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

Robin Mead Huttner and her son, Maxwell, have the bug. “We have a blast,” she said, but they haven’t been out much lately. “They are everywhere,” she said of the caches. There are so many geocache sites that it constitutes a secret world where participants call those who aren’t in the know “muggles,” after non-magical people in Harry Potter novels who are oblivious to the magical realm.

To start the transition from muggle to geocache wizard, download the Geocaching app to a mobile phone. The app will use the phone’s location information to “find” it on the map and display nearby caches. For each cache, the app will reveal who placed it and when, the level of difficulty for the find and the terrain, the cache size — so folks will know what they’re looking for — and other information, like whether to bring a pen to sign the log. Others who have logged their finds might provide hints.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Annette Wasilik performs June 30 at the Island Theatre Annex.
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about where to look, or provide feedback to cache owners if maintenance is required.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

At the end of the causeway was a quick P&G that even I could find, so I was able to end my day on a high note. As I was logging cache attempts and finds into the Geocaching app at the end of the day, I noticed encrypted hints for each cache that I had not noticed before. Easily decoded, they provided clues that might have made the difference in find-

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

After a couple of times out, you’ll start to see the landscape around you in terms of hiding places, muggles, and cachers. The more you find, the easier it gets, and before long, you’ll be hooked.

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

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

Common Geocache Abbreviations

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

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

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

Since forming in 2010, Annabelle’s Curse has toured extensively, developing a devoted fan base throughout the southeast and mid-Atlantic. There is, of course, a story behind the band’s name. They wanted an upright bass for their image so the group pooled all of their money together, bought a bass and named it Annabelle. Not long after they purchased it, they dropped the instrument, which broke in half. The night they got it back from being repaired, it fell through a window in Edwards’ house breaking the bass. Again. And Annabelle’s Curse was born.

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

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

Annabelle’s Curse, above, will play in concert July 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Island Theatre.
**Fishing from the Shore**

By Bill Hall

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

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

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

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

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

**Chincoteague** — Jimmy Vasilou of Captain Steve’s Bait & Tackle reported that kingfish/whiting were being caught off the beach at Assateague. Circle hooks (#2) with small red floats, baited with bloodworms, Fish Bites, or Gulp bloodworms were the most effective kingfish rigs according to Visilou. A weekend trip on the inshore wrecks produced a mixed catch of spadefish, gray triggerfish, and flounder, as well as a cobia sighting. Keeper flounder up to 20 inches were caught off the docks over the weekend. Croaker fishing has been spotty, with most of the fish on the small side. As the waters continue to heat up, so does the shark fishing. A hammerhead was caught in Chincoteague Bay over the weekend.

Donna Rae of Captain Bob’s Marina reported that fishing has been “pretty good overall.” Lots of flounder but more throwbacks than keepers. Popular flounder catching locations include buoys 17, 19, and 21 inside the Chincoteague Channel, as well as inside the canal across from the Inlet View Campground up to the area in front of the Waterside Inn. Top baits have been live minnows with white Gulp 4-inch swimming mullet, Gulp shrimp, or strips of squid. Kingfish/whiting are in the canal, off Mariner’s Point and out to the inlet and are readily hitting bloodworm-scented Fish Bites and bloodworm-scented squid. Lots of shark action inside the inlet, but retaining most of the species is prohibited; check the VMRC shark regulations and seasons before venturing out for sharks if you plan to keep any. The subway cars were producing flounder up to 24 to 26 inches in length as well as some spadefish. Large yellowfin tuna have been hitting trolled ballyhoo rigs in the Washington Canyon. The shop will be holding three inshore coastal finetooth shark tournaments during the third weekends of July, August, and September.

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

**Bill Hall** was the first Eastern Shore resident to achieve Virginia Salt Water Master Angler Status. He has been named Virginia Saltwater Angler of the Year and Virginia Saltwater Release Angler of the Year. **Bill** is an I.G.F.A. International Committee Representative and a longtime member of the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament Committee. He is the Virginia Recreation Fishing representative on the ASMFC Striped Bass Management Panel and is a past recipient of the CCA-VA Virginia Outdoor Writer Conservation Leadership Award.

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

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

The summer series for the popular children’s programs will begin on Thursday, June 28, at 10 a.m. Tales 4 Tots for children ages 2-5 includes songs, stories, finger plays, and crafts. For the older children, ages 6-10, the Young Explorers program will be in the Theatre Annex on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Special programs featuring science, music, art, and more as well as stories and crafts are included in the Young Explorer programs.

In addition, there are three special programs planned. Two of these programs will be held at the social hall of the Christ United Methodist Church. On July 12 at 10 a.m. the Salisbury Zoo will present the popular “Zoo 2 You” program featuring live animals from the zoo. On Thursday, Aug. 2 at 10 a.m. magician Chris Yerlig will perform for the children. On Thursday, July 26 (at the library), everything will be about ponies. Pony stories, crafts, and the Chincoteague Pony Center will bring one of Misty’s descendants to the library as a special guest!

