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.

Visitors will have a chance to view the artwork of 50 artists, see a number of boat exhibits including replicas of "Godspeed" and John Smith's "Explorer," enjoy a children's garden and huge wildflower garden, and eat plenty of good seafood at the annual Holly Point Fine Art and Seafood Festival at the Deltaville Maritime Museum on Saturday, October 14. Above, a visitor at last year's festival looks at the artwork of Anne Goodman Wilcox.

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

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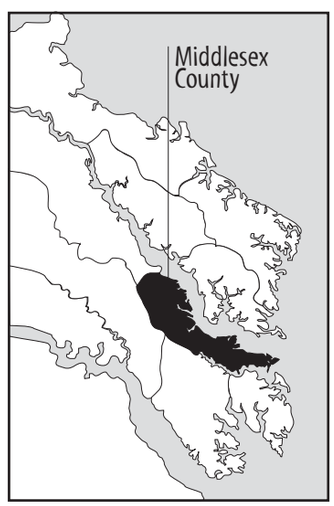

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Creek.

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.

Urbanna Farmers Market set for Sept. 9

The monthly Urbanna Farmers Market will be held this Saturday, September 9, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Southside Sentinel parking lot in historic downtown Urbanna.

The event, co-sponsored by the Urbanna Business Association and Town of Urbanna, features a wide variety of unique and unusual wares. Among the items offered by vendors are handcrafted wooden and nautical pieces, plants, produce, pottery, clothing, jewelry, baked goods, candles, soaps and more.

The Urbanna Farmers Market will continue on the second Saturday of each month through October. Call Sandy Scott at 758-2000 for further information.

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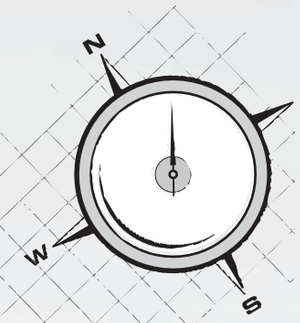

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Urbanna — **a town that can capture your heart — and bring you back again.**

Calendar of Events

September 2 Urbanna Family Fun Day. 758-2613

September 9 Urbanna Farmers Market. 758-2000

September 16 Urbanna Fire Dept. Beef & BBQ Festival. 758-2703

October 14 Urbanna Farmers Market. 758-2000

November 3 & 4 49th Annual Urbanna Oyster Festival. 758-0368

December 1 Urbanna Christmas Parade with Santa. 758-2613

December 2 Urbanna Christmas Decorated Homes Tour. 758-2613

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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.

Your choices for dining destinations range from a gourmet coffee and pastry shop to bistro-style, seafood or waterfront restaurants, with a little lounge nightlife thrown into the mix for good measure! Partying on your boat or beach? Many of the wonderful Deltaville restaurants offer catering and takeout, as well!

Lots to see in Deltaville!

- Heritage Day Celebration: Parades, Baseball Games, Arts, Crafts, Live Music, Food, Fireworks, and Fun!
- Southern Chesapeake Leukemia Cup Regatta Series: Sail Race Weekend, Junior Regatta, Kayak Tour, Art Show, Auction, more!
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Miss Flame Pageant set

The Miss Flame Pageant, sponsored by the Tappahannock-Essex Fire Department, will be held on Saturday, October 21, in Tappahannock following the annual Jesse Chinault Memorial Parade at 2 p.m. Call 443-5009 for more information.

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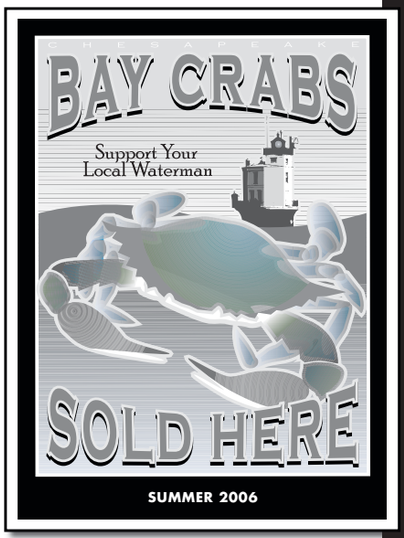

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Essex

Days Inn Motel Route 17, Tappahannock Blvd., in Tappahannock. 60 rooms. Cable TV. Free continental breakfast. Rates: $69.99–$79.99. 443-9200.

The Essex Inn Bed and Breakfast Voted "Best Bed and Breakfast in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula 2006," is in a 1850 Greek Revival mansion in historic Tappahannock one block from the river. Once used as Union headquarters during the Civil War, the inn offers four rooms and four suites all with en suite bathrooms, luxurious amenities and DSL or wireless access. All have cable TV, air conditioning, hair dryers, irons, linens and oversized soft towels. Most have working fireplaces. Guests have access to a refrigerator and microwave, a screened-in porch and a private brick courtyard for outdoor relaxation and smoking. A three-course gourmet breakfast is included along with afternoon snacks, wine and beer. Rates: $135-160. 804-443-9900 or 866-377-3982. www.EssexInnVA.com.

Linden House Bed and Breakfast Plantation P.O. Box 23, Tidewater Trail (Rt. 17) Champlain, 22438. Five guest rooms and two suites, all with private baths. Rooms with fireplaces and jacuzzis available. Reception hall offers catering services. Innkeepers Ken and Sandy Pounsberry. Rates: $115–$175. 443-1170 or (866) 887-0286.

Southside Motel and Marina Rts. 360 and 17 in Tappahannock. 30 rooms with satellite TV and four HBO channels, microwave and refrigerator. Swimming pool. Free boat slips available. Rates: $40–$70. 443-3363.

Super 8 Motel Rts. 17 and 360 in Tappahannock near Wal-Mart. 43 rooms with cable TV, some with microwave and most with refrigerators. Suites and king-sized rooms available. Rates: $45 and up. 443-3888.

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Gloucester

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Comfort Inn A three diamond AAA, Platinum Award winning hotel on Route 17 near Business Route 17, close to Gloucester's Historic District. Free continental breakfast, outdoor pool, ADA compliant rooms and health club privileges. Hot tub rooms. All 79 rooms have 25" TVs, ironing board, hair dryer, electronic locks, coffee makers, data phone port and free high-speed internet. 695-1900.

Gloucester Inn Motel Route 17 at the York River at Gloucester Point. 16 rooms with refrigerators and microwaves. Cable TV and HBO. 642-3337.

