defenses that are extremely dangerous for humans. Contact with these plants can cause up to third degree burns, scarring, and potential blindness if introduced into the eye” read an email shared with area agencies and media.

Anyone who encounters these plants is cautioned not to attempt removal. “If discovered on your property, call Virginia Cooperative Extension in your county for guidance,” the email warns.

The plants have been found in all of the northeast states, most recently showing up in Virginia. “A teenage landscaper attempted to remove giant

hogweed this past week and received severe burns for his efforts,” the missive says.

The links below provide more information, photos, and identification aids. The Accomack Agricultural Extension Office can be reached at 757-787-1361, ext. 14. http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands_forests_pdf/ghbrochure.pdf (giant hogweed) <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/105364.html> (wild parsnip)



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NASA Denies Study Will Be Used to Downsize Workforce

By Linda Cicaira

A NASA review team that is working on a 20-year facilities master plan has been falsely accused of eliminating jobs at Wallops Flight Facility (WFF) and other centers, according to an email that was sent last week to all area NASA employees.

Christopher J. Scolese, director of the NASA's Goddard Space Flight Cen-

ter (GSFC), addressed his colleagues by writing, "Recent media reports, based on statements of individuals from outside NASA, have misstated the activities of the Greenbelt-Wallops Review Team, incorrectly stating that the team is considering cost-cutting or downsizing measures. The team is doing nothing of the sort."

"As NASA has increased the emphasis on partnerships and commercial activities, and as the agency as a whole works towards implementation of the new operating model, Goddard management must adapt," Scolese continued. "The team has not been asked to look at potential cuts to GSFC, Greenbelt, Wallops, IV&V, GISS, White Sands, or any other component and will not make any recommendations in that area."

"As an entirely separate activity, pursuant to Office of Management and Budget direction, NASA Headquarters has directed Goddard, as well as all other NASA Centers, to identify

strategies to reduce the cost of NASA facilities for purposes of developing an agency 20-year facilities master plan. The master plan will contain no directions for the workforce and is unrelated to the Greenbelt-Wallops Review Team's work. Any potential facilities impact at Greenbelt, Wallops, and other Goddard components is only a concept at this time. However, the current Goddard master plan concept confirms the importance of all Goddard components, including specifically the importance of the Wallops Flight Facility as a mission critical operational facility."

Wallops Island Regional Alliance is a nonprofit with membership including a long list of NASA contractors and boasts its ability to receive up-to-date developments in the surrounding local and global industries, broadening professional networks, and raising professional profiles.

The group's chairman, Peter Bale, reportedly told reporters last week that Goddard is exploring cost cutting

measures throughout its agency. He voiced concern about the potential infrastructure reduction and what that would mean to the local economy.

"The bottom line is that if this were to occur and if these reductions took place at either part of the facility, we have a workforce of about two and a half thousand people," Bale told WBOC TV in Salisbury, Md. "I would see within twelve months a reduction of about 1,000 to 1,500 people and also see the loss of revenue on Delmarva."

Goddard is about 6.5 miles from Washington, D.C., in Greenbelt, Md.

Last Friday, WFF issued a statement to dispel rumors. "Wallops is not closing nor is there an effort to look at reducing the workforce."

The press release also quoted Ken Human, who is leading the review team. "The importance of a synergistic relationship between the two campuses is vital to the future of each campus and Goddard Space Flight Center as a whole," he said.

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Chincoteague Town Council Takes Stand Against Offshore Drilling

By Linda Cicaira

Chincoteague's town council voted Monday to oppose "offshore oil and gas exploration and drilling including seismic testing in the mid-Atlantic Ocean adjacent to Virginia's Coastline."

A resolution was made in a quest to protect the island and its residents and to continue "to enjoy the economic benefits of its tourism and aquaculture industries associated with these waters. These industries are thriving and growing and constitute an immense value to the local, regional, and national economy," a resolution stated.

The proposed drilling "would occur in the very midst of the flight range for launches (at Wallops Island Flight Facility) and have similar impacts on the Navy's use of our coastline for preparation of our nation's defense," the document continued.

Vice Mayor Ben Ellis said as of June 1, "More than 200 East Coast municipalities and over 1,200 local, state, and federal elected officials, including the governors of Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, North Carolina, and South Carolina, fishery management councils, chambers of commerce, and other industry groups have formally opposed offshore drilling and/or seismic testing." In addition, he said both Virginia senators and the area's congressional representative are opposed. Accomack supervisors voted against the measure months ago.

Matt Heim, Mid-Atlantic organizer for Oceana, spoke to the council and mayor before the vote was taken and at a previous meeting. "Offshore drilling in the Atlantic is a storm ... this resolution is something powerful that you all can do."

