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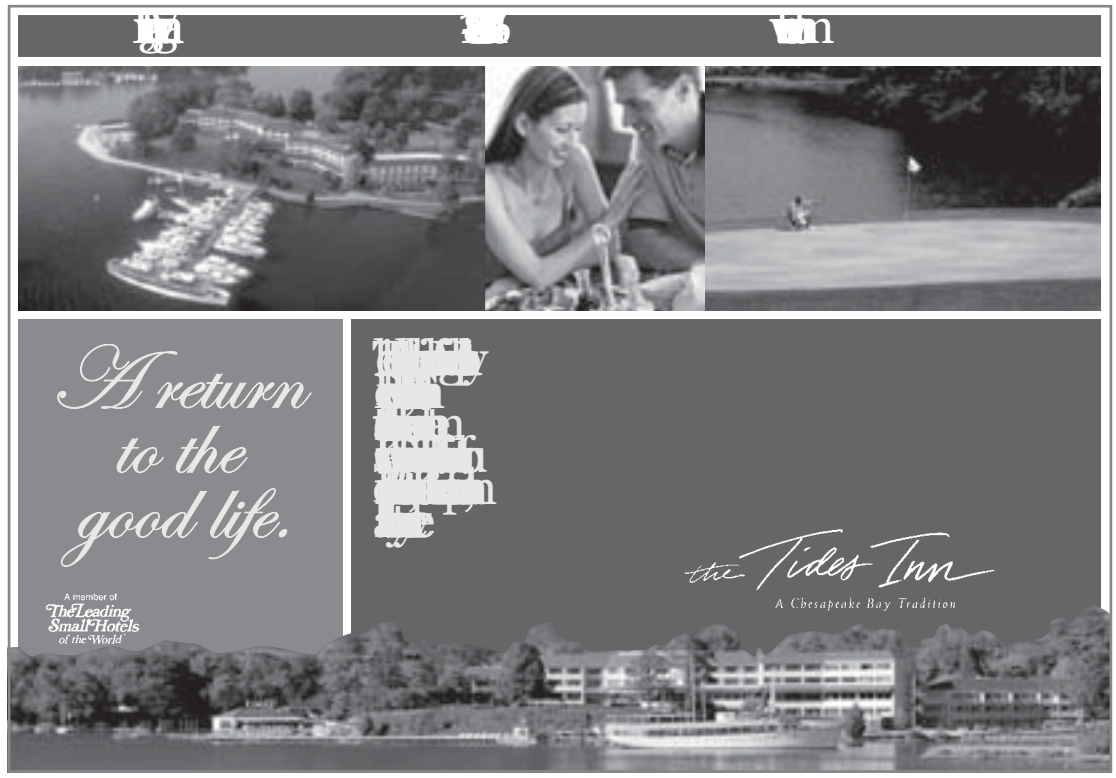

