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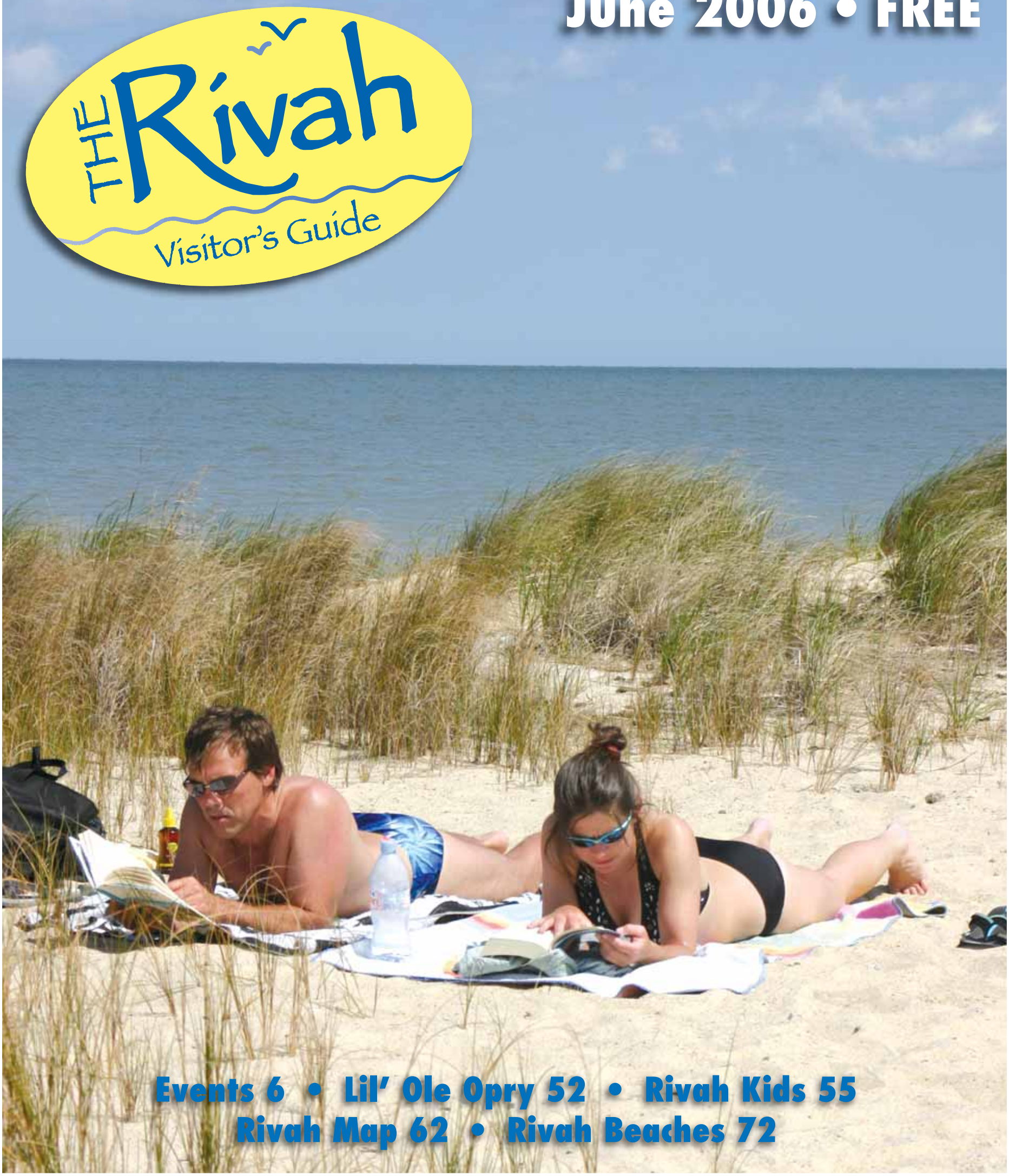

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rivah ('riv-â), n. [der. river]: 1. the lands and waters of the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula of Virginia, USA, particularly favored by urban dwellers for spring, summer and fall escapes. 2. a region in these peninsulas bound by the Chesapeake 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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Keith Shamberger and his girlfriend soak up some early summer rays on Bethel Beach in Mathews County.

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Rivah Events: June

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.

May

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.

An Arts and Antiques Show will open at the Tides Lodge with a reception from 7 to 9 p.m..

"Give My Regards To Broadway" will be staged at the Lancaster Middle School Theater in Kilmarnock. The musical will be presented by the Lancaster High/Middle School Drama Club. The show will begin at 9 p.m. $5 adults, $3 children.

