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# Ebb & Flow

The results are in! This month we announce the best of the best according to our readers. Look inside for the winners of our 9th Best of the Rivah contest and if you haven't already, visit them to find out why our readers love them.

As the political world gets crazier by the day, we invite you to enjoy the simplicity of river life. Board your boat—or a friend's—and go sandbar hopping. Pull up to one of the many "islands" in our coverage area and play some beach games, take a dip in the river or creek and wash away the cares of the world.

Head to Lancaster or Richmond counties, where you'll find old-fashioned fun at the annual carnival and country fair. The 89th Kilmarnock Firemen's Festival is happening now and the Richmond County Fair in Warsaw runs August 6-10. Check our calendar of events for details.

Plan a day trip to Mathews in early September, when the county celebrates a half century of its Mathews Market Days, a festival with arts and crafts, children's activities, food and music. Read about its origin, how it's grown and what's planned for this year.

While you're out and about enjoying the simpler life in our region, take photos of what makes you happy—the grandkids, your fur babies, a butterfly or stunning sunset—whatever makes you smile, because it's sure to make us and our readers smile also.

And while we invite you to visit and support our winners, we also ask you to support all of the businesses that make this publication possible.

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We'd love to hear from you.  
Write us at Rivah@rapprecord.com.

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## On the Cover

Anglers aboard the Second Wind head out of Broad Creek to the Rappahannock River.

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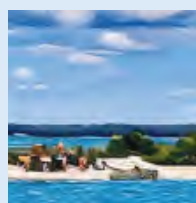
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**Rivah** (ˈriv-ə), n. [der. river]:  
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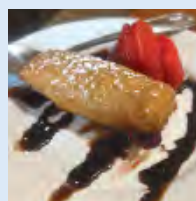
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# Rivah Events *plan*

To avoid disappointment, call the numbers where indicated to verify dates and times of events. Use area code 804 unless otherwise listed.

## Ongoing

### Mondays

**Babygarten**, 10:30 a.m., Lancaster Community Library, 16 Town Centre Drive, Kilmarnock. Classes are held next door at Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock.

**One-On-One With Connie Canby**, The Arts Center Of Montross, 14961 Kings Highway, Montross. art instruction and critique. 703-887-2878.

**Mahjong**, 1-4 p.m. Woman's Club of White Stone, 560 Chesapeake Drive, White Stone. Text 436-7144 to reserve a table.

**Hatha yoga**, 5-6 p.m., Middlesex County Woman's Club's clubhouse, 210 Virginia Street, Urbanna. Cost: \$12 for drop-ins, \$40 for four-class package. 564-2358.

**LCL In Stitches**, 5 p.m., Lancaster Community Library, 16 Town Centre Drive, Kilmarnock. Knitting, crocheting.

**Bingo**, 6-9 p.m., Ice House Brewery & Kitchen, 119 Monroe Bay Ave., Colonial Beach.

**Bingo**, 7 p.m., Middlesex County Volunteer Rescue Squad building, 17684 General Puller Highway, Deltaville. 815-9507.

**Information Intoxication Trivia**, 7-9 p.m., Gloucester Brewing Company, 6778 Main Street, Gloucester.

**Trivia Night**, 7-9 p.m. Muse Pizzeria & Arcade, 101 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach.

### Tuesdays

**Indoor pickleball**, 9 a.m.-noon, Tom Carter Memorial Gymnasium, 2911 General Puller Highway (Route 33), Cooks Corner. 758-0057.

**Grace Church Yard Sale**, 10 a.m.-noon, Seventh Day Adventist Church Warehouse, 401 S. Main Street, Kilmarnock.

**Storytime**, 10 a.m., Northumberland Public Library, 7204 Northumberland Highway, Heathsville.

**Mahjong Players Club**, 1-4 p.m., Cooper Branch Library, 20



Machicomoco State Park's Catlett Island Kayak Tour is set for 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, Aug. 3. The ranger-led two-mile paddle through slow moving tidal waters has a \$15 fee. The park is at 3601 Timberneck Road, Hayes.

Washington Ave., Colonial Beach. **Yappy Hour**, 4-7 p.m., Colonial Buzz Espresso & Wine Bar, 234 Colonial Ave., Colonial Beach. Bring your dogs.

**Yoga**, 5:45 p.m., Urbanna United Methodist Church, 221 Marston Ave., Urbanna. 758-5308.

### Wednesdays

**Storytime**, 10 a.m., Lancaster Community Library, 16 Town Centre Drive, Kilmarnock. Classes are offered next door at Town Centre Park, 150 N. Main Street, Kilmarnock.

**Upon This Land: Colonial to Colonial Revival**, 11 a.m.-noon, 2-3 p.m. George Washington Birthplace National Monument, 1732 Popes Creek Road, Colonial Beach. Guided tour. 224-1732, ext. 227.

**Chair yoga**, 2:15-3:15 p.m.,

Middlesex County Woman's Club's clubhouse, 210 Virginia Street, Urbanna. Cost: \$12 for drop-ins, \$40 for four-class package. 564-2358.

**Wine Down Wednesdays**, 5-7 p.m., Circa 1892, 106 Hawthorn Street, Colonial Beach.

**Line dancing**, 7-9 p.m., Middlesex County Woman's Club's clubhouse, 210 Virginia Street, Urbanna. Cost: \$5. 564-2358

### Thursdays

**Farmers Market**, 8-11 a.m., Colonial Beach Fire Station, 312 Colonial Ave., Colonial Beach.

**Grace Church Yard Sale**, 10 a.m.-noon, Seventh Day Adventist Church Warehouse, 401 S. Main Street, Kilmarnock.

**Upon This Land: Colonial to Colonial Revival**, 11 a.m.-noon, 2-3 p.m. George Washington

Birthplace National Monument, 1732 Popes Creek Road, Colonial Beach. Guided tour. 224-1732, ext. 227.

**Mahjong**, 1-4 p.m., Middlesex County Woman's Club's clubhouse, 210 Virginia Street, Urbanna. 564-2358.

**Hula Hoop Class**, 6-7 p.m., On the Beach, Colonial Beach. Instructor: Dani Moon. \$10. Hoops provided.

**Line Dancing**, 6-8 p.m., Oak Grove VFD, 121 James Monroe Highway, Colonial Beach. Registration, 6 p.m. for first time attendees. Class, 6:30-8 p.m. \$6.

**Trivia Thursdays**, 7-10 p.m., Ice House Brewery & Kitchen, 119 Monroe Bay Ave., Colonial Beach.

**Trivia With Cole**, 7 p.m., Callao Brewing Company, 129 Northumberland Highway, Callao. Most Thursdays. 529-1042.

**Thinkers & Drinkers**, 7 p.m., The Office Bar & Grille, 4115 George Washington Memorial Highway, Hayes. 993-7266.

**Trivia Night**, 7 p.m., Nacho Average Brewpub, 44 W. Church Street, Kilmarnock. 577-4011.

**Bikers Night**, 7-9 p.m., High Tides On The Potomac & The Black Pearl Tiki Bar, 205 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach.

### Fridays

**Tai Chi**, 9-10 a.m., Fridays, Middlesex Woman's Club, 202 Virginia Street, Urbanna. 831-233-1786.

**Yoga On The Beach**, 9-10 a.m., High Tides On The Potomac & The Black Pearl Tiki Bar, 205 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach. \$10.

**Hatha yoga**, 10:30-11:45 a.m., Middlesex County Woman's Club's clubhouse, 210 Virginia

Street, Urbanna. Cost: \$12 for drop-ins, \$40 for four-class package. 564-2358.

**Alphabet Soup**, 11-11:30 a.m., Cooper Branch Library, 20 Washington Ave., Colonial Beach. Ages 2-5 and their caregivers.

**Upon This Land: Colonial to Colonial Revival**, 11 a.m.-noon, 2-3 p.m. George Washington Birthplace National Monument, 1732 Popes Creek Road, Colonial Beach. Guided tour. 224-1732, ext. 227.

**Mahjong**, 1 p.m., Lancaster Community Library, 16 Town Centre Drive, Kilmarnock.

**Ballroom Dancing Fitness**, 4-6 p.m., Colonial Beach Community Center, 717 Marshall Ave., Colonial Beach.

**Beer & Bingo**, 7 p.m., Callao Brewing Company, 129 Northumberland Highway, Callao. Most Fridays. 529-1042.

### Saturdays

**Farmers Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, Yorktown Market Days, 401 Water Street, Yorktown.

**Warsaw Community Market**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Warsaw Town Park, 171 Main Street, Warsaw. Produce, eggs, cheese, butter, sauces, canned goods, breads, baked goods, smoothies, plants, soaps, salves, candles, wreaths, floral creations, embroidery work, jewelry, clothing, handmade gifts, Second and fourth Saturdays through September.

**The Mathews Farmers Market** runs 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Historic Courthouse Green in Mathews, each Saturday through October. Vendors sell fresh vegetables, along with homemade bread and bakery goods, eggs, meat, plants, flowers, handmade crafts, clothing, jewelry and other items. 725-5747.

**Sangria Sunday**, noon-5 p.m., Good Luck Cellars, 1025 Goodluck Road, Kilmarnock. 435-1416.

**Grace Church Yard Sale**, 1-3 p.m., Seventh Day Adventist Church Warehouse, 401 S. Main Street, Kilmarnock.

**Indoor pickleball**, 9 a.m.-noon, Tom Carter Memorial Gymnasium, 2911 General Puller Highway (Route 33), Cooks Corner. 758-0057.

**Amish Market**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 2248 Hampton Hall Road, Callao. Fresh produce, plants, baked goods.

**Upon This Land: Colonial to Colonial Revival**, 11 a.m.-noon, 2-3 p.m. George Washington Birthplace National Monument, 1732 Popes Creek Road, Colonial Beach. Guided tour. 224-1732, ext. 227.

### Sundays

**Upon This Land: Colonial to**



The Richmond County Fair will be presented from 6-11 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, Aug. 6-9, and 8 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, at the Richmond County Fairgrounds, 315 Community Park Drive, Warsaw. Admission: \$4 per person, free younger than 3. Livestock, crops and craft exhibits; food and other vendors; carnival (wristbands \$20-\$30 in advance at colrides.com/events/18, or at the midway ticket booths, individual ride tickets \$1.25 each, 24 for \$25, 72 for \$60), music nightly.

**Colonial Revival**, 11 a.m.-noon, 2-3 p.m., George Washington Birthplace National Monument, 1732 Popes Creek Road, Colonial Beach. Guided tour. 224-1732, ext. 227.

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## AUGUST

### Thursday, Aug. 1

**Used Book Sale**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Dee's Attic Bookstore, Lancaster Community Library, 16 Town Centre Drive, Kilmarnock. Gently used books, puzzles, DVDs, CDs, LPs, audio books.

**Junior Ranger Discovery Days mock archeology dig**, 6-7 p.m., Machicomoco State Park, 3601 Timberneck Road, Hayes. 642-2419.

**LCL Creative Writing Group**, 6-7 p.m., Lancaster Community Library, 16 Town Centre Drive,

Kilmarnock. 435-1729.

**Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department Firemen's Festival**, 7-11 p.m., KVFD Carnival Grounds, 200 Waverly Ave., Kilmarnock. Rides, games, food. Grand prize: 2024 Chevrolet Colorado Crew Cab pickup; 2024 Massimo golf cart. Tickets, \$20. Grand prize drawing: 11:30 p.m. Aug. 3.

### Friday, Aug. 2

**Used Book Sale**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Dee's Attic Bookstore, Lancaster Community Library, 16 Town Centre Drive, Kilmarnock. Gently used books, puzzles, DVDs, CDs, LPs, audio books.

**Children's Tours**, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Steamboat Era Museum, 156 King Carter Drive, Irvington. \$5 for children and one accompanying adult free. Register at steamboatmuseum.org or 438-6888.

**The Pollinators Of Belle Isle**, 5-6 p.m., Campground Bath House, Belle Isle State Park, 1632 Belle Isle Road, Lancaster. \$5 parking fee. 462-5030.

**First Friday Art Reception**, 5 p.m., RAL Art Center, 19 N. Main

Street, Kilmarnock. Meet the exhibit artists for the Critters and Creatures Show and the Tartan Village Student Show. Shows continue through Aug. 24. ralart-center.com, or 436-9309.

**"Run For Your Wife" Opening Night Gala**, 6:30 p.m., refreshments, 7:30 p.m., show. Westmoreland Players Theatre, 16217 Richmond Road, Callao. \$40 adults, \$27 students. Purchase tickets at westmoreland-players.org or call 529-9345.

**Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department Firemen's Festival**, 7-11 p.m., KVFD Carnival Grounds, 200 Waverly Ave., Kilmarnock. Rides, games, food. Grand prize: 2024 Chevrolet Colorado Crew Cab pickup; 2024 Massimo golf cart. Tickets, \$20. Grand prize drawing: 11:30 p.m. Aug. 3.

### Saturday, Aug. 3

**Catlett Island Kayak Tour**, 8 a.m.-noon, Machicomoco State Park, 3601 Timberneck Road, Hayes. Ranger-led two-mile paddle through slow moving tidal waters. Fee: \$15. 642-2419.

**Giant Yard/Bake Sale**, 8 a.m.-

1 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 8484 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster.

**Irvington Farmers Market**, 9 a.m., Irvington Commons, 98 King Carter Drive, Irvington.

**Urbanna Founders Day Celebration**, 10 a.m., downtown Urbanna. Colonial-style fife and drum corps marches through town stopping at Middlesex County Woman's Club's clubhouse 210 Virginia Street, Urbanna. Town Historian Larry Chowning emcees special "Richard Henry Lee" and "George Mason" historical performance, 11 a.m.-noon, Urbanna Baptist Church, 121 Watling Street, Urbanna. Arthur Broadus "AB" Gravatt III's historical Lansdowne, the home of Arthur Lee, is open for tours, 12:30-3 p.m., 271 Virginia Street, Urbanna. 758-2613.

**Slimy Science**, 10-11 a.m., Car Top Launch, Belle Isle State Park, 1632 Belle Isle Road, Lancaster. \$5 parking fee. 462-5030.

**Vendor Market**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Hall's Supermarket, 3895 James Monroe Highway, Colonial Beach.



**Antioch Baptist Church Appreciation Day celebration**, which includes a special historical highway marker dedication, noon, Middlesex County Historic Courthouse, 865 General Puller Highway, Saluda. 651-8753.

**Whats Up With The Weather?** 1-2 p.m., Picnic Area, Belle Isle State Park, 1632 Belle Isle Road, Lancaster. \$5 parking fee. 462-5030.

**When Oysters Strike**, 3-4 p.m., Motor Boat Launch, Belle Isle State Park, 1632 Belle Isle Road, Lancaster. \$5 parking fee. 462-5030.

**Colonial Rod Club Cruise In**, 6-8 p.m., Ledo Pizza, 700 McKinney Boulevard, Colonial Beach.

**Paddle Yoga Sound Healing**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Rappahannock River, White Stone. New and full moon sessions include a paddle board lesson, yoga, meditation, sound healing. \$55, or \$45 if bringing own equipment. Call Lori, 757-254-8492, or Melissa, 347-9250.

**Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department Firemen's Festival**, 7-11 p.m., KVFD Carnival Grounds, 200 Waverly Ave., Kilmarnock. Rides, games, food. Grand prize: 2024 Chevrolet Colorado Crew Cab pickup; 2024 Massimo golf cart. Tickets, \$20. Grand prize drawing: 11:30 p.m. **"Run For Your Wife,"** 7:30 p.m., Westmoreland Players Theatre, 16217 Richmond Road, Callao. \$30 adults, \$17 students. Purchase tickets at westmorelandplayers.org or call 529-9345.

**Sunday, Aug. 4**

**Fossil Hunting Excursion**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Stratford Hall, 483 Great House Road, Stratford. \$40 adults, \$35 ages 8-13. Register at stratfordhall.org.

**"Run For Your Wife,"** 3 p.m., Westmoreland Players Theatre, 16217 Richmond Road, Callao. \$30 adults, \$17 students. Purchase tickets at westmorelandplayers.org or call 529-9345.

**Monday, Aug. 5**

**National Oyster Day Education & Tasting**, 10 a.m., Marsh Room, Salt & Meadow, Tides Inn, 480 King Carter Drive, Irvington. Resident ecologist Will Smiley will guide participants. No charge with a donation to Friends of the Rappahannock, <https://riverfriends.org/give-2024/>. 438-5000.



There will be a fossil hunting excursion from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on August 4 at Stratford Hall. Another hunt is planned for October 6. Visit [www.stratfordhall.org](http://www.stratfordhall.org) for details and to register.

org/give-2024/. 438-5000.

**Chicken Dinner**, 5-6:30 p.m., American Legion Post #117, 39 School Street, Reedville. Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, choice of vegetables, salad, roll, dessert, drink. \$12 adults, \$6 ages 12 and younger, at the door.

**Tuesday, Aug. 6**

**Try-It-Tuesday**, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., RAL Art Center, 19 N. Main Street, Kilmarnock. Instructor: Celeste Johnston. Project: Pen and Ink. \$35 members, \$40 others, plus \$5 supply fee. Register at RAL Art Center, [ralartcenter.com](http://ralartcenter.com), or 436-9309.

**National Night Out**, 6-8 p.m., Town Centre Park, 150 N. Main Street, Kilmarnock. Raffles, games, vendors, entertainment. Sponsor: Kilmarnock Police Department, Town Centre Park, Kilmarnock-Lancaster County Volunteer Rescue Squad.

**Dance Cardio Throw Down**, 6-7 p.m., Town Centre Park, 150 N. Main Street, Kilmarnock. Instructor: Ja'Nae. \$10. Register at [iamjanew.com](http://iamjanew.com).

**Aug. 6-10**

**Richmond County Fair**, 6-11 p.m., Tuesday through Friday,

8 a.m.-11 p.m., Saturday, Richmond County Fairgrounds, 315 Community Park Drive, Warsaw. Admission: \$4 per person, free younger than 3. Livestock, crops and craft exhibits; food and other vendors; carnival (wristbands \$20-\$30 in advance at [colrides.com/events/18](http://colrides.com/events/18), or at the midway ticket booths, individual ride tickets \$1.25 each, 24 for \$25, 72 for \$60) music nightly.

**Thursday, Aug. 8**

**A Walk On The Wild Side**, 9-11 a.m., Camp Store, Belle Isle State Park, 1632 Belle Isle Road, Lancaster. Theme: Nature Photo Walk - Tips and Tricks. \$5 parking fee. Pre-registration requested, 462-5030.

**Top Gun Sailing Camp**, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 1-4 p.m., Christchurch School, 49 Seahorse Lane, Christchurch. For coaches, teams, individuals. High school/college-style fleet and team racing. Evening classroom sessions with breakout groups. Room and board available. For fees and program overviews: [www.christchurchschool.org/summer-programs](http://www.christchurchschool.org/summer-programs). Registration: [rdeane@christchurchschool.org](mailto:rdeane@christchurchschool.org).

**Friday, Aug. 9**

**Children's Tours**, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Steamboat Era Museum, 156 King Carter Drive, Irvington. \$5 for children and one accompanying adults free. Register at [steamboatmuseum.org](http://steamboatmuseum.org) or 438-6888.

**Heritage Arts Class**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern, 73 Monument Place, Heathsville. Instructor: Tavern Spinners & Weavers. Project: Beginning Weaving Workshop. Continues on Aug. 10 and 11. \$225. Equipment, supplies and materials provided. Register at [www.RHHTFoundationInc.org](http://www.RHHTFoundationInc.org), or 580-3377.

**2024 Paddle By The Bay PickleBall Tournament**, 9 a.m., Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club, 362 Club Drive, Kilmarnock, and Northern Neck Family YMCA, 39 William B. Graham Court, Kilmarnock. Sponsor: American Red Cross, Rappahannock Chapter. \$75. Register at [PickleballBrackets.com](http://PickleballBrackets.com).

**Fire!** 5-6 p.m., Campground Bath House, Belle Isle State Park, 1632 Belle Isle Road, Lancaster. \$5 parking fee. 462-5030.

**Second Friday Art Walk**, 6-9 p.m., Colonial Beach.

**S'more Campfire**, 7-8 p.m., Amphitheater, Belle Isle State Park, 1632 Belle Isle Road, Lancaster. \$5 parking fee. 462-5030.

**"Run For Your Wife,"** 7:30 p.m., Westmoreland Players Theatre, 16217 Richmond Road, Callao. \$30 adults, \$17 students. Purchase tickets at westmorelandplayers.org or call 529-9345.

**Saturday, Aug. 10**

**Country Breakfast**, 7-10 a.m., Lancaster Union Lodge #88, 48 N. Main Street, Kilmarnock. \$12, ages 6 and younger, eat free. All you can eat menu: scrambled eggs (fried eggs on request), pancakes (blueberry and plain), biscuits, sausage gravy, sausage links, bacon, cheesy grits, home fried potatoes, fried apples, warm syrup, fruit cocktail, coffee, tea, juice, milk. Orders to go also.

**Urbanna Farmers Market**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Taber Park, 425 Bonner Street, Urbanna. Every second Saturday of the month through September. 758-2613.

**Paint & Sip Party**, 10 a.m.-noon, Morattico Waterfront Museum, 6584 Morattico Road, Morattico. Canvas, design and paints provided by Becky Jones. Subjects: crab, octopus, fish or pumpkins. Light refreshments. \$30, cash or checks payable to Morattico Waterfront Museum. RESVP to [MoratticoCurator@gmail.com](mailto:MoratticoCurator@gmail.com) by Aug. 5.

**Splash Of Summer**, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Town Centre Park, 150 N. Main Street, Kilmarnock. Sponsor: Addy's Colors. Games, activities, bounce house, comedy show, balloon twisting, food trucks, 50/50 raffle, glitter tattoos, special visits with Oyster Festival Queen and Little Miss Spat, Kayleigh Moye and Rosie Robertson.

**Who's For Dinner**, 1-2 p.m., Visitor Center, Belle Isle State Park, 1632 Belle Isle Road, Lancaster. \$5 parking fee, plus \$2 per owl pellet. 462-5030.

**Make Your Own Nature Journal**, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Camp Store, Belle Isle State Park, 1632 Belle Isle Road, Lancaster. \$5 parking fee. 462-5030.

**Second Saturday Social**, 5-7 p.m., RAL Art Center, 19 N. Main Street, Kilmarnock. Sponsors: Writers Guild of Virginia, RAL Art Center. Guest speaker: Cindy L. Freeman. Topic: memoir and generational writing, with insights and tips. Music by singer/guitarist Eric Eichenmuller.



National Farmers Market Week is August 4-10. Yorktown Market Days will honor the farmers who work hard to provide homegrown products each week. A full crop of activities are planned to celebrate from 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays, August 3 and 10, in Historic Yorktown.

Books by Virginia authors. Light refreshments. **"Run For Your Wife,"** 7:30 p.m., Westmoreland Players Theatre, 16217 Richmond Road, Callao. \$30 adults, \$17 students. Purchase tickets at westmorelandplayers.org or call 529-9345.

**Sunday, Aug. 11**

**Dreamer's Market**, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Arts Center of Montross, 14961 Kings Highway, Montross. Entrepreneurs ages 8-18 showcase and sell their handcrafted goods. 703-887-2878.

**"Run For Your Wife,"** 3 p.m., Westmoreland Players Theatre, 16217 Richmond Road, Callao. \$30 adults, \$17 students. Purchase tickets at westmorelandplayers.org or call 529-9345.

**Tuesday, Aug. 13**

**Fishing Camp**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Capt. Chris D. Dollar, Chesapeake Fishing Camps on Carter Creek and the Rappahannock

River. Rising fifth-eighth graders. \$295, includes T-shirt and Lure Kit. Continues on Aug. 14. For a registration form, email [cdolarchesapeake@gmail.com](mailto:cdolarchesapeake@gmail.com) or call 410-991-8468.

**Thursday, Aug. 15**  
**Art Workshop: Mixology of Glorious Greens**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., RAL Art Center, 19 N. Main Street, Kilmarnock. Instructor: Cate Kauffman. \$90 members, \$105 others. For materials list and registration, visit RAL Art Center, [ralartcenter.com](http://ralartcenter.com), or call 436-9309.

**Coffee-time Sip and Paint**, 1-3:30 p.m., Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern, 73 Monument Place, Heathsville. Project: The Kingdom of the Seashell. The fee is \$35, plus a \$5 material fee. Register at [www.RHHTFoundationInc.org](http://www.RHHTFoundationInc.org), or 580-3377.

**Cooper Book Group**, 3-4 p.m., Cooper Branch Library, 20 Washington Ave., Colonial Beach.

**The First Three: From Wash-**



Trinity Episcopal Church, 8484 Mary Ball Road, Lancaster, will conduct a yard sale from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at the Trinity Pavilion. A variety of items will be on sale including furniture, children's toys, gently used clothing, household goods, books and DVDs. Senior warden Gary Bradley has created a colorful quilt to be raffled. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. Tickets will be sold at the yard sale.

Book: Map of My Escape. **"Run For Your Wife,"** 7:30 p.m., Westmoreland Players Theatre, 16217 Richmond Road, Callao. \$30 adults, \$17 students. Purchase tickets at westmorelandplayers.org or call 529-9345.

**Saturday, Aug. 17**

**Tappahannock Farmers Market**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Cross and Prince streets in Tappahannock in Essex County. Ripe, in-season fruits and vegetables, freshly picked from local farms, handmade crafts, including jewelry, art, candles, woodwork and textile goods, freshly baked breads and desserts, potted plants, local meat and eggs and lots more. Offered the morning of every third Saturday of the month through November. 443-3336.

**Heathsville Farmers Market**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern, 73 Monument Place, Heathsville. Antique and classic car show, 9-11 a.m.

**National Honey Bee Day**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Tides Inn, 480 King

Carter Drive, Irvington. Resident horticulturist Matt Little will take participants on a 30-minute guided tour of the Tides Inn Bee Meadow. Related activities will include a balm making class from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Participants will learn to make lip balm from beeswax. The class fee is \$75 for adults and \$20 for children. 438-5000.

**Vendor Market**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Hall's Supermarket, 3895 James Monroe Highway, Colonial Beach.

**Kinsale Market Wine Tasting**, noon-4 p.m., Kinsale Market, 11 Steamboat Landing, Kinsale. \$8.

**Bingo For Quilts**, 1:30 p.m., Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern, 73 Monument Place, Heathsville. \$30, 15 bingo cards plus four special games. All prizes quilted items by Tavern Quilt Guild members.

**"Run For Your Wife,"** 3 p.m., Westmoreland Players Theatre, 16217 Richmond Road, Callao. \$30 adults, \$17 students. Purchase tickets at westmorelandplayers.org or call 529-9345.



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**Make Your Own Crawly Dirt Treat,** 3:30-4:30 p.m., Picnic Area, Belle Isle State Park, 1632 Belle Isle Road, Lancaster. RSVP: 462-5030, Camp Store, Visitor Center. \$5 parking fee.

**Pork & Politics Republican fundraiser,** 4-7 p.m., Lower Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department station (the Deltaville firehouse), 16881 General Puller Highway (Route 33), Deltaville. Features Virginia Lt. Gov. Winsome Sears, U.S. Rep. Rob Wittman, R-1st Dist., U.S. Senate candidate Hung Cao and barbecue from Gloucester's Scoot's BBQ. Tickets, \$35; \$100-\$1,000 sponsorships available. 505-4660.

**Colonial Rod Club Cruise In,** 6-8 p.m., Ledo Pizza, 700 McKinney Boulevard, Colonial Beach.

**Aug. 17 & 18**

**Ninth Annual Waterfest,** Town Hill, Colonial & Washington avenues, Colonial Beach. Pirates, mermaids and scallywags; vendors, bounce house, games, walking parades.

**44th Annual Rod Run To The Beach,** Town Hill, Colonial & Washington avenues, Colonial Beach, 8 a.m. until, Saturday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday. Custom car cruise-in and show, music, vendors, raffles, prizes. Spectators free. Sponsors: Colonial Rod Club, Colonial

Beach Chamber of Commerce. Registration starts Saturday at 8 a.m., cruise around the point Saturday at noon. Judging Sunday at noon. Entry fee: \$15 advance, \$20 day of show. Registration, applications, www.colonialbeach.org.

**Sunday, Aug. 18**

**Tea party and 18th century fashion show,** 2-4 p.m., Mathews Museum, 200 Main Street, Mathews. 505-1277.

**"Run For Your Wife,"** 3 p.m., Westmoreland Players Theatre, 16217 Richmond Road, Callao. \$30 adults, \$17 students. Purchase tickets at westmoreland-players.org or call 529-9345.

**Monday, Aug. 19**

**LCL Book Group,** 2-3 p.m., Lancaster Community Library, 16 Town Centre Drive, Kilmarnock. Book: The Maid, by Nita Prose.

**Tuesday, Aug. 20**

**Fishing Camp,** 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Capt. Chris D. Dollar, Chesapeake Fishing Camps on Carter Creek and the Rappahannock River. Rising fifth-eighth graders. \$295, includes t-shirt and Lure Kit. Continues on Aug. 21. For a registration form, email cdollar@chesapeake.com or call 410-991-8468.

**Wonderful Book Club of the Middlesex County Woman's Club,** 10 a.m., 210 Virginia Street, Urbanna. Features a dis-

cussion of a specially selected book. Meets same time, location every third Tuesday of the month. 804-758-2721.

**Dance Cardio Throw down,** 6-7 p.m., Town Centre Park, 150 N. Main Street, Kilmarnock. Instructor: Ja'Nae. \$10. Register at iamjanew.com.

**Wednesday, Aug. 21**

**Art Workshop: Painting With Acrylics,** 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., RAL Art Center, 19 N. Main Street, Kilmarnock. Instructor: Gloria Clifford. \$135 members, \$150 others, plus \$35 supply fee. Continues Aug. 22 and 23. Register at RAL Art Center, ralartcenter.com, or 436-9309.

**Thursday, Aug. 22**

**Adult Paint Night: Hang Ten,** 6-9 p.m., RAL Art Center, 19 N. Main Street, Kilmarnock. Instructor: Juli Schuszler. Project involves painting beach/surf-board scenes, acrylic on 11"x14" stretched canvas. \$35 members, \$40 others. Bring favorite beverages and snacks. Register at RAL Art Center, ralartcenter.com, or 436-9309.

