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## 92nd Annual Pony Auction Shatters Record

**Story and Photos by Krystle Bono**

Every year, the Chincoteague ponies make their aquatic trek from Assateague Island to Chincoteague for the annual auction, which takes place Thursday mornings during Pony Penning week. Held at the carnival grounds, the proceeds benefit the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company, who manage and oversee the well-being of the beloved, historic herd.

The auction serves as population control, and draws thousands from across the country since its inception in 1925. Made famous by Marguerite Henry's "Misty of Chincoteague," the event gives the four-legged island natives an opportunity to spread their roots, while keeping the wild herd's numbers from becoming too large.

This year, the 92nd bidding race tallied a record-breaking \$209,900 in sales, shattering the previous record of \$179,700 that was set roughly 10-11 years ago, according to Chincoteague vice mayor and fire company member Denise Bowden.

The first of the 62 foals to be presented for auction was a 3-month-old palomino colt with striking white stockings and a star, which sold for \$4,200.

A 4-month-old buckskin and white pinto colt was the first buyback pony, who went to the Chincoteague Legacy Group, with a winning bid of \$8,400.

This year, the auction consisted of 10 buyback ponies; two colts and eight fillies, chosen by the fire com-



**The first foal of the morning, 3-month-old palomino and white colt, is presented to the large crowd during the 92nd Annual Pony Auction July 25, on the Chincoteague carnival grounds.**

pany to replenish the herd. The ten made the swim back with the rest of the herd to Assateague, where they will remain. Winning bidders do, however, get naming rights.

Also among the ponies were what the announcer referred to as "fall pick-ups"; those foals that are only weeks old, and are not old enough to be weaned from their mothers. They will also return to Assateague with the herd until the set fall pick-up date of Oct. 14.

A little 1-month-old palomino and white filly would mark the first fall-

pick up to be presented to the crowd.

The second buyback of the day, a six-week-old filly, benefitted the Kiwanis Club and sold for \$7,100.

A buyback palomino filly sold to the Chincoteague Legacy Group, marking the highest sale of the day at \$15,000.

The Feather Fund aided Alyssa Jastram of Ridgely, Md., and Kensington Nelson of Monterey, Ca., in fulfilling their dreams of owning their own Chincoteague ponies.

Jastram was the highest bidder on a chestnut and white pinto filly out

of CJ Sammin', who she has named Alyssa's Blissful Dream, known as Dreamer in the barn.

Nelson won a bay and white pinto colt out of Cody Two Socks, who she's named Copper's High Tide, or Bongo, for short.

One of the most memorable, "awe" moments of the day was when five-year-old Austyn Mae Manning won a 3-month-old liver chestnut filly by Riptide and Lyra's Vega. Cheers – and tears – erupted throughout the crowd when it was announced that Manning was the winning bidder. She made her way to the booth to settle up, escorted by her father, clutching a Mason jar filled with money she had been saving over the last year in order to buy her very own Chincoteague Pony.

Manning's father, Adrian, explained that his daughter saved a combination of mostly pennies, giving her a total of \$50 to put towards a pony.

She named her, Sandy, formally known as Fleck of Island Sand. Sandy will not have to travel far, as the family resides in Zuni, Va., and also own another Chincoteague pony named Salty.

Sometimes, people come to watch the auction without the intention of purchasing a pony; however, there are instances when a special one comes along that causes an unplanned buy, which is the case for Alyvia Davis' family from New Hampshire.

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Davis, who states they own two horses and a pony, were vacationing on the Island for the week, and could not resist the opportunity to get a Chincoteague pony. Davis rides horses in local 4-H shows, and is now the proud owner of a chestnut and white filly.

Another family from Indiana bought their first auction pony, a 3.5-month-old chestnut and white pinto filly, to add to their barn.

Each buyer got a bag full of horse-related items and coupons for their new pony, and foals were able to be hauled home beginning July 28, in approved trailers.

Just before 11:30 a.m. the last pony of the morning, a 3-month old filly, also a buyback, sold for \$9,000.

The lowest price recorded was \$1,100, with the average of \$3,400 a foal – an increase of \$741 – to last year's average of \$2,659 over 57 ponies sold.

The Chincoteague Legacy Group holds the highest bid record at \$25,000, which was recorded last year on their buyback pony.



**5-year-old Austyn Mae Manning holds her Mason jar of money she saved with hopes of purchasing her very own Chincoteague Pony. She ended up the highest bidder of a 3-month-old filly she has named, Sandy.**



**The sixth buy-back pony, a 7-week-old filly, looks at the crowd of people that gathered for the annual auction to benefit the Chincoteague Fire Company.**



**Pictured from L - R: Rachel Lewis, Alyvia Davis and Aubree Lewis, of New Hampshire, were visiting the Island when they decided to purchase one of the Chincoteague foals.**



**Auction goers watch the adult ponies graze behind the Chincoteague carnival grounds at the conclusion of the 92nd annual auction, which raised a record-breaking \$209,900.**





## Pony Auction Photos by Krystle Bono



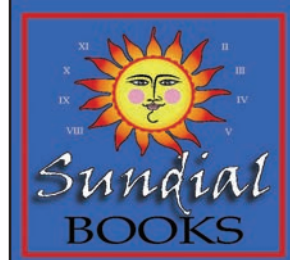
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## **Friday, Aug. 4, Friday, Aug. 11:**