It was also announced that property previously owned by Mayor Arthur Leonard and his sisters was sold to resident Dave Lansberger. He said he will donate it for town use. Leonard described the property as "a big lot in back of the old elementary school." Suggestions included a soccer field, playground, parking lot, or pool site. The recreation committee was tasked with making a more thorough list and reporting back to council.

Daryl Chrisman of Poseidon's Pantry on Maddox Boulevard again asked the town to consider eliminating the parking space requirement for his pushcart. "Our island is now more vibrant food-wise" due to the increase in mobile units because sewer needed for sit-down restaurants is not available, Chrisman said. Ellis said the planning commission is looking into the request.

Islander Mike Tolbert, chief of management and operations at Accomack County Public Schools, requested a change in the Public Use Zone to allow installation of a digital sign at Chincoteague High like the ones being erected at other county schools. The sign would be used for cancellations and other school announcements.

Tolbert served on the town planning commission when the council voted to prohibit flashing signs to keep the island from looking like "a Las Vegas strip." He said this sign would not advertise a business and would replace the "outdated" sign at the school that is still welcoming Pony Penning visitors for the event that occurred "two weeks ago."

A public hearing on the issue was scheduled for September. Several of the council members said they would support Tolbert's request. There are already two other electric signs in town that are used for special events and there is one at the entrance to the wildlife refuge.

A representative of the Misty Foundation requested the town erect a sign at the foot of the bridge welcoming visitors to the birthplace of the wild horse, Misty, and the herd of ponies that were made famous by Marguerite Henry's series of books. The foundation will help pay for the sign.

Ellis brought up the cost of EMTs and how a plan to find a funding source for the future is needed. In 2020, the cost will be about \$1 million. "We need to work additional revenue sources," Ellis said. The police department needs "two more officers. That needs to be addressed and is going to be a significant expense ... It's going to hit us in the face in a year or so."

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Fishing from the Shore

By Bill Hall



Cobia, red drum, and Spanish mackerel highlight the fishing action in the lower Chesapeake Bay, while flounder fishing in the ocean waters off Chincoteague has been red-hot as of late. This year's croaker fishing has been a major disappointment in terms of both numbers and size.

Lower Shore – Jeb Brady, at Bailey's Bait & Tackle, reported that the cobia bite remained solid over the weekend, with several boats reporting keeper-sized fish in the 42-to 26-inch range. The red drum are starting to mix in with the cobia, especially around buoy 38A in the evenings. Brady said that the Spanish mackerel fishing has been good, both in numbers and in size for boats high speed trolling between Plantation Light and buoy 36A.

Chris Snook, at Chris' Bait & Tackle, reported that flounder fishing was good for anglers jigging around the pilings of the bridge-tunnel. Fish over four pounds were brought in during the weekend's "Good Ole Boys" flounder tournament. Lots of cobia still remain in the lower bay. The red drum bite has been good in the evenings on those days that the recent thunderstorms have allowed access. Spadefish and triggerfish catches are still coming from the fourth island. Snook said that Spanish mackerel are being caught between the bridge-tunnel and buoy 36. Large croakers are still a no-show out of Oyster.

Onancock – The Onancock Volunteer Fire Department held its 2nd Annual Croaker Classic on Saturday, Aug. 11. First place was claimed by Ned Finney with a 0.63-pound fish, Kristi Bundick took the second place overall and largest croaker by a female angler categories with a 0.56-pound fish, and Ian Redmond finished in third with a 0.55-pound croaker. Other category winners included largest non-croaker (Clinton Lessard with a 29.33-pound cobia), largest youth croaker (Becket Nemeth, 0.32), largest croaker by a first responder (Chad Parks, 0.50), and smallest croaker (Jordan Lusby, 0.11).

Chincoteague – Jimmy Vasilou, at Captain Steve's Bait & Tackle, reported that 140 kids had signed up for the shop's Youth Croaker Tournament, which ran through Wednesday. As of Monday afternoon, first place was an 11-ounce croaker, while the flounder division was anchored by a fish weighing 4 pounds, 15 ounces. Vasilou said that spot continue to be caught by anglers fishing in the surf early

remains in the ocean over Blackfish Banks, where a recent trip provided a surprise mahi, in addition to the flounder.

Donna Rae, down at Captain Bob's Marina, echoed the excellent shark fishing. Her shop's Finetooth Shark Tournament started on Friday, Aug. 17, and runs until Sunday, Aug. 19, at 3 p.m. She said that the Blackfish Banks/boxcars/subway cars are hot for flounder with boats catching their limits in 1.5 hours, then targeting triggerfish to put more meat in the box. A few nice seabass have also shown up in the catches. Kingfish are being caught around the inlet, but inside the creeks, fishing has been slow with only a sheepshead and a couple of small black drum reported as catches of note.

