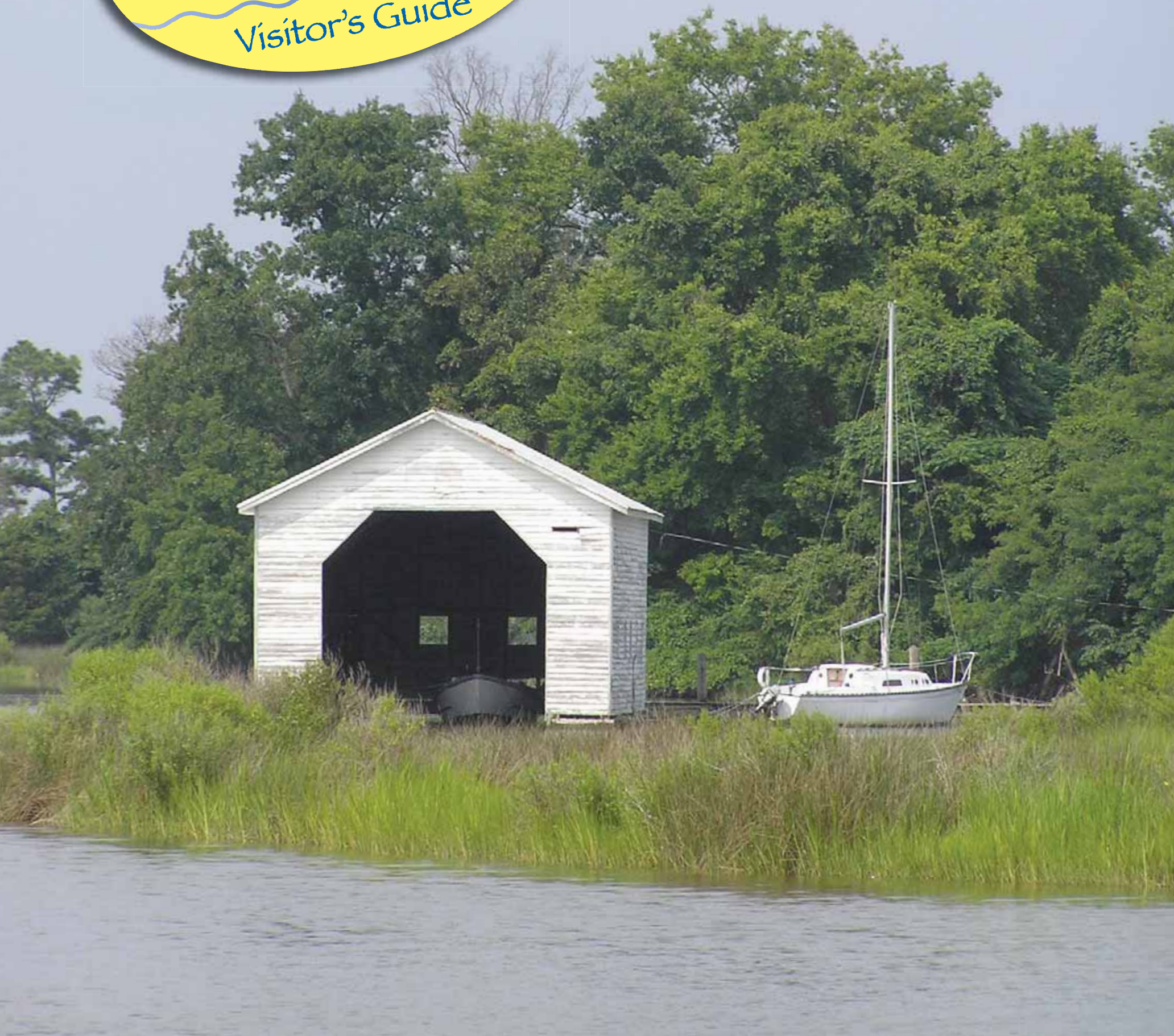


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Ebb & Flow

The Memorial Day weekend marks the approaching end of school and for many the beginning of summer. Public pools open, the beaches fill with sunbathers and fishermen take to the water in search of blues, spot and flounder.

This issue is jam-packed with things to do over the holiday weekend and throughout June. Check out the calendar of events for live music venues, strawberry and antique festival locations and Memorial Day services.

For seafood lovers, Starke Jett follows the soft shell crab from the water to the table with a how-to guide on catching, cleaning and cooking the local delicacy.

Audrey Thomasson goes hunting at Belle Isle State Park as the international geocaching craze comes to the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula. Find out what the fascination is and where local treasures are hidden.

As always, you'll find our extensive dining and recreation guides. This issue also includes the first page of "Rivah Fun" photos submitted by our readers. Look for someone you know having fun at the Rivah, capture those unforgettable moments on your digital camera and email them to us.

The Rivah Crew

We'd love to hear from you.
Write us at Rivah@rrecord.com.



On the Cover

A protected boathouse
on Urbanna Creek.

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Julie H. Burwood

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adj.—rivah: reflecting an attitude indicative of the abundantly pleasant lifestyle in this area.

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Rivah Events



To avoid disappointment, call the numbers where indicated to verify dates and times of events. All area codes are 804 unless otherwise listed.

Friday, May 28

► Full Moon Canoe Trip, 7 p.m. at Belle Isle State Park. Equipment and experienced guide provided. \$6. Reservations required 462-5030.

Saturday, May 29

► Northern Neck Antiques Fair, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Lively. More than 20 antique dealers.

► Recreational Boating Safety Day, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at five locations throughout Middlesex County. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 62 members of Deltaville will answer questions, hand out literature and give free courtesy vessel safety checks. The locations are Urbanna Market, Urbanna; West Marine, Deltaville; Henley's Do-It Center, Hartfield; Food Lion, Saluda; and Big John's on Route 17, Church View. 758-4053.

► Revolutionary War Encampment, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Historic Court Circle, Main Street, Gloucester. Soldiers of the 7th Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line, their families and camp followers interpret camp life during the War for Independence. Black powder firing demonstrations, 18th century pharmacist, and favorite children's games of the period. Bring lawn chairs. 693-0014.

► Stock Car Racing featured at Virginia Motor Speedway on Route 17 at Jamaica in Middlesex County. On-track action begins at 6:30 p.m. with races in several divisions at 8 p.m. 758-1857.

► Courthouse Green Farmers' Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Historic Mathews Court Square. 725-7755.

► Colonial Downs off I-64 in New Kent County will begin its 14th annual thoroughbred race season on Saturday, May 29, and continue through July 21. On Memorial Day weekend races will begin at 12:55 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The regular schedule will be a 4 p.m. start time Monday through Wednesday, and 12:55 p.m. start time Saturdays and Sundays. 804-966-7223.

► Down on the Farm Tour, 9 a.m.-2



RivahFest in Tappahannock on Saturday, June 19, is expected to attract thousands of visitors. A variety of activities will keep all ages busy from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Visit www.rivahfest.com.

p.m. Annual farm awareness tour visits four sites near Warsaw. Sponsored by Tidewater RC&D. Call 443-1118. Pick up a brochure and map at Garner's Produce about 6 miles north of Warsaw on Route 3. Free.

► Invert Alert, 2 p.m. at Belle Isle State Park. Find and discuss invertebrates on the ground, in the air and in the water. \$2 per person/\$6 per family. 462-5030.

► Triple Treat, 7 p.m. at Belle Isle State Park. Paddle, hayride and campfire. Equipment and experienced guide provided. \$10. Reservations required, 462-5030.

► Family Fun Carnival, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at White Stone United Methodist Church, 118 Methodist Church Road. Sponsored by six White Stone churches. Free.

► The Heathsville Strawberry Festival, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church, Heathsville. Artists and crafters will exhibit handmade wares. Strawberries, strawberry shortcake, bake sales, entertainment and lunch on the premises.

► Colonial Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary Breakfast, 8-11 a.m., 224-7750.

Sunday, May 30

► Northern Neck Antiques Fair, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Lively. More than 20 antique dealers.

► Geocaching, 10 a.m. at Belle Isle State Park. \$8 per team. GPS and instruction provided for finding treasures throughout the park. Reservations required, 462-5030.

► Make A Hiking Stick, 2 p.m. at Belle Isle State Park. Free. 462-5030.

Monday, May 31

► Birding by Boat, 7 a.m. at Belle Isle State Park. Equipment and instruction provided. Canoes and tandem kayaks, \$6 per person. Single kayaks, \$10 per person. Reservations required. 462-5030.

► Shake and Make Ice Cream, 2 p.m. at Belle Isle State Park. Enjoy homemade ice cream. \$2 per person. 462-5030.

► Annual Memorial Day Ceremony, 9 a.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church, White Chapel Road, west of Lively.

► Annual Memorial Day Service, 11 a.m. at Christ Church, 420 Christ Church Road, Weems.

► Memorial Day Service "at the Cannon" in Colonial Beach, sponsored by the American Legion, call Tommy Edwards, 224-0718.

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Tuesday, June 1

► The Annual Rappahannock Art League Patron's Art Show opens at the Studio Gallery at 19 North Main Street in Kilmarnock. The show continues through June 26.

June 3-5

► Colonial Re-enactment Encampment of colonial-era pirates and ship crews from the Colonial Seaport Foundation at the Deltaville Maritime Museum and Holly Point Nature Park at 287 Jackson Creek Road and on Mill Creek in Deltaville. Living history includes local Native American culture, colonial pit-fired pottery making, apothecary and medical care, mariner skills, weapons firing, knot tying, ship's rigging, aspects of colonial social activities such as games and music, "Skallawag School for Pirates," and seminars and training sessions on all facets of colonial life. Activities for all ages. Free. 776-7200.

Friday, June 4

► First Friday Walkabout, 5-8 p.m.

in Kilmarnock's Steptoe's District. Art and music.

► First Friday Reception, 4-7 p.m. at the Studio Gallery at 19 North Main Street in Kilmarnock, highlights the Patron's Art Show.

► Tall Tales Campfire, 8-9 p.m., at Belle Isle State Park. 462-5030.

► Art on Fishing Bay, 6-9:30 p.m., at Fishing Bay Yacht Club, Deltaville. Over 30 artists featured. Proceeds benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. 627-0400.

► Moonlight Fishing is at Beaverdam Park in Gloucester on the first Friday of the month, May through September, 6 p.m. to midnight. Enter the park at the main entrance at the end of Roaring Springs Road (Rt. 616). 693-2355.

Saturday, June 5

► Colonial Maritime Festival featuring pirates, living history and a Pirate Olympics between reenactment crews, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Deltaville Maritime Museum and Holly Point Nature Park at 287 Jackson Creek Road and on Mill Creek in Deltaville. \$2 admission. Visit deltavilleva.com and click "museumpark." 776-7200.

► A Buccaneer Barbecue, 18th-century style, 6 p.m. at Deltaville Maritime Museum and Holly Point Nature Park at 287 Jackson Creek Road and on Mill Creek in Deltaville. The York River Symphony will perform at 6:30 p.m. and play maritime-themed scores. Tickets are \$10 for barbecue and \$10 to the symphony performance. Visit deltavilleva.com and click "museumpark." 776-7200.

► Croaker Fishing Tournament hosted by the Upper Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department in Water View will be at BEST Boat Yard, Christchurch. Entry fee is \$35 for adults; youth 12 and younger fish for free. Cash prizes. Entry forms due by June 4 at the captain's meeting at Water View Firehouse. 758-0812 or 824-3175.

► Courthouse Green Farmers' Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Historic Mathews Court Square. 725-7755.

► Mathews Countywide Yard Sale sponsored by the Mathews County Visitor & Information Center, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Pick up a county map with directions to the various sites online at www.visitmathews.com.

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Martinis: A Regional Fashion Show, 1-4 p.m. in Main Street Center, Gloucester Court House. Eight boutiques participating. Tickets \$30. 695-0700.

► Irvington Farmers' Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Crafts, foods, vendors.

► Third annual BBQ & Bluegrass, 5-8 p.m. at Roanoke Farm in Heathsville to benefit St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. \$20. Code Blue to perform. All-you-can-eat pork barbecue, hot dogs, beans, slaw, brownies and soft drinks. Wine and beer available. Purchase tickets at ststephensheathsville.org, EVB in Heathsville and Kilmarnock, Bank of Lancaster in Heathsville, and Bank of Essex in Callao and Burgess, or call 724-4238.

► Northern Neck Kayak Festival And Expo, all day at Camp Kekoka on Boys Camp Road near Kilmarnock. Vendors, demonstrations, food, a kayak sailing regatta, poker run, kid's events and fishing tournament. Call 435-6160, or visit kiwsrotary.org for participant applications.

► The Lees & Independence, 3-7 p.m. at Stratford Hall. A variety of children's activities, an encampment and firing demonstrations by the 2nd Virginia, and an appearance by Richard Henry Lee. At 7 p.m., the 380th Army Band will perform on the Great House lawn. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

► Spring on the Plantation, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at George Washington Birthplace National Monument. 18th century activities and demonstrations such as sheep shearing, tobacco planting, fishing and hunting demonstrations, blacksmithing, and open hearth cooking will be offered at Popes Creek Plantation.

► You 2 Can Canoe, 2-4 p.m., at Belle Isle State Park. Equipment and instruction provided. \$5 per person. Reservations recommended, 462-5030.

June 4-6

► Free Fishing Days in Virginia's saltwater and freshwater. No fishing license of any kind will be required. www.mrc.virginia.gov or www.HuntFishVA.com.

June 6-8

► Junior Rangers-Superheroes of Nature, 9-11:45 a.m. at Belle Isle State Park. Discussion and activities introducing children to supernatural power of animals. Ages

5-8. Families welcome. \$5 per day. Advance registration required, 462-5030.

Sunday, June 6

► Birding By Boat, 7 to 9 a.m. at Belle Isle State Park. Equipment and instruction provided. Canoes and tandem kayaks, \$6 per person. Single kayaks, \$10 per person. Reservations required. 462-5030.

► History Lecture: The 1779 Abduction of Robert Carter's Ship, the Atwell. 4 p.m. at Christ Church. Sponsored by the Foundation for Historic Christ Church and Mary Ball Washington Museum and Library Inc. Dr. Albert H. Tillson Jr., author of *Accommodating Revolutions: Virginia's Northern Neck in an Era of Transformation 1760-1810*, will speak about the 1779 abduction of the Atwell and its implications about Revolutionary society. A small group of Tory-supporting Westmoreland residents, British army deserters, and runaway slaves seized the Atwell with its crew, and fled down the Potomac River before being captured at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay.

June 9-13

► Potomac River Firemen's Carnival on Town Hill in Colonial Beach. Jackie Guyer, 224-0021.

June 10-12

► The annual Reedville Fishing Derby opens with a captain's meeting at 8 p.m. June 10. Competition begins Friday and Saturday at 6:30 a.m. A one-day Croaker Jamboree will be held on Friday with an awards ceremony at 7 p.m. The Derby awards ceremony, dinner and party will begin at 5 p.m. June 12. Buzzard's Point Marina is the official host. The Derby and related activities benefit Smith Point Sea Rescue. For registration fees, forms, check in stations and more details, visit SmithPointSeaRescue.com.

Friday, June 11

► Second Friday Art Walk, 6-9 p.m. in Colonial Beach.

► Fireman's Parade in Colonial Beach, 224-7255.

► Storytime Under the Stars Campfire, 8:30-9:30 p.m., at Belle Isle State Park. 462-5030.

► The Ware Academy Golf Classic, noon, Piankatank River Golf Club, Hartfield. 776-6516.

► Designing Women show, 10

a.m.-5 p.m., at Christchurch School. Demonstrations, lectures, exhibit, fashion show, home show, flowers, gardening, good food, and lecture by Suzanne Tucker, a well-known interior designer from San Francisco. Tickets for the entire event are \$50 and available by advance sale only. They are available from any Garden Club of Middle Peninsula member. 776-9541.

June 11-13

► 59th Annual Potomac River Festival in Colonial Beach. Parades, vendors, arts, crafts, games and stage shows. Sponsored by the Colonial Beach Chamber of Commerce. 224-8145.

Saturday, June 12

► A Northern Neck Junior Master Naturalist program begins at Belle Isle State Park, 9 a.m.-noon. The topic is birds. Program is for parents and students in grades 3-6. Program to continue monthly.

► A Northern Neck Junior Master Naturalist program begins at Westmoreland State Park, 9 a.m.-noon. The topic is birds. Program is for parents and students in grades 3-6. Program to continue monthly.

► Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 33 "About Boating Safety," 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Lancaster Community Library. \$25 per student and \$5 for additional family members. Register at 435-2084 or 436-1030.

► Riverball 2010 at Brighton on the East River, 5 p.m. Sponsored by Mathews Main Street Committee. 725-5747.

► Bluegrass Family Day & Fly-In, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Middle Peninsula Regional Airport in Mattaponi.

► Urbanna Farmers' Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in Taber Park on Rappahannock Avenue. Fresh produce, arts, crafts and more. Markets will be held the second Saturday of each month through September. 761-4840.

► Indoor Yard Sale to benefit Hands Across Middlesex and Habitat for Humanity-Middlesex, Through October, 8 a.m.-noon. The sales will be held the 2nd Saturday of the month at The Cryer Center on Route 33, Topping. 758-2044.

► Courthouse Green Farmers' Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Historic Mathews Court Square. 725-7755.

► Stock Car Racing featured at Virginia Motor Speedway on

Route 17 at Jamaica in Middlesex County. On-track action begins at 6:30 p.m. with races in several divisions at 8 p.m. 758-1857.

Sunday, June 13

► Cruise-In 4-6 p.m. Antique, classic and exotic show car event at Chesapeake Commons, Main Street, Kilmarnock.

► Wild About Wetlands Canoe Trip, 10-11:45 a.m. at Belle Isle State Park. Equipment and instruction provided. \$5 per person. Reservations recommended, 462-5030.

► Museum Reception, 5-7 p.m. at the Westmoreland County Museum. Wine, cheese and silent auction. \$15 admission includes a wine glass, a glass of wine and hors d'oeuvres. Advance tickets available at the museum and Carrot Cottage. 493-8440.

June 14-18

► Sportsweek Camp at Aylett Country Day School at Millers Tavern, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., ages 9-14, 443-3214.

► Mathews YMCA Youth Sailing



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Thursday, June 17

► "My Sweet One" 7 p.m. social hour, 8 p.m. curtain, A Brad Stephens play, directed by Rebecca Tebbs Nunn and produced by the Lancaster Players at The Playhouse in White Stone. \$20. Reservations required. Visit lancasterplayers.org, or call 435-3776.

Friday, June 18

► Hayride and Campfire, 8-9:30 p.m. at Belle Isle State Park. \$3 per person. 462-5030
► "My Sweet One" 7 p.m. social hour, 8 p.m. curtain, A Brad Stephens play, directed by Rebecca Tebbs Nunn and produced by the Lancaster Players at The Playhouse in White Stone. \$20. Reservations required. Visit lancasterplayers.org, or call 435-3776.

Saturday, June 19

► RivahFest in Tappahannock, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Variety of bands, arts and crafts, food, house tour, RivahFest Idol competition, children's activities, boat show, car show, merchants market, beer and wine garden, carriage rides, crab races, pageants, river cruises, rubber duck race. Free admission. www.rivahfest.com. 1-888-973-4443.
► Art in the Park at Holly Point Nature Park in Deltaville, featuring artist Kathleen Noffsinger, will involve a one-day, plain air watercolor painting workshop. 776-7191.
► Courthouse Green Farmers' Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Historic Mathews Court Square. 725-7755.
► A Big Bash Classic bass fishing tournament is at Beaverdam Park in Gloucester. 693-2355.
► Mud Bog at Virginia Motor Speedway, 6:30-11 p.m., Route 17 at Jamaica in Middlesex County. 758-1867.
► Wesley Ashberry Twilight 5K Run/Walk, 3-8 p.m., Williams Wharf Landing, Route 614, Mathews. To benefit brain injury survivors. tashberry@rivnet.net.
► Farmers' Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern, Heathsville.
► Grand Ole Osprey Canoe Trip, 10-11:45 a.m. at Belle Isle State Park. Equipment and instruction provided. \$5 per person. Reservations recommended, 462-5030.



First Friday Walkabouts in Kilmarnock's Steptoes District offer streetside entertainment, art, children's activities, photo contests and more. Sponsored by the Lancaster by the Bay Chamber, First Friday Walkabouts are held from 5 to 8 p.m. the first Friday of each month through October. From left, Prentice Creek Players Ed Arrington and Morris Dillingham crank out the bluegrass.

tions recommended, 462-5030.

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► RivahFest Pageant, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., on stage in front of St. Margaret's School on Water Lane, Tappahannock. 1-888-973-4443.
► RivahFest Idol, 1-3 p.m. on stage in front of St. Margaret's School on Water Lane, Tappahannock. 1-888-973-4443.
► Rubber Duck Race, 3 p.m. during RivahFest in Tappahannock. Gather on the riverbank on St. Margaret's campus for the race. Cash prizes. Tickets at www.rivahfest.com. 1-888-973-4443.

Sunday, June 20

► Father's Day Annual Classic Car Festival in Colonial Beach. Co-Sponsored by Colonial Beach Chamber of Commerce. dadsca-show@verizon.net.
► Father's Day Celebration at Westmoreland Berry Farm. 224-9171.
► Father's Day Canoe Trip, 2-4 p.m. at Belle Isle State Park. Equipment and instruction provided. \$5 per person. Reservations recommended, 462-5030.

Monday, June 21

► Invert Alert, 10-11:45 a.m. at Belle Isle State Park. \$2 per person, or \$6 per family. 462-5030.

June 21-25

► Cooking Camp at Aylett Country Day School at Millers Tavern, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., ages 6-16, 443-3214.
► Volleyball Camp at Aylett Country Day School at Millers Tavern, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., ages 9-14, 443-3214.
► Mathews YMCA Teen Sailing Camp, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., ages 13-17, Williams Wharf Landing, Route 614, 725-1488.

June 21-26

► Summer Drama Camp at the Westmoreland Players Theater in Callao. A Missoula Children's Theater workshop open to rising first through 12th graders. \$35 (\$10 per sibling of first child). Applications at westmorelandplayers.org. or call 529-6806.

June 21-Sept. 3

► Middlesex YMCA Summer Camp for ages 4½-12. Youth may come for the entire summer or for certain weeks during the summer. 776-8846 or www.peninsulaymca.org.

Tuesday, June 22

► Make a Hiking Stick, 10-11 a.m. at Belle Isle State Park. 462-5030.
► Middlesex Poets meet the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at the Middlesex County Public Library in Urbanna.

Wednesday, June 23

► Wet And Wild Workshop, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Belle Isle State Park. Educators and others invited to learn about wetlands and water quality. Project Wild >> 8

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Thursday, June 24

- ▶ Junior Sail-A-Thon at Fishing Bay Yacht Club in Deltaville as part of the Southern Chesapeake Leukemia Cup season. 627-0400.
- ▶ Tracks and Scats—Signs of the Times, 10-11:45 a.m. at Belle Isle State Park, \$2 per person, or \$6 per family. 462-5030.
- ▶ “My Sweet One” 7 p.m. social hour, 8 p.m. curtain, A Brad Stephens play, directed by Rebecca Tebbs Nunn and produced by the Lancaster Players at The Playhouse in White Stone. \$20. Reservations required. Visit lancasterplayers.org, or call 435-3776.