*Rocketry*, 2 p.m., approximately 30 minutes, all ages welcome, NASA visitor center, [www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter](http://www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter)

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

## **Saturday, Aug. 5:**

*Free Kids Art Class*, 1 - 2 p.m., all supplies provided, Chincoteague Cultural Alliance Community Center for the Arts, 6309 Church Street, [ChincoteagueCulturalAlliance.org](http://ChincoteagueCulturalAlliance.org)

*The Waterman's Daughter*, 8 p.m., tickets are \$12 at the door, or \$10 each in advance and can be purchased at Sundial Books (cash or check) or online at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com), a one-woman musical set in 1898, 6309 Church Street, [ChincoteagueCulturalAlliance.org](http://ChincoteagueCulturalAlliance.org)

## **Saturday, Aug. 5, Wednesday, Aug. 9, Saturday, Aug. 12:**

*Chincoteague Island Farmer & Artisan Market*, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., 6309 Church Street, [ChincoteagueCulturalAlliance.org](http://ChincoteagueCulturalAlliance.org)

## **Saturday, Aug. 5, Saturday, Aug. 12:**

*Imagination Playground*, 11 a.m., approximately 60 minutes, geared toward ages 4 - 9, NASA Visitor Center, [www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter](http://www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter)

*Peculiar Planet*, 2 p.m., approximately 15 minutes, all ages welcome, NASA Visitor Center, [www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter](http://www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter)

## **Sunday, Aug. 6:**

*Kitchen Gallery*, 3 - 5 p.m., 6309 Church Street, [ChincoteagueCulturalAlliance.org](http://ChincoteagueCulturalAlliance.org)

## **Monday, Aug. 7:**

*Take A Kid Fishing Day*, meet at 8 a.m. for boarding at Curtis Merritt Harbor, fish until approximately 10:30 am, children ages 7 - 13, cookout will be held after the catch is cleaned, LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE, sign up by Aug 3, call Captain Gerry Ryan at 757-894-1398.

## **Tuesday, Aug 8:**

*Tuesday Nights at the Museum: Where Island Tales Are Told*, 7 p.m., \$4 admission for adults, free admission for children 12 & under, active military and

museum members, 7125 Maddox Blvd, [ChincoteagueMuseum.com](http://ChincoteagueMuseum.com)

## **Wednesday, Aug. 9:**

*Engineering Challenge*, 2 p.m., pre-registration begins at 1 p.m. at the Visitor Center front desk, approximately 60 minutes, recommended for ages 6 and up, NASA Visitor Center, [www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter](http://www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter)

*Game Night*, 6 - 8 p.m., \$3 per person or \$8 per family, 757-336-0614, The Chincoteague Center, 6155 Community Drive, [thechincoteaguecenter.com](http://thechincoteaguecenter.com)

## **Thursday, Aug 10:**

*Tales 4 Tots - Bugs*, 10 a.m., stories, songs, finger plays and crafts, ages 2 - 5, The Chincoteague Island Library, 4077 Main Street

*Young Explorers - Insects in the Garden (Accomack Master Gardener)*, 10 a.m., special informative programs for ages 6 - 10, The Annex (across from the library, next door to the Island Theatre)

*Movies in the Park: Bend It Like Beckham*, free outdoor film at Robert Reed Downtown Waterfront Park, film begins at dusk, popcorn and cold drinks at old-fashioned prices, in case of rain film shown at CCA Headquarters, 6309 Church Street, [ChincoteagueCulturalAlliance.org](http://ChincoteagueCulturalAlliance.org)

## **Friday, Aug. 11:**

*The Eastern Shore of VA Historical Society presents Tarrant at Music on the Lawn*, 5:30 p.m., cash bar and onsite concessions, free and open to the public, 757-787-8012, Historic Ker Place, 69 Market Street, Onancock, [shorehistory.org](http://shorehistory.org)

## **Saturday, Aug. 12:**

*2nd Saturday Artful Flea*, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., 6309 Church Street, [ChincoteagueCulturalAlliance.org](http://ChincoteagueCulturalAlliance.org)

*2nd Saturday Art Stroll*, 5 - 8 p.m., array of special events and a Scavenger Hunt at participating galleries and shops on Main Street and Maddox Boulevard

*Astronomy & Night Sky Summer Series-Perseid Meteor Shower Night*, 7 - 10 p.m., free and open to the public (refuge entrance fees still apply), Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, [www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter](http://www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter)

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



# Day Trips and Side Trips Around the Eastern Shore

**Friday, Aug. 4:**

Live Show - Comedian Ian Bagg, 7:30 - 10:30 p.m., tickets \$15, The Palace Theatre, 305 Mason Ave, Cape Charles, [www.artsentercapecharles.org/event](http://www.artsentercapecharles.org/event)