Jerry Spangler (left) of Deltaville, an artist who works with oils and pastels, talks to a visitor during last year's Art On Fishing Bay at Fishing Bay Yacht Club in Deltaville. This year's event will be from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Friday, June 9, and will feature about 30 renowned area artists. There will also be entertainment, food and other activities. Call 800-866-4483 or visit leukemiacup.org.va for more information.

Saturday, May 27

Opening Day ceremonies will be held for the new season of the Deltaville Maritime Museum/ Holly Point Nature Park on Mill Creek. The Gardenerds will hold their annual plant sale, and the first plank will be fitted on the John Smith barge "Explorer," which is being constructed at the site. New exhibits will be unveiled and refreshments provided. 776-9811

A Colonial Encampment at the courthouse circle in 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.

A Silent Auction to benefit Hands Across Middlesex will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Woman's Club building on Virginia Street in Urbanna. Donated artwork of varying medias, a gift certificate from Dragon Run Bed and Breakfast, and a valuable baseball card collection will be among the auction items.

The Deltaville Farmers Market will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the grounds of the Yates Art Gallery on Route 33 in Deltaville.

The Mathews Farmers Market will held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the courthouse green.

A Community Yard Sale will be held on Main Street in Mathews. 725-4229.

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

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.

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.

"Give My Regards To Broadway" will be staged at the Lancaster Middle School Theater in Kilmarnock. The musical will be presented by the Lancaster High/Middle School Drama Club. The show will begin at 7 p.m. $5 adults, $3 children.

An Arts and Antiques Show will continue at the Tides Lodge with a reception from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Colonial Beach Antique Show will be held in Colonial Beach from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 540-898-1177.

Market Days will be held on the Colonial Beach Town Commons. 804-224-0021.

A Yard Sale to benefit Henderson United Methodist Church will begin at 7:30 a.m. at Newsome's Body Shop on Northumberland Highway in the Coan Stage region of Heathsville.

Athena Vineyards at Glebe Point will celebrate its grand opening from noon to 6 p.m. with complimentary wine tastings.

Sunday, May 28

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

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

"Give My Regards To Broadway" will be staged at the Lancaster Middle School Theater in Kilmarnock. The musical will be presented by the Lancaster High/Middle School Drama Club. The show will begin at 2 p.m. $5 adults, $3 children.

An Arts and Antiques Show will continue at the Tides Lodge with a reception from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Colonial Beach Antique Show will be held in Colonial Beach from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 540-898-1177.

Athena Vineyards at Glebe Point will celebrate its grand opening from noon to 6 p.m. with complimentary wine tastings.

The Piankatank Relay for Life will sponsor a Relay Basketball Game at the Tom Carter Memorial Gymnasium at Cooks Corner in Middlesex County at 3 p.m. 758-5643.

A Memorial Day Service will be conducted by American Legion Post #75 at 4 p.m. at the colonial courthouse in Gloucester.

The Gloucester Museum of History near the colonial courthouse will have a special Sunday opening from 1 to 4 p.m. in observance of Memorial Day.

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.

The 17th Annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at Bethel United Methodist Church near Lively. The ceremony will begin at 9 a.m.

Athena Vineyards at Glebe Point will celebrate its grand opening from noon to 6 p.m. with complimentary wine tastings.

Memorial Day Activities will be held at Gloucester Point Beach from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in honor of retired and active duty military personnel.

Tuesday, May 30

Military Appreciation Day will be held Beaverdam Park in Gloucester. Free canoe and paddleboat rentals for veterans and current military personnel.

Wednesday, May 31

The RFM Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m. at Reedville Fishermen's

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Museum. 453-6529.

Thursday, June 1

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.

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, June 2

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.

Dessert Bridge/Mahjong will be played at the Woman's Club of White Stone at noon. $4. 435-6207.

A Sunset Canoe Trip will be held at Belle Isle State Park in Lancaster County from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. $6 per person.

The Piankatank Relay for Life 11th annual event at Middlesex High School begins at 6 p.m. and continues to noon June 3. The public, especially cancer survivors and their families, are invited. There will be games, ceremonies, food and fun.

Saturday, June 3

The Irvington Farmers' Market

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Rivah Concerts

May

Friday, May 26

Steve Keith will be featured at Donegaler's Irish Pub in Callao. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. 529-9782.

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

Saturday, May 27

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

The Flint Hollow Band will be featured in a Bluemont Concert at the Colonial Beach Market Days from 1 to 3 p.m. on the Town Green.