**Friday, Aug. 23**

**Heritage Arts Class,** 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern, 73 Monument Place, Heathsville. Instructor: Vicki Cornish. Project: Next Steps Coiled Pine Needle Baskets. \$35, plus \$10 material fee. Equipment



Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation Director of Living History and Trades William "Willie" Balderson demonstrates how to use a "matchlock" musket during last year's Urbanna Founders Day celebration. The event is set for 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3 this year.



The Tavern Quilt Guild at Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern, 73 Monument Place, Heathsville, will offer Bingo for Quilts at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17. Players may buy packets of 15 bingo sheets plus four special games for \$30. All prizes are quilted items made by guild members.

provided. Register at www.RHHT-FoundationInc.org, or 580-3377.

**Survival Bracelets 101,** 1-2 p.m., Visitor Center, Belle Isle State Park, 1632 Belle Isle Road., Lancaster. \$5 parking fee, plus \$5 per bracelet. RSVP: 462-5030, Camp Store, Visitor Center.

**Ask A Ranger,** 5-6 p.m., Campground Bath House, Belle Isle State Park, 1632 Belle Isle Road. \$5 parking fee. 462-5030.

**Saturday, Aug. 24**

**Holly Point Market,** 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Deltaville Maritime Museum, 287 Jackson Creek Road, Deltaville. 776-7200.

**Classic car show,** 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Deltaville Maritime Museum, 287 Jackson Creek Road, Deltaville. 776-7200.

**Your Field Guide To Trees,** 10-11 a.m., Car Top Launch, Belle Isle State Park, 1632 Belle Isle Road, Lancaster. \$5 parking fee. 462-5030.

**Critter Creations - Raptors,** 1-2 p.m., Visitor Center, Belle Isle State Park, 1632 Belle Isle Road, Lancaster. \$5 parking fee. 462-5030.

**Tie-Dye Party,** 3-4 p.m., Deep Creek Picnic Shelter, Belle Isle State Park, 1632 Belle Isle Road., Lancaster. \$5 parking fee, plus \$10 per shirt. 462-5030.

**Sunday, Aug. 25**

**Pottery workshop,** 1-3 p.m., Wind Vineyards at Laurel Grove, 5178 Richmond-Tappahannock Highway, Tappahannock. 238-5544.

**Aug. 29-Sept. 27**

**63rd Labor Day Art Show,** RAL Art Center, 19 N. Main Street, Kilmarnock. Hours 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays. ralartcenter.com, or 436-9309.

**Friday, Aug. 30**

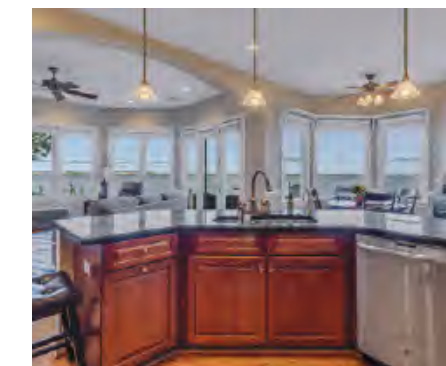
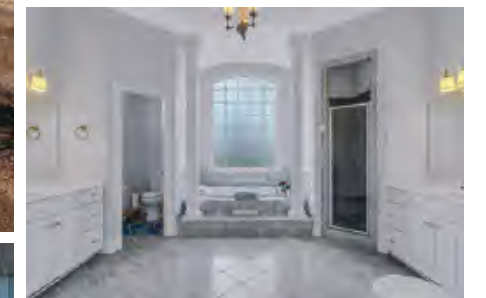
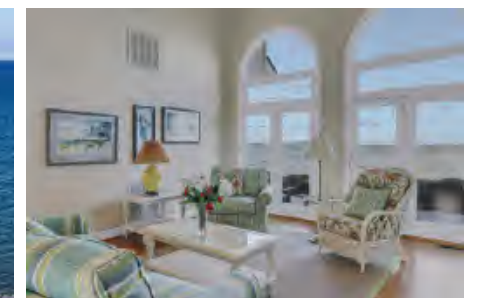
**Heritage Arts Class,** 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern, 73 Monument Place, Heathsville. Instructor: Vicki Cornish. Project: Fun with Coiled Pine Needle Baskets. \$55, plus \$15 material fee. Equipment provided. Register at www.RHHT-FoundationInc.org, or 580-3377.

**The Waters Of Belle Isle,** 5-6 p.m., Campground Bath House, Belle Isle State Park, 1632 Belle Isle Road, Lancaster. \$5 parking fee. 462-5030.

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**First Friday Art Reception,** 5 p.m. RAL Art Center, 19 N. Main Street, Kilmarnock. Meet the exhibiting artists for the 63rd Labor Day Art Show. ralartcenter.com, or 436-9309.

**Saturday, Aug. 31**

**Watch House Hike: Oyster Pirates,** 10-11 a.m., Camp Store, Belle Isle State Park, 1632 Belle Isle Road, Lancaster. 1.5-mile guided hike through fields and marsh to the Rappahannock River. \$5 parking fee. 462-5030.

**“Loss of a Spouse” seminar,** noon-2 p.m., Urbanna Baptist Church at 121 Watling St. in Urbanna. Seminar led by the Rev. Nell Robinson is for people grieving a spouse’s death and features a video with practical, encouraging advice from counselors, pastors, and widowed men and women, followed by a small-group sharing time. The cost is \$10. 758-2720.

**Oysters, Crabs, Jellyfish, Oh My!** 1-2 p.m., Visitor Center, Belle Isle State Park, 1632 Belle Isle Road, Lancaster. \$5 parking fee. 462-5030.

**Net n’ Splash,** 3-4 p.m., Picnic Area, Belle Isle State Park, 1632 Belle Isle Road, Lancaster. \$5 parking fee. 462-5030.

**Colonial Rod Club Cruise In,** 6-8 p.m., Ledo Pizza, 700 McKinney Boulevard, Colonial Beach.

**An Evening Under The Stars,** 7-10 p.m., Town Hill, Colonial & Washington avenues, Colo-



Members of the Northern Neck Chapter of the Antique Automobile Club of America and the Northern Neck Corvette Club will cruise to the Heathsville Farmers Market on Saturday, Aug. 17, as part of “Make It a Heathsville Saturday.” The car show will be presented from 9-11 a.m. The public will be invited to vote for their favorite vehicle to receive a “People’s Choice Award.”

nia Beach. Organized by Beach Art Music & Mentoring. Dinner, drinks, dancing. Featured entertainment: Ally & Brian. Tickets \$100, individuals; \$800, full table of eight. Purchase tickets at bammcbva.org.

Send Northern Neck events to [editor@rapprecord.com](mailto:editor@rapprecord.com) and Middle Peninsula events to [editor@ssentinel.com](mailto:editor@ssentinel.com)

## Second Saturday Social to explore memoir writing

LANCASTER—The Writers Guild of Virginia and the RAL Art Center will host a Second Saturday Social from 5-7 p.m. August 10 at the RAL Art Center, 19 North Main Street, Kilmarnock.

The event will be dedicated to memoir and generational writing featuring Williamsburg area author Cindy L. Freeman, whose memoir, *Farm Girl*, was published in 2023.

Freeman will discuss the benefits of writing about personal experiences, provide insights from her own writing journey and share tips on how to start writing a memoir.

Freeman is the author of *Diary in the Attic*, *The Dark Room*, *I Want to Go Home* and *Unrevealed*. Her books center on female characters who find the strength to overcome adversity, tackling challenging social issues like child abuse, domestic abuse, substance abuse and homelessness, reported Ann Eichenmuller of the Writers Guild of Virginia. Despite the difficult subject matter, all of Freeman’s works emphasize hope and healing.

The Second Saturday Social series is designed for writers, aspiring writers, creative artists and book lovers of all ages. The August 10 session will include music by singer/guitarist Eric Eichenmuller and books to browse from Virginia authors. Light refreshments will be served.

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# Westmoreland Players to present ‘Run For Your Wife’ August 2-18

**NORTHUMBERLAND**—Local theatergoers ready for some big laughs will find what they are looking for in “Run For Your Wife” by Ray Cooney August 2-18 at The Westmoreland Players Theatre, 16217 Richmond Road, Callao. This British bedroom farce was one of the longest running plays in London’s West End, playing there for over nine years.

Set in London in the 1980s, this play tells the story of John Smith, a nondescript cab driver who, because of his agreeable nature, has acquired two wives who are each blissfully unaware of the other’s existence, reported producer Dan Beckhard. When John is injured in a mugging incident and both wives report him missing to the police, he improvises a cascade of lies in the effort to avoid confrontation and manage this situation. With the help of his lazy neighbor Stanley Gardner, John manages to confuse and infuriate both of his wives as well as the two detectives responding to the missing persons reports.

As in any good bedroom farce, “Run For Your Wife” is filled with puns, double entendres, mistaken identities, characters in various states of undress and multiple slamming doors. Audiences may be challenged to keep track of which characters believe which of John’s fabrications, but



From left, Matt Johnson and Benja Gladden-Slaughter rehearse “Run For Your Wife”

the ensuing confusion will make them laugh until they cry, said Beckhard.

Matt Johnson portrays John Smith with a comedic flair that Northern Neck audiences have come to expect. Benja Gladden-Slaughter makes her debut as Mary, wife number one, and Katie Lucy portrays Barbara, wife number two. Christopher Brown plays Stanley while Michael Snider and Greg Hewitt depict the somewhat clueless detectives. Beckhard and CJ Minor round out the cast as Bobby Franklyn and the Reporter.

The set, designed by Janice Wooley, is creatively designed

to remind the audience that there are two different apartments in London, while enabling the cast to use the entire stage no matter which apartment is the setting for the scene. “Run For Your Wife” is directed by Joanne Cox.

Tickets for the opening night gala on August 2 at \$40 each and include food at 6:30 p.m. followed by the show at 7:30 p.m. Student gala tickets are \$27.

The play will continue at 7:30 p.m. August 3, 9, 10, 16, and 3 p.m. August 4, 11, 17 and 18. Tickets for the remaining shows are \$30 for adults and \$17 for students.

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## Ongoing

### Tuesdays

**Acoustic Tuesdays**, 6-9 p.m., The Office Bar & Grille, 4115 George Washington Memorial Highway, Hayes. 993-7266.

### Wednesdays

**Karaoke Night**, 6-9 p.m., Ice House Brewery, 119 Monroe Bay Ave., Colonial Beach. 410-2016.

**Open Mic**, 6:30-9:30 p.m., That Damn Mary Brewing Company, 5036 George Washington Memorial Highway, Hayes. 210-1383.

### Thursdays

**Haus Band**, 6-9 p.m., The 606, 606 Chesapeake Drive, White Stone.

**Karaoke**, 7-9 p.m., Muse Pizzeria & Arcade, 101 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach.

**Open Mic**, 5-8 p.m., Northern Neck Brewing, 15804 Kings Highway, Montross. 493-3008.

### Fridays

**Music Bingo**, 7 p.m., Gloucester Brewing Company, 6778 Main Street, Gloucester.

**Karaoke**, 7 p.m., Nacho Average Brewpub, 44 W. Church Street, Kilmarnock. 577-4011.

**Karaoke**, 7:30-10 p.m., Wind Vineyards at Laurel Grove, 5178 Richmond-Tappahannock Highway, Tappahannock. 238-5544.

**Karaoke**, 9 p.m.-closing, The Office Bar & Grille, 4115 George Washington Memorial Highway, Hayes. 993-7266.

### Saturdays

**Haus Band**, 6-9 p.m., The 606, 606 Chesapeake Drive, White Stone.

**Open Mic**, 7 p.m., Nacho Average Brewpub, 44 W. Church Street, Kilmarnock. 577-4011.

**Karaoke**, 9 p.m.-closing, The Office Bar & Grille, 4115 George Washington Memorial Highway, Hayes. 993-7266.

### Sundays

**Sunday Night Live!**, 5 p.m., Clarksbury Church, 15924 Gen-



The Water View Bluegrass Band and other bluegrass performers are slated to perform 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3 at the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD) station (the Urbanna firehouse), 335 Virginia Street, Urbanna. Admission is free but donations to the MVFD Auxiliary are appreciated.

eral Puller Highway (Route 33), Hardyville, live contemporary Christian music. 776-6060.

## AUGUST

### Thursday, Aug. 1

**Open Mic/Lane Rice**, 6 p.m., Gloucester Brewing Company, 6778 Main Street, Gloucester.

**Band of Oz**, 6:30-9 p.m., Sounds of Summer, Riverwalk Landing, 331 Water Street, Yorktown.

**Karaoke**, 7-10 p.m., Little Jimmy's, 240 Virginia Street, Urbanna. 286-9005.

### Friday, Aug. 2

**Karleigh Gooding**, 4-7 p.m., NN Burger, 303 Queen Street, Tappahannock.

**Open Mic/Rokit Acoustic**, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Jacey Vineyards, 619 Train Lane, Heathsville. 580-4053.

**Bob Wilson**, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wine Down, Good Luck Cellars, 1025 Goodluck Road, Kilmarnock. 435-1416.

**Tommy Filkoski**, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Generals Ridge Vineyard, 1618 Weldons Drive, Hague. 472-3172.

**Jonathan Paige Brown Jr.**, 6-8 p.m., Fish Hawk, Tides Inn, 480 King Carter Drive, Irvington. 438-5000.

**Raizin Cain**, 6-9 p.m., The Shack, Yankee Point Marina, 1303 Oak Hill Road, Lancaster.

**Faith Noel**, 6-10 p.m., Dockside Restaurant & Tiki Bar, 1787 Castlewood Drive, Colo-

nial Beach.

**James Rose**, 7 p.m., High Tides on the Potomac & The Black Pearl Tiki Bar, 205 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach.

**The Futuros**, 8 p.m., YROC Coastal Bar & Grill, 8109 Yacht Haven Road, Gloucester Point. 792-1511.

### Saturday, Aug. 3

**Robbie Kerns**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Irvington Farmers Market, Irvington Commons, 98 King Carter Drive, Irvington.

**Urbanna Founders Day Fife and Drum Corps**, 10:15 a.m., Mid-

dlesex County Woman's Club, 210 Virginia Street, Urbanna. 564-2358.

**Urbanna Founders Day Balladeer**, 10:35-10:55 a.m., Urbanna Baptist Church, 121 Watling St., Urbanna. 758-2720.

**Karleigh Gooding**, noon-3 p.m., NN Burger, 303 Queen Street, Tappahannock.

**Jimmy & Tricia Ashley**, 2:30-5:30 p.m., Generals Ridge Vineyard, 1618 Weldons Drive, Hague. 472-3172.

**Reggae Party**, 3 p.m., Ice House Brewery, 119 Monroe Bay, Colonial Beach. Ronald

Emrit/steel drums; Cameron Ashton, 4-6 p.m.; Everett Stora & Friends, 6:30 p.m.

**Jamie, Tyler & Friends**, 5:30 p.m., Northern Neck Brewing, 15804 Kings Highway, Montross. 493-3008.

**Black Cat Murphy**, 6-9 p.m., The Beach, Yankee Point Marina, 1303 Oak Hill Road, Lancaster. Charity series.

**The Wavos**, 6-9 p.m., Colonial Beach Brewing, 215C Washington Ave., Colonial Beach. 410-2005.

**Waterview Bluegrass Band** and other bluegrass performers, 7 p.m., Urbanna firehouse, 335 Virginia Street, Urbanna. 758-2640.

**Taboo**, 7-10 p.m., Dockside Restaurant & Tiki Bar, 1787 Castlewood Drive, Colonial Beach.

**The Chucks**, 7 p.m., High Tides on the Potomac & The Black Pearl Tiki Bar, 205 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach.

**Lane Rice**, 8 p.m., YROC Coastal Bar & Grill, 8109 Yacht Haven Road, Gloucester Point. 792-1511.

### Sunday, Aug. 4

**Barefoot Joe**, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Dockside Restaurant & Tiki Bar, 1787 Castlewood Drive, Colonial Beach.

**Mark Dunn**, 2 p.m., Northern Neck Brewing, 15804 Kings Highway, Montross. 493-3008.

**Swamp Trash**, 3 p.m., High Tides on the Potomac & The Black Pearl Tiki Bar, 205 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach.

### Wednesday, Aug. 7

**Faron Hamblin**, 5:30-7 p.m., Main Stage, Richmond County Fair, 315 Community Park Drive, Warsaw.

**Mike Reed**, 6-8 p.m., Concerts on the Green, Historic Court Circle, 6504 Main Street, Gloucester.

**Bob Townsend & Doug Kemp**, 7:30-9 p.m., Main Stage, Richmond County Fair, 315 Community Park Drive, Warsaw.

### Thursday, Aug. 8

**Darcy Dawn**, 5:30-7 p.m., Main Stage, Richmond County Fair, 315 Community Park Drive, Warsaw.

**Robbie Kerns**, 6 p.m., Gloucester Brewing Company, 6778 Main Street, Gloucester.

**The Deloreans**, 6:30-9 p.m.,



The Karen Jonas Band will be featured at Music by the River from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, at Belle Isle State Park, 1632 Belle Isle Road, Lancaster. Photo by Ryan Poe





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**En'Novation Band**, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Main Stage, Richmond County Fair, 315 Community Park Drive, Warsaw.

**Friday, Aug. 9**

**Dance Class**, 4-5 p.m., Good Luck Cellars, 1025 Goodluck Road, Kilmarnock. Instructor: Joy Hendershot. Line, circle and, hip hop. Different move each session. No fee, no sign up. 435-1416.

**Karleigh Gooding**, 4-7 p.m., NN Burger, 303 Queen Street, Tappahannock.

**Faron Hamblin**, 5:30 p.m., Northern Neck Brewing, 15804 Kings Highway, Montross. 493-3008.

**Trent Jones**, 5:30-7 p.m., Main Stage, Richmond County Fair, 315 Community Park Drive, Warsaw.

**Open Mic/Bob Bell**, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Jacey Vineyards, 619 Train Lane, Heathsville. 580-4053.

**DJ Will**, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wine Down, Good Luck Cellars, 1025 Goodluck Road, Kilmarnock. 435-1416.

**Tom Winecoff**, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Generals Ridge Vineyard, 1618 Weldons Drive, Hague. 472-3172.

**Jonathan Paige Brown Jr.**, 6-8 p.m., Fish Hawk, Tides Inn, 480 King Carter Drive, Irvington. 438-5000.

**The Anvil Brothers**, 6 p.m.,



Trent Jones will be featured at several venues in the Northern Neck during Aug., including the Richmond County Fair on Friday, Aug. 9, and Callao Brewing Company on Saturday, Aug. 24. Photo by Amanda Dunbar Rogers

Northern Neck BBQ at The Barn, 16829 Kings Highway, Montross.

**Shane Cooley**, 6-9 p.m., The Shack, Yankee Point Marina, 1303 Oak Hill Road, Lancaster.

**Virginia Rum Runners**, 7 p.m., High Tides on the Potomac & The Black Pearl Tiki Bar, 205 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach.

**Mike Reed**, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Something Different, 213 Virginia Street, Urbanna. 758-8000.

**Muddy Boots**, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Main Stage, Richmond County Fair, 315 Community Park Drive, Warsaw.

**Ray Meeks**, 8 p.m., YROC Coastal Bar & Grill, 8109 Yacht Haven Road, Gloucester Point. 792-1511.

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**Saturday, Aug. 10**

**Sally & Brian**, 2:30-5:30 p.m., Generals Ridge Vineyard, 1618 Weldons Drive, Hague. 472-3172.

**Karleigh Gooding**, noon-3 p.m., NN Burger, 303 Queen Street, Tappahannock.

**Chauncey Fortune**, 5:30 p.m., Northern Neck Brewing, 15804 Kings Highway, Montross. 493-3008.

**The Karen Jonas Band**, 6-8 p.m., Music by the River, Belle Isle State Park, 1632 Belle Isle Road, Lancaster. \$5 parking fee. Sponsor: Friends of Belle Isle. 462-5030.

**Phil McKenny**, 6-7 p.m., Main Stage, Richmond County Fair, 315 Community Park Drive, Warsaw.

**Mercy Creek**, 6-8 p.m., Fish Hawk, Tides Inn, 480 King Carter Drive, Irvington. 438-5000.

**The Porchgliders**, 6-9 p.m., Concerts by the Creek, Wendell G. Haynie Pavilion, Reedville Fishermen's Museum, 504 Main Street, Reedville. \$15. Purchase tickets at rfmuseum.org or the gate.

**Deadrise**, 6-9 p.m., The Beach, Yankee Point Marina, 1303 Oak Hill Road, Lancaster. Charity series.

**Carlos & The Castaways**, 6-9 p.m., Colonial Beach Brewing, 215C Washington Ave., Colonial Beach. 410-2005.

**Benefit Gospel Concert For Crystal Mann Bushong**, 6:30-9 p.m., White Stone Church of the Nazarene, 57 Whisk Drive,

White Stone. Love offering, silent auction, hot dogs/barbecue/snacks for purchase. Performers: Ralph Motley, Tommy Thompson, Heather MacKenzie, Sharon Webb Mann, Michele Thacker, Hunter Owens, Ronnie Vaught, Joe Magyar, Jim & Joelle Kepka, Lynda Smith Greve, Katrina, Samantha & Zach Ramaglino, Tabitha Toalson, Alaina Morelos, Richard Callis, Tres Barrineau, JA Faulkner, Jerry Ligon, Tyrone Hudgins.

**Billy Phillips**, 7-10 p.m., Reedville Market, 729 Main Street, Reedville. 453-4666.

**It's All Good**, 7 p.m., High Tides on the Potomac & The Black Pearl Tiki Bar, 205 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach.

**Josh Grigsby & County Line Band**, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Main Stage, Richmond County Fair, 315 Community Park Drive, Warsaw.

**Rocket Band**, 8 p.m.-midnight, Coles Point Tavern, 850 Salisbury Park Road, Hague.

**Big Red & The Cowboy Killers**, 8 p.m., YROC Coastal Bar & Grill, 8109 Yacht Haven Road, Gloucester Point. 792-1511.

**Thursday, Aug. 15**  
**Erik Gaines**, 6 p.m., Gloucester Brewing Company, 6778 Main Street, Gloucester.

**Slapnation**, 6:30-9 p.m., Sounds of Summer, Riverwalk Landing, 331 Water Street, Yorktown.

**Karaoke**, 7-10 p.m., Little Jimmy's, 240 Virginia Street, Urbanna. 286-9005.

**Friday, Aug. 16**  
**Dance Class**, 4-5 p.m., Good Luck Cellars, 1025 Goodluck Road, Kilmarnock. Instructor: Joy Hendershot. Line, circle and, hip hop. Different move each session. No fee, no sign up. 435-1416.

**Karleigh Gooding**, 4-7 p.m., NN Burger, 303 Queen Street, Tappahannock.

**Open Mic**, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Jacey Vineyards, 619 Train Lane, Heathsville. 580-4053.

**Bob Wilson**, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wine Down, Good Luck Cellars, 1025 Goodluck Road, Kilmarnock. 435-1416.

**Jonathan Paige Brown Jr.**, 6-8 p.m., Fish Hawk, Tides Inn, 480 King Carter Drive, Irvington. 438-5000.

**Faron Hamblin**, 6-9 p.m., Generals Ridge Vineyard, 1618 Weldons Drive, Hague. 472-3172.

**MacAulay, Murphy & Harris**, 6-9 p.m., Colonial Beach Brewing, 215C Washington Ave., Colonial Beach. 410-2005.

**Bart Harris**, 6-10 p.m., Dockside Restaurant & Tiki Bar, 1787 Castlewood Drive, Colo-

nia Beach. 792-1511.

**InsideOut Band**, 7 p.m., Music on the Half Shell Stage, Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Admission by season subscription, or \$10.

**Sixty Miles South**, 7 p.m., High Tides on the Potomac & The Black Pearl Tiki Bar, 205 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach.

**Harley Barker**, 8 p.m., YROC Coastal Bar & Grill, 8109 Yacht Haven Road, Gloucester Point. 792-1511.

**Saturday, Aug. 17**  
**Karleigh Gooding**, noon-3 p.m., NN Burger, 303 Queen Street, Tappahannock.

**The Windbags**, 2:30-5:30 p.m., Generals Ridge Vineyard, 1618 Weldons Drive, Hague. 472-3172.

**Barefoot Joe**, 5-8 p.m., Nooners, 15170 George Washington Memorial Highway, Saluda. 684-5726.

**Ronnie Richards**, 5:30 p.m., Northern Neck Brewing, 15804 Kings Highway, Montross. 493-3008.

**Southern Grace**, 6-8 p.m., Music by the River, Belle Isle State park, 1632 Belle Isle Road, Lancaster. \$5 parking fee. Sponsor: Friends of Belle Isle. 462-5030.

**Mercy Creek**, 6-8 p.m., Fish Hawk, Tides Inn, 480 King Carter Drive, Irvington. 438-5000.

**Jim Quick and Coastline**, 6:30 p.m., Flat Iron Crossroads, 7709 Flat Iron Road, Gloucester. \$25. www.flatironcrossroads.com. 557-4888.

**Karaoke Night**, 7-10 p.m., Reedville Market, 729 Main Street, Reedville. 453-4666.

**Hard To Tell**, 7-11 p.m., Coles Point Tavern, 850 Salisbury Park Road, Hague.

**Klepto Radio**, 7-11 p.m., Dockside Restaurant & Tiki Bar, 1787 Castlewood Drive, Colonial Beach.

**WOAH**, 7 p.m., High Tides on the Potomac & The Black Pearl Tiki Bar, 205 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach.

**Mason Brown**, 8 p.m., YROC Coastal Bar & Grill, 8109 Yacht Haven Road, Gloucester Point. 792-1511.

**Sunday, Aug. 18**  
**Jonathan Brown**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Dockside Restaurant & Tiki Bar, 1787 Castlewood Drive, Colonial Beach.

**Medicare Boyz**, 2 p.m., Northern Neck Brewing, 15804 Kings Highway, Montross. 493-3008.

**AP Project**, 3 p.m., High Tides on the Potomac & The Black



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Pearl Tiki Bar, 205 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach.

**Wednesday, Aug. 21**

**Mackenzie Roark**, 6-8 p.m., Fish Hawk, Tides Inn, 480 King Carter Drive, Irvington. 438-5000.

**Thursday, Aug. 22**  
**Morgan Stewart**, 6-8 p.m., Fish Hawk, Tides Inn, 480 King Carter Drive, Irvington. 438-5000.

**Friday, Aug. 23**  
**Open Mic/Slow Burn Duo**, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Jacey Vineyards, 619 Train Lane, Heathsville. 580-4053.

**DJ Will**, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wine Down, Good Luck Cellars, 1025 Goodluck Road, Kilmarnock. 435-1416.

**Jonathan Paige Brown Jr.**, 6-8 p.m., Fish Hawk, Tides Inn, 480 King Carter Drive, Irvington. 438-5000.

**Karaoke**, 6-9 p.m., Donna's on Main, 37 N. Main Street, Kilmarnock.

**Hard To Tell**, 6-9 p.m., Colonial Beach Brewing, 215C Washington Ave., Colonial Beach. 410-2005.

**Trademark**, 7-9:30 p.m., Fourth Fridays, Warsaw Town Park, 171 Main Street, Warsaw.

**Michael Clark Band**, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Something Different, 213 Virginia Street, Urbanna. 758-8000.

**Dakota Kensy**, 7 p.m., High Tides on the Potomac & The Black Pearl Tiki Bar, 205 Taylor

Street, Colonial Beach. **Stones Throw**, 8 p.m., YROC Coastal Bar & Grill, 8109 Yacht Haven Road, Gloucester Point. 792-1511.

**Saturday, Aug. 24**  
**Karleigh Gooding**, noon-3 p.m., NN Burger, 303 Queen Street, Tappahannock.

**Greg Barrick**, 3-7 p.m., Dockside Restaurant & Tiki Bar, 1787 Castlewood Drive, Colonial Beach.

**Gary Archer and the Members**,

5-6 p.m., Deltaville Maritime Museum's waterfront stage, 287 Jackson Creek Road, Deltaville. 776-7200.

**Rappahannock Crossing**, 6-8 p.m., Deltaville Maritime Museum's waterfront stage, 287 Jackson Creek Road, Deltaville. 776-7200.

**Sally & Brian**, 5:30 p.m., Northern Neck Brewing, 15804 Kings Highway, Montross. 493-3008.

**Caleb Dillard**, 6-9 p.m., Concerts by the Creek, Wendell G. Haynie



Jim Quick and Coastline strive to "connect to the hearts of Coastline Crazyies" with hits such as "Mama's Drinkin' Liquor Again." The group will perform at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17 at Flat Iron Crossroads, 7709 Flat Iron Road, Gloucester.

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Pavilion, Reedville Fishermen's Museum, 504 Main Street, Reedville. \$15. Purchase tickets at [rfmuseum.org](http://rfmuseum.org) or the gate.

**Scenic Roots**, 6-9 p.m., Colonial Beach Brewing, 215C Washington Ave., Colonial Beach. 410-2005.

**Trent Jones**, 7-10 p.m., Callao



Toby Gillie often plays the national anthem at the start of Deltaville Deltas baseball games. Gillie, who is known for his prowess on the tuba and trumpet, will perform 5-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31 on Deltaville Maritime Museum's waterfront stage, as part of a special bonus "Groovin' in the Park" concert. Photo by Stephen Blue

Brewing Company, 129 Northumberland Highway, Callao.

**Chauncey Fortune**, 7-10 p.m., Reedville Market, 729 Main Street, Reedville. 453-4666.

**Prime Country**, 7 p.m., doors open, 7:30 p.m. show starts. Donk's Theater - Virginia's Li'L Ole Opry, Harry M. Ward Auditorium, Mathews High School, 9889 Buckley Hall Road, Mathews. \$15 adults, \$5 ages 12 and younger.

**Hijinx**, 7-11 p.m., Dockside Restaurant & Tiki Bar, 1787 Castlewood Drive, Colonial Beach.

**Social**, 7 p.m., High Tides on the Potomac & The Black Pearl Tiki Bar, 205 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach.

**Bubba Ward**, 8 p.m., YROC Coastal Bar & Grill, 8109 Yacht Haven Road, Gloucester Point. 792-1511.

**Sunday, Aug. 25**

**Southern Grace**, 9:45 a.m., White Stone Church of the Nazarene, 57 Whisk Drive, White Stone.

**Brian Jarboe**, 1-4 p.m., Colonial Beach Brewing, 215C Washington Ave., Colonial Beach. 410-2005.

**Kelly Wright**, 2 p.m., Northern Neck Brewing, 15804 Kings Highway, Montross. 493-3008.

**Crawfoot Bottom**, 3 p.m., High Tides on the Potomac & The Black Pearl Tiki Bar, 205 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach.