**Friday, Aug. 4 - Saturday, Aug. 5:**

Great Pocomoke Fair, Pocomoke Fairgrounds

**Friday, Aug. 4 - Wednesday, Aug. 9:**

Movie: *Despicable Me 3*, Aug. 4, Aug. 5, Aug. 9 at 7 p.m., Aug. 6 at 4 p.m., adults \$9, seniors \$8, children (12 and under) \$7.50, Roseland Theatre, 48 Market Street, Onancock, [www.roselandonancock.com](http://www.roselandonancock.com)

**Sunday, Aug. 6:**

Live FREE Music: The Richard Williams Trio Band, 3 - 5 p.m., The Palace Theatre, 305 Mason Ave, Cape Charles, [www.artsentercapecharles.org/event](http://www.artsentercapecharles.org/event)

**Tuesday, Aug. 8 - Wednesday, Aug. 9:**

Rural Health is holding *Special Back to School Days!*, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., physicals, immunizations, and free dental screenings available, please call to make an appointment, 757-787-7374, Onley Community Health Center, [esrh.org](http://esrh.org)

**Thursday, Aug. 10:**

Documentary: *The Grateful Dead Movie (1997)*, 7 - 9 p.m., \$5 at the door, The Palace Theatre, 305 Mason Ave, Cape Charles, [www.artsentercapecharles.org/event](http://www.artsentercapecharles.org/event)

Movie: *A United Kingdom*, 8 p.m., admission by subscription or \$8 at the box office, Roseland Theatre 48 Market Street, Onancock, [www.roselandonancock.com](http://www.roselandonancock.com)

**Friday, Aug. 11:**

Documentary: *The Last Boat Out with Laura Seltzer-Duny*, 7 - 9 p.m., \$5 at the door, The Palace Theatre, 305 Mason Ave, Cape Charles, [www.artsentercapecharles.org/](http://www.artsentercapecharles.org/)

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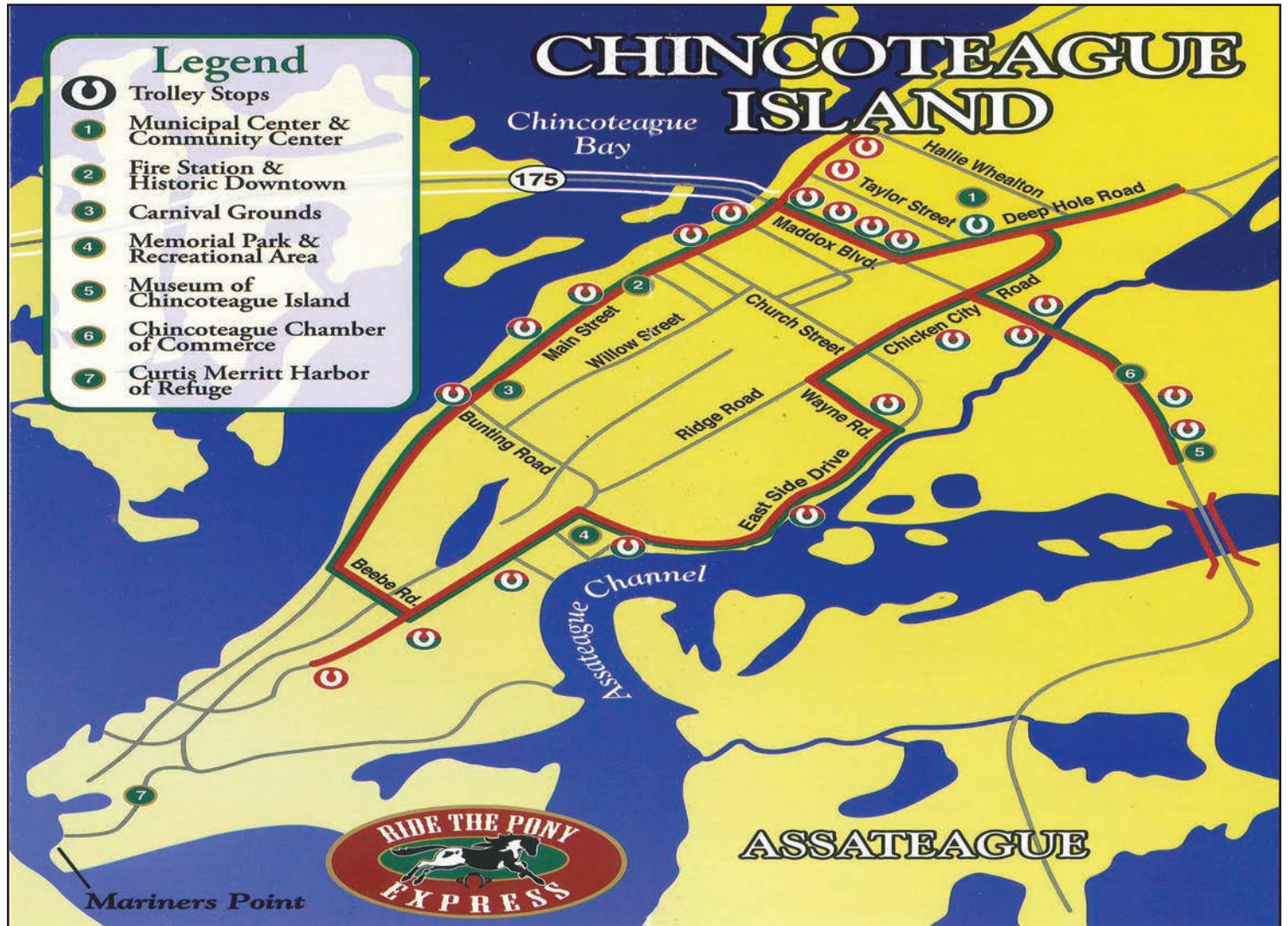
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GREEN ROUTE: Designated "Free Rides" courtesy of the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce												Carnival*, Pony Swim, Pony Auction, Pony Swim Back Extended Hours											
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OCTOBER: 7th - Oyster Fest - 10am - 10:30pm (Ride free 10am - 5pm)												JULY: 27th - Pony Auction - 7am - 1pm**      28th - Pony Swim Back - 6am - 1pm**											
												** Last Call for Trolley during Carnival is 11:00pm											