North River Inn Bed and Breakfast is on 100 waterfront acres at Toddsbury, on the North River. Three historic structures comprise the Inn: Toddsbury Cottage, Toddsbury Guest House and Creek House. Rooms are furnished with antiques, have air-conditioning, telephones, and private baths, with views of the river, creek or wide fields lined with ancient trees. Meeting rooms for 20 overlook the water. The grounds include long lanes for walking and biking, a walled garden, which is an acre square, and an 18th century ice house. Full breakfast on weekends. Canoes and boat dockage available. 693-1616 or 877-248-3030.

The Willows Bed and Breakfast is on a quiet rural road in a former Victorian country store and post office. Large rooms with private baths, TV, queen-sized beds and hearty breakfasts. No smoking. 693-0270.

Tidewater Motel Route 17, 4 miles north of the Coleman Bridge in Hayes, 33 rooms, some with kitchenettes. Pool. Non-smoking rooms available 642-2155.

Lancaster

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Flowering Fields Bed and Breakfast, 232 Flowering Fields Drive, White Stone. Full breakfast with crab cakes, omelets and fresh fruit. Golf packages and fishing charters arranged. King, queen and twin rooms. Families welcome. 435-6238.

Holiday Inn Express 599 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. 68 rooms with dataports, extended stay rooms, handicap rooms, meeting room, business center and outdoor pool. Continental breakfast. Rates: $109 and up. 436-1500 or (800) 844-0124.

Hope and Glory Inn 65 Tavern Rd., Irvington. Bed and breakfast accommodations featuring seven rooms and six cottages with private baths, conference center, tennis, bicycles, golf nearby. Rates: $160–$310 including full breakfast. Three-bedroom cottages also available in the vineyard. Rates: $350–$650. 438-6053.

Inn at Levelfields 10155 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster. Bed and breakfast accommodations, six guest rooms with king or queen beds and air-conditioning, fireplaces; four rooms with private baths and two with shared bath. Swimming pool, library, television. Rates: $90–$140. 435-6887 or (800) 238-5578.

Tides Inn 480 King Carter Drive on Carter's Creek in Irvington. Yacht cruises, par 3 golf course on-site, championship golf at The Golden Eagle, swimming, tennis, sailing, biking, summer children's program, heated pool, spa facilities, special events, golf and family package plans. Rates: $199–$625. 438-5000.

Waverly House At the intersection of Waverly and Raleigh Avenues in Kilmarnock. Chalet with indoor swimming; accommodations include king, queen, king with two singles, double. Ploughman's breakfast. Rates: $50–$85. 435-0458.

Whispering Pines Motel Route 3, White Stone. Twenty-five guest rooms, two suites available; swimming pool, air conditioning, remote cable TV. Rates: $69-$99. 435-1101.

Mathews

Buckley Hall Inn Route 198 in Mathews offers a variety of romantic rooms, all with private baths. Two rooms have fireplaces, some have four poster beds, and even a private whirlpool bath. Country breakfast served in the dining room. Guests can sit on the large front porch under the oaks and rock a bit or read a book from the well-stocked library. Rates: $90–$125, with special available. 725-1900 or (888) 450-9145.

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Edentide Inn Bland Point on the Piankatank River, Deltaville. Three air-conditioned rooms with TV and VCR. Private sitting room with fireplace, private screened porch. Boat slips available. Sand beach and fishing pier. Rates: $100–$155 with full breakfast. 776-6915.

Harrow House Lover's Lane, Deltaville. View of Jackson Creek and the Bay. Three double rooms with shared bath, air-conditioned, cable TV, continental breakfast, Hostess, Camcy Courten. Rates: $65. 776-9616.

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Bay Motel On Route 360 near Reedville. 20 air-conditioned rooms with cable television and free local phone calls; swimming pool. Rates: $69 and up. 453-5171.

Cats Cove Cottage A private waterfront cottage, fully furnished for two on Mundy Point on the West Yeocomico River. Continental breakfast, deep water dock, pool, row boat. Two-night minimum. Rates: $80-$95. 529-5056. catscovecottage.com.

Dove Cottage Bed and Breakfast on Browns Store Road near Wicomico Church. Two rooms in historic 1729 country inn, quiet country atmosphere, jacuzzi, full breakfast, working fireplace, rocking chair porch, tranquil pool. 580-3683.

Fleeton Fields Bed and Breakfast on Fleeton Road near Reedville, overlooking Big Fleets Pond and the Chesapeake Bay. Three air conditioned suites with private baths, mini refrigerators and cable TV. The home is decorated with fine antiques and is in a park like setting. Bicycles available. Rates: $135–$175 with full breakfast. 453-5014. fleetonfields.com.

Gables Bed and Breakfast Inn at the end of Main Street in Reedville on Cockrell's Creek. Victorian Captain's Mansion with 1800's schooner mast built into the home. In the circa 1874 National Register, Reedville Historic District. Two guest rooms with private baths in main house

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Gloucester

Gloucester Point Family Campground Rt. 636 near Ordinary, 3 mi. from Rt. 17, on Severn River at 3149 Campground Road, Hayes. 235 sites, fishing pond, fishing and crabbing piers, recreational hall, playground, boat landing and rental campers. Planned family activities. $24-$30. 642-4316.

Thousand Trails - Chesapeake Bay Preserve Off Rt. 198 on Piankatank River. 400 sites, nationwide membership camping, pool, boating facilities, camp store, entertainment, organized activities. 693-6924 or 1-800-693-6901.

King and Queen

Rainbow Acres Campground Rt. 631 (Frazier Ferry Rd.) off Route 14, on the Mattaponi River near King and Queen Court-house. 150 sites, boat ramps, gas, bait, planned activities. $25-$28. 785-9441.

Lancaster

Belle Isle State Park seven miles east of Lively. Campsites (23), with water and electric hook-ups. Coming soon: group camping cabin and five pop-up trailer rentals. Free boat launching for overnight guests. Camp store, laundry facilities and bath house. (800) 933-Park. www.dcr.virginia.gov.

Mathews

Gwynn's Island Campers Haven End of Rt. 633 on Chesapeake Bay. 125 sites, sand beach, portable boat launching, boat ramp nearby, recreation hall and camp store. 725-5700.

New Point Campground Rt. 602 off Rt. 14 seven miles south of Mathews Courthouse, on Chesapeake Bay. 300 sites, boating facilities, pool, playgrounds, recreation hall, planned entertainment, boat and motor rental and charter boats available. $30-$34 on waterfront. 725-5120.

Middlesex

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Bush Park Campground Rt. 628 near Hartfield on Bush Park Creek. 400 sites, new year-round section, pool, recreation hall, laundry, scheduled activities, pier, boat ramp. $24. 776-6750.