Upper Shore – Captain Matt Abell, at the Sea Hawk Sports Center, reported that the hottest fishing of the week was the flounder fishing over the railcars. Everybody caught fish there this week, Abell reported, including Andy Hill who caught an unusual right-handed summer flounder. Summer flounder almost always point to the left when placed white side down; Hill's fish faced right. Abell reported that he took a charter "down the county" toward the lower portion of the Chesapeake Bay and was rewarded with a catch of two red drum, one of which was large enough for a citation, and six cobia. Abell reported lots of jumping Spanish mackerel sightings during the drum/cobia fishing trip. Striped bass fishing in the waters of upper Tangier Sound has picked up, with fish up to 26 inches being caught. Offshore fishing has been slow on the troll, with boats resorting to bottom fishing for tilefish to salvage the day.

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.

in the morning and late in the evenings, where a few pompano have also been encountered. Kingfish/whiting catches have been coming from the inlet. Sharks are everywhere. One boat recently caught two bonnethead sharks (smallest members of the hammerhead shark family) on a recent trip in the inlet. Best flounder fishing



Photo Courtesy of Bailey's Bait & Tackle
Tucker Arcos and Alex Brown with a nice catch of Spanish mackerel and bluefish from the lower Chesapeake Bay.



Photo courtesy of Captain Steve's Bait & Tackle
6-year old Asher Fisher took the flounder lead in the Captain Steve's Bait & Tackle Youth Tournament with this 4-pound, 15-ounce flatfish caught in Chincoteague Bay on squid.

TIDE TABLE

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

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Letter to the Editor: Local Company Went Above and Beyond

Dear Editor,

Good day. Last week, I vacationed in Chincoteague with my sisters and girlfriends. I have been vacationing there for over 25 years. It was a lovely week until the very last evening. After having dinner, we returned to my brand-new car and when I tried to start it, it would not start. It was late, and I was tired and wanted to get home to relax and begin getting my things packed for my trip home. I live

in Baltimore.

Immediately, I began to get my AAA card out. My friends went back into the restaurant and asked if anyone would/could help us. That's when help came. It was Roger Adams. As luck would have it, Roger has an auto repair shop (Adams Auto Repair.) He immediately jump-started my car, showed compassion for me and my dilemma, and shared with me his number, in the event that my car didn't

start the following morning when I was leaving the island. Of course, in the morning, the car didn't start, so I called him. I called him early, too. I was embarrassed to ask for more help, but again, Roger came to my rescue. He came with a battery also. He replaced my battery and I made it home safely. Now, days later, all is well with my car.

As a sales manager myself, good help is often hard to find. Whether you

live on the island or just find a need while vacationing, Roger is an efficient and honest businessman. I am grateful for his help. He did not have to help.

A huge shoutout to "Jimmy" (unsure of his lastname) who wrangled Roger from an otherwise quiet, relaxing evening.

*Thank you,
Laura Olszewski*

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Town: Chincoteague Water Safe to Drink

By Linda Cicoira

"The water we have is safe to drink," Chincoteague Town Manager Jim West reiterated last week during a town council meeting.

West gave the water report because a story "that is about a year and a half old" was put out by the Associated Press causing people to panic. "There's nothing in our water now. The water we have is safe to drink. NASA is looking into filtering contamination to clean that water (which is no longer being used), and to help relocate

the wells."

In April 2017, wells used for drinking water on Chincoteague were found to have high levels of PFAS or per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances from firefighting foam used at the fire training area at Wallops Island. Those wells are no longer being used.

Since then, town leaders have spent \$300,000 for 30 acres on the mainland so wells could be drilled there for drinking water. Testing at the new site showed no PFAS, no arsenic or other contaminants.



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Chincoteague Cultural Alliance Brings Music to the Island

Submitted Article and Photos

The Island Coffeehouse on Saturday, Aug. 18, welcomes back Donna Colton and Sam Patterelli playing acoustic folk rock with a touch of blues and a twist of jazz. The duo from Central New York performs outstanding originals with great covers mixed in. Colton is known to “belt out a song with passionate grit and, in the next breath, croon to make you cry.”

Award winning local poet Robin Butler is also returning to read some of her favorite poems, and the vibrant young Eastern Shore singer and songwriter Emily Guemple will make her Coffeehouse debut. This month’s featured visual artist is Chincoteague’s own Jenny Somers, known for her paintings of local scenes and for teaching how to use acrylics as watercolors. Check the CCA website at chincoteaguecca.org for information about her upcoming classes.