**ROUTE DAYS OF OPERATION**

- The **Green Route** will run the 3rd of June, and will run continuously June 6th through September 9th. The **Green Route** route will be run Friday and Saturday, starting September 15th through October 14th.
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# Serving up the Shore Preview

**By Amanda Mehall**

A plate full of crab meat topped with cilantro cream and queso cheese accompanied by a side tomato roasted beet salad await you at the dinner table this August. Leading up to the variety of entrees, sink your teeth into one-of-a-kind appetizers such as fresh, compressed cantaloupe garnished with shallot marmalade and spiced pecan Florentine or scotch eggs with sofrito mustard. Lastly, satisfy your sweet tooth with sourdough bread pudding with blackberries and caramel served over goat milk ice cream for dessert.

Chincoteague Bay Field Station (CBFS) will host its third annual farm-to-table dinner, *Serving up the Shore*, on August 18, and tickets are on sale now. Distinguished chefs Jason Van Marter, owner of the café

The Local, Amy Brandt, of Amy B Catering, and Rosie Moot, co-owner of Pico Taqueria will prepare a multi course dinner consisting entirely of local meat and produce from farms across the Delmarva Peninsula.

“The chefs tour the farms and get to know what they have to offer,” said Elise Trelegan, event founder and CBFS interim executive director. She explained how the chefs craft the menu based off of each farm’s specialty.

Ten farms, as well as the Bakery at Riverside Farm, Eastern Shore Coastal Roasting Co. and Dogfish Head Brewery will donate all of the food and beverages such as clams and oysters, locally raised pork and lamb, and sustainably harvested in-season fruits and vegetables.

“This year’s menu is more creative

and cutting edge than years before,” Trelegan said.

This gourmet meal celebrates the bountiful harvest produced by the Eastern Shore, but also serves as a fundraiser to help continue to provide environmental education to all ages.

One program in particular that will benefit from *Serving up the Shore*’s profits is Shore People Advancing Readiness for Knowledge (SPARK).

Trelegan described SPARK as a free, intergenerational program that provides the people of Accomack County with reading, math and science education, as well as quality educational family experiences.

“SPARK really teaches parents to learn with their kids,” Trelegan said.

SPARK brings families together to engage in environmental science on a local level, such as testing water quality in nearby creeks, and to go on outdoor excursions like fishing

and camping.

An Environmental Protection Agency grant largely funds SPARK, however, the grant will expire this November.

“Hopefully [*Serving up the Shore*] will carry SPARK through next year along with some supplemental grants,” Trelegan said.

Trelegan added that SPARK needs the funds to continue to provide transportation and supplies to SPARK families and to continue going on field trips.

The full menu for *Serving up the Shore* and tickets are available at [www.cbfieldstation.org/serving-up-the-shore.html](http://www.cbfieldstation.org/serving-up-the-shore.html) and updates are posted on its Facebook page, Chincoteague Bay Field Station, and Twitter @CB-FieldStation.

“People really look forward to having a really unique culinary experience because there’s nothing else like this on the Eastern Shore,” Trelegan said.



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## Chincoteague Kids Fishing Day Slated

The Chincoteague Island Charter Boat Association is hosting a Kid Fishing Day Monday, Aug. 7, from 8 a.m. until about noon. The charter captains of the island would like to take Chincoteague area children ages 7-13 on their boats to enjoy a morning of fishing and to learn about navigation and boat safety.

Registration deadline is Aug. 4; preregistration is required and there are only a few spots left. There will be lunch provided and all participating kids will receive a gift.

For more information, call 757-894-1398.

## Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Annual Pass Photo Contest

Calling all amateur photographers! It's that time of year again to show us

the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge through your eyes. We want your amazing photos of the refuge; images that highlight the best of the scenic landscapes, precious wildlife and small wonders which we all cherish. Your picture may be the next winner of the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Annual Pass Photo Contest.

Starting Aug. 15, you can submit a photo that you have taken on the refuge over the past two years. Entries will be accepted until the close of business on Oct. 6. Please do not submit images of the lighthouse, ponies, bald eagles or monarch butterflies because they were featured in recent winning images.

This year, voting will be done in two stages. Refuge staff will select the top five photos that capture the essence of our island. Local community leaders will pick a winner from these finalists, which will be announced on Oct. 20. The winning image will be featured on the front of the 2018 Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Annual Pass.