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

The Chincoteague Island Library is located at 4077 Main St., Chincoteague. For more information call the library at 757-336-3460, visit the web site www.chincoteagueislandlibrary.org or visit the Chincoteague Island Library on Facebook.
4th of July Deadline for Hitching Post

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

Early Morning Liftoff

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

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

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

**2018 Trolley Schedule**

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**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)**

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**Red Route**

Carnival*, Pony Swim, Pony Auction, Pony Swim Back Extended Hours

**JULY: 4th - Fireworks - 5pm - Midnight**

**JULY: 25th - Pony Swim - TBA - Midnight**

**July: 26th - Pony Auction - 7am - 1pm**

**July: 27th - Pony Swim Back - 6am - 1pm**

**Legend**

1. Trolley Stops
2. Municipal Center & Community Center
3. Fire Station & Historic Downtown
4. Carnival Grounds
5. Memorial Park & Recreational Area
6. Museum of Chincoteague Island
7. Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce
8. Curtis Merritt Harbor of Refuge

**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.
What to do this week on and around Chincoteague Island

**Friday, June 29-30; July 4-7**

**Chincoteague Volunteer Fireman’s Carnival**, 7-11 p.m., fireworks July 4 at 10 p.m., Chincoteague fairgrounds, Main St., [http://cvfc3.com/](http://cvfc3.com/)

**Friday, June 29**

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

**Story Swap**, 7 p.m., Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, 6309 Church St., free admission and parking, [www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org](http://www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org)

**Saturday, June 30**

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

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

**NASA Story Time: Space**, 11-11:30 a.m., geared toward ages 3 to 6, NASA Wallops Flight Facility Visitors Center, 757-824-2298, free admission, [www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter](http://www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter)

**Summer Carving Demonstration**, noon-3 p.m., Museum of Chincoteague Island, Miles Hancock Workshop, 7125 Maddox Blvd., admission is $4 for adults and children older than 12 years, free admission for children 12 and under and for active military, 757-336-6117, [www.chincoteaguemusuem.com](http://www.chincoteaguemusuem.com)

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

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

**Sunday, July 1**

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

**Monday, July 2**

**Manna Cafe**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Christ United Methodist Church social hall, 6253 Church St., free hot lunch every Monday, search @MannaCafeCI on Facebook

**Board Games**, 1-4 p.m., Island Theatre Annex, 4076 Main St., free admission, [www.ciarts.org](http://www.ciarts.org)

**Tuesday, July 3**

**Tuesday Nights at the Museum**: Where Island Tales Are Told, “Chincoteague: Abuzz: Keeping Bees on Chincoteague,” by Stephanie Hale, 7 p.m., Museum of Chincoteague Island, 7125 Maddox Blvd., admission is $4 for adults and children older than 12 years, free admission for children 12 and under and for active military, 757-336-6117, info@chincoteaguemuseum.com

**Wednesday, July 4**

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

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

**Thursday, July 5**

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

Day Trips and Side Trips Around the Eastern Shore

**Friday, June 29**

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

**Friday, June 30**

**River Otter Program**, Delmarva Discovery Center, 12-1 p.m., 2 Market St., Pocomoke City, [www.delmarvadiscoverycenter.org](http://www.delmarvadiscoverycenter.org)

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

**Wednesday, July 4**

**Annual 4th of July Non-Motorized Parade**, 10 a.m. on Front Street in Accomac

**Independence Day Parade**, 10 a.m. on Mason Avenue in Cape Charles

All listings are provided for information only; call or check websites for updates and confirmation.

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Kids’ Puzzle Page

Kids’ Maze

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!

Made
DEMOTh
Gear
TOFUti
Contest
BEATEd
Mean
DIvES

TODAY’S WORD

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.

Riddle Card

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

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

3 + 4 + 5

Here’s a “Honey” of a Puzzle! At right is a word square. You are challenged to find the four five-letter words that match the definitions below. All words used must read the same both across and down.

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

Junior Whirl

A Word Bridge!

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

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

P E B Y W T H R O L J N G E B
Y W R U D E N O O R A M P N K
I G D P R E S I D E N T E B Z
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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

Last Week’s Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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!