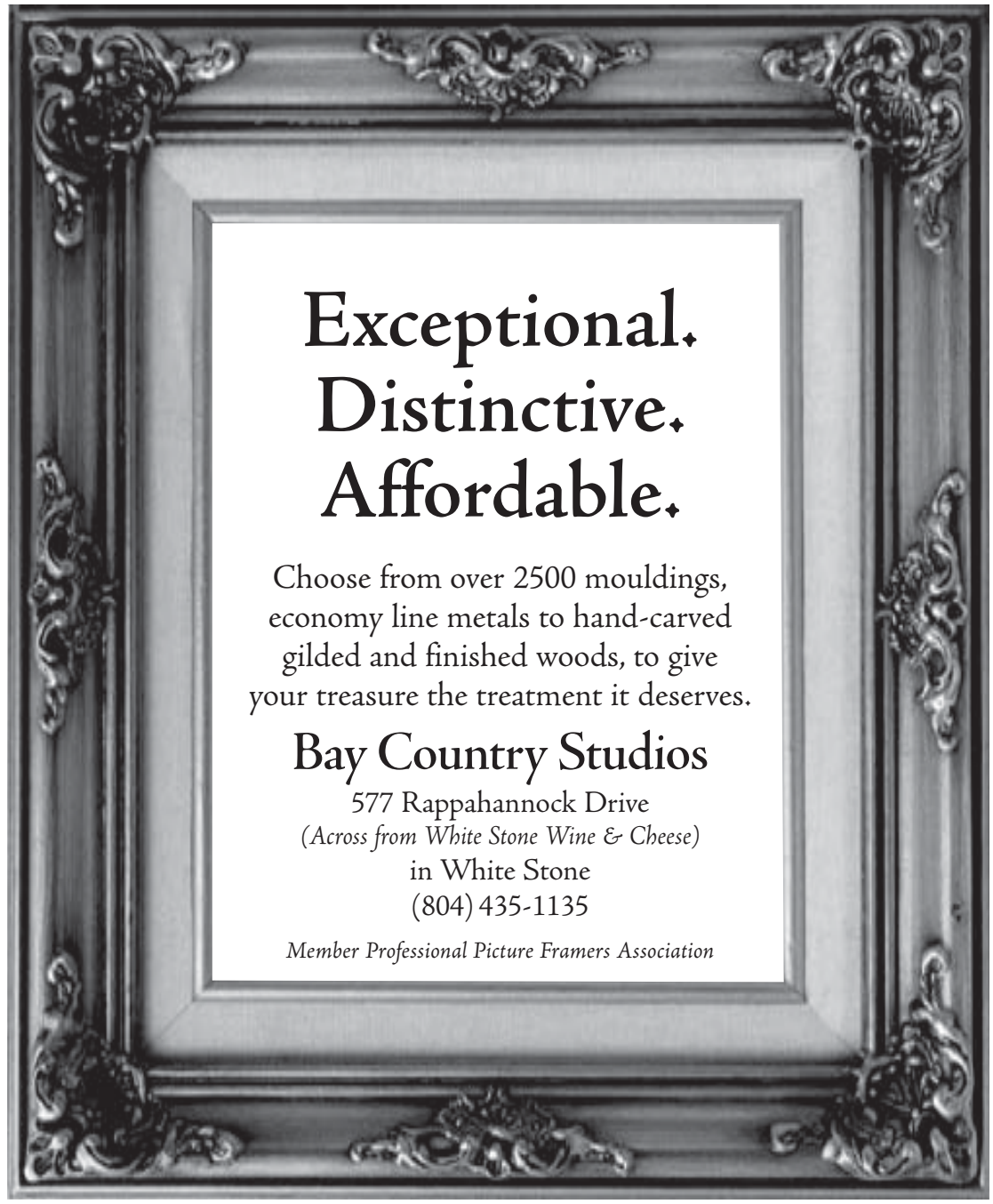

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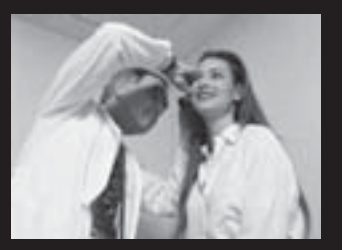
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rivah ('riv-â), n. [der. river]: 1. the lands and waters of the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula of Virginia, USA, particularly favored by urban dwellers for spring, summer and fall escapes. 2. a region in these peninsulas bound by the Chesapeake Bay and the Rappahannock, Potomac and York rivers, inclusive.
adj.– rivah: reflecting an attitude indicative of the abundantly pleasant lifestyle in this area.

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Now that spring is here, it won't be long before boats, like this one docked on Carter's Creek, will be cruising at the Rivah.

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Rivah Events: May

To avoid disappointment, call the numbers where indicated to verify dates and times of events. The public is welcome to all events or activities unless otherwise noted.

April

Friday, April 28

Bingo will be played at the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Center in Lively at 7:30 p.m.

Bingo will be played at the Gloucester Moose Lodge at 7 p.m. 693-3899.

A Spring Book Sale will be held at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Gwynn's Island Museum in Mathews County will open for the summer. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday until the end of October. Free admission. 725-7949.

Saturday, April 29

Stock Car Racing is featured at Virginia Motor Speedway on Route 17 near Church View. Call 758-1867 for ticket information and times.

The George Washington Birthplace National Monument in Westmoreland County will host a student competition regarding the inaugurations of presidents from Washington to George W. Bush.

A Spring Book Sale will be held at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Northern Neck Oyster Gardeners Association will hold its spring information meeting at 9 a.m. at Kilmarnock Baptist Church at 65 Church Street in Kilmarnock.

A Chart Smart/GPS Course will be taught from 8 a.m. to noon at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock. To register, call 529-5093.

The Spring Fling of the Middlesex County Woman's Club will offer perennials, herbs, shrubs, and decorative house plants for sale beginning at 9 a.m. at the clubhouse in Urbanna.

The Annual Plant Sale & Clinic of the Middlesex Master Gardeners be at the Middlesex Farmers Market in Saluda from 8 a.m. to noon.

The Middlesex Sheriff's Auxiliary Benefit Ham and Oyster Dinner will be held at the Deltaville Firehouse from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at the door.

A Town-wide Yard Sale to benefit the Red Cross will be held all day in Urbanna .758-2000.

A Senior Walk sponsored by Bay Aging will begin at 10 a.m. at Rappahannock Community College in Glenns. 758-2386.

A HealthFest For Kids will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Tappahannock Elementary School. A variety of fun and healthy activities and exhibits.

A Catfish Tournament will be held from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Mattaponi River. Headquarters is the Walkerton Boat Ramp. Sponsored by Walkerton Community Fire Association to benefit the Cancer Society. Cash prizes. $25 entry fee. 769-2060.

Sunday, April 30

The George Washington Birthplace National Monument in Westmoreland County will host a student competition regarding the inaugurations of presidents from Washington to George W. Bush.

The 11th Annual Kirking of the Tartan at Christ Church will be held at 12:30 p.m.

A Spring Book Sale will be held at the Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Spring Series 2 Regatta for Flying Scot competition will be held at Rappahannock River Yacht Club. 438-6650.

The Menokin Bluegrass Festival May 6 in Warsaw includes events for the whole family such as this pie-eating contest.

May

Monday, May 1

The Historyland Community Workshop volunteer craft group meets at the Lancaster Woman's Club from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brown bag lunch. Guests welcome.

Tole Painting will be taught at the Yates House Gallery in Deltaville. The course continues through May 22. 776-8505.

Tuesday, May 2

Duplicate Bridge will be played at the Woman's Club of Lancaster at 1 p.m. 462-0742.

Duplicate Bridge will be played at 12:15 p.m. at the Northumberland Woman's Club in Lottsburg. 529-7029.

Wednesday, May 3

The RFM Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.