Are you ready to get started? Grab your cameras, visit the refuge and

start capturing memories. You can also head to our website for contest rules and entry form at [www.fws.gov/refuge/Chincoteague](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Chincoteague)

## Summer Astronomy Night at the Beach Features Perseid Meteor Shower

NASA's Wallops Flight Facility's Visitor Center and the Delmarva Space Sciences Foundation will host the final Astronomy and Night Sky Summer Series on the Virginia end of Assateague Island National Seashore on Saturday, Aug. 12, for the observation of the Perseid meteor shower.

Kim Check, the NASA Visitor Center manager, said, "The Perseid meteor shower is created when the Earth passes through the remnants of the comet Swift-Tuttle every August. We are excited to be able to have this occur during an astronomy night on the beach."

The event will begin with an As-

tronomer 101 presentation at the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Herbert H. Bateman Education Center Auditorium at 7:30, 8:00, and 8:30 p.m., followed by night sky observations through telescopes and binoculars at the north end of the beach parking lot #1. In addition to the featured meteor shower, participants can view Jupiter, Saturn, the Milky Way Galaxy and the Andromeda Galaxy through telescopes provided by the Delmarva Space Sciences Foundation.

The event is free and open to the public. The auditorium presentations will occur regardless of weather, however, the telescope viewing is subject to cancellation due to inclement weather. Park entrance fees apply.

This series is a collaboration between Assateague Island National Seashore, Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, Delmarva Space Sciences Foundation and the NASA Wallops Flight Facility's Visitor Center.

For more information about the event or the visitor center, call 757-824-1344 or visit <http://www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter>

