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Island Museum Preserves The Past

By Krystle Bono

An island rich to its core with 200 years of history, the Tump, in ol' Teaguer terms, is a place worth getting to know. Resting on the farthest corner of Maddox before crossing to the Chincoteague Wildlife Refuge, the Museum of Chincoteague Island is a gem packed full of everything that gives life to the place many call home, and even more who migrate to it in the summer months year after year.

Within the walls of the triangular structure, visitors will find a wealth of information—from early prehistory, to colonial times, right up to the faces of today. Local celebrities Misty and her foal, Stormy, are also carefully preserved and on display inside.

Preserving Chincoteague's culture and way of life is the museum's main mission. Many exhibits include events and significant objects to the town, including the First Order Fresnel Lens from the Assateague Lighthouse, model ships, fishing and other water farming equipment, a mammoth tusk, and even the old Chincoteague High School cornerstone. Guests can grab a scavenger hunt sheet upon admittance to the museum. They are bound to come out on the other side feeling like they've lived through the decades. If they get stumped, friendly faces are there to help along the way, and will even throw in an extra history lesson or two.

The museum has extended its reach to offer a bus-guided Island History Tour. One tour per day is available Thursday through Saturday, with the bus leaving from the museum promptly at 2 p.m. and returning approximately one hour later



Visitors to the Museum of Chincoteague Island can see a well-preserved Misty and historic artifacts from the island.

after an informative trip down memory lane. Tour participants will expect to dive deep into Chincoteague's past to get a glimpse of many of the town's historical buildings and landmarks, people, commerce, and everything that has molded the island to be what it is today. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. They can be purchased at the museum in advance, or reserved by calling or emailing the museum. The air-conditioned bus is unfortunately not wheelchair accessible at this time. After Aug. 31, the tour will be available through Oct. 12 on Saturdays only.

On Saturday, Aug. 17, an island tour

will be conducted at 2 p.m. to benefit Jenny Somers, a local artist who has been diagnosed with cancer. All ticket sales, minimum of \$5 per person, will go directly to Somers to help offset medical bills.

Aside from the usual indoor exhibits and Island History Tour, the Museum hosts Tuesday Nights at the Museum every Tuesday evening until Aug. 27 with a different theme and speaker beginning at 7 p.m. Upcoming speakers include Andy Linton's "Making Crabpots" Aug. 20 and Julie Borden's "Hand Painted Musical Instruments" Aug. 27. This week, Phillip Cathell was featured with a "NASA's Sounding Rocket Program" talk. The museum also offers Summer Saturdays featuring local woodcarving decoy showcases every Saturday until Aug. 31, from noon to 3 p.m.

Regular museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults; children 12 and under, active duty military and families, and museum members are free. Group rates are available for parties of 15 or more. For more information, contact the museum by email at info@chincoteaguemuseum.com or call 757-336-6117. More information can be found on the museum's Facebook page or on its website www.chincoteaguemuseum.com 2 = EASTERN SHORE HITCHING POST = AUGUST 16, 2019

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With Isabella Bono-Evans, Documented by Krystle Bono

As we all have come to know over the course of the Kid's Corral Column this summer, Isabella lives, breathes, and loves all things horses. She has thoroughly enjoyed all of our summer Chincoteague excursions, but the things at the top of her list always somehow have four legs and neigh.

We took a detour off of our original list of kid-friendly activities to check out the Chincoteague Pony Centreand let me just say, we felt silly for even leaving it off the list! Bella has made it her goal to find all the places with Brever horses on the island since she collects them, and many times when we are there, we have passed the Pony Centre and noticed the Breyer sign in the window. Unfortunately, we have always somehow just missed closing time, or it was on a day they were not open at all, so we have not been able to stop by. Finally, we had some time to kill on a stormy afternoon and decided to do a little Breyer shopping, so we made our way to what is now Bella's "favorite place" (activity places, obviously, because Pico Taqueria is still her favorite food place).

Coming into the driveway, there were three ponies and one donkey out in the front paddocks. Bella jumped out and immediately went to greet the three ponies and big, fuzzy-eared donkey.

We made our way to the front entrance, which leads to the gift shop. There was a great selection of Breyer horses, making Bella very, very happy! After spending what felt like an hour wandering around deciding which one she wanted, she chose a grey Arabian named Thunder, who was the NFL mascot to the Denver Broncos.

On the opposite side of the gift shop, there was everything from ornaments to jewelry, and pony prints to hats. She found a gold cowgirl hat she absolutely had to have. She said she wants to be a Saltwater Cowgirl and help with the herd during Pony Penning week, and if she was going to do that, she needed a cool cowgirl hat. (If any members of the Saltwater Cowboys crew are reading, she's serious about this!)

There are doors to the right of the gift shop that lead back into the barn area, and you are allowed in with no merchandise. After picking out what we wanted, we made our way into the back, and much to Bella's delight, they were bringing in Chinco to do some work in the round pen. To the right of the round pen were a number of carriages, sleighs, and a stagecoach that were so incredibly cool to see. There was also Misty memorabilia, and a staircase that led to a viewing room



that offers showings of "Misty of Chincoteague." In the left corner, there was a place to measure how tall you are in hands, which is how equines' height is measured. Bella was 12.5 hands tall.