The Coffeehouse is at the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance (CCA) Community Center for the Arts, 6309 Church Street. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and admission is \$5, \$3 for students. Drinks and snacks are

available for purchase.

If you can’t make the Coffeehouse, you can hear Emily Guemple the day before on Friday, Aug. 17, at a special Farmers and Artisans Market at the same location. Shop for local seafood, produce, meat, eggs, and more good thing to eat, plus arts and crafts. Enjoy breakfast or lunch from Captain E’s Hurricane Grill food truck. Admission and parking are free.

The Market happens again on Saturday, Aug. 18, featuring live music by Hemlock Hollow with Roger Wilkinson on lead vocals and guitar and Chris Wilkinson on mandolin. Their music is an eclectic mix of Americana, bluegrass, and folk, including covers and originals.

Mark your calendars for the season’s final CCA Music at the Dock concert on Saturday, Aug. 25, at 7 p.m. The Caribbean American International Steel Orchestra from the D.C. area plays festive music featuring steeldrums in Calypso, Reggae, and Latin Jazz genres. They have been so popular on Chincoteague that a C.A.I.S.O. concert has become an annual event.



Right: Hemlock Hollow will perform Aug. 18, featuring Roger Wilkinson on lead vocals and Chris Wilkinson on the mandolin. Above: CCA will host Music at the Dock Saturday, Aug. 25, beginning at 7 p.m.



Wallops Hosting Public Information Session

Submitted Article

A public information session is being held on Wallops’ current programs and events from 5 - 7 p.m. Aug. 20, at the NASA Visitor Center, to facilitate discussion and information sharing on activities at Wallops Flight Facility.

During the August information session, NASA and U.S. Navy personnel will staff information booths on topics such as recent testing of water wells for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), the U.S. Navy Field Carrier Landing Practice and upcoming Wallops missions including the sounding rocket Grand Challenge Initiative. In addition, visitors will be able to view a new Visitor Center hands-on sounding rocket exhibit.

The NASA Visitor Center is located on Va. Route 175 about five miles from U.S. Route 13 and five miles from Chincoteague.

Pony Express Holds First Annual Stuff the Trolley School Supply Drive

Submitted Article

The new school year should be an exciting time for local students and teachers, but many families find preparing for the first day of school a financial challenge, and teachers, on limited school budgets, spend their own money to purchase supplies for their classrooms. To help address these issues, the Town of Chincoteague Pony Express, in conjunction with several community partners, has organized a Stuff the Trolley School Supply Drive to take place on Chincoteague Island from Aug. 20 - 25. The goal is to provide necessary school supplies so that our students and teachers head into the 2018-2019 school year ready for success.

The Chincoteague Elementary and Combined Schools developed a suggested school supply donation list to

assist those interested in contributing to this unique community event. Donations can be placed in designated boxes at any of the following island drop-off locations during the week: Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce, Chincoteague Island Family YMCA, Chincoteague Island Library, Family Dollar, Dollar General, H&H Pharmacy, Island Churches, Pony Express trolleys, and the Town of Chincoteague office.

Two special events are also being planned where donations can be made directly to a Pony Express trolley. Join the festivities at the Chincoteague Island Library on Tuesday, Aug. 21, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce on Friday, Aug. 24, from 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. with 96.5 CTG live broadcasting from 10 a.m. to noon.

Along with Stuff the Trolley, the

Chamber will also be hosting Crush Friday History Lovers in the chamber yard from 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 24. The event will feature the Captain Timothy Hill House, Museum of Chincoteague Island, and National Park Service, who will share the rich and diverse history of Chincoteague Island to those in attendance.

Stuff the Trolley is sponsored by Island Clergy, Chincoteague Island Library, Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce, 96.5 CTG, Kiwanis Club of Chincoteague, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Town of Chincoteague Pony Express, and Chincoteague Elementary and Combined Schools.

Help Stuff the Trolley full of school supplies and make this a great school year for our island schools.