Sunday, May 28

The Dixie Power Trio will be featured in a Bluemont Concert at the Colonial Beach Town Green from 1 to 3 p.m..

June

Friday, June 2

Fully Loaded will play on the deck at Smokin' Joe's Barbecue in Kilmarnock.

The Old Dominion Songsters will perform at the Urbanna Branch of the Middlesex Library at 7:30 p.m. The program is free and will support the Library of Virginia exhibit on display at Urbanna. Sponsored by the Friends of the Urbanna Library. 758-5717.

Saturday, June 3

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

The Wayne T. Holt Band will be featured at the fifth annual Beef Roast sponsored by the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Club from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Center near Lively. $15 adults, $6 children.

Friday, June 9

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

Saturday, June 10

The Music by the River Family Concert Series continues at Belle Isle State Park with The Dragon Run Band and a Gospel Trio. The show starts at 6 p.m.

The Mike Aiken Music and Mojo Fest will be held in Urbanna. Activities will be held at Upton's Point Marina and Cafe Mojo. Schooner cruises will be scheduled for a fee from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. A songwriting and sailing seminar with Mike Aiken, sponsored by Singer & Musician magazine, will be held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Cafe Mojo. Identity Crisis will perform at the marina from 2 to 4 p.m. The festival concert ($15) will begin at 7:15 p.m. at Cafe Mojo with Steve Keith followed by The Mike Aiken Band. For festival concert reservations, visit Cafe Mojo or call 758-4141.

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

The Heritage Appreciation Through Music Community Concert will be presented by the Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts at 8 p.m. at the Lancaster Middle School Theater in Kilmarnock. The show will feature The Northern Neck Baytones Barbershop Chorus, the Rappahannock Women's Chorale and the Northern Neck Big Band. $10 adults/$5 students.

The Wayne T. Holt Band (above) offers a mix of traditional and oldtime bluegrass, gospel and country music. From left are Christy Holt, Wayne T. Holt and Joe Edwards, all of Deltaville. The band plays in Lively June 3 and at Belle Isle State Park June 17.

Friday, June 16

Steve Keith will be featured at The Blue Heron Pub and Grill in Kilmarnock. The show starts at 7 p.m. 435-7005.

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

The U.S. Air Force Band Quintet will present a free concert on the Irvington Commons beginning at 7 p. m.

Saturday, June 17

Steve Keith will present a concert at Belle Isle State Park from 1 to 3 p.m. as part of the 70th anniversary celebration of the Virginia State Park System. The Kilmarnock and District Pipe Band also will perform.

The Music by the River Family Concert Series continues at Belle Isle State Park with The Wayne T. Holt Band. The show starts at 6 p.m.

A Bluegrass Show to benefit the Gwynn's Island Museum begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Gwynn's Island Civic League building on Route 223 in Gwynn's Island. The show features the Dragon Run Band and guests. Donations are accepted. 725-3495

Friday, June 23

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

Saturday, June 24

Steve Keith will be featured at Rose's Crab House in Kilmarnock.

The Mullins Sisters will perform at Donk's Theater on Route 198 in Mathews at 8 p.m. 725-7760.

Jazz In The Courtyard will be featured at Ingleside Vineyards at Oak Grove. Dinner and music, $25; music only, $15. reservations required. 224-8687.

Bill & Clyde's NoNeck Jazzband will be featured in a Bluemont Concert at the Colonial Beach Market Days at 11 a.m. on the Town Green.

Sunday, June 25

Anthony Campbell will be featured in a Bluemont Concert at the Colonial Beach Town Green from 1 to 3 p.m.

Friday, June 30

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

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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 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 Northern Neck Boat And Bike Show will be held at Naylor's Beach to benefit the Richmond County Family YMCA. $5 per vehicle. Prizes will be available in multiple categories. 333-4117.

A Free Instructional Shooting Clinic For Women Only will be held by The National Rifle Association's Women On Target program at the Rappahannock Pistol and Rifle Club at 640 Blueberry Point Road in White Stone. The clinic will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m. To register, contact clinic coordinator Peggy Cathey at 438-6069.

Party on the Potomac returns to the Colonial Beach Town Commons. 24-3565.

The Annual Church Yard Sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Francis De Sales Church in Kilmarnock. The sale is sponsored by the Knights of Cloumbus.

A Relay For Life Celebration will take place at 8:30 p.m. at Northumberland High School in Heathsville.

A New World Discoverers program will be held at Belle Isle State Park in Lancaster County from 2 to 5 p.m. $5 per person.