Friday, June 25

- ▶ Creatures of the Night Campfire, 8-9 p.m. at Belle Isle State Park. 462-5030.
- ▶ “My Sweet One” 7 p.m. social hour, 8 p.m. curtain, A Brad Stephens play, directed by Rebecca Tebbs Nunn and produced by the Lancaster Players at The Playhouse in White Stone. \$20. Reservations required. Visit lancasterplayers.org, or call 435-3776.
- ▶ Chicken Dinner at the 61st annual Gwynn’s Island Festival in Mathews, 4-7 p.m. at Gwynn’s



The Independence Day celebration at Water View in Middlesex County begins at 4 p.m. The 7:30 p.m. parade in front of the firehouse will feature all types of entries, including patriotic cyclists. “Sweet Justice” will provide the music and the fireworks finale begins at 9 p.m.

Island Civic Center, \$8, 725-9536.

June 25-26

- ▶ Family Boat Building Class at Reedville Fishermen’s Museum. The class starts on Friday with a pile of wood and various hardware and hand tools and concludes on Sunday with each participating group leaving with their own “Mabel Skiff.” By reservations, 453-6529.
- ▶ Weekend Family Adventure Camp at Stratford Hall. Fun edu-

cational activities recommended for children ages 8 to 12 and an accompanying adult relative. \$295 per person including air-conditioned accommodations with private baths and all meals served by the Stratford Dining Room. Reservations only. Contact Bill Doerken at 493-8038 ext. 1026, or 493-7700 (evenings only), bdorken@stratfordhall.org or stratfordhall.org/learn/camps.

June 25-27

- ▶ Father-Son Weekend Camp at Camp Piankatank, Hartfield. www.camppiankatank.org.

Saturday, June 26

- ▶ Kilmarnock Farmers’ Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Towne Center field on North Main Street.
- ▶ Second Annual Kilmarnock Wine Festival, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Kilmarnock Farmers’ Market. \$5 advance, \$47 on market day. Wine tasting, entertainment and a souvenir wine glass (first 250 admissions). Sponsored by the Lancaster By The Bay Chamber. 435-6092.
- ▶ Market Day on Town Hill, Colonial Beach. 224-0021.
- ▶ Full Moon Canoe Trip, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Belle Isle State Park. Equipment and instruction provided. \$6 per person. Reservations recommended, 462-5030.
- ▶ Swing Against Violence, 7th

annual golf tournament to benefit The Haven. \$55 per player includes lunch, cart, beverages, prizes. Mulligans, power shot opportunity and 50/50 raffle will be offered. 8 a.m. registration, 9 a.m. shotgun start at Quinton Oaks Golf Course in Callao. RSVP 333-1099.

- ▶ “My Sweet One” 7 p.m. social hour, 8 p.m. curtain, A Brad Stephens play, directed by Rebecca Tebbs Nunn and produced by the Lancaster Players at The Playhouse in White Stone. \$20. Reservations required. Visit lancasterplayers.org, or call 435-3776.

- ▶ 25th Annual Independence Day Celebration and Parade at the Water View Firehouse will feature arts, crafts, food, a carnival, games and prizes. Activities will begin at 4 p.m., parade at 7:30 p.m., fireworks at 9 p.m. Entertainment by the band “Sweet Justice” before and after the parade. 832-1714.

- ▶ 61st annual Gwynn’s Island Fes-

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tival in Mathews, 9 a.m.-3:45 p.m., Music, food, arts and crafts. Free admission. 725-7577.

► Stock Car Racing featured at Virginia Motor Speedway on Route 17 at Jamaica in Middlesex County. On-track action begins at 6:30 p.m. with races in several divisions at 8 p.m. 758-1857.

► Lower Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Yard Sale, 8 a.m. at Deltaville Firehouse. 776-7993.

► Deltaville Farmers' Market, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Deltaville Maritime Museum at 287 Jackson Creek Road. Over 40 vendors with fresh produce, plants, arts and crafts and much more. For directions by land or sea, call 776-7200.

► Courthouse Green Farmers' Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Mathews Historic Court Square. 725-7755.

► Stock Car Racing featured at Virginia Motor Speedway on Route 17 at Jamaica in Middlesex County. On-track action begins at 6:30 p.m. with races in several divisions at 8 p.m. 758-1857.

Sunday, June 27

► The Rappahannock Art League-Patron's Gala, 4-7 p.m. at the Studio Gallery. Tickets are \$100. Everyone holding a ticket gets to choose a piece of original fine art. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served and drawings will begin at 5 p.m. Call 436-9309 to purchase a ticket.

► Family Play Day, 10-11:30 a.m. at Belle Isle State Park. Cooperative, competitive and fun games for family bonding. Equipment provided. 462-5030.

► Full Moon Canoe Trip, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Belle Isle State Park. Equipment and instruction provided. \$10 per single kayak, \$12 per tandem kayak. Reservations required, 462-5030.

► Peninsula Merchants (Fox Hill) 2008 Men's National Champion Fast Pitch Softball at Dreamfields near Kilmarnock.

► "My Sweet One" 3 p.m. social hour, 4 p.m. curtain, A Brad Stephens play, directed by Rebecca Tebbs Nunn and produced by the Lancaster Players at The Playhouse in White Stone. \$20. Reservations required. Visit lancasterplayers.org, or call 435-3776.

June 27-July 2

► Camp Piankatank boys overnight camp for ages 10-14 at Hartfield, www.camppiankatank.org.

► Camp Piankatank overnight sailing camp for ages 13-17 on Piankatank River at Hartfield, www.camppiankatank.org.

► Camp Piankatank day camps for ages 6-9, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Hartfield, www.camppiankatank.org.

Monday, June 28

► Geocaching, 10 a.m.-noon at Belle Isle State Park. \$8 per team. GPS and instruction provided for finding treasures throughout the park. Reservations required, 462-5030.

June 28-July 1

► Middlesex YMCA Golf Camp at Piankatank River Golf Club in Hartfield. 776-8846.

June 28-July 2

► Track and Field Camp at Aylett Country Day School at Millers Tavern, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., ages 9-14, 443-3214.

► Mathews YMCA Youth Sailing Camp, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., ages 8-12, Williams Wharf Landing, Route 614, 725-1488.

June 29

► Fish Printing, 10 a.m.-noon at Belle Isle State Park. Practice gyotaku, the ancient art of fish printing. Practice on paper. Bring T-shirts, tote bags or other materials to print. \$2 per person, or \$6 per family. 462-5030.

June 29-30
► Kids Kayak Camp for ages 7-13, 9:30 a.m.-noon, Bay Trail Outfitters, Mathews. 725-0626.

Art on Fishing Bay is June 4

DELTAVILLE—Art on Fishing Bay, one of Middlesex County's premier art shows, has teamed up again with The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society on this 12th anniversary year of the Southern Chesapeake Leukemia Cup series.

Art on Fishing Bay will be Friday, June 4, from 6-9:30 p.m. at Fishing Bay Yacht Club in Deltaville. Talented exhibitors will again display their creations to both browsers and buyers.

Proceeds generated by the show will benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's mission to support patients battling blood cancers. For more information, visit www.leukemicup.org or contact Laura Boone at 804-627-0400 or laura.boone@lls.org.

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Rivah Concerts

To avoid disappointment, call the numbers indicated to verify dates and times of events.

Friday, May 28

- Sweet Justice, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. at The Sunset Grill, 16197 General Puller Highway, Deltaville. \$5.
- Who's Ya Daddie!, 6:30-10:30 p.m. at Savannah Joe's, 55 Irvington Road, Kilmarnock. \$5. 435-6000.
- Borderline Crazy, 10 p.m. at Damon & Company, Gloucester. 693-7218.
- Strokin', 6-9 p.m. at The White Dog Inn, 68 Church Street, Mathews. 725-7680.

Saturday, May 29

- Steve Keith, 1:30 p.m. at the Heathsville Strawberry Festival, St. Stephen's Church, Heathsville.
- The Opry Does Elvis, 8 p.m., at Donk's Theater, Mathews. \$12 adults, \$2 kids. 725-2766.
- Annual Memorial Weekend Concert on Town Hill, Colonial Beach. John Drew, 224-4151.
- The Usual Suspects, 8 p.m. at Southwind Pizza, 44 Church Street, Mathews. 725-2766.
- Sweet Justice, 5-9 p.m. at Charlie's Tiki Bar at Windmill Point. 435-8454.
- Nora Jane Struthers, 8 p.m. at the Spring Guinea Concert Series, Bena Country Store & Almost Square Picture Framing, 8835 Guinea Road in Gloucester. 684-5215.
- The Gridloc Band, 8 p.m. doors open, 9 p.m. music starts at the White Stone Entertainment Center. \$5. 435-2300.
- Larry Thomas Project, 9 p.m. at Coles Point Tavern. 472-3856.

Sunday, May 30

- Faron Hamblin, 3 p.m. at Coles Point Tavern. 472-3856.
- Smalltown Band, 9 p.m. at Coles Point Tavern. 472-3856.

Wednesday, June 2

- Fine Swiss Cheese, 9:30 p.m. at Damon & Company, Gloucester. 693-7218.

Thursday, June 3

- Dram Treeo, 6 p.m. picnics and 7 p.m. concert at Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock.



Sweet Justice (above) will be featured at several venues throughout the Rivah region in late May and June, including the Water View Independence Day celebration from 5:30 to 10 p.m. on June 26.

Friday, June 4

- Northern Neck Big Band, 5-8 p.m. at First Friday Walkabout in the Steptoe's District in Kilmarnock. Sponsored by Lancaster By The Bay Chamber.

Saturday, June 5

- York River Symphony will perform at 6:30 p.m. and play maritime-themed scores at the Deltaville Maritime Museum and Holly Point Nature Park at 287 Jackson Creek Road and on Mill Creek in Deltaville. \$10. 776-7200.
- Code Blue, 5-8 p.m. at the third annual BBQ & Bluegrass at Roanoke Farm in Heathsville. \$20. Tickets at ststephensheathsville.org, EVB in Heathsville and Kilmarnock, Bank of Lancaster in Heathsville, and Bank of Essex in Callao and Burgess, or call 724-4238.
- The 380th U.S. Army Band, 7 p.m. at The Lees & Independence celebration at Stratford Hall. Concert on the Great House lawn. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.
- Soul Providers, 6:30-10:30 p.m. at Savannah Joe's, 55 Irvington Road, Kilmarnock. \$5. 435-6000.
- Crown Vic, 9 p.m. at Coles Point Tavern. 472-3856.
- Blue Line Highway, 8 p.m. at Southwind Pizza, 44 Church Street, Mathews. 725-2766.

Sunday, June 6

- Faron Hamblin, 3 p.m. at Coles Point Tavern. 472-3856.
- Guest Performing Artists series to feature Celeste Gates' Clairnet Quartet plus Ross LaPorte and Wayne Ploger, 3 p.m. at the Westmoreland Players Theater in Callao. The quartet offers a

variety of classical and popular selections. LaPorte on piano and Ploger on guitar offer pop and jazz standards. \$12 adults, \$7 students. Order at westmorelandplayers.org, or call 529-9345.

Wednesday, June 9

- Northern Neck Jazz Band, 6 p.m. picnics and 7 p.m. concert at Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock.

Friday, June 11

- Eric Lindell, 6:30-10:30 p.m. at Savannah Joe's, 55 Irvington Road, Kilmarnock. \$5. 435-6000

Saturday, June 12

- Sweet Justice, 6-8 p.m. at Music By The River, Belle Isle State Park in Lancaster County. \$3 parking fee. 462-5030.
- The Janitors, 5 p.m., at the Reedville Fishing Derby, Buzard's Point Marina. \$5.
- Bluegrass music at 7th annual Bluegrass Family Day & Fly-In, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Middle Peninsula Regional Airport in Mattaponi.
- Wayne Metheny Gospel Band, 6 p.m., in Concerts on the Green at Gloucester Court House. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. Free. 693-1264.
- Steve Keith, 7:30 to 10 p.m. at Sandpiper Reef Restaurant in Hallieford. 725-3331.
- Third Talent Show and Cast Tribute to George Strait and Reba McEntire. 8 p.m. at Donk's Theater, Mathews. \$12 adults, \$2 kids. 725-2766.
- Diesel, 9 p.m. at Coles Point Tavern. 472-3856.

Sunday, June 13

- Calico Jack, 6 p.m. Reedville

- Fishermen's Museum in Reedville. \$5. 435-6529.
- Faron Hamblin, 3 p.m. at Coles Point Tavern. 472-3856.

Wednesday, June 16

- Doctors of Jazz, 6 p.m. picnics and 7 p.m. concert at Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock.
- Fine Swiss Cheese, 9:30 p.m. at Damon & Company, Gloucester. 693-7218.

Friday, June 18

- Sweet Justice, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. at The Sunset Grill, 16197 General Puller Highway, Deltaville. \$5.
- Nighthawks, 6:30-10:30 p.m. at Savannah Joe's, 55 Irvington Road, Kilmarnock. \$5. 435-6000.
- Crobar Cane, 9 p.m. at Coles Point Tavern. 472-3856.
- Strokin', 6-9 p.m. at The White Dog Inn, 68 Church Street, Mathews. 725-7680.

Saturday, June 19

- Second Chance, 7-9 p.m., in Music Under the Stars concert series at Taber Park in Urbanna. Bring lawn chair or blanket. Picnics welcome. 804-761-4840.
- Susan Greenbaum, 11 a.m.-noon, main stage at Prince Street and Water Lane, RivahFest, Tappahannock. 1-888-973-4443.
- Southern Tide, noon-3 p.m., main stage at Prince Street and Water Lane, RivahFest, Tappahannock. 1-888-973-4443.
- Band of Oz, 3:30-7:30 p.m., main stage at Prince Street and Water Lane, RivahFest, Tappahannock. 1-888-973-4443.
- RiverFest Idol, 5:30 p.m., main stage at Prince Street and Water Lane, RivahFest, Tappahannock. 1-888-973-4443.
- Sweet Justice, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. at The Sunset Grill, 16197 General Puller Highway, Deltaville. \$5.
- Crobar Cane, 9 p.m. at Coles Point Tavern. 472-3856.
- Fathers Day Music Show, 8 p.m. at Southwind Pizza, 44 Church Street, Mathews. 725-2766.

Sunday, June 20

- Faron Hamblin, 3 p.m. at Coles Point Tavern. 472-3856.

Wednesday, June 23

- Blue Aces, 6 p.m. picnics and 7 p.m. concert at Grace Episcopal

Church in Kilmarnock.

Thursday, June 24

- United States Air Force Blue Aces, 6 p.m., in Concerts on the Green at Gloucester Court House. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. Free. 693-1264.

Friday, June 25

- Destined Nation, 7:30 to 10 p.m. at Sandpiper Reef Restaurant in Hallieford. 725-3331.
- Rock It, 6:30-10:30 p.m. at Savannah Joe's, 55 Irvington Road, Kilmarnock. \$5. 435-6000.

Saturday, June 26

- The Josh Walker Trio, 6-8 p.m., in the Groovin' in the Park concert series at the Deltaville Maritime Museum in Deltaville. \$10. 776-7200.
- Cyrus McCormick and the Reapers, 7:30 p.m., at the St. Clare Walker Middle School auditorium at Locust Hill in Middlesex County. Tickets at the door. Sponsored by Middlesex Public Library. 758-5717.
- Sweet Justice at Water View Independence Day Celebration, Water View Firehouse grounds on Route 640 in Middlesex County, 5:30-10 p.m. 804-832-1714.
- The Gurleys with Jimmy Masters, 6-8 p.m. at Music By The River, Belle Isle State Park in Lancaster County. \$3 parking fee. 462-5030.
- Steve Keith, 8 p.m., at the Bena Country Store & Almost Square Picture Framing, a three-story, historic general store building at 8835 Guinea Road in Gloucester County. For directions or tickets, visit almostsquare.net, or call 684-5215.
- Donna Ulisse and the Poor Mountain Boys, 8 p.m. Donk's Theater, Mathews. \$15. 725-2766.
- Cover Up, 9 p.m. at Coles Point Tavern. 472-3856.
- Bluegrass Jam at Freeshade Community Center, 7 p.m.. Hosted by The Honeywind Bluegrass Boys.

Sunday, June 27

- Faron Hamblin, 3 p.m. at Coles Point Tavern. 472-3856.

Wednesday, June 30

- Fine Swiss Cheese, 9:30 p.m. at Damon & Company, Gloucester. 693-7218.

Young singers invited to compete in 'RivahFest Idol'

TAPPAHANNOCK—"RivahFest Idol" at RivahFest in Tappahannock on Saturday, June 19, is a chance for young talented singers to compete for the coveted title, which comes along with a \$500 cash grand prize.

Selection of singers ages 12-18 will begin with preliminaries to be held on Saturday, May 29, and Saturday, June 5, at Tappahannock Elementary School. Aspiring Idols must register before the start of preliminaries and should be prepared to perform one song of up to 2 minutes in length without musical accompaniment. The singers will be judged on their song selection, talent, star quality and overall performance by an expert panel that includes local musicians and music educators.

Up to 10 talented finalists will perform at RivahFest on the stage in front of St. Margaret's Hall at 2 p.m. on June 19. Then judges will choose the

RivahFest Idol and the grand prize will be awarded by sponsor Riverside Tappahannock Hospital. The top two finishers will sing an encore on the main stage at around 5:30 p.m.

Contest rules and entry forms are available at Riverside Tappahannock Hospital at the receptionist desk and at www.rivahfest.com. There is no entry fee for the Idol contest. For other questions, contact Angela Jones at 443-6015.

RivahFest will be from 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. on June 19. A variety of bands, arts and crafts, food, house tour, RivahFest Idol competition, children's activities, boat show, car show, merchants market, beer and wine garden, carriage rides, crab races, pageants, river cruises and rubber duck race will be featured.

Admission is free. Visit www.rivahfest.com or call 1-888-973-4443 for more information.

Kayak Festival set for June 5

LANCASTER—The Kilmarnock-Irvington-White Stone Rotary Club and platinum sponsor The Sports Centre have planned three competitive kayaking events at Camp Kekoka on Boys Camp Road in Kilmarnock June 5.

Chesapeake Bank sponsors the first event of the day, the kayak fishing tournament. A kayak poker run, sponsored by Northern Neck State Bank will begin midday, and Hubbard, Terry & Britt of Irvington have made possible an afternoon kayak sailing regatta featuring the Hobie Adventure Island.

Prizes for the fishing tourney include a fishing expedition in the Northern Neck donated by Carroll Webb, an Okuma Steeler Premium Spinning Combo donated by RW's Sporting Goods, and a kayak fishing DVD and book by anglers Kayak Kevin and Cory Routh, donated by the authors.

The Poker Run prizes include a personal floatation device donated by West Marine and meals at local restaurants. Captains' bags for the fishing tourney and sailing regatta are provided by West Marine.

For those who want to learn more about kayaking, experts will demonstrate the Eskimo roll, rigging a kayak for fishing, and the newest paddle craze, stand-up

boards.

There will be a raffle for a Pelican kayak donated by the Sports Centre, a round of golf for four donated by the Tides Inn, a night's stay at the Lancaster Tavern and

other prizes donated by local businesses.

Call 804-435-6160, or visit kiwsrotary.org for participant applications. Pre-registration discounts end May 15.



Colonial re-enactors to 'assault' Holly Point Nature Park June 3-5

DELTAVILLE—Led and organized by re-enactors from the Colonial Seaport Foundation, an encampment of colonial-era pirates and ship's crews will be held at the Deltaville Maritime Museum and Holly Point Nature Park June 3-5. Groups from all over the Eastern Seaboard are scheduled to attend.

On Thursday and Friday, June 3-4, the various groups will conduct seminars and training sessions on all facets of history, colonial life, and the skills of interest to re-enactors. These sessions will allow the re-enactors to share information and improve their knowledge and skill base.

Saturday, June 5, will be dedicated to a "Colonial Maritime Festival," featuring pirates, living history, and a "Pirate Olympics" as the various crews compete for the "gold." The festival will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission will be \$2.

Sutlers, a vendor of period items,

will be on-site with reproduction clothing, fabrics, notions, games, personal accessories, and books about reenacting and colonial life.

Living history at the festival will include numerous aspects of colonial maritime life, local Native American culture, colonial pit-fired pottery making, apothecary and medical care, mariner skills, weapons firing, knot tying and ship's rigging, and aspects of colonial social activities such as games and music.

At 4 p.m. on June 5, the park will close to reset for a "Buccaneer Barbecue," 18th-century style, at 6 p.m. with the York River Symphony to perform at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets for the barbecue will be \$10 and tickets for the symphony will be \$10.

Deltaville Maritime Museum and Holly Point Nature Park are at 287 Jackson Creek Road and on Mill Creek. Visit www.deltavilleva.com and click "museumpark," or call 776-7200.



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Ellison Currie of Lancaster was a man of compassion and concern for the people of his county. He was quartermaster of the 92nd Regiment in Lancaster County and knew the pain caused his people by the seizure of their material possessions.

In April 1814, Currie wrote the Governor of Virginia describing the plight of citizens living on the river. "The pressure of the war in this State is particularly felt in the parts of the country bordering on the bay and navigable rivers. The people are frequently called away from their occupations by which they obtain the means of supporting themselves and their families.

"They (citizens) are subjected to the loss of their slaves (by the British) and in many cases stripped of all their property," continued Currie. "To all this may be added the personal insult and injury to which they are exposed from an enemy whose conduct is more that of barbarians than civilized men."

Currie complained to the Governor that the state was not providing enough funds to feed the local militia, and this was only a further burden on the citizens.

"When a detachment of (our) militia is called out, it becomes the painful duty of the quartermaster or his sergeant to take by force from the housekeepers contiguous to the camp the meat and bread on which their support depends, and leave them (local citizens) to starve or subsist on the charity of their neighbors," he wrote.

Currie complained that state funds for rations that consisted of barrels of whiskey or brandy, beef or pork and flour or meal were not enough to prevent the quartermaster from taking from the citizenry.

As the British pillaged the shores of Lancaster, Essex, Middlesex and Richmond counties during the War of 1812 the quartermasters' jobs became even more difficult as citizens complained that both sides were taking away their ability to feed themselves.

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Rivah Life



1. Bailey Aaron McDearmon, 4, walks along a private beach in Heritage Point in Deltaville.
2. John and Joan Forrer cruise on Urbanna Creek.
3. Brandon McKee relaxes at the edge of a creek in Hardyville near the Rappahannock River.
4. From left, Jackie Wake, Tariq Wake, and Jillian Solomon enjoy the breeze while on a boat ride on the Rappahannock River.
5. From left, Coco, Somer Fols and Hank were anxious to jump into Meachim Creek while cruising on their grandparents' boat.
6. Aiden Tarr of Jamaica enjoys his first trip to the beach.
7. Taylor Wyer plays on a sandbar during a family canoe trip at Belle Isle State Park.
8. Sophie Throckmorton, a three-month-old Shih Tzu, chillin' on Urbanna Beach.
9. From left, Claire Davis, Hallie Shackelford and Avery Davis at the Blessing of the Fleet in Reedville.

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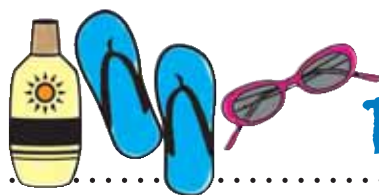
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► **River Birch Animal Farm** in Middlesex. Mon - Sun (open 7 days a week) 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free admission. Locust Hill. 758-8814.

Boat Cruises

► **Bay Water Excursions** Mathews boat tours on the Chesapeake Bay with USCG certified captain. 725-2876.