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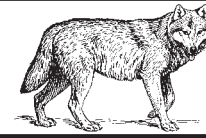
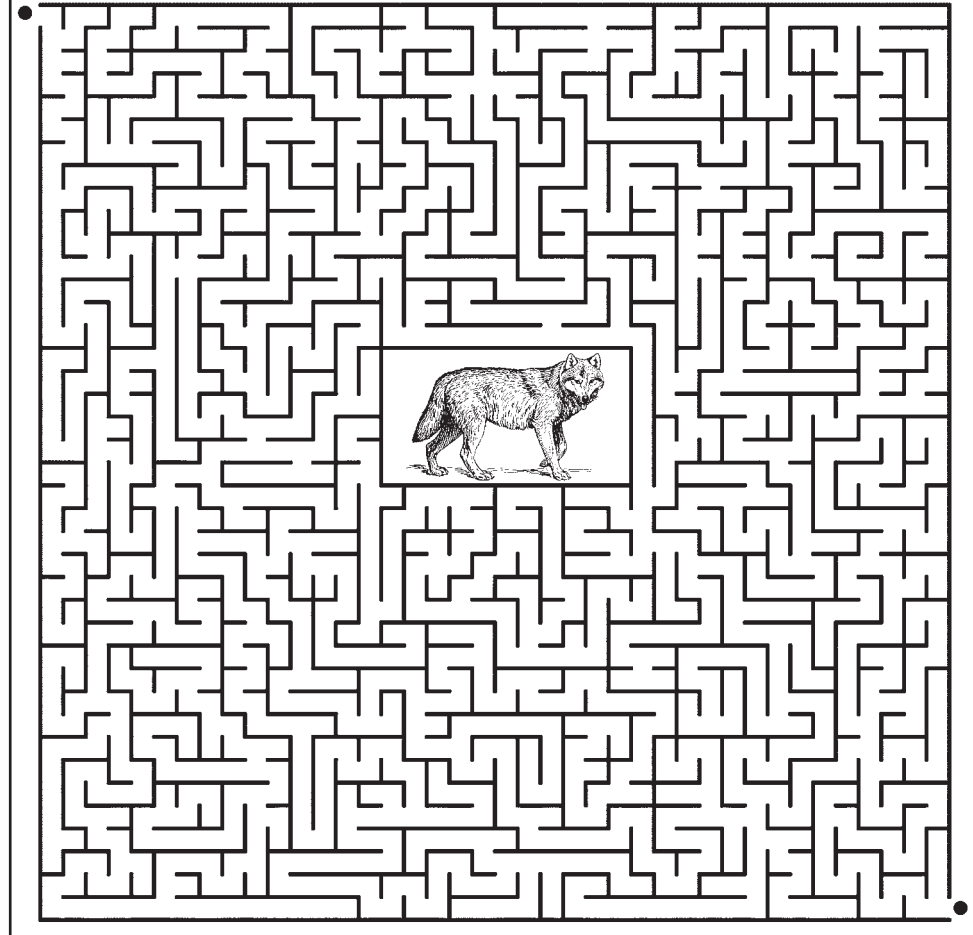
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| 1 Flag supporter             | 56 Marketing news mag          | 97 Regal Norse name               | 1 Rabbit's feet                           | 35 Detached, as a coupon        | 80 Actor Aidan                |
| 5 Coen of film               | 57 Big name in electric razors | 100 End of the riddle             | 2 Ellen who was the first Latina in space | 40 Went flat                    | 81 Country's Crystal          |
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| 15 Melville mariner          | 59 "Blue" singer               | 108 A, in Acapulco                | 4 Honor                                   | 42 "Watch out!"                 | 83 Mount                      |
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| 21 "Odyssey" enchantress     | 62 Drop off                    | 111 Author — Stanley Gardner      | 7 Just so-so                              | 47 Wall St. intro               | 86 Hershey's toffee bar       |
| 22 Woman of rank             | 65 Unit of corn                | 112 Country singer — Keith        | 8 1999-2004 Oldsmobiles                   | 48 Singer Lana — Rey            | 92 Urge                       |
| 23 Start of a riddle         | 66 Riddle, part 4              | 113 Riddle's answer               | 9 Aboriginal                              | 50 D.C. bigwig                  | 94 "Son of —!"                |
| 26 "... — it just me?"       | 71 — Lingus                    | 114 "Later!"                      | 10 Autumn mo.                             | 51 Common bowling game          | 95 "Shame!"                   |
| 27 Painful spots             | 72 "Dr." of rap                | 115 "Star Trek" officer           | 11 — mignon                               | 52 Seep out                     | 96 "Happy Endings" actress    |
| 28 Literary Leon             | 73 Writer Fleming              | 116 British conservative          | 12 Insolent                               | 53 Sardonic                     | 98 New — (Enya, e.g.)         |
| 29 Subj. for U.S. immigrants | 74 Spud state                  | 121 Forecaster                    | 13 "Green" product sticker                | 54 Intel chip brand             | 99 Obsess (on)                |
| 30 Horseshoe-shaped iron bar | 75 Plane path                  | 122 "Bleeding Love" singer        | 14 Ump's cousin                           | 55 Result of excessive teasing? | 101 Bill settler              |
| 31 Riddle, part 2            | 77 Boom maker                  | 123 Volga native                  | 15 Baked brick                            | 56 Guy doll                     | 102 "That Night —" (old film) |
| 36 Bit of legend             | 78 Obtain                      | 124 Farm females                  | 16 Last Anglo-Saxon king of England       | 61 Playbill info                | 103 1800s veep                |
| 37 Transmit                  | 81 Hotel room                  |                                   | 17 Umpteen                                | 62 Lessen                       | 104 Scoff at                  |
| 38 Showy scarf               | 82 Riddle, part 5              |                                   | 18 Oscar category for "Let It Go"         | 63 Fit in                       | 105 U-shaped river bend       |
| 39 Italian "God"             | 87 Fed a line                  |                                   | 24 Early Bill Cosby series                | 64 Starr of old comics          | 106 Black, in Lille           |
| 40 Cry loudly                | 88 Old-time actress            |                                   | 25 "The end — sight"                      | 67 Scary snake                  | 107 Bill blockers             |
| 43 Singer Smith              | 89 Blue yonder                 |                                   | 30 Stage legend                           | 68 Actress Falco                | 111 Bill blockers             |
| 45 Less bold                 | 90 Links org.                  |                                   | 31 Hagen                                  | 69 Fix, as socks                | 113 — -Mart                   |
| 48 "Misled" singer           | 91 Suffix with 121-Across      |                                   | 32 "No worries"                           | 70 Sharpens                     | 114 Simile center             |
| Celine                       | 92 "Sure"                      |                                   | 33 Burn black                             | 76 Bridal vow                   | 115 Italian monk              |
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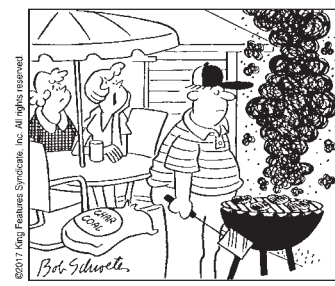
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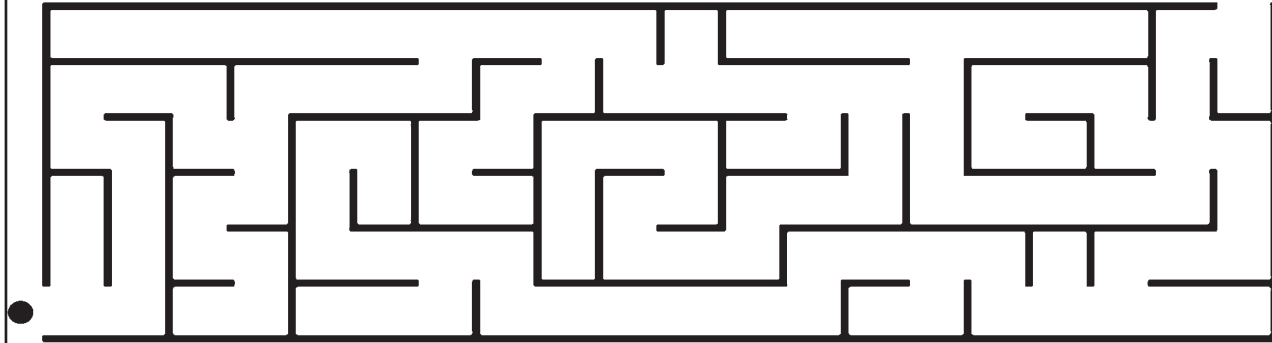
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# Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

## RIDDLE SEARCH – EXOTIC FLOWERS

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: **What is the fiercest flower?**

- ASTER
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- IRIS
- JASMINE
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Riddle answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. GEOGRAPHY: Which is the largest of the U.S. National Parks?
2. MYTHOLOGY: Whose kidnapping was said to trigger The Trojan War?
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7. MUSIC: What pop-music star sang the theme song "Nobody Does It Better" in the James Bond movie "The Spy Who Loved Me"?
8. SCIENCE: Who developed the Periodic Table of Elements?
9. ANATOMY: How many pints of blood are in the human body?
10. LANGUAGE: What is noteworthy about the word "facetiously"?