A Sunset Canoe Trip will be held at Belle Isle State Park from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. $6 per person.

The Ball in the Halls fundraiser for the Northern Neck Family YMCA will be held at YMCA facilities at 39 Harris Drive in Kilmarnock. The formal affair begins at 6:30 p.m. Call 435-0223 for information.

The Irvington Farmers' Market returns to the Irvington Town Commons the first Saturday of each month through November from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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"). 776-8846.

A Yard Sale will be held by the Kiwanis Club of Middlesex from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cooks Corner.

The Mathews Farmers Market will held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the courthouse green.

Sunday, June 4

A Vineyard Stroll will begin at 1 p.m. at Ingleside Vineyards in Oak Grove. Walk and chat with the vineyard manager, winemaker or proprietor. Wine tasting. Free, however reservations recommended. 224-8687.

Monday, June 5

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

The Northern Neck Audubon Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock.

Tuesday, June 6

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, June 7

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.

Thursday, June 8

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, June 9

"Art on Fishing Bay" will be held at Fishing Bay Yacht Club in Deltaville as a fundraiser for the Leukemia Cup Regatta. About 30 noted artists will be exhibiting and selling their artwork. There will also be entertainment, silent auction and other activities. Call 800-866-4483 or visit www.leukemiacup.org.va.

A Silent Auction to benefit the Middlesex Elementary PTA will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the school. 758-2496.

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 Fireman's Parade sponsored by the Colonial Beach Volunteer Fire Department Fireman will be held in Colonial Beach. 24-7255.

The Friday Art Walk is planned in Colonial Beach. 224-8411.

A Full Moon Canoe Trip will be held at Belle Isle State Park from 7 to 9 p.m. $6 per person.

Saturday, June 10

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

A White Elephant Sale And Car Wash will be held at the White Stone firehouse from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The 54th Annual Potomac River Festival And Arts & Crafts Show opens in Colonial Beach. 224-8145.

A Wine and Arts Festival at Locust Grove in Walkerton will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy wine, art, food and live music. Visit www.locustgrove1665.com or call 769-8201.

The Spring Car Show of the Upper Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department will be held at the Water View firehouse on Route 640 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost for car entries is $10. Spectator admission is $4; 8 and under free. A moon walk for the smaller children, food and drinks. 758-4816.

The Gloucester History Trail will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Public is invited to tour five historic homes/buildings not normally open to the public. Admission is free except at the Rosewell Ruin. sponsored by Gloucester Recreation Department.

Clean River Day will be held on Severn River, Sarah Creek and Perrin Creek in Gloucester County. Volunteers and boats needed. Lunch provided. Preregister by calling 693-1217.

The Mathews Farmers Market will held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the courthouse green.

Sunday, June 11

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

A Vineyard Stroll will begin at 1 p.m. at Ingleside Vineyards in Oak Grove. Walk and chat with the vineyard manager, winemaker or proprietor. Wine tasting. Free, however reservations recommended. 224-8687.

The 54th Annual Potomac River Festival And Arts & Crafts Show continues in Colonial Beach. 224-8145.

The Colonial Yacht Club Boat Parade will be held at Colonial Beach.

A Sunset Canoe Trip will be held at Belle Isle State Park from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. $6 per person.

Monday, June 12

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

Tuesday, June 13

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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.

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

Wednesday, June 14

Flag Day

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.

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.

Celebrate Flag Day at Belle Isle State Park. Create a patriotic hiking stick.

The Urbanna Farmers Market is held from 8 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday of each month in the parking lot of the Southside Sentinel on Virginia Street.

Thursday, June 15

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 invited. No reservations needed. 435-2755.

Friday, June 16

Colonial Downs, off Interstate 64 in New Kent County, will hold its thoroughbred race season June 16 through August 12. Racing will be held Fridays through Tuesdays. Post time for races on Fridays, Mondays and Tuesdays is at 5 p.m. post time for Saturdays and Sundays is 1 p.m. Colonial Downs will host the Colonial Turf Cup on June 24 and the Virginia Derby on July 15. For more information, visit www.colonialdowns.com.

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 Bake Sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bank of Northumberland in Heathsville to benefit the Mid-County Rescue Squad Auxiliary.

A Sunset Canoe Trip will be held at Belle Isle State Park from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. $6 per person.

Saturday, June 17

The Heathsville Farmers' Market begins at 9 a.m. at Hughlett's Tavern/Rice's Hotel in Heathsville.

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, 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.