A Basic Coastal Navigation Course will be offered by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 62 May 3 through June 21. Classes will be held at the Flotilla Training Center, Ball Park Road, Deltaville, every Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. 758-4053.

Thursday, May 4

Bingo will be played at the American Legion Post 86 on Waverly Avenue in Kilmarnock at 7 p.m.

Bingo will be played at the American Legion Post 75 in Gloucester at 7:30 p.m., sponsored by the Gloucester Fair Association.

Bingo will be played at the Piankatank Ruritan Club on Route 198 near Hudgins in Mathews County at 7 p.m. 725-7670.

"Oz" will be presented by the Courthouse Players in the Mathews High School auditorium. Show time is at 8 p.m. on May 4-6 and 3 p.m. on May 7. 725-3414.

The RFM Modelers meet at 10 a.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.

The Airport Club of Hummel Field meets at 6 p.m. for a dinner meeting at The Pilot House at Topping. 758-5500.

Friday, May 5

Bingo will be played at the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Center in Lively at 7:30 p.m.

Bingo will be played at the Gloucester Moose Lodge at 7 p.m. 693-3899.

Bingo will be played at the Mid-County Rescue Squad Building in Heathsville at 7 p.m.

The RFM Quilters meet at 1 p.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.

The RFM Stitchers meet at 9:30 a.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.

Saturday, May 6

The Irvington Farmers' Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Irvington Commons.

Stock Car Racing is featured at Virginia Motor Speedway on Route 17 near Church View. Call 758-1867 for ticket information and times.

The Annual Grace Church Yard Sale And Auction will be held from 8 a.m. to noon at the Alexandria Boys Camp at the end of Boys Camp Road near Kilmarnock. 462-0095.

Spring On The Plantation will be held at George Washington Birthplace National Monument in Westmoreland County. Special activities depicting life on a Colonial plantation are planned. 224-1732.

A Chart Smart/GPS Course will be taught from 8 a.m. to noon at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Kilmarnock. $55. To register, call 529-5093

The Mathews Farmers Market will held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the courthouse green. 725-4BAY.

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Rivah Concerts

Saturday, April 29

The Peabody Ragtime Ensemble will be featured in the final Rappahannock Concert Association performance for the 2005-06 season. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Richmond County Elementary School. Tickets will be available at the door. Advance tickets are available at 493-9522 and www.rappahannock-concert.org.

Saturday, May 6

Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys will headline the Menokin Bluegrass Festival on the grounds of Menokin plantation near Warsaw. Other performers include The Seldom Scene, Old School Freight Train and Bill Kelso and Gas Money Band. Gates will open at 11 a.m. Music will begin at noon and end at 6 p.m. $20. For advance tickets, call 333-0512.

Mercy Creek will play progressive folk and rock at Café Mojo in Urbanna. The show will begin around 9:30 p.m. 758-4141.

The Menokin Bluegrass Festival May 6 will feature the Seldom Scene (above). Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys will headline the show. Other performers include the Old School Freight Train and Bill Kelso and the Gas Money Band.

Saturday, May 13

Steve Keith will be featured on guitar, fiddle, banjo, harmonica and vocals at Café Mojo in Urbanna. The show will begin around 8:30 p.m. 758-4141.

Country Music will be offered at Donk's Theater on Route 198 in Mathews at 8 p.m. The first talent search of the season will be held. 725-7760.

Friday, May 19

Chronyx will play from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the deck at Smokin' Joe's in Kilmarnock.

Saturday, May 20

Bill, Pam and Macon Gurley will open the Music by the River family concert series at Belle Isle State Park in Lancaster. The Gurley trio will play old-time, bluegrass, country, gospel and folk favorites from 6 to 8:30 p.m.Bring the kids, a picnic and non-alcoholic beverages. There will be crafts for the kids .

Forgotten Spies will play from noon to 4 p.m. on the deck at Smokin' Joe's in Kilmarnock.

Chronyx will play from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the deck at Smokin' Joe's in Kilmarnock.

Saturday, May 27

Jeff Long will perform at Donk's Theater on Route 198 in Mathews at 8 p.m. 725-7760.

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School Crew Regatta will be held at Williams Wharf. Free admission. 725-9685.

Watercolor Classes for beginners will be taught by Kathleen Noffsinger from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee is $60. Register by calling Yates House Gallery at 776-8505.

A Flea Market/Bake Sale will be held at the Tappahannock-Essex firehouse from 7 a.m. to noon.

Sunday, May 7

Spring On The Plantation will be held at George Washington Birthplace National Monument in Westmoreland County. Special activities depicting life on a Colonial plantation are planned. 224-1732.

The Spring Series 3 Regatta for Flying Scot competition will be held at Rappahannock River Yacht Club. 438-6650.

The Blessing Of The Fleet will be held at 4:30 p.m. at the Omega Protein Plant off Fleeton Road, on Cockrell's Creek. Local clergy bless the commercial and recreational fishing fleet.

"Picnic In Past Times" will be held at the Rosewell ruin in Gloucester from 1 to 4 p.m. $14. Gourmet picnic lunch, historical characters from the 1770s, colonial games, dancing and music of the period. Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling 693-2585. The deadline for reservations and lunch selections is May 3.

Monday, May 8

Workshop volunteer craft group meets at the Lancaster Woman's Club from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brown bag lunch. Guests welcome.