**Wednesday, Aug. 28**

**Open Mic/Slow Burn Duo**,



Southern Grace will return to Music by the River from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, at Belle Isle State Park, 1632 Belle Isle Road, Lancaster. On Sunday, Aug. 18, Southern Grace also will provide the music for the 9:45 a.m. worship service at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene, 57 Whisk Drive, White Stone.

5:30-8:30 p.m., Something Different, 213 Virginia Street, Urbanna. 758-8000.

**Mackenzie Roark**, 6-8 p.m., Fish Hawk, Tides Inn, 480 King Carter Drive, Irvington. 438-5000.

**Karaoke**, 7-10 p.m., Little Jimmy's, 240 Virginia Street, Urbanna. 286-9005.

**Thursday, Aug. 29**

**Troy Breslow**, 6 p.m., Gloucester Brewing Company, 6778 Main Street, Gloucester.

**Friday, Aug. 30**

**Karleigh Gooding**, 4-7 p.m., NN Burger, 303 Queen Street,

Tappahannock.

**Faron Hamblin**, 5:30 p.m. Northern Neck Brewing, 15804 Kings Highway, Montross. 493-3008.

**Open Mic/Bret Baboorian**, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Jacey Vineyards, 619 Train Lane, Heathsville. 580-4053.

**The Phun Doctors**, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wine Down, Good Luck Cellars, 1025 Goodluck Road, Kilmarnock. 435-1416.

**Jonathan Paige Brown Jr.**, 6-8 p.m., Fish Hawk, Tides Inn, 480 King Carter Drive, Irvington. 438-5000.

**Jimmy Buffett Day**, 6 p.m., Ice House Brewing, 119 Monroe Bay, Colonial Beach.

**Jason Perry**, 6-10 p.m., Dockside Restaurant & Tiki Bar, 1787 Castlewood Drive, Colonial Beach.

**USAF Rhythm in Blue**, 6:30-8 p.m., Irvington Commons, 98 King Carter Drive, Irvington.

**Brass Wind Band**, 7 p.m., Music on the Half Shell Stage, Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Admission by season subscription, or \$10.

**Lunatic Fringe**, 7 p.m., High Tides on the Potomac & The Black Pearl Tiki Bar, 205 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach.

**Sammy Lee**, 8 p.m., YROC Coastal Bar & Grill, 8109 Yacht Haven Road, Gloucester Point. 792-1511.

**Hard To Tell**, 1-4 p.m., Good Luck Cellars, 1025 Goodluck Road, Kilmarnock. 435-1416.

**Saturday, Aug. 31**

**Karleigh Gooding**, noon-3 p.m., NN Burger, 303 Queen Street, Tappahannock.

**Hard To Tell**, 1-4 p.m., Good Luck Cellars, 1025 Goodluck Road, Kilmarnock. 435-1416.

**Rick Hollowell**, 2-5 p.m., Wind Vineyards at Laurel Grove, 5178 Richmond-Tappahannock Highway, Tappahannock. 238-5544.

**Black Cat Murphy**, 3-7 p.m., Reedville Aquapalooza, Cockrell Creek, Tall Stack-Omega Protein, 610 Menhaden Road, Reedville. Accessible by boat only. To support Festival Halle. VIP front row, contact Reedville Fishermen's Museum, [office@rfmuseum.org](mailto:office@rfmuseum.org), 453-6529.

**Toby Gillie**, 5-6 p.m., Deltaville Maritime Museum's waterfront stage, 287 Jackson Creek Road, Deltaville. 776-7200.

**Josh Walker Quartet with Carla Jackson**, 6-8 p.m., Deltaville Maritime Museum's waterfront stage, 287 Jackson Creek Road, Deltaville. 776-7200.

**Mercy Creek**, 6-8 p.m., Fish Hawk, Tides Inn, 480 King Carter Drive, Irvington. 438-5000.

**DJ Eric Rhodes**, 7-11 p.m., Dockside Restaurant & Tiki Bar, 1787 Castlewood Drive, Colonial Beach.

**Under The Covers**, 7 p.m., High Tides on the Potomac & The Black Pearl Tiki Bar, 205 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach.

**Nick Weber**, 8 p.m., YROC Coastal Bar & Grill, 8109 Yacht Haven Road, Gloucester Point. 792-1511.



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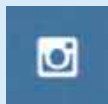


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# Rivah Life

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1 Addy Haas, Nate Wittkamp, Finley Wittkamp, Hayes Riddle, Kieran Patel, TJ Haas and Mike Wittkamp and their dogs enjoy another sunset on the Rappahannock. Photo by Jessica Wittkamp



2 Garrett Sefrin, Yardley Marshall, Emmie Barr, Emily Sefrin, Claire Shaffer, Mae Sefrin, Jessica Wittkamp, Alex Marshall, Michael Wittkamp, Hunter Marshall and Lynn Sefrin celebrate the Fourth of July. Photo by Kathy Sefrin



3 Jake Mullins displays his crab haul in Lancaster. Photo by Steve Mullins



4 Watching Deltaville's 4th of July fireworks from Sturgeons Creek. Photo by Cindy Gentry Nunnally



5 Fun at Bavon Beach. Photo by Kristen Schwalm



6 Blair, Judi, Evie, Megan and Berry Patrick at Docksider in Colonial Beach. Photo by Judi Patrick



7 Bergman cruises Urbanna Creek in style. Photo by Crystal Douglas

8 Jouri Minton found her first crab while visiting her grandparents in Dunnsville. Photo by Caitlin Minton

9 Ivy dries off after a dip in Wilton Creek. Photo by Bob Waldrop

10 Boomer watches a crab at Haven Beach in Mathews. Photo by Lauren Davis

11 Irby Deane celebrated the holiday at Bon Harbors on the Yeocomico River. Photo by Marshall Deane

12 Rhett and Sadie had a blast on the Rappahannock River in Jamaica on July 4th. Photo by Ali Hancock

13 TJ Haas and Goose soak in the last of a beautiful day. Photo by Cathy Haas

14 Zoe Gottwald, all three pounds of her, keeps the birds off the beach at Gwynn's Island. Photo by Angela Gottwald

15 Miller Howard cools off in his pool at home on the Piankatank River on the Fourth of July. Photo by Cindy Gentry Nunnally

16 Aneta Kopecky from Czech Republic ate her first blue crabs. Photo by Faye Johnson

17 Lynda and John Lankford of Deltaville enjoy a breezy evening on Gwynn's Island. Photo by Rob Tyler



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# Rivah Life

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18 Weston and Ryland Early make a splash in the Great Wicomico River at Hopkins' Cottage. Photo by Terri Early

19 Six year old Avery Brown watched fireworks at Bethpage Camp-Resort. Photo by Ray Brown

20 Lillian Vayo enjoying a day at Windmill Point beach. Photo by Mary Vayo

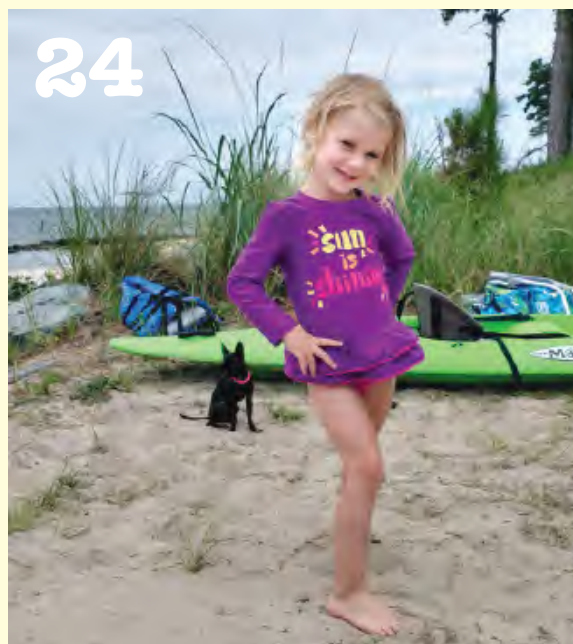
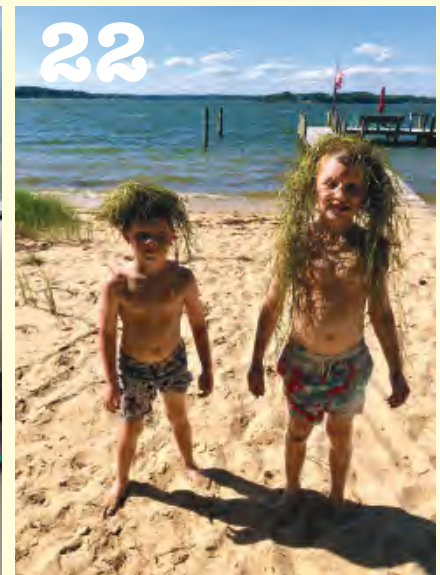
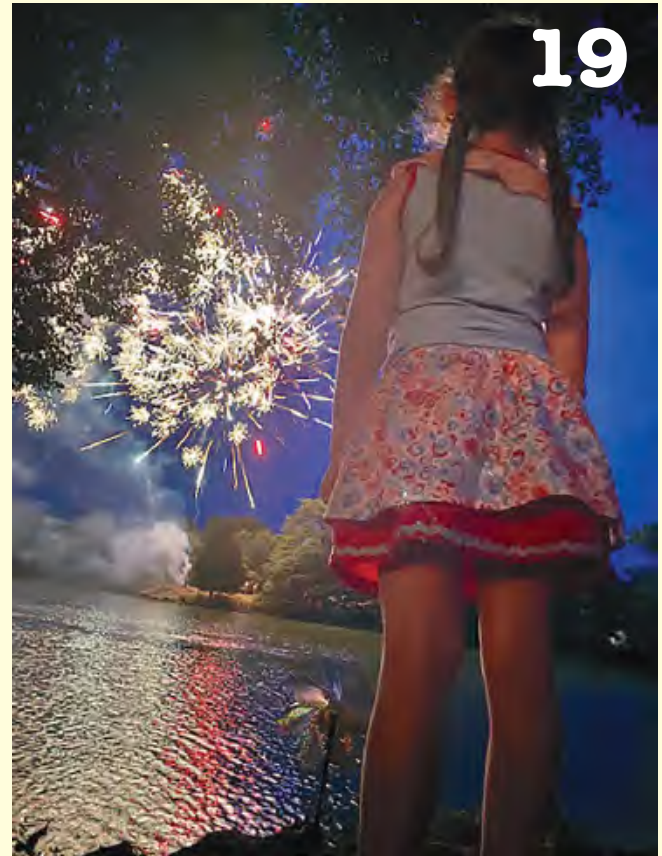
21 Judy Patrick and granddaughter Evie Patrick are all smiles during a boat ride on the Potomac. Photo by Judi Patrick

22 Weston and Ryland Early wiggled out with seaweeds at Hopkins' Cottage. Photo by Herman Early

23 Living "Love and Peace" on the Piankatank River. Photo by Denise Miller

24 Kepner Jones and dog Zoe enjoy the bay at Gwynn's Island. Photo by Angela Gottwald

25 Heather Jenkins enjoyed an evening float on the Rappahannock River. Photo by Dave Jenkins





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# Island Hopping

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From the Rappahannock to the Potomac, there's a number of sandbars and small islands that are more than just a spec on a navigational map. Boaters in the summer flock to these little oases to enjoy the beauty of the waters, do some fishing—and more than anything, to have a good time. Anchoring out by one of the several prominent spots is a summer-must for area residents and visitors. Wherever you Rivah, there's an island to explore just right around the bend.



## New P° nt

New Point in Mathews draws thousands of boaters each weekend in the summer. Photo by Tom Chillemi

## The Flats

In the waters of Middlesex County where the mouth of Jackson Creek meets the Piankatank River lies a popular sand bridge the locals call "The Flats."

According to lifelong Deltaville resident Barry Miller, The Flats has been and always will be the place to be while traveling up and down the river and the Chesapeake Bay.

On one side of The Flats is the Piankatank, which is more shallow immediately off the sandbar and gradually gets deeper. The Jackson Creek side is much deeper right off of the sand.

Because of the makeup of the sandbar, Miller said it is the ideal place to learn how to waterski.

"It's the perfect place to learn because you can have the person trying to learn get set up right off of the sand on the Jackson Creek side and the boat can pull up right to you to get them started. It's a great spot to avoid the stinging nettles when you're working to get up on the skis," he said.

Miller, who's been a frequent visitor of The Flats for over 50 years, said some of his best memories are teaching his three kids, Braeden, Kaytlyn and Brennen how to ski off the sandbar's shore.

"I'm pretty sure I've taught just about everyone in Deltaville how to ski off of The Flats," Miller said.

Over the decades, Miller said he's seen the sandbar attract visitors and his neighbors alike, consistently hosting a number of boaters each weekend in the summer.

"Over the years I've actually seen it become a very family-oriented spot. There's a lot of young families I see there now spending time with their kids," he said.

While Miller still pays visits to The Flats, he couldn't help but chuckle at the memory of his teenage side-hustle that took place near the sandbar.

"It doesn't happen that much now that everyone's got the computerized navigational systems, but back in the day because the channel markers leading to The Flats are posted a little wonky, a lot of boats used to run-aground. My buddies and I would hang out around the channel markers waiting to pull the other boaters out. They'd tip us and that was our beer and gas money for the weekend," he said.

Ideal for learning the ways of some water sports and enjoying the sunshine with your loved ones, The Flats is an area icon for boaters in Middlesex to enjoy their summer days.



## The Flats

The Flats on Jackson Creek and the Piankatank River have been a favorite spot for area boaters for decades. It's the ideal spot to learn to waterski and enjoy the sunshine. Photo by Stephen Blue

## New P° nt

A bit further down south along the Chesapeake Bay lies what is likely the busiest sandbar in Rivah Country: New Point.

Near the New Point Comfort Lighthouse in Mathews County, New Point draws thousands of boaters each weekend in the summer.

Where the York River and Mobjack Bay meet at the lower point of the Middle Peninsula, boaters frequent the sand for its good time vibes and gorgeous sunsets.

Henry George, an avid recreational fisherman, says there's no better day than starting early in the morning before the sunrises and getting out on the surrounding waters to do some fishing, particularly for cobia, catching his limit and coming back to spend the rest of the day at New Point with his friends and family.

"It's been a family tradition, really. I look forward to summer all year long for those long days on the water," he said.

There's also a number of waterfront restaurants, like Hole in the Wall, with boat slips for folks to come by after they're done soaking in the rays for a drink and bite to eat all while continuing to enjoy the stunning views they'd been taking in all that day.

## Nayl° s

For Le'Aria Kelley, nothing beats loading up her pontoon boat with as many friends as she can pack and heading out to Naylors for the day.

"There's no better day than heading out that way. Every chance I can when the weather is right, I'm trying to get out on the water and definitely stopping by Naylors," she said.

Near Warsaw, Naylors is a primary spot for boaters and beach goers in the Richmond County area as well as those in upper Lancaster County to spend a summer day fishing, swimming and soaking up some rays.

"Most of the time when I go, there's a bunch of other people there. Even though there's a lot of other boaters, it doesn't feel crowded, it just feels like a big party. Everyone there is always so nice and just ready to have a good time," Kelley said.





Cedars

Friendly matches of corn hole and volleyball are always on the agenda when enjoying a day at Cedars. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

Cedars

In the lower Northern Neck in Lancaster County in Little Bay, not far from the mouth of the Rappahannock River, lies an island everyone knows as the premier party spot: Cedars.

Just a hop, skip and a jump from Windmill Point, Cedars attracts tens of thousands of boaters each and every summer.

Adorned with a make-shift tiki hut, a volleyball net and a contagious island spirit, Cedars serves as a gathering place among boaters enjoying a day on the water.

"I've been going to Cedars since the early 1990s in the summers of high school. It's always just been a little slice of heaven right here at home, even though it makes you feel like you're not home at all," Brenda Elbourn said.

Because of Cedars' proximity to a number of boat ramps, including the public boat ramp at Windmill Point Marina, it makes for a perfect island getaway you don't have to go very far to get to. Depending on your launch point along Windmill Point Road, on calmer days the island can be manageably reached by kayak.

While the 135-acre parcel that is the island has been on and off the real estate market for a number of years, it remains the go-to place for many.

Walking the shore of the island on most weekends you're certain to come across folks with country and beach music playing through their speakers, kids practicing their skim boarding techniques on the island's shallow canal and plenty of iced down coolers.

Depending on the winds, tides and weather in general, Cedars offers a variety of atmospheres depending on the day and time of year.

According to Matt Owens, Cedars is different day-to-day, but consistently one of the best places to be regardless of the amount of people or state of the tides.

"The vibe depends on the day. One day it's a crazy party with tons of people around you, and your boat hardly fits on shore. Other days it's empty and the most relaxing place you can think of," he said.

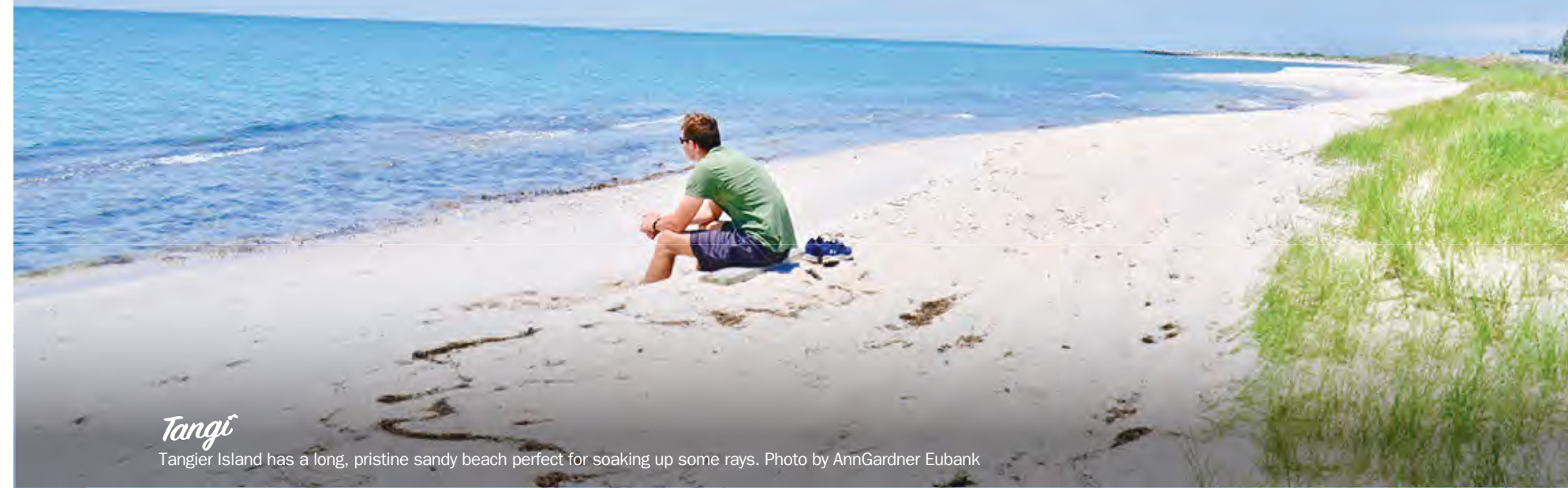
Like many islands and beaches, it's one of those places boaters know they need to enjoy while they can. With the effect of erosion and storms, frequent visitors have taken note to the island's shrinkage over the years.

"Cedars is changing significantly year to year. I was visiting our beloved hometown sandbar often a few summers ago and have had to rediscover my bearings because of the sands shifting and depth changing," Lancaster County resident Braiden Kent said.

As Mosquito Point, a beloved island for both Middlesex and Lancaster residents, has completely washed away over the last several years, boaters are finding the importance of appreciating precious islands and sandbars before they become fond memories of yesteryear.

Cedars

Nothing beats wrapping up a long day with a beautiful sunset and a refreshing drink at your hometown sandbar. Photo by Matt Owens



Tangier

Tangier Island has a long, pristine sandy beach perfect for soaking up some rays. Photo by AnnGardner Eubank

Tangier

Certainly each island has its own community feel and atmosphere, however, if you're in the mood to explore an entire island town, just jet across the bay to Tangier Island about 19 miles from Reedville to explore a community like no other.

Tangier Island is an inhabited island in the Chesapeake Bay with about 300 residents. Tangier is known for its one-of-a-kind island culture, delicious crab cakes and stunning beach front.

A history buff would enjoy docking at one of the island's piers and visiting the impressive museum or simply walking around the Island.

While Tangier brings in thousands of visitors each year, natives to the Island come back to visit after moving away because there's simply "no place like home."

Layla Parks, who has been off the Island and living on the mainland for about seven years says going back to her roots and visiting Tangier is so special, especially now that she has her son, Ryder, to share her love of the Island with.

"When I go back to visit I just feel right at home. I remember the old days of when I was younger and all of the memories I've made over the years and I'm so happy I can share that with my son," she said.

For those who want to have an island excursion but don't have a boat of their own, Tangier is a great place to explore. The Tangier Cruise makes day trips from Buzzard Point Marina regularly throughout the summer at an affordable price point.

Whether you're sunset chasing, working on catching a citation, or just looking for a good time, there's a number of spots in and around the bay to enjoy summer excursions. After all, when in Rivah Country, there's no better way to get familiar with the area than exploring the waterways and the islands and sandbars that fill them. Island culture and community is something special and all are welcome to see it for themselves.



Tangier

Boaters of all ages can be found navigating in and out of Tangier Sound throughout the summer. Photo by AnnGardner Eubank



# Rivah Parks and Recreation *explore*

Use area code (804) unless otherwise listed.

In addition to the sites listed in this directory, the Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority (MP-PAA) has a public water access and recreational land online reservation system for reserving hunting tracts, nature trails, public shoreline fishing, waterfowl hunting, crabbing, boat slips, and many other public outdoor recreational opportunities on the Middle Peninsula. Visit [www.mppaa.com](http://www.mppaa.com).

## Essex

### Essex County Parks and Recreation Department 305 Cross St.

**Tappahannock 443-2470**  
Sports activities for youth and adults. Ball fields at Essex High School.

### Marsh Street Park Marsh St.

**Tappahannock 443-2470**  
The park is run by Essex County Parks and Recreation Department, pool open June–Aug.

### Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge Hutchinson Unit

**19180 Tidewater Trail  
Tappahannock**  
The Hutchinson Unit on Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge contains two miles of trails through meadows, hardwood forests, and softwood forest. There is also a lookout platform that oversees the grasslands. All trails and platforms are handicap accessible.

### Tennis Courts

**833 High School Circle  
Tappahannock 443-2470**  
At Essex High School. Open to the public from 5 p.m. until dark when school is not in session.

## Gloucester

### Abingdon Park 7023 Powhatan Dr.

**Hayes**  
Features soccer/lacrosse and softball fields, Picnic area available by reservation: \$25 May 1–Sept. 30, first-come first-served basis Oct. 1–April 30 (bathrooms closed). Not available for rent weekdays during the school year.

### Ark Park

**7963 Number Nine Rd.**



Rachel Throckmorton and her mom, Melanie Throckmorton, kayak on Piscataway Creek off the Rappahannock River. Photo by Melanie Throckmorton

### Gloucester

Features soccer fields, softball field, outdoor basketball court, restrooms, playground.

### Beaverdam Park

**8687 Roaring Springs Rd.  
Gloucester 693-2107**  
The park contains a 635-acre, stocked, freshwater lake. Due to parking lot construction, equipment rentals are not available at this time. Launch your own for a fee. Fuel-powered motors not permitted. Playground, picnic shelter and a hiking trail system including an interpretive trail, multi-use trail for horseback riding or biking. Open daily from sunrise to sunset. Fishing and hunting licenses, bait and snacks are available.

### Brown Park

**Foster Rd.  
Gloucester**  
Features a half pipe and large concrete area with ramps and rails for skateboarders. An open, tree-lined grass area is also available.

### Gloucester Department of Parks and Recreation

**6489 Main St.  
Gloucester 693-2355**  
25 public parks or water access areas.

### Gloucester Point Beach Park

**1255 Greate Rd.  
Gloucester Point**  
The park offers fishing with no license required, public beach on the York River, playground, restrooms, snack bar, and an observation deck with high powered binoculars to view birds and wildlife.

### Machicomoco State Park

**3601 Timberneck Farm Rd.  
Hayes 642-2419**  
Located on 645 acres overlooking the York River, Machicomoco State Park is the first state park celebrating and honoring the history and legacy of the Native Tribes of Virginia. The park features camping, water access for kayaks and canoes, a small boat dock and an interpretive center. Open 8 a.m. to dusk.

### Tyndall Point Park

**1376 Vemon St.  
Gloucester Point**  
The park contains remnants of Confederate and Union fortifications. It is the site of Colonial Gloucester Towne, the first building of which was a tobacco warehouse built in 1632. It also has open play areas.

### Woodville Park

**Bray's Point Rd./  
Woodville Park Rd.  
Gloucester**  
The park contains hundreds of acres of land donated to Gloucester for preservation of green space. Includes soccer and football fields, gardens, hiking paths, playground and an area for events.

## Historic Yorktown

### Colonial National Historic Park

#### Yorktown Visitor's Center/ Battlefield

**1000 Colonial Parkway  
Yorktown 757-898-2410**  
Obtain all the information you need to tour the Battlefield Park, view The Siege of Yorktown 15-minute film, visit the museum and shop. The entrance fee to the Battlefield is collected at the visitor center. Trolley from historic Yorktown runs April–October. Adults (16 and older) \$15; 15 and younger, free. Admission is valid for 7 consecutive days, providing access to Colonial National Historical Park, consisting of: Yorktown Battlefield, Historic Jamestown, and Colonial Parkway. Open daily

except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

### Colonial Parkway

The 23 mile scenic parkway stretches from the York River at Yorktown to the James River at Jamestown, incorporating the natural beauty of the area and commemorating the American colonial experience. A great way to travel between the sites of the historical triangle—Jamestown, Yorktown, and Williamsburg.

### Yorktown Beach

**425 Water St.  
Yorktown 757-890-3500**  
Two-acre beachfront provides opportunities for boating, swimming, picnicking and fishing. Features a Mobi-Mat and Mobi Chair for visitors in wheelchairs. A public restroom/shower facility is located next to the Dock Master's office and is open April through October. Shops and restaurants within walking distance.

## King George

### Barnesfield Park

**Hwy. 301  
King George 540-663-3205**  
Located at the Potomac Gateway Welcome Center. 175-acre county park on the Potomac River with nature trails, picnic areas, playground, and beach fishing.

### Caledon State Park

**11617 Caledon Rd.  
King George (800) 933-PARK**  
A National Natural Landmark, Caledon was the early colonial seat of the Alexander family. John and Philip Alexander founded the city of Alexandria and established Caledon Plantation in 1659. Preservation of the bald eagle habitat is the primary focus of the natural area. Five hiking trails and visitor center. Limited tours of the eagle area are offered mid-June through Aug. by reservation only.

### Dahlgren Railroad

**Heritage Trail  
Dahlgren**  
The 16-mile trail follows the route of the old Dahlgren Branch rail line. The trail is comprised of 240 acres of preserved sanctuary for wildlife and natural beauty.

## King & Queen

### Dragon Run State Forest

**966-2209**  
The 9,563-acre Dragon Run State

Forest is located 15 miles north of West Point, and 20 miles southeast of Tappahannock. The property protects the water resource, Dragon Run Swamp, while allowing for traditional forest management activities. Kayaking and hunting are allowed.

## Lancaster

### Baylor Nature Trail

0.5 mile hike on Norris Pond in Kilmarnock is part of Virginia's birding and wildlife trail system. Norris Pond has little open water, but several streams flow through the wetlands. On Mary Ball Rd. (Rt. 3) east of downtown Kilmarnock. Picnic tables available. No pets, fires, boat launching, or camping. Open dawn to dusk.

### Belle Isle State Park

**1632 Belle Isle Rd.  
Lancaster 462-5030**  
A 700-acre park has seven miles of shoreline on the Rappahannock River, Mulberry and Deep creeks. Open daily, sunrise to sunset. Picnic areas, handicap accessible boardwalk and fishing pier, hiking/biking trails, bridle paths, motorboat ramp (fee), tidal

wetlands, farmland and forests. Canoe, kayak and bicycle rentals. The park also offers sunset and moonlight canoe trips, nature programs and overnight camping and accommodations. Home to many predator birds and eight distinct types of wetlands. Parking fee \$5.

### Chesapeake Trail

0.5 mi. hiking trail geared to kids, Mary Ball Rd. (Rt.3) ¼ mile east of Lancaster Courthouse. Open dawn to dusk.

### Hickory Hollow Trail

3.5 miles of marked trail, Regina Rd. (Rt. 604) in Lancaster Courthouse. Mixed pine and hardwood forest featuring a cabin swamp. Open dawn to dusk. No pets. Home to protected species.

### Irvington Commons

**156 King Carter Dr.  
Irvington**  
Newly added playground equipment in the heart of Irvington for young children. Tennis courts, green area, Wi-Fi, gazebo. Open year-round.

### Joe Curry Memorial Park

**Waverly Ave.**

### Kilmarnock

Children's playground open dawn to dusk for ages 12 and under.

### Kilmarnock Town Centre Park 150 N. Main St.

**Kilmarnock**  
Outdoor amphitheatre, event colonnade, central plaza, play field and picnic area, playground, splashpad and bathhouse. Dog park with separate area for large and small dogs, and shaded area.

### Tri Way Trail

Currently 1.7 miles of the trail are open connecting Harris Road in Kilmarnock with Compass Entertainment Center. The eventual +9 mile multi-use path will link the Northern Neck villages of Kilmarnock, Irvington and White Stone.

### Westland Beach

At the terminus of Windmill Point Rd. (Rt. 695) on the Chesapeake Bay. Limited beach area. Open dawn to dusk.

## Mathews

### Bayside Landing

Sheltered picnic tables and observation area with distant view

of New Point Comfort Lighthouse. No facilities or boat launching. On Old Bayside Drive off Rt. 600 at Bavon.

### Bethel Beach Natural Area Preserve

This 50-acre parcel contains a sandy beach, low dunes and salt marsh habitat bordering the Chesapeake Bay. Over 90 bird species have been reported on the preserve, which also protects the globally rare Northeastern Beach Tiger Beetle. Turn left on Rt. 611 just south of the town of Mathews. Turn right on Rt. 643, then left on Rt. 609.