The Mathews Farmers Market will held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the courthouse green.

Sunday, June 18

Father's day

A Vineyard Stroll will begin at 1 p.m. at Ingleside Vineyards in Oak Grove. Walk and chat with the vineyard manager, winemaker or proprietor. Wine tasting. Free, however reservations recommended. 224-8687.

A Father's Day Appreciation Event will be held at Ingleside Vineyards in Oak Grove. Complimentary refreshments, tours, tasting, 1 to 5 p.m. no charge.

Father's Day Fun is planned at Westmoreland Berry Farm. 224-9171.

Monday, June 19

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.

A Junior Ranger Program for kids ages 5 to 8 will begin at Belle Isle State Park. The program is from 8 a.m. to noon. Offered by Belle Isle and 4H, the program will continue through June 21. $5.

Tuesday, June 20

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

A Junior Ranger Program for kids ages 5 to 8 will begin at Belle Isle State Park. The program is from 8 a.m. to noon. Offered by Belle Isle and 4H, the program will continue through June 21. $5.

Wednesday, June 21

Summer Begins

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.

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.

A Junior Ranger Program for kids ages 5 to 8 will conclude at Belle Isle State Park. The program is from 8 a.m. to noon. Offered by Belle Isle and 4H,

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the program concludes June 21. $5.

Thursday, June 22

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

A Junior Sail-A-Thon fundraiser for the Leukemia Cup Regatta will be at Fishing Bay Yacht Club in Deltaville. Visit www.leukemiacup.org/va or call 800-766-0797.

"Deathtrap" will be presented by The Court House Players at Peasley Middle School in Gloucester. 804-824-4853 or 642-4144Friday,

Friday, June 23

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.

"Deathtrap" will be presented by The Court House Players at Peasley Middle School in Gloucester. 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 23, with a chicken dinner beginning at 4:30 p.m. 725-5777.

A Paddle Jam will be held at Beaverdam Park in Gloucester from 8 to 11 a.m. A variety of long course (6 miles) and short course (2 miles) races will be held for kids and adults. Awards to top finishers. 785-2107.

A Watercolor Class taught by Kathleen Noffsinger will be held at the Deltaville Maritime Museum. To register call 776-7191.

The Mathews Farmers Market will held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the courthouse green.

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 will celebrate its 75th anniversary. An exhibit and program are planned.

Market Days will be held on the Colonial Beach Town Commons. 804-224-0021.

A Sunset Canoe Trip & Campfire will be held at Belle Isle State park from 6 to 9:30 pm. $6 per person

Current exhibits at two Lancaster County museums focus on the Civil War locally. The Steamboat Era Museum in Irvington hosts "The Bay at War," depicting steamboat activities in the war. The Mary Ball Washington Museum and Library in Lancaster (above) hosts "And Then They Came Ashore," depicting the homefront during the war years. For more information, see the museum directory beginning on page 17.

"Deathtrap" will be presented by The Court House Players at Peasley Middle School in Gloucester. 804-824-4853 or 642-4144.

Sunday, June 25

A Vineyard Stroll will begin at 1 p.m. at Ingleside Vineyards in Oak Grove. Walk and chat with the vineyard manager, winemaker or proprietor. Wine tasting. Free, however reservations recommended. 224-8687.

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Monday, June 26

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.

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.

A Junior Ranger Program for kids ages 5 to 8 will begin at Belle Isle State Park. The program is from 8 a.m. to noon. Offered by Belle Isle and 4H the program will conclude June 28. $5.

Tuesday, June 27

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

A Junior Ranger Program for kids ages 5 to 8 will be held from 8 a.m. to noon at Belle Isle State Park. The program is from 8 a.m. to noon. Offered by Belle Isle and 4H the program will conclude June 28. $5.

Wenesday, June 28

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

A Junior Ranger Program for kids ages 5 to 8 will be held from 8 a.m. to noon at Belle Isle State Park. The program is from 8 a.m. to noon. Offered by Belle Isle and 4H the program will conclude June 28. $5.

Thursday, June 29

The 5th Annual Heritage Rivers Art Show And Sale sponsored by the Colonial Beach Historical Society and the Colonial Beach Artist Guild opens in Colonial Beach. The show continues through July 3. 224-4490.

Friday, June 30

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A Sunset Canoe Trip will be held at Belle Isle State Park from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. $6 per person.

A Patriotic Art Show opens at the Bay School Cultural Arts Center on Main Street in Mathews and continues through July 14. Call 725-1278.