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- order
1. Wrangell-St. Elias in Alaska (over 8 million acres)
  2. Helen
  3. Malala Yousafzai, at age 17
  4. "Die Hard"
  5. MXV
  6. Chefs
  7. Carly Simon
  8. Dmitri Mendeleev
  9. About 10
  10. It uses all vowels in alphabetical order
- Answers**



# "Hot" Business Marks 20th Year

## Submitted Article and Photos

Tucked back on a quiet side street just off Main on Chincoteague Island, is Hot Stuff!, "The Hottest Little Shop on Chincoteague."

Once described as a "quirky little shop," Hot Stuff! is marking its 20th season this year. The store is operated by Guy Grover, his sister, Mary Lou Lynn, and her husband, Court. The Lynns recently retired after 32 years of running Muller's Ice Cream Parlor which now allows them to focus more on the hot sauce business.

Starting out in 1998 with just 200 kinds of hot sauce, the business has grown from selling mostly "novelty" type sauces like Crazy Jerry's, Toad Sweat, and Mad Dog Inferno to a more sophisticated gourmet special-

ty food shop which now offers over 500 kinds of hot sauce as well as a variety of salsas, mustards, BBQ sauces, spicy snack mixes, hot honey, jams, dry rubs, and Bloody Mary Mixes.

One highlight is the "Wall of Flame" - a selection of searing hot sauces made from Ghost, Trinidad Scorpion, and Carolina Reaper peppers. The shop sells seven varieties of their own Chincoteague Island Sauces including Wild Pony Hot Sauce and the newest one, smokey Hot Stuff Chipotle sauce.

Grover and the Lynns would like to thank all of their loyal "chilie-head" customers for making Hot Stuff! a such a great success, saying, "Hot Stuff! has something for everyone!"



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## Merritt Recieves Special 90th Birthday Gift From Town of Chincoteague

### Submitted Article

Chincoteague Island's Vice Mayor Denise Bowden presents a letter of proclamation from the Town of Chincoteague to Mrs. Helen P. Merritt, in celebration of her 90th birthday.

A party was held in Merritt's honor on Sunday, July 23, where friends and family gathered to celebrate the occasion. Merritt has been a huge asset to the town, promoting the island over the years and continues to work in her Pony Penning Enterprises office every day in the summer.

"Wish we had more like her. Kind and helpful but also a lil' spitfire. You always know where you stand with her," says Bowden, who affectionately calls Mrs. Merritt, "Mom-Mom Helen."

"I'm good friends with Mom Mom Helen's granddaughter, so it was just natural for me to call her Mom-Mom when I'm around her, and she doesn't mind that I do. She is one good lady and I'm blessed to know her."



### Submitted Photo

96.5 CTG, WOW 101.5 and a handful of community-focused businesses created a PonyVision video providing detailed information, as well as past video and pictures from Pony Swims of the last 91 years, to help guide tourists for this year's events. As part of that project, each business also contributed toward a \$2,000 donation to the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company's new building fund. Skip Dixon and Greg Bojko from GSB Media presented the donation check to Denise Bowden of the Chincoteague Fire Company, on stage at the Firemen's Carnival on Pony Swim night.

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## Fishing from the Shore

By Bill Hall



After spending several weeks in the oceanfront waters off Virginia Beach and outside the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay, Spanish mackerel have finally moved inside the bay with catches being made along the edges of the Baltimore Channel last weekend.

A nice influx of croakers finally showed up in the waters off Kiptopeke last weekend. Let's hope they have moved up the bay far enough to be in range for the fleet of boats fishing in the Croaker Classic on Saturday, Aug. 5th, out of Onancock.

It is time for large red drum to make their late summer appearance along the channel edge from Cape Charles north to the mouth of Occohannock Creek.

**Chincoteague** – Captain Bob's Marina reported that croaker have been unusually scarce so far this year, however, kingfish (whiting) have replaced the missing croaker niche nicely. The top location for kingfish catches continues to be just inside of the inlet. At the mouth of the inlet and just beyond, sharks continue to be the primary quarry, with Atlantic finetooth sharks being the most numerous specie. There is a strict limit of one finetooth shark per boat. Other available species include bonnetheads, sandbars and sandtigers. After windy conditions produced a lot of muddy water last weekend, flounder fishing improved the early part of this week.