### Haven Beach

Diggs, end of Rt. 643 at the Bay.

### Mathews Recreation Park

The park next to Mathews High School has a softball field, basketball court, playground and two lighted tennis courts. Rt. 14 about a mile north of Mathews Courthouse.

### New Point Comfort Island

At the Bay is accessible only by boat at high tide.

### New Point Comfort Natural Area Preserve

Observation deck and history kiosks with views of New Point Comfort Lighthouse. Launch small craft in a protected cove leading to Mobjack Bay. No facilities. Take Rt. 14 south to Rt. 600 to the end.

### Kut-in-Creek Park

**Mathews 725-7172**  
Handicapped kayak and canoe launch. Picnic pavilion. Brickbat Road at Mathews Courthouse, next to the firehouse. Check tide before using, not accessible at low tide.

### Williams Wharf Landing

**1039 Williams Wharf Rd.  
Mathews**  
Open daily sunrise to sunset. Pavilion, fishing pier. Launch kayak, daysailer and canoe from floating pier. Motor boats not permitted.

## Middlesex

### Buddy Park

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**Canoe House Landing Beach**

At the eastern end of Canoe House Road off U.S. 17 in the Jamaica community.

**Heritage Trail**

**Cooks Corner**

The half mile trail features two walking bridges that span streams. The walking trail is complete but the historical signage designed to tell the Cooks Corner story, a community where Black

ownership of commerce thrived during the day of segregation is in progress. Open daily dawn to dusk. Picnic area. Located on General Puller Highway next to the Middlesex County Office complex in Cooks Corner.

**Holly Point Nature Park**

**Deltaville**

The park offers a retreat on the banks of Mill Creek. Activities available are picnicking, bird watching or walking the nature trail. Visitors can explore the fish-shaped wildflower meadow

and view the boats exhibited by the Deltaville Maritime Museum. There is also a children's garden and kayak landing. Open daily from dawn to dusk.

**Middlesex County Sports Complex**

**Sports Complex Rd. Locust Hill**

Walking track, volleyball and basketball courts, soccer/football field. Open dawn to dusk. Softball/baseball fields must be scheduled through Sports Complex Committee.

**Skate Park**

**2784 General Puller Hwy.**

**Saluda**

Hours are from dawn to dusk. Helmets and pads are required.

**Swimming Pool**

Deltaville Community Association (for residents and guests of residents).

**Taber Park**

**351 Bonner St.**

**Urbanna**

For residents and guests of residents: playground and green space.

**Urbanna Waterman's Park**

**Colorado Ave.**

**Urbanna**

Overlooks the Rappahannock River. There is a picnic area. Open from sunrise to sunset.

**Wake Beach**

Sandy beach at the end of Rt. 627.

**Northumberland**

**Bush Mill Stream**

**Natural Area Preserve**

At the mouth of Bush Mill Stream freshwater meets the saltwater of the Great Wicomico River. Tidal marshes and mud flats are hidden between steep-sided forested shores. Open daylight hours. Trails, boardwalk, viewing platform and interpretive signs for an abundance of wildlife. Four miles from Heathsville on Courthouse Rd. (Rt. 201), continue straight on Rt. 642 for half a mile, and turn left at the sign.

**Dameron Marsh**

**Natural Area Preserve**

225-2303

This 316-acre preserve contains one of the most significant wetlands on the Chesapeake Bay for marsh-bird communities. Sand beach habitat is important for the threatened Northeastern Beach

Tiger Beetle. Facilities include a trail and boardwalk, a wildlife viewing platform, and parking area. Jessie Ball duPont Mem. Hwy (Rt. 200) to Shiloh School Rd. (Rt. 606) turn left on Balls Neck Rd. (Rt. 605), then left onto VA 693. Follow VA 693 into the preserve.

**Great Wicomico Public Fishing Pier**

On the southern shore of the Great Wicomico River just off Jessie Ball duPont Mem. Hwy. (Rt. 200) next to the bridge at Glebe Point. Open sunrise to sunset. Parking. No swimming, or sunbathing. Vessels cannot be moored to the pier, and people under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Hughlett Point**

**Natural Area Preserve**

225-2303

The 205-acre preserve has sand beaches on the Chesapeake Bay and the mouth of Dividing Creek, 1.8 mile long hiking trail and observation decks to view shorebirds, deer, turkey and migratory waterfowl. Provides a habitat for bald eagles, osprey, and northern harriers. The beaches are home to the threatened Northeastern Beach Tiger Beetle. Dogs allowed but must be kept on leash. Open sunrise to sunset. Fishing and crabbing allowed, no bicycles, off-road vehicles, horseback riding or swimming. Limited parking, no street parking. Towing strictly enforced. Take Jessie Ball duPont Mem. Hwy. (Rt. 200) turn on Shiloh School Rd. (Rt. 606) to the end. Turn right on Balls Neck Rd. (Rt. 605).

**Vir-Mar Beach**

A small, sandy beach with views of where the Potomac River flows into the Chesapeake Bay.

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## Parks

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Home to large populations of wintering waterfowl, wading birds, terns, osprey, fall migrating sanderlings, and monarch butterflies. On clear days the Smith Island Lighthouse and the shores of Maryland are visible. Located at the end of Vir-Mar Beach Rd. (Rt. 643) in Hack's Neck.

### Richmond

#### Enchanted Forest

211 Wallace St.

##### Warsaw

Started by local carver Tom Rhodes, the 11-acre wooded trail features a collection of nearly 100 children's characters from books and movies carved and painted directly into the trees.

#### Jones Creek Fishing Pier

From intersection of Newland Rd. and Jones Creek Rd., take Jones Creek Rd. for three miles to pier.

#### Naylor's Beach

Naylor's Beach Campground

4011 Naylor's Beach Rd.

##### Warsaw

Amenities include bathrooms and showers, picnic pavilion, beach with swimming area and boat launch.

#### Richmond County Trail

##### Warsaw

Hiking/walking trail behind Rappahannock Community College, Rt. 360.

#### Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge

#### 336 Wilna Rd.

##### Warsaw

One of four refuges that comprise the Eastern Virginia Rivers National Wildlife Refuge Complex. It protects 20,000 acres of wetlands and associated uplands along the river and its major tributaries. At least four federally-listed threatened or endangered species may be found, including the American bald eagle, peregrine falcon, shortnose sturgeon, and sensitive joint vetch. The Wilna Unit is on the Northern Neck Loop of the Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail. Two nearby sites—Tayloe Unit and the former Heritage Park Resort Unit—are closed to the public.

##### Wilna Unit

336 Wilna Rd.

##### Warsaw

This 976-acre site features a pond, 5 different hiking trails, observation decks, and photography blinds to experience and photograph the dozens of migratory birds and native wildlife. The site also includes a visitor's center and restrooms.

##### Wilna Pond

333-1470

A 35-acre site, is open to public fishing. The pond is home to large mouth bass, bluegill sunfish, flers, yellow bullhead catfish and American eel. Open daily, sunrise to sunset. Access for canoes and kayaks.

##### Laurel Grove Unit

736 Laurel Grove Rd.

##### Farham

Laurel Grove Pond is open for fishing and is accessible by small, hand-launchable boats, canoes, or kayaks. The site is open from sunrise to sunset and includes a walking trail and restrooms.

#### The Bounds

5972 Richmond Rd.

##### Warsaw

Pond with park bench seating, walking trails, parking. Trails connect to Enchanted Forest.

#### Totuskey Tricentennial Park

With boat landing, Rt. 3 at Totuskey Creek Bridge.

#### Warsaw Town Park

171 Main St.

Family-friendly playground with picnic tables and covered gazebo and grill. Separate fenced-in dog park. Restrooms available.

### Westmoreland

#### A.T. Johnson

Recreation Center

18849 Kings Hwy.

##### Montross

Aerobics, dance classes, cooking programs, basketball, gymnastics, volleyball, enclosed batting cage, soccer and baseball fields

and small auditorium. Meeting room and patio available for rental.

#### Castlewood Park

On Castlewood Dr. in Colonial Beach. Playground, picnic tables. Permit required for parties over 20 people.

#### Colonial Beach

Sunrise to sunset.

#### Hurt Field at Legion Park

14531 Kings Hwy.

##### Montross

493-0505

Four-acre public park adjacent to Chandlers Mill Pond offering recreational opportunities for county residents.

#### Montross Community Park

Pavilion, playground.

#### Oak Grove Park

Rt. 205 between Oak Grove and Colonial Beach. Eight-acre public park featuring a sports field, playground and picnic area.

#### Robin Grove Park

Colonial Beach

On Robin Grove, off Monroe Bay Ave.

#### Voorhees Nature Preserve

1235 Berry Farm Ln.

##### Colonial Beach

(434) 295-6106

A 729-acre preserve on the northeast bank of Rappahannock River. Four miles of wooded trails for self-guided walks.

#### Westmoreland Parks and Recreation Department

493-8163

Provides recreation services to all county citizens and visitors.

#### Westmoreland State Park

1650 State Park Rd.

##### Montross

493-8821

The park extends about one and a half miles along the Potomac River, and its 1,299 acres neighbor the former homes of both George Washington and Robert E. Lee. The Horsehead Cliffs provide visitors with a spectacular view of the Potomac River. The park offers hiking, camping, cabins, fishing, boating and swimming. The visitor center gives a historical and ecological perspective to an important natural area on the coastal plain.

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by **Capt. Billy Pipkin**

## Crankin' and Cookin'

*Capt. Billy Pipkin, a saltwater fishing columnist, owns and operates Capt. Billy's Charters and Ingram Bay Marina in Wicomico Church. Visit his website at [www.captbillyscharters.com](http://www.captbillyscharters.com).*

August brings variety and an abundance of fish to the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. With water temperatures in the 80s, conditions are prime for great fishing. If temperatures get any hotter, the fish will be poached before they reach the boat.

There is great action both inshore and in deeper bay waters. Among the species available are: speckled trout, puppy drum, bluefish, Spanish mackerel and a variety of bottom feeders.

### Catch your dinner

A proven method of catching both bluefish and Spanish mackerel is trolling. Dragging either Drone or Clark spoons will simulate the small shiners and minnows that make up their diet. My rigs are adorned with a variety of colors from silver and gold to chartreuse and even pink. Size 0 and 1 are the most effective for the 1-3 pound class fish, while larger blues often require the use of artificial eels commonly referred to as "surgical tube eels." The longer lure counters their sharp teeth and deep, aggressive bites.

The trolling speed varies between species with bluefish preferring four to five knots and mackerel preferring swifter moving baits of six knots. You will need to use some method of placing your lures deeper. Using a #1 planer will eliminate heavy inline sinkers. These work well since most of the fish feed at or within 15 feet of the surface.

Bluefish can also be caught while chumming at anchor. This method utilizes ground menhaden for chum and chunks of the same baited on long shank hooks.

In Virginia, the bluefish creel limit is three fish per person for recreational anglers and five per person on charter boats. Anglers are afforded 15 mackerel per day.

Inshore fishing offers plenty of speckled trout and redfish action. The shallows of the rivers and their tributaries are holding the best numbers of redfish in years. Live baits such as spot, minnows and chunks of peeler crab work best, but artificial baits and top water lures are catching as well. Speckled trout can be found in

many of the same areas as drum like grass flats, oyster beds, and channel banks. The same offerings are effective while fishing for trout. You may keep three drum 18-26" and five trout over 14". I promote the release of all 20-plus inch trout to save the spawning stock.

### How to fix 'em

#### SMOKED FISH

When smoking is associated with cooking, some folks think about burnt pans and smoke alarms going off in the kitchen. Don't worry, in this case, smoke is a good thing!

#### PREPARING TO SMOKE

It is important to keep your fish iced down as soon as you land them. This keeps the meat firm and fresh. At the dock, scale and filet the bluefish, leaving the skin attached. Mackerel have a much smoother skin with very fine scales. Simply rub and rinse skin, then filet. Then carefully cut out the belly cavity and the pin bones that are located just behind the gill plates near the center line. Rinse off blood and residual scales and place back on ice.

The next step is to soak the fish in brine. It enhances the flavor and also helps fish to retain moisture

through the smoking process. Mix ingredients of brine and make sure that fish are completely covered. Place in the refrigerator for 4-8 hours. The longer, the saltier.

#### BRINE

2 quarts water  
1/2 cup sea salt or Kosher salt  
1/4 cup Sugar  
Soy Sauce (optional)  
Smokin'

Smoke doesn't like to stick to wet surfaces, so, the next step is as important as the brine. When you take the fish out of the brine, place the filets on a metal rack above a few layers of newspapers. Allow the fish to dry for several hours, until the surface of the fish is dry and feels a bit tacky to the touch. It will take a few hours to dry at room temperature and longer in the refrigerator. That dry, sticky surface is called a "pellicle," and it is formed by proteins on the surface of the fish as they are exposed to air. The pellicle will give the smoke a good surface to adhere to and protect the fish from giving up too much moisture while it's in your smoker.

Once dry, generously add coarsely ground peppercorn with a touch of lemon peel and paprika. Press into fish and they're ready to smoke.

Bring the temperature of the

smoker up to 180-200 F. Place filets either directly on racks or on tray. The process takes between 1.5-2.5 hours depending on level of heat. Larger, thicker filets may need more time. Toward the end of the smoking process—maybe the final half hour—you may add a small amount of honey to the surface of a few filets. Brown sugar also works. That sweet touch adds a nice finish and enhances the taste. If you have a temperature probe, the interior meat is fully smoked at 140 F. Another telltale sign it's ready is when the edges begin to curl up slightly.

Smoking note: bluefish has a strong flavor, so choose your smoking wood accordingly. You may want to go with an assertive smoke like mesquite, hickory or even walnut or cherry to hold up to the taste of the fish rather than choosing a mild wood like maple or apple, which is better suited for milder fish like trout.

If you make this recipe, your neighbors may be lined up as far back as the funnel cake line at the Kilmarnock Firemen's Festival. Keep in mind that the Surgeon General has determined that smoking fish is good for your health...just don't inhale.

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## Recreational Fishing Regulations in Virginia's Marine Waters

### Black Drum

Minimum Size Limit: 16" Total Length  
Limit: 1 Black Drum per person per day



### Blue Catfish

Minimum Size Limit: None  
Limit: One Blue Catfish over 32" per day



### Bluefish

Minimum Size Limit: None  
Limit: 3 per person from shore or a rented or private vessel; 5 per person on for-hire or charter vessels



### Cobia

Minimum Size Limit: 40" Total Length  
Limit: 1 per person, 2 Per Vessel; whichever is more restrictive  
Season: June 15 – September 15.



### Grey Trout (Weakfish)

Minimum Size Limit: 12" Total Length  
Limit: 1 Grey Trout per day per person



### Red Drum (Channel Bass)

Minimum Size Limit: 18" Total Length  
Maximum Size Limit: 26" Total Length  
Limit: 3 Red Drum per person per day



### Sheepshead

Minimum Size Limit: None  
Limit: 4 Sheepshead per person per day



### Spadefish

Minimum Size Limit: None  
Limit: 4 Spadefish per person per day



### Spanish Mackerel

Minimum Size Limit: 14" Total Length  
Limit: 15 Spanish Mackerel per person per day



### Speckled Trout (Spotted Sea Trout)

Minimum Size Limit: 14" Total Length  
Limit: 5 Speckled Trout per person per day, only one may be 24" or greater



### Striped Bass (Striper, Rockfish)

Spring Season, May 16–June 15  
Minimum Size Limit: 19"  
Maximum Size Limit: 24"  
Limit: 1 Rockfish per person per day  
Fall Season, October 4–December 31  
1 per person per day.  
Minimum Size Limit: 19" | Maximum Size Limit: 24"



### Summer Flounder (Fluke)

Minimum Size Limit: 16"  
Limit: 4 Flounder per person per day



### Tautog

Minimum Size Limit: 16"  
Limit: 4 Tautog per person per day  
Closed Season: May 16–June 30



For information on the most current regulations, contact Virginia Marine Resources Commission, 2600 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 756, Newport News, Va. 23607: (757) 247-2200. VMRC "Hotline" number to report violations: (800) 541-4646. VMRC monitors VHF Channel 17. The VMRC website is [www.mrc.state.va.us](http://www.mrc.state.va.us). Fish illustrations, courtesy Duane Raver, may not be reproduced without permission.

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■ **June Parker Marina**  
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■ **Sarah's Creek York River Yacht Haven**  
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■ **Severn River Severn Yachting Center**  
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A gorgeous sunset view at Safe Harbor Marina at Stingray Point in Deltaville. Photo by Melanie Throckmorton

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■ **Carter's Creek Carter's Cove Marina**  
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■ **Marina at The Tides Inn**  
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■ **The Narrows Marina**  
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■ **Piankatank River Ginney Point Marina**  
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John Hopkins fishing off his pier near Leedstown. Photo by Spencer Hopkins



Avery Mijares caught his first cobia on July 15. He was fishing on the Rivah Pearl with his grandfather Bob Graham and Capt. Rob Duffer. The fish was 49 inches in length. It was caught on a live eel. They were fishing around Windmill Point Bar. From left are Mijares, Capt. Duffer and Graham.



Michael and Liz Domanski, visiting from Holly Springs, NC, did a little fishing on the Little Wicomico River over the 4th of July weekend. Photo by Tim Kelchner



Sarah Coropassi was visiting from St. Louis, MO and caught this red drum from the dock on the North River over the Memorial Day weekend. Photo by John Wright



Harrison Carmack caught a 43-inch cobia off Bluff Point while trolling for mackerel. After a one hour fight, and with no net, the fish was landed by hand. Photo by John Carmack



Walker Cale landed a puppy drum in the Corrotoman River. Photo by Scott Cale



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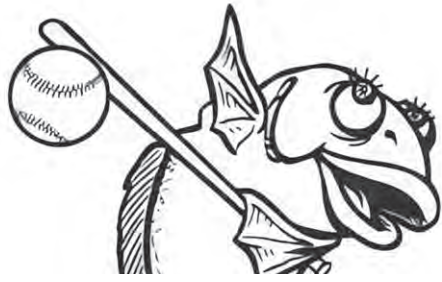
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## Registration opens for 16th annual Dream Fields Spanish Mackerel Fishing Tournament

by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi

LANCASTER—Registration is open for the 16th annual Dream Fields Spanish Mackerel Fishing Tournament on Saturday, August 10.

With some \$5,400 in prizes to be awarded, the tournament includes overall winners and categories for junior, lady and special anglers, according to director Amy Forrester. Registration is \$200 per boat.

There will be a \$2,500 first prize based on a 60 boat entry with \$1,000 for second place, \$750 for third, \$500 for fourth and \$250 for fifth. A \$200 prize will be awarded to a junior, lady and special angler. Blue Ridge Bank has sponsored a \$25,000 prize for any angler breaking the state

Spanish mackerel record.

Weigh-in host Chesapeake Boat Basin and Gilman Heating, Cooling and Plumbing are major sponsors.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit Lancaster County Little League and Dream Fields.

According to Forrester, registrations will be accepted until a captain's meeting at 7 p.m., August 9, at Dream Fields, 1385 Irvington Road, Kilmarnock. However, she urges everyone to register early. There also will be a Calcutta at the captain's meeting.

Entries, with a check made payable to YCLC, can be mailed to YCLC, c/o Amy Forrester, PO Box 44, Kilmarnock, VA 22482. For registration forms, visit Dream Fields Fishing Tournament on Facebook or call 480-2332.

## Sailing camp registration is underway

MIDDLESEX—Top Gun Sailing Camp will be offered August 8-12 at Christchurch School, 49 Seahorse Lane, Christchurch. This camp is open to coaches, teams and individuals. The focus will be on high school/college-style fleet and team racing, with two sessions each day, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Evenings will be a classroom session with breakout groups.

Room and board are available. For fees and program overviews, visit [www.christchurchschool.org/summer-programs](http://www.christchurchschool.org/summer-programs). To register, contact Rob Deane at [rdeane@christchurchschool.org](mailto:rdeane@christchurchschool.org).

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# Rivah Ramps

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Listed here are directions to public boat ramps.

## Essex

### Bowlers Wharf

At the end of Rt. 684 in Center Cross.

### Dock Street Public Landing

At the end of Dock St. in Tappahannock.

### Layton Ramp

On Rt. 637 in Tappahannock.

### Prince Street Public Landing

Off Rt. 360 in downtown Tappahannock.

## Gloucester

### Beaverdam Park

8687 Roaring Springs Rd. Gloucester 693-2107  
Freshwater lake. Canoes, kayaks, paddle boats, and Jon boats with or without electric motors are for rent. Launch your own for a fee.

### Bray's Point Landing

End of Rt. 636, Brays Point Rd. Car top boats only.

### Cappahosic Landing

At the end of Rt. 618. Turn from Rt. 614 near Sassafra.

### Deep Point Landing

At the end of Rt. 606. Turn from Rt. 198 at Harcum.

### Gloucester Point Landing

Near north end of York River bridge, off Rt. 17.

### John's Point Landing

At the end of Johns Point Rd. Small boat landing and canoe/kayak launch.

### Miller's Landing

End of Millers Landing Rd. Car top boats only.

### Oliver's Landing

End of Cedar Bush Road.

### Payne's Landing

End of Paynes Landing Rd. Car top boats only.

### Tanyard Landing

At the end of Rt. 617. From Rt. 17 at Woods Crossroads, take Rt. 610 south, then Rt. 617 right.

### Warehouse Landing

At the end of Rt. 621. From Rt. 17, turn near Gloucester Courthouse.

## William's Landing

At the end of Crewe Rd. Dirt ramp.

## King and Queen

### Waterfence Landing

At the end of Rt. 611. Turn off Rt. 14 at Shanghai.

## King William

### West Point Landing

Turn off Rt. 33 near west end of Mattaponi River bridge.

### Melrose Landing

At the end of Rt. 602 in Little Plymouth on the Mattaponi River.

### White's Landing

At the end of Rt. 672 on the Pamunkey River.

## Lancaster

### Belle Isle State Park

From River Rd. (Rt. 354) turn on Belle Isle State Road (Rt. 683). Fee \$3.

### Chesapeake Boat Basin

1686 Waverly Ave., Kilmarnock

### Greenvale Creek Landing

From River Rd. (Rt. 354) near Mollusk, turn on to Thomas Landing Rd. to end.

### Kayak ramp

On the right, at end of Windmill Point Rd., White Stone.

### Windmill Point

At east side of boat basin at Windmill Point Marina. 294 Windjammer Lane in White Stone. Parking.

### Yankee Point Marina

1303 Oak Hill Rd., Lancaster. Launch ramp for trailered vessels with floating dock approach with honor box (\$5 in and out fee).

## Mathews

### Milford Haven Landing

From Rt. 198, take Rt. 223 across Gwynn's Island Bridge, take first right into parking lot.

### Town Point Landing

At the end of Rt. 615. From Rt. 198 south of Mathews Courthouse, turn right onto Rt. 615.

### White's Creek Landing

White's Creek Lane (Rt. 682, off Haven Beach Rd. (Rt. 643). Leads to Bay and Stutts Creek.

### Kayak/Canoe Only Launch Sites

- Aaron's Beach at 1314 Aaron's Beach Rd.
- Auburn Wharf Landing near Northview Ln.
- Bethel Beach Natural Area Preserve at Bethel Beach Rd.
- Davis Creek Landing near Davis Creek Rd.
- Doctor's Creek Landing at Doctor's Creek Rd.
- East River Boat Yard (boat ramp) at Mill Lane Rd.
- Haven (Festival) Beach at Haven Beach Rd.
- Horn Harbor Landing at Captain Genes Rd.
- Milford Landing at Edwards Landing Rd.
- New Point Comfort Observation Walkway at Lighthouse Rd.
- Old Mill Landing, on 282 Old Mill Landing Rd.
- Piankatank River Landing at Hallieford Bay at Godfrey Beach Rd.
- Put-In-Creek Landing at Brickbat Rd. Handicapped access.
- Roane Point Landing at 1401 Roane Point Dr.
- Roses Creek Landing at Old Matthews Ln.
- Warehouse Cove Landing at 1198 Chapel Lane (State Route 631)
- Williams Wharf Landing at 1039 Williams Wharf Rd.
- Winter Harbor Landing at 2959 Potato Neck Rd.

## Middlesex

### Mill Stone Landing

At the end of Rt. 608, Water View. Turn off Rt. 17 onto Rt. 640, then left on Rt. 608.

### Oakes/Saluda Landing

At the end of Rt. 618. Turn at stoplight in Saluda.

### Upper Mill Creek Landing

Currently closed. Dock still accessible. At the end of Rt. 626. Near Hartfield, take Rt. 627, then left on Rt. 626.

### Urbanna Creek

In Urbanna at the end of Virginia St. in municipal marina (fee for out-of-town users).

## Northumberland

### Cooper's Landing

From Northumberland Hwy (Rt. 360) turn south at Horsehead onto Cooper's Landing Rd. (Rt. 707) to end.

### Cranes Creek

Turn from Jessie Ball duPont Memorial Hwy. (Rt. 200) at Wicomico

Church onto Sandy Point Rd. (Rt. 666).

### Forest Landing

From Northumberland Hwy. (Rt. 360) north of Heathsville, turn on Coan Stage Rd. (Rt. 612).

### Great Wicomico Canoe & Kayak Launch

On the southern shore of the Great Wicomico River just off Jessie Ball duPont Mem. Hwy. (Rt. 200) next to the public fishing pier. Open sunrise to sunset. Parking.

### Lodge Landing

From Northumberland Hwy. (Rt. 360) in Callao, turn right on Harry Hogan Rd. (Rt. 712). Go to end.

### Rowes Landing

From Northumberland Hwy. (Rt. 360) near Heathsville, turn on Rowe's Landing Rd. (Rt. 601) to the end.

### Shell Landing

Turn from Northumberland Hwy. (Rt. 360) in Reedville onto Fleeton Rd. (Rt. 657).

## Richmond

### Carter's Wharf

Rt. 625 & Carter's Wharf Rd.

### Farnham Creek Canoe Landing

Rt. 608 on Farnham Creek Rd.

### Jones Creek Road Hand Launch

Newland Rd. and Jones Creek Rd.

### Simonson Landing

Simonson Rd. & Indian Banks Rd. At the end of Rt. 606. Turn from Rt. 3 onto Rt. 608, then to Rt. 606.

### Totuskey Creek Landing

Rt. 3 south of Warsaw & Wood-

yard Rd.

## Westmoreland

### Bonums Landing

At the end of Rt. 763. Turn from Rt. 202 north of Callao.

### Branson Cove

At the end of Rt. 612. Turn from Rt. 202 towards Coles Point.

### Chandlers Millpond

Off Route 3, one mile west of Montross. Public fishing allowed for "catch-and-release" only. Six-foot water depth. Electric motors only. Boat ramp and courtesy pier. Access permits required.

### Coles Point Plantation

Off of Rt. 728, Coles Point.

### Colonial Beach Landing

At the end of Rt. 633. Turn from Rt. 205 between Oak Grove and Colonial Beach.

### Currioman Dock

At the end of Rt. 622. Turn from Rt. 3 in Montross.

### Gardy's Millpond

On the Westmoreland/Northumberland county line. On Rt. 617, off Rt. 202, three miles northwest of Callao. Average water depth of four feet. Open to public fishing with an access permit.

### James Monroe Birthplace

4460 James Monroe Hwy, Colonial Beach Follow marked trail to narrow pier on the grounds of James Monroe's Birthplace that leads to canoe/kayak launch on Monroe Creek.

### Westmoreland State Park

Enter from Rt. 3.

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**"True Love" - The Hope and Glory Inn's Vessel**  
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Irvington 438-6053  
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**On the Water Custom Power Charters**  
480 King Carter Dr.  
Irvington 436-3898  
Captain Gene shows the sights, sounds and wonders of the Rappahannock River and beyond.

**Rappahannock River Charters**  
347 Carter's Cove Dr.  
Weems 761-2974  
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**Rappahannock Roundstern**  
531 North Church Ln.  
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Glenn Andres Cropp, 4, covered with sand at Vir-Mar Beach on Memorial Day weekend. Photo by Darlene Cropp

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**Reedville & Fleeton Historical Boat Tours**  
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**Sail & Surf Adventures**  
Weems 361-9945  
Sunset cruises, brunch and moonlight sailing charters available on a 36' classic sailboat. Accommodates up to 4 guests.

**Tangier Island Cruise**  
468 Buzzard Point Rd.  
Reedville 453-2628  
Departs from Buzzard's Point Marina.

**Tip-Sea Charters**  
531 North Church Ln.

**Tappahannock 761-0975**  
Based out of June Parker Marina in Tappahannock and Windmill Point Marina in Windmill Point, specializing in wine tasting, fishing, and historical trips.

**Williamsburg Charter Sails**  
GloucesterPoint 757-876-8654  
Six types of customizable cruises. Private, family, and group cruises; arrangements possible for those with disabilities. Lessons available.

**Urbanna Cruises**  
Urbanna 366-1778  
Cruise local creeks and rivers aboard a chartered pontoon boat. Now serving The Tides Inn, Merroir Restaurant, Urbanna Seafood Market and Urbanna marinas.

**Yorktown Sailing Charters**  
Yorktown 757-639-1233  
A 65' schooner offers two-hour cruises; day-time, sunset, and "Pirate Adventure" options. Private charters, group reservations and "locals" specials.

## Boat Rentals

**Belle Isle State Park**  
1632 Belle Isle Rd.  
Lancaster 462-5030  
Kayak, canoe and small boat rentals.

**Ingram Bay Marina**  
545 Harvey's Neck Rd.  
Heathsville 580-7292  
Rent or bring your own and explore miles of shoreline or join a group tour to remote locations around the rivers and bay.

**Norton's Pontoon Rentals**  
97 Marina Dr.  
Deltaville 776-9211  
Daily and weekly pontoon rentals.

**Recreational Rental**  
1617 Geo. Wash. Mem. Hwy.  
Gloucester Point 642-1888  
Boat and kayak rentals are available from Mar. 1 to Oct. 31. Anchor, life jacket, cooler, paddle, and navigation lights and fishing license included.

**Yankee Point Marina**  
1303 Oak Hill Rd.  
Lancaster 462-7635  
Boat, paddle board, sunfish sailboat rentals.

## Breweries & Tastings

**Callao Brewing Company**  
129 Northumberland Hwy.  
Callao 529-1042  
Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. 12-11 p.m. & Sun. 2-7 p.m.