Upcoming

Saturday, July 1

The Reedville Independence Day Celebration will be held along Main Street, Activities include a 5k run, a parade, a kid's pie-eating contest, face painting, musical entertainment, craft fair, food, and fireworks.

An Independence Day fireworks display will take place at Williams Wharf on the East River in Mathews County Promoted as a "family event," there will be music featuring Bad Dog, paddleboat rentals, food and games. 725-4229 or mcvic@visitmathews.com.

The Heritage Day Celebration will take place in Deltaville from 9 a.m. through the evening. There will be a children's parade, pet parade, crab races, craft and food vendors, afternoon Heroes Parade, basball and fireworks. 776-6216.

The Water View Independence Day Celebration will be from 3 p.m. until dark on the grounds next to the Upper Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department firehouse on Route 640. Children's activities, music, food, a parade and fireworks will be featured. 758-4816.

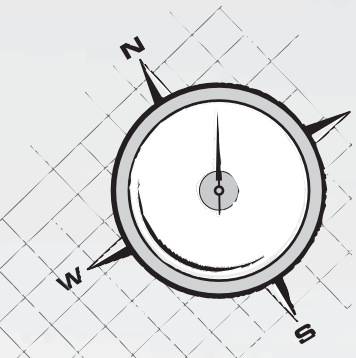
Tuesday, July 4

The Irvington Home Town Parade will march for another Independence Day celebration.

The Urbanna July 4th Celebration will be held at Upton's Point Marina on Urbanna Creek. Music, food, boat parade and fireworks will be featured. 758-2613.

A July 4th Celebration will be held at Gloucester Point Beach featuring a variety of free activities, music and competitions. . Fireworks display over the York River after dark.

a town called Urbanna



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Town of Urbanna Office: (804) 758-2613 – 45 Cross Street Visitor Information Center: Old Tobacco Warehouse

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Welcome to Middlesex County

■ Size: 142 square miles ■ Shoreline: 135 miles
■ Population: 9,600

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 Wormeleys, 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 Street.

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.

On Saturday, May 27, opening day ceremonies will be held for the new season of the Deltaville Maritime Museum on Mill Creek off Jackson Creek. The Gardenerds will hold their annual plant sale, and the first plank will be fitted on the John Smith barge "Explorer," which is being constructed on the museum grounds. New exhibits will be unveiled and refreshments provided. The public is invited. Above, Matt Auer (left) helps his father, number one boatbuilder Stefan Auer, work on "Explorer."

Government

Middlesex County Administrator Charles M. Culley Jr., Courthouse annex, Saluda. Open 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Mon.–Fri. 758-4330.

County tax rates (per $100): Real estate, $.48; personal property, $3.50.

Urbanna Town Administrator Lewis Filling, Cross Street, Urbanna. Open 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Mon.–Fri. 758-2613.

Town tax rates (per $100): Real estate, $.22; personal property, $.65.

Chamber of Commerce

Urbanna Business Association, Urbanna. (800) 523-4711.

Urbanna Oyster Festival Foundation. 758-0368.

Services

Trash and Recycling Services Four convenience centers offer trash collection and recycling: the Deltaville Convenience Center on Route 33 across from Rt. 660 (Jackson Creek Road), open daily 8 a.m.–5 p.m.; the Saluda Convenience Center at Stormont on Faraway Road (Route 705), open daily except Thursday from 7 a.m.–5 p.m.; the Jamaica Convenience Center on Route 640 near Church View, open daily 9 a.m.–6 p.m.; the Hartfield Convenience Center on Route 730 in Hartfield, open daily 6 a.m.–8 p.m. For information call the courthouse, 758-4330, or transfer station/Saluda convenience center, 758-0542.

Day Care/Baby Sitting Urbanna Baptist Day Care Center, 758-4783; Wee-Bear Nursery School, 758-4414; and Good Beginnings Preschool, 776-9825 or 776-6250.

Churches Middlesex Ministerial Association, Chauncey Mann, 776-9171.

ABC Store Urbanna, Virginia Street.

Veterinary Services Hartfield Animal Hospital, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Mon.–Fri. Doctors hours by appointment only, phone 776-9219. Saluda Veterinary Clinic, 2–5 p.m. Mon., Wed. and Fri. Phone 758-2303 or in emergencies, (800) 225-0256, Pager 237797. Sandy Creek Kennels (boarding, grooming and in-home pet care), call (888) 266-3084.

Recreation

Middlesex County Sports Complex Walking track, volleyball courts, basketball courts, soccer/football field (open dawn to dusk), softball/baseball fields (must be scheduled through Sports Complex Committee. Concession stand open during scheduled events.

