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# The Rivah Visitor's Guide

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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Pint-sized participants in Urbanna's 2005 boat parade, just part of the town's annual traditional 4th of July celebration.

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# Rivah Events: June–July

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.

**A hit of the summer is the Urbanna July 4th Boat Parade on Urbanna Creek. The parade begins at 6:30 p.m. and can be viewed from the town-owned Upton's Point Marina. Parade entries are being accepted. Call 758-2613 for information. Above, a group of pirates made a colorful entry in last year's event.**

## June

### Friday, June 30

**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 Fifth Annual Heritage Rivers Art Show And Sale,** sponsored by the Colonial Beach Historical Society and the Colonial Beach Artist Guild, continues in Colonial Beach. 224-4490.

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

**Fishing From The Pier** will be held at Belle Isle State Park from 2 to 4 p.m. License required for those ages 16 and over.

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

## July

### Saturday, July 1

**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 Fifth Annual Heritage Rivers Art Show And Sale,** sponsored by the Colonial Beach Historical Society and the Colonial Beach Artist Guild, continues in Colonial Beach. 224-4490.

**Red, White & Blue Week** will be celebrated at Westmoreland Berry Farm through July 9. 224-9171.

**A Hike To Brewer's Point** will be held at Belle Isle State Park at 2 p.m.

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

**The Firecracker 5K Fun Run/Walk** will be held on the streets of Reedville. The race begins at 8 a.m. Race day registration opens at 7 a.m. To pre-register, call 453-3994, or visit www.reedvilleindependenceday.com.

**The Reedville Independence Day Parade** will begin at 3 p.m. To participate in the parade, call 453-3127. Other activities throughout the day include the Firecracker 5K Run/Walk at 8 a.m., arts, crafts, children's boatbuilding, a Butler boats show at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum, special music (from noon to 3 p.m.) and fireworks at 9 p.m.

**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, concert (11 a.m.), and Heroes Parade (1 p.m.). The late afternoon and evening will be highlighted by a Deltas baseball game (5 p.m.), Old-Timers Baseball Game (8 p.m.) and fireworks display (9:15 p.m.) at the ballpark. 776-6216.

**The Annual Water View Independence Day Celebration** will be held on Route 640 on the grounds of the Upper Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department beginning at 4 p.m. The event will feature food, crafts, vendors, children's games, a moonwalk for the smaller children, lawn mower races, "The Boogie Sharks Band," the "Great American Discdog Show," firemen's parade beginning at 7:30 p.m., and the fireworks finale at 9 p.m. 758-4816 or 758-5591.

**The Mathews Farmers Market** will held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the courthouse green. 725-4BAY.

**A Blueberry Pancake Breakfast** will be offered from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. near the DCA building by the Middlesex County Lions Club in conjunction with Deltaville Heritage Day.

### Sunday, July 2

**The Fifth Annual Heritage Rivers Art Show And Sale,** sponsored by the Colonial Beach Historical Society and the Colonial Beach Artist Guild, continues in Colonial Beach. 224-4490.

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

### Monday, July 3

**East River Sailing Camp** for ages 10-18 will teach youngsters the basics of sailing. $200 fee. Sponsored by Mathews YMCA. Camp continues through July 7. 725-1488.

**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 Fifth Annual Heritage Rivers Art Show And Sale,** sponsored by the Colonial Beach Historical Society and the Colonial Beach Artist Guild, continues in Colonial Beach. 224-4490.

### Tuesday, July 4

**The Town of Urbanna** will host its traditional 4th of July celebration. The festivities will begin at 5 p.m. at Upton's Point Marina on Urbanna Creek. "Sweet Justice" will performing at 5 p.m. and continue until dark. The Middlesex Sheriff's Office Auxiliary will serve a wide selection of food and drinks from 5 p.m. until dusk. At 6:30 p.m. the annual boat parade begins. The grand fireworks display will commence at dark over Urbanna Creek. 758-2613.

**A July 4th Celebration** will be held at Gloucester Point Beach featuring a variety of free activities, music and competitions. All of the beach's facilities can be used at no charge. Fireworks display over the York River after dark.

**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.

**A Fourth of July Celebration** will be held along The Boardwalk in Colonial Beach.

**An Independence Day Celebration** will be held at Stratford Hall Plantation. 493-8038.

**Children's Day** will be celebrated at the George Washington Birthplace National Monument in Westmoreland County. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Popes Creek Plantation will be filled with 18th-century activities, open hearth

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cooking, spinning, blacksmithing and games and activities for the children. Free. 224-1732.