Bingo will be at the Middlesex Volunteer Rescue Squad building on Route 33 in Deltaville at 7 p.m. 776-6875.

Flotilla 33 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. in Grace House of Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock.

Tuesday, May 9

Bridge will be played at 1 p.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.

The Rappahannock Pistol And Rifle Club will meet at 7 p.m. at the northside branch of the Bank of Lancaster in Kilmarnock. 435-2143.

Boat Talk, an exchange of ideas on classic and wooden boats, will be held at 4 p.m. at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.

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The Friends of Belle Isle State Park is conducting a raffle to support the 2006 Music By the River Series. From left, chief ranger Mike Lambert and Friends president Carol Dawson display the grand prize in the raffle, a hand-crafted schooner, The Belle Isle II. Lambert built the ship. 500 tickets will be sold. Tickets are $10 each, or six for $50. The tickets are available from Friends members, at Music by the River concerts, a variety of park and community events, at the park ranger station and by calling the park at 462-5030.

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Wednesday, May 10

The RFM Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.

Bingo will be played at the Rappahannock Civic Club on Route 33 at Locust Hill in Middlesex County at 6:30 p.m.

A Charity Golf Tournament will be held by the Lancaster County Lions Club at the Tartan Golf Course in Weems. 435-1171.

Duplicate Bridge will be played at 1 p.m. at the Woman's Club of White Stone. Men, women and newcomers, are invited. No reservations needed. 435-2755.

Thursday, May 11

The RFM Modelers meet at 10 a.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.

Bingo will be played at the American Legion Post 86 on Waverly Avenue in Kilmarnock at 7 p.m.

Bingo will be played at the American Legion Post 75 in Gloucester at 7:30 p.m., sponsored by the Gloucester Fair Association.

Bingo will be played at the Piankatank Ruritan Club on Route 198 near Hudgins in Mathews County at 7 p.m. 725-7670.

Bingo will be played at the Knights of Columbus on 7th Street in West Point at 7 p.m. 843-4082.

Friday, May 12

Bingo will be played at the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Center in Lively at 7:30 p.m.

Bingo will be played at the Gloucester Moose Lodge at 7 p.m. 693-3899.

The "Spring Dinner and Dance of Hope," a celebration of health and hope for people of any physical condition or age, will be held at The Beacon in Topping from 7 p.m. to midnight. Music will be provided by James Chapman, known as "DJ Bobo." 776-6778

The 12th RFM Golf Tournament will be held at Quinton Oaks Golf Course in Callao. 453-6529.

The Just Gardens Tour to benefit The Haven will feature six gardens in Lancaster County. For ticket and tour information, call 435-1271.

The 2006 Leukemia Cup Regatta Kayak Tour will be held on Wilton Creek at Hartfield in Middlesex County on Saturday, May 13. On the same day, the Leukemia Cup Junior Regatta will be held at Christchurch School. For more information on either event, call 800-866-4483 or visit www.leukemiacup.org/va. Above, kayakers enjoy the 2005 tour of Jackson Creek in Deltaville.

Saturday, May 13

The Just Gardens Tour to benefit The Haven will feature six gardens in Lancaster County. For ticket and tour information, call 435-1271

Stock Car Racing is featured at Virginia Motor Speedway on Route 17 near Church View. Call 758-1867 for ticket information and times.

A Community Health Fair, sponsored by the Christian Education Ministry of First Baptsit Church, will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. May 13 at First Baptist Church near Heathsville.

"Robert E. Lee Right Now" will be presented by Emory Thomas at Stratford Hall Plantation, the birthplace of Robert E. Lee. The lecture will begin at 2 p.m. Reservations recommended, 493-8038.

The Urbanna Farmers Market will be held from 8 a.m. to noon in the parking lot of the Southside Sentinel in Urbanna.

Art on Half Shell, a fine arts festival, will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Rappahannock Avenue in Urbanna.

The Gloucester History Trail will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. an the second Saturday of each month through October. Six sites are on the trail, including the Rosewell ruin, Walter Reed's Birthplace and the Pocahontas Museum. 693-0014.

An Oyster Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Christchurch School on Route 33 in Saluda. The event is sponsored by the Tidewater Oyster Gardeners Association (TOGA). Registration ($10) is required. 725-5898 or 694-4407.

The Kayak Tour of the 8th annual Southern Chesapeake Leukemia Cup Regatta will at Wilton Creek at Hartfield in Middlesex County 9 a.m. For experienced and novice kayakers. Call 800-866-4483 to make your reservation. For more information, visit leukemiacup.org.va.

The Leukemia Cup Junior Challenge Regatta will be held at 10 a.m. on the Rappahannock River at Christchurch School. No registration fee. Young sailors are invited to participate. Call 800-866-4483 or visit leukemiacup.org.va.

The Mathews Farmers Market will held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the courthouse green. 725-4BAY.

A Wildflower Walk will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at Beaverdam Park in Gloucester. Registration deadline is May 10. 693-2107.

The 26th Urbanna Small Boat Meet will be held on the Piankatank River at Freeport in Gloucester County. Fun for the whole family with rowing and sailing races, general messabout and pot-luck supper and barbecue. 758-2721

Sunday, May 14

Mother's Day

A Custom Auto Cruise-In will be held at 4 p.m. at Chesapeake Commons Shopping Center in Kilmarnock. 435-6171

A Mother's Day Appreciation Event will be held at Ingleside Plantation Vineyards at 5872 Leedstown Road in Oak Grove. Refreshments, tours and tastings from 1 to 5 p.m. 224-8687.