**Colonial Beach Brewing**  
215 C Washington Ave.  
Colonial Beach 540-226-2114  
Sat. noon-10 p.m.

**Ditchley Cider Works**  
1571 Ditchley Rd.  
Kilmarnock 435-3851  
Unique hard ciders and charcuterie in a historic venue on the Chesapeake Bay.

**Dragon Run Brewing**  
1401 Centerville Rd.  
Shacklefords 832-5285  
Sandwiches, pretzels, fries, nachos. Thurs. & Fri. 4-8 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 1-8 p.m.

**Gloucester Brewing Company**  
6778 Main St.  
Gloucester 210-1407  
Outdoor seating and limited indoor seating available. Closed Tues. and Wed.

**Ice House Brewery**  
119 Monroe Bay Ave.  
Colonial Beach 410-2016  
Closed Tues. Brews and bites by the water.

**Larry's Hard Lemonade Brewing Company**  
524 Water St.  
Yorktown 757-886-5890  
Hard lemonade and slushies. Restaurant.

**Maltese Brewing Company 2**  
1685 Tappahannock Blvd.  
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**NNK Brewing Co.**  
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Montross 729-9991  
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**Old Rapp Tap House**  
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Warsaw 250-2021  
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**That Damn Mary Brewing Company**  
5036-B Geo. Wash. Mem. Hwy.  
Hayes 210-1383  
Closed Mon. and Tues.

## Canoe/Kayak/Paddle Board Rentals

**Bay Breeze Kayak Rentals**  
**Colonial Beach Yacht Center**  
1787 Castlewood Dr.  
Colonial Beach 224-7230  
On the Potomac River.

**Beaverdam Park**  
8687 Roaring Springs Rd.  
Gloucester 693-2107  
Canoes, kayaks, paddleboats and Jon boats available for rent. Due to parking lot construction, equipment rentals are not available at this time.

**Belle Isle State Park**  
1632 Belle Isle Rd.  
Lancaster 462-5030

**Chesapeake Bay Camp-Resort**  
382 Campground Rd.  
Reedville 453-3430  
Half-mile to Chesapeake Bay.

**Ingram Bay Marina**  
545 Harvey's Neck Rd.  
Heathsville 580-7292  
Rent or bring your own and explore miles of shoreline or join a group tour to remote locations around the rivers and bay.

**Jackson Creek Outfitters**  
274 Buck's View Ln.  
Deltaville 776-9812  
Seasonal paddleboard and kayak rental business. June-September.

**Mobjack Kayaking**  
265 Dutchmans Rd.

**Port Haywood 757-645-6251**  
Kayak tours, rentals, lessons (ACA certified instructor & trip leader); BCU 3-Star certified paddler.

**Paddle On**  
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White Stone  
836 Horn Harbor Rd.  
Burgess  
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**Patriot Tours**  
321 Water St.  
Yorktown 757-969-5400  
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**Rappahannock Outdoor Adventures**  
165 Main St.  
Warsaw 333-1776  
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**Recreational Rental**  
1617 Geo. Wash. Mem. Hwy.  
Gloucester Point 642-1888  
Boat and kayak rentals are available from Mar. 1 to Oct. 31. Anchor, life jacket, cooler, paddle, and navigation lights and fishing license included.

**Urbanna Town Marina**  
210 Oyster Rd.  
Urbanna  
Kayak and paddle board rental kiosk available.

**Westmoreland State Park**  
145 Cliff Rd.  
Montross 493-8821  
Group kayak trips, paddle boats and paddle boards.

**Yankee Point Marina**  
1303 Oak Hill Rd.  
Lancaster 462-7635  
Boat, paddle board, sunfish sailboat rentals.

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**Bay 26**  
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**Dragon Hills**  
213 Runners Ln.  
Heathsville 580-1554  
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**Deadrise Disc Golf**  
480 Old St. Johns Way  
Irvington  
18-hole disc golf course. Open daily dawn 'til dusk. Free.

**Lake Marshall Disc Golf**  
3409 Neenah Rd.  
Montross 761-9427  
Three courses on site for beginner level play to the challenging. To play, contact lakemarshall-dg@gmail.com, garyhutt51@me.com or call.

## Farmers Markets

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### Heathsville Farmers Market

73 Monument Place  
Heathsville 580-3377  
Third Sat. of the month Apr.–Oct., 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Behind Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern.

### Holly Point Market

287 Jackson Creek Rd.  
Deltaville 776-6950  
Fourth Sat. of the month May–Nov., 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Holly Point Nature Park at the Deltaville Maritime Museum.

### Irvington Farmers Market

Irvington Commons  
Irvington 480-0697  
First Sat. of the month from May–Nov., 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

### Mathews Farmers Market

10494 Buckley Hall Rd.  
Mathews 725-5747  
Every Sat., 9 a.m.–1 p.m. through Oct. at Mathews historic courthouse green.

### Tappahannock Farmers Market

Prince St. and Cross St.  
Tappahannock 445-2067  
Third week each month Apr.–Nov., 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

### Urbanna Farmers Market

Taber Park at Rappahannock Ave. and Bonner St.  
Urbanna 725-8506  
Starting May, each second Saturday of the month through September, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

### Warsaw Community Market

179 Main Street  
Warsaw  
Every Saturday through October, 8 a.m.–1 p.m.

### Yorktown Market Days

Yorktown Waterfront  
Yorktown 757-890-3500  
Themed markets every Sat. 8 a.m.–noon through the end of October at the Yorktown waterfront between Buckner and Ballard streets. Trolley rides free.

### Piankatank River Golf Club

6198 Stormont Rd.  
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### Quinton Oaks

262 Quinton Oaks Ln.  
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### The Golden Eagle

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### Sail & Surf Adventures

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### Libraries

**The Central Rappahannock Regional Library Abraham and William I. Cooper Memorial Branch**  
18 Washington Ave.  
Colonial Beach 224-0921

**The Central Rappahannock Regional Library Montross Branch**  
56 Polk St.  
Montross 472-3820

**The Central Rappahannock Regional Library Blake T. Newton Memorial**  
22 Coles Point Rd.  
Hague 472-3820

**Essex Public Library**  
117 N. Church Ln.  
Tappahannock 443-4945

**Gloucester County Library**  
6920 Main St.  
Gloucester 693-2998

**Gloucester Point Branch Library**  
2354 York River Crossing Dr.  
Hayes 642-9790

### Lancaster Community Library

16 Town Centre Dr.  
Kilmarnock 435-1729  
**Mathews Memorial Library**  
251 Main St.  
Mathews 725-5747

### Middlesex Public Library Urbanna Branch

150 Grace St.  
Urbanna 758-5717

### Middlesex Public Library Deltaville Branch

35 Lovers Ln.  
Deltaville 776-7362

### Northumberland Public Library

7204 Northumberland Hwy.  
Heathsville 580-5051

### Richmond County Public Library

52 Campus Dr.  
Warsaw 333-3025

### Movies

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100 Entertainment Dr.  
Irvington 884-4FUN  
Six screens, reclining seats, reserve seats online or at kiosk in lobby.

**YRC Cinemas**  
2226 York Crossing Dr.  
Hayes 642-5873

### Pick Your Own

**Belmont Pumpkin Farm**  
155 Belmont Ln.  
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Weekends in the fall. Hayrides, pumpkins, food, activities.

**Bentwaters Farm**  
1083 Circle Dr.  
Mathews 725-5839  
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**Eastfields Farms**  
85 Preston Point Rd.  
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**Garner's Produce**  
22645 Kings Hwy.  
Warsaw 493-3013  
Pick your own strawberries, call ahead.

### Under the Stars Farm

11532 Harcum Rd.  
Gloucester 413-9131  
Lavender

### Putt Putt

**Bethpage Miniature Golf and Ice Creamery**  
4817 Old Virginia St.  
Urbanna 758-GOLF (4653)  
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### COMPASS Entertainment Complex

100 Entertainment Dr.  
Irvington 884-4FUN  
18 hole coastal course with a trick shot finale. Lighting for night play and handicap accessible.

### Racing

**Bill Sawyer's Virginia Motor Speedway**  
4426 Tidewater Tr.  
Jamaica 758-1867  
Dirt track racing select Sat. nights through Oct.

**Colonial Beach Dragway**  
2035 James Monroe Hwy.  
Colonial Beach 224-7455  
1/8th mile asphalt drag track.

**Custom T's Motorsports Park**  
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Colonial Beach 202-213-3528

**Dragon Motor Sports**  
1790 Howerton Rd.  
Dunnsville 443-1903  
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### Rivah Trails

**African-American Heritage Trail**  
6539 Main St.

### Gloucester 693-1234

A self-guided driving tour of selected African-American historic sites. Visit or contact the Gloucester Tourism office or the Gloucester Visitor's Center for information and a map.

### Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail

410-260-2470  
Experience and learn about the Chesapeake Bay through the routes and places associated with Smith's explorations. There are many points of interest found in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula.

### Chesapeake Bay Wine Trail

Visit wineries in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula. Sample itineraries and a map are available. Contact any of the wineries listed under Wine Tastings for more information.

### Gloucester Blueways Trail

Gloucester 693-0014  
A system of five separate water trails spanning Gloucester County. The 40 miles of trails are particularly suited for small hand-powered craft such as canoes and kayaks.

### Mathews Blueways Water Trail

Mathews 725-4BAY  
An interconnected system of five separate water trails spanning the waters of Mathews County and totaling over ninety miles of cruising.

### Northern Neck Artisan Trail

The Artisan Trail Network includes individual artisans and their studios, historic sites, galleries, restaurants, farms and more in the Northern Neck that welcome visitors. An online map assists visitors in creating

their own self-guided tours.

### Northern Neck Heritage Trail

**Bicycling Route**  
18 North Irving Ave.  
Colonial Beach 333-1919  
Four relatively easy bicycle trails throughout the Northern Neck.

### Northern Neck Hidden History Trail

The trail seeks to expand historical narratives through presentations that will reveal the significant contributions of people of color and collaborative efforts. These stories will be reported from African-Americans, Native Americans, and European Americans. Map out and create your tour online.

### River to Bay Artisan Trail

This new and developing Middle Peninsula trail is part of the Artisan Trail Network. Individual artisans and their studios, historic sites, galleries, restaurants, farms and more welcome visitors. An online map assists visitors in creating their own self-guided tours. artisantrail-network.org.

### Tri Way Trail

Currently 1.7 miles of the trail are open connecting Harris Road in Kilmarnock with Compass Entertainment Center. The eventual +9 mile multi-use path will link the Northern Neck towns of Kilmarnock, Irvington and White Stone.

### Trolling for Treasures Shopping Trail

Includes antique, consignment and thrift shops in Northumberland County.

### The Virginia Oyster Trail

Virginia's oysters are featured

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Deltaville

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#### Tappahannock Tides

833 High School Cir.  
Tappahannock

Adult competitive baseball held at Essex High School.

### Skating

#### Stan's Skateland

17408 Kings Hwy.  
Montross

493-9890

Open Fridays and Saturdays.

### Theaters

#### Colonial Beach Playhouse

717 Marshall Ave.

#### Colonial Beach

214-0517

Affiliated with the Colonial Beach Performing Arts Association. Performances held at the Colonial Beach Community Center.

#### Court House Players

Mathews 725-0474

Community theater serving Gloucester, Mathews and Middlesex counties.

#### Lancaster Players

361 Chesapeake Dr.

White Stone 435-3776

Volunteer-run, non-profit organization dedicated to providing community theater with local talent.

#### Virginia's Li'l Ole Opry

9889 Buckley Hall Rd.

Mathews 725-7760

Formerly Donk's Theater. Live country music in a family atmosphere. Held in the Harry M. Ward auditorium at Mathews High School.

#### Westmoreland Players

16217 Richmond Rd.

Callao 529-9345

Non-profit, amateur theater group formed in 1979.

### Trolley Rides

#### Colonial Beach Trolley

Colonial Beach 224-0175

Makes 20 stops around the town of Colonial Beach. Every Sat. and Sun. Memorial Day to Labor Day. On holiday weekends it runs Mon. as well.

#### The Pearl Trolley

Urbanna 758-2613

The Pearl runs Memorial Day through Labor Day in and around Urbanna in Middlesex County. Fridays and Saturdays. Free. Donations accepted.

#### Warsaw Express

Memorial Day weekend through the end of summer. Bus service for the Town of Warsaw. Every Friday and Saturday.

#### Yorktown Trolley

Travels the village of Yorktown from the Yorktown Battlefield to the Yorktown Victory Center, including Riverwalk Landing. Free. March 22–May 23 (Daily), 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; May 24–September 2 (Daily), 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; September 3–November 17 (Daily), 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; November 22–December 22 (Fri, Sat, Sun. only), 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Wineries & Tastings

#### Caret Cellars

495 Meadow Landing Ln.

Caret 540-413-6454

Noon to 6 p.m., Thur.–Mon.

#### Dog & Oyster

##### Micro-Vineyard

65 Tavern Rd.

Irvington 438-6053

Wine and oysters, Saturdays & Sundays noon–6 p.m.

#### General's Ridge Vineyard

1618 Weldons Dr.

Hague 223-2478

Tasting room, appetizers. Thurs. noon–5 p.m.; Fri. and Sat. noon–6 p.m.; Sun. noon–5 p.m.

#### Good Luck Cellars

1025 Goodluck Rd.

Kilmarnock 435-1416

Open Mon. 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Thurs. 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri. 11 a.m.–8 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.–6 p.m. and Sun. noon–5 p.m.

#### Hague Winery

8268 Cople Hwy.

Hague 472-5283

Tasting room is located on Historic Buena Vista Plantation, circa 1835, in a former barn that overlooks the home, outbuildings, vineyards and farmland.

#### Ingleside Vineyards and Winery

5872 Leedstown Rd.

Oak Grove 224-8687

Self-guided tasting flights, tours, outdoor courtyard, museum and gift shop.

#### Jacey Vineyards

619 Train Ln.

Wicomico Church 580-4053

Wine tasting on Sat.

#### Mattaponi Reserve

1581 Mattaponi Reservation Cir.

West Point 759-8763

All-natural wines and specialty foods overlooking the Mattaponi River. Tasting room: noon–6:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 1–6 p.m. Sundays.

#### Monroe Bay Winery

4786 James Monroe Hwy.

Colonial Beach 410-5628

A small farm winery and cidery.

#### Rivah Vineyards at the Grove

671 Kinsale Bridge Rd.

Kinsale 599-8552

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#### Specials Wine Seller

52 S. Main St.

Kilmarnock 436-9463

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#### Triple V Farms/Cam Spirits

3138 Jessie duPont Mem. Hwy.

Heathsville 724-5765

Vines, vodka, and vinegar.

#### Vine

77 King Carter Dr.

Irvington 577-0773

Wine, beer, provisions, restaurant.

#### Wind Vineyards at Laurel Grove

5178 Richmond-Tapp. Hwy.

Tappahannock 238-5544

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#### Zoll Vineyards

10399 Vineyard Rd.

Dutton 857-498-1665

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**Rivah** (ˈriv-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.

## **We asked. You voted.**

Once again, our readers let us know what makes the Rivah special in our 9th annual Best of the Rivah Contest! From wineries to oysters, chicken to bait, art to ice cream and much, much more . . . you have chosen our area's favorites.

*Thank you for helping us salute this one-of-a-kind area  
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## **Congratulations to the winners!**

**Check the following pages to find**

**THE BEST  
OF THE RIVAH**

*The Rivah: More than a place . . . it's an attitude!*



SEAFOOD

Soft Crab

- 1<sup>ST</sup>:** **Virginia Street Cafe**  
Urbanna
- 2<sup>ND</sup>:** **Horn Harbor Restaurant**  
Burgess
- 3<sup>RD</sup>:** **LeadBelly's Restaurant**  
Fairport

Fried Oysters

- 1<sup>ST</sup>:** **Reedville Market**  
Reedville
- 2<sup>ND</sup>:** **Hole in the Wall Waterfront Grill**  
Gwynn's Island
- 3<sup>RD</sup>:** **Crazy Crab**  
Reedville

Crabcake

- 1<sup>ST</sup>:** **Hole in the Wall Waterfront Grill**  
Gwynn's Island
- 2<sup>ND</sup>:** **Reedville Market**  
Reedville
- 3<sup>RD</sup>:** **Crazy Crab**  
Reedville

Fresh Seafood Market

- 1<sup>ST</sup>:** **(tie) Miss Mary Seafood**  
White Stone
- Little River Seafood & Gourmet Shoppe**  
Burgess, Warsaw
- 2<sup>ND</sup>:** **J&W Seafood**  
Deltaville
- 3<sup>RD</sup>:** **(tie) Urbanna Seafood Market and Raw Bar**  
Urbanna
- Kellum Farms**  
Irvington, Wicomico Church

Crab Soup

- 1<sup>ST</sup>:** **Crazy Crab**  
Reedville
- 2<sup>ND</sup>:** **(tie) Merroir**  
Topping
- LeadBelly's Restaurant**  
Fairport
- 3<sup>RD</sup>:** **Virginia Street Cafe**  
Urbanna

FOOD

Sweet Treat

- 1<sup>ST</sup>:** **Michelle's Sweet Treats**  
Warsaw
- 2<sup>ND</sup>:** **Chitterchats Ice Cream Parlor/ Chitterchats Second Scoop**  
Reedville, Kilmarnock
- 3<sup>RD</sup>:** **(tie) Country Cottage**  
White Stone
- Northern Neck Popcorn Bag**  
Kilmarnock, Warsaw, Gloucester

Fried Chicken

- 1<sup>ST</sup>:** **Tri Star**  
Kilmarnock
- 2<sup>ND</sup>:** **Little River Market**  
Burgess
- 3<sup>RD</sup>:** **Virginia Street Cafe**  
Urbanna

Burger

- 1<sup>ST</sup>:** **NN Burger**  
Tappahannock
- 2<sup>ND</sup>:** **Small Town Burger**  
Kilmarnock, Urbanna
- 3<sup>RD</sup>:** **Hole in the Wall Waterfront Grill**  
Gwynn's Island

Inland Restaurant

- 1<sup>ST</sup>:** **Prime Mediterranean**  
Topping
- 2<sup>ND</sup>:** **Lee's Restaurant**  
Kilmarnock
- 3<sup>RD</sup>:** **Something Different**  
Urbanna

Ice Cream

- 1<sup>ST</sup>:** **Chitterchats Ice Cream Parlor/ Chitterchats Second Scoop**  
Reedville, Kilmarnock
- 2<sup>ND</sup>:** **Acme Ice Cream Parlor**  
Tappahannock
- 3<sup>RD</sup>:** **Short Lane Ice Cream Co.**  
Gloucester

Breakfast/Brunch

- 1<sup>ST</sup>:** **Reedville Market**  
Reedville
- 2<sup>ND</sup>:** **(tie) Car Wash Cafe**  
Kilmarnock
- Java Jacks Cafe**  
Tappahannock
- 3<sup>RD</sup>:** **Egg-Spresso Cafe**  
Warsaw

Pizza

- 1<sup>ST</sup>:** **(tie) Sal's Italian Pizza**  
Kilmarnock
- DeltaPie Pizza & Specialty Market**  
Deltaville
- Bella Pizza & Italian Restaurant**  
Tappahannock
- 2<sup>ND</sup>:** **(tie) Dano's Pizza**  
Hartfield
- Nino's Pizza** (food truck)
- 3<sup>RD</sup>:** **(tie) The Office Bistro**  
Irvington
- Angelo's Restaurant**  
Montross

Waterfront Dining

- 1<sup>ST</sup>:** **Hole In The Wall Waterfront Grill**  
Gwynn's Island
- 2<sup>ND</sup>:** **Reedville Market**  
Reedville
- 3<sup>RD</sup>:** **Crazy Crab**  
Reedville

Fresh Produce Stand/Market

- 1<sup>ST</sup>:** **Garner's Produce**  
Westmoreland
- 2<sup>ND</sup>:** **Kellum Farms**  
Irvington, Wicomico Church
- 3<sup>RD</sup>:** **Ware Neck Produce**  
Gloucester

Food Truck

- 1<sup>ST</sup>:** **Two Salty River Chics Jus Catch'n Up**
- 2<sup>ND</sup>:** **Nino's Pizza**
- 3<sup>RD</sup>:** **Hibachi Mobile**

DRINKS

Winery

- 1<sup>ST</sup>:** **Good Luck Cellars**  
Kilmarnock
- 2<sup>ND</sup>:** **Wind Vineyards**  
Tappahannock
- 3<sup>RD</sup>:** **Triple V Farms**  
Wicomico Church

Coldest Beer

- 1<sup>ST</sup>:** **The Corner Bar and Grill**  
Lively
- 2<sup>ND</sup>:** **Hole in the Wall Waterfront Grill**  
Gwynn's Island
- 3<sup>RD</sup>:** **(tie) Backdraft**  
Kinsale
- Gloucester Brewing Company**  
Gloucester
- Old Rapp Taphouse**  
Warsaw

Cocktail

- 1<sup>ST</sup>:** **Prime Mediterranean**  
Topping
- 2<sup>ND</sup>:** **Reedville Market**  
Reedville
- 3<sup>RD</sup>:** **(tie) Something Different**  
Urbanna
- Old Rapp Taphouse**  
Warsaw

Brewery

- 1<sup>ST</sup>:** **Callao Brewing Company**  
Callao
- 2<sup>ND</sup>:** **Gloucester Brewing Company**  
Gloucester
- 3<sup>RD</sup>:** **Northern Neck Brewing Company**  
Montross





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RETAIL

Rivah Home Furniture/Accessories

- 1ST: W.F. Booth & Son
2ND: Salt & Sand
3RD: (tie) Irvington Home Goods
Colonial Collectibles

Rivah Attire

- 1ST: The Rivah
2ND: (tie) Colonial Collectibles
Sweet Tea Boutique
Boaters' Boutique at DYC
3RD: (tie) Norwood's
Weekends
Lilian's She Shed

Rivah Art

- 1ST: Objects
2ND: Crying Shame
3RD: RAL Art Center

Nautical Gift Shop

- 1ST: The Rivah
2ND: Nauti Nell's
3RD: Colonial Collectibles

Rivah-themed Jewelry

- 1ST: Burkes Fine Jewelers
2ND: The Rivah
3RD: Ross's Fine Jewelers

EXPERIENCES

Museum/Historical Site

- 1ST: Reedville Fishermen's Museum
2ND: Steamboat Era Museum
3RD: Deltaville Maritime Museum

Festival

- 1ST: Urbanna Oyster Festival
2ND: (tie) Arts in the Middle
Daffodil Festival
3RD: Mathews Market Days

Hike

- 1ST: Westmoreland State Park
2ND: (tie) Beaverdam Park
Belle Isle State Park
3RD: Hickory Hollow Natural Area Preserve

Place for a Date

- 1ST: COMPASS Entertainment Complex
2ND: Prime Mediterranean
3RD: 1710 Tavern

Local Band

- 1ST: Rip Tide
2ND: (tie) Stuck on a Name
Tom Euler Trio
3RD: (tie) HonkyTonk Heroes
Sweet Justice
Hard to Tell

Rivah Main Street

- 1ST: Kilmarnock, Main Street
2ND: Urbanna, Virginia Street
3RD: Reedville, Main Street

Beach

- 1ST: Hughlett Point
2ND: (tie) Gloucester Point Beach
Vir-Mar Beach
3RD: (tie) Colonial Beach
Yorktown Beach

Golf Course

- 1ST: Piankatank River Golf Club
2ND: Hobbs Hole Golf Course
3RD: Quinton Oaks Golf Course

Oyster Roast

- 1ST: Reedville Fishermen's Museum
2ND: Urbanna Oyster Festival
3RD: Fairfield's Volunteer Fire Department

Summer Camp

- 1ST: Camp Piankatank
2ND: Indian Creek Yacht & Country Club
3RD: Fountain Greene Farm Pony Camp

BUSINESS SERVICES

Charter Boat Captain

- 1ST: Billy Pipkin
2ND: Steve Bland
3RD: Puddin Glasco

Real Estate Company

- 1ST: Shore Realty
2ND: IsaBell K. Horsley Real Estate
3RD: (tie) Mason Realty
Middle Bay Realty
Bragg & Company Real Estate

Bait/Tackle

- 1ST: R.W.'s Sports
2ND: J&W Seafood/The Tackle Shop
3RD: Ingram Bay Marina

Place to get Pampered

- 1ST: The Glamper Salon
2ND: Feet Matters MediNail Spa
3RD: Estetista

HOSPITALITY

Marina

- 1ST: Perrindise Marina and Club
2ND: Ingram Bay Marina
3RD: (tie) Deltaville Yachting Center
Smith Point Marina

Hotel/B&B

- 1ST: Kilmarnock Inn
2ND: Tides Inn
3RD: (tie) Dockside Inn
Ma Margaret's Bed & Breakfast
Hope & Glory

Campground

- 1ST: (tie) Bush Park Camping Resort
Bethpage Camp-Resort
2ND: Greys Point Camp
3RD: (tie) Gwynn's Island Campground
Smith Point Campground



Thanks for voting in the 2024 Best of the Rivah Contest!

Contest results can also be viewed and shared at www.Rivahguide.com



# Rivah Lodging

stay

Unless noted, all rates are per night. Use area code (804) unless otherwise listed. Call the lodging place for more information.

This directory includes only lodgings that can be booked directly. Airbnbs or facilities that require third party booking are not listed.

## Essex

**Budget Inn**  
823 S. Church Ln.  
Tappahannock 443-3366  
Twenty-five rooms, free Wi-Fi.

**Days Inn by Wyndham**  
1414 Tappahannock Blvd.  
Tappahannock 443-9200  
Sixty rooms, refrigerator, microwave. Continental breakfast. Pet friendly.

**The Essex Inn Bed and Breakfast**  
203 Duke St.  
Tappahannock 443-9900  
An historic Greek Revival inn. Four rooms and four suites all with private baths, Wi-Fi, most with working fireplaces. Full breakfast.

**Holiday Inn Express and Suites**  
1648 Tappahannock Blvd.  
Tappahannock 445-1200  
Sixty-three rooms, pool, business center, fitness center, washer and dryer, free internet and breakfast. Pet friendly.

**Inn on Water Lane**  
533 S Water Ln.  
Tappahannock 443-2769  
Living area, kitchen, private suite bathroom, utility room, bedroom. internet connection, washer/dryer. Two night minimum.

**Southside Motel and Marina**  
920 S. Church Ln.  
Tappahannock 443-3363  
Thirty rooms, microwave, refrigerator, pool. Free boat slips available.

**Super 8 by Wyndham**  
1800 Tappahannock Blvd.  
Tappahannock 443-3888  
Forty-three rooms, internet, microwaves, refrigerators. King-sized rooms available.



The Hope and Glory Inn in Irvington has six guest rooms in its main house, six cottages and the Dog & Oyster Micro-Vineyard with an oyster bar.

**Temple in the Woods Bed and Breakfast**  
1585 Ullainee Rd.  
Caret 466-4105  
Satellite television, iron/ironing board, grills, picnic area, fireplace in lobby, free breakfast.

## Gloucester

**Gloucester Inn**  
1408 Geo. Wash. Mem. Hwy.  
Gloucester Point 642-3337  
Sixteen rooms with refrigerators and microwaves.

**Hampton Inn**  
6638 Forest Hill Ave.  
Gloucester 693-9393  
Close to the Historic District. Free hot breakfast, Wi-Fi, indoor pool, fitness center, meeting room, on-site guest laundry. Non-smoking rooms and pet-friendly rooms. Group discounts available.

**Holiday Inn Express**  
6639 Forest Hill Ave.  
Gloucester 695-1900  
Free hot breakfast, Wi-Fi, outdoor pool, fitness center, self-service laundry, guest rooms have refrigerators, microwaves and coffee makers. Smoke-free property.

**Inn at Warner Hall**  
4750 Warner Hall Rd.  
Gloucester (800) 695-9565  
A plantation created in 1642 by George Washington's great-great-grandfather, Augustine Warner. The inn is a 38-acre waterfront retreat. Fine dining Fri. and Sat. Rooms feature antiques and private baths. Some have views of the Severn River, a fireplace and jacuzzi.

**Tidewater Motel**  
3666 Geo. Wash. Mem. Hwy.  
Hayes 642-2155  
33 rooms, some with kitchenettes. Pool. Non-smoking rooms available.

## Historic Yorktown

**Hornsby House Inn Bed and Breakfast**  
702 Main St.  
Yorktown 757-369-0200  
Located in the heart of historic Yorktown. Features five bedrooms with private baths.

**Marl Inn Bed & Breakfast**  
220 Church St.  
Yorktown 301-807-0386  
A private home bed and breakfast built in 1978 with a colonial architectural style. Breakfast available (\$) and suites feature private entrances and baths, TV and Wi-Fi.

**York River Inn Bed & Breakfast**  
209 Ambler St.  
Yorktown 757-887-8800  
Located on a bluff overlooking the York River, three guest rooms with private full baths, TV and Wi-Fi. Breakfast included.

**Yorktown Beach Motel**  
508 Water St.  
Yorktown 757-898-3232  
A quaint family run hotel overlooking the York River. Pool, restaurant, Wi-Fi.

## Lancaster

**Back Inn Time**  
445 Irvington Rd.  
Kilmarnock 435-2318  
B&B featuring four rooms with private baths, Wi-Fi, breakfast, afternoon tea. Walk to downtown Kilmarnock.

**Belle Isle House and Guest House**  
1632 Belle Isle Rd.  
Lancaster 462-5030  
Fully furnished waterfront homes at Belle Isle State Park. Mansion is a colonial reproduction, has whirlpool tub and accommodates six. Cabin-style guest house accommodates eight. Located on a cove on Deep Creek. No smoking or pets allowed.

**Flowering Fields Bed and Breakfast**  
232 Flowering Field Rd.  
White Stone 435-6238  
Full breakfast, refreshments and desserts. Golf packages and fishing charters arranged. King, queen and twin rooms, all with private baths. Bird-watching area, pier, Wi-Fi. Located on Dyer Creek.

**Hope and Glory Inn**  
65 Tavern Rd.  
Irvington 438-6053  
Boutique hotel fashioned from an historic schoolhouse. Six rooms with private bathrooms available at the Inn, and six cottages each with private patios. Restaurant on premises. One pet-friendly cottage. Swimming pool, micro-vineyard and cruising aboard a private boat. Breakfast included. Walk to shops, complimentary bicycles.

**Kilmarnock Best Western**  
599 North Main St.  
Kilmarnock 436-1500  
Sixty-seven rooms, Wi-Fi, extended stay rooms, handicap rooms, meeting room, business center and outdoor pool. Fitness center, laundry facility. Free hot breakfast.