► **Blue Sky Memories** sailing and dining on the Chesapeake Bay or Rappahannock River. 475-1066. www.blueskymemories.com

► **Claud Somers** at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum in Northumberland County sails every other Sat. at 10 a.m. 453-6529.

► "Faded Glory" the Hope and Glory Inn's classic Chesapeake Bay deadrise. Fri. night and Sat. night cocktail cruises: \$45 per person/wine and beer inclusive. Departure: 6:00 p.m. (Fridays) 4:30 p.m. (Saturdays) 75 minutes. Irvington. Reservations required. 438-6053 and 800-497-8228. www.hopeandglory.com

► **Let's Go Sailing!** offers day cruises, boat rides and lessons on "Free Spirit." Leaves out of Urbanna in Middlesex County by appointment. 824-4006.

► **Mobjack Sailing** offers day sails, island picnic cruises, sunset and moonlight sails. Mathews County. 725-0354.

► **Potomac River Charters** in Westmoreland County departs from Colonial Beach. 224-1400

► **Rappahannock River Cruise** on the "Captain Thomas" departs from Tappahannock in Essex County and travels to Ingleside Vineyards. 453-2628.

► **"Serenity"** a 65' schooner, sails the Rappahannock. 2-hour cruises departing from Urbanna Town Marina in Middlesex County. Weekends only. Ticket purchases (800) 979-3370; private charters, group reservations and "locals" specials (757) 710-1233.

► **Smith Island Cruise** in Northumberland County departs from Chesapeake Bay Camp-Resort in Reedville. Turn left on Sunnybank



All ages can explore the river coastline and its creatures at Belle Isle State Park in Lancaster County.

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► **Tangier Island Cruise** departs from Buzzard's Point Marina at the end of Rt. 656 in Fairport, near Reedville, Northumberland County. 453-2628. www.tangiercruise.com

► **Urbanna area** - cruise local creeks and rivers aboard a comfy, chartered pontoon boat. Photo ops, sightseeing, real estate shopping, water taxi. Also, float plane flying. Call 366-1778 for tailored rates.

► **Vintage Yacht Tours** depart daily from the Tides Inn or Carters Cove Marina in Irvington, Lancaster County. 438-5510.

Boat Rentals

► **B.E.S.T. Boatyard**, Rt. 639, Crafton Quarter Rd. near Christchurch School in Middlesex. 758-4067.

► **Ingram Bay Marina**, 14-18 ft. boats with 25 hp outboard motors. Fishing licenses included in rental. Rod and reel rental at marina tackle shop. Wicomico Church area in Northumberland. 580-7292.

Bowling

► **Evans Bowling Center**, 34 Cralle Ct., Kilmarnock, Lancaster County. 435-3950.

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► **Village Lanes** Rt. 14 at Business Rt. 17, Gloucester, 693-3720.

Camps for Kids

► **4-H Camps**, contact local Extension offices.

► **Aylett Country Day School** day camps June, July, August. 443-3214.

► **Belle Isle State Park** Rt. 683, Lancaster. 462-5030.

► **Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Neck** 517 Main St., Kilmarnock. Summer camps in 2-week sessions 6/7-8/20. ages 6-18. 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Activities, field trips, swimming, arts and crafts, more. 435-2422. www.bgcnn.com

► **Bridlewise Summer Horse Camps**-From beginner to advanced riders. Bridlewise Riding Academy Day & Boarding camp, Hartfield. 776-0606.

► **Chesapeake Academy**, Irvington. Ages 4 to 14. 438-5575.

► **Camp Piankatank**, Hartfield, 776-9552. www.camppiankatank.org

► **Fun Factory Inc.**, Montross. School age summer camp. 493-9518.

► **Gloucester County Parks and Recreation** 6467 Main St., Gloucester, 693-2355.

► **Mathews County YMCA**, Rt. 198, 10746 Buckley Hall Rd., Mathews. 725-1488. www.peninsulaymca.org

► **Middlesex Family YMCA** 11487 General Puller Hwy., Hartfield. Sailing camps, soccer camps, summer day camps. 776-8846. www.peninsulaymca.org

► **Missoula Children's Theatre Camps** week-long residency "starring" local students in a full-scale musical. (406) 728-1911.

► **Northern Neck Family YMCA**, 39 Harris Dr., Kilmarnock. Provides weekly summer sessions. 435-0223.

► **Northumberland Family YMCA**, 59 Monument Place, Heathsville. Provides weekly summer camp in conjunction with the public schools. 580-8901.

► **Rappahannock Art League Camps** Weekly art camps for ages 6-17. Held in Kilmarnock, Heathsville, Saluda and Deltaville. >> 16



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► **Richmond County YMCA**, 761 Main St., Warsaw. Provides weekly

summer sessions. 333-4117.

► **Stratford Hall Camps**, 493-8038 ext. 1026.

► **Summer Camps on the River** Residential and day camp co-ed summer camp, Christchurch School in Middlesex. 758-2306 ext. 129.

► **VIMS summer camps** 5th to 8th graders. 684-7878.

► **Westmoreland Family YMCA** 18849 Kings Hwy., Montross. Licensed summer day camp program. 493-8163.

► **Westmoreland County Camps** Day camp. 493-8163.

Canoe/Kayak Rentals

► **Bay Trails Outfitters** Rt. 609 in Mathews. Guided tours, sales, rentals, instruction, kid's eco-camps. 725-0626. www.baytrails.com

► **Belle Isle State Park** Rt. 683, Lancaster. 462-5030.

► **Chesapeake Bay Camp-Resort** Reedville, Northumberland County. 453-3433.

► **Ingram Bay Marina** in Northumberland County. Rent or bring your own and join a group tour on our mothership to remote locations around the rivers and bay. End of Rt. 609, Wicomico Church. 580-

7292.

► **Lazy Days Adventures**, We deliver. Rentals and eco-tours of local waters. 776-9853.

► **Northern Neck Kayak LLC** Guided tours and fishing trips from the Tides Inn in Irvington, Lancaster County. 363-6831.

► **Westmoreland State Park** Group trips, paddle boats and hydro bike rentals. Montross. 493-9191.

Farmers' Markets

► **Colonial Beach Market Day** Fourth Sat. of the month May-Sept., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Live music. Westmoreland County. 224-0021.

► **Deltaville Farmers' Market** Fourth Sat. of the month May-Nov.; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Holly Point Nature Park at the Deltaville Maritime Museum. 776-6950.

► **Gloucester Market** monthly May-Sept. First 2010 market May 22, Susanna Wesley United Methodist

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► **Heathsville Farmers' Market** Third Sat. of the month Apr.-Nov., 8 a.m.-noon. Behind Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern in Heathsville in Northumberland County.

► **Irvington Farmers' Market** First Sat. of the month from May to Nov., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Irvington Commons, Lancaster County.

► **Kilmarnock Farmers' Market** at the corner of N. Main St. and Town Centre Dr. in Kilmarnock The fourth Sat. of the month, May-Oct., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

► **Mathews Farmers' Market** every Sat. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mathews historic courthouse green.

► **Urbanna Farmers' Market** second Sat. of each month May-Sept.; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in Taber Park. Middlesex County. 761-4840.

Fresh Local Produce

► **K&J Farms**, Diggs in Mathews County, fresh-picked asparagus. 725-5397.

► **Merryvale Farms Inc.** Hardyville in Middlesex County. 776-7554.

Fun Parks

► **Swamp Fun Park**, 2735 George Washington Mem. Hwy., (Rt. 17) in Gloucester County. Paint ball. 642-8778.

► **Air Heads** in Gloucester County features an inflatable indoor playground. Located in the White Marsh Shopping Center on U.S. Hwy 17, Hayes. 693-PLAY

► **Cyber Star** Video game center with X-Box, Wii, PlayStation, arcade games, laser tag. 6706 Main St., Gloucester 824-9450.

Learn to Sail

► **Norton's Sailing School** 97 Marina Rd. Deltaville in Middlesex County. 776-9211

► **Mobjack Sailing** Blackwater Creek, North River, Mathews County. 815-0144.

► **Premier Sailing** Tides Lodge, Weems, Lancaster County. 438-9300.

Movies

► **Essex 5 Cinemas** 1653 Tappahannock Blvd., Tappahannock. 445-1166.

► **Hillside Cinema** Intersection of Rt. 14 and Rt. 17 Business, Gloucester. 693-2770.

► **York River Crossing Cinema** Rt. 17, Hayes in Gloucester County. 642-5999.

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► **Tater Neck Blueberry Farm** Open mid-July through Labor Day, during daylight. No chemicals used. Rt. 608/Potato Neck Rd., Port Haywood. Mathews County 725-2623.

► **Westmoreland Berry Farm** Rt. 637, off Rt. 3, take Rt. 634, Oak Grove. 224-9171.

Water View Independence Day celebration due June 26

WATER VIEW—The 25th annual Independence Day Celebration and Parade will be held at the Water View Firehouse on Saturday, June 26.

Sponsored by the Upper Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary, the celebration will feature arts, crafts, food, a carnival, games and prizes. Activities will begin at 4 p.m.

The parade registration will begin at 6 p.m. with the lineup beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the parade starting at 7:30 p.m.

Trophies will be awarded for several parade categories. Look for additional parade information in upcoming issues of the Southside Sentinel.

The fireworks finale will start at 9 p.m. Entertainment this year will be provided by the band "Sweet Justice," which will be performing before and after the parade.

Parade entries along with craft vendors are being sought at this time. For information, call 804-832-1714, 804-758-5545, or 804-758-4831.

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► **Bethpage Miniature Golf and Ice Creamery** Putt-putt golf. Rt. 602 just outside of Urbanna. Middlesex County 758-GOLF (4653).

Racing

► **Virginia Motor Sports**, dirt track racing select Saturday nights Apr.-Oct. 4426 Tidewater Trail, Jamaica in Middlesex County. 758-1867

Trolley Rides

► **Triangle Trolley** between Kilmarnock, Irvington and White Stone. Every Fri. (4-9 p.m.) and Sat. (9 a.m.-10 p.m.) May 7 to Oct. 2. Plus 1-6 p.m. on these Sundays (Memorial Day weekend-May 30, July 4 weekend-July 4, Labor Day weekend, Sept. 5); 25¢. 435-1552.

► **The Pearl Trolley** runs in and around Urbanna in Middlesex County, from May 21 through Labor Day. 25¢. 758-2386.

Wine Tastings

► **Athena Vineyards and Winery, Inc.** Burgess, Northumberland County. 580-4944.

► **Belle Mount Vineyards** Rt. 624, Newland Rd., Warsaw, Richmond County. 333-4700

► **Hague Winery** 8268 Cople Hwy, Hague, Westmoreland County. 472-5283

► **Ingeside Vineyards and Winery** Rt. 3, south of Oak Grove, Westmoreland County, on Rt. 638. 224-8687.

► **Oak Crest Vineyard and Winery** Oak Crest Dr., King George. 540-663-2813.

► **Vault Field Vineyards** 2953 Kings Mill Rd., Kinsale. Westmoreland County. 472-4430.

► **White Fences Vineyard and Winery** Irvington, Lancaster County. 438-5559.

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► **Stan's Skateland** Fri.-Sat., 7:30 p.m.-10 p.m., 17408 Kings Hwy, Montross. in Westmoreland County. 493-9890.

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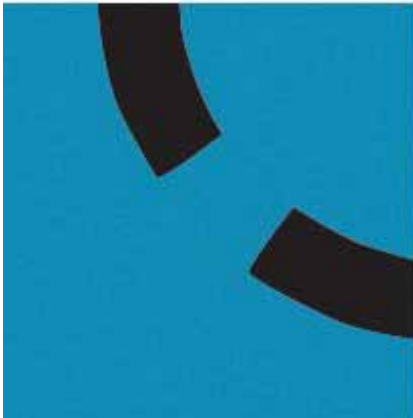
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Geocaching: High tech scavenger hunt

It's not often that low-tech grandparents can get the upper hand in the high-tech world of their children and grandchildren. But mention "Geocaching" and watch your computer whiz-kids spin away from Facebook amazed that you know about the latest craze, maybe even before they do.



Hand-held GPS device.

by Audrey Thomasson

Scavenger hunting today is nothing like the days of yore when someone handed a list of peculiar items to a party of peculiar teens and then released them on the neighborhood to run around in a bunch, searching.

Imagine opening your front door on a hot summer night and finding a group of frenzied teens you don't know begging you to hand over a rubber ducky.

No rubber ducky?

How about sifting through your drawers for a size 48 men's boxer shorts, they ask as they scan the list.

If, for self-preservation, you complied, the boxers would be snatched from your hand and the teens would be on their way, scurrying off to the woods in search of a "white owl" (instead of looking in pop's humidor for the brand cigar).

Today's scavenger hunters aren't looking for that kind of excitement. They don't even use the same terminology. Scavenger hunting has gone high-tech—it's now called geocaching (pronounced gee-o-cash-ing). And it's no longer scavenger—it's treasure hunting—using longitude and latitude to search for "caches" hidden or placed in plain sight

in both remote and highly visible areas.

The phenomenon is sweeping the globe with caches located on every continent from Antarctica to Tangier Island in the Chesapeake Bay. In fact, the number of registered caches recently passed the million mark and within days was up another 68,000.

Getting started

To begin, all you need is Internet access to find the coordinates in your area from the website: geocaching.com. This is where the kids' high-tech i-Phones come in handy. Or you can go-it the old fashioned way—printing hard copies of the coordinates off your computer before you leave home.

You'll also need a hand-held GPS (Global Positioning System) unit to punch in the coordinates and point you in the right direction. While a GPS unit can range in price from \$80 to \$500, state parks will rent a unit for \$8 if you plan to cache in the park.

There are hundreds of caches throughout the tri-river area—in towns, out in the woods, under water and up



Aimee, Glenn Jr., and Danielle Warner search out a cache in a cemetery.

8 steps to Geocaching

1. Go to www.geocaching.com and register for a free account.
2. Click "Hide and Seek a Cache."
3. Enter a postal code or address and click "Search."
4. Choose any geocache from the list and click on its name.
5. Enter the coordinates of the geocache into your GPS device.
6. Use your GPS device to help you find the hidden geocache. The GPS gets you close, but the cache name usually offers the clue to the hiding place.
7. Sign the logbook and return the geocache to its original location for the next player to find.
8. Share your geocaching stories and photos online.

info courtesy geocaching.com

trees. They are even hidden in graveyards, local shops and museums. The game can be played as a couple, on a family outing, as a corporate team builder or used as an economic development tool for the community.

And it's still a good party game—entertaining enough to get even the most dedicated couch potato up and out on a hiking trail in search of hidden treasure. The GPS unit puts players within a few feet of a cache's location, but the exact hiding place is up to you to find. Treasure could be hidden behind a bush or in an abandoned mailbox.

The fun is in the hunt

Let's be honest, folks, you're not really hunting treasure. It's more like using a multi-billion dollar satellite system to find Tupperware in the woods. A cache is usually not much bigger than a man's hand and can be as small as a magnetic key holder. There are even micro-caches the size of a watch battery. And the booty, it turns out, is usually no more than a cheap plastic trinket that players can leave or exchange with a cheap trinket of their own. Micro-caches are for hard-core cachers since they are too small to hold treasure.

This is where the first rule of geocaching comes into play (there are always rules and consequences): the caches cannot be used to promote any commercial, religious or other affiliation.

Don't leave food either. Rangers at Belle Isle State Park tell the story of a dental hygienist who left dental floss—much to the delight of a raccoon attracted to the minty fresh scent. The raccoon didn't replace the floss but his breath was much improved.

Inside each cache is an itsy-bitsy logbook where players document their find by signing the team name. High-tech explorers like to use low-tech handles like "Muddy Frogs," "Godux," "RainRshine" and "Wheegeo." It's advisable not to use a long name like "Dragonspassion4caching" because it could take up the entire logbook in a microcache. >> 20



Luke, 10, Jake, 12, Loretta, Madeline 14, and Jim Smerchansky hike through Belle Isle in search of a cache called "P.O. (Box) Belle Isle."



Park ranger and chief interpreter Charlene Talcott shows a micro-cache to the Smerchansky family of Arlington. Talcott explains the importance of keeping the environment clean with the motto, Cache in/Trash out.



Geocaching Safety

- Learn how to operate your GPS device and pack extra batteries.
- Select a geocache with terrain and difficulty ratings you can handle. Ratings: 1/1 is easiest, a 5/5 is the most difficult.
- Read the description and the hints. Bring a map, just in case.
- Pack supplies: water, food, extra clothing. And wear proper footwear.
- Let someone else know where you are going.
- Mark your car or trailhead to ensure your safe return.
- Rely on eyes rather than your GPS within 50 feet of the geocache location.
- Geocaches are hidden in plain sight and never buried, but are often camouflaged.
- Be mindful of the environment: practice CACHE IN/TRASH OUT.

courtesy geocaching.com



Who didn't wear the proper footwear for trekking through the woods?



A micro cache.



Caches of varying sizes.

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The fun of creating a cache

Each cache is different, with some offering interactive treasure. Players can also create and hide caches then register them on geocaching.com for others to find. Many are listed under catchy names that are also clues, like Yakitty Yak, Coffee Break or Reflections.

This brings up another rule: never hide a cache in a dangerous location such as under a bridge, along a highway or near railroad tracks. Private property is also a bad idea. However, businesses sometimes welcome the extra traffic. Be sure to ask permission before choosing to hide one in, say, a bank vault or in the landscaping at historic Christ Church or the Steamboat Era Museum in Irvington (hint, hint).

"We've had a number of people come here looking," said Ann McClintock at the museum. "Some take time to tour the museum."

One popular cache is at the Kilmarnock Antique Gallery on School Street.

"It looks like fun to me," said gallery owner Steve Bonner, who has seen people wandering aimlessly through his parking lot with a GPS tracker. The hunt occasionally moves indoors, mostly to find out if they're headed in the right direction. "If it was hidden in the store, it would bring them inside. I think that's a great idea," Bonner thought out loud.

I could see visions of dollar signs dancing in his eyes.



A legacy of geocaching

Glenn Warner Jr. started geocaching two years ago after his mother passed away and he inherited her GPS unit. His dad, Glenn Sr., is well into his 70s but still enjoys geocaching and places caches at all the public marinas in the region.

The newer team of Glenn Jr., wife Aimee and daughters Danielle and Nicole are registered as "Scoopitup." They belong to River County Geocachers and participate in club events that include...what else?...exploring new destinations for hidden treasure. Glenn boasts 183 finds so far. He's worked his way to Gloucester.

I followed the Warners on a search that led to a cemetery north of Kilmarnock, past rows of grave markers, and into the middle of an enormous hedge of Leland Cypress trees. I won't give away any more, but suffice it to say, the caches' name, "Coffee Break," gave no clue to the location but was a hint for the container.

The Smerchansky family from Arlington, new cachers camping at Belle Isle State Park, led me on a quest for a cache called "P.O. (Box) Belle Isle." Hiking through brush, climbing over broken tree limbs covered with poison ivy, I couldn't help noticing 12-year-old Jake Smerchansky was wearing flip-flops. When we found the location, Jake and his little brother, Luke, were the first to spot the cache hidden behind some scratchy vines. Not wanting to rob them of the joy, I held back while they fished it out. That reminds me of one final rule: Don't forget to bring the calamine lotion.

And have fun!



Chris and Naomi Ibers and their three sons, Justin, 6, Jordan, 8, and Jeremy 10, learned to geocache through a class offered at Belle Isle State Park.



Success on the very first hunt for the Ibers as Justin finds a camouflaged plastic cache stuffed between two logs.




This treasure turned out to be some crayons and a coloring book. Even pup, Hershey, enjoyed the hunt.




Rivah Geocaches

Geocaches mentioned in the story

 **Yakitty Yak**
Hidden by Scoopitup on 4/24/2009
N 37° 46.950 W 076° 36.206

 **Coffee Break**
Hidden by Scoopitup on 10/3/2009
N 37° 43.678 W 076° 23.500

 **Reflections**
Hidden by Scoopitup on 4/24/2009
N 37° 46.365 W 076° 35.268

 **P.O. Belle Isle**
Hidden by Virginia Griz on 4/30/2009
N 37° 47.041 W 076° 36.058

visit www.geocaching.com for more!



Jim Smerchansky finds a micro cache in a pine cone.

Strawberry Festival returns to Heathsville

NORTHUMBERLAND—The annual Strawberry Festival will open at 9 a.m. May 29 at St. Stephen's Anglican Church in Heathsville with new arts and crafts and luscious strawberries.

The festival features more than 110 artists and crafters from Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina. Many new vendors have selected the festival as their Memorial Day event.

"We are proud to host an event that brings these special people to Heathsville," said festival co-chairman Jan Beckett.

Garner's Produce in Westmoreland County will provide 1,400 quarts of strawberries to be sold by the quart, or as decadent strawberry shortcake.

"The weather has been perfect for the berry plants and we will have the needed quantity of berries for the festival," Lora Garner said.

The festival will include a day-long musical program featuring Steve Keith, the First Baptist Church Choir, the Northern Neck Baptist Church Children's Choir, and Prentice Creek Partners. St. Stephens will provide two mini-concerts inside the church.

There will be a large bake sale with homemade items prepared by church members. The church also will sell refreshments, including breakfast sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, barbecue sandwiches and snow cones.



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Rivah Parks & Recreation



All area codes are 804 unless otherwise listed.

Essex

► **Essex County Parks and Recreation Department** runs sports activities for youth and adults. Ball fields at Essex High School. 443-2470.

► **Marsh Street Park** Marsh St. in Tappahannock, run by Essex County Parks and Recreation Department, Pool open starting June 11, Tues.–Sat. 11 a.m.–6 p.m. and Sun. 1 p.m.–6 p.m. 443-2470.

► **Tennis Courts** at Essex High School on Airport Rd. are open to the public from 5 p.m. until dark when school is not in session. 443-2470.

Gloucester

► **Beaverdam Park** at the end of Rt. 616, Roaring Springs Rd., contains a 635-acre freshwater lake. Built in 1990, 11 fish attractors and several species of fish are found there. Canoes, kayaks, paddle boats, and Jon boats with or without electric motors are for rent, or you may launch your own for a fee. Motors powered by fuels are not permitted. The park has a playground, picnic shelter and an extensive hiking trail system including an interpretive trail, a multi use trail for horseback riding or biking. Open year around from sunrise to sunset. Fishing and hunting licenses, bait and snacks are available. 693-2107.

► **Gloucester Point Beach Park** offers fishing with no license required, public beach, playground, restrooms, snack bar, an observation deck with high powered binoculars to view birds and wildlife.

► **The Gloucester Department of Parks and Recreation** has 25 public parks or water access areas. A brochure is available by calling 693-2355.

► **Public Beach** Gloucester Point Beach on Rt. 1208 at the York River. Fishing and restrooms.

► **Tyndall Point Park** contains remnants of Confederate and Union fortifications. It is the site of colonial Gloucester Towne, the first building of which was a tobacco warehouse built in 1632. The park is off of Rt. 17 at Gloucester Point



Students from Chesapeake Academy explore the 316-acre Dameron Marsh Natural Area Preserve in Northumberland County.

and has open play areas.

Lancaster

► **Belle Isle State Park** Rt. 683. A 700-acre park on the Rappahannock River, Mulberry and Deep Creeks. Open daily, sunrise to sunset. Picnic areas, handicap accessible boardwalk and fishing pier, hiking/biking trails, bridle paths, motorboat ramp (\$3 fee). Canoe and kayak rentals, bicycle and motorboat rentals. The park also offers sunset and moonlight canoe trips, nature programs and overnight camping and accommodations. Parking fee \$3 weekends/holidays, \$2 weekdays. 462-5030.