**Chincoteague Island Pony Express
2018 Trolley Schedule**

The Pony Express

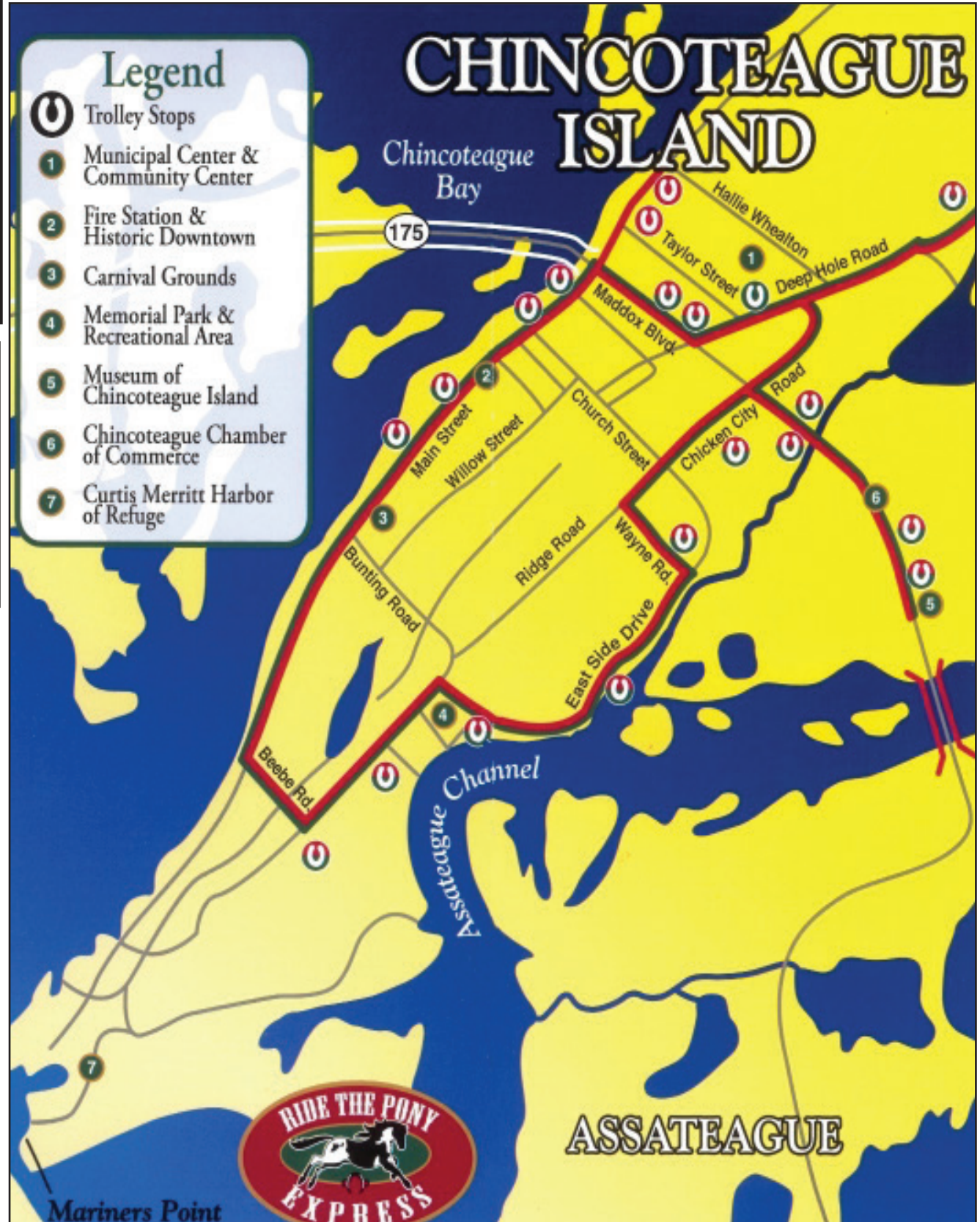
A Guide to Chincoteague Island's Public Transit Trolley

GREEN ROUTE	EVENING HOURS ONLY										
Pine Grove	5:02		6:02		7:02		8:02		9:02		10:02
Maddox Blvd. & Deep Hole Rd.	5:05	5:35	6:05	6:35	7:05	7:35	8:05	8:35	9:05	9:35	10:05
Main St. & Church St.	5:08	5:38	6:08	6:38	7:08	7:38	8:08	8:38	9:08	9:38	10:08
Beebe Rd. & Ridge Rd.	5:13	5:43	6:13	6:43	7:13	7:43	8:13	8:43	9:13	9:43	10:13
Memorial Park	5:17	5:47	6:17	6:47	7:17	7:47	8:17	8:47	9:17	9:47	10:17
Pony Centre	5:21	5:51	6:21	6:51	7:21	7:51	8:21	8:51	9:21	9:51	10:21
Museum of Chincoteague Is.	5:25	5:55	6:25	6:55	7:25	7:55	8:25	8:55	9:25	9:55	10:25
GREEN ROUTE: Designated "Free Rides" courtesy of the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce											
SEPTEMBER: 29th - Chili Chowder Cook Off - 10am - 10:30pm											
OCTOBER: 6th - Oyster Fest - 10am - 10:30pm (Ride free 10am - 5pm)											