Now to her most favorite part of the day, why she says she wants to come back every week, and has asked if I will contact them and see if she can work or volunteer regularly (she's going to have a full list of jobs before the age of 9 if she keeps it up): she was asked to hold Chinco, the bay and white pinto pony, while they prepared the ring for his round pen work. She was so excited, and never thought Breyer horse shopping would turn into an hour-anda-half long visit. Many nose kisses, pets, and mane braids later, she had to hand Chinco off to the staff and we were summoned back into the gift shop to make our purchases because they were ready to close up shop.

The staff was all very welcoming and friendly and gave us loads of info. Bella would highly recommend adding the Pony Centre into a rainy-day island activity. It is a great, free way to learn about the ponies, and to interact and pet them in a safe environment, and get a little shopping done. In years past, they have offered pony rides, but those have been discontinued. You can follow the Chincoteague Pony Centre on Facebook for upcoming events, as they offer talks, clinics, and demonstrations periodically. Centre hours are Thursday through Saturday and Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Photo by Krystle Bono

Isabella Bono-Evans, of Cape Charles, measures her height in hands at the Chincoteague Pony Centre.



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Day Trips and Side Trips Around the Eastern Shore

SATURDAY AUG. 17
 *4-8 p.m. - 2nd Annual Crab Crackin' at Ker Place - on the lawn of 69 Market St., Onancock - \$50/ticket includes all-you-can-eat steamed crabs and shrimp, barbecue, coleslaw and more - 757-787-8012
 *7 p.m. - Harbor for the Arts Performance: U.S. Navy Fleet Forces Band Pops - Central Park, 301 Plum St., Cape Charles - 757-331-2087

WEDNESDAY AUG. 21
*10:30-11:30 a.m. - Pre-school Discovery Club - Delmarva Discovery Center, 2 Market St., Pocomoke, Md. - ages 3 to 5 - 410-957-9933

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

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Local Kiwanis Club Partners With Dolly Parton

Submitted Article and Photo

Starting this fall, children under the age of 5 who live in the Chincoteague Elementary community will be eligible for a free book each month until their fifth birthday. The books are provided by the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and mailed at no cost to the family thanks to support from the Kiwanis Club of Chincoteague. The first book each child receives, the Welcome Book. is a special customized edition of the classic version of "The Little Engine That Could" with a letter from Parton welcoming them to the program while expressing the excitement and joy that reading can bring.

Her library is a unique program that mails a new, age-appropriate book into the homes of children every month from birth to age five. It is designed to inspire the love of reading and learning in children. The books are carefully selected by Dolly Parton and her staff to be age appropriate. Many come with suggestions to the reader on how to best enjoy the book with their favorite little person. Dolly provides the books with hopes that the adults and children spend hours enjoying their special time together. As a parent or caregiver, reading with your child is the most important activity that you can do to help set them up for future success.

Parents or guardians can pick up an application at the Chincoteague Elementary School office, the Chincoteague Island Library, YMCA, or Community Health Center. Completed applications can be returned to the school, the library, or mailed to Kiwanis, P.O. Box 23, Chincoteague, VA 23336. Applications can be submitted online at <u>www.imaginationlibrary.com</u> Click "Getting Started" then "Can I Register My Child." Once the application is received and processed, it could take six to eight weeks before the first book arrives in the mail.

In addition to this new project, the Kiwanis Club of Chincoteague

has been supporting the community since 1946. Directly related to the Kiwanis mission in support of area youth, Kiwanis helps by sponsoring the Boy Scouts, local sports teams, Post Prom for the high school students, and Terrific Kids Awards for the Elementary School students. In 2019, Kiwanis awarded over \$11,000 in college scholarships to local high school seniors. Every year many community groups also benefit from Kiwanis Support including Manna Café, The Food Closet, and Red Cross Blood Drives twice annually.

Fundraising by the Kiwanis Club is accomplished by many projects. Throughout the year, the club accepts donations of furniture and appliances which it offers for sale periodically, but most notably at the Memorial Day Weekend Barn Sale. For the past several years, tractor raffle tickets have been sold. The Pancake Supper has been an annual fundraiser.

For more information, contact Ki-



wanis Club President Bill Henning at 570-502-9904, talk to any Kiwanis member, stop in to a meeting on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in St. Andrews Catholic Church Parish Hall, or check out the club on Facebook.