Cross Rip Ltd. Off Rt. 33 on Rt. 1113 (Cross Rip Road) in Deltaville on Chesapeake Bay. Beach boat basin, water and electric. Reservations requested. $20-$25. 776-9324.

Grey's Point Campground Rt. 3 near bridge at Topping, on the Rappahannock River. 600 sites, boat ramp and slips, bait and tackle shop (Virginia Saltwater Tournament weigh station), gas dock, recreation hall, pool, nature trails, planned entertainment. $44.95. 758-2485.

Northumberland

Chesapeake Bay/Smith Island KOA Near Reedville on Little Wicomico River. 85 sites (some with 50 amp. service), mini-golf, pool, convenience store, boat ramp and 20 covered slips, canoe and small boat rentals, planned activities, pavilion, heated and air-conditioned gathering hall, Smith Island cruises. Open April–November. $30-$45. 453-3430. cruisetosmithisland.com.

Glebe Point Campground Rt. 200 Burgess on Great Wicomico River. 96 sites, pool, tennis, boat landing, playground. Seasonal only, $1,025 plus electricity. 453-3440.

Smith Point Marina and Campground Off Sunny Bank Road on Little Wicomico River. 10 sites, boat ramp, marina with charter boats, boat slips, dry storage, marine fuel and boat repairs. 453-4077.

Great Wicomico Marina Campground End of Rt. 810 on Great Wicomico River. 50 sites-yearly rental only, marina, restaurant, laundry. 453-3351.

Richmond

Heritage Park Off Rt. 360 to Rt. 624 near Warsaw, on Menokin Bay off Cat Point Creek. 78 sites plus log cabins, 243 acres, pool, tennis, canoe rentals, boat ramp, hiking trails, shaded picnic grounds, entertainment. $23-$32 (2 BR cabins, $95-$125). 333-4038.

Naylor's Beach Campground Off Rt. 360 to Rt. 624, then to Rts. 634 or 636, on the Rappahannock River near Warsaw. Sites for tents and trailers, camp store, playground, boat ramp. $18. 333-3951.

Whelan's Marina and Campground Off Rt. 3 to Rt. 608, then to Rt. 647, on the Rappahannock River and Morattico Creek near Farnham. 48 sites, permanent use only. Camp store, pool, ABC license, boat ramp. 394-9500.

Westmoreland

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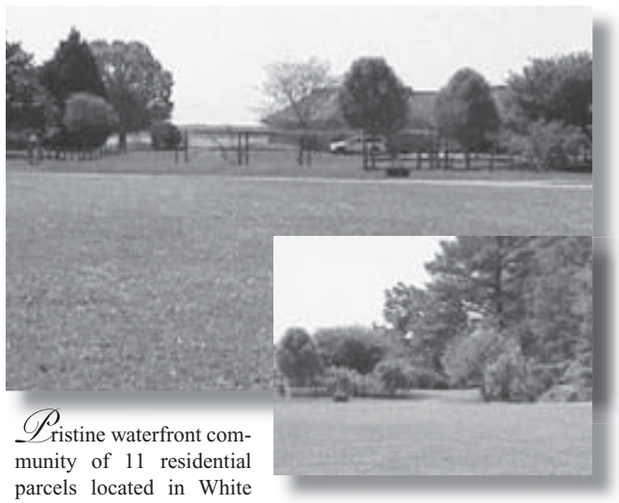

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Lion's Den, Callao. One bedroom. $80-$95. Continental breakfast included on weekends only. 529-9674. lionsdenbandb.com.

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Richmond

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Greenwood Bed and Breakfast, 99 Maple Street (Route 1021) in Warsaw. Three guest rooms with private baths, cable TV; central dining and recreation rooms for guests. Rates: $50–$60 with country breakfast. 333-4353.

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Westmoreland

Bell House Bed and Breakfast, 821 Irving Avenue. Alexander Graham Bell's Victorian summer place on the Potomac river. The Bell House offers four rooms, each with a private bath. Terry cloth robes, slippers, soothing oatmeal soaps, shampoo, conditioner, and hair dryers are provided. All reservations also include wine and cheese each evening from 5–6 p.m. and a full breakfast served from 8–9 a.m. Each room is $125.35 for single occupancy and $141.70 for double occupancy, including all taxes. 224-7000. thebellhouse.com

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Riverview Inn 24 Hawthorne Street. 21 guest rooms waterfront. Rate: $95. 224-0006.

Skipjack Inn Rt. 608 at Port Kinsale Marina. Located in a restored 1912 waterfront home overlooking the Yeocomico River, the four guest rooms are decorated with antiques and Chesapeake Bay maritime artwork. Each has its own private bath, telephone and individual temperature control. A guest kitchenette is available on the main floor. Rates: $115–$145. 472-2044. portkinsale.com/lodging.

The Plaza 21 Weems Street. This 1900's Victorian home has three guest rooms furnished with elegant yet comfortable antiques. The Master Suite includes a private bath with a deep claw foot, two-person Jacuzzi tub and shower. Rates: $100–$135. A three-bedroom guest cottage adjoins the Plaza property and has a large kitchen, living room, enclosed porch and washer/dryer. The cottage can accommodate up to 6 comfortably. All linens provided. Rate: $150. 224-1101. colonialbeachplaza.com.

Wakefield Motel 1513 Irving Avenue South. 20 rooms with cable TV, most have a refrigerator and microwave. Rates: $40–$80. 224-7311. wakefieldmotel.com.

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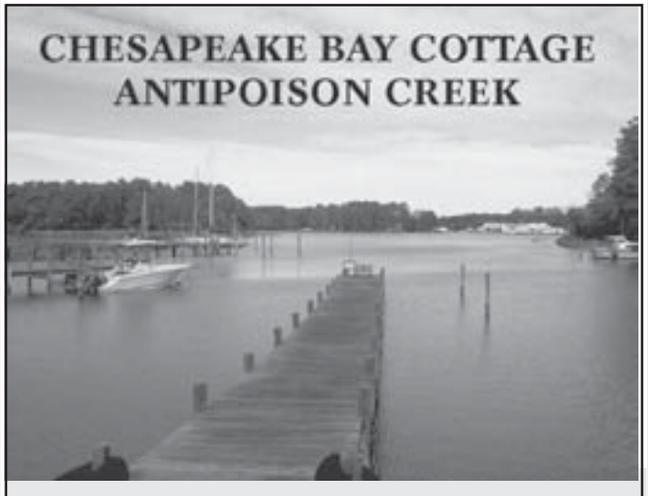

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History

Known commonly as the Gateway to the Northern Neck, Richmond County was established in 1692 from the old Rappahannock County.