The 26th Urbanna Small Boat Meet will be held on the Piankatank River at Freeport in Gloucester County. Fun for the whole family with rowing and sailing races, general messabout and pot-luck supper and barbecue. 758-2721

Monday, May 15

The Historyland Community Workshop volunteer craft group meets at the Lancaster Woman's Club from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brown bag lunch. Guests welcome.

Bingo will be played at the Middlesex Volunteer Rescue Squad building on Route 33 in Deltaville at 7 p.m. 776-6875.

Flotilla 3-10 meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Callao firehouse. 472-4387.

Tuesday, May 16

Duplicate Bridge will be played at the Woman's Club of Lancaster at 1 p.m. 462-0742.

Wednesday, May 17

The RFM Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.

Bingo will be played at the Rappahannock Civic Club on Route 33 at Locust Hill in Middlesex County at 6:30 p.m.

Sandwich Bridge will be played at noon at the Woman's Club of Lancaster. $5. Call 462-0742 for reservations or to get on the waiting list.

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Thursday, May 18

The RFM Modelers meet at 10 a.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.

The RFM Photographers meet at 2 p.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.

Bingo will played at the American Legion Post 86 on Waverly Avenue in Kilmarnock at 7 p.m.

Bingo will be played at the American Legion Post 75 in Gloucester at 7:30 p.m., sponsored by the Gloucester Fair Association.

Bingo will be played at the Piankatank Ruritan Club on Route 198 near Hudgins in Mathews County at 7 p.m. 725-7670.

Duplicate Bridge will be played at 1 p.m. at the Woman's Club of White Stone. Men, women and newcomers, are in-vited. No reservations needed. 435-2755.

The Moving Wall, a traveling reproduction of the Vietnam War Memorial, will visit the Warsaw campus of Rappahannock Community College. An opening program is planned.

Friday, May 19

Bingo will be played at the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Center in Lively at 7:30 p.m.

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A Rustic Art Show will be held at The Bay School Cultural Arts Center in Mathews. All artwork featured will be of natural or rustic materials. There will be a pig roast and reception from 6-8 p.m. 725-1278.

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"Faces And Places Of Deltaville" exhibit will be on display at Yates House Gallery in Deltaville. The opening reception will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. 694-9130.

The Relay For Life for the Mathews Chapter of the American Cancer Society will be held at Mathews High School 725-0239.

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Armed Forces Day

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The Paper Parade of Marine Life will be held at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) as part of Science Day. Parade entrants will wear costumes of aquatic life they've created using paper mache. 684-7846.

The Mathews Farmers Market will held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the courthouse green. 725-4BAY.

A Jacob's Ladder Gala will be held at 6 p.m. at a home on West Urbanna Wharf on the Rappahannock River. Call 758-0712 for reservations.

The Rappahannock River Yacht Club (PHRF) will hold a Spring Regatta. 438-6650.

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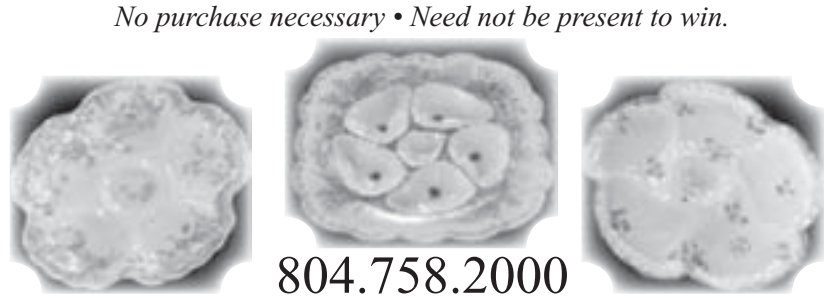

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TUESDAY–SUNDAY 11–5 • 124 RAPPAHANNOCK AVE. HISTORIC DOWNTOWN URBANNA

More Rivah Events

Over 60 artists will display and sell a variety of artwork at the Middlesex Art Guild's annual Art on the Half Shell art festival on Saturday, May 13, in Urbanna.

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Sunday, May 21

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The Spring Series 4 Regatta for Flying Scot competition will be held at Rappahannock River Yacht Club. 438-6650.

Raymond Curry's Famous Fried Chicken Dinner will be served by the Mid-County Rescue Squad Auxiliary at the squad house off Route 360 east of Heathsville from noon to 3 p.m. $10 adults, $5 children.

Monday, May 22

The Historyland Community Workshop volunteer craft group meets at the Lancaster Woman's Club from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brown bag lunch. Guests welcome.

Bingo will be played at the Middlesex Volunteer Rescue Squad building on Route 33 in Deltaville at 7 p.m. 776-6875.

The Moving Wall, a traveling reproduction of the Vietnam War Memorial, will visit the Warsaw campus of Rappahannock Community College. A closing ceremony is planned.

Duplicate Bridge will be played at 1 p.m. at the Woman's Club of White Stone. Men, women and newcomers, are invited. No reservations needed. 435-2755.

Party Bridge is featured at 11:30 a.m. at the Northumberland Woman's Club in Lottsburg. Bring a sandwich. Side dishes, dessert and beverages provided. $5. For reservations, call 580-8205

Tuesday, May 23

Bridge will be played at 1 p.m. at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury.

