Reedville fishermen continue Bay tradition

by Audrey Thomasson

Captain John Smith first recorded the earliest form of pound net fishing in his log books detailing the life of Indians of the Chesapeake Bay region in the 1600's. Back then, the method was known as weir fishing and consisted of thousands of poles driven deep into river bottoms in side-by-side fashion to corral and trap fish.

Little has changed in the 400 years since. Mid-way through the 1800's nets were introduced by New England fisherman along with more elaborate corralling methods. Today's pound net fishermen have not strayed far from those methods. It was a hard life then and continues to be.

The sun rises on the Chesapeake Bay as Walter 'Peale' Rogers and Leslie Hudnall begin the process of gathering fish out of the pocket of one of four pound nets they will work that day.

The sun has not yet broken over the horizon of the Chesapeake Bay as the wooden boat glides across the water dragging a smaller wooden skiff behind it. As the world sleeps, only the chugging of an old faithful engine breaks the serenity of the hour. It is 5 a.m.

Standing in the hull of the Glenna Fay, Walter "Peale" Rogers easily steers the 40-foot Chesapeake Bay deadrise by tiller. He is headed on a course deep into the bay. It is a trip he and his three-man crew take six days a week.

Rogers is a fourth-generation pound net fisherman. His earliest recollections of fishing are going out with his father a few times when he was about five years old. At the age of 12 he became a regular part of the summer crew.

"On particularly windy days, I could get seasick from the choppy waters," he says over the vibrating hum of the engine. "Because my dad kept the boat at our home dock, it was the worst feeling in the world to wake up to the sound of that boat leaving on those mornings without me."

At 14, Rogers and his brother, Frederick, started their own pound net operation in the summers until he could buy his first car at 16. He then spent summers working on the menhaden boats.

His father, Ray, wanted more for him than the hard life of a fisherman, so Rogers went off to Randolph-Macon College where he earned a degree in economics and then promptly returned to the fishing industry. The day after graduation he and his brother drove down to Louisiana to work on menhaden boats. They returned a few years later, and he fixed up his father's mothballed boat and began his career as a pound netter. At 42, Rogers is considerably younger than his 57-year old boat.

With all the laws and regulations imposed on the fishing industry in recent years, he jokes that maybe he should have majored in psychology instead.

The fisherman's best catch is his wife, Martha, a third-grade teacher at Chesapeake Academy. Married 16 years, Martha supports his passion for the work, encouraging him if he gets down when the catch is bad or the weather sets him back, and reminding him of the better days and the things he loves about it.

The couple lives in Reedville with their two children. While daughter Elizabeth, 12, makes the occasional early morning trip with dad, son, Reese, 10, goes out once a week.

"It's great to be back home in the morning sometimes before my kids are up out of bed," says Rogers.

As the black night begins to slip away, a strange structure of poles and nets is barely visible on the horizon. Rogers guides the

Ever wonder what these poles and nets are doing in the middle of the bay? It is a pound net trap for catching schools of fish. Each morning at sunrise, fishermen visit the net to empty the pocket of thousands of pounds of fish.

boat straight for it.

The structure is made up of fishing nets hung from pine poles that are wedged deep in the bottom of the bay forming a straight fence against the current, called a leader. About 900-feet in length, the leader directs schools of fish into the main structure set at the deep end of the leader where the poles and net form into a series of three connected compounds or 'pounds, 'which is the basis for the name, 'pound net fishing.'

Each pound serves to corral the fish much like horses and then funnel them from pound to pound until they reach the smallest, called a pocket, and are trapped inside.