Tennis Courts Taber Park, Urbanna (for residents and guests of town residents) and Deltaville Community Association (for residents and guests of the Deltaville area).

Ball Fields Deltaville Ball Park, home of the Deltaville Deltas, a semipro baseball team. Games scheduled on weekends in the spring and summer.

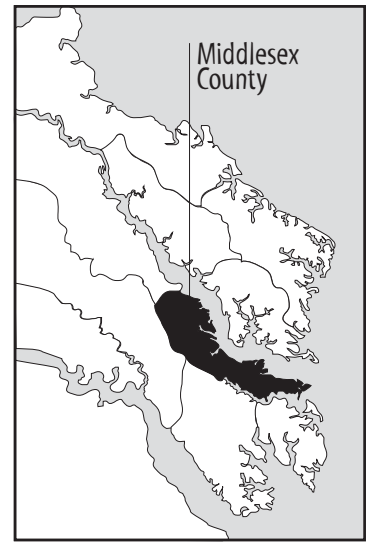
Public Beach Wake Beach at the end of Route 627.

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

Public Docks Day mooring at Millstone Landing in Water View and at Locklies Pier on Locklies Creek.

Boating and Fishing Charter fishing boats are concentrated on Locklies Creek and in the Deltaville area. The Bethpager, a 44-passenger deadrise, cruises from Bethpage Camp-Resort or Urbanna Creek, 758-4349. Windsurfing lessons are offered by Parrott Island Adventures in Topping, 758-2414. Lazy Day Adventures in Urbanna offers kayak rentals and eco-tours of local waters, along with camping on the waterfront. Reservations recommended. 758-9302.

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



Beef Roast set June 3

The fifth annual Beef Roast sponsored by the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Club will be held June 3, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Center near Lively.

Food will be served from 5 to 7 p.m.

Entertainment will feature The Wayne T. Holt Band of Deltaville. Tickets are $15 for adults and $6 for children.

For more information, call 462-9898.

Highland Games coming to Mathews

The second annual Mathews Memorial Library's Highland Games will be held on Friday, June 16, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Piankatank Ruritan Recreation Field on Route 198.

Events include sack races, soccer kicks, tossing the caber, foot races and other traditional Celtic games. Make your reservation by calling the library at 725-5747.

Starting July 7, the library will hold "Nuturing Nature—a Bird's Eye View of the World Around Us."

Rivah Cat

If you must leave the crab pickin' table, have someone watch your place.

Photo by Tom Chillemi

KILMARNOCK TROLLEY SCHEDULE

On the Half Hour	Trolley Stop
:00 & :30	Lancaster Middle School
:05 & :35	YMCA
:09 & :39	Second & Claybrook St
:10 & :40	Nail Expo
:11 & :41	Bank of Lancaster
:13 & :43	Smokin' Joe's
:14 & :44	Public Parking Lot
:16 & :46	Masonic Lodge
:21 & :51	Food Lion
:25 & :55	Peebles/Dollar General

Bay Transit Trolley is now serving Kilmarnock

Bay Transit, a service of Bay Aging, recently announced that trolley services are now available to the residents and visitors to the Kilmarnock area in the Northern Neck.

Trolley hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays; on holiday weekends, the trolley hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays and noon to 5 p.m. Mondays. Clip and save the trolley schedule for use through the Labor Day weekend. Trolley rides are 25 cents each way.

What a wonderful way to tour the area, said Bay Transit director Ken Pollock.

The trolley can be used as an alternative form of transportation around town.

Visit www.bayaging.org for more information on Bay Transit public transportation services or to learn more about Bay Aging's many programs and services for the frail and older adult population.

Drama Club to present Broadway play May 25-28

The Drama Club of Lancaster High and Middle schools is rehearsing "Give My Regards to Broadway" which will be performed at the Lancaster Middle School Theater in Kilmarnock May 25 at 6 p.m., May 26 at 9 a.m., May 27 at 7 p.m. and May 28 at 2 p.m.

Daniel Revere will play Dick Foster, Jessica Barefoot will be Mary Collins, Everrett Shorts impersonates Legs Ruby, Ben Conboy is a pianist and Grace Perkins is Betty, a Virginia belle.

Songs include "You're a Grand Old Flag," "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and the title tune, "Give My Regards to Broadway."

Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for children and may be purchased at the door, or at LMS beforehand. Group sales are available.

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Today, Deltaville is a thriving tourist destination with over 3,000 boats based in the area and some 18 marinas on Broad Creek, Jackson Creek and Fishing Bay.