**Make A Fish** arts and crafts for kids will be held at Belle Isle State Park from 1 to 3 p.m. $5.

**The Irvington Fourth of July Parade** will begin at 11 a.m. Participants will line up at 10 a.m. in the staging area between Crockett's Landing and Carters Creek Road. The parade route will wind down King Carter Drive and end near the town Commons. Antique cars will be on display at the Commons following the parade. Hot dogs will be sold.

**The Society of 1812** at 3 p.m.

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## Rivah Fireworks

**(all at dusk)**

### Saturday, July 1

- **At the Reedville Fishermen's Museum on Cockrell's Creek.**
- **At 9:15 p.m. at the ball park in Deltaville.**
- **At the Water View firehouse in Water View.**

### Tuesday, July 4

- **At the Town Pier in Colonial Beach on the Potomac River.**
- **At Upton's Point Marina in Urbanna.**
- **At Gloucester Point Beach.**
- **At the Tide's Inn in Irvington on Carters Creek.**
- **At the ballfields in Tappahannock.**

# Rivah Concerts

**The Dragon Run Bluegrass Band (above) hosts a bluegrass jam the third Saturday of each month (except December) at the Gwynn's Island Civic League building on Route 223 in Gwynn's Island. The concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. Donations benefit the Gwynn's Island Museum. Band members from left are Ed Arrington of Deltaville on fiddle, Gary Monger of Gloucester on guitar and vocals, band leader Richard Callis of Mathews on mandolin and vocals, Bob Pugh of Newport News on banjo and Morris Dillingham of Kilmarnock on guitar.**

## June

### 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. 435-6000.

**Steve Keith** will be featured at The Mooring Restaurant at Port Kinsale Marina in Kinsale. The show starts at 8 p.m.

## July

### Saturday, July 1

**Steve Keith** will be featured at The Mooring Restaurant at Port Kinsale Marina in Kinsale. The show starts at 8 p.m.

**The United States Air Force Heritage of America Band** will present its 16th annual concert on the Irvington Commons at 7 p.m.

**Playin Simple** will perform from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. on the grounds of the Deltaville Community Association as part of Deltaville Heritage Day activities.

**The Boogie Sharks Band** will perform at 4 p.m. at the Water View Independence Day Celebration on the grounds of the Upper Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department, Route 640 in Water View. 758-4816.

**Special music** featuring the YMCA Day Campers singing campfire songs, a Northern Neck Bay Tones Barbershop Octet, the M.O.M gospel singers, Jessica Haynie, the Riversong Barbershop Quartet and the duet of Don Bassett and Alice Hershiser will be held under the Reedville Fishermen's Museum pavilion from noon to 3 p.m. The jamboree is part of the Reedville Independence Day Celebration.

### Tuesday, July 4

**Steve Keith** will be featured at The Mooring Restaurant at Port Kinsale Marina in Kinsale. The show starts at 8 p.m.

**Sweet Justice** will perform at 5 p.m. at Upton's Point Marina during the Urbanna July 4th Celebration. 758-2613.

**Premiere** will perform from 6 to 9 p.m. as part of the July 4th celebration at Gloucester Point Beach.

### Friday, July 7

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

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

**Sweet Justice** will rock Ferebee's Restaurant in Tappahannock from 9;30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. 443-5715.

### Saturday, July 8

**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.

**"Salute to America"** will be staged at Donk's Theater on Route 198 in Mathews at 8 p.m. 725-7760.

**The Music By The River** family concert series continues at Belle Isle State Park with Doug Parks and the Lonewolves. The show starts at 6 p.m.

### Sunday, July 9

**The Bay Bells** will play "soothin summer sounds" at 2 p.m. at the Mathews Memorial Library. 725-5747.

### Friday, July 14

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

### Saturday, July 15

**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 Dragon Run Bluegrass Band hosts the show. Donations are accepted. 725-3495.

**The Music By The River** family concert series continues at Belle Isle State Park with Gerry Maddox. The show starts at 6 p.m.

**Tim Lovelace** will give a concert at the Tibitha Church of God in Reedville at 7 p.m.

### Sunday, July 16

**U-Turn** will perform a "Concert on the Green" at 4 p.m. on the grounds of the historic Gloucester Courthouse. 693-0014.