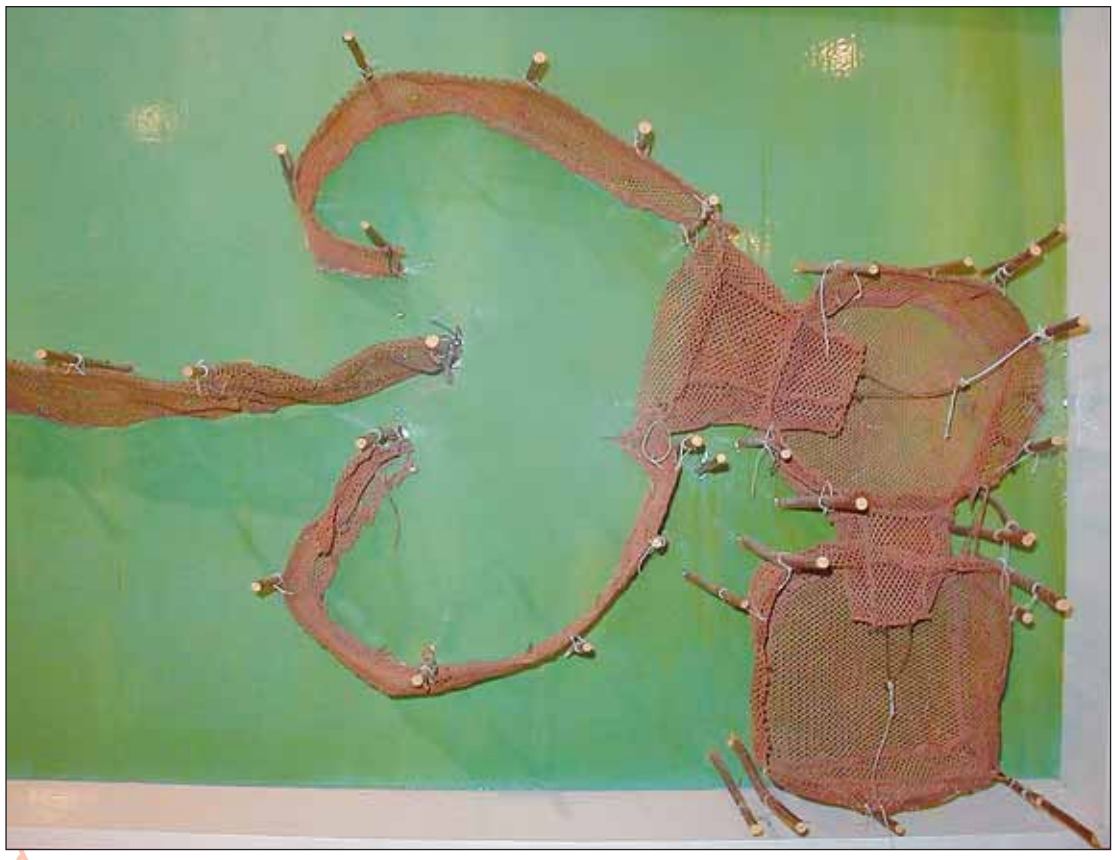
Rogers guides the boat up to the pocket. Silently, the team begins working, tying onto one of the poles while Rogers jumps into the wooden skiff. He opens a corner of the pocket by releasing the net. Then pulling on a guide rope tied to the structure, he drags the skiff inside the pocket. Two of the crew, Leslie Hudnall and Northumberland high school student Emory Haynie, jump into the skiff with Rogers. The three put their bodies into the back-breaking task of pulling up the bottom net of the pocket, bringing thousands of trapped fish to the surface.

The nets are filled to the gills with menhaden but also include blue crabs, spot, striped bass, flounder and many others, including skates. Earlier in the season, the nets contain fewer menhaden and more of the edible fish.

Once the fish are gathered together, Rogers begins scooping them up with a large bale net and dropping them into the hull of the Glenna Fay while Hudnall and Haynie continue to pull the net up.

Ned Reese, a retired computer expert and Martha's uncle, is on the Glenna Fay checking and measuring the edible fish and tossing back into the bay anything that falls short of regulation size. Once the pocket is emptied, Rogers and his crew close up the nets and return to the main boat. Since the catch from this pound net did not fill the hull of the boat, the crew heads for another of Rogers' four locations in another part of the bay.

Emory Haynie and Leslie Hudnall pull up the bottom net to force the fish to the surface.



A pound net is made up of a 900-foot leader that directs schools of fish into the heart shaped 'false pound.' From there, they funnel into the 'main pound' and then into the 'pocket' where they are collected each morning by the pound netter. This pound net display is on exhibit at the Fishermen's Museum in Reedville.