RED ROUTE	EVENING HOURS ONLY										
Pine Grove	5:15		6:15		7:15		8:15		9:15		
High School - Call In											
Main St. & Church St.	5:22	5:51	6:22	6:51	7:22	7:51	8:22	8:51	9:22		
Beebe Rd. & Ridge Rd.	5:30		6:30		7:30		8:30		9:30		
Memorial Park	5:34		6:34		7:34		8:34		9:34		
Museum of Chincoteague Is.	5:38	6:08	6:38	7:08	7:38	8:08	8:38	9:08	9:38		

Additional Information

Trolley fare is 25 cents per person per ride, or one token. Exact change is appreciated. Free ride tokens are available at local businesses. Drivers do not carry cash. The Pony Express is seasonal transportation service provided by the Town of Chincoteague. This service is open to the public. Many of the motels, restaurants, shops, parks, recreational areas, ice cream parlours, and campgrounds are along our routes. Trolleys are equipped with wheelchair lifts. To inquire about Americans with Disabilities Act public transportation option, please contact the Town of Chincoteague during business hours at 757-336-6519, or The Pony Express at 757-854-8572, after 5 p.m. The operator complies with all ADA rules and regulations. ADA trips will be arranged where logistically possible.



Hitching Post Aug. 17-23

What to do this week on and around Chincoteague Island

**FRIDAY
AUG. 17**

★Weekend Oil Painting Retreat (Aug. 17-19)- Community Center for the Arts, 6309 Church St. - check online for times - www.chincoteagueca.org
★1-3 p.m. - **Captain Timothy Hill House** - 5122 Main St. - 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. 18**

★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.
★noon-3 p.m. - **Decoy Carver Demonstrations** - 7125 Maddox Blvd. - <http://www.chincoteaguemuseum.com/programs> - \$4/admission
★2 p.m. - **NASA Tour of the Solar System** - NASA/Wallops Flight Facility Visitor Ctr. - free admission - 757-824-2298 - www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter
★7 p.m. - **Island Coffeehouse** - Community Center for the Arts, 6309 Church St. - Donna Colton & Sam Patterelli - folk, blues, and jazz - \$5/adults, \$3/students 22 & under

**SUNDAY
AUG. 19**

★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

**MONDAY
AUG. 20**

★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
★8 p.m. - **Monday Movies: Hitchcock's "Lifeboat"** - free in Robert Reed Park - bring a chair or blanket - Chincoteague Cultural Alliance - 6309 Church St. in case of rain

**TUESDAY
AUG. 21**

★2 & 3:15 p.m. - **Trolley History Tour** - every Tuesday & Thursday until Labor Day - tickets are at the Community Center - adults/\$21, 12+ under free
★7 p.m. - **Tuesday Nights at the Museum: Ponies in the Mist - A Recap of the Foal Season 2018** - 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. 22**

★9 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Farmers and Artisans Market** - Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St. - free admission and parking - www.chincoteagueca.org
★1:30-3:30 p.m. - **Art Class: Acrylics as Watercolor** - Community Center for the Arts, 6309 Church St. - pre-registration is required
★2 p.m. - **NASA STEAM Lab: Kites** - NASA Wallops Flight Facility Visitor Center - 757-824-2298 - free admission - www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter
★5:30 p.m. - **YMCA Fall Program Open House** - 6395 Maddox Blvd.

**THURSDAY
AUG. 23**

★2 & 3:15 p.m. - **Trolley History Tour** - every Tuesday & Thursday until Labor Day - tickets are at the Community Center - adults/\$21, 12+ under free

ONGOING

★9 a.m.-5 p.m. - **Assateague National Seashore, Toms 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. 17**

★6-8 p.m. - **Open Mic Night** - Lemon Tree Gallery, 301 Mason Ave., Cape Charles - free
★7-8 p.m. - **Saltworks Opera Double Feature** - Northstreet Playhouse, Onancock - northstreetplayhouse.org or 757-787-2050

**SATURDAY
AUG. 18**

★9:30-10:30 a.m. - **Yoga on the Beach** - Kiptopeke State Park - \$8, \$3 mat rental - info @ andsmileyoga.com
★4-8 p.m. - **Inaugural Crab Crackin'** - Kerr Place, Onancock - shorehistory.org, 757-787-8012
★7 p.m. - **Buddha Council in Concert** - Cape Charles Park - free admission

★8 p.m. - **Movie: "E.T. the Extra - Terrestrial"** - Historic Onancock School, 6 College Ave., Onancock - free, including popcorn - food truck will also be available at 6 p.m.