The 3rd Annual Croaker Classic Fishing Tournament, benefitting the Onancock Volunteer Fire Department, was held Saturday, Aug. 10, and attracted a field of almost 350 individual anglers in 100 boats, both records for the tournament, according to Fire Department Chief Adam James. The largest croaker in the event weighed 0.99 pounds and was caught by Ray Willett. Second place and the largest croaker caught by a female angler went to Kelly Lattimore for her croaker weighing 0.69 pounds. Josh Yunker took home the third-place prize package for his 0.67 fish. The smallest croaker award went to Chad Parks for his fish that barely tipped the scales at 0.09 pounds. Baylor Booker had the largest croaker caught in the Youth Category, a 0.51-pound hardhead and the largest croaker caught by a first responder went to Chase Sturgis for his 0.59-pound fish. C.L. Marshall had the largest fish in the Non-Croaker Category, an 11.96-pound black drum.

Chincoteague - Donna Rae Roeske, at Captain Bob's Marina, reported that the flounder bite had slowed down a little but still remains better than it has been in some time. The Chincoteague Channel and both sides of the Queen Sound bridge remain the top flounder hot spots, with a few flatfish coming from the area in front of Memorial Park, according to Roeske. Jumbo minnows fished with white or pink Berkley Gulps have been the top flounder producing bait combinations. Gray trout have been landed by anglers fishing minnows and silversides while drifting between buoys 17 and 14, especially along the embankment southeast of Chincoteague Point. Whiting/sea mullet and Spanish mackerel have been the primary species caught from buoy 15/ Mariner's Point out to the inlet. Sharks are on the prowl in the waters along the inlet, especially near buoy 10. The railcars are producing flounder, sea bass, spadefish, and triggerfish. Gaffer dolphin are being caught over the Parking Lot and out at 50 fathoms, though tuna remain scarce. Large black sea bass are available on the deep-water wrecks.

Pete Vasiliou, at Captain Steve's Bait & Tackle, reported there has been a "steady pick" of flounder inside of the Chincoteague Bay with a steady increase in the number of croaker moving into the same area. Both Spanish and king mackerel are being caught off the beach. Large dolphin have moved inshore of the Parking Lot with some nice-sized fish caught as close as just 14 miles off the beach. The inshore wrecks have produced the shop's largest flounder of the year, a 7-pound, 10-ounce doormat caught by Nathan Lower while fishing with Captain John of Huntress Charters.

Wachapreague – Captain Lindsay Paul, at Trident Tackle reports that anglers are still catching flounder inside the inlet, though there are a lot of undersized throwbacks. A few spot and croakers are also in the same area. Spanish mackerel are hanging out just outside the inlet, while king mackerel and false albacore are being taken over the "Hills." The wrecks are holding founder, black sea bass, and spadefish according to Captain Paul. To the east, mahi and marlin are the target species along the canyons, as tuna remain scarce.

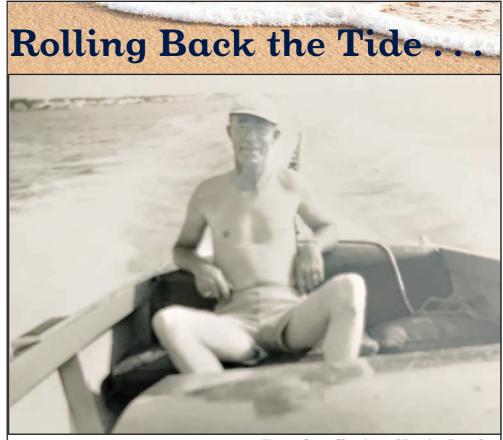
Lower Shore – Jeb Brady, at Bailey's Bait & Tackle, reports the Spanish mackerel fishing has been "really good" over the week for anglers trolling spoons. Some anglers have reported nice-sized bluefish mixed in with the schools of mackerel. Brady said flounder fishing has been productive along the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel. Cobia fishing remains good and cobia anglers have a shot of also catching and

releasing a large red drum in the waters around buoy 36-A late in the afternoons. Anglers fishing in the lower bayside creeks are seeing a few more speckled trout. The Cape Charles Pier is producing a few flounder as well as spot and croakers.

Chris Snook, at Chris' Bait & Tackle, said that there are "plenty of blues and Spanish mackerel all around!" She reported there were small to mediumsized croakers around buoy 262 and out of Ovster, near Cobb Island, Flounder were being brought in from the "Ditch," along the high-rise section of the bridgetunnel and around the fourth island, where some large spadefish continue to be taken. Sea mullet/whiting remain in the bay just south of Kiptopeke, while speckled trout and some puppy drum have been pulled from both the bay and seaside creeks. Larger red drum are beginning to show up in the late afternoon bayside fishery, but the same areas are "loaded up" with sharks!

Upper Shore – Allan Ring, at the Sea Hawk Sports Center, reported flounder fishing on the seaside was "still holding up," especially near the inlets. Minnows and silversides, fished with Gulp baits, have been the top flounder producing baits. In the upper Chesapeake Bay, speckled trout have been hitting paddletail baits suspended under popping corks. Rockfish have been caught in the early mornings over structure and along the creek banks on topwater and suspended twitch baits as well as paddletail/jighead combinations. Ring said that Spanish mackerel are being caught by anglers trolling Clark spoons.

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



From the collection of Denise Bowden Skeet Williams sits aboard his Chris-Craft on the Chincoteague Channel in 1963.

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