Originally explored by Captain John Smith in 1607–1608, the county was settled in 1640 when people migrated up from settlements below the Rappahannock River. It was presumably named after the First Duke of Richmond, cousin to both King William III and Queen Mary. One of the early settlers was Colonel Moore Fauntleroy, who patented land in the county in 1650.

The first county seat was thought to be at the mouth of Little Carter's Creek, then moved to Naylors, an early river settlement. The seat was moved inland in 1730 and renamed the Richmond County Courthouse. In 1831, the name was changed to Warsaw in sympathy with the Polish struggle for independence. Warsaw was incorporated as the county's only town in 1947 and is now the site of the court house, built in 1748, and the 188-year-old clerk's office, which housed the Richmond County Museum from 1992 to 1999.

Richmond County became the Gateway to the Northern Neck in 1927 when the Downing Bridge across the Rappahannock River at Tappahannock was opened, connecting Richmond County to Essex and opening up travel to and from the Northern Neck. The bridge, which replaced 200 years of ferry service, was dedicated by Sen. Thomas Downing of the Northern Neck.

Richmond County was the home of the last president to be elected under the Articles of Confederation. In 1788, Judge Cyrus Griffin was elected president of the U.S. Congress Assembly and held that position until the U.S. Constitution was adopted and his successor, George Washington, was elected as the first President of the U. S.

William A. Jones gained recognition for Richmond County in 1916 when, in supporting self-government for all people, he authorized a bill that guaranteed independence for the Philippines. In 1924, the people of the Philippines erected a memorial at Jones' gravesite in the St. John's Episcopal Churchyard in Warsaw.

Fresh local seafood, a parade and music will all be part of the annual WarsawFest celebration held on Saturday, October 14.

Government

County Administrator: William E. Duncanson, Route 360, Warsaw. Phone: 333-3415; Fax: 333-3408. Hours: Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

County tax rates (per $100): real estate, $.63; personal property, $3.50.

Warsaw Town Manager: John Slusser, Belleville Road, Warsaw. Phone: 333-3737. Hours: Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Warsaw tax rates (per $100): real estate, $.08; personal property, $.60.

Chamber of Commerce

Richmond County Chamber of Commerce, 313-2252.

Services

Trash Service Town of Warsaw, P.O. Box 730, Warsaw, Va. 22572; phone: 333-3737. Collection sites are on Route 624 near Heritage Park Resort; on Route 360 near Indianfield, and on Route 3 in Farnham. Hours: 7:30 a.m.–7 p.m. Monday–Friday; 7 a.m.–7 p.m. Saturday, and 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m. Sunday.

Day Care/Baby Sitting Walnut Street Day Care, 102 Walnut Street, Warsaw, state licensed, full- and part-time day care available. 333-9322. McKenna & Friends Children Center, 235 Main Street, Warsaw, state licensed, full- and part-time day care available. 333-4006.

Churches Call Rev. Rodney Sidney, 333-4280, for reference and directions to all denominations in Richmond County.

ABC Store Route 360 in Warsaw, Times Square Shopping Center, 333-3505; Hours: Monday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Veterinary Services Warsaw Animal Clinic, Dr. Samuel Marston and Dr. Michael Molineaux, North Lakeside Drive, Warsaw. Phone: 333-3433. Hours: Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Recreation

Public Boat Ramps Fishing Pier, Route 624 to Route 638; Fones Cliff, Route 624 to Route 622; Route 3 at Totuskey Creek Bridge; Canoe Landing, Route 608 at Farnham Creek.

Public Beach Naylors Beach and Campground. Take Route 360 to Route 624 to Route 634.

Boat Cruises Tangier and Chesapeake cruises, visiting Ingleside Plantation. 453-BOAT.

Heritage Park Resort $2 admission fee, tennis courts, boat ramp, picnic area, hiking and nature trails; Route 624.

Public Hiking Trails Richmond County trail behind Rappahannock Community College, Route 360, Warsaw.

Ball Fields Richmond County Little League, Route 3 in Warsaw. Hours vary. 333-5105.

Public Recreation Richmond County YMCA serves the public with various programming throughout the year. Public swimming pool in Lively. 333-4117.

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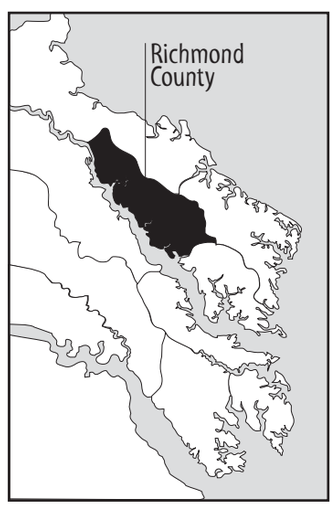

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Over 200 cars will be on display along with a variety of aircraft, from classics to ultralights. Antique engines and tractors will be on display, along with antique boat motors, various military displays and antique fire engines.

There will be plenty of food and craft vendors at the show.

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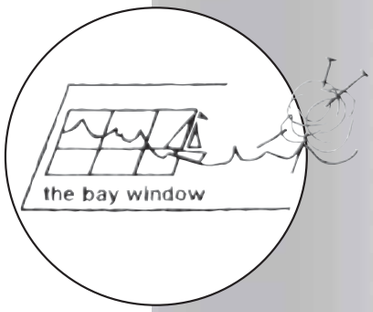

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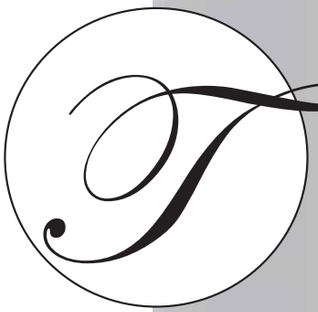

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Welcome to Lancaster County

■ Size: 136.5 square miles ■ Shoreline: 277 miles
■ Population: 11,300

History

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Government

County Administrator William H. Pennell Jr., 8311 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster. Phone 462-5129, FAX 462-0031. Hours: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday–Friday except holidays.

County tax rates (per $100): Real estate, $.46; personal property, $1.52.

Kilmarnock Town Manager Lee Capps, 514 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Phone 435-1552, FAX 435-1587. Hours: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday–Friday except holidays.

Dot and Ed Cagley wow the crowd at the Dance Extravaganza. Held to benefit the Kilmarnock Museum, this year's show will be held Saturday, September 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lancaster Middle School Theater.

Town tax rates (per $100): Real estate, $.14; personal property, $.16.

White Stone Town Manager Garey Conrad, 572 Chesapeake Drive, White Stone. Phone 435-3260. Hours: 9 a.m.–noon and 1–5 p.m. Monday–Wednesday.