**Kilmarnock Inn**  
34 East Church St.  
Kilmarnock 435-0034  
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**Tides Inn**  
480 King Carter Dr.  
Irvington 438-5000  
Luxury hotel located on Carters Creek. Pool, private beach, tennis, sailing, biking, summer children's program, spa, golf, meeting spaces, multiple restaurants, water activities. Select rooms pet-friendly.

**Whispering Pines Motel**  
226 Methodist Church Rd.  
White Stone 435-1101  
Twenty-five guest rooms, two suites; in-room coffee, micro-fridge, Wi-Fi, pet friendly, jacuzzi, non-smoking.

## Mathews

**Foster's Bethel Beach Inn**  
1751 Bethel Beach Rd.  
Onemo 505-1376  
A traditional B&B in a 170 year old restored farmhouse on 12 acres with dock views of Winter Harbor, just a mile from Bethel Beach, features a full breakfast. The inn also offer campfires,

hot tub, bikes and kayaks free of charge.

**The Inn at Tabbs Creek**  
384 Turpin Ln.  
Port Haywood 725-5136  
A waterfront retreat situated on a secluded creek. Over 800 ft. of waterfront and 8 acres of wooded and open space. The main inn is an 1820s renovated farmhouse with separate cottages housing the suites just across the garden and pool.

## Middlesex

**The Chesapeake Inn**  
250 Old Virginia St.  
Urbanna 758-1111  
Boutique inn with twelve updated and decorated rooms, including a luxury suite and handicap accessible room. Pet friendly. Kayaks, surreys, bikes & trikes are free for our guests.

**Deltaville Dockside Inn**  
70 Dockside Dr.  
Deltaville 776-1021  
Kids stay free, internet, pet friendly, king, queen and double

queen bedrooms.

**Ivy Cottage**  
323 Twiggs Ferry Rd.  
Hartfield 757-472-7211  
Guest cottage for two on the Piankatank River. Features full kitchen, living room, bedroom with adjoining bath and a year-round porch. Non-smoking. Amenities include Wi-Fi, pier with complimentary mooring, complimentary breakfast foods, coffee and teas.

**Kathleen's Cottage**  
323 Twiggs Ferry Rd.  
Hartfield 757-472-7211  
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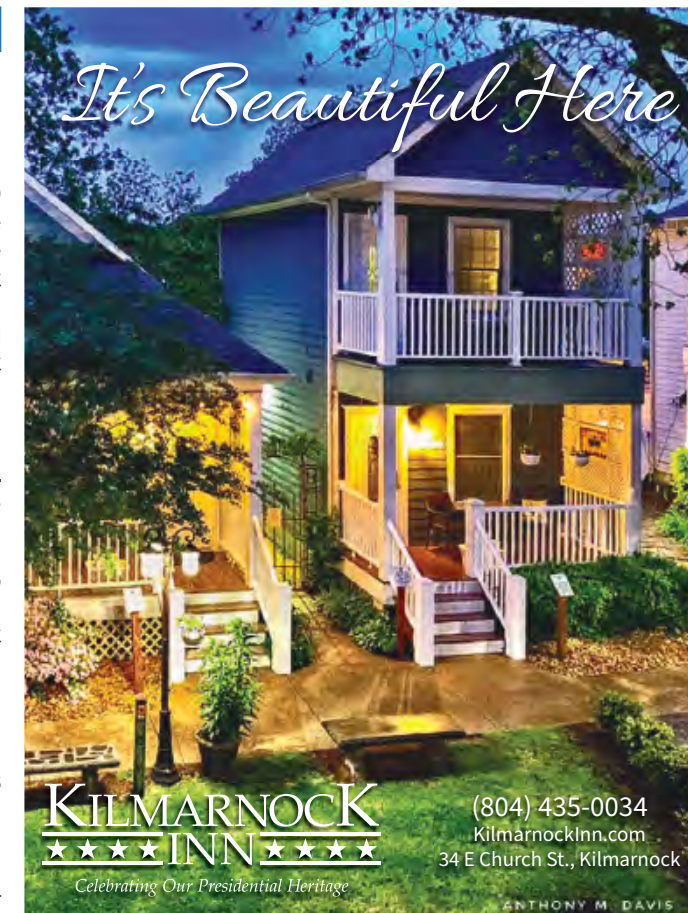
**Pilot House Inn**  
2737 Greys Point Rd.  
Topping 758-2262  
24 rooms, Wi-Fi, dining room, conference room, and airport adjacent to inn.

**Southern Sighs Bed and Breakfast**  
35 Wares Bridge Rd.  
Church View 758-2639  
A 1913 renovated farmhouse featuring the Russian Romance Room, the Sunrise/Sunset Room, the Greenbrier Room, the Cosmopolitan Room, and the Nautical Room. Breakfast and afternoon hospitality.

**Tiny Blue Houses**  
Deltaville 307-8151  
Tennie House has 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom, full kitchen and private deck. Pet friendly. Teenie Weenie Luxury Studio Guesthouse has one bedroom, one bathroom, full kitchen, pet friendly.

**Wilton Plantation House**  
1425 Twiggs Ferry Rd.  
Hartfield 824-3038  
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## Lodging



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# Lodging

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## Northumberland

### Bay Motel

18754 Northumberland Hwy.  
Reedville 220-2027  
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### Cabins at Ingram Bay Marina

545 Harvey's Neck Rd.  
Heathsville 580-7292  
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### Ma' Margaret's House Bed & Breakfast

249 Greenfield Rd.  
Reedville 453-9110

A restored 1914 home. All rooms have private baths, personal thermostat, TV and Wi-Fi. Country breakfast and spa.

### Northumberland Nest Motel

436 Northumberland Hwy.  
Callao 529-6370  
Eleven rooms, kitchenettes, non-smoking, pet friendly.

## Richmond

### Quality Inn

4522 Richmond Rd.  
Warsaw 333-1700  
Free Wi-Fi and breakfast included with rooms. Outdoor pool and pet friendly.

## Westmoreland

### Bayside Boutique at Bayside Marina

11 Monroe Bay Ave.  
Colonial Beach 224-7570  
Three-bedroom, two bath cottage, a slip and trailer parking.

### Beachside Cottages at Coles Point Marina & Boatyard

307 Plantation Dr.  
Coles Point 472-4011  
Two two-bedroom cottages sleep 4-6; three three-bedroom cottages sleep 6-9. One five-bedroom cottage sleeps 10-12. The Rustic Cottage and Camping Cottage are also available. Nightly and weekly rentals. Beach and pool within walking distance, marina and restaurant.

### Colonial Beach Plaza Bed & Breakfast

21 Weems St.  
Colonial Beach 410-2895  
Five guest rooms, including a master suite with sitting room, in main house. Beach Carriage House sleeps four and includes an equipped kitchenette. Garden Cottage sleeps six and includes three bedrooms, one and a half baths, kitchen, washer/dryer. Seasonal heated outdoor pool. Full breakfast, afternoon refreshments, bicycles, Wi-Fi.

### The Cottage at Hague Winery

8268 Cople Hwy.  
Hague 472-5283  
Two-bedroom cottage with full kitchen, bathroom, living room with day bed. Sleeps 4-6. Wi-Fi.

### General's Ridge Vineyard

1618 Weldons Dr.  
Hague 223-2478  
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### Guest Houses at Stratford Hall

483 Great House Rd.  
Montross 493-8038  
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### The Inn at Montross

21 Polk St.  
Montross 493-8624  
18th century tavern bed & breakfast. Five guest rooms with private baths, queen beds & Wi-Fi. Full breakfast. Can accommodate meetings and special events, on site or catered.

### Nightingale Motel and Marina

101 Monroe Bay Ave.  
Colonial Beach 224-7956  
Five guest rooms, restaurant next door.

### River Edge Inn

30 Colonial Ave.  
Colonial Beach 410-2024  
Remodeled sixty-room hotel on the riverfront. Double, queen, king rooms available. Wi-Fi, mini-refrigerators, microwaves, swimming pool. Continental breakfast. Handicap accessible room.

### Riverview Inn

24 Hawthorn St.  
Colonial Beach 224-4200  
Circa 1950 motel just 1/2 block from the Colonial Beach Pier and beach. Completely renovated

guest rooms including doubles, queens, queen family rooms and queen business suites. Smoke free property. Wi-Fi, mini-refrigerators. Handicap accessible room.

### Tides Inn Bed and Breakfast

200 N. Irving Ave.  
Colonial Beach 214-9352  
Victorian inn one block from the Potomac River. Four suites with mini refrigerators. Additional one bedroom available. Private baths, TV and Wi-Fi. Full breakfast and afternoon social in the garden.

### Wakefield Motel

1513 Irving Ave.  
Colonial Beach 224-7311  
Motel includes king, queen or a full size bedroom with kitchenette. Wi-Fi, private pier.

### Washington and Lee Motel

17055 Kings Hwy.  
Montross 493-8093  
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# Rivah Camping

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All campgrounds provide full water, electric and sewage hookups unless noted and all phone numbers are in the (804) area code. Contact the camp for more information and for rates.

## Gloucester

**Camp Cardinal RV Resort**  
3149 Campground Rd.  
Hayes 642-4316  
On the Severn River. Fishing and crabbing piers, boat ramp. Over 200 sites for RV and tent camping, as well as cottages. Splash pad, water zone, jumping pillow, recreation center, playground, kayak and paddleboat rentals. Planned activities. Party packages and day passes available.

**Machicomoco State Park**  
3601 Timberneck Farm Rd.  
Hayes 642-2419  
On the York River. Features 13 campsites with electricity and water, 14 walk-in tent sites, and three primitive rental yurts that are ADA accessible. The park does not sell ice, food or drinks. About 6 miles of hiking and biking trails wind through the park.

**Thousand Trails Chesapeake Bay RV Resort**  
12014 Trails Ln.  
Gloucester 693-6924  
On the Piankatank River. 400 sites, rental cabins, boating ramp, camp store, restaurant, entertainment, mini golf, pool and planned activities.

## Lancaster

**Belle Isle State Park**  
1632 Belle Isle Rd.  
Lancaster (800) 933-Park  
Campsites (28), canoe/kayak campsites (4), rental cabins, mansion and guest house. Free boat launch for overnight guests. Trails, fishing pier, canoe and



New Point Comfort Lighthouse in Mathews County. Photo by Bob Waldrop

kayak rentals, camp store, education center, laundry facilities, bath house and restrooms. Hiking trails, bicycle rentals, picnic shelters, playground. Pet-friendly for an additional fee.

## Mathews

**Gwynn's Island RV Resort**  
551 Buck Chase Rd.  
Gwynn 725-5700  
125 sites, beach, portable boat launching, boat ramp nearby, recreation hall, camp store. Full season rentals only.

**New Point Comfort RV Resort**  
846 Sand Bank Rd.  
New Point 725-5120

300 sites, boating facilities, pool, playgrounds, recreation hall, planned entertainment. Sites on waterfront. Full season rentals only.

## Middlesex

**Bethpage Camp-Resort**  
679 Browns Ln.  
Urbanna 758-4349  
Water park, full hook up campsites, cottages, reception facility, pavilion, daily activities, theme weekends, entertainment, playgrounds, marina, boat ramp, storage, charter boat, pools, sandy beach, water trampoline, Bethpage Miniature Golf & Ice Creamery. Pets welcome.

**Bush Park Camp Resort**  
724 Bushy Park Rd.  
Wake 776-6750  
400 sites, year-round section, pool, recreation hall, laundry, scheduled activities, pier, boat ramp.

**Cross Rip Ltd.**  
Cross Rip Rd.  
Deltaville 776-9324  
Beach, boat basin, water and electric. Reservations requested.

**Grey's Point Camp**  
3601 Greys Point Rd.

**Topping** 758-2485  
Rappahannock River beach, splash pool and waterpark. Planned activities, theme weekends, train rides and music. Hundreds of full hookup campsites and super sites.

## Northumberland

**Buzzard Point Marina & Campground**  
468 Buzzard Point Rd.  
Reedville 453-3545  
Restroom and shower facilities, fuel dock and store. Campground sites and boat slips, picnic area. Tangier Island ferry service.

**Chesapeake Bay Camp-Resort**  
382 Campground Rd.  
Reedville 453-3430  
Located on the Little Wicomico River. RV and tent sites along with 4- and 6-person cabins. Picnic area, pool, playground and mini golf. Shower/laundry facilities, canoe/boat rentals, boat ramp. Pets welcome.

**Glebe Point Campground**  
1895 Jessie duPont Mem. Hwy.  
Burgess 436-4953  
Located on the Great Wicomico River. RV sites and dock slips.

**Little River Campground**  
925 Smith Point Rd.  
Reedville 514-1282  
Inland and waterfront sites on the Little Wicomico River. Each with water, sewer and electrical hookups.

## Richmond

**Naylor's Beach Campground**  
4011 Naylor's Beach Rd.  
Warsaw 333-3951  
Sites for tents and trailers (some with electric/water), beach, camp store, playground, boat ramp.

## Westmoreland

**Coles Point Campground at Coles Point Marina**  
307 Plantation Dr.  
Coles Point 472-4011  
Trailer sites. Restrooms, showers and laundry facilities. Pool, marina, restaurant, camp store and beach within walking distance.

**Harbor View RV Resort**  
15 Harbor View Circle  
Colonial Beach 224-8164  
Open April 2–December 1, 2023. 144 sites with full hookups. Outdoor pool, recreation center, boat slips, fishing, picnic area, horseshoes, playground and basketball.

**Leedstown Campground**  
2195 Leedstown Rd.  
Oak Grove 540-621-9807  
Open May 1–Nov. 1. 20 RV sites. 10 tent sites. Waterfront camping, fishing pier, boat launch, gas dock, camp store and arcade.

**Monroe Bay Campground**  
1412 Monroe Bay Circle  
Colonial Beach 224-7418  
302 sites, including 134 full hookup sites, 50 amp spots available. Playground, game room, campground store, propane on site, beach area and boat ramp.

**Westmoreland State Park**  
1650 State Park Rd.  
Montross 493-8821  
Camping (82 sites), group camping (3 sites), and 20 cabins. Pool and boat launch free for overnight guests. Camp store, laundry facilities and bathhouse.

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# 5 Things to Do

by Jackie Nunnery

Geographically, Warsaw is the center of it all in the Northern Neck. With easy access to major roadways, its location makes it ideal for day trips during your stay in Richmond County or elsewhere in The Neck. The town also boasts easy access to the natural beauty of the Rappahannock River and a growing Main Street community that exemplifies small-town America and encourages a slower pace and sense of community.

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## Stroll Down Main Street

Warsaw's historic Main Street is a charming mix of retail and restaurants. As a result of an ongoing revitalization, older buildings have been given a new life and stand beside newer structures with

a nod to the town's past. Take your time browsing the many shops offering products you will not find in any mall or grab some lunch or a sweet treat for a break at Warsaw Town Park.



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## Experience Menokin

A trip to Menokin, 4037 Menokin Road, is so much more than learning about the home of Francis Lightfoot Lee. Start with a tour of the 18th century home of a Founding Father, signer of The Declaration of Independence and member of the prominent Lee family of Virginia. Although the national landmark has been severely damaged over time, preservationists and historians are dedicated to re-creating the home through The Glass House Project.

Tour the grounds and learn of the people who have lived on the land for centuries. Explore hiking trails along old tobacco roads or rent a kayak to meander down Cat Point Creek for sightings of bald eagles and river otters or sounds of countless songbirds.



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## Shop the Warsaw Community Market

The Warsaw Community Market is held at the town park from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on second and fourth Saturdays, April through September. Choose from dozens of vendors selling fresh produce, flowers, prepared foods, arts and crafts.



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## Search The Enchanted Forest

You never know what or who you may find when you take a walk through The Enchanted Forest. The 11-acre wooded space features a collection of characters, animals and objects carved and painted onto the trees by Tom Rhodes. Kids will enjoy the mile-long scavenger hunt to find

nearly 100 of their favorites from books and movies, from Harry Potter to Shrek. The trailhead at The Bounds is easy to find and includes ample parking. If you have time, the Richmond County Museum is a short walk next door in the county's former jail built in 1872. The Forest and Bounds are open dawn to dusk.



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## Visit Warsaw Town Park

Picnic tables and a covered pavilion are a great place to unwind with the entire family. There's even a fenced in dog park. Special events like morning yoga or family movie night are regularly held. Make sure you get your picture taken in front of the town's LOVEwork installation or Warsaw mural before you leave. Restroom facilities and parking. Open dawn to dusk.



Find Your Fun



# Rivah Museums & Historic Sites

experience

Use the (804) area code unless otherwise listed.

## Essex

### Essex County Museum and Historical Society

218 Water Ln. Tappahannock 443-4690

Included is the Essex Gallery and the smaller Carl D. Silver Gallery, a gift shop, reference room, storage room, and handicap accessible restrooms.

Exhibits include Remarkable Women in Essex History, the Rappahannock Voyage - The Story of Essex and the River, and one on Pirates of the Rappahannock. The museum also houses a civil war diorama: "Ft. Lowry." Continuing exhibits include items from the American Revolution, Bacon's Rebellion, the Civil War and World War II.

The Max Silver Memorial Courtyard includes three outdoor exhibits highlighting the history of Tappahannock, African American riverboat pilot Bill Manning and Max Silver, for whom the Courtyard is named.

Open from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesdays, and Saturdays. Free.

## Gloucester

### Abingdon Episcopal Church

4645 G. Washington Mem. Hwy. Gloucester 693-3035  
A rare cruciform (Latin Cross) colonial church which was completed in 1755 and underwent major restoration in 1986.

### C.B. Rowe & Son General Store Museum

8850 Guinea Rd. Bena  
The museum is housed in a circa 1880 building that served in 1920 as a general store. It became a community gathering place and was the Bena post office from 1947-1977.

Programs are held on most 4th Fridays of the month at 6 p.m. that focus on authors, archaeology, and local history of Guinea. Check calendar on Facebook-Guinea Heritage Association or website Buck's Store Museum - Guinea Heritage Association.

"Buck's Store Museum" is operated by the Guinea Heritage Association and open most Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. when Buck's Famous BBQ is



The Essex County Museum and Historical Society in Tappahannock is open free of charge from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Tuesday and Saturday.

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### Gloucester Museum of History

6539 Main St. Gloucester 693-1234

Located on Main Street in a tavern built in 1770, the Gloucester Museum of History is home to archival documents, photographs and large antique agricultural tools, all helping to tell the history of Gloucester County that includes Virginia Indians, the American Revolution and the Civil War.

A permanent exhibit, Commerce meets Community: Gloucester's Country Stores, is on display.

Other exhibits include The Battle of the Hook, Celebration of African American History in Gloucester, The Old Country Store, The Good Old Days, The Hotel Botetourt, Gremer Doll Houses, Free School House, James D. Gardner, Fairfield, Civil War, Antique Survey Equipment and The Art of Carving.

Open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Closed holidays. Free admission.

### Historic Court Circle

6509 Main St. Gloucester

A grouping of early government buildings (Colonial Courthouse, Debtors' Prison, Clerk's Offices, and Jail) dating from 1766 to 1896 located in the heart of Gloucester's historic district. A self-guided tour brochure is available at the Visitor Center.

### Pocahontas Museum

7335 Lewis Ave. Gloucester 815-0988

The museum has information, artifacts and pictures relating to Native American Pocahontas, Captain John Smith and the Powhatan Indians. On display is a rock traditionally known as the one on which Capt. John Smith's head was placed when Pocahontas saved his life at Werowocomoco (Wicomico) in Gloucester County.

The museum is open by appointment.

### Rosewell

5113 Old Rosewell Ln. Gloucester 693-2585

Begun in 1725, Rosewell was home to the Page family for more than 100 years. The ruins sit on the bank of the York River.

### Gloucester 693-3821

This early 17th century brick structure served as encampments for federal and confederate soldiers. It is surrounded by a colonial brick wall and graveyard. The current building is dated 1718.

### Warner Hall Graveyard

4750 Warner Hall Rd. Gloucester 648-1889

Located at the Inn at Warner Hall, the Warner-Lewis family graveyard, maintained by the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, offers a remarkable collection of 17th and 18th century tombstones. Open year-round 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

## Historic Yorktown

### American Revolution Museum at Yorktown

200 Water St. Yorktown 888-593-4682

The museum is located near the battlefield where allied American and French forces won the battle of the American Revolution in 1781.

The story of America's evolution from colonial status to a nation is told through galleries featuring period artifacts, immersive environments, interactive exhibits and films, including "The Siege of Yorktown," with a 180-degree surround screen and special effects.

Outside, witness artillery demonstrations, a re-created Continental Army encampment and Revolution-era farm. \$18 admission.

### Watermen's Museum

309 Water St. Yorktown 757-887-2641

A private non-profit museum located on the York River. It was founded in 1981 as a part of the 200th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Yorktown. In the Revolutionary war local watermen aided the French fleet, acting as captains for the ships traveling the waterways.

The Museum's mission is to show how Chesapeake Bay watermen played a role in shaping the nation.

### York County Historical Museum

two locations York Hall 301 Main St. Yorktown 757-890-4122

In 1916, a fire swept the mansion, leaving a magnificent shell which is testament to 18th century craftsmanship.

Remaining are the four chimneys, the east wall with its compass head window and carved keystone, the wine cellar and enough of the walls to sense the proportion and scale of the original structure. The last family to own Rosewell donated the ruins to the Gloucester Historical Society in 1979. The Rosewell Foundation has taken on the mission of preserving and presenting the historic ruin.

Visitor center and gift shop.

### Walter Reed Birthplace

4021 Hickory Fork Rd. Gloucester 693-6688

This small, two-room and loft house was built prior to 1850. It was briefly home to the family of Dr. Walter Reed. Reed was a famous U.S. Army physician and hero of the Spanish-American War and was born here on September 13, 1851. He discovered yellow fever was transmitted by mosquitoes.

Open by appointment.

### Ware Episcopal Church

7825 John Clayton Mem. Hwy.

### Museum on Main

306 Main St. Yorktown 757-890-4122

View artifacts from Yorktown's past including Native American tools, colonial Yorktown, Revolutionary and Civil War, and 20th Century exhibits from the USS Yorktown, the Naval Weapons Station and more.

### Yorktown Battlefield

1000 Colonial Parkway Yorktown 757-898-2410

The Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center includes an orientation film, exhibits, and bookstore. Ranger-led tours of the battlefield and historic town leave from the visitor center daily.

## King George

### Dahlgren Heritage Museum

3549 James Madison Parkway King George 540-663-3680

The Dahlgren Heritage Museum tells the story of how a remote testing range, carved out of Potomac River marshland, earned a reputation as an intellectual center for the Navy. The Navy established the Dahlgren base in 1918 and named it for Rear Admiral John A. Dahlgren, the "Father of American Naval Ordnance." Dahlgren encompasses a broad range of research and development, training, and military operations critical to the nation's defense.

### King George County Historical Museum & Research Center

9483 E Kings Hwy. King George 540-775-9477

Open Thur. and Sat., noon-4 p.m.

## King and Queen

### King & Queen Courthouse Tavern Museum

146 Courthouse Landing Rd. King and Queen

Courthouse 785-9558

The museum complex, created by the King and Queen County Historical Society, is located within the King and Queen Courthouse Green Historic District that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It includes the 1802 Tavern Museum, which houses three floors of exhibits and a library. Also, on site is the Archives Building, home to 4,000 artifacts, and exhibits on a colonial ship uncovered at historic Newington on the Mattaponi River, marine fossils, and prehistoric tools and weapons. Additional exhibits include the 1870 Eastern View Schoolhouse and the Carriage House, which displays an antique carriage and the interior façade of the old Stevensville post office.

Open Fri. and Sat. 12:30-4:30 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m. Closed Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day and mid-December through March. Free admission, dona-

tions welcomed.

## Lancaster

### Historic Christ Church and Carter Reception Center and Museum

420 Christ Church Rd. Weems 438-6855

The church was built in 1735 by Robert "King" Carter. The museum features artifacts, documents, displays and exhibits of colonial Virginia.

Kid-friendly with interactive exhibits.

The museum offers a research library and gift shop. Research library open year round by appointment. Contact 438-2451.

### Kilmarnock Museum

76 N. Main St. Kilmarnock 296-0930

Established in 1993 and located in one of the oldest residences in town, the museum features displays and exhibits celebrating Kilmarnock's past and present.

Rotating exhibits are featured plus displays of local artifacts and a timeline of events throughout area history.

On display are photographs and memorabilia of the construction of the Robert O. Norris Jr. bridge. A display depicting the Northern Neck's "Believe it or Not" is about incidents and things relating to the area that are unbelievable. The museum also features exhibits which celebrate Kilmarnock's namesake

city in Scotland and an exhibit celebrating the Holly Ball.

Open Thurs.-Sat. Free.

### Lancaster Virginia Historical Society

8346 Mary Ball Rd. Lancaster 462-7280

Located in the Historic District, the museum is comprised of three historic buildings and library. More than 350 years of area history is on exhibit in the 1797 clerk's office, 1821 jail, and 1830 Lancaster House. The museum also offers living history presentations.

The Genealogy and History Library provides more than 7000 reference materials including local court records, census data, business information, vital records, county histories, church records, and family files. The card catalogue is available online. Open Wednesdays and Fridays 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Genealogy & Resource Library available by appointment or typically weekdays 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

\$3 per person for admission to the museum building and grounds.

### Morattico Waterfront Museum

6584 Morattico Rd. Morattico

Housed in a 1901 General Store building, the museum offers exhibits of an old fashioned country store, the history of the work life, gear and aquaculture of local watermen of the village.

Also on display are Native American artifacts, photos, oral histories and documents relating to village history.

Permanent exhibits include the General Store Room, the Early Morattico Families Room, Early Kitchen Items, the Native American Room, General Morattico History, the Crab and Oyster Rooms, the Farming and Fishing Room, and the Old Houses of Morattico Room. Golf cart or walking tour maps of Morattico.

Open Sat. noon-4 p.m. and Sun. 1-3 p.m., May through October.

### Northern Neck Sports Wall of Fame

60 South Main St. Kilmarnock 435-1211

The Northern Neck Sports Wall of Fame features plaques with bios and photos of individuals that have excelled in sports or sport professions from the Northern Neck of Virginia. Free.

### St. Mary's Whitechapel

5940 White Chapel Rd. Lancaster 462-5908

Records identify the builder of the church as James Jones, the grandfather of President James Monroe, who built the church in 1669. North and south wings were added in 1741 to accommodate a growing congregation, resulting in a cruciform or "cross plan" shape. Early items still in

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## It Happened Here

BY LARRY S. CHOWNING

One of the greatest race horses of all time was Exterminator, owned by Willis Sharpe Kilmer of Remlik Hall, (Kilmer spelled backwards) in Middlesex County.

When Kilmer's mansion burned in 1939, three large murals of Kilmer's most famous horses, Exterminator, Sun Briar and Sun Beau were among the first things removed from the fire. Today, they are in Saratoga Springs, New York, at the National Museum of Horse Racing and Hall of Fame.

Exterminator was the 1918 Kentucky Derby winner and named in 1922 "Horse of the Year." Kilmer bought Exterminator as a workhorse to help train his prized horse Sun Briar. Kilmer had little respect for him. He called him the "goat" or "that truck horse." In 1918 when Sun Briar was injured Exterminator got the nod to run in the Kentucky Derby.

Ole Bones, as the horse was often called, was a 30-1 long shot to win the derby. Exterminator ran last most of the way until the homestretch when he passed all to win the race by a horse length.

When Exterminator got old he lived at Remlik Hall, and Milford "Pitchfork" Bray was the horse's main keeper. "I was to keep Ole Bones' stall just like a house was kept," said Bray in a 1983 interview. "Grooming Exterminator was a daily chore. I'd clean Ole Bones real good, and Kilmer would come in with his white gloves on and rub across his back. If there was any dirt on his gloves, I'd have to

clean him all over again.

"Exterminator had a companion pony named Peanut that stayed with the derby winner all the time," he said. "There were two buckets in the stall, one for the champ and the other for Peanut. Ole Bones would not eat until Peanut had his meal. There were two Peanuts. When the first one died, it created quite a problem. When the pony died, Exterminator dug a hole in his stall as deep as this chair I'm sitting in and wouldn't let anyone in. It took three men holding him to get the dead pony out of the stall.

"Kilmer bought a new pony and when I put him in the stall, Ole Bones came at him with his mouth open as if to bite him," said Bray. "The pony gave him a good kick and after that they were good friends."

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possession are the Ten Commandments and 1669 Chalice.

The grounds include a labyrinth and a historic graveyard.

**Steamboat Era Museum**

**156 King Carter Dr. Irvington 438-6888**

The museum offers a visual history of the steamboats' importance to area commerce, culture, social connections and life in small towns along area rivers and the Chesapeake Bay. Dioramas, oral histories, models, artifacts, paintings, photos and audio and interactive components.

The pilothouse from the steamer Potomac is the largest section of a Chesapeake Bay steamboat in existence. In 2019, following a long restoration, it was installed in the museum. View a video about the restoration process and installation, while sitting in one of the crew quarters. Visit the museum shop.

Open April through Nov. Group tours by appointment. Admission: Adults \$6.00; youth 12-17 \$3.00; active military & children under 12 free; group rate 10+ \$5.00.

**Mathews**

**Fort Nonsense**

**VA-14/John Clayton Memorial Hwy. at the intersection of VA-3.**

Built in 1861 and known as "Fort Nonsense", this fort was also identified as "Smart's Mill/North End Mill Fortification." The site contains a park area with trails leading through the trees and over the earthen remains of the old Fort.

**Gwynn's Island Museum**

**1775 Old Ferry Rd. Gwynn 725-5022**

This museum features a replica of the 22,000 year old "Cinmar Blade" discovery - the oldest man-made stone tool found in America. The actual blade is in the Smithsonian. This two-edged butcher knife and part of a mastodon tusk were dredged from 240 foot deep waters of the Atlantic by Mathews County waterman Thurston Shawn in 1970.

On display are the stories of John Warren Cooke voting to keep Virginia schools open during turbulent times; early-day churches; Gilbert Klingel, steel boat builder, naturalist author and underwater explorer; the tableau

of the legend of Col. Hugh Gwynn and Pocahontas; extensive history of Captain John Smith; history of African Americans living on Gwynn's Island; a large collection of Native American artifacts; a diorama showing General Andrew Lewis driving Lord Dunmore from Gwynn's Island in 1776.

Research library and gift shop. Open April through October, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 1-5 p.m. Admission is free. Donations welcome.