**SUNDAY
AUG. 19**

★11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - **Worship Class: Spirit Movement Ecstatic Dance Wave** - 15 North St., Onancock
★1 p.m. - **Bingo** - VFW Post 2296, Tasley - early bird games start at 2 p.m.
★1-6 p.m. - **Art Rocks the Inns** - bed-and-breakfasts, Cape Charles - free - www.capecharlesbnb.com

**MONDAY
AUG. 20**

★7 p.m. - **Bingo** - Elks Lodge, Accomac - doors open at 5:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY
AUG. 21**

★1 p.m. - **Juggling Fun** - Eastern Shore Public Library - Accomac
★7:30 p.m. - **Bingo** - Cheriton VFC - smoke free

**WEDNESDAY
AUG. 22**

★11 a.m.-3 p.m. - **Blood Drive** - Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital

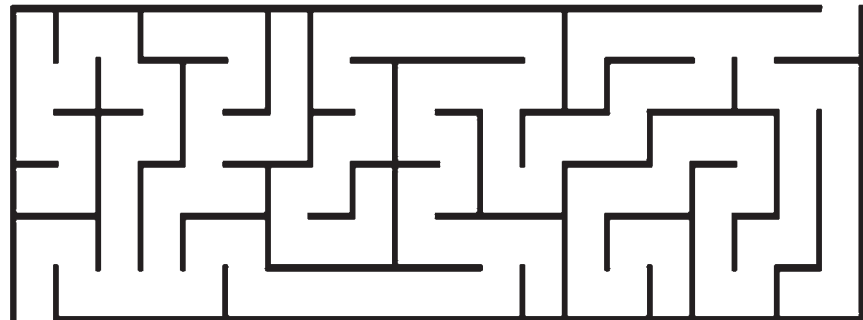
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Kids' Puzzle Page

Kids' Maze



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"I'd like to take up jogging — only thing is, if I lost any weight I'd have to get a whole new _____!"

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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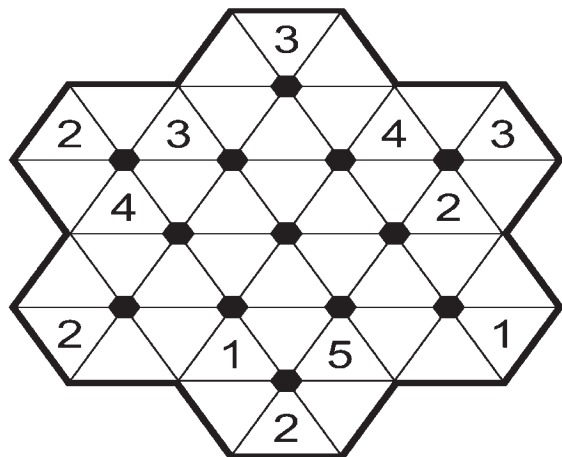
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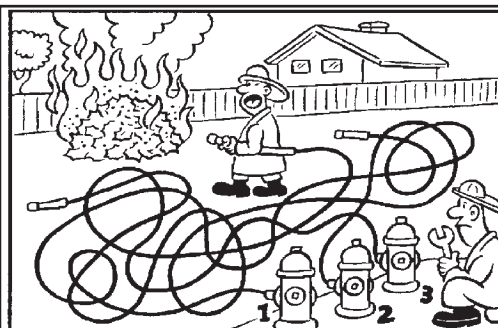
SNOWFLAKES by Japheth Light

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: ◆◆◆

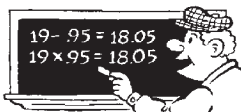
◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult



WHICH HYDRANT should Fireman Bill turn on to get water to Fred's hose? You have 30 seconds to put out the blaze.

Answer: Hydrant No. 3.

CHALKY'S SUREFIRE BET! Bet your friends that they can't find two numbers that will give the same results whether multiplied or subtracted together. Chalky has one answer to this problem.



MISS THIS AND YOU'LL BE "ALL WET"! Can you find the four five-letter words needed on the right that match the definitions below? All words must read the same across and down.

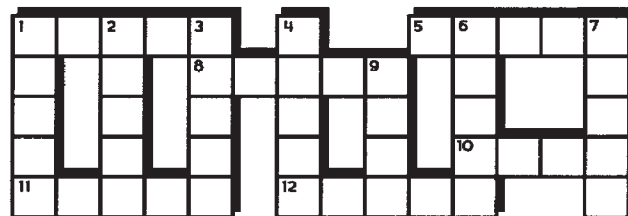
- Found at the shore (given).
- Next to (nautical).
- Rhymed composition.
- An upright frame.
- What a bad deal does.

W	A	V	E	S
A				
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Answers: 1. Waves, 2. Abeam, 3. Verse, 4. Easel, 5. Smell.