Irvington Town Administrator Gil Unangst, 235 Steamboat Road, Irvington. Phone 438-6230; Fax: 438-6265. Hours: 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Monday–Friday except holidays.

Chamber of Commerce

Irvington Chamber of Commerce. 438-6230.

Kilmarnock Chamber of Commerce, 435-2273 or 435-1302, meets at 8 a.m. every first Tuesday in the town hall. The Kilmarnock Information Center is in the Kilmarnock Antique Mall, 144 School Street.

Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce. Located next to the Kilmarnock Town Hall on north Main Street. 435-6092.

Services

Trash Services Residential collections: Doggett Disposal Service, Mollusk, 462-5296, and Northern Neck Refuse, Lottsburg, 529-7854.

County refuse and recycling collection centers (open 7 a.m.–7 p.m. daily): Lancaster, Route 604, Regina Road; Kilmarnock-Weems, Route 200; Nuttsville, Route 723.

Day Care/Baby Sitting Services Kilmarnock YMCA, licensed day care offering full and part-time services. 435-0223.

Churches Call Rev. Richard Fichter Jr., 435-1285, for reference and directions to all denominations in Lancaster County.

Ferry Schedule The Merry Point Ferry, Route 604, crosses the Western Branch of the Corrotoman River 7 a.m.–7 p.m. Monday–Saturday, closed Sunday. No charge. Passenger vehicles only.

ABC Store Virginia ABC Package Store, Main Street, Kilmarnock, 10 a.m.–9 p.m. Monday–Saturday. 435-1845.

Veterinary Services Bayside Animal Hospital, Route 3 North, White Stone, 435-2896; Kilmarnock Animal Hospital, Lee Street, Kilmarnock, 435-6320.

Recreation

Public Beach Westland Beach at the terminus of Route 695 provides public access to the Chesapeake Bay.

Public Kayak Launch Off Route 695 on Windmill Point Creek. Accessible from the Westland Beach public parking area at the intersection of Windmill Point Road and Brightwaters Drive.

Public Kayak Launch Kayaks and canoes may be launched at Belle Isle State Park, Route 683, at the end of Route 354.

Hiking Trails Hickory Hollow Trail, 2 miles of marked trail, Route 604, Regina Road.

Boat Cruises Classic Cruising and Charters LLC, Irvington, offers morning and afternoon leisurely excursions. 438-1212.

Ball Fields Lancaster County Youth Park, Route 200, Kilmarnock, boys and girls diamond sports, game times and dates vary. 435-3423.

Public Recreation The Lower Northern Neck YMCA serves the public recreation function for Lancaster County. Various programming throughout the year. Public swimming pool located in Lively. 435-0223.

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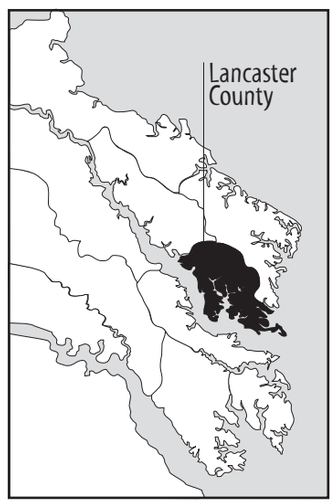

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The stomp celebrates the vineyard's grape harvest. Internationally-known vineyard consultant Lucie Morton and vineyard manager Mark Hollingsworth will answer grape growing and winemaking questions.

White Fences will release two new vintages in their Meteor wine line, Meteor Bright White and Meteor Merlot. These join White Fences' inaugural release in 2005 of Meteor Red, made from 100 percent White Fences chambourcin and merlot grapes, harvested in part by White Fences' Friends of the Vineyard.

The food will include savory barbecue chicken with William Barnhardt's specialty sauces and traditional fixings, corn on the cob, and all-you-can eat fresh steamed Chesapeake Bay blue crabs prepared and served by Fest Catering of White Stone. Cold beverages will be served.

Live Carolina beach music will be provided by The Holiday Band. There will be 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, hayrides, a professional farm animal petting zoo and pony ride exhibit.

The stomp is from 4 to 8 p.m. The cost is $40 per person. Children under 15 are free. The ticket includes all-you-can-eat and non-alcoholic beverages, stomping, and all entertainment and exhibits. Alcohol, including the release of White Fences' second vintage Meteor wine, and souvenir stomping t-shirts are not included in the price. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold.

To purchase tickets, see www.irvingtonstomp.com or visit The Local or The Hope & Glory Inn in Irvington. Call Julie or Katherine at 438-6348 for details, or e-mail julie@irvingtonstomp.com.

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■ Size: 287 square miles ■ Shoreline: 269 miles
■ Population: 34,500

History

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

Just as the Indians had their villages along Gloucester's creeks, rivers and bays, many settlers built their homes along these same transportation routes.

From the Indians colonists learned to grow tobacco, the mainstay and cash crop of colonial Virginia. But it was another Indian staple, corn, that sustained early settlers.

Gloucester County was formed in 1651 from York County. It contained Kingston Parish, which became Mathews County in 1791.

Gloucester was home to several well-known persons. One of the better known was Pocahontas, daughter of Indian Chief Powhatan. According to legend, she petitioned her father to spare the life of English explorer Captain John Smith, who was one of the first white men to see the area in the early 1600s.

In 1676 Nathaniel Bacon, irked at the governor's slow action, led a force of planters against the Indians. Bacon's Rebellion defeated the Indians and then attempted to make the governor reform colonial policies. His army burned Jamestown and he briefly controlled the colony before his death ended the revolt.

Dr. Walter Reed, who, in 1900 proved yellow fever is transmitted by mosquitoes and could be controlled by eliminating them, was born at Belroi in 1851.

Lesser known is John Buckner, who brought the first printing press to Virginia.

World-renowned botanist John Clayton was a clerk of the court.

Attorney Thomas Calhoun Walker, the state's first black collector of customs, was the only black to hold statewide office in the federal Works Project Administration.

Gloucester Point's location at the York River and the Chesapeake Bay has held a strategic place in history. Fortified during Bacon's Rebellion, Gloucester Point is just across the York River from Yorktown, site of the British surrender to end the American Revolution.

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

When Jamestown was burned by Bacon in 1676, the Virginia Executive Council considered moving the state capital to Tyndall's Point, but the motion was rejected by a 21 to 18 vote. Jamestown remained the state capital until it was shifted to Williamsburg.

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

Today, visitors can find a classic example of an early Virginia county seat at the Gloucester Courthouse Historic District on Main Street (Route 17 Business) in the business district.