► **Hiking Trails** Hickory Hollow Trail, 2 miles of marked trail, Rt. 604, Regina Rd.

► **Public Beach** Westland Beach at the terminus of Rt. 695 provides access to the Chesapeake Bay.

Mathews

► **Bethel Beach Natural Area Preserve** Turn left on Rt. 611 just south of the town of Mathews. Turn right on Rt. 643, then left on Rt. 609. This 50-acre parcel contains a sandy beach, low dunes and salt marsh habitat bordering the Chesapeake Bay. Over 90 bird species have been reported on the preserve, which also protects the globally rare Northeastern Beach

Tiger Beetle.

► **Mathews Recreation Park** is next to Mathews High School. It has a softball field, basketball court, playground and two lighted tennis courts. on Rt. 14 about a mile north of Mathews Court-house.

► **Public Beaches** New Point Comfort Island at the Bay is accessible only by boat at high tide.

► **Haven Beach**, Diggs on Rt. 643 at the Bay.

Middlesex

► **Deltaville Community Association Park** Rt. 33 in Deltaville (for residents and guests of residents). Playground, tennis, swimming and basketball.

► **Holly Point Nature Park** in Deltaville offers a retreat on the banks of Mill Creek by Fishing Bay. Activities available are picnicking, bird watching or walking the nature trail. Visitors can explore the fish-shaped wildflower meadow and view the boats exhibited by the Deltaville Maritime Museum. There is also a children's garden. Open daily from 9 a.m. until dusk.

► **Middlesex County Sports Complex** Walking track, volleyball and basketball courts, soccer/football field (open dawn to dusk), softball/baseball fields (must be scheduled through Sports Complex Commit-

tee.)

► **Public Beach** Wake Beach at the end of Rt. 627.

► **Swimming Pools** Town of Urbanna and Deltaville Community Association in Deltaville (for residents and guests of residents).

► **Taber Park** Rappahannock Ave. in Urbanna (for residents and guests of residents): playground, swimming and tennis.

King George

► **Caledon Natural Area** Rt. 218. A National Natural Landmark, Caledon was the early colonial seat of the Alexander family. John and Philip Alexander founded the city of Alexandria and established Caledon Plantation in 1659. Preservation of the bald eagle habitat is the primary focus of the natural area. Five hiking trails are open year-round. Limited tours of the eagle area are offered mid-June through Aug. by reservation only. Guests can learn more about Caledon by touring the visitor center. Interpretive Programs: Eagle tours, Junior Rangers, night hikes, conducted walks, astronomy, storytelling, bonfire programs, bird watching and crafts. (800) 933-PARK.

► **Barnesfield Park** Hwy. 301 at the Potomac Gateway Welcome Center, King George. 175-acre county park on the Potomac River with nature trails, picnic areas, playground, and beach fishing. (540) 663-3205.

Northumberland

► **Bush Mill Stream Natural Area Preserve** At the mouth of Bush Mill Stream freshwater meets the saltwater of the Great Wicomico River. Tidal marshes and mud flats are hidden between the steep-sided forested shores. The waters are home for an abundance of waterfowl and wading birds. Access can be gained by foot or canoe. Open during daylight hours. Trails, boardwalk, wildlife viewing platform and interpretive signs. Four miles from Heathsville on Rt. 201, continue straight on Rt. 642 for half a mile, and turn left at the sign.

► **Dameron Marsh Natural Area Preserve** This 316-acre preserve contains one of the most signifi-

cant wetlands on the Chesapeake Bay for marsh-bird communities, and its sand beach habitat is highly important for the threatened northeastern beach tiger beetle. Facilities include a trail and boardwalk, a wildlife viewing platform, and parking area. 225-2303.

► **Fishing Piers** The Great Wicomico Public Fishing Pier is on the southern shore of the Great Wicomico River just off State Rt. 200 near the bridge at Glebe Point. Open from sunrise to sunset.

► **Hughlett Point Natural Area Preserve** This 205-acre preserve has sand beaches on the Chesapeake Bay and the mouth of Dividing Creek, hiking trails and observation decks to view shorebirds, deer, turkey and migratory waterfowl. The beaches are home to the threatened northeastern beach tiger beetle. From Kilmarnock, take Rt. 200 north then right on Rt. 606 to the end. Turn right on Rt. 605. From Burgess, take Rt. 200 south then left on Rt. 606 to the end. Turn right on 605. 225-2303.

► **Public Beach** Vir-Mar Beach at the end of Rt. 643 in Hack's Neck.

Richmond

► **Heritage Park Resort** \$3 admission fee, winery, boat ramp, picnic area, hiking and nature trails; Rt. 624. 333-4038

► **Fishing Pier**, Rt. 624 to Rt. 638

► **Public Beach** Naylors Beach near Warsaw. Take Rt. 360 to Rt. 624 to Rt. 634.

► **Public Hiking Trails** Richmond County trail behind Rappahannock Community College, Rt. 360, Warsaw.

► **Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge**, 336 Wilna Road, Warsaw. This is the newest of four refuges that comprise the Eastern Virginia Rivers National Wildlife Refuge Complex. The refuge protects 20,000 acres of wetlands and associated uplands along the river and its major tributaries. Archeological and historic sites are abundant. At least four federally-listed threatened or endangered species may be found, including the American bald eagle, peregrine falcon, shortnose sturgeon, and sensitive joint vetch. The state's larg- **24 >>**

Parks

23 >> est wintering roost for bald eagles is located within the refuge. Shorebirds, neotropical migrant songbirds, raptors, and marsh birds rely on the Rappahannock River's corridors during the spring and fall migration periods. The Refuge hosts three sites on the Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail.

► **Totuskey Tricentennial Park** with boat landing, Rt. 3 at Totuskey Creek Bridge.

► **Wilna Pond**, a 35-acre site, is open to public fishing. The pond is home to large mouth bass, bluegill sunfish, fliers, yellow bullhead catfish and American eel. The Wilna Unit is open for wildlife observation and photography daily, sunrise to sunset. Access for canoes

and kayaks is available. All other refuge units are open for wildlife observation and photography by advanced reservation only. The headquarters are open Mon.–Fri., 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., except federal holidays. From Tappahannock, take US-360 E. toward Warsaw. Follow US-360 E. for 4.1 miles, then turn left onto Rt. 624/Newland Rd. Follow Newland Rd. for 4.2 miles, then turn left onto Strangeway/Rt 636. Follow Strangeway for ¼ mile, then turn right onto Sandy Lane/Rt 640. Follow Sandy Ln. for 1.1 miles, then turn left into Rappahannock River Valley NWR. 333-1470.

Westmoreland

► **A.T. Johnson Recreation Center**

18849 Kings Hwy., Montross. Aerobics, dance classes, cooking programs, basketball, gymnastics, volleyball, enclosed batting cage, soccer field, baseball field and small auditorium. Meeting room and patio available for rental.

► **Castlewood Park** on Castlewood Dr. Permit required for parties over 20 people.

► **Hurt Field at Legion Park** Rt. 3 west of Montross. Four-acre public park adjacent to Chandlers Mill Pond offering recreational opportunities for county residents.

► **Oak Grove Park** Rt. 205 between Oak Grove and Colonial Beach. Eight-acre public park featuring a sports field with bleachers, playground and picnic area.

► **Robin Grove Park** on Robin Grove, off Monroe Bay Ave., Colonial Beach.

► **Public Beach** Colonial Beach, sunrise to sunset.

► **Voorhees Nature Preserve** A 729-acre preserve on the north-east bank of Rappahannock River, next to Westmoreland Berry Farm. It is home to the bald eagle and many other birds. Four miles of wooded trails for self-guided walks. The difficulty level is moderate. Trail map available at the Westmoreland Berry Farm store. Picnic sites, restrooms and pick-your-own fruits and vegetables at the farm. Open weekends, 8 a.m.–6 p.m., Apr. 22 – Dec. 17. (434) 295-6106.

► **Westmoreland Parks and Recreation Department** provides recreation services to all county citizens and visitors. 493-8163.

► **Westmoreland State Park** Six miles northwest of Montross off Rt. 3. The park extends about one and a half miles along the Potomac River, and its 1,299 acres neighbor the former homes of both George Washington and Robert E. Lee. The Horsehead Cliffs provide visitors with a spectacular view of the Potomac River. The park offers hiking, camping, cabins, fishing, boating and swimming. The visitor center, open during summer, gives an historical and ecological perspective to an important natural area on the coastal plain. 🦅

Rivah Ramps

Here are directions to public ramps.

Essex

► **Prince Street Public Landing** Off Rt. 360 in downtown Tappahannock.

► **Dock Street Public Landing** At the end of Dock St. in Tappahannock.

Gloucester

► **Deep Point Landing** At the end of Rt. 606. Turn from Rt. 198 at Harcum.

► **Gloucester Point Landing** Near north end of York River bridge, off Rt. 17.

► **Williams Landing** At the end of Rt. 1303, off Rt. 17.

► **Cappahosic Landing** At the end of Rt. 618. Turn from Rt. 614 near Sassafras.

► **Tanyard Landing** At the end of Rt. 617. From Rt. 17 at Woods Crossroads, take Rt. 610 south, then Rt. 617 right.

► **Warehouse Landing** At the end of Rt. 621. From Rt. 17, turn near Gloucester Courthouse.

King and Queen

► **Waterfence Landing** At the end of Rt. 611. Turn off Rt. 14 at Shanghai.

King William

► **West Point Landing** Turn off Rt. 33 near west end of Mattaponi River bridge.

Lancaster

► **Greenvale Creek Landing** From Rt. 354 near Mollusk, turn on Rt. 662, Thomas Landing Road.

► **Belle Isle State Park** From Rt. 354 turn on Rt. 683. There is a \$3 fee for using this ramp.

Mathews

► **Milford Haven Landing** On Gwynn's Island. Turn from Rt. 198.

► **Town Point Landing** At the end of Rt. 615. From Rt. 198 south of Mathews Courthouse, turn right onto 615.

Middlesex

► **Mill Stone Landing** At the end of Rt. 608, Water View. Turn off Rt. 17 onto Rt. 640, then left on 608.

► **Oakes/Saluda Landing** At the end of Rt. 618. Turn at stoplight in Saluda.

► **Upper Mill Creek Landing** At the end of Rt. 626. Near Hartfield, take Rt. 627, then left on Rt. 626.

► **Urbanna Creek** In Urbanna at the end of Virginia St. in municipal marina (fee for out-of town users).

Northumberland

► **Lodge Landing** At the end of Rt. 712. Turn from Rt. 360 in Callao.

► **Forest Landing** At the end of Rt. 612. Turn from Rt. 360 north of Heathsville.

► **Rowes Landing** At the end of Rt. 601. Turn from Rt. 360 near Heathsville.

► **Cooper's Landing** At the end of Rt. 707. Turn south off Rt. 360 at Horsehead.

► **Shell Landing** Off Rt. 657 (Fleeton Rd.) Turn from Rt. 360 in Reedville.

► **Cranes Creek** Landing At the end of Rt. 666. Turn from Rt. 200 at Wicomico Church.

Richmond

► **Simonson Landing** At the end of Rt. 606. Turn from Rt. 3 onto Rt. 608, then to Rt. 606.

► **Totuskey Creek Landing** Off Rt. 3 south of Warsaw.

► **Carter's Wharf** off Rt. 624 (Newland Rd.) to Rt. 622 (Carter's Wharf Rd.)

► **Farnham Creek Canoe Landing**, Rt. 608 on Farnham Creek Rd.

Westmoreland

► **Westmoreland State Park** Enter from Rt. 3.

► **Bonums Landing** At the end of Rt. 763. Turn from Rt. 202 north of Callao.

► **Currioman Dock** At the end of Rt. 622. Turn from Rt. 3 in Montross.

► **Branson Cove** At the end of Rt. 612. Turn from Rt. 202 towards Coles Point.

► **Coles Point Plantation** Off of Rt. 728, Coles Point.

► **Colonial Beach Landing** At the end of Rt. 633. Turn from Rt. 205 between Oak Grove and Colonial Beach. 🦅

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Essex

► **Days Inn** motel Rt. 17, Tappahannock Blvd., in Tappahannock. 60 rooms. Cable TV. Free continental breakfast. Rates: \$. 443-9200.

► **The Essex Inn Bed and Breakfast** in historic Tappahannock. Greek revival inn. Four rooms and four suites all with private baths, DSL or Wi-Fi access, cable TV, most with working fireplaces. Full gourmet breakfast. Rates: \$\$\$ 443-9900 or 866-377-3982.

► **Holiday Inn Express** Rt. 17, Tappahannock Blvd., 63 rooms, 8 smoking rooms, pool, business center, fitness center, washer and dryer, free internet use and breakfast. Rates: \$\$\$ 445-1200.

► **Southside Motel and Marina** Rts. 360 and 17 in Tappahannock. 30 rooms, TV with HBO channels, microwave and refrigerator, pool. Free boat slips available. Rates: \$. 443-3363.

► **Super 8 Motel** Rts. 17 and 360 in Tappahannock near Walmart. 43 rooms with cable TV, high speed internet, some with microwave and most with refrigerators. Suites and king-sized rooms available. Rates: \$. 443-3888.

► **Dollar Inn** Rts. 360 and 17 east of Tappahannock. 25 rooms with cable TV. Rates: \$. 443-3366.

Gloucester

► **Airville Plantation** A pre-Revolutionary estate on 400 acres in Zanoni, operates as a bed and breakfast with two guest rooms in the main house (circa 1756) and a cottage with kitchenette. Pool table, TV room, pool and full breakfasts. Water access to Mobjack Bay. Rates: \$\$\$-\$\$\$ 694-0287.

► **Comfort Inn** on Rt. 17 near Business Rt. 17, close to Gloucester's Historic District. Free continental breakfast, outdoor pool, ADA compliant rooms and health club privileges. Hot tub rooms. All 79 rooms have 25" TVs, ironing board, hair dryer, electronic locks, coffee makers, data phone port and internet. Rates: \$. 695-1900.



The Coach House at the Gables Bed and Breakfast in Reedville, Northumberland County.

► **Gloucester Inn** Motel Rt. 17 at the York River bridge at Gloucester Point. 16 rooms with refrigerators and microwaves. Cable TV and HBO. Rates: \$-\$. 642-3337.

► **Hampton Inn** is just off of Rt. 17 near Bus. Rt. 17 behind Wendy's, close to Gloucester's Historic District. Free hot breakfast, wireless internet, indoor pool, fitness center, meeting room, on site guest laundry. All 84 rooms feature Cloud Nine Hampton Inn Bedding with pillow top mattresses, 32" flat screen TV with HBO, coffee makers, laptop desk and more. Rates: \$-\$. 693-9393. A 2009 Light-house Award winner placing it among the top 5 percent of Hampton Inns nationwide.

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► **Inn at Warner Hall** Located on a plantation created in 1642, by George Washington's great-great grandfather, Augustine Warner. The inn is a 38-acre waterfront retreat. Fine dining Fri. and Sat. Rooms feature antique furnishings, private baths. Some have views of the Severn River, a fireplace and Jacuzzi. Located on Warner Hall Rd. Rates: \$\$\$\$ 800-331-2720.

www.WarnerHall.com

► **North River Inn Bed and Breakfast** on 100 waterfront acres. Rooms feature antiques, air-conditioning, telephones, and private baths, with views of the river, creek or fields. Full breakfast on weekends. Canoes available and deep water dock. Rates: \$\$\$-\$\$\$ 693-1616 or 877-248-3030.

www.NorthRiverInn.com

► **The Willows Bed and Breakfast** on

a quiet rural road in a former Victorian country store and post office. Large rooms with private baths, TV, queen-sized beds and hearty breakfasts. No smoking. Rates: \$. 693-0270.

► **Tidewater Motel** Rt. 17, 4 miles north of the Coleman Bridge in Hayes, 33 rooms, some with kitchenettes. Pool. Non-smoking rooms available. Rates: \$. 642-2155.

Lancaster

► **Back Inn Time** Irvington Rd., Kilmarnock. A classic B&B. Features four rooms with private baths, AC, wireless access, gourmet breakfast and modern conveniences. 435-2318.

► **Bel Air Mansion and Guest House** fully furnished waterfront homes at Belle Isle State Park. Mansion has whirlpool tub and accommodates six; Guest house accommodates eight. Canoes and bicycles included. Seasonal rates. 462-5030.

► **Creek View Farm Bed and Breakfast** 735 Norwood Church Rd., Morattico. Open May 1–Oct. 31. Two guest rooms, includes full breakfast. Rates: \$-\$. 462-7427.

► **Flowering Fields Bed and Breakfast** in White Stone. Full breakfast with crab cakes, omelets and fresh fruit. Golf packages and fishing charters arranged. King, queen and twin rooms, all with private baths. Week-day and weekend specials. Rates: \$. 435-6238.

► **Holiday Inn Express** 599 North Main St. in Kilmarnock. 68 rooms with Wi-Fi, extended stay rooms, handi-

cap rooms, meeting room, business center and outdoor pool. Full hot breakfast. Rates: \$\$\$ 436-1500 or (800) 844-0124.

► **Hope and Glory Inn** 65 Tavern Rd. in Irvington. Country inn featuring seven rooms, six garden cottages and seven vineyard cottages, with private baths, conference center, tennis, pool, bicycles, cruises, golf nearby. Complimentary breakfast with most accommodations. Rates: \$\$\$ 438-6053.

► **Inn at Levelfields** on Rt. 3 in Lancaster. Bed and breakfast accommodations, six guest rooms with king or queen beds and air-conditioning, fireplaces; four rooms with private baths and two with shared bath. Pool, library, television. Rates: \$\$\$ 435-6887 or (800) 238-5578.

► **Kilmarnock Inn** 16 private guest rooms and suites, breakfast served each morning. Meeting room and event space. Private lunches and dinners. Walking to restaurants and shops. Free Wifi and HD TV. 34 East Church St., Kilmarnock. 435-0034.

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► **Whispering Pines Motel** on Rt. 3 in White Stone. Twenty-five guest rooms, two suites available; swimming pool, air conditioning, cable TV. Rates: \$-\$. 435-1101.

Mathews

► **Buckley Hall Inn** on Rt. 198 (Buckley Hall Road) in Mathews offers a variety of romantic rooms, all with private baths. Country breakfast, large front

porch, some four poster beds and fireplaces, well-stocked library. Rates: \$\$\$-\$\$\$ 725-1900 or (888) 450-9145. www.BuckleyHall.com

► **The Inn at Tabbs Creek** 384 Turpin Ln., Port Haywood. A waterfront retreat situated on a secluded creek. The Inn has over 800 ft. of waterfront and 8 acres of wooded and open space. The main Inn is an 1820's newly renovated farmhouse with separate cottages housing the luxury suites just across the garden and pool. Rate: \$\$\$-\$\$\$ 725-5136.

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► **Sycamore Haven House** located in Susan south of Mathews Courthouse, is a rambling 1865 antebellum farmhouse surrounded by sycamore trees. It has two bedrooms and a screened porch. Rates: \$\$\$ 725-0147.

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► **The White Dog Inn** Church St., Mathews Court House, offers two elegant suites with a variety of amenities. Home-cooked breakfast prepared at your convenience. Restaurant with 3 chefs, coffee house, bar and lounge, Wi-Fi Internet and more. Rates \$\$\$ 725-7680.

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Middlesex

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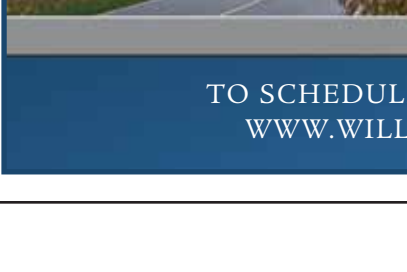
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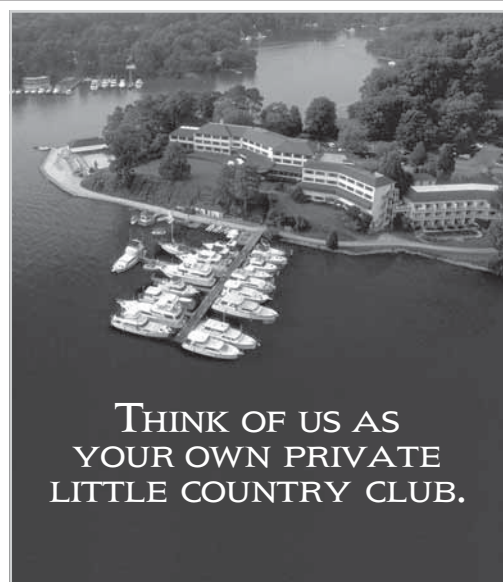
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www.GwynnsIslandRVResort.com

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Westmoreland

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► **Leedstown Campground** on Rt. 637 near Oak Grove. Open May 1-Nov. 1. 20 RV sites. 10 tent sites. Waterfront camping, fishing pier, boat launch, gas dock, camp store and arcade. 224-7445.

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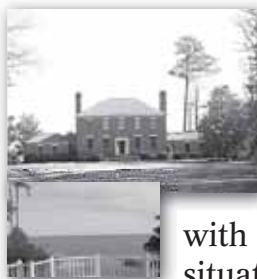
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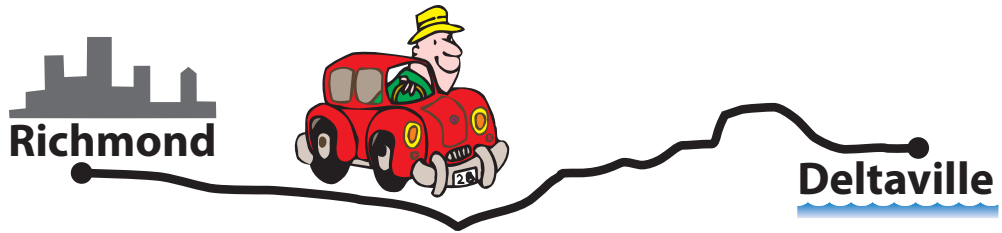
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Doug Nabhan's Coming Here



Getting ready for spring and summer

Those of us who live in Virginia, in part because we have four seasons, really yearn for that time of year when we know "it" is really here. It is not just a fluke of a warm day, but spring is here and summer is on the way.

This means one thing for those of us fortunate to "take to the waters" of the Chesapeake Bay—we've got a lot of work to do to get ready. Get ready for boating season. Get ready for the myriad of guests dropping hints: "Do you still go to the River a lot?" "I heard you have a lovely home, but I have never seen it." "We'll get down there when we get an invitation." "How lucky you are to have a second home." And my favorite, "That weekend last summer was the highlight of our summer."

My wife is constantly telling me not to

write any more pieces about guests or dining invitations because the last time she invited some friends down their response was, "You have got to be kidding me—do you think we are crazy? We're afraid of becoming fodder for one of Doug's articles!" I have had to draft a legal agreement now that promises I will not write an article that references any of our guests.

This is the first year that we actually have a guest room over the garage. My hypothesis is that if I do not have to be with my guests all the time, maybe it won't be so bad. In theory, I could go the whole weekend and just bump into them once in a while.

It is kind of like my "Thanksgiving Theory." Thanksgiving used to be a great holiday when you hitched up the wagon and went to the next farm over to be with your family for one meal. It got ruined when the entire country had to board airplanes to spend four days with their in-laws sleeping

on pull-out sofas and sharing a bathroom with 10 people.