Junior Whirl by Charles Barry Townsend

IT'S LEISURE TIME!



Illustrated by David Coulson

The 13 words below are associated with things you can do during summer vacation. Use the trial-and-error method to complete the puzzle grid above; erasers are permitted.

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 4-letter words: | 5-letter words: |
| KNIT | HIKER |
| RIDE | LINKS |
| | PARTY |
| 5-letter words: | RODEO |
| BOOKS | SHOWS |
| CARDS | SKEET |
| CLIMB | SLEEP |
| | TREKS |

Answers: (Across) 1. Cards, 5. Sleep, 8. Hiker, 10. Knit, 11. Books, 12. Treks. (Down) 1. Climb, 2. Rodeo, 3. Shows, 4. Skeet, 6. Links, 7. Party, 9. Ride.

PASTIMES

MAGIC MAZE ● GO AHEAD

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

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

- | | | | |
|----------|-----------|----------|---------|
| Goalie | Goblin | Gone | Gossip |
| Goalpost | Goldfish | Goose | Gourmet |
| Goat | Goldmine | Gorgeous | Gout |
| Goblet | Gondolier | Gorilla | |

Last Week's Answers

ORTEGA	SHAWLS	PICKETS
ROEPER	PARIAH	INHERIT
CONE	OF SILENCE	AT INGLE
ADDER	UCLA	TENOR
	GIVES	FELLOW
CUSSE	TARAS	RONA
APTIVA	ASSIGN	ASSISTS
SPARING	THEROD	SIESTAS
TET	HEAT	APED
ADS	SPACE	PUFFUP
	INDEPENDENT	LEN
SEPTIC	ORGANS	ASSERTS
AVA	SAUL	WELD
FINLESS	RETINA	DISPLAY
ALIASES	ERECTS	DECIDE
RENO	CRICK	TOASTER
IRIS	MURDOCH	PAILLS
	ADIEU	GALE
AFFORDS	THEEYES	SHAVEIT
FIANCEE	EARNER	APOLLO
TENSORS	STREET	NEWTON

1	8	5	3	7	6	9	4	2
9	4	3	1	5	2	7	6	8
6	7	2	8	4	9	3	1	5
8	1	4	6	3	7	5	2	9
2	6	9	5	1	8	4	7	3
3	5	7	2	9	4	1	8	6
7	2	1	9	6	3	8	5	4
4	3	8	7	2	5	6	9	1
5	9	6	4	8	1	2	3	7

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

3				8		6		
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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

BIRD-LOVING CELEBRITIES

- | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| ACROSS | DOWN | DOWN | DOWN |
| 1 Small packages | 1 Soda | 12 U.S. prez with Mamie | 129 Pull along |
| 8 Barely gets, with "out" | 2 Campus life | 13 Charges (up) | 130 Lie-down |
| 12 Lyric penner Gershwin | 3 Witty replies | 14 Showing awe | 131 "Jane —" |
| 15 Bamboozle | 4 Payload | 15 Superficially plausible | 132 Tainted |
| 19 Sea-related | 5 Mind-boggler | 16 Brain parts | |
| 20 Bit of 19-Across flora | 6 Required driving doc. | 17 — -Z | |
| 21 Brew barrel | 7 Philos., e.g. | 18 Most priests | |
| 22 Sampras of tennis | 8 Cafe patron | 24 In the lead | |
| 23 Bird-loving "Hud" Oscar winner? | 9 "Eine —" | 26 Concealed | |
| 25 Bird-loving former Argentine first lady? | 10 "Goodness!" | 29 No, to Hans | |
| 27 Hip-hop's Snoop — | 11 Carrier of a demo case | 31 Road tie-up | |
| 28 Speed skater Eric | 12 U.S. prez with Mamie | 32 Kagan of justice | |
| 30 Saffron, e.g. | 13 Charges (up) | 33 Hint of color | |
| 31 Bird-loving "Show Boat" composer? | 14 Showing awe | 35 Grade for sophomores | |
| 34 With 111-Down, put in reserve | 15 Superficially plausible | 37 Maui wreath | |
| 36 Fit to be ingested | 16 Brain parts | 38 First in line? | |
| 39 Invoice fig. | 17 — -Z | 42 Summer hrs. in PA | |
| 40 Ending for Saturn | 18 Most priests | | |
| 41 More ghostly | 24 In the lead | | |
| 44 Hershiser of the mound | 26 Concealed | | |
| 45 Butte relative | 29 No, to Hans | | |
| | 31 Road tie-up | | |
| | 32 Kagan of justice | | |
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| | 35 Grade for sophomores | | |
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| | 42 Summer hrs. in PA | | |

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