### Friday, July 21

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

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

### Saturday, July 22

**Raymond and Kasey Meeks** will perform at Donk's Theater on Route 198 in Mathews at 8 p.m. 725-7760.

**The Daryl Davis Band,** featuring boogie woogie, rythym and blues, will present a Bluemont Concert at the Colonial Beach Market Days on the Town Green. The concert will begin at 1 p.m.

**Steve Keith** will perform at Upton's Point Marina in Urbanna as part of a family fun day sponsored by the town. 758-2613.

### Friday, July 28

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

### Saturday, July 29

**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.

**Sweet Justice** will rock The Boathouse Cafe at 21 Cross Street in Urbanna from 9:30 p.m. to midnight. 758-0080.

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will mark the grave of Hikiah Ball in the Ball Family Cemetery on Route 3 at Windsor Farm near Kimarnock.

**The Annual Ophelia July 4th Parade** will begin at 6 p.m. at Cockrell's Railway and end at Afton Church. Call 453-3689 before June 30 to reserve a space in the parade. Food will be served at Afton Church.

## Wednesday, July 5

**The RFM Quilters** meet at 9:30 a.m. at the 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.

**Pack A Lunch** will be held at Belle Isle State Park from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bring a lunch and take a hike.

## Thursday, July 6

**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 the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.

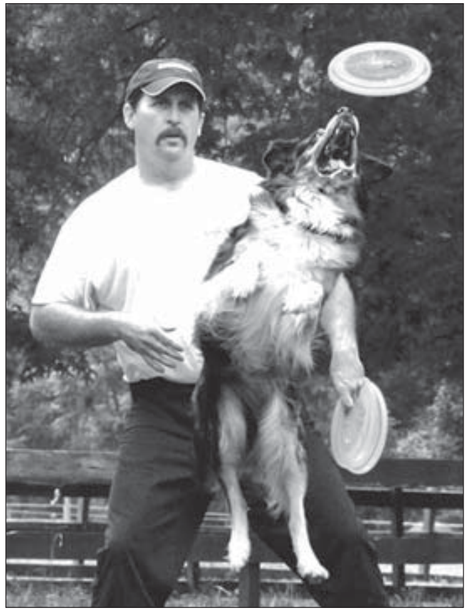
**The Airport Club** of Hummel Field meets at 6 p.m. for a dinner meeting at The Pilot House at Topping. 758-5500.

**A Water-Worthy** instructional canoe trip will be offered at Belle Isle State Park from 1 to 4 p.m. $6 per person. Learn various strokes and safety procedures.

## Friday, July 7

**An Auction** benefiting the Leukemia Cup Regatta will be held at the Deltaville firehouse. A crab cake dinner and music also will be featured. Visit www.leukemiacup.org/va or call 800-766-0797.

**Moonlight Fishing** will be offered at Beaverdam Park near Gloucester Court House. Call 693-2107 for details.



**Jeff Stanaway and his disc-catching dogs will be featured at the Water View Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, July 1, at 4 p.m. on the grounds of the Upper Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department on Route 640 in Water View. Above, Stanaway and national champion "Cory" compete at a recent event.**

(Photo by Bobby Arellano, www.delriokennels.com)

**Nurturing Nature Camp** is from 10 a.m. to noon at the Mathews Library. The month-long adventure gets kids connected with nature. Register by calling 725-5747.

**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 the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. 453-6529.

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

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

**A Night Howls Full Moon Canoe Trip And Campfire** will be held at Belle Isle State Park from 7 to 10 p.m. $6.

**Steptoe's Walkabout** will be held in downtown Kilmarnock from 5 to 7 p.m. The event will offer visitors an opportunity to shop, browse, dine, listen to music and visit antique and art galleries.

## Saturday, July 8

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

**A Second Saturday Ice Cream Social** for children of all ages will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Christ Church near Irvington. Family fun, Colonial games, crafts, church and museum tours. 438-6855.

**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 Crafts Program** will be held at Belle Isle State Park from 6 to 8 p.m. in conjunction with The Music By The River family concert series.

**An Antiques One-Stop Road Show** will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Wellford Hall at St. John's Church at 5987 Richmond Road in Warsaw. Antique and art appraisals will be conducted for a fee.

**The Leukemia Cub Regatta and Gala** will be held at Fishing Bay Yacht Club in Deltaville. Visit www.leukemiacup.org/va or call 800-766-0797.

**The Mathews Farmers Market** will held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the courthouse green. 725-4BAY.