**Mathews Historical Museum**

**200 Main St. Mathews 725-4229**

The museum is located in the old Texaco Building on Main Street, constructed by George Philipotts in 1936. Resale/retail shop available.

The current display is of 800+ photos/sketches of men and women of Mathews who served in the military, dating back to the Revolutionary War. View the Robert Roland Hudgins exhibit, a commercial fisherman and a menhaden captain who spent over 50 years on the water.

Open most Saturdays 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Mathews Maritime Museum**

**482 Main St. Mathews 725-4444**

The museum features memorabilia, artifacts, documents, photos, models. Mathews has had its share of local watermen, menhaden fishermen, merchant mariners, US Navy sailors, fish packing houses, boat repair facilities, and marinas. The museum honors the past and works to educate the future about maritime history.

The museum is staffed by volunteers. If the "open" flag is flying, you're invited inside.

**Thomas James Store**

**239 Main St. Mathews 725-4229**

The 1815 Thomas James Store is an excellent and rare example of an early rural, commercial building. It is a one-story vernacular A-frame wood structure located behind the Mathews County Visitor and Information Center on Main Street and has been conserved by Mathews County Historical Society. It retains most of its original fabric.

Tours are self-guided with interpretive signage and touch-screen information.

Open, weather permitting, when the visitor center is open.

**Tompkins Cottage**

**43 Brickbat Rd. Mathews 725-3487**

The cottage houses a museum and headquarters of the Mathews County Historical Society.

One of the oldest wooden structures in Mathews Court House, it was owned by Christopher Tompkins, a prominent local planter, merchant, sea captain and ship owner/builder.

The museum houses a permanent exhibit of Mathews history including information on Capt. Sally Tompkins, CSA, the first woman to be commissioned an officer in the Confederate army. She privately sponsored a hospital in Richmond to treat wounded Civil War soldiers. Admission is free.

**Middlesex**

**Christ Church Parish**

**56 Christchurch Ln. Saluda 758-2006**

Christ Church was created as a Church of England parish in 1666, seven years after the first

settlement in the area. It was the "mother church" of the county in the colonial era. The first church building, made of wood, was built around 1667 and replaced by a brick church in 1712-1714.

The church was abandoned following the Revolutionary War, but revived in the 1840s. It has been an active parish of the Episcopal Church since that time.

The church also features an historic cemetery where many of the founders of Middlesex are buried as well as other notables including Lt. Gen "Chesty" Puller, the most decorated Marine in Marine Corps history. The cemetery is open for visitors during daylight hours.

**Deltaville Maritime Museum and Holly Point Nature Park**

**287 Jackson Creek Rd. Deltaville 776-7200**

Currently on display are the exhibits: "What is a Deadrise?", "Boat Builders Shop", "Restoration of the F.D. Crockett", "John Smith on the Chesapeake", "Family Boatbuilding Week", Fishing Bay Yacht Club as well as an oyster boat exhibit, drawings by Ray Rodgers and a lighthouse exhibit.

An extensive collection of ship models is also on display. Visiting exhibition: "Hawkins Antique Outboard Collection".

See the nationally historic registered F.D. Crockett, a 64' log-bottom Buyboat, on the Museum's Pierwalk, along with the Explorer, a 31' museum-built reproduction of the shallop John Smith used in 1608 to explore and map the Chesapeake Bay.

Also on the grounds, the Holly Point Nature Park is open daily, dawn to dusk. It includes tables, sculpture garden, kayak landing, children's garden and walking trails.

The museum is a Bay Gateway and on the "John Smith Trail". Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sundays noon-4 p.m.

**Middlesex County Museum and Historical Society**

**777 Gen. Puller Hwy. Saluda 758-3663**

The Middlesex County and Historical Society has an extensive collection of over three thousand objects.

It showcases the personal lives of the people that lived here, both on the water and on land. Through the years many residents lived lives in the spotlight: a Kentucky derby winner, an esteemed Marine Corps general,

several purple heart awardees, Black Panther member, Civil Rights activists, Presidential Medal of Freedom and Honor awardees, House of Burgesses members and Virginia State Secretaries and Governors.

Also on display are wedding gowns, service uniforms, diplomas, photographs, furniture, quilts, toys, christening gowns, fossils, journals and ledgers. Fossils, minerals, bones and Native American artifacts are also showcased.

Genealogy assistance available.

Located in the Saluda Historic District, it is one block from the 1852 courthouse complex. The clerk's office there is also interpreted and open on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Courthouse and its grounds have plaques and signage discussing historical stories, including Irene Morgan, whose case concerning Civil Rights and segregated transportation set the groundwork for Rosa Parks.

Open Wednesdays and Fridays 1-5 p.m and Sundays 1-3 p.m. Visit the website or email info@middlesexmuseum.com to schedule an off hour appointment.

**Museum in the Street: Virtual Museum Tour of Urbanna**

Take a walking tour to discover Urbanna's rich history. The tour utilizes YouTube videos to enhance your experience, narrated by Larry Chowning, town historian. There are currently 18 historical markers around town. Simply scan the QR code with your phone to begin viewing the video for that marker. Please pick up a brochure at the town office, the local library, or the Town of Urbanna Museum.

The virtual walking tour is free.

**Urbanna Museum and Visitor's Center**

**140 Virginia St. Urbanna 758-8181**

The restored James Mill Scottish Factor Store or "Old Tobacco Warehouse" also houses the Urbanna Town Visitor Center. For years, it was thought to have been used to store hogsheads of tobacco. In 1958, The Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities sponsored a study of the building. Historian Wesley Newton Laing's research revealed that the structure was not a warehouse but, rather, a Scottish Colonial merchant factor store, where tobacco could

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**Northumberland County Historical Society**

**Heathsville** 580-8581  
86 Back St.  
Located next to the old jail in Heathsville, the Northumberland County Historical Society has museum displays, assists visitors with family genealogical research

and sponsors public lectures. Current exhibits include medical supplies and books of doctors in the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries. It features locals Dr. R.E. Booker, Jr., Dr. Joseph Basye, and Dr. James S. Gilliam.

**Reedville Fishermen's Museum**

**Reedville** 453-6529  
504 Main St.  
The museum offers visitors a glimpse of the rich heritage of the watermen of Virginia's Northern Neck and the Chesapeake Bay. In addition to the main museum gallery housing its permanent and changing exhibits, the museum features a pilothouse, the Pendleton Building with its boat and model workshops and railroad exhibit, the historic William Walker House, and a replica of John Smith's barge during his exploration of the Chesapeake Bay. Galleries include interactive areas for kids.

In the water, the museum showcases the Claud W. Somers, a 42-foot skipjack built in 1911, which offers tours twice monthly, and the Elva C., a 55-foot traditional workboat built in 1922, which offers tours to members.

**Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern**

**Heathsville** 580-3377  
73 Monument Place  
The last surviving 1700s structure of its kind on the Northern Neck is the restored Tavern and community square. It includes a gift shop, foundation office, blacksmith shop, woodworkers shop, spinning and weaving studio and Carriage House. The Transportation Museum Building houses a permanent exhibit of the Chicacoan Oak.

**Richmond**

**Farnham Church**

**231 N. Farnham Church Rd. Farnham**  
This one-story, cruciform shaped brick Colonial era church was erected in 1737. The church still has silver given by Queen Anne in the early 1700s. During the Skirmish at Farnham Church in the War of 1812, bullet holes were left in the walls. The church was used by Union soldiers as a stable in the Civil War.

**Menokin**

**4037 Menokin Rd. Warsaw** 333-1776  
A National Historic Landmark, Menokin built c. 1769, was the home of the Declaration of Independence signer Francis Lightfoot Lee.

A partial ruin, the house provides a unique opportunity to see "behind the walls" of an 18th century mansion through the Glass House Project.

The Visitors Center provides a walking tour on the history of the property and the architectural conservation work in progress.

Hike trails to Cat Point Creek or rent a kayak to explore the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

**Richmond County Museum and Visitors Center**

**5874 East Richmond Rd. Warsaw** 333-3607  
The museum, which tells the story of Richmond County from prehistoric times to the present, is located in the county's old jail, built in 1872. It includes three galleries, exhibit rooms and a gift shop. The jail's hanging chamber is also on the second floor.

Three featured exhibits include 350 years of African American history in the Old Rappahannock and Richmond Counties; the importance of Richmond County's

country stores; and the history of the Rappahannock Tribe.

**Westmoreland**

**A.T. Johnson Museum**

**18849 Kings Hwy. Montross** 493-7070  
The museum preserves the history and legacy of education for African American students in the Northern Neck, especially in Westmoreland County.

The museum is a depository for collections, artifacts, memorabilia, documents and other items related to education.

Built in 1937 in the Colonial Revival style, A. T. Johnson High School was the first public education facility serving African American students in Westmoreland. The school was named for Armistead Tasker Johnson, a Black educator and community leader instrumental in its construction.

Open Sat., 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sun., 2-4 p.m. and other times by appointment.

**George Washington Birthplace National Monument**

**1732 Popes Creek Rd. Colonial Beach** 224-1732  
George Washington is among Westmoreland's most famous native sons. Commander of the Continental Army, Revolutionary War hero and first President of the United States, he professed to be first and foremost a farmer.

The visitor center and grounds are open to the public 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is free.

**James Monroe Birthplace Museum and Visitor Center**

**4460 James Monroe Hwy. Colonial Beach** 214-9145  
Tour a replica of the Monroe family farmhouse. A picnic area is on the grounds and a canoe launch is at a dock on Monroe

Creek. Open from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat. and Sun. Admission is free.

**Kinsale Museum**

**449 Kinsale Rd. Kinsale** 472-3001  
The museum is dedicated to the preservation, collection, exhibition and interpretation of local history. It's in a late 19th century barroom, which was used as a meat market in the 1920s; the renovated old ice cream parlor next door houses a gallery, library and meeting space. The 1909 Bank of Kinsale building stands just off the green beside the Kinsale Motor Corp. building (1919).

Open Fri. and Sat. from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Museum at Colonial Beach**

**128 Hawthorne St. Colonial Beach** 224-3379  
It is housed in the former Hoffman Gas Building (c. 1893).

The museum depicts Colonial Beach heritage through various artifacts. Emphasis is on the period from 1890 through 1958 when the town was a busy river tourism attraction that drew huge summer crowds. Open Sat. and Sun., 1-4 p.m., April through mid-December.

**Stratford Hall**

**484 Great House Rd. Stratford** 493-8038

The home of the Lee family of Virginia, Stratford Hall, a National Historic Landmark near Montross, was built in 1738 with the labor of enslaved Africans and African-Americans, and indentured servants, and stands today as a model of the Georgian style of architecture. The expansive grounds feature the 18th-century Great House and historic buildings, colonial revival gardens, nature trails, Potomac River beachfront, and lodging.

Learn about the people who once lived there and of their contributions to America. Self-guided audio tours. View exhibits Stratford at the Crossroads: Atlantic Cultures and the Creation of America features 18th-century maps of West Africa and the Atlantic world, portraits of Lee women, cameos of enslaved African women, Lee family clothing, 18th-century furnishings, mourning jewelry, Native American material culture, archaeological artifacts, West African objects, architectural treasures. Great House & Historic Area: Wed. through Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Westmoreland County Museum and Library**

**43 Court Square Montross** 493-8440

Believed to be the oldest museum in the Northern Neck, this museum was chartered in 1939 and dedicated in 1941. It was established to give a permanent home to the life-sized portrait of William Pitt, the Earl of Chatham (1768), painted by Charles Willson Peale and to provide a location for artistic, recreational, and educational facilities. Permanent exhibits include portraits of Westmoreland County's historical figures, fossils and Native American artifacts. The museum hosts several receptions and lectures each year and houses a history and genealogy research library.

Admission is free. It also serves as the Visitor Center for Westmoreland County.

**Yeocomic Church**

**1233 Old Yeocomico Rd. Kinsale** 472-2593

The colonial brick church was built in 1706 and conducts worship service each Sunday at 11 a.m. It is notable among Virginia colonial churches for the roof lines created by a gentler slope and then a steeper slope in the gable. The wicket dove is unique. To schedule a visit and tour call Cople Parish office.

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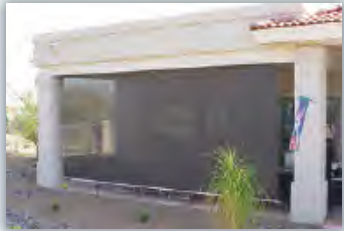


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① Omnious clouds moved into Yorktown on the Fourth of July. Photo by Melanie Throckmorton



② The Wright family was surrounded by a pod of dolphins while boating on the North River on Memorial Day weekend. Photo by Sarah Cortopassi of St. Louis



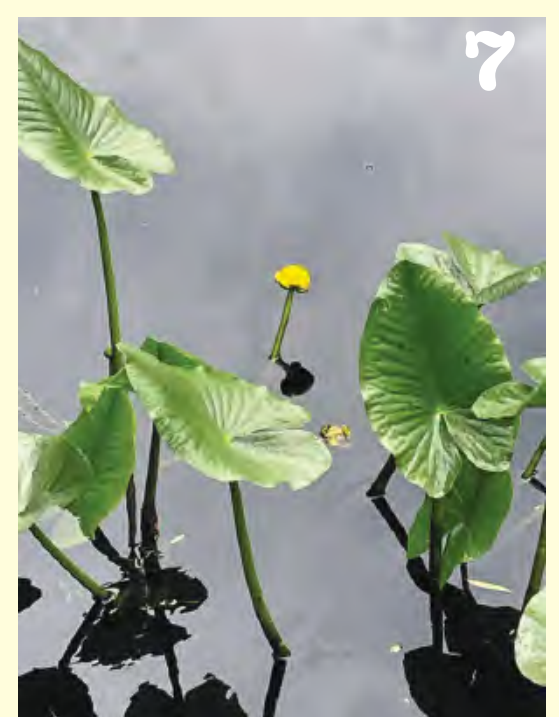
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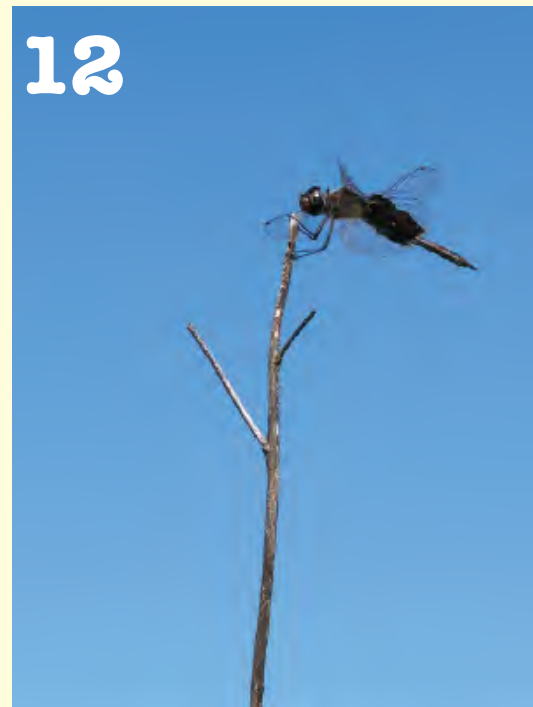
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As part of the market theme, members of the Antique Automobile Club of America and the Northern Neck Corvette Club will cruise to Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern (RHHT) for a car show from 9-11 a.m. Others also are welcome to display their vehicle. The public will be invited to vote for their favorite car to receive a "People's Choice Award."

The market, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at RHHT, 73 Monument Place, Heathsville, offers fresh produce, meat, flowers, nursery plants, baked goods, eggs, canned goods, honey, roasted coffee and handcrafts. There are new vendors at every market, said RHHT director Corinne Becker.

The Heritage Arts Center gift shop will be open. Shoppers will find artists in their studios with wares for sale. The Tavern Café will serve light luncheon fare and sweet treats, all made by the volunteers of the Tavern's Culinary Group. Outside, a food concession stand will offer breakfast and lunch sandwiches.

Dating from the 1700s, the tavern is home to blacksmith, woodworker, quilter and spinner and weaver guilds.

Other shops, attractions and historical sites will be open to "Make It a Heathsville Saturday," including the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church thrift store, Kathy's Korner, Ye Olde Book Shoppe and the old Northumberland Jail. Pick up a Historic Heathsville Walking Map and wander past homes and buildings from every century since the 1700s.

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# Mathews Market Days

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by Tom Chillemi

There is a place that time almost forgot. Here, good things from the past are still good. At summer's end, people gather in and around the historic Mathews Court Green as they have done for decades. Brick buildings that slumber much of the time, awaken. Under shady trees local folks display their handiwork, foods, art, and more. Food and craft vendors set up, bands play, people dance, pets parade, children play, folks visit, and schools close for the day in what is geographically Virginia's second smallest county.

## Anniversary

Mathews Market Days celebrates its 50th anniversary on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 6 and 7 with first-time-ever happenings and revived attractions from the past.

The idea of a showing off handiwork, whatever it might be, is similar to the "county fairs" of the past, when farmers would show off their produce and prized animals, home makers would bake cakes and pies and cookies, organizations might sew quilts, all vying for the blue ribbon top prize.

From these roots was born Mathews Market Days.

It was an effort to bring people to the business district at Mathews Courthouse. And if it only attracted the people of Mathews County, that was enough. Bigger is not always better. Market Days is still a visitor friendly event. Cars can still be driven on the main streets. Only two streets are closed so vendors can set up.

## Beginnings

Even though Market Days grew much larger and more diverse, "it is still exciting to see it all come together," wrote the late Mildred P. Hudgins in September 2000 in an article for the Gloucester-Mathews Gazette Journal, recalling Market Days memories. Hudgins' article said it was the late Lillian Rau who came to her office at the Virginia Cooperative Extension Agency with the idea of an event for Mathews artists, craftsmen, homemakers, and everyone to display their work.

Through her position with the extension office, Hudgins had seen the variety of talent in the Mathews County kitchens and home shops and liked Rau's idea.

## History

It's been said the newspapers write the first draft of history. Well, the Gloucester-Mathews Gazette-Journal newspaper has covered Mathews County for more than 85 years and is probably the only place where the Market Days "history" can be found.



Equines from mighty to mini will again liven up Mathews Market Days. They include, from left, Dillion the paintable pony, Buddy, who wears tennis shoes, and "JJ" the Clydesdale.



Kevin Jackson of Cardinal takes a ride on the miniature train in the Youth Corner during the 1998 Mathews Market Days. Photo courtesy of Gloucester-Mathews Gazette-Journal



*"Mathews Market Days is a event for the community by the community."*

Jennifer Roahrig  
Chairman  
2024 Mathews Market Days

The following are excerpts from the news reports. The first event called "Mathews Days" was offered on a vacant lot on Main Street. It had 12 vendors, mostly selling food, and merchants joined with sales and promotions. The Mathews County Historical Society conducted a bake sale at the Tompkins Cottage on the second day of Mathews Days. There was an auction, craft demonstrations, and an art show. The event drew 1,000 people and it profited \$238 which was given to various charities.

## More room needed

In 1977, Market Days was set up on the Mathews Court Green, where it has been ever since. A "Food Fair" was added in 1986, as Market Days took on the flavor of a county fair.

The September 1989 Market Days had more than 100 booths, and again the vendors agreed to donate 10% of their proceeds to the Market Days committee, which in turn donated the funds collected to a community cause. Over 14 years, funds from vendors totaled \$28,000.

## Volunteers

Mildred Hudgins noted in her article nearly 24 years ago, "Without the support and interest of all those who have volunteered to chair the event and to help on committees or just to help where ever needed, Mathews Market Days would've ended long ago."

Hudgins' words still ring true with this year's festival chairman, Jennifer Roahrig.

When asked to describe Mathews Market Days in a word, Roahrig replied, "Community, that would be my word. Mathews Market Days is "an event for the community by the community."

## Quaint

Dee Russell, who served as chairman of Market Market Days for four years (from 2013-2016), said, "We have managed as a citizens and through volunteers to keep this very small quaint event successful. It speaks of the heart of the people of Mathews. It's volunteerism. No matter what, people stand up to the plate and make it happen."

Russell said Market Days cleared \$20,000 in 2016, which was donated to causes for children. Some of the money came from



The children's area will have a variety of activities.

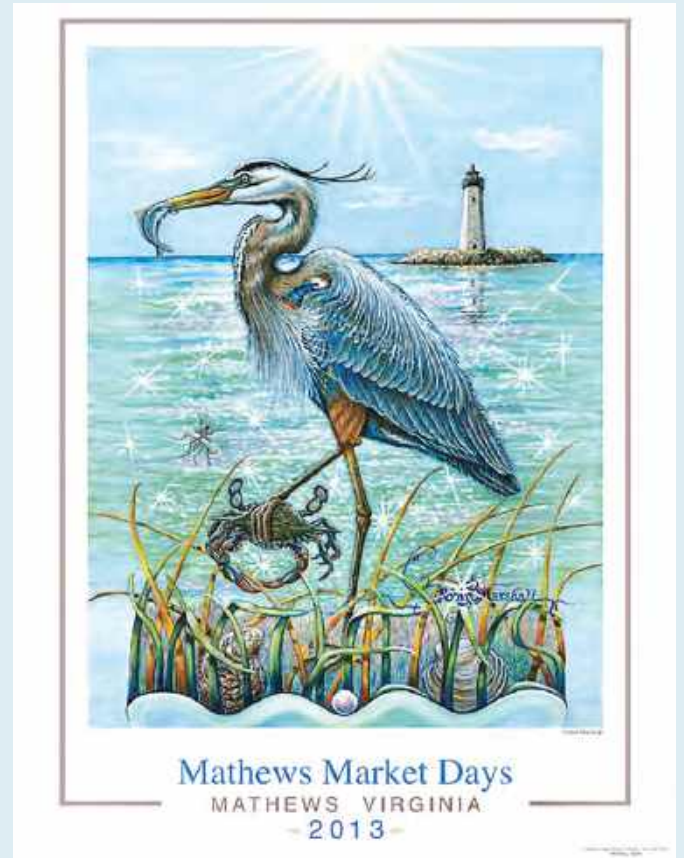


A breakdancing competition drew dozens of interested spectators to Court Street during the 1984 Market Days. Photo courtesy of the Gloucester-Mathews Gazette-Journal





The first Mathews Days was conducted on a vacant lot on Main Street. The festival was renamed Mathews Market Days and moved to the historic Court Green in 1977. Photo courtesy of the Gloucester-Mathews Gazette-Journal



Mathews Market Days conducts a poster competition each year. Above is the 2013 winner.

the sale of the Market Days poster, which is chosen from those entered for judging by artists. Also, vendors agreed to give 10% of their profits to the Market Days Committee, she added.

“There’s a lot of pride in this event,” said Russell, “I’d love to see it continue for another 50 years.”

Many would agree.

## Schedule

Mathews business district will be abuzz on Sept. 6-7 when Mathews Market Days celebrates 50 years. The show begins at 9 a.m. both days and on Saturday following the national anthem, a Virginia Army National Guard M101 cannon will fire a blank round to start the day.

Crab races are back this year and will be held throughout both days. Racers are supplied and contestants squirt them with water to hurry them down the chute.

### Beer and wine

This year for the first time in Mathews Market Days history, beer and wine will be served at the street dance on Saturday from 6 -9 p.m., when “The Detonators” play favorite rock songs from the 80’s to today.

During the street dance visitors can purchase wine from Zoll Vineyards and beer from The Gloucester Brewing

Company. Alcohol will not be available except during the dance.

### Vendors

So far, 42 art and crafts vendors have registered, and there will be 11 food vendors, and 11 information booths. Also new to Mathews Market Days this year is a children’s block party. “DJ Dreux” promises a “glow party” to not be forgotten! The glow party will take place Friday, September 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Put in Creek Pavilion.

### Children’s area

A free children’s area includes a rock climbing wall, inflatable water slide, face painting, balloon artists and tons of free games.

Several organizations in and around Mathews will participate in the children’s area. The non-profit “Step up Into TLC” will have “JJ” the Clydesdale and “Buddy” the miniature horse

wearing tennis shoes available for a meet and greet with an opportunity for photos. Also returning is a favorite named “Dillion” the paintable pony. Children can use sponges to paint water colors on the small pony.

CA & J Farms will have games, farm animals, drums and samples alongside the Mathews Kiwanis Club. The Mathews YMCA will be in the children’s area as well to help will bring their touch of fun as well. The P. Buckley Moss foundation will provides free crafts for children.

### Boom!

Staff Sergeant Alexander Roahrig will be in the children’s area representing the Virginia Army National Guard. He will bring a Humvee for children to sit in, a hydraulic rock climbing wall, and an M101 cannon that will fire a blank following the singing of the National Anthem on Saturday at 9 a.m.



Dillion the paintable pony will be at Market Days.

## The community benefits

Charitable causes that have benefited through the years from Mathews Market Days donations, include New Point Comfort Lighthouse Restoration; children’s room in Mathews Memorial Library; Mathews Chamber of Commerce; Mathews Volunteer Rescue Squad; Mathews Volunteer Fire Department; Mathews High School Band; Hands Across Mathews, Mathews Parks and Recreation; Mathews High School crew team, Mathews Special Education and Mathews Little League.



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Traditional Thai cuisine. Full sushi bar. Happy hour. Closed Mon. L/D/\$\$-\$\$\$.

**Bubba's Shrimp Shack**  
4900 Geo. Wash. Mem. Hwy.  
Hayes 654-5428  
Sandwiches and seafood.

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**Coastal Kitchen**  
2357 York Crossing Dr.  
Hayes 642-2824  
Homestyle cooking, breakfast, lunch, dinner served all day. B/L/D/\$\$-\$\$\$.

**Creekside Cafe and Market**  
6824 Colemans Crossing Ave.  
Hayes 642-5378  
Soups, salads, sandwiches, pastries. Take-out available. Catering offered. B/L/D/\$\$.

**Damon and Company**  
7104 Geo. Wash. Mem. Hwy.  
Gloucester 693-7218  
Seafood, prime rib, sandwiches, subs. L/D/\$\$.

**Doodles Donuts and Cafe**  
4744 George Wash. Mem. Hwy.  
Hayes 699-3735  
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**Dukes Deli**  
6748 Fox Centre Pkwy.  
Gloucester  
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**Egghead's Diner**  
1785 Geo. Wash. Mem. Hwy.  
Gloucester 684-1222  
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**Farmsea Restaurant**  
6764 Main St.  
Gloucester 699-3659

Dock-to-dish and farm-to-table. Open Thurs.-Sat., Brunch Sun. D/\$\$-\$\$\$.

**Fiorello Italian Restaurant**  
4938 Geo. Wash. Mem. Hwy.  
White Marsh  
Italian Cuisine \$\$\$.

**Fish R Us**  
6103 Geo. Wash. Mem. Hwy.  
Gloucester 695-0205  
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**Franco's Pizza**  
7088 Hayes Shopping Center  
Hayes 699-3214  
Pizza, stromboli, sandwiches L/D/\$\$.

**Gloucester Pancake House**  
6690 Sutton Rd.  
Gloucester 699-3055  
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**Great Wall**  
6585 Market Dr.  
Gloucester 695-0500  
Hunan and Szechuan Chinese cuisine. L/D/\$\$.

**Hana Sushi**  
2274 York Crossing Dr.  
Hayes 642-3055  
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**Health Trail Natural Foods**  
4858 Geo. Wash. Mem. Hwy.  
Hayes 684-5389  
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**Hong Kong Chinese**  
2328 York Crossing Dr.  
Hayes 642-5555  
Chinese cuisine. L/D/\$\$.

**IDK Raw Bar & Grill**  
4329 Geo. Wash. Mem. Hwy.  
Hayes 699-3096  
Seafood, burgers, steaks and more. Closed Mon. and Tues. L/D/\$\$-\$\$\$.

**Juan's Mexican Cafe and Cantina**  
2310 Geo. Wash. Mem. Hwy.  
Hayes 642-5401  
Mexican menu. L/D/\$\$.

**Kelsick Specialty Market**  
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- Dockside Restaurant and Tiki Bar – Monroe Creek
- Riverboat on the Potomac

### Great Wicomico River Area

- The Crazy Crab – Cockrell's Creek
- Leadbelly's – Cockrell's Creek
- Horn Harbor Restaurant – Great Wicomico River
- Reedville Market – Cockrell's Creek

### Milford Haven Area

- The Hole in the Wall Waterfront Grill – Milford Haven

### Rappahannock River Area

- Merroir Tasting Room – Locklies Creek
- The Tides Inn – Carter Creek
- Urbanna Seafood Market – Robinson Creek
- Tiki Bar at Windmill Point – Rappahannock River

### Corrotoman River Area

- The Black Duck & The Shack at Yankee Point Marina – Myer Creek

### York River Area

- York River Oyster Company – Sarah's Creek
- Restaurants at Historic Yorktown's Riverwalk – York River

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### Las Tunas Mexican

6870 Main St. Gloucester 693-2153  
Authentic Mexican fare. L/D/\$\$.

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6685 Fox Centre Pkwy. Gloucester 210-1877  
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### Mobjack Tavern

5036 Geo. Wash. Mem. Hwy. Hayes 210-1383  
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### Nick's Spaghetti and Steak House

1440 Geo. Wash. Mem. Hwy. Gloucester Point 642-2330  
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### Northern Neck Popcorn Bag

6620 Main St. Gloucester 210-1511  
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### No. 1

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Chinese cuisine. L/D/\$\$.

### Nuttall Country Store

6495 Ware Neck Rd. Ware Neck 693-3067  
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### Olivia's in the Village

6597 Main St. Gloucester 694-0057  
Steaks, seafood and pasta. B/L/D/\$\$.

### Patriots Grill

7313 Main St. Gloucester 824-9703  
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### Ruby Tuesday

6749 Fox Centre Pkwy. Gloucester 694-4955  
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### Sal's Sicilian Pizza

2520 Geo. Wash. Mem. Hwy. Hayes 642-6470  
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### The Office Bar and Grille

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### Tony and Milena's Pizzeria

2364 Geo. Wash. Mem. Hwy. Hayes 684-0708  
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### Carrot Tree Kitchens

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### Larry's Alehouse and Deli

524 Water St. Yorktown 757-872-3383  
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### Mobjack Bay Coffee Roasters and Petite Cafe

411 Main St. Yorktown 519-4499  
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### Riverwalk Restaurant

323 Water St. Yorktown 757-875-1522  
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wraps and more with views of the York River. Bar offers full menu as well as a special tapas and wine menu. L/D/\$\$.