Flounder catches were coming from the waters of the Assateague Channel, with the areas in front of Memorial Park and Tom's Cove Campground, the most often mentioned locations. The best flounder rig for this location has been the traditional high/low rig, with a bullminnow or Gulp Swimming Mullet on the bottom hook, and a strip of squid/minnow combination on the top hook. Chincoteague Channel continues to produce mostly undersized flounder, with the northern portion of the chan-

nel seemingly containing a few larger fish. The section stretching from in front of the American Legion building north to the causeway continues to be your best shot at a keeper flatfish.

Jimmy, from Captain Steve's Bait & Tackle, added that undersized black sea bass, croaker, pigfish and flounder were being pulled in from the local docks. Spot and kingfish were providing action for anglers fishing from the beach, using bloodworms and Fish Bites for bait. The deep-water offshore wrecks are producing some of the biggest black sea bass catches of the year. Some large sharks are being caught by anglers chumming in some of the inshore deeper holes.

**Wachapreague** – Captain Lindsay Paul, at Trident Bait & Tackle, reported that there were a few king mackerel, tuna and dolphin scattered around the 21 and 26 Mile Hills. Tuna and at least one wahoo were caught over the area known as the Lumpy Bottom. A blue marlin release was registered as part of the Eastern Shore Marlin Club's Annual Billfish Release Tournament, although Paul did not have the final results available when I called. Inside the inlet, a few flounder were being caught, but Paul described the keeper ratio as "not too sporty!" A lot of the throwbacks have been in the 10-inch range, far below the minimum legal length of 17 inches. The traditionally dependent flounder fishing along the offshore wrecks had also become inconsistent recently.

**Lower Shore** – Mark, at Chris' Bait & Tackle, reported "decent" croaker catches off Kiptopeke, where mullet (whiting) catches were also being made. Cobia catches continue to be on the downswing, with most remaining fish being on the small side. The shop has not weighed in a citation cobia in more than a week. Best action on the cobia stretched from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel up to Buoy 36-A. Spanish mackerel catches

came from the Baltimore Channel and spadefishing has been good around the bridge's fourth island. Flounder fishing has slowed, with the best action coming from the highrise section of the bridge-tunnel, as well as the little bridge connecting Fisherman's Island. A few red drum citation releases have come from anglers fishing in the evening over Nautilus Shoals. Anglers had tried tarpon fishing out of Oyster, but no releases were reported. Small croaker catches were being made out off Oyster.

**Northern Bayside** – Captain Matt Abell, of Sea Hawk Sports Center, was excited about the arrival of Spanish mackerel inside the Chesapeake Bay. He also reported that the first red drum of the season have been caught off of Bayford. Abell said that his trips were still producing a few flounder during the last half of the flood (incoming) tide. The rail cars off Chincoteague have been hit or miss for flounder, with 3-4 ounce Spro bucktails, and either 6-inch Gulps, 6-inch Jerk Shads or 5-inch Swimming Mullet. Pocomoke Sound was producing primarily spot and small speckled trout. Larger speckled trout were being caught around the Tangier target ships, where nice-sized sheepshead were a welcome by-catch.

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



*Photo by Bill Hall*  
Croakers will be the targeted specie this weekend in a tournament out of Onancock.



*Photo Courtesy of Captain Steve's Bait and Tackle*  
Roy Sylvester proves that keeper flounder can be caught off the many docks around Chincoteague.



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		Pungoteague Creek	H 9:53 a.m. L 4:04 p.m.	H 10:38 a.m. L 4:48 p.m.	H 11:19 a.m. L 5:30 p.m.	H 11:59 a.m. L 6:11 p.m.	H 12:37 p.m. L 6:47 a.m.	H 1:16 p.m. L 7:23 a.m.	H 1:55 p.m. L 8:01 a.m.
		Nassawadox	H 8:38 a.m. L 2:26 p.m.	H 9:23 a.m. L 3:10 p.m.	H 10:04 a.m. L 3:52 p.m.	H 10:44 a.m. L 4:33 p.m.	H 11:22 a.m. L 5:14 p.m.	H 12:01 p.m. L 5:55 p.m.	H 12:40 p.m. L 6:23 a.m.
Occohan. Creek		H 9:17 a.m. L 3:44 p.m.	H 10:02 a.m. L 4:28 p.m.	H 10:43 a.m. L 5:10 p.m.	H 11:23 a.m. L 5:51 p.m.	H 12:01 p.m. L 6:32 p.m.	H 12:40 p.m. L 7:03 a.m.	H 1:19 p.m. L 7:41 a.m.	
Cape Charles	H 7:27 a.m. L 1:34 p.m.	H 8:12 a.m. L 2:18 p.m.	H 8:53 a.m. L 3:00 p.m.	H 9:33 a.m. L 3:41 p.m.	H 10:11 a.m. L 4:22 p.m.	H 10:50 a.m. L 5:03 p.m.	H 11:29 a.m. L 5:47 p.m.		
Kiptopeke Beach	H 7:05 a.m. L 1:03 p.m.	H 7:50 a.m. L 1:47 p.m.	H 8:31 a.m. L 2:29 p.m.	H 9:11 a.m. L 3:10 p.m.	H 9:49 a.m. L 3:51 p.m.	H 10:28 a.m. L 4:32 p.m.	H 11:07 a.m. L 5:16 p.m.		

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