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As the boat chugs across the water, they separate the edible fish and crabs into containers and ice them down. All the other fish are left in the open hull and the skate are tossed back into the bay, "to live another day," says Hudnall.

Along the way, the Glenna Fay has suddenly become the most popular spot on the bay as a trail of seagulls and osprey fly above. A few daring birds take a dip into the skiff for anything that may have fallen behind.

After visiting the other pounds, the boat is full and Rogers heads for Reedville and docks at the processing plant. A giant vacuum sucks the menhaden from the hull and carries them to a conveyor belt. While Hudnall oversees the process on the boat, Rogers and Haynie work the conveyor belt. Joined by Rogers' dad, they separate out the small fish which are packed in boxes and used for chum by recreational fishermen. The larger ones go into bushel baskets and then into a blast-freezer until frozen solid. They will be shipped out as crab bait to commercial fishermen in the Carolinas and Louisiana and for lobster bait in the northeast.

Martha drops by with a cup of coffee for her husband and to check on how his day is going.

Once the processing is complete, Rogers takes his boat over to the wholesale dock where he sells most of his edible fish to a wholesaler who ships them to restaurants and fish markets in the Carolinas and Baltimore. He holds out a few to sell to local residents who have been buying from him for years.

It is 10:15 a.m. when he sells the last of his fish.

But the pound net fisherman's work does not end with the sale of his catch. Throughout the season he will clean and repair his boat and make repairs to the pounds. During summer months the pounds become damaged by recreational boaters who may not notice them at night or understand their purpose.

Over the years, storms and hurricanes have wiped out much of the industry. According to records, a 1933 hurricane nearly wiped out the pound net fishing industry completely. It came back over the years and peaked on the Chesapeake Bay in the mid 50's with between 2,000 to 3,000 pounds.

Today, there are only 50 to 60 active pounds being fished in Virginia with only three full-time pound net fishermen in Reedville and three others who mix pound net fishing with crabbing.

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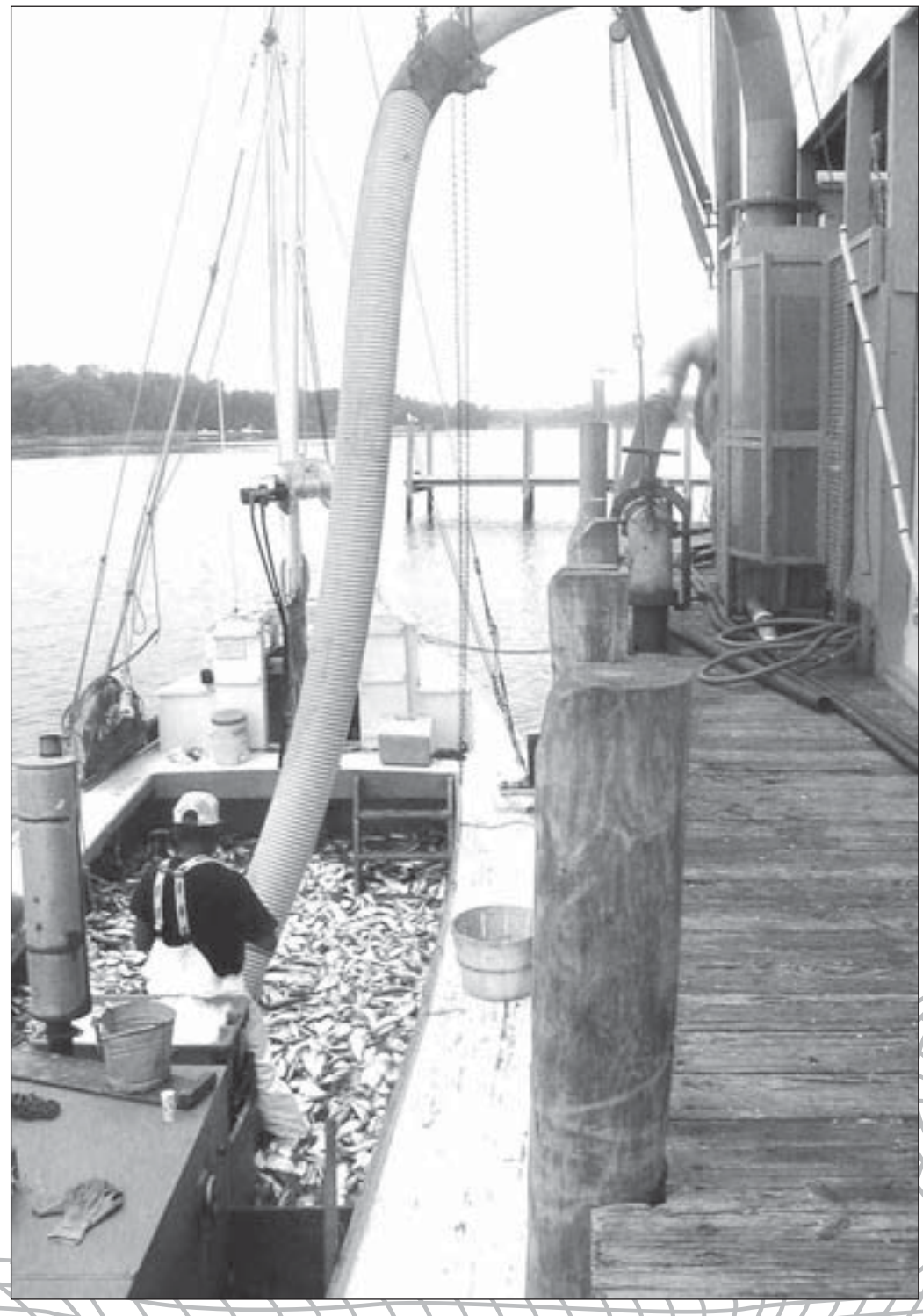
Peale Rogers uses a five-bushel net to scoop fish from the pocket and dump them into the hull of the Glenna Fay.