**The Urbanna Farmers Market** will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot of the Southside Sentinel on Virginia Street in Urbanna. 758-2613.

**The Gloucester History Trail** tour will visit several historic homes and buildings. Call 693-0014 for more information.

**The Leukemia Cub Regatta** will be held at Fishing Bay Yacht Club in Deltaville. Tours of the Schooner Virginia, music, food and other activities. The regatta will continue July 9. Visit www.leukemiacup.org/va or call 800-766-0797.

## Sunday, July 9

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

**The 22nd Annual Pohanka Triathlon** will be held in Colonial Beach. To register, call Terry Mclaughlin at 540-371-9622, est. 1022.

## Monday, July 10

**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.

**Summer Art Lessons** will be offered at The Steamboat Era Museum in Irvington from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for youth in grades 7 to 12. $100. Shauna McCranie is the teacher. Lessons will continue through July 15.

**Swim Lessons** will begin at the Urbanna Pool in Taber Park. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Levels I-III. See Suzanne or a lifeguard at the pool if there are any questions, or call the pool at 758-4777 or Suzanne at 815-0062.

## Tuesday, July 11

**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.

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

## Wednesday, July 12

**The RFM Quilters** meet at 9:30 a.m. at the 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.

## Thursday, July 13

**The RFM Modelers** meet at 10 a.m. at the 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

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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, July 14

**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 Second Friday Art Walk** will be held in Colonial Beach. 224-8411.

**The Fourth Annual Family Boat Building Workshop** will open at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. The workshop continues through July 16. 453-6529.

## Saturday, July 15

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

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

**The Colonial Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad Annual Truck And Van Show** will be held at the Colonial Beach Drag Strip. 224-6288.

**The CAPINNÉ Dinner and Auction** will be held at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club near Kilmarnock. The benefit features a gourmet meal, open bar, silent and live auctions. For tickets, call 435-4169.

**The Mathews Farmers' Market** will held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the courthouse green. 725-4BAY.

**The Virginia Derby** will be held at Colonial Downs horse race track off I-64 in New Kent County. The first race is at 1 p.m.; the derby at about 5 p.m. Visit www.colonialdowns.com.

**"Red Riding Hood"** will be presented by the Missoula Children's Theatre at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Peasley Middle School in Gloucester. Sponsored by the Court House Players. 725-3414.

**The CAPINNÉ Dinner and Auction will be held July 15 at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club near Kilmarnock. The benefit event, sponsored by the Northern Neck Rotary Club, features a gourmet meal, open bar, silent and live auctions. Pictured above, Gail Cameron shows an original Franklin Saye painting to guests while auctioneer Grayson Smith barks out the bids. For tickets, call 435-4169.**

## Sunday, July 16

**Blazing Blades**, training in the proper use of knives, hatchets, axes and saws, will be offered at Belle Isle State Park from 1 to 3 p.m.

## Monday, July 17

**Family Boatbuilding Week** opens at the Deltaville Maritime Museum. Families are invited to sign up and build a Wright Skiff. The workshop continues through July 22. 776-9811 or 776-6048.

**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.

**Land** will be the daily theme for a three-day Jr. Rangers Program at Belle Isle State Park. The session is from 9 a.m. to noon. $5.

**Tesselations-Art Puzzles,** a five-day children's art workshop for ages 6 to 12 led by Shauna McCranie, will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Studio Gallery in Kilmarnock. $100. Register at 436-9309. The workshop continues through July 22.

**Exploring The Masters,** a five-day children's art workshop for ages 6 to 12 led by Shauna McCranie, will be held from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m. at the Studio Gallery in Kilmarnock. $100. Register at 436-9309. The workshop continues through July 22.

## Tuesday, July 18

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

**Sea** will be the daily theme for a three-day Jr. Rangers Program at Belle Isle State Park. The session is from 9 a.m. to noon. $5.

## Wednesday, July 19

**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.

**Air** will be the daily theme for a three-day Jr. Rangers Program at Belle Isle State Park. The session is from 9 a.m. to noon. $5.

**Outdoor Cooking** with Virginia Cooperative Extension will be offered at Belle Isle State Park from 12:15 to 2:30 p.m. Call 462-5780 by July 15 to register.

## Thursday, July 20

**Camp Rescue** will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Middlesex Volunteer Rescue Squad in Deltaville for ages 9-13. Campers will be introduced to basic safety subjects such as first aid, fire and water safety, drug and alcohol awareness, recognition of heart attack and stroke, and basic CPR. The camp is free; advance registration is required. 776-6606.