Not only do we have commitments to bring people down as guests, but we have people to socialize with who also have River homes. My favorite invitation is from people from Richmond. I have a friend who lives two blocks from me in Richmond and all he ever talks about is getting together at the Bay. Our rules are simple, but there are a lot of them: (1) If the total driving time from our River house to their River house is longer than the drive to Richmond, you can forgetaboutit; (2) If the total driving time is in excess of 10 minutes or involves a bridge, you can forgetaboutit; (3) If it entails putting on "clothes," you can forgetaboutit.

We also get teased because we bring a lot of "stuff" when we are guests. We bring our own wine and booze. My idea of a fun evening is that I do not want my host, who is doing all the cooking, to have to worry

about my drinks. I can handle that. We love socializing with friends, but most have said our rules are simply too complex for them. A few close friends somehow manage to tolerate me.

Actually, the only reason we get any invitations is because my wife is so nice. She is so nice that her presence outweighs the fact that I am part of the package. Every time we get an invitation and accept, I get a lecture about my behavior. "You cannot wear a bathing suit. You cannot wear a t-shirt that says, 'Quit your bitchin', go back to Richmond,' (seen at Tee's t-shirt shop). You cannot say, 'My, it's getting late, it is almost eight o'clock.'" But when all is said and done, I am so happy to be at the Bay that I just try to remember how lucky I am to be at such a special place.

Douglas M. Nabhan is a lawyer with the firm of Williams Mullen in Richmond and has had a weekend home in Deltaville for 18 years.

The advertisement features four photographs: a large white porch with columns, a two-story stone house, an outdoor kitchen with a grill, and a modern kitchen with white cabinets and a large island. The text is centered on a dark background.

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Essex

► **Essex County Museum and Historical Society** the museum is located in downtown Tappahannock and surrounded by historic buildings. A recent expansion included the opening of the "Carl D. Silver Gallery," another smaller gallery, an expanded gift shop, reference room, document storage room, and handicap accessible restrooms.

Currently on display is "Calm Before the Storm: Life in Antebellum Essex." The exhibit covers the period from 1800-1860 and presents a depiction of life in Essex County prior to the Civil War. Additional exhibits continue, such as "from Sandlot to Semipro: Baseball in Essex County," which follows the story of America's pastime in the county from just after the Civil War to present day. The museum also houses two civil war dioramas: "Shelling of Camden," and "Ft. Lowry." Continuing museum exhibits include prehistoric fossils, Native American artifacts, colonial relics, and items from the American Revolution, Bacon's Rebellion, the Civil War and World Wars I and II.

The museum is located at 218 Water Ln. and is open free of charge daily (except for Wed. and Sun.) from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The gift shop offers historic books, jewelry and other items of interest about Essex County, the Northern Neck and the Middle Peninsula. 443-4690.

Gloucester

► **Gloucester Museum of History** is in the Botetourt Building at 6539 Main St. (Rt. 17 Business) near the historic Courthouse Square. The building, built about 1770, was New's Ordinary, a roadside tavern. For May, National Military Appreciation Month, the museum will introduce the new permanent "Battle of the Hook" exhibit, which was donated by the Battle of the Hook Committee and created by Warren Deal. Other displays of military conflicts, which will con-



The Morattico Waterfront Museum in Lancaster County

tinue through June 30 will focus on Gloucester's WW II veterans. The "Good Old Days" exhibit will resume July 1.

An archaeology exhibit will be presented in October and continue through November 30. The free museum is open Mon.-Sat. from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and by appointment. 693-1234.

► **Pocahontas Museum** at Gloucester Courthouse has information, artifacts and pictures relating to the Indian Pocahontas, Captain John Smith and the Powhatan Indians. On display is a rock traditionally known as the one on which Capt. John Smith's head was placed when Pocahontas saved his life at Werawocomoco (Wicomico) in Gloucester County.

The museum is open on the second Sat. of each month through Oct. from 1-4 p.m. and by appointment. 693-2795.

Lancaster

► **Christ Church and Carter Reception Center and Museum** at the intersection of Rts. 646 and 709 between Irvington and Weems was built in 1735 by Robert "King" Carter.

The museum houses the original communion silver engraved by order of the Parish Vestry in 1720.

The church is open to the public from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., free of charge. The reception center and museum are open

Apr.-Nov. from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Sat. and 2-5 p.m. Sun. Call ahead for group tours, 438-6855.

► **Kilmarnock Museum** at 76 N. Main St. features displays and exhibits focusing on Kilmarnock's past and present, including areas of commerce and banking; maritime, seafood and agricultural concerns; schools, churches and social customs; and children's interests. A miniature of Leon Rice's Soda Shoppe was made and donated by Nancy Clark.

On display are artifacts found during the downtown revitalization, donated by Fletcher Brown IV. Also featured is an exhibit called "Made in the Northern Neck" featuring the work of local artists, and a DVD called "Kilmarnock Virginia, A Living History."

The Kilmarnock-Lancaster Texacos exhibit includes uniforms, photographs, team records, equipment and newspaper clippings.

The current exhibit, "Edgar McCrobie Collection," features photographs of Kilmarnock life.

The museum is open Thurs.-Sat. from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 436-9100.

► **Mary Ball Washington Museum** is located at 8346 Mary Ball Rd (Rt 3) in the heart of the Lancaster Courthouse Historic District, and is named in honor of George Washington's mother

who was born in Lancaster. Collections focus on the history of Lancaster and surrounding counties, and the changing and permanent exhibit galleries are housed in the historic buildings of the 1797 clerk's office, 1821 old jail, and 1828 Lancaster House.

Featured through May is the special exhibit, "Glimpses of Colonial and Early American Life," showcasing some of the museum collection's finest, and oldest, examples of silverware, tableware, clothing, jewelry, furniture and other domestic items from the 1700s and early 1800s.

The Genealogy & History Library contains published records of Lancaster County, the Northern Neck, and other Virginia locales. Thousands of books and reference items include court records, census data, business information, Virginia vital records, county histories, church records, family files and charts, and materials by other researchers. Much of the card catalogue can be searched on-line.

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► **Morattico Waterfront Museum** is housed in the former Morattico General Store building (c. 1901) at 6584 Morattico Rd.

The museum offers exhibits related to country store keeping, watermen's activities and agriculture in the former working watermen's village. Also on display are Native American artifacts and photos and documents relating to the village's history.

The museum is open May-Oct. on Sat. and Sun. from noon-4 p.m.

► **Northern Neck Sports Wall of Fame** located in the Sports Centre at 60 South Main St. in Kilmarnock features plaques with bios and photos of individuals past and present that have excelled in sports from the Northern Neck of Virginia. Free.

Open Mon.-Fri. 9-5:30, Sat. 9-4. 435-1211.

► **Steamboat Era Museum** at 156 King Carter Dr. in Irvington interprets the era of the steamboats and their importance to commerce, culture, education, entertainment and social connections to small towns along the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. Dioramas, oral histories, models, artifacts, paintings, photos and audio and interactive components.

The "Welcome Aboard" exhibit features an eight foot cutaway model of the steamer Lancaster. Also featured are vignettes of various rooms such as a typical stateroom, wheelhouse, boiler room, galley and dining room. The exhibit includes a six-foot map showing steamboat wharf stops.

Summer hours are Thurs.-Sat. from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sun. from 1-4 p.m. Donation only. 438-6888.

Mathews

► **Gwynn's Island Museum** Gwynn's Island Museum on Rt. 633 at Rose Ln. features a pre-Civil War Wheeler and Wilson sewing machine on loan, and a tableaux depicting the legend of Col. Hugh Gwynn accepting what is now called Gwynn's Island from Princess Pocahontas in gratitude for saving her life when she fell from her canoe. Also featured is memorabilia from the 1907 Jamestown Exposition.

One of the new attractions this season will be an extensive display of antique spectacles collected by the late Dr. Wm. H. Gatten, Optometrist who practiced in Hudgins for many years.

Another exhibit includes artifacts from a mid-18th century home site that was uncovered by Hurricane Isabel, including glass and pottery shards dating from the 17th century, a King George III half penny dated 1773, Native American points, pottery and fossils. There also are photos of two barrel wells.

Also on display are items relating to the Black American history of Gwynn's Island, prehistoric Native Americans, and an exten-

sive history on the life of Captain John Smith and his connection to Gwynn's Island. There is a 100-plus year old corn sheller, with original red paint and name.

There is a large collection of antique medical instruments from the estate of the late Mathews physician, Dr. James Warren Dorsey Haynes, and the old Grimstead Post Office (complete with postmaster).

The museum, open 1-5 p.m. each Fri., Sat. and Sun. May-Oct., has two floors of exhibits, a research library and gift shop. Admission is free, donations welcome. 725-7949.

► **Mathews Maritime Museum** located at 482 Main St., (just South of Mathews Courthouse) the museum features memorabilia, artifacts, documents, photos, models, and many memories of time gone by. Long a boat building area of note, Mathews additionally has had its share of local watermen, menhaden fishermen, merchant mariners, US Navy sailors, fish packing houses, boat repair facilities, and marinas. The museum honors the past and works to educate the future about the maritime history of Mathews.

The museum is staffed by volunteers, generally on Fridays and Saturdays from Apr.-Nov. from 10-2, or by request for groups. If the "open" flag is flying, you're invited inside. 725-4444.

► **Tompkins Cottage** Near the Mathews Courthouse is Tompkins Cottage, a typical tidewater cottage of the early 1800's. It houses a museum and headquarters of the Mathews Historical Society.

The oldest wooden structure in the courthouse, it was used by Christopher Tompkins as a general store starting in 1816.

The museum houses a permanent exhibit of Mathews history including information on Captain Sally Tompkins, the only woman officer in the Confederate Army. Also included is an area of changing exhibits, a county map, and a sales area offering publications concerning Mathews history and related gift items.

Admission is free. Open Fri. and Sat. from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. through Oct. 725-3487.

Middlesex

► **Deltaville Maritime Museum** and Holly Point Nature Park are on 30 acres on the edges of Mill Creek just off Gen. Puller Hwy. (Rt. 33) on Jackson Creek Rd. and Rt. 660 east of Deltaville.

The focus of this year's exhibits will be Middlesex in the Civil War 1861-1865 and will run until

2015. This exhibit opens May 1 during the "Working Waterman's Weekend" celebration and continues for the whole year. Artifacts and models from when Deltaville was the "Boat Building Capital of the Chesapeake" are also shown.

An outside boat shed has been built to shelter some of the historic vessels on display. The

W.A. Johns is a 34-foot three-log bottom sailing canoe that has had a number of working lives in Deltaville waters. Also displayed is an old sora skiff once used for bird hunting in the Dragon Run, and several small skipjacks and deadrise workboats. The seven log F. D. Crockett, a bay buyboat, is at the museum's Pierwalk.

In the boat shop visitors can

see under construction a flat-bottomed utility skiff typical of Deltaville boats of the past or other new projects.

In the park are picnic tables, walking trails, and a children's garden. There is bird watching and plenty of butterflies to chase through the fish-shaped wildflower meadow. Open daily from 9 a.m. until dusk.

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June Events at Historic Heathsville Tavern

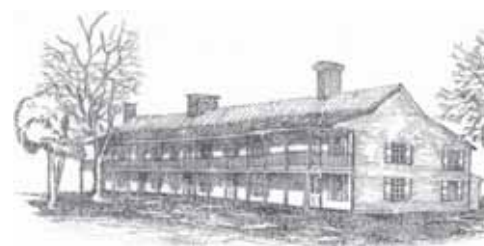
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Museums

33 >> The museum is open Memorial Day–Labor Day, Tues.–Sat. 10–4 and Sun. 1–4. Sept.–Dec. and Mar.–Apr. Sat. 10–4, and Sun. 1–4 Closed Jan. & Feb. 776-7200.

► **Middlesex County Museum** at 777 Gen. Puller Hwy. features a large country store exhibit. Memorabilia and medals of Lt. General Lewis B. (Chesty) Puller USMC (Ret.), the most decorated Marine in U.S. history, are displayed. One of the main exhibits is "Dressed for the Good Old Days: Clothing from Middlesex County, 1850–1920."

The museum also features a variety of other county memorabilia, including Civil War military items, Indian relics, a mastodon

tooth, maritime items (including the pen and ink ship drawings of Dr. A. L. VanName, long-time county physician), agricultural and industrial tools, toys and personal effects.

The exhibits are free and open to the public Fri. and Sat., 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

There is a gift shop. Membership is available and donations help operate the museum. Volunteers welcome. 758-3663.

Northumberland

► **Northern Neck Farm Museum** is located at 12705 Northumberland Hwy, 2.2 miles west of Burgess on Rt 360.

Luther Welch donated the property and much of the equipment, to create a museum that

would tell the story of farming in the Northern Neck. Inside the big red barn is a photographic exhibit of farms, an American Indian exhibit and farm equipment used in the planting season such as antique tractors, hand tools, planters, seed hullers and butter churns. New exhibits include a children's area and an exhibit on Northern Neck rural electrification.

The gift shop has unique items including a first edition collectible tractor. Hours are Sat. 10 a.m.–2 p.m. and Sun. 1–4 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1.00 for students, and children under 12 are free. 761-5952.

► **Reedville Fishermen's**

Museum at 504 Main St., Reedville offers visitors a glimpse of the rich heritage of the fishermen and watermen of Virginia's Northern Neck and the Chesapeake Bay.

A new exhibit will open May 28 called "A Fishing Expedition: A menhaden vessel's story of capturing fish in the 1920's and 1930's". In addition to the main museum gallery housing its permanent and changing exhibit galleries, the museum features the Pendleton Building with its boat and model workshops and the historic William Walker House.

In the water, the museum showcases the Claud W. Somers, a 42-foot skipjack built in 1911, which offers tours twice monthly, and the Elva C., a 55-foot tra-

ditional workboat built in 1922, which offers tours to members only.

The museum is open daily from 10:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. May through Oct. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children under 12. 453-6529. www.rfmuseum.org

► **Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern** is located in the historic district of Heathsville at 73 Monument Place behind the old courthouse. A 1700's restored Tavern and community square, the site includes a gift shop, foundation office, Blacksmith Shop and Carriage House. The Transportation Museum Building houses a permanent exhibit - the Chicacoan Oak. The museum also offers a



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noon. 580-3377.

Volunteers and members welcome. Call the Foundation Office at 580-3377. www.rhhtfoundation.org

Richmond

► **Menokin** 4037 Menokin Rd., north of Warsaw, was built c. 1769. It was the home of Inde-

pendence signer Francis Lightfoot Lee. A partial ruin, the house provides a unique opportunity to see "behind the walls" of an 18th century mansion.

The King Conservation and Visitors Center provides information on the history of the property and the architectural conservation work going on at Menokin.

Hike trails to Cat Point Creek through the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

From Apr.-Oct., open Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. From Nov.-March, open Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and weekends by appointment.

► **Richmond County Museum**

at 5874 East Richmond Rd. in Warsaw in the county's old jail. Built in 1872, the jail was previously used as an office for the board of education and court. The museum includes three galleries, exhibit rooms and an office. The jail's hanging chamber is also on the second floor and is a point of interest. **36 >>**

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Museums

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Open Wed.-Sat. from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Group tours call 333-3607.

Westmoreland

► **A. T. Johnson Museum** at 18849 Kings Hwy. near Montross preserves the history and legacy of education for African American students in the Northern Neck, especially in Westmoreland County.

The museum is a depository for collections, artifacts, memorabilia, documents and other items related to education.

Built in 1937 in the Colonial

Revival style, A. T. Johnson High School was the first public education facility serving African American students in Westmoreland. The school was named for Armistead Tasker Johnson, a black educator and community leader instrumental in its construction.

Open on Sat. from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sun. from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. and other times by appointment, 493-7070.

► **George Washington Birth-**

place National Monument is located on Rt. 204, southeast of Oak Grove. George Washington is among Westmoreland County's most famous native sons. Commander of the Continental Army, Revolutionary War hero and first President of the United States, he professed to be first and foremost a farmer. He was born on February 22, 1732 at this site on Pope's Creek.

Open to the public 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission \$3. 16 and under

free. 224-1732.

► **Kinsale Museum** is "On The Green" in the heart of the historic village of Kinsale on Rt. 203, off Rt. 202. Located on a low bluff at the head of a branch of the Yeocomico River, Kinsale has enjoyed a rich maritime history.

The museum is dedicated to the preservation, collection, exhibition and interpretation of local history. It's in a late 19th



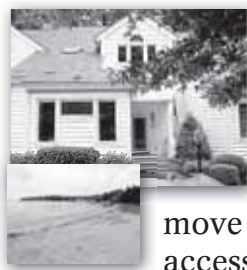
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► **Westmoreland Museum** is on
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The check can be done on a boat in the water, on the trailer, or on a boat lift, he said.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 62 of Deltaville will sponsor a Recreational Boating Safety Day on Saturday, May 29, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at five locations throughout Middlesex County.

Flotilla members will answer questions, hand out literature and give free courtesy vessel safety checks. The locations are Urbanna Market, Urbanna; West Marine, Deltaville; Henley's Do-It Center, Hartfield; Food Lion, Saluda; and Big John's, Route 17, Church View. For more information, call 758-4053 or email ronan3@verizon.net.

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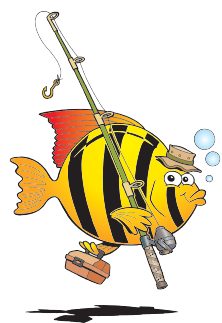


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June is a happy month. Kids are out of school for summer, the landscape is once again a lush green and, most importantly, fishing is great!

Fishing is in full swing this month with a variety of species available. Some of the local favorites being bluefish, rockfish, spot, croaker, flounder and trout. Here are a few tips on how and where to catch them:

BLUEFISH used to be the mainstay in the bay. Menhaden would run scared along the channel areas as bluefish up to 20 pounds were considered the bullies of the neighborhood. After a lengthy hiatus they have made a comeback, yet remain much smaller in size than years past.

These voracious fish enter our area when the water temperature climbs into the mid 60s. The larger blues traditionally are the first to arrive, yet an influx of smaller fish are already on scene. Bluefish are a large motivation for the hundreds of anglers that enter the local Reedville Derby each year. This two-day tournament, one of the longest running tournaments on the Chesapeake Bay, will be held June 11-12. The tournament includes bluefish, rockfish and croaker. The larger blues can be caught throughout June as they continue northward to the upper bay.

Bluefish tend to feed on the upper edges of channels and on flats adjacent to deep channels.

With this in mind, some of the most productive areas are: The MIDDLE GROUNDS, which are west of Smith Island just below the target ship.

Along the edge of the shipping channel at BUOY 62 there have been consistent catches for many years. This area is roughly 5 miles east of the Ingram Bay/Reedville area. The Northern Neck Reef, just north of Buoy 62, holds good numbers of fish as well.

The Asphalt Pile and Windmill Point reefs are good bets for blues throughout the season.

STRIPED BASS (ROCK-FISH) should remain available until the end of June. This species has become the main target of both spring and fall fishing. The Virginia spring season continues through June 15. You may keep two fish per person 18-28 inches, one of which may be over 32 inches. Anglers may continue to fish for striped bass throughout the summer months in Maryland waters where limits are also two fish 18-28 inches but allow one over 28 inches. Anglers holding a valid Virginia saltwater fishing license may fish in Maryland and

the Potomac River as the licenses are reciprocal.

SPOT and CROAKER have become the mainstay for summer bottom fishing. They can be caught just about everywhere. A store bought "bottom rig," bloodworms or squid, and light tackle are all that you will need to have fun. The creeks, rivers and bay waters all provide good action. During the evening hours fishing is great off of docks and river banks.

FLOUNDER are a very tasty and much sought after species. Flounder feed on small minnows and baitfish which live on the shallow bars leading to deeper channel areas. The Cell, and Tangier Sound are noted for good sized specimens but the channel edges at Buoy 62 and Smith Point are productive locations as well. Don't forget to try the entrances to the rivers and creeks on the western shoreline.

TROUT fishing consists of both grey and speckled trout. Grey trout continue to be scarce in recent years. SPECKLED TROUT on the other hand, are more plentiful and offer a fun inshore experience. They are most often found in shallow areas where sea

grasses are plentiful. Mobjack Bay, Piankatank River, Gwynn's Island, Windmill Point and in the creeks between there and Dameron Marsh at the mouth of the Great Wicomico River are among the best locations for this type of fishing.

Speckled trout run as large as six pounds in the area. They can be caught with "live" bait such as minnows and small menhaden, but the trend has shifted over to artificial baits when pursuing these tasty specimens. Small bucktails or lead heads rigged with twister tails or sassy shad and are among the most utilized baits among trout anglers.

Other species caught while bottom fishing include: black sea bass, porgies and whiting and an occasional surprise. Good luck fishing this month and until next time...fair winds.

Capt. Billy Pipkin, a charterboat operator and fishing columnist, owns and operates Capt. Billy's Charters and Ingram Bay Marina in Wicomico Church. (804) 580-7292, www.captbillyscharters.com. For the latest up-to-date fishing information, read his column, "The Fishing Line," in the Rappahannock Record.

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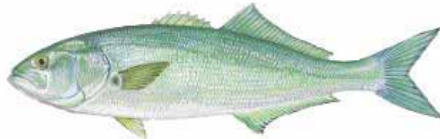
🐟 Blue Catfish

Minimum Size Limit: over 32"
Limit: 1 Blue Catfish per person per day



🐟 Bluefish

Minimum Size Limit: None
Limit: 10 Bluefish per person per day



🐟 Cobia (Bonita)

Minimum Size Limit: 37" Total Length
Limit: 1 Cobia per person per day



🐟 Grey Trout (Weakfish)

Minimum Size Limit: 12" Total Length
Limit: 1 Grey Trout per day per person



🐟 Red Drum (Channel Bass)

Minimum Size Limit: 18" Total Length
Maximum Size Limit: 26" Total Length
Limit: 3 Red Drum per person per day



🐟 Sheepshead

Minimum Size Limit: none
Limit: 4 Sheepshead per person per day



🐟 Spadefish

Minimum Size Limit: None
Limit: 4 Spadefish per person per day



🐟 Spanish Mackerel

Minimum Size Limit: 14" Total Length
Limit: 15 Spanish Mackerel per person per day



🐟 Speckled Trout (Spotted Sea Trout)

Minimum Size Limit: 14" Total Length
Limit: 10 Speckled Trout per person per day



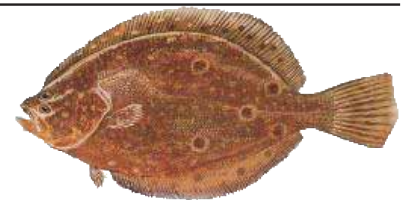
🐟 Striped Bass (Striper, Rockfish)

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Spring Season, May 16–June 15
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Limit: 2 Rockfish per person per day
** One fish of the two fish limit may be 34" in length or larger
Fall Season, October 4–December 31
No Rockfish between 28" and 34" may be kept
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🐟 Summer Flounder (Fluke)

Minimum Size Limit: 18.5"
Limit: 4 Flounder per person per day



🐟 Tautog

Minimum Size Limit: 14"
Limit: 4 Tautog per person per day
Closed Season: May 1 – June 24

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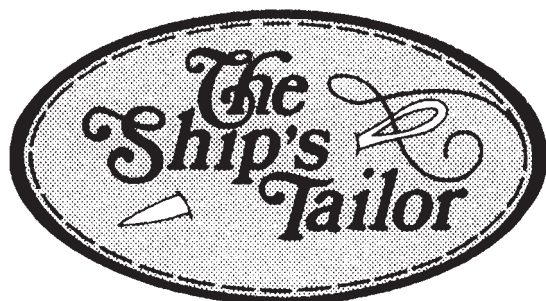
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WATER VIEW—The Upper Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department in Water View will host its 2nd annual Croaker Fishing Tournament on Saturday, June 5, at BEST Boat Yard, Christchurch.