Members of the Reedville Fisherman's Museum bring the museum boat alongside the Glenna Fay to get a first-hand look at pound net fishing. A young boy holds up a live fish from the catch.



Leslie Hudnall oversees a vacuum hose which sucks the fish out of the hull and onto a conveyor belt in the processing plant in Reedville.

Emory Haynie and Peale Rogers sort out the smaller fish from the larger menhaden.

The large menhaden come off the conveyor belt and go into bushel baskets to be flash-frozen and then shipped out as bait for commercial crabbers and lobster fishermen.

The winter months contain the toughest work of all. They are spent repairing pounds, replacing poles and damaged nets or constructing new pounds that may have been wiped out by a hurricane or boaters. Rogers works sunup to sundown, 12- to 14-hour days from October to March.

Harvesting poles begins in October by locating tall pine trees that the pound netter must then purchase, chop down into 35-foot lengths, strip of branches, and sharpen one end to a point so that it can be pile driven into the sea bed. It is hard going with all the work done by hand.

Approximately 200 trees are used to construct one pound and each spring at least a third of the old poles must be replaced. Some years Rogers has to restore an entire pound.

The hand-sewn nets are bought in bulk and rigged by hand to each fisherman's specifications. Made of nylon, the massive netting is dipped in troughs filled with copper paint to protect them from marine growth. After being coated into a deep red color, the nets are stretched out flat for drying. At 20 feet deep and 1,000 feet in length for each pound net, Rogers' nets take up an area equivalent to three football fields. Each is weighted with chains along the bottom edge to keep them on the sea bottom.

Once all the poles and nets are ready, they must be hauled to the dock and loaded onto the Glenna Fay for transporting out into the bay. Each pole is pile-driven five feet into the sea bottom and then the nets are hung and lashed to poles.

The nets are removed at the end of each season, around the first of November, and go back up in March in time for the next season. And then it all begins again.

For Rogers, his inspiration and support come from his wife.

Martha says she would not have him do anything else. "I love his choice of careers because that's what he enjoys doing. It was in his grandfather's blood, it was in his father's blood, and it is in his blood. He loves it."