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

**The RFM Photographers** meet at 2 p.m. at the 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.

**Hands-On History Day** will be held at Christ Church near Irvington from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children ages 6 to 12 can explore the history of Colonial Virginia through archaeology, 18th-century brick making, grave rubbings, and other exciting activities. The event is free. However, all participants must pre-register, and space is limited to the first 25 children to register. Lunch will be provided for all registered participants. 438-6855.

## Friday, July 21

**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.

**Historic Games** will be presented at Belle Isle State Park from 2 to 3 p.m.

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## Saturday, July 22

**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. 725-4BAY.

**Folk Art** will be taught by Tom Blunt from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Yates Gallery in Deltaville. Students will go away with at least three pieces of art. This workshop is suitable for children and adults and parents are invited to take this workshop with their children. 776-8505.

**"Pied Piper"** will be presented by the Missoula Children's Theatre at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at St. Clare Walker Middle School in Middlesex. Sponsored by the Court House Players. 725-3414.

**"Jungle Book"** will be presented by the Missoula Children's Theatre at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Mathews High School. Sponsored by the Court House Players. 725-3414.

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

**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.

**All Tied Up,** an introduction to knots, will be offered from 2 to 4 p.m. at Belle Isle State Park.

**An Evening Canoe Trip** will be held at Belle Isle State Park from 5 to 7 p.m. $6.

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

## Sunday, July 23

**An Early Bird Hike** is planned at Belle Isle State Park from 2 to 4 p.m. $2.

**Campfire Cooking** will be demonstrated at Belle Isle State Park from 1 to 3 p.m.

## Monday, July 24

**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.

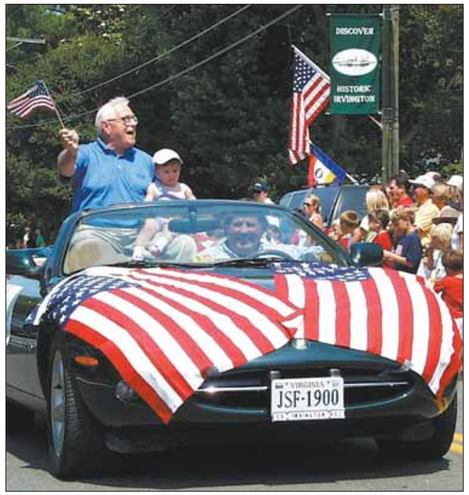
**Bingo** will be played at the Middlesex Volunteer Rescue Squad building on Route 33 in Deltaville at 7 p.m. 776-6875.

**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.

**Outdoor-able** is the daily theme for a three-day Jr. Rangers program at Belle Isle State Park. The session is from 9 a.m. to noon. $5.

**One Exploration-Multiple Methods**, a four-day art workshop for ages 10 to 15, will be held from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the Studio Gallery in Kilmarnock. Shauna McCranie is the instructor. $80. to register call 436-9309. The workshop continues thorugh July 27.




**Irvington Mayor Alexander Fleet and his grandson welcome visitors to Irvington for the annual Fourth of July Parade, 2005 edition. The 2006 edition will begin at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 4. Participants will line up at 10 a.m. To participate in the parade, contact the town office.**

**Studio Art Crafters Workshop,** a four-day art workshop for ages 10 to 15, will be held from 2:30 to 3:45. at the Studio Gallery in Kilmarnock. Shauna McCranie is the instructor. $80. To register call 436-9309. The workshop continues thorugh July 27.

**GPS Day Camp** for Middlesex, Mathews and Gloucester youth ages 12-15 will feature geocaching, fishing and camping. Sponsored by the Extension Service. Camp continues through June 28. 725-7196.

## Tuesday, July 25

**Water-wise** is the daily theme for a three-day Jr. Rangers program at Belle Isle State Park. The session is from 9 a.m. to noon. $5.

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

## Wednesday, July 26

**Fire-friendly** is the daily theme for a three-day Jr. Rangers program at Belle Isle State Park. The session is from 9 a.m. to noon. $5.

**The RFM Quilters** meet at 9:30 a.m. at the 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, July 27

**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 the 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

**Lost and Found,** a family fun scavenger hunt, will be held at Belle Isle State Park from 1 to 4 p.m.

**The 71st Annual Kilmarnock Firemen's Festival** opens at the festival grounds off Waverly Avenue in Kilmarnock and continues through August 5. Rides, games, food and raffles.