The entry fee will be \$35 for the adult class, and youth 12 years and younger fish for free.

The youth will be eligible for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes. A youth angler can fish in the adult class by paying the \$35 adult fee. The first place prize has been raised to \$750 from \$550 last year, second place \$450, third place \$350, fourth place \$150, and fifth place \$100.

Tournament fishing hours are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Any person wishing to enter the tournament can do so by filling out an application and returning it by June 4 at the 6:30 p.m. captain's meeting dinner to be held at the Water View Firehouse. Also, applications can be picked up and returned at the following locations: Big John's Store, Urbanna Auto Marine, and Fish On Bait and Tackle in Deltaville

or by contacting Trey Blake at 804-758-0812, 804-824-3175 or water-view605@yahoo.com.

This year a raffle for a trip to go cat-fishing with Capt. Josh Fitchett of River Cat N Guide Service (www.rivercatn.com) has been added. The cost of each ticket is \$2. The winner can take up to four people to catch monster blue catfish on the Mattaponi, Pamunkey, Chickahominy or the James rivers. The date and time of the trip will be set by the winner and Capt. Josh. The second place winner will get \$50 cash. Tickets will be on sale until Saturday, June 5, at 4 p.m. The drawing will be held the same day at 4:30 p.m. after the tournament weigh-in at BEST Boat Yard.

Raffle tickets are available from any UMVFD member, and at Big John's Store and Urbanna Auto Marine.

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Jim Padgett (left) of Hartfield and Justin Williams of Deltaville caught these 16-lb and 11-lb. blue catfish in the Piankatank River on May 11. The fish were weighed at The Tackle Shop at J&W Seafood in Deltaville.



Jon K. Moore of Gloucester caught two citation speckled trout in mid-May. Above, he displays a 5-lb., 7-oz., 24.5-inch beauty caught May 11 in the Severn River on soft crab. The fish was weighed at Queen's Creek Outfitters in Mathews.



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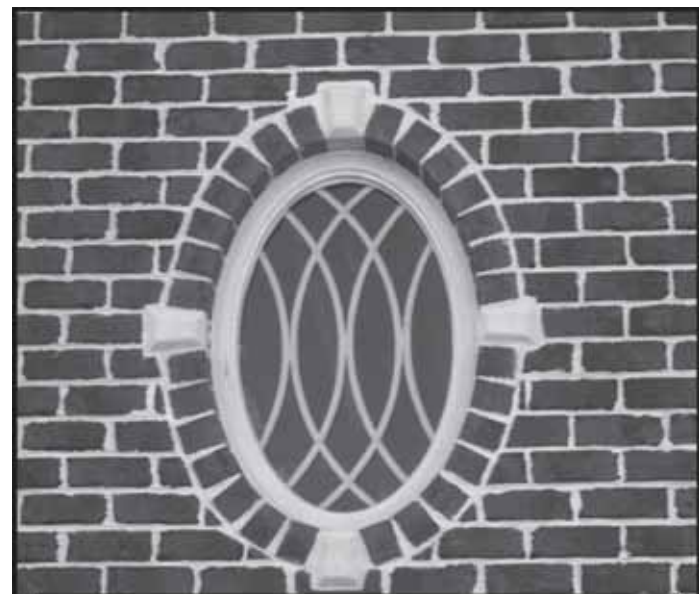
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RivahFest to feature music, arts, classic cars, historic tour, food

TAPPAHANNOCK—RivahFest 2010 in Tappahannock from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 19, will feature a wide variety of activities for all ages.

There will be more than 100 artisans offering a wide variety of high quality merchandise. Vendors will display their wares around the historic Essex Courthouse Green and along Prince and Cross streets from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Some beautifully restored classic cars will be on view at the Antique Car Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. along Water Lane from Virginia Street toward Hoskins Creek, and on the St. Margaret's hockey field.

Those who appreciate the area's rich history should enjoy the "Treasures of Tappahannock" walking tour that departs from the fountain next to the old Essex Courthouse at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tour guides from the Essex County Museum and Historical Society will share the stories behind such historical and architectural gems as the Customs House, Debtor's Prison, St. John's Church and Emerson's Ordinary. A \$3 charge includes a full-color guide and light refreshments when the tour concludes.

Three musical groups—Susan Greenbaum, Southern Tide and The Band of Oz—will entertain from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the Main Stage at the intersection of Prince Street and Water Lane. The bands will take a short break when the RiverFest Idol winner performs from 5:30 to 5:45 p.m.

The RivahFest Idol finalists will compete from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Stage 2 in front of St. Margaret's School on Water Lane.

On the same stage, the RivahFest Pageant will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with winners crowned in different age groups.

Children's activities will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Duke Street and Water Lane on the St. Margaret's School campus.

A boat show will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Water Lane.

The food court, known as "Tastes of Tappahannock," will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Water Lane in front of Stage 2.

A Merchants Market will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Duke and Cross streets.

The Beer & Wine Garden will



Signs will direct RivahFest visitors to a variety of activities.

operate from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the corner of Prince Street and Water Lane. Beverages will be served in a restricted area.

Carriage rides down Earl Street and Water Lane will be offered from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Rappahannock River Hole-in-One Challenge will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the bottom of Duke Street.

The Rotary Club Crab Races will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Water Lane and Virginia Street.

The Rubber Duck Race will begin at 3 p.m. on the Rappahannock River at St. Margaret's School on Water Lane.

Captain Thomas Happy Hour River Cruises will depart at 4:30 p.m. from Hoskins Creek Bridge at Routes 17 and 360.

Continuous shuttle bus service to the festival runs from the parking lots at Tappahannock Elementary School and Essex High School, and from the Tappahannock Towne Center parking area to the RivahFest bus stop on the corner of Cross and Queen streets next to Court-house Exxon.

Visit www.rivahfest.com for all the details on the festival.

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STORY AND PHOTOS BY STARKE JETT

This peeler crab is in the process of molting its shell as seen from the back.

Ronnie and Linda Jett, who own Cockrell's Creek Seafood Deli in Reedville, are very familiar with soft crabs. They sell up to 1,200 dozen of the delectable delicacies during the course of a season, which runs from the end of April or early May until the middle of September every year, with two bigger runs in May and August.

"I love them," said Linda. "I could eat them every day."

Soft crabs come from peeler crabs that have been caught and put in shallow water-filled trays to molt. Watermen who specialize in soft crabs have shedding houses with many of the trays inside. Creek water is circulated through all the trays while the watermen wait for the peeler crabs to shed their shells and become the soft version.

Crabs that have molted must be retrieved as soon as possible or the other crabs in the trays will eat them. Remember, they are defenseless and cannot move once they molt until their new shell hardens in a day or two.

Peeler crabs are caught in either peeler pots or peeler traps. A pot is like a regular crab pot, but has a tighter mesh to the wire. They are deployed by crabbers in shallow water along the shoreline of a creek, a river or the Bay, much the same as a regular pot, but in areas where the molting crabs are known to frequent.

A trap is like a miniature fish pound trap and is set at a

At first glance for the uninitiated, eating a soft crab can be an intimidating endeavor. A normal blue crab has a hard shell and two formidable pinching claws that can inflict quite a bit of damage to the unwary.

A soft crab is a blue crab that has molted its hard shell as part of the growth process, rendering it completely defenseless. It also makes it quite an unexpected tasty treat when deep fried, grilled or sauteed.

right angle and close to the shoreline of creeks or rivers. A leader net guides crabs traveling along the water's edge into the pound trap, which is a rectangular wooden box with tight wire mesh that is placed closer to the shore. It can be lifted out of its frame to unload the catch onto a waterman's boat.

As the water warms in the spring, peelers are caught near the heads of the rivers or creeks first and gradually move toward the mouths and out into the Bay, according to Chip Williams, a peeler crabber from Reedville. He said the pots must be moved every day to keep up with the movement of the peelers. Years of experience have made him and other peeler crabbers familiar with this migration pattern.

A jimmy crab (a large male crab) is put in the pot or trap to attract female peelers, a procedure called "stud-ding" a pot, according to Williams. Male peelers do not



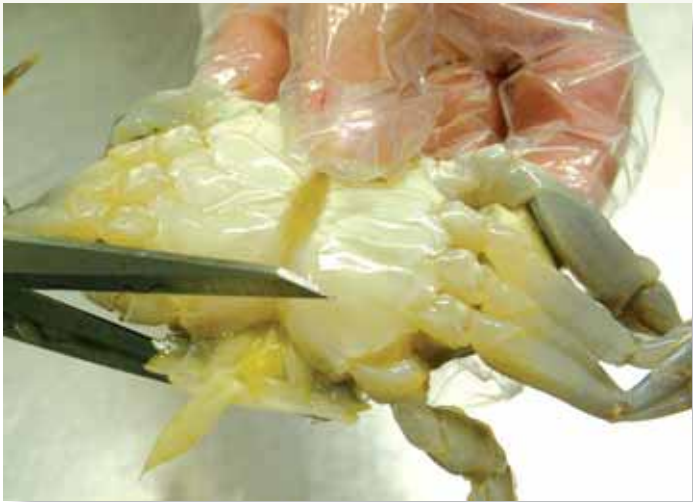
Erin Haynie is culling out soft crabs from the shedding trays at Fleeton Point Seafood.

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To clean a soft crab, first cut off the face.

2



Next, peel back and cut off the apron on the belly side.

3



Then cut out the lungs and intestines under each side flap.

4



To deep fry, dip the crab in a batter mix and fry for 2-3 minutes.

need any bait, but apparently move into the pots or traps of their own volition, perhaps because they think it will be a safe place to molt, Williams said.

Once the peelers become soft crabs they are refrigerated to keep them from hardening and are sold to various markets in the States and overseas. The Jetts sell them by the dozen or singly in their deli as soft crab sandwiches or meals.

Bigger size soft crabs bring higher prices. Prices also fluctuate with the time of year, the supply and demand and the distributor, as with any commodity.

The smallest size the Jetts sell are called hotels and sell for about \$12 a dozen. Primes are a bit bigger and can bring about \$20 a dozen. The next size up are jumbos

and sell for about \$28 a dozen. The biggest are whales and sell for anywhere from \$32 to \$36 a dozen. All these are spring prices that were provided by the Jetts.

As with all crabs or fish, soft crabs should be cleaned before cooking and eating. The face is cut off first. Then the apron underneath the crab is peeled back and cut off. Lastly the flaps on either side of the shell are lifted to cut out the lungs and intestines.

The crab is now ready to be cooked. A variety of recipes can be used with seasonings according to the cook's discretion. But whatever the recipe, it is the whole crab that is consumed, intimidating claws and all.

For those who have ever been pinched by a hard crab's claws, there's a definite sense of satisfaction in biting back!

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Rivah Fare



Bistro dining in the Northern Neck

by Joanna Marchetti

My husband and I recently had the pleasure of enjoying a wonderful dinner at Town Bistro in the heart of Kilmarnock. It's co-owned by chef Christal Jett and Kate Messner.

After being greeted by the hostess, we were led to our window table, providing us with front row seats to witness the Friday night buzz around town. We could see crowds making their way over to Savannah Joe's, and we could hear the faint strains of the Friday night band when customers entered and exited the restaurant.

When offered the wine list, my husband and I were surprised by the limited selection of wines sold by the glass (three, to be exact). However, we were pleased to learn that Town Bistro sells 1/2 bottles of wine, enough for two glasses, so we decided to enjoy a 1/2 bottle of the 2007 King Estate Oregon Pinot Noir.

I later learned that the wines are very carefully selected, and that none of the Bistro's wines are rated below 88 on the wine rating scale (the wine rating scale is 50-100, with anything over 80 considered very good, and wines rated over 90 considered excellent). Chef Jett's goal is for the wine list to be affordable and accessible.

Upon placing our drink orders, we were served a beautiful basket of warm European grain bread and butter.

While waiting for our wine, we studied the small, but beautifully crafted menu consisting primarily of fresh seafood, with one beef and one chicken option available. The menu is not overly extensive for a number of reasons. The first is that Chef Jett is the sole preparer of all dishes. With the exception of one dishwasher and a hostess on busy evenings, Jett and Messner run the restaurant entirely by themselves. Pretty impressive when you consider that everything from salads, to appetizers to entrees are made to order. The other reason is that Town Bistro doesn't have bulk freezer storage (or a deep fryer or a microwave for that matter!). The menu changes constantly to reflect the freshest ingredients available to the chef.

Table service was impeccable as the tables are handled by none other than Messner herself, who was incredibly knowledgeable and helpful regarding menu questions.

That evening, the menu included two salad options, a soup of the day, and two appetizers, clams or brie. These selections, as well as the entrees, change regularly in accordance with the season and availability. We decided on the brie and were not disappointed. The perfectly picturesque circle of warm French double cream brie drizzled with clover honey was topped with fresh herbs and toasted pecans and surrounded by lightly toasted crostini. Our red wine paired

wonderfully with this decadent dish.

We also shared the seasonal salad of mixed greens, sweet strawberries, toasted pecans and goat cheese served with a wonderful balsamic vinaigrette. The dressing was homemade, as are all sauces and dressings at Town Bistro, and the rich and intense flavors of the vinegar paired wonderfully with the goat cheese and strawberries.

When Messner arrived to take our order, I thought I had my mind set on the shrimp stuffed with jumbo lump crab meat and parmesan cheese, but made a last minute decision to ask which she most highly recommended.



Declaring the scallops her personal favorite, I decided to trust her expertise and switched to the restaurant's signature dish of panko crusted scallops with lemon-lime beurre blanc sauce. (See above photo). I chose one of the two starches being offered that evening, the roasted Yukon gold potatoes seasoned with herbes de provence. Chef Jett uses this seasoning particularly for the hint of lavender that goes well with most wines. My meal also included the vegetable du jour, a steamed crown of broccoli.

My husband chose the crabcake, which is made with a traditional recipe and a few "secret" spices, including the addition of tarragon. He chose the other starch of the evening, 100% pure wild rice, and the broccoli.

After we placed our orders, I took a moment to observe the style and decor of the restaurant. While not overly decorative, the restaurant manages to achieve a cozy and intimate atmosphere with burgundy walls, black chairs and tables, bistro prints hanging on the walls, wine racks and, my favorite touch, unique candle holders on each table. The restaurant has only seven tables, separated from the kitchen area by a sheer curtain. Patrons at many of the other tables seemed to know each other, and the overall feel of the restaurant was festive, as many of the parties surrounding us laughed and toasted their wine. While we were dining, Chef Jett

visited tables, clearly familiar with many of the patrons.

When our food arrived, my scallops were beautifully browned and crisp on the outside and perfectly moist and juicy on the inside. The beurre blanc sauce was a delightful addition, as the citrusy hints in this white wine butter sauce complemented the scallops wonderfully.

My husband's crabcake, also beautifully crisped, was accompanied by a small dish of the same beurre blanc sauce as my scallops, and we were later told the sauce is immensely popular among Bistro regulars and served alongside many other dishes by request.

Our delicious meals, including the amazing brie appetizer that we polished off, didn't allow us room for dessert; however, it never hurts to check out the options. The signature desserts that are staples of the menu include the creme brulee and the flour-less chocolate torte. Other desserts, like the rest of the menu, change seasonally. That evening it was French toast pound cake with fresh fruit. We were immediately sorry we hadn't saved room for those mouth-watering treats!

Town Bistro opened in June 2005. Chef Jett, a native of White

Stone, grew up hunting, fishing and spending time around her family's gardens and began her understanding of food preparation at a young age. She later attended Johnson and Wales University in Norfolk, graduating at the top of her class with an A.A.S. in culinary arts. Chef Jett makes it a priority to continue her culinary education and travels every year to various events to further her knowledge and techniques in an always-changing environment.

She describes her culinary style as "modern American cuisine," and the name Town Bistro was chosen not for the French cuisine influence, but for the style of intimate, family owned and operated neighborhood bistros in Europe. Jett and Messner strive for the restaurant to be a "customer friendly, come-as-you-are kind of place. Upscale without the uppity." Their philosophy is simply that they want their customers to be happy and believe it's important to establish relationships. Jett describes it as a "reciprocal process."

Chef Jett sources their products locally whenever possible, including local asparagus, tomatoes and soft shells, and says "Fresh is always best."

We thoroughly enjoyed experiencing the deliciousness that is Town Bistro and might just start with dessert on our next visit!



Rivah Dining



Restaurants are listed by county and all are in the 804 area code unless noted. Call for hours. B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner. \$ indicates average price range of entrees: \$ = under \$10; \$\$ = \$10 to \$16; \$\$\$ = over \$16.

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► **5 Bucks Fresh Pizza** Pizza, salads, subs, calzones, strombolis, gyros, 25 flavors of hot wings. Medium cheese or pepperoni pizza for \$5. York River Crossing. \$\$ 642-5823.

► **Anna's Pizza** Pizza, subs, salads, Italian dinners. \$\$ Main St. Center. 693-4171.

► **Anna's Pizza** Pasta dishes, subs, pizza. Take out only. \$\$ Rt. 17 at Glens beside Friday's Marine. 758-1112.

► **Ann's Family Dining** Traditional American menu served country style. B/L/D/\$. Rt. 17, Glens. 758-3031.

► **Antonio's Italian Restaurant** Italian specialties, pasta, pizza, calzones, subs. L/D/\$-\$\$\$ Sun.–Thurs. 11 a.m.–9 p.m., Fri. and Sat. 11 a.m.–10 p.m. 6685 Fox Centre Parkway, Gloucester. 693-2229.

► **Applebee's** American cuisine, steaks, ribs, stir-fried specialties and more. Take out, too. L/D/\$\$. Walmart Shopping Center, Gloucester. 694-3160.

► **Bangkok Noi** Authentic Thai cuisine. L/D/\$-\$\$\$ Mon.–Sat. Closed Sun. 6724 Main St., Gloucester. 695-1177.

► **Bao Zhong Bao** Four steam tables featuring Hunan, Cantonese, Szechwan cuisine plus sushi counter and American food. Table service section next door. Lunch and dinner specials. Eat in or take out. L/D/\$. Hayes Shopping Center. 684-0909.

► **Cruiser's Sports Bar and Grill** Homemade lunch specials. Char-broiled steaks, deli sandwiches. L/D/\$\$. White Marsh Shopping Center, Gloucester. 693-6246.

► **Damon's** Seafood, prime rib, sandwiches, subs. Breakfast Sun.



Cross Street Coffee is in the historic Taylor Building on Cross Street in Urbanna. Along with a variety of coffees, salads, soups and sandwiches, diners can enjoy an array of art that is on display throughout the building. Eat inside or outside.

L/D/\$\$. Beside Fary Ford on Rt. 17, Gloucester. 693-7218.

► **Domino's Pizza** Home delivery in Courthouse area. \$\$ George Washington Hwy. 693-6800.

► **El Ranchito** Mexican menu with burritos, taco salad, tamales, chili rellenos. Closed Mon. L/D/\$. Rt. 17 Bypass, Gloucester. 694-8003.

► **Goodfella's** Varied menu featuring seafood, steaks and prime rib. Open at 4:30 p.m. Wed–Sat; 11:30 a.m.–9 p.m. Sun./\$\$\$ Rt. 17, Hayes. 693-5950.

► **Good Fortune Chinese Restaurant** Cantonese and Szechwan. Dine in or take out. Beer, wine, cocktails. L/D/\$\$. Main St. Center. 694-0111.

► **Great Wall** Hunan and Szechwan Chinese cuisine. Family meal specials. Lunch specials. Take out or eat in. Open 7 days. L/D/\$. The Shops at Gloucester. 695-0500.

► **Hana Sushi** Sushi bar and Japanese Hibachi cooking. Watch the chefs perform startling tricks with knives as they cook to order! D/\$\$. York River Crossing, Gloucester Point. 642-3055.

► **Hong Kong** Chinese takeout. Small eat-in area. Smoke-free. \$\$.

York River Crossing, Gloucester. 642-5555.

► **Jessica's Sweet Shop, Cafe and Bakery** Fresh roasted coffee. Salads, soups, sandwiches. Fresh baked cinnamon rolls, scones, yeast breads. Bakery goods to go. B/L/\$. Morgan Building, Main St. Gloucester Court House. 693-5235.

► **Juan's Mexican Cafe and Cantina** Mexican menu. L/D/weekend breakfast \$. Rt. 17, across from York River Crossing, 642-5401.

► **Keepers** Hot grille. B/L/carry-out/\$. Rt. 17, three miles south of Saluda. 758-5720.

► **Kelsick Specialty Market** Gourmet shop. Fresh baked breads and pastries. Salads, soups. Take-out dinners and freezer selections. Wine tastings some Sat. Well-stocked wine racks. Take out only/\$. Main St., Gloucester. 693-6500.

► **Nick's Spaghetti and Steak House** Traditional Greek cuisine, Italian dishes, steaks and seafood. George Washington Mem. Hwy., Gloucester Point. Open 7 days. L/D/\$\$. 642-2330.

► **Number One** Chinese cuisine, eat in or takeout. \$\$ Walter Reed Plaza.

693-3851 or 694-5850.

► **Olivia's in the Village** Steaks, seafood and pasta, B/L/D \$\$ 6597 Main St., Gloucester. 694-0057.

► **Pizza Hut** Rt. 17 in Gloucester Point. \$\$ 642-4620.

► **The Point Bar & Grill** Appetizers, steaks, seafood. L/D/\$\$. 1785 George Washington Mem. Hwy., Gloucester Point Shopping Center. 684-2234.

► **The River's Inn and Crab Deck** provides seasonally changing entrees using fresh, local seafood and produce. Views of Sarah Creek on the York River and outdoor dining available. Reservations accepted. \$\$-\$\$\$ 8109 Yacht Haven Rd. Gloucester Point. 642-6161.

► **Rosemary and Wine** Tapas, full wine bar and microbrews (including Legends). Reservations advised on weekends. D/\$-\$\$ 17 Plaza. 684-0777.

► **Ruby Tuesday** Burgers, extensive salad bar. American style cooking. Curbside Service. L/D/\$\$. 6749 Fox Center Parkway, Gloucester, near WalMart. 694-4955.

► **Sal's Pizza** subs, pizza, pastas. L/D/\$\$. 2520 George Washington Mem. Hwy., across from Wachovia Bank. 642-6470.

► **Salsa's Mexican Grill** Mexican atmosphere. Fajitas, tacos, chimichangas, enchiladas and vegetarian entrees. Karaoke. Open 7 days. L/D/\$. 4329 George Washington Mem. Hwy. 684-5545.

► **Sazeracs** Gourmet dining featuring soups, salads, appetizers and a wide variety of steak, seafood & pork dinner entrees and lunch sandwiches. Menu changes daily using only the freshest ingredients available. Sun. brunch. Tues.–Sat. L/D/\$\$\$ Main St., Gloucester. 210-1397.

► **Short Lane Ice Cream Company** Over 20 flavors of homemade ice cream. Banana splits, fancy sundaes, cones and dishes. Closed Mon. Corner of Short Ln. and Rt. 17, across from Lowe's. \$. 695-2999.

► **Starbuck's** Handcrafted espresso beverages, pastries, chilled meals. Open 7 days. Fox Mill Shopping Center near Walmart. 694-3146.