Wednesday, May 24

The RFM Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.

Bingo will be played at the Rappahannock Civic Club on Route 33 at Locust Hill in Middlesex County at 6:30 p.m.

Bingo will be played at the Piankatank Ruritan Club on Route 198 near Hudgins in Mathews County at 7 p.m. 725-7670.

Thursday, May 25

Mahjong will be played at 10:30 a.m. at the Woman's Club of White Stone. Bring a sandwich. Drinks and desert provided. Tables of three or more $2 per person. 438-4152.

The RFM Modelers meet at 10 a.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.

Bingo will be played at the American Legion Post 86 on Waverly Avenue in Kilmarnock at 7 p.m.

Bingo will be played at the American Legion Post 75 in Gloucester at 7:30 p.m., sponsored by the Gloucester Fair Association.

Bingo will be played at the Knights of Columbus on 7th Street in West Point at 7 p.m. 843-4082

Friday, May 26

Bingo will be played at the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Center in Lively at 7:30 p.m.

Bingo will be played at the Gloucester Moose Lodge at 7 p.m. 693-3899.

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More Rivah Events

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Saturday, May 27

The Third Annual Northern Neck Antiques Fair will be held at Epping Forrest Plantation, birthplace of Mary Ball, George Washington's mother. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. $5. The birthplace is near Lively, call Louise Jesse at 462-7960 for directions.

Stock Car Racing is featured at Virginia Motor Speedway on Route 17 near Church View. Call 758-1867 for ticket information and times.

A Strawberry Festival will be held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Heathsville from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A Skipjack Cruise aboard the Claud W. Somers departs the Reedville Fishermen's Museum dock at 10 a.m. $20 for museum members; $25 for others. 435-6529.

A Colonial Encampment in the courthouse circle at Gloucester will be take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The 7th Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line will be featured in authentic attire. 693-0014.

The Mathews Farmers Market will held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the courthouse green. 725-4BAY.

A Community Yard Sale will be held on Main Street in Mathews. 725-4BAY.

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A River Race (PHRF) will be held by The Rappahannock River Yacht Club and Fishing Bay Yacht Club. 438-6650.

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day

The Historyland Community Workshop volunteer craft group meets at the Lancaster Woman's Club from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brown bag lunch. Guests welcome.

Bingo will be played at the Middlesex Volunteer Rescue Squad building on Route 33 in Deltaville at 7 p.m. 776-6875.

The Annual Memorial Day Service sponsored by the Retired Officers Association will begin at 11 a.m. at Christ Church. 438-6855.

Wednesday, May 31

The RFM Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m. at Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.

Bingo will be played at the Rappahannock Civic Club on Route 33 at Locust Hill in Middlesex County at 6:30 p.m.

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Upcoming

Saturday, June 3

The Fifth Annual Beef Roast, sponsored by the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Club will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Ruritan Center near Lively. The Wayne T. Holt Band will entertain. Tickets are $15 for adutls and $6 for children. 462-9898.

The Piankatank Relay For Life will host its 11th annual event at Middlesex High School between the hours of 6 p.m. Friday and noon Saturday, June 3.

A Country and Western Dinner Dance to benefit the Middlesex YMCA Guardian Program will held at North End Plantation in Deltaville to say "thank you" to all those who have contributed or pledged $250 or more (thereby becoming "Guardian Angels").

Friday, June 9

"Arts on Fishing Bay" will be held at Fishing Bay Yacht Club in Deltaville as a fundraiser for the Leukemia Cup Regatta. A variety of noted artists will be exhibiting and selling their artwork. Cll 800-866-4483 or visit leukemiacup.org.va.

Saturday, June 17

Belle Isle State Park in Lancaster and state parks throughout the Commonwealth will celebrate the 70th anniversary of Virginia's State Parks. A birthday bash will be held at Belle Isle from 1 to 3 p.m. with a variety of family activities, cake, prizes and a Steve Keith concert. 462-5030.

RivahFest will be held in downtown Tappahannock and include a huge arts and antiques section, children's activities area, farmers' market and merchants' row, and the "Treasures of Tappahannock" historic walking tour. There's also a maritime area and nautical activities like the June Parker Marina/Rivah Marine Croaker Fishing Tournament, as well as the "Taste of Tappahannock" food area, featuring local seafood and festival favorites. Entertainment stages will feature a wide variety of local and regional performers.

Thursday, June 22

"Deathtrap" will be presented by The Court House Players at Mathews High School 804-824-4853 or 642-4144.

Saturday, June 24

The 57th Annual Gwynn's Island Festival will be from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featured will be an art show, music, games, food, crafts, exhibits and a pet parade. The family style festival kicks off on Friday, June 24, with a chicken dinner beginning at 4:30 p.m. 725-5777.

Submit Rivah events to Robert Mason Jr. at 435-1701, ext. 25, or editor@rrecord.com

Welcome to Essex County

■ Size: 261 square miles ■ Shoreline: 150.8 miles
■ Population: 9,989

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 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.

The oldest building in Tappahannock is the Ritchie House, believed built between 1706-08. Thomas Ritchie, editor of the Richmond Inquirer, was born in the house. The Ritchie House was restored in 1991 and currently is the law office of Alexander F. Dillard Jr.