## Friday, July 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.

**Forgot the Matches**, an alternative fire building techniques program, will be held at Belle Isle State Park from 2 to 4 p.m.

**An Evening Campfire Program** will be held at Belle Isle State Park from 7 to 9 p.m.

## Saturday, July 29

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

**Peach Perfection** will be held at Westmoreland Berry Farm. 224-9171.

**Get Lost,** a survival training program, will be offered at Belle isle State Park from 2 to 4 p.m.

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

**A Trash and Treasure Workshop** will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Holly Point Nature Park in Deltaville. Turn an old clay pot, piece of wood, boat paddle, mall table or some yard sale bargain into a work of art. This workshop is for beginners to fully-skilled artists. All brushes and paints are furnished. There will be demonstrations and hands-on instruction. At 3:30 p.m. there will be an artists' reception and display of their day's work. Refreshments will be served.

**The Mathews Farmers Market** will held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the courthouse green. 725-4BAY.

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

**"Robin Hood"** will be presented by the Missoula Children's Theatre at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Page Middle School in Gloucester. Sponsored by the Court House Players. 725-3414.

## Sunday, July 30

**A Hayride** will be held at Belle Isle State Park from 9 to 11 a.m.

**Fun Crafts For The Kids** will be offered at Belle Isle State Park from 1 to 3 p.m.

## Monday, July 31

**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.



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# Irvington parade is July 4

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Leading the parade as this year's grand marshal will be retired U.S. Army Gen. Sterling Wright. With an illustrious career going back to 1930 when he graduated from West Point, Gen. Wright took his first assignment as part of the U.S. Cavalry. He was one of the planners of the invasion of Normandy on D-Day during World War II, and then worked alongside the 29th Infantry Division, a National Guard Unit from Virginia and Maryland.

Folks interested in participating—marching bands, family groups, pets, jugglers, etc.—are invited to sign up with Jackie Burrell between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday at the town office, 438-6230.

Parade time is 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 4. Participants will line up at 10 a.m. in the staging area between Crockett's Landing and Carters Creek Road. The parade route will wind down King Carter Drive and culminate near the town Commons. Antique cars will be on display at the Commons following the parade. Hot dogs will be available with profits going to the YMCA.

The annual fireworks display at the Tides Inn will begin at 9 p.m. The public is invited to bring lawn chairs and watch from the dock area of the former Tides Lodge.

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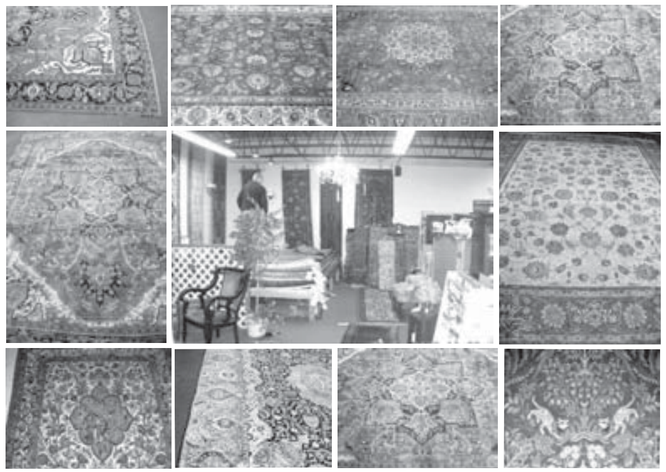

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# Welcome to Northumberland County

■ Size: 222 square miles ■ Shoreline: 438.4 miles
■ Population: 12,400

## History

Northumberland County was originally known as Chickacoan, an Indian district on the Northern Neck between the Rappahannock and Potomac rivers, tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay.

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. In 1992, the National Register of Historic Places designated Heathsville as an Historic District, along with the original courthouse and tavern, now an operating restaurant, gift shop and museum.

Northumberland was once dependent upon tobacco as its major cash crop and currency. Later, most of its residents relied on the water for their livelihoods. 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.

With more than 220 miles of scenic shoreline, Northumberland's rustic atmosphere has lured many urbanites. So much so, that in recent years, Northumberland's population has been changing from that of full-time residents to one of many weekenders, vacationers and retirees.

## Government

County Administrator Kenneth D. Eades, Route 360, Heathsville. Hours: Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. 580-7666 or co.northumberland.va.us.