► **Sweet Madeline's** Homemade soups, salads, desserts. Café, delicatessen, catering, corporate functions, box lunches. Open >> 54

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53 >> Mon.–Sat. L/\$. Rt. 17 and Tidemill Rd., Gloucester. 642-1780.

► **Wild Rabbit Cafe** Coffee bar with latte, cappuccino, espresso, brewed coffees, iced or hot, and smoothies. Lunch and dinner menu of soups, salads, deli sandwiches, paninis. B/L/D/\$. Main St., Gloucester. 694-5100.

King & Queen

► **Antonio's Pizza** Pizza, pasta, subs, salads and more - Italian food, quality customer service, friendly atmosphere, Rt. 33 (VIA Center), Mattaponi. 785-2720.

► **Nick's Spaghetti and Steak House** Specializing in Italian food and steaks. L/D/\$\$. Rt. 33, Shackelfords. 785-6300.

King William

► **Arnest Seafood** Dine in and take out. Fresh seafood. Open Wed.–Thurs. 12–8, Fri.–Sat. 12–9, Sun. 12–8. 109 Commerce Park Dr., Manquin 769-3315.

► **Anna's Pizza** Pizza, subs, salads,

Italian dinners. \$\$, King William Ave., West Point. 843-4035.

► **Hong Kong** Central Crossing Shopping Center, corner Rt. 360 and 30. 769-8832.

► **Sophie's Place** Family style restaurant, serving pastas, seafood, steaks; Open 7 days. \$-\$\$; 18950 Motel Dr., West Point; In front of the Washington Burgess Motel. 843-2333.

► **Pizza Hut** West Point Shopping Center in West Point. \$. 843-3444.

► **Tony and George's** Seafood and Italian dishes. L/D/\$\$ 2880 King William Ave., West Point 843-4448.

► **Tops China** Take out or eat in. L/D/\$. West Point Shopping Center. 843-2211.

► **Vinny's Italian Grill and Pizzeria** Rt. 360, Central Crossing Shopping Center. 769-8822.

Lancaster

► **Alley Cafe Sports Lounge** 608 N. Main St., Kilmarnock. Daily specials. Open Mon.–Sat. 6 a.m. until... Open Sun. 12 noon until... B/L/D/\$ 436-1100.

► **Anna's** Pasta, pizza, subs, seafood

and steaks. 150 Old Fairgrounds Way, Kilmarnock. 435-8960.

► **Bluewater Seafood and Deli** Fresh Seafood and homemade deli items. Tues.–Fri. 10–5:30. Sat. 10–4. \$\$ In the Chesapeake Commons Shopping Center in Kilmarnock. 435-3530.

► **Carwash Cafe and Catering** Breakfast and lunch with takeout available. Located on North Main St. inside Susan's Shell Station beside the car wash. Tues.–Sat. 8–2:30. Breakfast available all day Sun., 8–2. B/L/\$. 435-0405.

► **Carried Away Cuisine** Gourmet entrees to go. Fresh prepared salads, homemade soups, baked breads, cakes, scones, muffins and cookies. Closed Sun. and Mon. B/L/D/\$\$. 10 N. Main St., downtown Kilmarnock. 435-9191.

► **Charlie's Tiki Bar** is located on the water at Windmill Point Marina. Put your feet in the sand while enjoying a cold beverage and eating local seafood. Burgers, crab legs, crab cakes and more. Live music Sat. nights. Mon.–Fri. 11 a.m. until..., Sat. & Sun. 8 a.m. until... B/L/D \$/\$/\$ 436-TIKI (8454).

► **Charlotte's** Coffee house featuring a wide selection of gourmet coffees and specialty beverages. Daily specials. Freshly prepared pastries, wraps and paninis. B/L/\$ 41 S. Main St., Kilmarnock. 435-3550.

► **Corner Bar & Grill** located in Uptown Lively, corner of Rt. 3 and Rt. 201. Home of the ½ lb black angus burger, no filler crab cake and Thurs.

night shrimp night. Casual dining & take out. Mon.–Thurs. 11 a.m.–11 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 11 a.m.–1 a.m. 462-0110.

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► **Great Fortune Chinese Restaurant** Specializing in authentic Mandarin, Szechwan, Hunan, Peking and Cantonese cuisine. Dine in or carry-out. L/D/\$. Kilmarnock. 435-6333.

► **Historic Lancaster Tavern** Located in historic Lancaster across the street from the Mary Ball Washington Museum. Open 7 days a week. Mon.–Fri. 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m., 5 p.m.–9 p.m.; Sat.–Sun. 7 a.m.–9 p.m. 8373 Mary Ball Rd., Lancaster. B/L/D/\$. 462-0080.

www.lancastertavern.com

► **Hong Kong** Chinese food, dine in or take out. Szechwan and Hunan, also Cantonese. Open 7 days, lim-

ited seating. L/D/\$. Lancaster Square Shopping Center, Kilmarnock. 435-7979.

► **Hope and Glory Inn** Chef's Tables at the Hope and Glory Inn - Diners at our Chef's Table – on select evenings: \$75-90 per person. Three courses. Wine paired, one table limited to 18, prix fixe, 7 p.m. 65 Tavern Rd. and King Carter Dr., Irvington. Reservations required. 438-6053 and 800-497-8228.

www.hopeandglory.com

► **KC's Crabs & Cues** Open 7 days, 6 a.m. until midnight. B/L/D \$ 10428 Jessie Dupont Mem. Hwy. 435-7665.

► **Kilmarnock Inn** Now serving breakfast everyday with a reservation for \$12.95 from 7:30 a.m.–10 a.m. Also available for private events, meetings, etc. 34 East Church St., Kilmarnock. 435-0034.

► **Lee's** Hometown cooking and atmosphere. Full menu, local seafood in season, homemade desserts. Serving since 1939. B/L/D/\$. Main St., Kilmarnock. Mon.–Sat. 7 a.m.–8:30 p.m. 435-1255.

► **The Local** coffee, espresso, bagels, and muffins for breakfast and soups, salads and sandwiches for lunch. Outdoor patio. B/L/\$. Mon.–Sat. 7:30 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sun. 7:30 a.m.–3 p.m. 4337 Irvington Rd., Irvington. 438-9356.

► **The Nacho** Open daily at 11a.m. 7 days a week. Featuring local flavors with a little kick. Try our crab and shrimp quesadilla or grab a cold beverage while sitting on the sidewalks of downtown Kilmarnock. Burritos to burgers and everything in between.

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www.natestrickdogcafe.com

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www.whitestoneeventcenter.com

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www.cafe-mojo.com

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Local Flavor: Soft Shell Crabs



Soft shell crab season is from late April or early May until September. They can be grilled, sauteed or fried, which is the most popular preparation. To learn more about this delicacy, see page 50.

Soft Shell Crab Imperial

Ingredients:

1/4 cup butter
2 tablespoons flour
1 cup milk
2 teaspoons prepared mustard

1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 - 1/4 teaspoon red pepper
1 pound backfin crabmeat
12 soft-shell crabs, cleaned
3 tablespoons butter, melted
1 cup fresh buttered breadcrumbs

Preparation:

Melt butter in saucepan. Add flour and blend over low heat, stirring constantly, for 3 to 5 minutes. Slowly stir in milk. Cook and stir until thickened. Blend in mustard, salt and red pepper. Gently fold in crabmeat. Prick legs and claws of each soft-shell crab with the tines of a fork to prevent popping. Place crabs, bottom side up, on a broiling rack 3 inches from the heat. Brush with melted butter. Broil 4 to 5 minutes. Turn over, brush again with butter. Broil 4 to 5 minutes. To assemble: Place about 3 tablespoons of the crab mixture on top of each broiled crab. Sprinkle with buttered crumbs. At serving time, bake in a preheated 350 degree oven for 15 minutes. Serves 6.

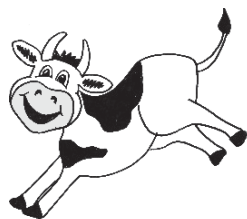
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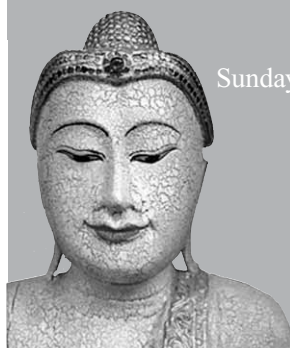


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YMCA offers youth sailing lessons

MATHEWS—The Mathews YMCA will hold several sessions in its summer sailing program. Sessions are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Williams Wharf, and the fee for the week is \$260. Youth sessions for ages 8-12 are June 14-18 and June 28-July 2. Teen sessions for ages 13-17 are June 21-25 and July 12-16. Youth and teen sessions for ages 8-17 is July 19-23. Space is limited.

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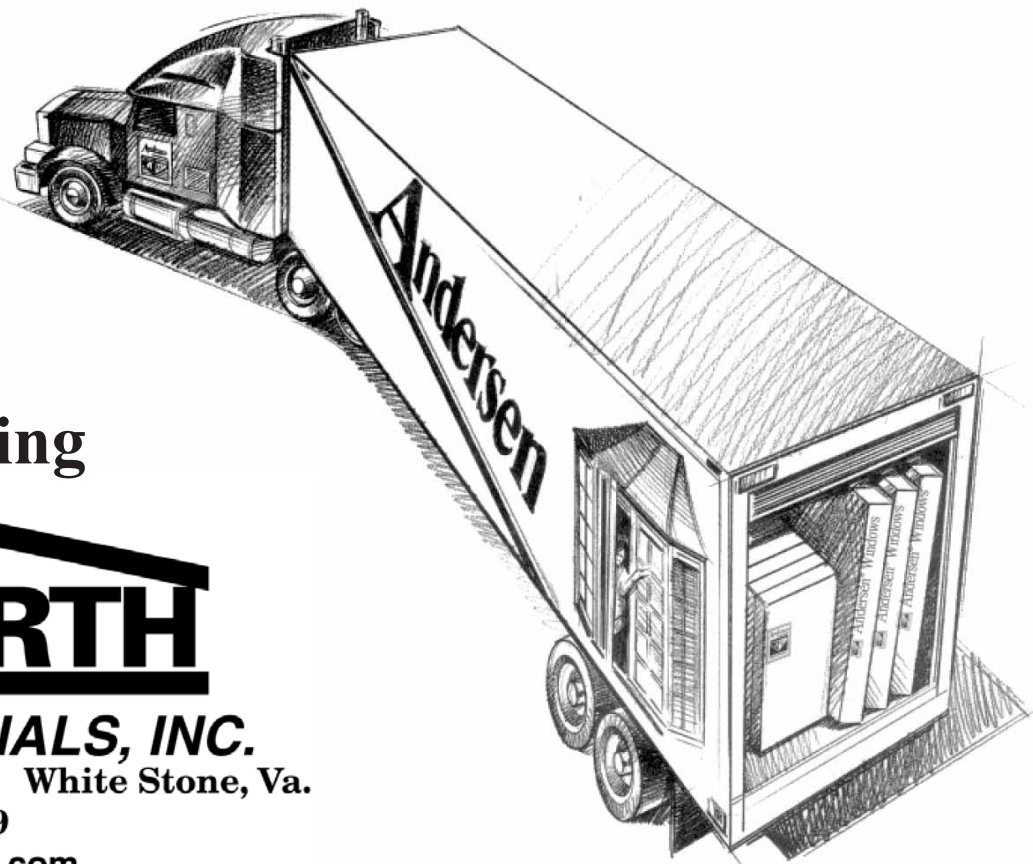
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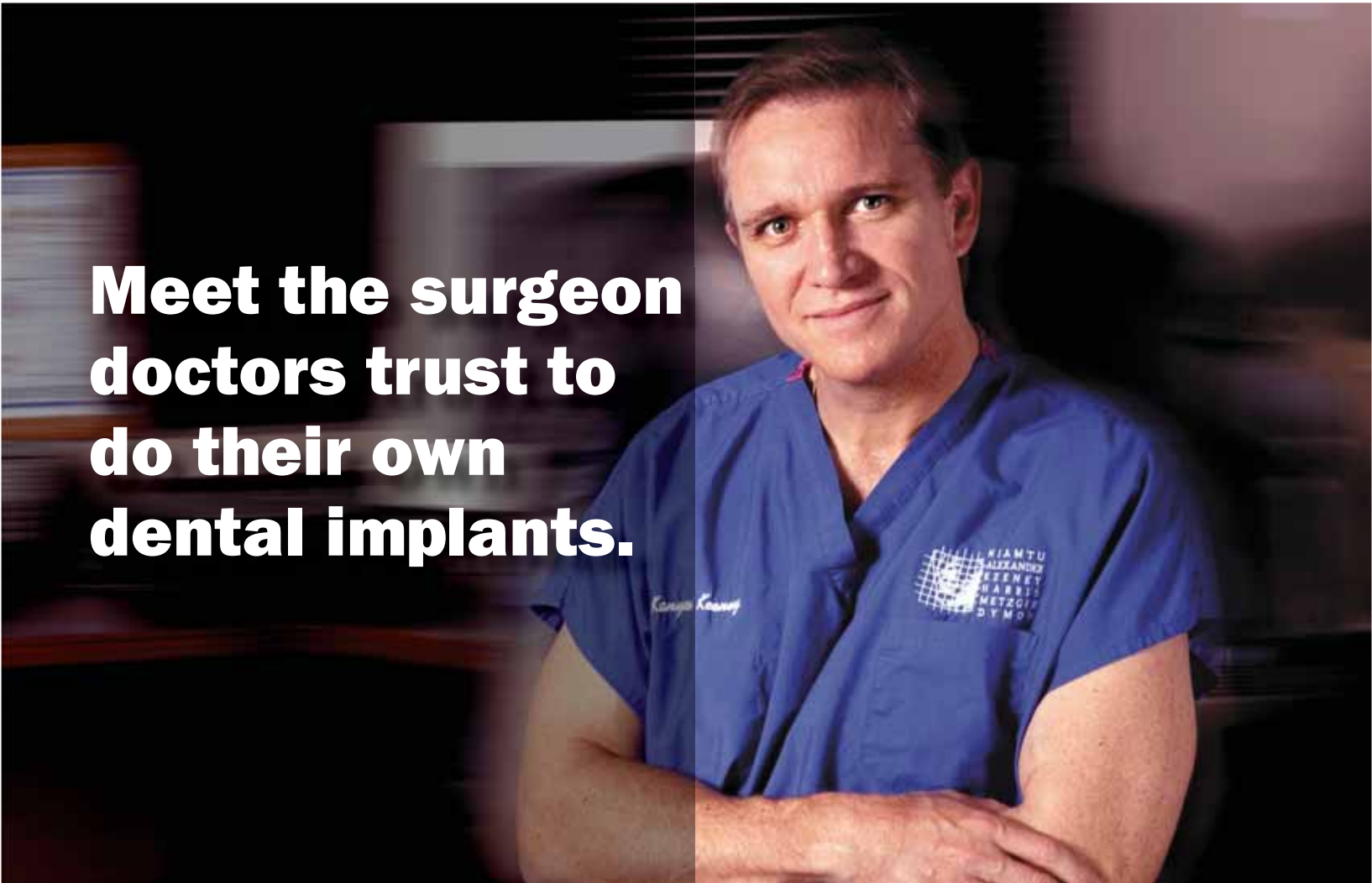
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Public library offers summer reading program

MIDDLESEX—The Middlesex County Public Library will have a Summer Reading Program with the theme "Make a Splash, Dive into Books." Registration will begin June 16 and continue until August 6. There will be special Friday afternoon programs at the Middlesex YMCA that will feature professional entertainers who will encourage children to read. These programs are open to all children and their parents/caregivers.

Under the direction of Ginger Inabinet, there will be weekly, small group programs, starting June 30. Ages 3-4 will meet at the Urbanna Branch on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.. Rising K-1 students will meet on Mondays in Urbanna at 10:30 a.m. and in Deltaville at 1:30 p.m. Rising grades 2-3 will meet on Tuesdays, and rising grades 4-5 will meet on Thursdays. The times for Urbanna and Deltaville are the same as for the rising K-1 group.

These programs will consist of age/grade appropriate book sharing, storytelling, music, puppetry, crafts, finger plays, poetry, and rhythm activities.

Memorial Day ceremony slated at Bethel cemetery

LANCASTER—The 21st annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 9 a.m. Monday, May 31, at Bethel United Methodist Church. If weather permits, the ceremony will be held outside, said chairman Robert V. Smart.

A wreath will be placed in honor of the 123 servicemen buried in Bethel Cemetery. The Color Guard will be provided by American Legion Post #86 of Kilmarnock. The speaker will be the Rev. L. Bryan McClain, who recently served in Iraq as a U.S. Air Force chaplain. The "Call To Colors" and "Taps" will be played by Glen Burnert.

The roll call of deceased servicemen at Bethel Cemetery will be read by members of the Bethel-Emmanuel United Methodist Men. The Men's Chorus will sing "My Own Dear Land" from the 1942 Armed Forces Hymnal, accompanied by Deborah Revere.

"We invite the public to join us for a few minutes this Memorial Day to honor those who have served and are serving to defend this country," said Smart.

Bethel United Methodist Church and cemetery are on White Chapel Road, west of Lively.

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Westmoreland Courthouse

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There's a dogleg turn in the middle of Montross that forces motorists on King's Highway to slow down, in fact nearly stop, in the middle of the quaint Northern Neck town.

Otherwise, folks might zoom on through the county seat of Westmoreland County, which has a total area of only 1.0 square mile and just over 300 residents.

The 90-degree turn faces the Old Westmoreland Courthouse, which was the site of notable Revolutionary War events from 1774-1775.

In fact, Westmoreland County is steeped in history as the birthplace of George Washington, James Monroe and General Robert E. Lee.

Montross is home to the Westmoreland County Museum, the county's newspaper, a bottling distributorship, a few restaurants and shops.

The Westmoreland County Visitors Center is in the Westmoreland County Museum and Library at 43 Court Square. Established in 1941, it is the oldest museum in the Northern Neck. Built as a replica of Wakefield, the birthplace of George Washington, the museum was originally built to house Charles Willson Peale's 1768 portrait of William Pitt, the

Parliamentarian largely responsible for the repeal of the Stamp Act.

The museum exhibits include a geographical look at the region and depicts life in Westmoreland and the surrounding counties of the Northern Neck from the time of Native Americans and the first English settlements to the early 20th century. The museum is also home to the Presidents' Garden, which honors Virginia's eight U.S. Presidents.

Open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the museum sponsors many of the town's annual festivals including a spring wine tasting, the Montross Fall Festival and Halloween and Christmas events.

One of the town's most popular events, the Montross Fall Festival is held on the first Saturday of October and features games, parades, crafts, theater shows and re-enactors. The festival, which will be on October 2, 2010, is often held in conjunction with Washington and Lee High School's homecoming celebration.

Once housed in the museum, the Northern Neck Historical Society moved in May just down the street to a private home at 15825 Kings Highway. Among the society's collection are vital records,

family histories, church and cemetery guides, histories of Virginia and Northern Neck towns and counties and immigration lists. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

A visit to Montross wouldn't be complete without a stop at arguably one of the most interesting shops in the Northern Neck — The Carrot Cottage — across from the courthouse on Kings Highway.

With flags waving in the breeze and yard decor along the sidewalk, it's a what-not shop like no other. The Carrot Cottage sells nautical and seasonal gifts, pastel portraits, Crocs sandals, children's clothing and toys, college apparel and memorabilia, jewelry, candles, knick-knacks, dishes, soaps and hundreds of other items.

Just down the street, in a converted service station, is The Art of Coffee, a combination gourmet coffee shop, restaurant, art gallery and music venue. Promoting the arts of the Northern Neck, the shop provides a place to relax, sip coffee and dine while taking in artwork by owner Holly Harman and various local painters, photographers and wood-carvers. The shows change monthly. The current exhibit is one by art students from Washington and Lee High School.

For nearly five years now, the shop has promoted local entertainers with live music on the third Friday of every month.

Across the street from The Art of Coffee is possibly the town's most rec-

ognizable building, the Northern Neck Coca-Cola Bottling Company, which was established in 1921. The company is best known for its production of Northern Neck Ginger Ale.

Montross had its 15 minutes of national fame in 2000 when the town was featured on the Late Show with David Letterman. Comedian Biff Henderson, during his segment "Biff Henderson's America," visited Montross' museum, sheriff's department, a bargain shop and the bottling company.

Upcoming Events

June 4 — John Dos Passos Lecture, Westmoreland County Museum, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

June 13 — Wine Festival, Westmoreland County Museum, 5-7 p.m.

October 2 — Montross Fall Festival, events throughout town, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

October 28 — Haunted Tales, Westmoreland County Museum, 6-9 p.m.

October 29 — Haunted Tales, Westmoreland County Museum, 7-10 p.m.

December 3 — Spirit Festival and Tree Lighting, Westmoreland County Museum, 7-9 p.m.

December 5 — Holiday House Tour and Reception, 4-7 p.m.

Don't Miss...
 ■ Westmoreland County Museum Wine Festival, June 13
 ■ Montross Fall Festival, Oct. 2

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Code Blue to perform for St. Stephens BBQ & Bluegrass

NORTHUMBERLAND—Code Blue will perform for St. Stephen's Episcopal Church's third annual BBQ & Bluegrass from 5 to 8 p.m., June 5. The event will be held at Roanoke Farm in Heathsville.

Code Blue is a high-energy bluegrass band playing everything from traditional bluegrass music

and four-part gospel music to it's own music and arrangements, according to Dawn Mahaffey. Formed in 1996, Code Blue is a perennial favorite at Virginia bluegrass festivals, and has performed with Dr. Ralph Stanley and The Clinch Mountain Boys, Earl Scruggs and Marty Stewart, Charlie Waller and the Country

Gentleman, III Thyme Out, The Seldom Scene, The James King Band, J. D. Crowe and The New South, and many other outstanding bluegrass bands.

Roanoke Farm is owned by A. Mason Brent and has been in the Brent family for more than 150 years, said Mahaffey. Its 600 acres span the north and south

sides of Route 360 in Heathsville. Roanoke is one of 15 farms in Northumberland County that have been designated Virginia Century Farms. The all-you-can-eat menu will include pork barbecue, hot dogs, beans, slaw, brownies, and soft drinks. Beer and wine also will be available.

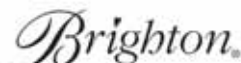
Tickets are \$20. Proceeds will

benefit St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and their outreach partners, Hospice of the Northern Neck and SAIF Water.

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History

Essex County's history in written form dates from Captain John Smith's visit during the winter of 1607-08, when he wrote of the "excellent, pleasant, fertile, and navigable" Rappahannock Valley.

In 1645 Bartholomew Hoskins patented the Tappahannock site, which became known at various times as Hobbs His Hole, Hobb's Hole, the short-lived New Plymouth, and the Indian name Tappahannock. The port town was to become a center of commerce during the 17th and 18th centuries, establishing a crossroads.

The county came into being in 1692 when Old Rappahannock County, which once encompassed at least 50 modern counties in Virginia and West Virginia, was divided along the river with the north side becoming Richmond County and the south becoming Essex.

During Bacon's Rebellion in 1676, armed men gathered near Piscataway Creek and defeated Governor Berkeley's cavalrymen. Later they prevailed in the Dragon Swamp, but eventually English warships and troops suppressed the uprising. Frontier patrols, however, were maintained against hostile northern Indians into the early 1700's.

The British Stamp Act of 1765 led directly to the American Revolution, and it was in



The Rubber Duck Race is one popular attraction at RivahFest in Tappahannock on Saturday, June 19.