And that's what matters most.

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Peale Rogers stands by a scale while area residents sort through the edible fish he saves for them. The bulk of his edible fish are sold to wholesalers for distribution to restaurants and fish markets.

Boxes of small menhadon will be sold as chum to recreational fishermen.

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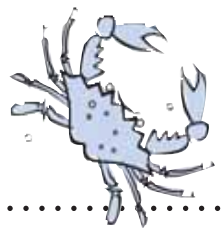

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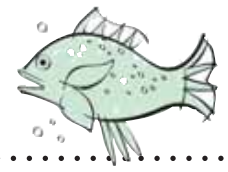

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Pizza Hut West Point Shopping Center in West Point. $. 843-3444.

Tony and George's Seafood and Italian dishes. L/D/$$. King William St., West Point. 843-4448.

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Great food, great family are found at River Room Seafood Restaurant

by Joan McBride

For people who love to be with family, the only thing better than eating with your own family, is eating with someone else's loving family, especially if they are good cooks.

I had such a rewarding experience one stormy day recently at the River Room Seafood Restaurant in Yorktown.

Housed in the Duke of York Hotel, the River Room Seafood Restaurant sits at ground level with a spectacular view right out to the York River with its very accessible walkway and white-sand beach.

My companion and I walked into the very busy Friday-night dining room about 7:15 p.m. and saw many small tables of diners and three larger parties of up to 25. As I asked the pleasant hostess about a window seat, a very attractive blond waitress with a dazzling Doris Day smile joined us saying in a friendly and very welcoming manner that it would be "just a few minutes" since one had just opened up.

Standing in the crowded dining room with attendants scurrying here and there, I silently thanked the river gods for such good fortune.

While waiting, we examined the extensive menu. Appetizers included calamari; crabmeat, shrimp, or oyster cocktails; Fried Coconut Shrimp; and sautéed escargot. ($7-$8)

Three soups were offered including our choice, New England Clam Chowder, and several salads including one with jumbo shrimp and another with lump crabmeat.

The River Room's clam chowder was rich, very flavorful, with plentiful and tender clams, and potatoes diced in small, firm chunks. I would rank it "9" on a 1 to 10 scale. ($3.25) A basket of both fresh and toasted baguette slices was a great accompaniment.

As we enjoyed our large fresh and crisp mixed-greens salad with a Greek-style dressing of oil, vinegar, and "special spices", according to our waitress, Susan, we surveyed the large casual dining room and our smaller and narrower room right off it packed with tables all having a great view of the river.

Owner Ann Krikales, grandson James Aguirre, daughter Ginny Allen (James' mother), and daughter Jackie Strickland all work in the family-owned River Room Seafood Restaurant.

Nautical decorations appeared everywhere in the unassuming café with its white tablecloths and blue cloth napkins.

It had taken a little while to look over the varied menu which included separate listings for "Fresh Fish" and "Shell Fish." The former included flounder, grouper, mahi mahi, tilapia, salmon and catfish. ($13.95 - $16. 95)

Tantalizing choices in the latter category were jumbo shrimp (fried or stuffed with crabmeat or scampi-fied); scallops (fried, broiled, or Grecian sauteed with Feta cheese and spices over linguini); oysters, crab meat sautéed or au gratin; lobster tail; and crab cakes (mostly $16.95 - $18.95 except for the lobster).

The "Land Fare" section of the menu featured entrees from the worlds of beef, pork, lamb and chicken with various delicious additions and sauces. ($9.95 - $20.95)

My companion ordered the Jumbo Shrimp Scampi ($17.95) which appeared as 7-8 good-sized shrimp basking in clarified butter, garlic, and white wine with his side of rice pilaf. He pronounced the shrimp tender and tasty. One taste and I definitely agreed.

My broiled sea scallops were large, plentiful (8-9), tender, and very flavorful. I had selected the rice pilaf also, and was thrilled with both my choices. ($17.95)

The River Room's rice pilaf was unlike any we've ever had. It was a lovely tomato color and accompanying flavor with sporadic bites of green pepper, but neither of us could quite identify that other very rich and exotic taste clinging to each perfectly-cooked fluffy grain.