Government

Essex County Administrator R. Gary Allen, P. O. Box 1079, 205 Cross Street, Courthouse Square, Tappahannock, 22560. Phone 443-4331, FAX 443-4157. www.essex:virginia.org. Open 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

County tax rates (per $100): Real estate, $.68; personal property, $3.50.

Tappahannock Town Manager G.G. Belfield Jr., 915 Church Lane, Tappahannock. 443-3336. FAX 443-1051. Open 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Town tax rates (per $100): Real estate, $.13; personal property, $1.25.

Chamber of Commerce

Tappahannock-Essex Chamber of Commerce, Linda Lumpkin, executive secretary, P.O. Box 481, 205 Cross Street, Courthouse Square. Lumpkin@crosslink.net. Hours, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. 443-5241.

Servicecs

Churches Essex County Ministerial Association. Contact: Paul Beith, 443-6887.

Day Care/Baby Sitting (in Tappahannock) Gayle's Family Home Day Care, 443-0748; Mount Landing Children's Center, 443-1060; Segar's Tender Loving Children's Center, 443-3852; Tappahannock Children's Center, 443-3272.

Trash Collection Sites are at Bray's Fork on Rt. 17, just south of the Rt. 360 and Rt. 17 intersection, open daily 7 a.m.–6 p.m.; Champlain on Rt. 17, open Mon., Wed., Fri., and Sat. 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; and Center Cross on Rt. 684, open daily except Tuesdays, 7 a.m.–6 p.m. 443-4331.

Veterinary Services Tappahannock Veterinary Hospital, Drs. Lauriel Turner and Lewis Wilkins Jr., 525 Airport Road, Call 443-2878 for doctor's hours.

Towing Jack Stokes Towing, 246 Berry Hill Rd., Tappahannock. 443-4000 or (800) 830-8697.

ABC Store Rappahannock Shopping Center. 443-3441.

Recreation

Ball Fields Essex Little League. 443-9344.

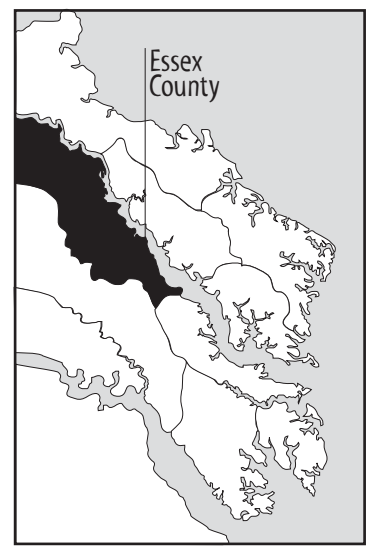
Essex County Parks and Recreation Department runs a number of sports activities for youth and adults. Ball fields at Essex High School are used. Contact recreation director Sylvia Allen at 443-2470.

Fitness Centers Riverside Wellness and Fitness Center, 1025 Hobbs Hole Drive, Tappahannock. Aerobics, cardiovascular and strength equipment, free weights, indoor track, Jacuzzi and sauna. For hours, call 443-0500.

Tennis Courts at Essex High School on Airport Rd. are open to the public from about 5 p.m. until dark and when school is not in session. Contact Sylvia Allen at 443-2470. Riverside Wellness and Fitness Center, Tappahannock, offers tennis as well as racquetball, basketball and volleyball. See fitness center listing.

River Cruises Rappahannock River Cruises, 468 Buzzard Pt. Rd., Reedville, Va. 22539. 453-BOAT (2628). Tues.–Sun., May–October: narrated tours up the river to Ingleside Winery. Departs from Hoskins Creek in Tappahannock at 10 a.m. and returns at 4 p.m. Reservations necessary.

To change or update Essex information, contact <lchowning@ssentinel.com.



Gurley trio to open Music by the River series at state park

The Friends of Belle Isle State Park recently announced the schedule for its 2006 Music by the River series.

Six Saturday evening concerts are planned from 6 to 8 p.m. at the park. Folks are urged to bring their children, grandchildren, neighbor's children, lawn chairs, blankets, picnic baskets and non-alcoholic beverages. There will be crafts for the children prior to the each concert and during intermission.

The series will open May 20 with Bill, Pam and Macon Gurley. On June 10, The Dragon Run Band and Gospel Trio will split the bill. On June 17, The Wayne T. Holt Band will visit. On July 8, Doug Parks and Lonewolves will play. On July 15, Gerry Maddox will hit the spotlight. The series will conclude August 12 with Jollet Lane.

Also on June 17, the park will be celebrating the 70th anniversary of Virginia State Parks with a birthday bash from 1 to 3 p.m. A variety of family activities are planned. Steve Keith will be featured in concert. Related activities are planned at all of Virginia's State Parks that day.

The series and the birthday celebration are free. However, park guests will be required to pay the daily parking fee of $3. On June 17, the fee is a dime, commemorating the initial state park fee.

Music by the River is sponsored by the Friends of Belle Isle State Park with financial support from the Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts, the Kilmarnock-Irvington-White Stone Rotary, the Bethel Emmanuel United Methodist Men, the Rappahannock Record and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

To raise funds for the series, the Friends of Belle Isle State Park is conducting a raffle. The grand prize is a hand-crafted schooner, The Belle Isle II. Chief ranger Mike Lambert built the ship.