Tappahannock that one of the first confrontations occurred.

Leading merchant Archibald Ritchie, who supported the Stamp Act, was labeled as "the greatest enemy of his country." On February 27, 1766, gentlemen from nine counties gathered at Leedstown to draft the "Resolutions" that led Virginians to disobey Parliament. They also made plans to publicly humiliate Ritchie and the Scots merchant Archibald McCall. These events occurred seven years before the Boston Tea Party.

The Essex Courthouse contains the oldest records in Virginia. James B. Slaughter's history of the area, "Settlers, Southerners, Americans: The History of Essex County, Virginia 1608-1984," recounts in detail the county's 350-year-old story. The book is available at

the county administrator's office.

Today Essex has a population of 9,989 and Tappahannock is one of the largest commercial centers in the region.

Government

The Essex County seat is at 205 Cross St. in the Tappahannock Courthouse Square. 443-4331. Essex County has one town, Tappahannock. 443-3336. The sheriff's office can be reached at 443-3346.

Libraries

Essex Public Library, Tappahannock, 443-4945.

For Visitors

The Tappahannock-Essex Chamber of Commerce is at 205 Cross St. www.essex-virginia.org.

Don't Miss

- RivahFest 2010, arts, crafts, food, Idol, market, antique cars and more. Saturday, June 19. Downtown Tappahannock.
- Rappahannock River Cruises. Cruise to Ingleside Winery. Tues-Sun, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. 453-2628.
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A Revolutionary War Encampment will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Historic Court Circle on Main Street in Gloucester on Saturday, May 29. Soldiers of the 7th Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line, their families and camp followers will interpret camp life during the War for Independence. There will be black powder firing demonstrations, an 18th century pharmacist, and favorite children's games of the period. Bring lawn chairs. 693-0014.

History

Exploration of what would become Gloucester County began soon after 1607 when Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in the New World, was started 25 miles to its south.

Gloucester County was formed in 1651 from York County. It contained Kingston

Parish, which became Mathews County in 1791.

Gloucester was home to several well-known persons including Pocahontas, daughter of Indian Chief Powhatan. According to legend, she petitioned her father to spare the life of English explorer Captain John Smith, who was one of the first white men to see the area in the early

1600s.

Another infamous resident was Nathaniel Bacon who, in 1676, led a force of planters against the Indians. Bacon's Rebellion defeated the Indians and then attempted to make the governor reform colonial policies. His army burned Jamestown and he briefly controlled the colony before his death ended the revolt.

Fortified during Bacon's Rebellion, Gloucester Point is just across the York River from Yorktown, site of the British surrender to end the American Revolution.

Originally called Tyndall's Point, named for an early mapmaker, it was renamed Gloucester Towne and was once the county seat until it was moved 13 miles north during the 1700s.

When Jamestown was burned by Bacon in 1676, the Virginia Executive Council considered moving the state capital to Tyndall's Point, but the motion was rejected. Jamestown remained the state capital until it was shifted to Williamsburg.

In 1769, the new county seat, Botetourt Towne (old town Gloucester), was laid out. It was named for Baron de Botetourt, then governor of Virginia.

Today, Gloucester is the largest of the eight counties that make up the Northern

Neck and Middle Peninsula with 34,500 residents.

Government

Most Gloucester County offices are in the courts and office building at 6467 Main St. 693-4042. The sheriff's office can be reached at 693-4042.

Libraries

Gloucester Library, 6920 Main St. 693-2998. Gloucester Pt. Branch Library, 1720 George Washington Memorial Highway in Hayes. 642-9700.

For Visitors

The Gloucester Visitor Center is in the Roane Building at 6509 Main St. Open Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sun., 1-4 p.m. 693-3215 or visit gloucesterva.info

Don't Miss

- Concert on the Green. Wayne Metheny Gospel Band June 12, 6 p.m. Free. Bring chair or blanket. Historic Court Circle. 693-1264.
- A Big Bash Classic bass fishing tournament at Beaverdam Park in Gloucester. 693-2355.
- Mad Fashions & Martinis. June 5, 1-4 p.m. \$30. Main Street Center, Gloucester.

Lancaster County

History

Indians had occupied the Northern Neck for some 10,000 years when Capt. John Smith sailed up the Rappahannock River in 1608. The Powhatan Confederate was represented here by the Moraughtacunds and the Cuttatawomen tribes. A short 43 years later, Lancaster County was formed from neighboring Northumberland.

Families of notable influence in the social, political and economic climate of the colonies built magnificent “empires” here, and family names like Carter and Ball still are prevalent today.

Robert “King” Carter (1663–1732) of Corrotoman was the son of the immigrant John Carter, who acquired property and lived at Corrotoman from 1654 until his death in 1669.

At the time of his death, his holdings had increased to some 300,000 acres, and over 1,000 slaves were working his various plantations. There were 18 buildings on the estate then (not counting the Mansion House he built, which burned three years prior to his death).

Married twice, he had 15 children. Among King Carter’s descendants were eight governors of Virginia, three signers of the Declaration of Independence, two presidents, Robert E. Lee, and Supreme Court Justice Edward D. White.

Carter and his two wives are buried at Christ Church, the church he paid to have built a few miles from Corrotoman.

The Balls, meanwhile, established themselves at Millenbeck and at Epping Forest. Mary Ball, later to become the mother of George Washington, was born in 1708–09.

A courthouse was established in 1698 at Queenstown, a newly formed port town on the Corrotoman River. In 1742, the court was moved to Lancaster.

Today Lancaster County has a population of 11,300 and has one of the largest populations of retirees in the state thanks to its picturesque shoreline and temperate climate.

Government

Lancaster County offices are headquartered at 8311 Mary Ball Rd. in Lancaster Courthouse. 462-5129. www.lancova.com. There are three towns in Lancaster County: Kilmarnock, White Stone and Irvington. The sheriff’s office can be reached at 462-5111.

Libraries

Lancaster Community Library, Kilmarnock, 435-1729.

For Visitors

There is a Kilmarnock Information Center in the Kilmarnock Antique Mall at 144 School St.

Don’t Miss

► Kilmarnock Farmers’ Market, Saturday, May 22, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., North Main Street.



A variety of canoeing opportunities for all ages are available at Belle Isle State Park. Reservations are recommended. Call 462-5030.

Mathews County

History

Mathews County was an established shipbuilding center for the Chesapeake Bay when it broke away from Gloucester in 1791 to become a separate county.

About that time, 12 sailing ships over 20 tons each were built in a single year in Mathews, which the Chiskiake Indians had called Werowocomico.

Between 1790 and 1820, approximately a third of the ships built in Virginia came from Mathews. The sharp, fast vessels, popularly known as Baltimore Clippers, were built throughout the Chesapeake Bay region. Before the War of 1812, these fast ships were simply known as “Virginia built.”

From 1802 to 1844, Mathews was an official port of entry for the registration and enrollment of ships. During this period, 10,000 vessels called at the “Port of East River.” The customs house stood at Williams Wharf (marker 13), which was a center of maritime activity until the steamers quit running in the 1940s.

Cricket Hill, near Gwynn’s Island, was the site of one of the last naval engagements of the Revolutionary War. In June 1776, Continental forces bombarded the British fleet and encampment on Gwynn’s Island. Lord Dunsmore, the last royal gov-



Memorial Day weekend marks the beginning of boating season on the East River in Mathews.

ernor, was driven from the colony, ending British rule in Virginia.

When water was the highway, boats were the standard means of travel. The arrival of steamships at Williams Wharf with cargo from Norfolk, Newport News or Baltimore was a daily highlight.

World War II put most of the steamboat lines out of business. In 1942 the government requisitioned most of the bay and coastal steamers for service in the war effort.

The last remaining steamboat line, the Old Bay Line, stopped its York River to Baltimore run in 1942. About 20 years later, the Old Bay Line dropped passenger service between Baltimore and Norfolk. The steamers stopped for good in the spring of 1962.

Today Mathews has a population of 9,200 people. While it is the smallest county in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula with only 87 square miles, it has some 367 miles of shoreline and some of

the area’s best public access.

Government

Most county government offices are in Liberty Square at 10604 Buckley Hall Rd., Mathews, 725-7172 or co.mathews.va.us. The sheriff’s office can be reached at 725-7177.

Libraries

Mathews Memorial Library, 251 Main St. 725-4123.

For Visitors

The Mathews County Visitor and Information Center is in historic Sibley’s General Store at 239 Main St. 725-4229 or visit-mathews.com.

Don’t Miss

► Mathews Farmers’ Market. Historic Court Square. Every Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 725-7755.
► Mathews YMCA Youth Sailing Camp for ages 8-12. Williams Wharf Landing, 725-1488.
► Donk’s Theater. Intersection of Routes 198 & 223 Hudgins. 725-7760. donkstheater.com
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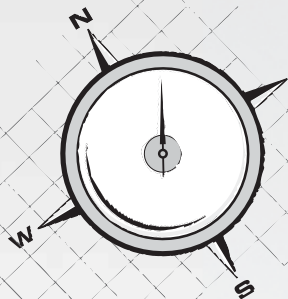
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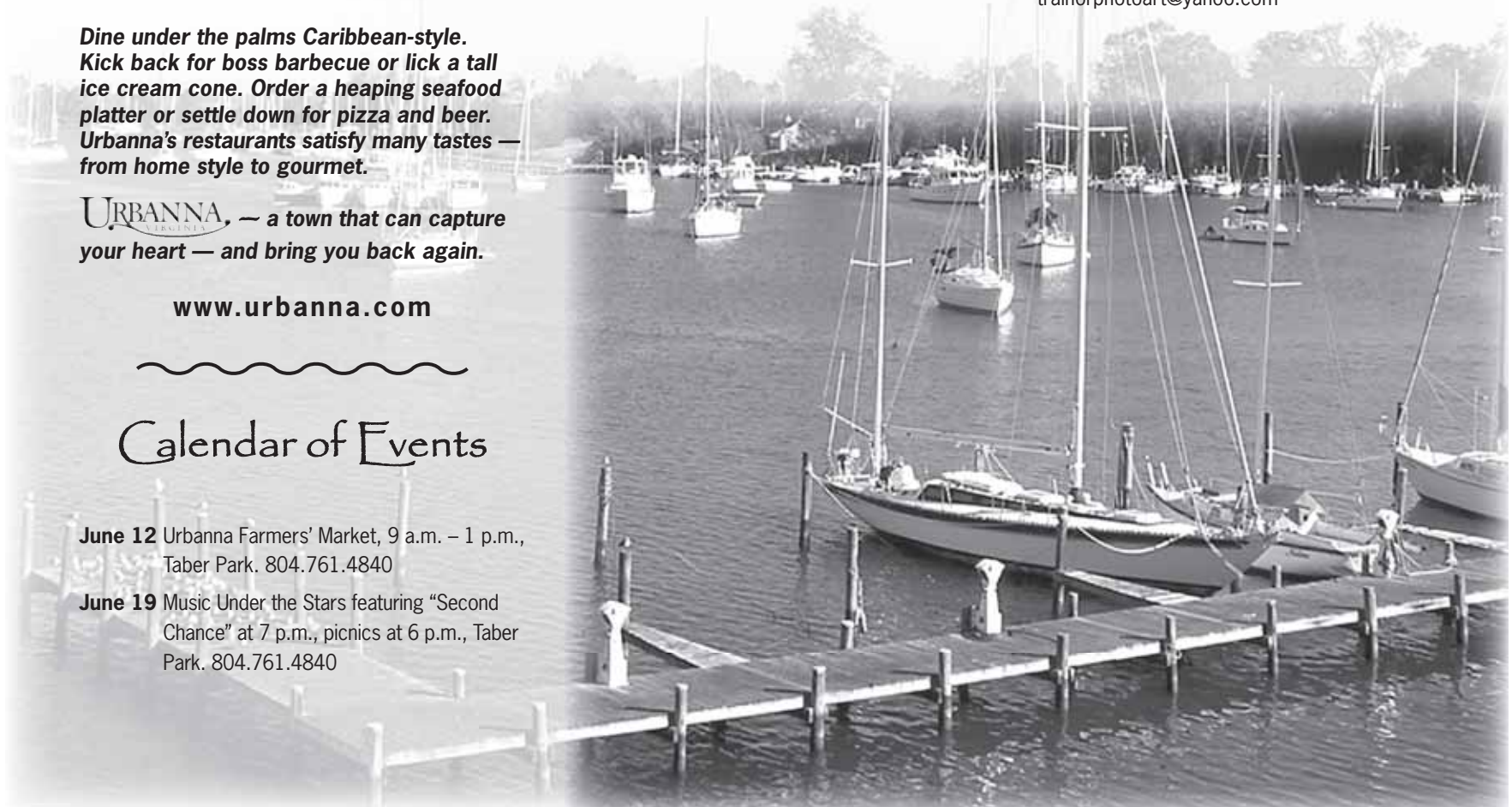
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History

Middlesex County was formed around 1669 from Lancaster County, which makes it one of the oldest English settlements in the United States. Many plantation homes still stand from the Colonial era and it is rich in history that spans nearly 350 years.

Bordered by the Rappahannock and Piankatank rivers and the Chesapeake Bay, much of its history centers around the water. The town of Urbanna was formed in 1680 as a center for shipping tobacco from surrounding plantations.

Urbanna was the county seat until 1852 when it was moved to Saluda, a more central location for area citizens. Throughout the county are homes built in the 1700's and wartime stories abound dating back to the Revolutionary and Civil wars. During these wars, plantations such as Providence and Rosegill were bombarded and looted.

Stingray Point near Deltaville gained immortal fame as the spot where Captain John Smith was nearly killed by a stingray.

Three centuries ago ships from London, Liverpool, Bristol and Glasgow were common sights on Urbanna Creek. Just across the creek from Urbanna is Rosegill, one of the oldest plantations in America. It was for many years a center of influence

in the Colony and a power in the political and commercial life of this area. It was the home of five generations of Wormleys, one of the most influential families in the colony. Colonial governors Sir Henry Chicheley and Lord Howard of Effingham made Rosegill their home.

During the Civil War, General George McClellan formulated a plan of attack to take Richmond by starting from Urbanna. The plan was named the Urbanna Plan, but it was never instituted.

In 1862, several Yankee warships bombarded the town but legend has it that the only thing the Yanks killed was an old hare. One of the cannonballs did hit the old courthouse, which today is the Middlesex Woman's Club building on Virginia St.

During the bombardment the townsfolk congregated on the creek bank near where the Urbanna Bridge is located today. Legend has it that an old man by the name of Montague stood at the top of the hill and whenever he saw a flash of a cannon firing he would scream "squat" and the townsfolk would squat down to the ground.

Today Middlesex County has a population of 9,600 and is home to the popular Urbanna Oyster Festival, which draws thousands to enjoy a weekend of music and mollusks every November.



The Groovin' in the Park waterfront concert series at the Deltaville Maritime Museum is on the fourth Saturday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. On June 26, the Josh Walker Trio will perform jazz selections. Admission is \$10. Bring lawn chairs. 776-7200.

Government

Middlesex County offices are in the Woodward Building at the Courthouse Complex in Saluda. www.co.middlesex.va.us. 758-4330. Middlesex has one town, Urbanna: 758-2613.

For Visitors

Old Tobacco Warehouse in Urbanna. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Serves as a visitors center today. 45 Cross St. www.urbanna.com. 523-4711.

Libraries

Middlesex Public Library Urbanna Branch, 758-5717. Deltaville Branch, 776-7362.

Don't Miss

- Urbanna Farmers' Market. Second Saturday of each month. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Taber Park.
- Music Under the Stars. Every third Saturday May-August. Taber Park, Urbanna.
- Deltaville Farmers' Market. 4th Saturday of each month. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Deltaville Maritime Museum.

Northumberland County

History

Northumberland County is called the Mother County of the Northern Neck.

Presumably settled by the English in 1640, Northumberland was officially established by an act of the Burgesses in Jamestown in 1648. It was later divided into three additional counties, Lancaster, Richmond and Westmoreland Counties.

At its heart is Heathsville, the county seat. The location between the headwaters of the Coan and the Great Wicomico Rivers was chosen as the site of county courthouse in 1679. The building was completed and county justices were moved in 1681.

Over 100 years later, in 1797, citizens established a 20-acre town around the courthouse square naming it in honor of citizen leader John Heath who lived just down the road at Springfield, an historic plantation mansion still standing and occupied today.

In 1992, the National Register of Historic Places designated Heathsville an Historic District, along with the original courthouse and tavern, now a restaurant, gift shop and museum. The courthouse square also includes a blacksmith shop, transportation museum, old jail and carriage house.

Northumberland was once dependent upon



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tobacco as its major cash crop and currency. Later, most of its residents relied on the water for their livelihoods. Today, many watermen work as charter boat captains during the summer months. Cruises, like those to Tangier and Smith Island, are major tourist attractions.

The quaint fishing village of Reedville, with its "Millionaire's Row" of Victorian homes, remains a tribute to the area's heritage and the Reedville Fisherman's Museum provides a comprehensive overview of the village's fishing industry, both past and current.

Burgess is home to the Northern Neck Farm Museum, which features the area's agricultural history, from the Indians who roamed the lands to the large commercial canneries that once lined the Northern Neck shores. Visitors can learn about agriculture, view the tools that assisted the farmers and learn the impact of these industries on the people of this region.

With more than 556 miles of scenic shoreline, Northumberland's rustic atmosphere has lured many urbanites. Northumberland's population has been changing in recent years from

that of full-time residents to one of numerous weekenders, vacationers and retirees. Today more than 12,400 call Northumberland County home.

Government

The Northumberland County seat is on Rt. 360 in Heathsville. 580-7666 or co.northumberland.va.us. The sheriff's office can be reached at 580-5221.

Libraries

Northumberland Public Library is at 7204 Northumberland Highway in Heathsville, 580-5051. High speed wireless internet access available.

For Visitors

The Northumberland County Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center is on Rt. 360 in Callao and is open Thurs.-Sat., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 529-5031.

Don't Miss

- Strawberry Festival. May 29, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. St. Stephens Anglican Church, Heathsville.
- Tangier Island Cruise. Departs Buzzards Point Marina in Fairport. 453-2628.
- Smith Island Cruise. Departs KOA Campground in Reedville. Reservations 453-3430.

Richmond County

History

Known as the Gateway to the Northern Neck, Richmond County was established in 1692 from the old Rappahannock County.

Originally explored by Captain John Smith in 1607–1608, the county was settled in 1640 when people migrated up from settlements below the Rappahannock River. It was presumably named after the First Duke of Richmond, cousin to both King William III and Queen Mary. One of the early settlers was Colonel Moore Fauntleroy, who patented land in the county in 1650.

The first county seat was thought to be at the mouth of Little Carter's Creek, then moved to Naylors, an early river settlement. The seat was moved inland in 1730 and renamed the Richmond County Courthouse. In 1831, the name was changed to Warsaw in sympathy with the Polish struggle for independence. Warsaw was incorporated as the county's only town in 1947 and is now the site of the courthouse, built in 1748, and the 188-year-old clerk's office, which housed the Richmond County Museum from 1992 to 1999.

Richmond County became the Gateway to the Northern Neck in 1927 when the Downing Bridge across the Rappahannock River

at Tappahannock was opened, connecting Richmond County to Essex and opening up travel to and from the Northern Neck. The bridge, which replaced 200 years of ferry service, was dedicated by Sen. Thomas Downing of the Northern Neck.

Richmond County was the home of the last president to be elected under the Articles of Confederation. In 1788, Judge Cyrus Griffin was elected president of the U.S. Congress Assembly and held that position until the U.S. Constitution was adopted and his successor, George Washington, was elected as the first President of the U. S.

William A. Jones gained recognition for Richmond County in 1916 when, in supporting self-government for all people, he authorized a bill that guaranteed independence for the Philippines. In 1926, the people of the Philippines erected a memorial at Jones' gravesite in the St. John's Episcopal Churchyard in Warsaw.

Today Richmond County has a population of 8,880. Serving as the crossroads of U.S. Route 360 and State Route 3, the county seat of Warsaw is currently the headquarters for many regional government agencies as well as a regional community college, vocational center, and the regional jail.



Chestnut Cove Bed & Breakfast

Government

The Richmond County seat is at 101 Court Circle in Warsaw. 333-3415. www.co.richmond.va.us. Richmond County has one town, Warsaw. The sheriff's office can be reached at 333-3611.

For Visitors

The Richmond County Museum and Visitors Center is open Wed. - Sun. and is at 5874

Richmond Rd. in Warsaw. 333-3607

Libraries

The Richmond County Public Library is at 52 Campus Dr. in Warsaw. 333-3025.

Don't Miss

► Richmond County Museum. "Historic Gardens of Richmond County" Exhibit. Wed.-Sat. 11-3 p.m. Through September 30.

Westmoreland County

History

Established in 1653 by the colonial government in Jamestown, Westmoreland County was named for a British shire. The county's most significant contributions to history include its fostering of more statesmen than any other county in the country, and for the Leedstown Resolutions.

Considered the forerunner of the Declaration of Independence, the Leedstown Resolutions were signed in February, 1766. It was the first organized resistance to English aggression on American liberties. Prepared by Richard Henry Lee, the document was signed by 115 patriots who bound themselves together "To Prevent The Execution of The Stamp Act."

Stratford Hall was the boyhood home of Richard Henry Lee and Francis Lightfoot Lee, signers of the Declaration of Independence.

General Henry "Light-Horse Harry" Lee was a Revolutionary War hero in his 20s and served as one of General George Washington's most trusted officers. He is the father of Robert E. Lee.

General Robert E. Lee was born in 1807 at Stratford and soon after the family moved to Alexandria. Lee was a colonel in the U. S. Army when the Civil War broke out. Offered the command of the Union Army, Lee declined because he "could take no part in an invasion" of his home-



Guides give tours of the historic home and grounds at Stratford Hall.

land.

Most notable among the statesmen of Westmoreland, General George Washington, commander of the Continental Army, Revolutionary War hero and first President of the United States, was born at Popes Creek in 1732.

James Monroe, the nation's fifth president, was born in 1758 on a farm near Monroe Bay. Monroe served as president from 1817 to 1825.

Today, Westmoreland has a population

of 16,700 and is home to the only off-track betting casino in the area. Fishing and agriculture are still the area's mainstays, with wineries, produce farms and seafood packers among some of the most prominent businesses in the county.

Government

The Westmoreland County offices are at 111 Polk St. in Montross. 493-0130. westmoreland-county.org. Westmoreland has two towns, Colonial Beach and Montross.

The sheriff's office can be reached 493-8066.

For Visitors

The Westmoreland County Visitors Center is in the county museum and library at 43 Court Square, Montross. 493-8440. Virginia's Potomac Gateway Welcome Center is on Rt. 301 at the Potomac River Bridge. (540) 663-3205.

Libraries

Abraham and William I. Cooper Memorial Branch is at 18 Washington Ave. in Colonial Beach. 224-0921. Montross Branch is at 56 Polk St. in Montross. 493-8194. Blake T. Newton Memorial Branch is at 22 Coles Point Rd. in Hague. 472-3820.

Don't Miss

► Westmoreland Berry Farm. Famous fruit shortcakes & berry sundaes. Order online Westmorelandberryfarm.com or call 800-997-Berry. Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

► Westmoreland State Park. Enjoy camping, cabins, fishing, boating and swimming. Montross. 493-8821.

► George Washington Birthplace National Monument. Pope's Creek. 224-1732.

► Ingleside Vineyards & Winery. Tours and tastings. Oak Grove. 224-8687.

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