When I asked Jackie Strickland, the ever-smiling waitress who earlier had assured us we would get a window table, her insider-information solved the delicious mystery.

It was the generous amounts of "brown butter," she said. She is the daughter of chef Jimmy Krikales, whom we observed was able to escape his kitchen duties once very briefly to speak to dining room patrons.

Upon closer inspection, I saw that "brown butter" appeared several times on the menu as a key ingredient in other dishes.

As ample as our dinners were (including every morsel of that fabulous rice pilaf), we somehow managed to conduct research on a large and beautiful fresh strawberry shortcake dessert which featured homemade sponge cake on the bottom, generously glazed fresh berries over vanilla ice cream (the middle layer), and a large bare strawberry arranged beautifully atop a generous dollop of whipped cream.

Since the entire great big beautiful thing was about 5 inches in circumference and about that tall we were really glad we had decided to share it. ($5)

Over dessert and coffee I arranged with Jackie to take a photo of her and the hostess, whom I had guessed to be her mother because of the family resemblance.

Mother Ann and I visited while others in the clan assembled for the photo. I learned that she and chef Jimmy had worked together for 40 years at Nick's Seafood Pavilion, a long-time popular eating spot just down the street which had now closed.

In August of 2005 the couple started the River Room Seafood Restaurant which serves dinner only Wednesday through Sunday nights starting at 4:30 p.m. Several of the dishes that had become tradition at Nick's Seafood Pavilion are on the River Room menu.

I learned that Jackie and sister, Ginny Allen, have other jobs, but Ann said they "help out" whenever she needs them. Both generations had obviously trained Ginny's son, James Aguirre, in the family tradition of hustle, as we observed him working speedily and diligently busing tables.

We saw three pleasant and hard-working generations of the Krikales family taking care of their guests that night, and making everyone feel right at home.

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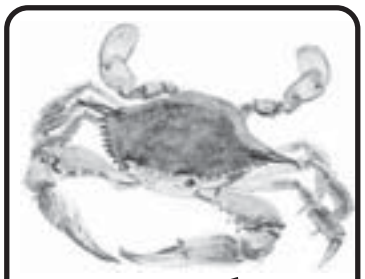
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Where did it get its name?
Drum Bay in Westmoreland County may have been named for its shape and surface or for the type of fish found there.

Irvington Stomp set for September 2

White Fences Vineyard in Irvington will celebrate the unveiling of three new wines in 2006—Meteor Bright Red, Meteor Bright White and Meteor Merlot— with a grape stomp.

The third annual Irvington Stomp will be held September 2 from 4 to 8 p.m. It will feature all-one-can-eat hard crabs and barbeque chicken, along with an enormous variety of home-spun outdoor fun.

"Labor Day is the most popular crab eating holiday on the bay," said vineyard manager Mark Hollingsworth. "We wanted to give folks a chance to gather 'round tables full of fresh caught, seasoned and steamed Jimmies, grilled chicken, and all the fixin's. It's a great afternoon to feast, relax, listen and dance to excellent Carolina beach music, enjoy the spectacle of watching friend and foes battle it out in grape stomping competition barrels and children romping from one activity to another."

The main event of the Irvington Stomp continues to be the grape stomping competitions pitting barefooted local community leaders, families and kids against one another.

Irvington Stomp 2006 will include a number of activities to entertain children and adults, including music by the Holiday Band, tethered hot air balloon rides, a two-acre Maize maze in the shape of a wine bottle, an Old MacDonald's Farm marionette puppet show at the hay bale theater, hayrides and vineyard tours, and farm tool and animal exhibits.

New to this year's Stomp is the arrival of Animals Unlimited, a professional interactive petting zoo from Richmond, with their assortment of farm and exotic animals, as well as pony rides.

Details can be found at the www.irvingtonstomp.com. Tickets are available online, and in Irvington at the Hope & Glory Inn and The Local. Tickets are $40 per person, children under age 15 are free, and include admission to the Stomp and all the food and various activities with the exception of the alcoholic beverages and t-shirt sales.

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