Tax rates (per $100): Real estate, $.61; personal property, $3.60.

## Chamber of Commerce

Northumberland County Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center, Route 360, Callao; Thursday–Saturday, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. 529-5031. rivnet.net/chamber/.

## Services

**Trash and Recycling Service** Northumberland County has three trash collection sites which also offer recycling: on Route 360 in Lottsburg behind the school board office; on Rt. 360 across from Route 639 at Horsehead; and on Route 200, 1.8 miles north of Kilmarnock. The centers are open from 7 a.m.–7 p.m. daily.

**Day Care/Baby Sitting** Lighthouse Christian Academy and Day Care, Wicomico Church. Summer day care runs June 7–August 20 for ages 2–10 (as long as potty trained). Paid on weekly basis. 435-2435.

**Northumberland Family YMCA,** Heathsville, provides weekly summer camp sessions in conjunction with the public schools. 580-8901. peninsulaymca.org.

**Churches** Rev. Mike Ramming; 529-9930 (will refer according to denomination).

**Ferry Boat** The Northumberland connects Route 644 from Sunnybank to Ophelia; Normally operates Monday–Saturday, 7 a.m.–7 p.m.

**ABC Store** Route 360 in Callao; Hours: Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–7 p.m. 529-7125.

**Veterinary Services** Heathsville Animal Hospital, Route 360, Heathsville. Doctor's hours: 9–11 a.m. and 1–3 p.m. weekdays; Mon., Tues. and Thurs. nights, 7–8 p.m., Sat. 9–11 a.m. Hospital hours: 8 a.m.–5 p.m. weekdays; 8 a.m.–noon Sat. 580-5135 or (800) 809-7779.

**Reedville celebrates Independence Day with a parade. This participant struggles to see through the flags that adorn her costume. Other activities take place in Reedville throughout the day.** (Photo by Reid Pierce Armstrong)

## Recreation

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

**Boat Cruises**

Capt. Billy's Charters, Wicomico Church. Cruising packages available for up to 41 passengers. (Bay and River). Private trips include sunset cruises, business, birthday, wedding parties. Also available: Tangier Island, Onancock, Creek peek, historic Reedville trips. 580-7292. captbillyscharters.com.

Claud Somers at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum sails every other Saturday at 10 a.m. starting May 28. $20 members and $25 nonmembers, limited to 20 people. 453-6529. rfmuseum.org.

Crabbe's Charter Fishing and Cruises, Reedville. Cruises on the scenic waters of the Little Wicomico River and the Chesapeake Bay aboard the 43-foot Kit II. Cruise to Smith or Tangier islands. 453-3251. eaglesnest.net/fishing.

Pittman's Charters Inc. Sunset and sightseeing cruises, Reedville. Charter fishing aboard Mystic Lady II, May–December, 1–25 passengers. Open 7 days. 453-3643.

Smith Island Cruise aboard the Captain Evans departing from KOA Campground at the end of Route 650 in Reedville. Follow the blue and white signs from Route 360. In operation from May–October. Reservations required. 453-3430. cruisetosmithisland.com.

Tangier Island Cruise on the Chesapeake Breeze departs from Buzzard's Point Marina at the end of Route 656 in Fairport. The cruise runs 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. daily May–October. Follow the billboards from Route 360 near Reedville. Reservations required. 453-2628. tangiercruise.com.

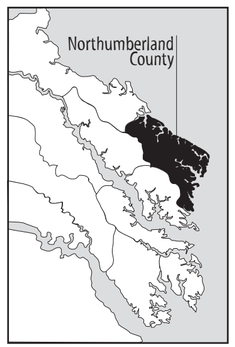
**Rental Boats** Ingram Bay Marina, Wicomico Church, rents canoes and small skiffs, 14–18 foot. Fishing licenses included in rental. 580-7292. captbillyscharters.com. Chesapeake Bay/Smith Island KOA Campground, Reedville. 453-3433.

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

**Ball Fields** Callao Ruritan Club on Route 712, men's and women's softball leagues, hours vary. 529-7860. Northumberland County Athletic Park and Little League Park at the Northumberland County Middle School, Route 360 one mile east of Heathsville, ball park and soccer complex, hours vary. 529-6134.

**YMCA** Northumberland Family YMCA provides programming throughout the year. 580-5455.

To change or update Northumberland information, contact rarmstrong@rrecord.com.



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