Beaverdam Park near Gloucester Courthouse hosts a variety of wildlife around the freshwater reservoir.

Government

Many county offices are in the Gloucester County Courts and Office Building on Main Street (Route 17 business), Gloucester. Hours: 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. 693-4042.

Other frequently called numbers are: animal warden, 693-5290; clerk of the circuit court, 693-2502; general district court, 693-4860; solid waste transfer station, 693-5109; parks and recreation, 693-2355; water and sewer service emergencies, 693-3890; mosquito control, 693-5250; zoning administrator, 693-4041. gloucesterva.info.

2006 tax rates (per $100): Real estate, $.57; personal property, including cars and trucks, $2.20; and boats, $1.00.

Chamber of Commerce

Gloucester Chamber of Commerce, Coca-Cola Building, Main St. Gloucester, Va. 23601. Hours: 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Mon.–Fri. 693-2425.

The Gloucester Visitor Center is in the Roane Building (1896) on the Historic Court Circle on Business Route 17. The visitor's center and gift shop are open Monday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. and Sunday, 1–4 p.m., and by appointment for groups. Also open during operating hours is the Colonial Courthouse and the Clayton Building, which was a clerk's office in the early 1800s. 693-3215 or visitgloucesterva.info.

Services

ABC Stores Main Street near the courthouse in Gloucester, open 10 a.m.–9 p.m. Mon.–Sat., 693-3973. Hayes in the York River Crossing Shopping Center just north of Gloucester Point on Route 17. 642-9084.

Churches Call 693-3821 for information on Gloucester churches.

Day Care/Baby Sitting Gloucester Learning Center, for children ages 6 weeks through 12 years. Gloucester Courthouse, 693-4000; Hayes, 642-2000.

Recycling The convenience centers accept the following for recycling: newspapers, household papers, corrugated cardboard, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles (#1 and #2), metal food and beverage cans, aluminum foil products, paint cans and metal aerosol cans, and used motor oil. Call Gloucester Clean Community at 693-5370 or the landfill at

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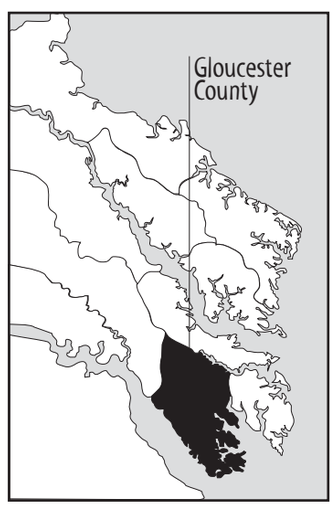

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Trash Disposal Gloucester has five convenience centers to accept solid waste and recyclables from residents. Hours: Monday–Friday 8 a.m.–7 p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m.–7 p.m. The landfill is on Route 17 north of Adner and is open Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–7 p.m., and Saturday 7 a.m.–7 p.m. Call 693-5480 or the landfill at 693-5109.

Veterinary Services Abingdon Animal Clinic, Route 17 and 1311, Hayes. 642-2181. Animal Care of Gloucester, 7102 Hayes Shopping Court, in Farm Fresh Shopping Center, Hayes, Route 17, Gloucester Point. 642-5740. Gloucester Veterinary Hospital Ltd., Route 17, a mile south of the courthouse. 693-3030. Sandy Creek Kennels (boarding, grooming and in-home pet care), call 888-266-3084 for pickup and delivery. Tails of Gloucester Pet Sitting, 694-0804. Emergency Veterinary Clinic (nights, weekends and holidays only), Route 17 at Oyster Point Road, Tabb. (757) 874-8115.

Recreation

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

Water Access

Two of Gloucester's public boat landings have picnic areas. They are Cappahosic, on Route 618 at the York River, and Deep Point on Route 606 at the Piankatank River. Cappahosic, in addition, has seasonal restrooms.

The following locations have boat landings and fishing areas. They include: Cedar Bush/Olivers on Route 633 at the York River, Cherry Point on Route 641 at the Severn River, Glass Point, on Route 656 at the Severn River, John's Point on Route 629 at the Severn River, Millers on Route 612 at the Poropotank River, Paynes on Route 630 at Wilson Creek, Severn on Route 649 at Mobjack Bay, Warehouse on Route 621 at the Ware River, and Gloucester Point Beach on Route 1208 at the York River, which has fishing, a boat landing and restrooms.

Athletic Fields All of Gloucester's public schools have open play areas. Abingdon Elementary on Route 1308 at Wicomico has play equipment. Achilles Elementary on Route 216 at Achilles and Botetourt Elementary on Main Street near the old courthouse have softball fields and play equipment. Gloucester High on Route 615 has baseball, soccer, softball, tennis and outdoor basketball facilities. Page Middle School on Route 17 at White Marsh has baseball, soccer, softball and tennis facilities. T. C. Walker Elementary on Route 629 at Roanes has soccer and softball fields. Petsworth Elementary on Route 17 at Ark has soccer and softball fields and outdoor basketball. Ark Park on Route 17 two miles south of Ark has athletic fields.

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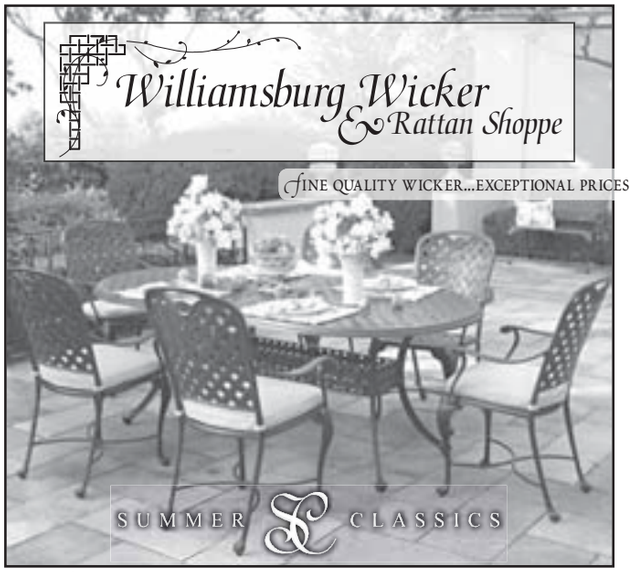

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The Golden Eagle An 18-hole course on Route 646 in Irvington. Operated by The Tides resort. Pro shop. Full service restaurant. 438-4460.

The Tartan An 18-hole course on Route 646 in Irvington. Pro shop. Restaurant. 438-6005.

King Carter Golf Course A new 18-hole course at 480 Old Saint Johns Road in Weems. 435-7842.