Lots to do in Deltaville!

Shopping is a joy at the many shops and galleries with their selection of fine art and gifts, whimsical wares, nautical items and RIVAH resort wear. Shop on at the Farmers Market every fourth Saturday from April through November and find everything from flowers to food to crafts to clothing.

When you're not fishing, boating or swimming in the community pool, spend an afternoon browsing the new Deltaville Maritime Museum and Holly Point Nature Park, or climb the Stingray Point Lighthouse replica. Later on, you can catch a semi-pro baseball game at the local park or head out for a bite to eat.

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Cox to exhibit at Bay School

Having completed a two-month exhibit at the Northumberland Public Library, local artist Ron Cox of Kilmarnock will display his works at the Bay School Cultural Arts Center in Mathews during June.

Using a combination of paint, pen and ink, colored pencil and pencil, Cox employs contrast, form, color, repetition and other elements of art to portray his reaction or response to various situations in life.

"I would like to thank all who attended my show in February and March and invite everyone to the show in Mathews in June," said Cox.

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Family concerts continue at Belle Isle State Park

The Music by the River family concert series continues through the summer at Belle Isle State Park in Lancaster County.

Upcoming concerts include The Dragon Run Band and a Gospel Trio June 10 at 6 p.m., The Kilmarnock and District Pipe Band and Steve Keith June 17 at 3 p.m., as part of the 70th anniversary celebration of the Virginia State park system, and The Wayne T. Holt Band June 17 at 6 p.m.

Music by the River concerts are from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. 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 each concert and during intermission.

The concerts are free, however parking fees apply.

Shows continue July 8 with Doug Parks and the Lonewolves, July 15 with Gerry Maddox and August 12 with Jollet Lane.

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 Virginia Commission for the Arts , the National Endowment 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.

From left, chief ranger Mike Lambert and Friends of Belle Isle State Park president Carol Dawson display The Belle Isle II, grand prize in a raffle to support the 2006 Music by the River family concert series.

To raise funds for the series, the Friends of Belle Isle State Park will conduct 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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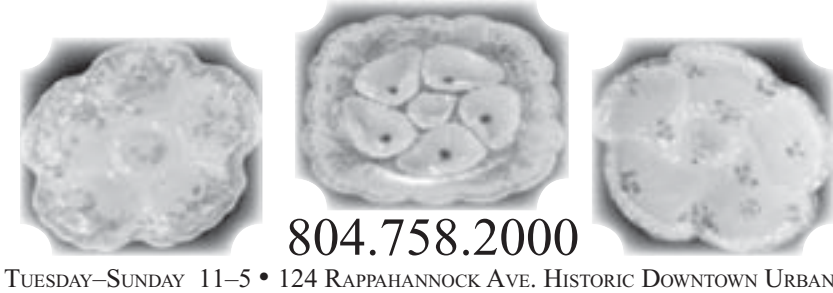

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Firemen's raffle prize

The grand raffle prize for the 71st annual Kilmarnock Firemen's Carnival is a 2006 Ford Focus. At left, carnival president Melvin Gordon receives the keys from Robbie Crowther. Carnival vice president Tom Jones is behind the wheel. Raffle tickets are $10. Tickets are available from Kilmarnock firemen and at Crowther Ford. 3,000 tickets will be sold. The carnival will be held July 27 to August 5. The drawing will be August 5.

Memorial Day ceremony set

The 17th annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at Bethel United Methodist Church near Lively.

If weather permits, the ceremony will be held outside near the cemetery. The church is on White Chapel Road west of Lively.

The ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 29, and will last about 45 minutes.

A wreath will be placed in honor of the 115 servicemen buried at Bethel Cemetery. A color guard will be provided by American Legion Post #86, in Kilmarnock.

Short talks will be given by Brennan Cutting and Richard Wilmore, who will graduate from Lancaster High School this year and will enlist in the armed forces. The "Call To Colors" and "Taps" will be played by Lancaster High School band director Robbie Spiers.

The name of deceased servicemen at Bethel Cemetery will be read by members of the Bethel-Emmanuel United Methodist Men.

Organizers plan big and sweet Strawberry Festval

The annual Strawberry Festival will be held May 27 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Heathsville.

There will be 1,000 quarts of strawberries for sale. Most are grown in the Montross and Northern Neck area and are expected to be sweet, succulent and big.

According to George Beckett, the coordinator of this event, 113 vendors will be pitching their tents in St. Stephen's front yard and offering a variety of handicrafts and art work.

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