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**CHINCOTEAGUE SEAFOOD FESTIVAL
50 Years of Shuckin' & Steamin'**

Chincoteague Island, VA—April 4, 2018: The Golden Anniversary of the Chincoteague Seafood Festival will be celebrated on May 5, 2018 at Tom's Cove Park Campground. The Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce sponsors the event and encourages everyone to purchase tickets soon as this promises to sell out before the day of the festival. Tickets may be purchased at the chamber office at 6733 Maddox Boulevard Chincoteague, online at www.chincoteaguechamber.com or by phone at 757-336-6161.

Front Page News band from Salisbury will entertain from Noon to 4 p.m. and is sponsored this year by Steamers Seafood Restaurant and Jack Tarr Electrical Contractor. Feast on "Little Neck" steamed clams from Chincoteague waters. Other delicious menu items include clam chowder, steamed shrimp, single fried oysters, fried fish, clam fritters, clam strips, grilled chicken by Tyson Foods, raw bar of oysters and clams, full salad bar, sweet potato fries, Boardwalk fries, hushpuppies, cornbread and soft drinks. Beer is sold separately. Gates open at 10:00 a.m. with appetizers available at 11:00 a.m. Seafood items will be served beginning at noon. An Extravaganza of prizes will be given away to one lucky ticket holder at 4 p.m. so be sure to buy plenty of tickets during the day! Commemorative glass beer mugs will be available this year as a special keepsake of the day.

The chamber is happy to welcome these 2018 "Friends of the Festival": Derrickson Construction LLC; LJT & Associates Inc; Tyson Foods; Coldwell Banker Harbour Realty; OVM Financial; Taylor Bank; Virginia Tourism Corporation; Chesapeake Outdoor LLC; Chincoteague Island Arts Organization; Comfort Suites; Dockside Properties LLC; Goldsborough's Marine; A&N Electric Cooperative; Ginsberg, Nottingham & Mapp; Ray's Shanty; Sea Shell Motel Inc; Seaside Vacations LLC; AARD-ALLTUF Screenprinting & Embroidery; Capt. Zack's Seafood Carryouts; Don's Seafood Restaurant; Jack Tarr Electrical Contractor; Steamer's Seafood Restaurant; Sysco Eastern Maryland LLC; Watson Gas.

Hospitality vendors include Bath Fitter, Chincoteague Island House of Jerky, Chincoteague Island KOA, Fairfield Inn & Suites Chincoteague, The Ropewalk, GSB Media, Herl's Bath & Tile Solutions, Island Queen Apiary, Mudboy Guitar Works, LuLaRoe Ashley Donovan, LuLaRoe Cindy Ott, Maui Jack's.

Arts & Crafts vendors are Bead-a-licious by Crystal Fairy & Barb Prevento; Blackway Boat Models by Bruce Blackway; Carol's Creative Crafts by Carol Brooks; Designs by Deena LLC by Deena Greenwood; Fahnestock Hairclips by Lisa Fahnestock; Howl Naturale by Inge Veneziano; Kathy Stuart; Lauri Fisher; Rustic & Rescued by Kelly Majerus; The Doll Closet by Linda Redmond; Ocean Blue Jewels by Dee Shannon.

After the Festival, enjoy "Chinco de Mayo" sponsored by the Museum of Chincoteague Island, 7125 Maddox Blvd. (www.chincoteaguemuseum.com) beginning at 5:00 p.m. It's a full day of fun in Chincoteague Island.

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