Only 500 tickets will be sold. Tickets are $10 each, or six for $50. The tickets are available from friends members, at Music by the River concerts, a variety of park and community events, at the park ranger station and by calling the park at 462-5030.

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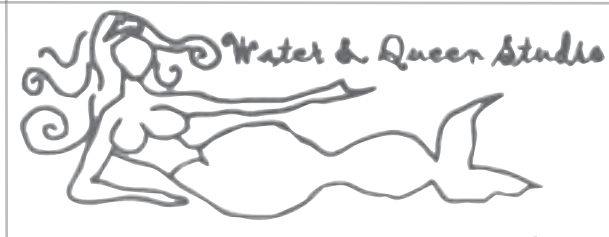

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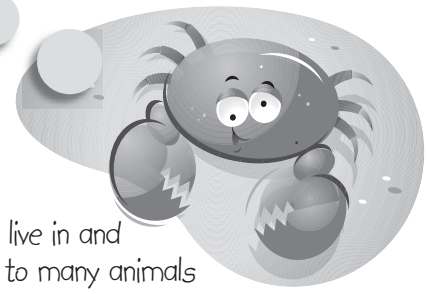

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See if you can help Claude unscramble the animal words below.

- The river _____ is home to many animals.
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- _____ live in the water.
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- You might see a _____ at the edge of the river.
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- _____ and _____ live in the forest.
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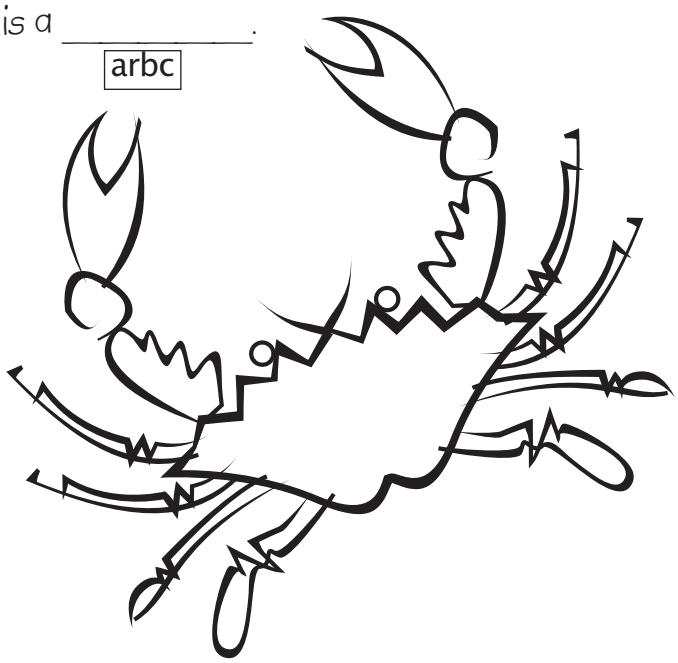

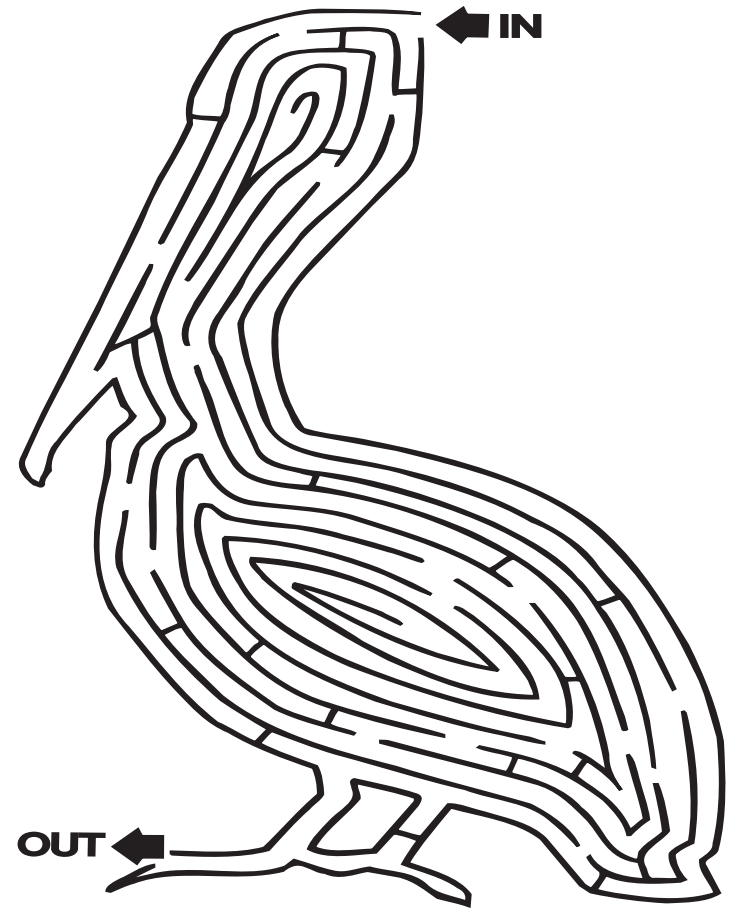

Things I've seen at the Rivah:

- ❑ Bison
- ❑ Crab
- ❑ Eagle
- ❑ Fish
- ❑ Fox
- ❑ Donkey
- ❑ Blue Heron
- ❑ Osprey
- ❑ Peacock
- ❑ Seagull
- ❑ Swan
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