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Asbury Classic set

The Cliff Asbury Golf Classic will be held Friday, Sept. 29, at Royal New Kent Golf Club at Providence Forge. To register, call 757-229-8727.

The 195-yard par 3 number seven is the signature hole at Hobbs Hole Golf Course in Tappahannock.

Indian Creek golf course renovations are complete

Major work on the complete golf course renovation project at the Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club in Kilmarnock is now complete. The contractor, Mid-America Golf and Landscape Inc. of Lee's Summit, Mo., has only some minor tune-ups to complete before they will be heading back West.

The project that began late last September has produced a course 1,000 yards longer than the old course. It features six newly constructed ponds that are intended to capture run-off and eliminate standing water on the fairways after heavy rainfall, six rebuilt and 12 newly constructed greens, 49 bunkers, a re-built cart path and an expanded irrigation system.

All fairways have been sprigged with a hybrid Bermuda grass, all greens have been seeded with a bent grass and all bunkers are in-place filled with a carefully selected off-white sand.

Golfers at Indian Creek now eagerly await the grow-in of the grasses and are looking forward to playing the new course. Bermuda is a warm season grass and it will stop growing in late October or early November as the mean temperature falls below 60 degrees. It will resume growing in the late spring when the warmer temperatures return. On the other hand, the bent grass prefers the cool season and it will continue to grow throughout most of the winter.

Tom Clark of Ault, Clark & Associates Ltd. of Marshall designed the re-made course. Clark, a nationally known golf course architect, has laid out a challenging course with beautiful vistas that should appeal to players of all skills.

ICYCC hosted a luncheon for Mid-America and its own greens crew last Tuesday to thank them for the good work they have done.

Osprey Cup Golf Challenge scheduled Oct. 6 at The Tartan

The ninth annual Osprey Cup Golf Challenge to benefit Chesapeake Academy will be held Friday, October 6, at The Tartan Course in Weems.

Up to 30 teams of four will compete in a modified captain's choice format for a place on the coveted Osprey Cup trophy.

"The modified captain's choice format adds a lot of fun and play to the game. Each player hits a drive, you take the best drive, and everyone in the foursome plays their ball in from that point," notes Osprey Cup chair, Jack Kirkmyer.

"We would love to have a full field in support of the school!" he said.

Proceeds from the Osprey Cup Golf Challenge will benefit the academic programs at the academy, which serves children in preschool through 8th grade from the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula.

Invitations will be mailed in mid-August. In the meantime, call Chesapeake Academy's Development Office at 438-6490 or email cahlborn@chesapeakeacademy.org for more information or to register a team.

"Come 'chip-it-in' for Chesapeake Academy!" said Kirkmyer.

RGH Golf Tournament due Sept. 20

The annual Rappahannock General Hospital Golf Tournament will be played at noon on Wednesday, September 20, at Piankatank River Golf Club at Hartfield.

The format is four-person captain's choice.

Call 435-8532 to register or for more information.

Local Red Cross plans Sept. 10 golf tournament

Shawn Donahue the board chair of the American Red Cross, River Counties Chapter, has invited the public to participate in the first annual Red Cross Golf Tournament to raise funds for the local chapter and celebrate the American Red Cross's 125th anniversary.

This event will be on Sunday, September 10, at the Golden Eagle in Irvington. It will consist of a captain's choice four-player format. Check-in is 12:30 p.m. with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start. The registration fee is $340 per team, or $85.00 per person. The registration deadline is September 5. Lunch and an award's buffet will be included.

Donahue is pleased to inform that businesses in the Northern Neck have been very supportive, which has given the American Red Cross the opportunity of supplying fantastic prizes, including $10,000 for a hole-in-one.

For additional information contact Julie Dudley, office manager, at 435-7669 or email arcriverco@verizon.net.

Bay Aging benefit golf tourney planned

The 7th annual Bay Charity Golf Tournament will be held Monday, October 2, at Piankatank River Golf Club at Hartfield. Proceeds will be used to provide services to the elderly through Bay Aging.

The format is four-person captain's choice and the entry fee is $320 per team. The tournament begins at noon.

The fee includes range balls, greens and cart fees, prizes and dinner served at the end of the event.

To register a team or provide a sponsorship, call Robin Field or Kay Sheldon at 758-2386.

The past six tournaments have raised a total of over $70,000.

Boys & Girls Club event set for Sept. 22

The Boys and Girls Club Benefit Golf Tournament will be held at noon on Friday, September 22, at Piankatank River Golf Club at Hartfield. To register or for more information, call 815-2899.

Tourney to benefit Camp Piankatank

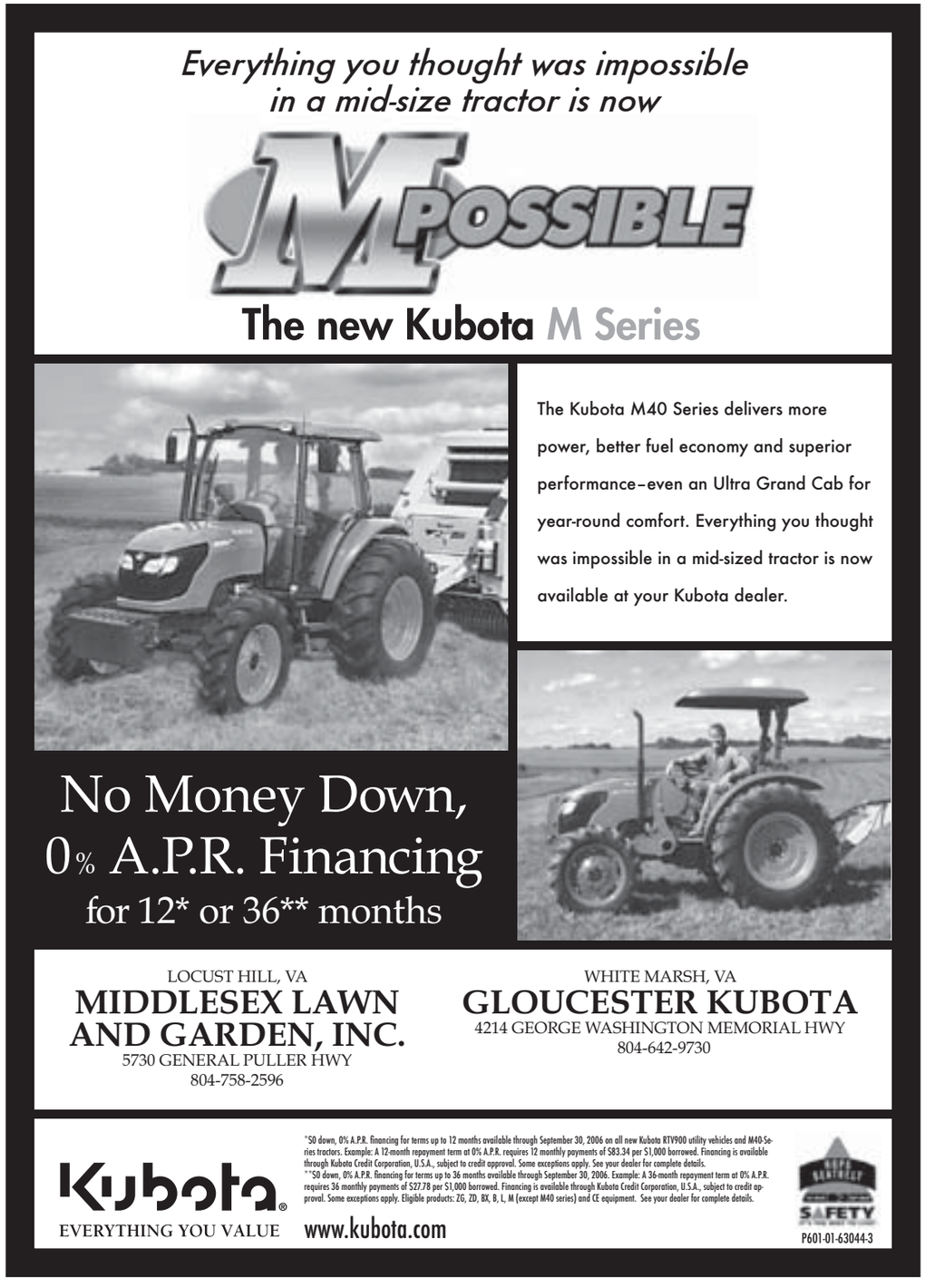
The Camp Piankatank Benefit Golf Tournament will be held at noon on Friday, October 13, at Piankatank River Golf Club at Hartfield. To register or for more information, call 776-6516.