Super Crossword

ACROSS
1 Puttng game
5 Graham of football
9 Train lines, e.g.: Abbr.
13 Minnesota’s capital
19 Hollywood’s Shirf
20 Apparel
21 “Got it,” facetiously
22 — del Fuego (island group)
23 Occur
25 Grizzly catcher’s activity
27 Solidarity
28 Florida resort
30 Molot
31 First part of an act
34 Lacking any amenities
36 Repulsive
37 Product’s ultimate application
44 Pub mug
45 Nanny, e.g.
46 Captivate
48 Scholaric stat
49 Up vote
50 Digit with a relatively large nail
52 Fourth scale steps
55 “I read you”
57 Not reveal one’s pain
61 Athletic shoe brand
64 Swenson of the screen
65 Sacred sites
67 Adam’s mate
68 Minor deities
72 Other, to
73 Tennis’ Graf
75 Fed head
76 Play fair
81 Towel off again
82 Sophia of the silver screen
83 Hecker’s cry
84 Facial hair
85 In thing, temporarily
86 “Is”
88 Bewilder
91 Movie genre
92 Totally fulfill
93 Tiny nation in Europe
96 Be a sentinel for
99 Oppressive
101 Live pre-1991 Russia
102 Funny
103 Code name
105 Ring count
106 Current flow measures
110 “It’s Just a Matter of Time” singer of 1959
114 What the first words of 23-, 25-, 33-, 35-, 57-, 76-, 96- and 110-Across can all mean
116 Bodega site
117 Major (steward)
118 Author Oz
119 “Boy!” or “girl!” lead-in
120 Selected
121 Utah city
122 Thanksgiving side dish
123 “Sure thing”
130 Gp. against bullfighting
131 Mary busts
132 Sever
133 Shy
134 Yank at
136 Savory jelly
137 Tennis’ Fraser
138 Glassy looks
139 Cammy, e.g.
140 Special FX graphics
141 Boos, say
142 FBI worker
143 Davis of “Get on the Bus”
145 Composer
146 Benjamin
147 Devitalized
148 Casbah city
149 Small hound
150 Cipher
151 Young moray, say
152 Lamentable
153 Iota
154 Tough one
155 Metal cake container
156 Beseiger’s bomb
157 Jackie’s “O”
158 Visible
159 Not keep up
160 Gp. against bullfighting
161 Inclines
162 Mary busts
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164 “Sure thing”
165 Thirly rival
166 Element #5
167 Actress
168 Cough up
169 Male turkeys
170 Compass pt.
171 Within: Prefix
172 Blues singer — James
173 Telly channel
174 Gury of beat poetry
175 Yells
176 Projecting flat collar
177 Thrifty rival
178 Element #5
179 Actress
180 Labouf of “I, Robot”
181 Botch it up
182 Straight
183 Whiskey type — Island that’s Princeps’ partner
184 Poison
185 By one means or another
186 Knights’ suits
187 Orso, e.g.
188 Loud noise
189 “Chocolate” actor Johnny
190 Prefix
191 Toulouse
192 Blues singer — James
193 Hall of IMO
194 Molecule unit
195 Tousle
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198 Long-loved item
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2 Arab land
3 A Prairie Home Companion’ town
4 Rival one is amicable with
5 Night hooters
6 4:00 socials
7 Tic-toe
8 Refinery
9 Poco of fashion
10 Regarding that matter
11 That, to José
12 Collate, e.g.
13 Tough one
14 Metal cake container
15 Beseiger’s bomb
16 Jackie’s “O”
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Chincoteague - Waterfront 2BR/1.5BA townhouse w/ private balconies. Furnished. MLS# 45800 $247,500

Atlantic - Building lot with no HOA or covenants & restrictions. 1 acre lot w/ 4BR septic letter. MLS# 46663 $35,000

Chincoteague - Affordable 3BR/2BA home w/ detached garage and screened porch. MLS# 47281 $129,500

Chincoteague - Spacious 1BR/1BA 40' park model on deeded land w/ covered roof. MLS# 47901 $45,000

New Church - 3BR/2BA home on almost an acre w/ screen porch, detached garage, and new roof in 2017. MLS# 46909 $100,000

Chincoteague - Waterfront 3BR/2BA home w/ pinewood floors and large front yard featuring gorgeous sunsets! MLS# 47403 $215,000

Chincoteague - Custom 4BR/2.5BA waterfront home w/ open floor plan, kayak ramp, fireplace, 600 sq ft of deck space & more! MLS# 47142 $695,000

Chincoteague - Well maintained 3BR/2BA home with recently renovated kitchen. New cabinets, granite countertops and flooring! Perfect location for short walks to Maddox for shopping and restaurants. MLS# 48011 $95,000

Chincoteague - Spacious 2BR/2.5BA pond front townhome with views of Assateague Channel. Located in Grand Bay community near Memorial Park. Master suite features private bathroom and balcony w/ water views. Sold furnished! MLS# 47994 $189,000

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Captains Cove - 3BR/2BA home w/ all new paint, carpet, appliances and more! Bonus room perfect for an office. MLS# 47658 $189,000

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