Rivah Invitational set for Sept. 16

The Rivah Invitational Golf Tournament is open to the public and will be played at noon at Piankatank River Golf Club in Hartfield. Call 328-0039 for more information.

Sports League Golf event set for October 5 at PRGC

The Governor's Sports League Golf Tournament will be held at noon on Thursday, October 5, at Piankatank River Golf Club at Hartfield. To register or for more information, call 776-6516.



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Shooting sports banquet to feature raffle and auctions

The Northern Neck Committee of Friends of the NRA (FONRA) will hold its annual dinner and fund-raiser at Festival Halle in Reedville October 7. Attendees may tour exhibits, buy raffle tickets for the many guns and other items of interest to shooters and outdoor people, have a delicious meal, and bid at the auctions held during and after dinner. Tickets are on sale for a raffle for 30 guns, one each for 30 days during September.

Local businesses are participating as underwriters, or sponsors.

Raffle tickets for 30 guns in 30 days are $30 each. Tickets for the dinner fund-raiser are $40 each.Raffle and Lottery tickets are available in Kilmarnock at Stylish Eyes, and at White Stone Pharmacy. For other ticket locations, see RPRClub.com.

'Made in Mathews Tour' set for November 24-26

The 5th annual "Made in Mathews Open Studio Tour" will take place on Friday, November 24, and Saturday, November 25, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and, Sunday, November 26, from noon to 5 p.m.

New artists participating this year are Diane Crutchfield of Black Water Creek, who specializes in pine needle baskets, and Warren Robinson of Boats and More on White's Creek, specializing in ship models of Chesapeake Bay workboats.

The other artists include Larry Ashe of Captain's Cove Art, acrylic and oil paintings of the Chesapeake Bay; Rita D'Amico of Chapel Creek Pottery & Crafts, carved and glazed hanging platters and Raku pottery; Bill and Martha Hayes of Summer Haze Pottery, wheel thrown and slab built stoneware and Raku pottery; Dorothy Fagan of Dorothy Fagan Studio, paintings and prints of protected land; Gib Pulley of Gib Pulley Watercolors, paintings of waterfowl, beach-goers and still life; Karen and Robert Podd of The Poddery, functional stoneware, deep relief murals, flat and tile garden sculptures; Ben Richardson of Put-In Creek Carvings and Sculptures, Chesapeake Bay wildlife carvings and sculptures; Audrey Wright of Hallelujah House, oil paintings of marine animals, lighthouses, marsh and shore birds of the Chesapeake Bay; Rosalie and Larry Brown of Benwaters Farm, Rosalie's home spun llama and sheep's wool items and Larry's carved walking sticks; and Rita Cutler of Primitively Hooked, original design and hand-hooked rugs, wall hangings, chair pads, pillows and ornaments.

This three-day event allows visitors to take in at leisure the various sites around the county. The Mathews County Visitor & Information Center will help locate lodging possibilities.

For more information, visit www.visitmathews.com or call toll free, 1-877-725-4BAY.

Music Study club posts annual calendar

The Rappahannock Music Study Club (RMSC) will present a variety of programs for the 2006-07 year, beginning September 18, with Cynthy Johnson, harpist and Certified Therapeutic Harp Practitioner.

Olivia Cockrell, Wicomico Parish Church organist, will present the October 20 program.

The November meeting is a members only talent show. It is a bi-annual event known as the "Music Mish-Mash."

In December, club members will travel to Montross and St. James Episcopal Church. The Christmas portion of "The Messiah" will be presented by The Festival Choir.

On January 15, pianists Berthelle Denton, Martha Stonequist and Judy Umstead, RMSC members, will present "Three Centuries - Three Musicians."

The Lancaster High School Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Kenneth Flester, will perform February 12.

Mozart's music will be featured in March. Club member Betsy Fountain will play his music and review the book *Mozart's Women, His Family, His Friends, His Music*.

The April 16 program will give club members an opportunity to observe club member and pianist Babs McKelway give a demonstration of a piano lesson.

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Tappahannock Municipal Airport is on Airport Road, one mile north of Rt. 17 in Tappahannock. It has a 2,875-foot asphalt runway; 24-hour self-service fuel and maintenance are available. Lin Wadsworth, mgr. Phone 443-5885.

Hummel Field is on Route 3 in Topping. Medium intensity lights have been installed on the 2,267 ft. runway. It is open 24 hours daily, but is not staffed full-time. 100 octane low lead fuel available, call 758-0538. (Fuel attendant on site 8 a.m.-5 p.m..) Radio frequency: UNICOM 123.0. Trailer terminal open during attendant hours with maps, restrooms, phone. Honors Mastercard and Visa.

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