### Umi Sushi

327 Water St. Yorktown (757)989-6464  
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### Water Street Grille

323 Water St. Yorktown 757-369-5644  
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540 Water St. Yorktown 757-886-9964  
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6570 Gen. Puller Hwy. Mattaponi 785-2400  
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## Rivah Emergency Information

### Hospitals

**Riverside Walter Reed Hospital**  
7519 Hospital Dr. Gloucester, VA 23061  
693-8800

**VCU Health Tappahannock Hospital**  
618 Hospital Rd. Tappahannock, VA 22560  
443-3311

**Bon Secours Rappahannock General Hospital**  
101 Harris Rd. Kilmarnock, VA 22482  
435-8000

### Urgent Care

**Velocity Urgent Care**  
5659 Parkway Dr. Gloucester, VA 23061  
381-4361

**M.D. Express**  
6567 Geo. Washington Memorial Hwy. Gloucester, VA 23061  
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Photos clockwise: Ribeye and crab cake  
Owner DeeDee Morris does all the cooking.  
Cheesecake Chimmi

# Big portions, big ~avor at Big Oak

story and photos by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi



If it's a hearty meal at a reasonable price in a quaint atmosphere you're seeking, then you'll find it a few miles outside of Urbanna at the Big Oak Cafe.

Named after the large oak tree that flanks the little red cottage at the intersection of Old Virginia Street and Racetrack Road in Middlesex County, the cafe is owned by DeeDee Morris. A former stockbroker who enjoyed cooking for her children and their friends, she bought the building in 2013 and after two years of renovations opened the restaurant as a breakfast and lunch cafe in 2015.

The building had been vacant for over 30 years and was being used for storage.

Morris initially wanted to pattern her cafe after a popular chain restaurant offering speciality sandwiches, salads and sides but quickly "realized that was going to be a long, hard way to make a living."

"Breakfast is not expensive to do," she added. "But it's labor intensive. So I said to myself let's do dinner on Monday and Tuesday when most of the other places are closed." She also offers dinner on Thursdays and lunch every day except Wednesday.

She also started offering theme nights, which

quickly became popular. Monday is half-price burger night; Tuesday, prime rib night; and Thursday includes a 5-7 p.m. "happy hour" which features \$1 wings, \$1 shrimp and half-price beer and wine.

My husband and I and a few friends ventured across the Rappahannock River on a Tuesday night a few weeks ago, unaware it was prime rib night. Well, my husband's eyes lit up when he heard our waitress Tiffany offer prime rib as a special. It's among his favorites. Mine too. But I wanted to add variety to my review, so I opted for a rib eye with a crab cake add on.

The surf and turf combo wasn't on

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wine. Open every day. B/L/\$-\$\$.

**CAMP Irvington**  
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**Hong Kong**  
410 N. Main St.  
Kilmarnock 435-7979  
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65 Tavern Rd.  
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**Lee's Restaurant**  
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the menu but my request was granted for a \$10 up charge, which was well worth it. The crab cake was barely bound by filler and almost had a sweet flavor, which I'm sure came from a secret ingredient.

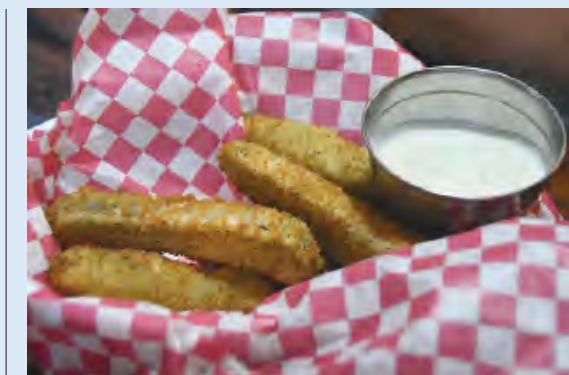
My husband's prime rib was a hefty portion—too big for even him to eat—cooked to his liking and made a fantastic leftover dinner the following night.

Although we didn't order drinks, the restaurant offers a good selection of beer and wines.

An on-premise garden of tomatoes and herbs added a fresh touch to our garden salads.

"I call Tuesday night the fancy night," said Morris, who has done and still does all of the cooking. "It's slow dine night. Have a glass or two of wine while you wait for your prime rib."

The specials board also included a lengthy



Fried pickles

list of homemade desserts so we had to try two. On Tiffany's recommendation I ordered the almond cake and pecan pie. The cake was almost misnamed. The bottom layer was a

thin flaky dough and the cake itself was a thick layer of almond cream topped with nut sprinkles. It was very deceiving at first bite but a sweet surprise. Our dining companions ordered a cheesecake chimmi, which was a creamy crispy shell filled with cheesecake and strawberries, sprinkled with powdered sugar—think deep fried sweet burrito.

And the pecan pie must have been good. It disappeared before I could get a taste.

Almost all of Morris' desserts are made by The Pie Lady and Company in West Point. Morris' daughter likes to make cheesecake.

Apparently the restaurant's breakfast items are also yummy. Morris said the softshell crab Benedict, part of her Sunday brunch, is very popular during in the summer. And in the fall, her oysters and eggs are all the rage.

I'm a southern girl and can't wait to go back and try her sausage gravy and biscuits.



Tuesday night is prime rib night.

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**Rita's Cafe**  
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**The Office Bistro**  
**4346 Irvington Rd.**  
**Irvington 438-8032**  
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**The Shack**  
**1303 Oak Hill Rd,**  
**Lancaster (804) 462-7635**  
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**Hole in the Wall Waterfront Grill**  
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Grimstead 505-1005  
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9303 Buckley Hall Rd.  
Mathews 725-9996  
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**Island Stop Market**  
3768 New Point Comfort Hwy.  
Port Haywood 725-2323  
Seafood, sandwiches, pizzas, barbecue, desserts. L/D/\$-\$\$.

**Linda's Diner**  
56 Buckley Hall Rd.  
Mathews 725-7070  
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**Mathews Grill and Deli**  
296 Main St.  
Mathews 505-1024  
Burgers, subs, pizza, pasta. Serving Tues.-Sun. L/D/\$.

**Mi Casa Azteca Restaurant and Cantina**  
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Mathews 725-7272  
Authentic Mexican cuisine. Take out available. Closed Mon. L/D/\$-\$\$.



The Ice Cream Hut in Colonial Beach is a busy place on a hot day. It serves quick meals and frozen treats.

**Richardson's Café**  
12 Church St.  
Mathews 725-7772  
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**Salty Dog Pizzeria**  
10532 Buckley Hall Rd.  
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**Shun Xing Chinese Restaurant**  
183 Main St.  
Mathews 725-4682  
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**Southwind Pizza**  
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Mathews 725-2766  
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425 Callis Wharf Rd.  
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**The Seafood Shack Fresh Market and Kitchen**  
10744 Buckley Hall Rd.  
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rant open for dining with seafood steamers, baskets, sandwiches, land lovers items and more. Closed Mon.-Tues. L/D/\$\$.

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**Cafe By the Bay**  
17435 Gen. Puller Hwy.  
Deltaville 776-0303  
Sandwiches, paninis, salads and coffee. B/L/\$.

**Chad's Dad's BBQ Plus**  
1051 General Puller Hwy.  
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To go only. Smoked meats with sides, desserts and drinks. Closed Sun. and Mon. B/L/\$\$.

**China Spring**  
126 Gen. Puller Hwy.  
Saluda 758-2266  
Szechuan, Hunan and Cantonese cuisine. L/D/\$.

**Colonial Pizza**  
50 Watling St.  
Urbanna 758-4079  
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**Dano's Pizza**  
10880 Gen. Puller Hwy.  
Hartfield 776-8031  
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**DeltaPie Pizza and Specialty Market**  
16474 Gen. Puller Hwy.  
Deltaville 792-0007  
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**Little Jimmy's Restaurant**  
240 Virginia St.  
Urbanna 286-9005  
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6209 Gen. Puller Hwy.  
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784 Locklies Creek Rd.  
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Saluda 684-5726  
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**The Table**  
16273 Gen. Puller Hwy. Suite A4  
Deltaville 776-9555  
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**The Wooden Pickle Cafe**  
51 Cross St.  
Urbanna 824-8315  
Coffee, pastries, sandwiches paninis and wraps. Closed Thurs. B/L/\$.

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5061 Richmond Rd.  
Warsaw 333-1932  
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**The Daily**  
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**Bird Dog's Country Store**  
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**Montross** 493-0001  
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■ 1810 Tapp. Blvd., Tappahannock, 443-3151.

**Chick-fil-A**  
■ 6780 Geo. Wash. Mem. Hwy., Gloucester 693-4585.  
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**Dairy Queen Grill and Chill**  
■ 5031 Richmond Rd. Warsaw, 250-2298.

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■ 6101 Geo. Wash. Mem. Hwy., Gloucester, 693-6800.  
■ 1749 Geo. Wash. Mem. Hwy., Gloucester Point, 699-7000  
■ 700 McKinney Blvd. Colonial Beach, 224-2334.  
■ 1824 Tappahannock Blvd., Tappahannock, 443-6585.  
■ 23 W. Church St. Kilmarnock, 435-3030.

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■ 1616 Tappahannock Blvd., Tappahannock, 443-4139  
**Hardee's**  
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■ 2398 Geo. Wash. Mem. Hwy., Hayes, 642-3950.  
■ 323 14th St. West Point, 843-4274.  
■ 27 Main St., Mathews, 725-7468.

■ 199 Gloucester Rd., Saluda, 758-4931.  
■ 4733 Richmond Rd., Warsaw, 333-5066  
**Jersey Mike's Subs**  
■ 6828 Waltons Ln., Gloucester. 210-1130.  
**Kentucky Fried Chicken**  
■ 6975 Geo. Wash. Mem. Hwy., Gloucester. 693-9482.  
■ 1658 Tapp. Blvd., Tappahannock, 443-3912.

**Little Caesars Pizza**  
■ 6939 Geo. Wash. Mem. Hwy., Gloucester, 792-5065  
**McDonald's**  
■ 7099 Geo. Wash. Mem. Hwy., Gloucester, 694-4810.  
■ 2413 Geo. Wash. Mem. Hwy., Hayes, 642-5117.  
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■ 1617 Tapp. Blvd., Tappahannock, 435-9900.  
■ 388 Main St., Kilmarnock, 435-2331.  
■ 800 McKinney Blvd. Colonial Beach, 224-9255.  
■ 4188 Richmond Rd., Warsaw, 333-9689.

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**Sonic Drive-in**  
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# PORTRAYALS OF HISTORICAL FIGURES TO HIGHLIGHT URBANNA FOUNDERS DAY

by Barbara Lovelace

“What’s happening in the war?”  
 “What has the Second Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia resolved?”  
 “What in the world is happening at the Fifth Virginia Revolutionary Convention in Williamsburg?”

These questions will be answered by historical interpreters portraying 18th century patriots and Founding Fathers Richard Henry Lee and George Mason. Their conversation, which will take place in the critical timeframe of late June 1776, will be showcased at this year’s Urbanna Founders Day’s presentation at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 3, at Urbanna Baptist Church at 121 Watling Street, Urbanna.

“The World Turned Upside Down” is an apt name for this living history presentation, because it happened at a time when neither Founding Father knew whether or not a new nation would be birthed. Listen to their discussion, see the tension grow, and experience the strategies and thoughts of Lee and Mason as they share their experience of the Revolutionary War and nation-building events.

Seats are limited to this free event, and the doors will close at 11 a.m. as Frank Megargee portrays Richard Henry Lee and Douglas Cohen brings George Mason to life for this educational and memorable performance to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Urbanna Founders Day.

Who are these two Founding Fathers, you may ask? They may be less prominent in our national public memories than other famous Virginians, such as George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, but



Participants in the 2022 Urbanna Founders Day celebration wind their way through town enroute to a Constitutional Debate at Urbanna Baptist Church. “Town Crier” Garth Wheeler leads the entourage. It included the Williamsburg Field Musick Fifes and Drums Corps. “Musick” is the way the word “music” was spelled during the Colonial era. Colonial-style fifers and drummers return to Urbanna at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3. Photo by Tom Chillemi

each played a significant role in America’s early history as it became a nation.

Richard Henry Lee, a statesman of the well-known Lee Family of Virginia, was passionate in supporting the cause of independence from Great Britain. He served in the Virginia House of Burgesses and later the House of Delegates, signed the Declaration of Independence, was president of the Continental Congress, and also served as a senator from Virginia in the new nation. He worked to stop the importation of slaves and devoted many of his

years to forming the structure of the new American government. He opposed the new Constitution until the Bill of Rights was added. A prominent historian has said of Lee that “his legacy is intrinsic, albeit anonymous, in the founding documents of the United States.”

Lee is perhaps best known for delivering a fiery motion at the Second Continental Congress to declare independence from Britain. This motion, known as the Lee Resolution, passed the Congress, and John Adams and Thomas Jefferson

were then tasked to write the Declaration of Independence. John Adams later remarked to Abigail Adams that Lee would be known as the “Father of American Independence.”

George Mason, a wealthy Fairfax County planter who became a revolutionary, was active in local committees of safety and correspondence, and also served in the House of Burgesses and later the House of Delegates. He, too, worked to ban the African slave trade and exercised a significant influence on American political thoughts and events. As a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, he, like Lee, refused to sign the new Constitution until it contained a Bill of Rights. Historians have stated that Mason’s greatest contribution to present day Constitutional law was his influence on our Bill of Rights.

Mason is likely best known as an architect of the American Revolution and wrote Virginia’s Declaration of Rights and the Virginia Constitution, naming the new state the “Commonwealth of Virginia,” a name he chose to indicate that power stemmed from the people. These two documents had a profound influence on the formation of the new nation. Thomas Jefferson paid homage to Mason by incorporating both Mason’s ideas and language into the Declaration of Independence.

Portraying Lee, homebuilder Frank Megargee’s interest in Colonial Tidewater architecture led him to Colonial Williamsburg from Maryland’s Eastern Shore. As he immersed himself in colonial history, he discovered “a giant of the period who had been reduced to a footnote: R.H. Lee.” Frank has done a deep dive into all-things-Lee and has portrayed Lee, and other historical figures, as part of Colonial Williamsburg’s “Revolutionary City” Street Theater program.

Bringing George Mason to life, Douglas Cohen is a third-generation Washingtonian and worked in a number of civilian and military federal organizations before retiring and moving to Williamsburg. A member of the Living History Foundation, he has portrayed several colonial personages and has become deeply acquainted with the life and works of George Mason, whom he represents at Gunston Hall, Mason’s ancestral home in Mason Neck, Virginia.

Members of the Friends of Urbanna nonprofit organization invite you to come and listen to Lee and Mason as they share urgent strategies and life-changing news and views of the time period -- a time worth remembering.

For information, visit [friendsofurbanna.org](http://friendsofurbanna.org).

## URBANNA FOUNDERS DAY SCHEDULE • SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

- 10 a.m. — Colonial-style fife and drum corps marches through downtown Urbanna.
- 10:25-10:35 a.m. — Colonial-style fife and drum corps arrives at Middlesex County Woman’s Club building, 210 Virginia Street, Urbanna, where town crier invites all to celebrate Urbanna Founders Day. Colonial-style fife and drum corps then marches to Urbanna Baptist Church, 121 Watling Street, Urbanna.
- 10:35-10:55 a.m. — Balladeer performs, Urbanna Baptist Church, 121 Watling Street, Urbanna.
- 11 a.m.-noon Saturday, Aug. 3 — Town Historian Larry Chowning emcees special “Richard Henry Lee” and “George Mason” historical performance as part of Urbanna Founders Day, Urbanna Baptist Church, 121 Watling Street, Urbanna.
- 11 a.m.-3 p.m. — Scottish Factor Store Museum, 130 Virginia Street, Urbanna, is open with refreshments and Mitchell Map presentations. Docents will be on hand.
- 11 a.m.-3 p.m. — Eighteenth century replica colonial trading sloop Luna is open for tours at the Urbanna Town

Marina, 210 Oyster Road, Urbanna.

- 11 a.m.-3 p.m. — Seventeenth century replica boat Explorer is open for tours, intersection of Virginia and Cross streets, Urbanna; “Anas Todkill,” who explored around the Chesapeake Bay on the original Explorer, is portrayed at a camp set up near the replica Explorer.
- 11 a.m.-3 p.m. — The Middlesex County Woman’s Club building, 210 Virginia Street, Urbanna, is open for tours. It was originally an 18th century colonial courthouse.
- Noon-12:30 p.m. — Town crier and colonial-style fife and drum corps march back to the center of Urbanna.
- 12:30-3 p.m. — Arthur Broadus “AB” Gravatt III’s historic Lansdowne, the home of Arthur Lee, is open for tours, 271 Virginia Street, Urbanna.

The Friends of Urbanna group is encouraging those attending Urbanna Founders Day to also visit Urbanna restaurants and businesses. “Throughout the day, please visit our exceptional merchants and eating establishments!” a spokesman for the group urged.



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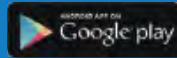
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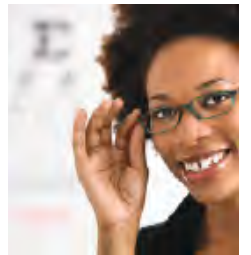
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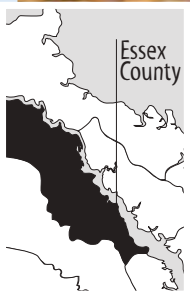
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Kayaking on the Rappahannock River. Photo by Charles Ryan Associates

**History**

Essex County's history in written form dates from Captain John Smith's visit during the winter of 1607-08, when he wrote of the "excellent, pleasant, fertile, and navigable" Rappahannock Valley.

In 1645 Bartholomew Hoskins patented the Tappahannock site, which became known at various times as Hobbs His Hole, Hobb's Hole, the short-lived New Plymouth, and the Indian name Tappahannock. The port town was to become a center of commerce during the 17th and 18th centuries, establishing a crossroads.

The Essex Courthouse contains some of the oldest records in Virginia. James B. Slaughter's history of the area, "Settlers, Southerners, Americans: The History of Essex County, Virginia 1608-1984," recounts in detail the county's 350-year-old story. The book is available at the county administrator's office.

Today Essex's town of Tappahannock is one of the largest commercial centers in the region.

**For Visitors**

The Tappahannock-Essex Chamber of Commerce is at 205 Cross Street, Tappahannock.

*Out & about*

- 1 Visit Essex County Museum and Historical Society.
- 2 Hike the Hutchinson Unit of the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge.
- 3 Find treasures at the Tappahannock Farmers Market, held on third Saturdays April through November.
- 4 Catch a truck or tractor pull at Dragon Motor Sports in Dunnsville.
- 5 Root for the Tidewater Tides in a semi-pro baseball game held at Ashton Field, Essex High School.

*By the numbers* **Established:** 1692 • **Population:** 10,599  
**Land:** 257 square mi. • **Water Area:** 29 square mi.



Flat Iron Crossroads hosts bands on Saturday evenings throughout the season. Next up is Jim Quick & Coastline on Saturday, August 17.

**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.

Gloucester was home to 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.

Another infamous resident was Nathaniel Bacon who, in 1676, led a force of planters against the Indians. His army burned Jamestown and he briefly controlled the colony before his death ended the revolt.

Fortified during Bacon's Rebellion, Gloucester Point (originally called Tyndall's Point), is just across the York River from Yorktown, site of the British surrender to end the American Revolution.

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.

Today, Gloucester is the most populated of the eight counties that make up the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula.

**For Visitors**

The Gloucester Visitor Center is on the historic courthouse circle at 6504 Main St. Open Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sun. and Mon., 1-4 p.m. 693-3215, Tourism@gloucesterva.info.

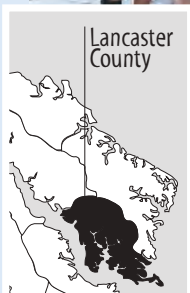
*Out & about*

- 1 Explore Machicomoco State Park honoring the Native Tribes of Virginia.
- 2 Have a play day at Gloucester Point Beach Park which includes a sandy beach, fishing pier, and playground.
- 3 Sidewalk stroll: Visit Main Street's shops and restaurants along with the Historic Court Circle.
- 4 Fish, hike or boat at Beaverdam Park which includes a 635 acre fresh-water lake.
- 5 Attend one of the many public programs offered by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

*By the numbers* **Established:** 1651 • **Population:** 39,069  
**Land:** 288 square miles • **Water Area:** 70 square miles



## Lancaster County



The popular concert series, Music on the Half Shell Stage, is held at Kilmarnock Town Centre Park. The series continues on Friday, August 16 with InsideOut Band.

### History

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Capt. John Smith is believed to be the first Englishman to set foot in the county when he explored the Chesapeake Bay region in 1607, encountering the Moraughtacunds (Morrattico) and Cuttatawomen (Corrotoman) tribes.

Today, you'll find descendants of the earliest colonists still living in Lancaster.

Henry Fleet sailed to the new world in 1621 as a boy and was captured and raised by Native Americans until ransomed to the colonists. Later, Capt. Fleet settled 1,760 acres of land from Fleet's Bay to Irvington.

The Carter family was extremely influential. Robert "King" Carter grew his father's 2,600 estate to over 300,000 acres on 48 plantations with some 1,000 slaves. Carter fathered 15 children. His descendants include eight governors of Virginia, three signers of the Declaration of Independence, two presidents, leader of the confederate armies Gen. Robert E. Lee, and a Supreme Court Justice. The family's history is archived in the museum at Historic Christ Church.

George Washington's mother, Mary Ball, was born about 1708 at Epping Forrest in upper Lancaster. Learn the Ball family history, or discover your own, at the Mary Ball Washington Museum's extensive genealogy library in historic Lancaster Courthouse.

Learn more local history at the Irvington Steamboat Era Museum, Morrattico Waterfront Museum and Kilmarnock Museum.

### For Visitors

Information Center at the Lancaster by the Bay Chamber, 16 Town Centre Dr., Kilmarnock, 435-6092 (weekdays) or Kilmarnock Antique Mall at 144 School St.

### Out & about

- 1 Check out the hiking and biking trails at Belle Isle State Park.
- 2 Tour Historic Christ Church, built in 1735 and visit the adjacent museum.

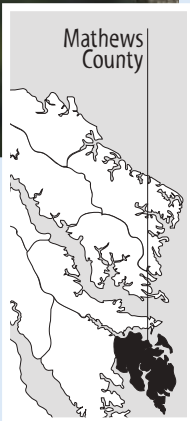
- 3 Play a round of golf at The Golden Eagle, disc golf at Deadrise Disc Golf, or Mini golf at Compass Entertainment Center.
- 4 Sidewalk Stroll: Check out the shops and restaurants in the towns of White Stone, Irvington and Kilmarnock.
- 5 Boat or kayak the Rappahannock or Corrotoman Rivers for fun on the water.

### By the numbers

Established: 1651 • Population: 10,919  
Land Area: 133 square mi. • Water Area: 98 square mi.

## Mathews County

### Rivah Life



A crowd gathered to watch the sunset at New Point Comfort Overlook. Photo by Susan Versen

### History

Mathews County was an established shipbuilding center for the Chesapeake Bay when it broke away from Gloucester in 1791 to become a separate county.

About that time, 12 sailing ships over 20 tons each were built in a single year in Mathews, which the Chiskiake Indians had called Werowocomico.

Between 1790 and 1820, approximately a third of ships built in Virginia came from Mathews. The sharp, fast vessels, popularly known as Baltimore Clippers, were built throughout the Chesapeake Bay region. Before the War of 1812, these fast ships were simply known as "Virginia built."

From 1802 to 1844, Mathews was an official port of entry for the registration and enrollment of ships. During this period, 10,000 vessels called at the "Port of East River." The customs house stood at Williams Wharf (marker 13), which was a center of maritime activity until the steamers quit running in the 1940s.

The last remaining steamboat line, the Old Bay Line, stopped its York River to Baltimore run in 1942. About 20 years later, the Old Bay Line dropped passenger service between Baltimore and Norfolk. The steamers stopped for good in the spring of 1962.

Mathews has a population of around 8,900. While it is Virginia's second smallest county with only 87 square miles, it has more miles of shore than any other Bay county and some of the area's best public access.

### For Visitors

The Mathews County Visitor and Information Center is in historic Sibley's General Store at 239 Main St. 725-4229.

### Out & about

- 1 Explore the Mathews Blueways Water Trail, including 5 separate water trails to kayak and cruise.
- 2 Find fresh goods at the Mathews Farmers Market, held every Saturday on the historic court house green.

- 3 View New Point Comfort lighthouse from New Point Comfort Natural Area Preserve.
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### By the numbers

Established: 1791 • Population: 8,533  
Land Area: 87 square mi. • Water Area: 166 square mi.



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## Richmond County Fair slated nightly August 6-10

RICHMOND COUNTY—The Richmond County Fair Association recently announced the 35th annual fair will be held August 6–10, opening nightly at 6 p.m., at the Richmond County Fairgrounds, 315 Community Park Drive, Warsaw.

The Opening Ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. August 6. There will be music each night in addition to livestock, crops, arts and crafts exhibits, vendors, food, a hay bale decorating contest with the theme of cartoon characters, livestock shows, rides by Cole rides and alligator wrestling by Gator Boys Road Show and Jimmy Riffle.

Arts and crafts exhibits by ages 5 and older will be judged and will be used to determine cash and/or scholarships. The scholarships can be used for educational participation or college tuition. Last year the three scholarships given totaled \$3,500.

The Cake Contest will be a yellow cake from scratch with chocolate frosting. The cakes will be auctioned following the opening ceremony. Proceeds will go to the Richmond County Fair Youth Scholarship Fund.

Admission is \$4 per person, of free younger than age 3.

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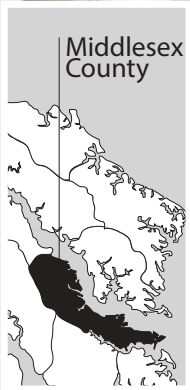


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## Middlesex County



**Williamsburg Field Music duo, fifer Thomas DeRose of Richmond, and drummer Lance Pedigo of Williamsburg, lead a procession through Urbanna during the 2021 Urbanna Founders Day celebration. A performing fifer and drummer duo will return to Urbanna 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3 to kick off the 2024 Founders Day celebration. They will lead a procession through Urbanna to the Middlesex County Woman's Club building.**

### History

Middlesex County was formed in 1668 from Lancaster County, making it one of the oldest English settlements in the United States. Throughout the county several colonial plantation homes and structures still stand from the Colonial era.

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 an official center for shipping tobacco grown on surrounding plantations.

Stingray Point near Deltaville gained immortal fame in 1608 as the spot where Captain John Smith was nearly killed by a stingray. Throughout the 20th century, Deltaville was a wooden boatbuilding center and from that infrastructure grew into a major boating center on Chesapeake Bay.

Today Middlesex County is home to the popular Urbanna Oyster Festival, which draws thousands for a weekend of music and mollusks every November.

### For Visitors

James Mills Scottish Factor Store, 45 Cross St. in Urbanna, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and serves as a visitor center. 758-2613.

### Out & about

- 1 Get an adrenaline rush at Virginia Motor Speedway dirt track racing.
- 2 Take in a Deltaville Deltas ballgame at Deltaville Ballpark the oldest all-wooden baseball stadium in Virginia.
- 3 Kids and kids-at-heart can play a round of putt putt and top it off with some ice cream at Bethpage Miniature Golf and Ice Creamery.
- 4 Fly high above Rivah Country at Bay Aviation.
- 5 Shop, dine and explore the towns of Urbanna and Deltaville.

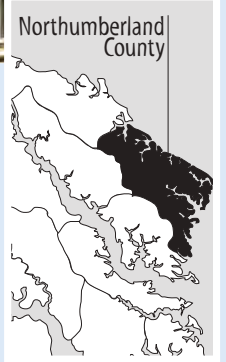
### By the numbers

**Established:** 1668 • **Population:** 10,625  
**Land area:** 131 square mi. • **Water area:** 80 square mi.

## Northumberland County



Downtown Reedville. Photo by Don Gutermuth



### History

Northumberland's blend of history and nature will appeal to all ages.

Originally home to the Chickacoan and Wicocomico tribes of the Powhatan Confederacy, adventurers will enjoy combing beaches and nature trails for arrowheads while armchair explorers might prefer touring museum artifacts.

Jamestown's colonial government created Northumberland in 1648, which encompassed most of the Northern Neck and was named after County Northumberland, England. Within five years, Lancaster, Richmond and Westmoreland counties had been carved out of its territory, making Northumberland the "Mother County of the Northern Neck."

The rapid growth of colonial settlements after 1635 pushed the Native Americans to 4,400-acres off Dividing Creek. Formerly independent tribes consolidated into one village, the Rappahannock Tribe. By 1700 they disappeared from local records.

Historic Heathsville grew up around the county seat which was established in 1679, and named for local leader John Heath, whose brick home is still standing in town on Rowe's Landing Road. Courthouse Square features Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern, now a gift shop and museum. It includes a blacksmith shop, old jail, carriage house and commons for farmers markets and county events.

Reedville is a picturesque fishing village featuring the Victorian homes of 19th century steamship captains. Off Fleeton Road is Omega Protein, the largest menhaden processing factory on the Eastern seaboard. Reedville Fishermen's Museum showcases the area's fishing industry.

With 1,000 miles of shoreline, charter fishing boats abound. Take a cruise to Tangier or Smith islands.

### For Visitors

The Northumberland County Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center, 153 Northumberland Hwy. (Rt. 360) in Callao. 529-5031.

### Out & about

- 1 Take a day trip to Tangier Island on the Tangier Island Cruise departing from Buzzard's Point Marina.
- 2 Explore the history of farming in Rivah Country at the Northern Neck Farm Museum in Burgess.
- 3 Visit the historic village of Reedville for restaurants, scenes of Cockrell Creek, and The Reedville Fishermen's Museum.
- 4 Observe nature at its best at Hughlett Point Natural Area Preserve.
- 5 Take a free ride on the Sunnybank Ferry for a unique experience and view of the Little Wicomico River.

### By the numbers

**Established:** 1648 • **Population:** 12,302  
**Land area:** 191 square mi. • **Water area:** 94 square mi.



## Richmond County



The popular Richmond County Fair returns August 6-10 at the fairgrounds, 315 Community Park Dr. Warsaw.

### History

Known 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 Naylor's, an early river settlement. The seat moved inland in 1730 and was 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.

The Downing Bridge was built across the Rappahannock River in 1927, connecting Richmond County to Essex and opening up travel to and from the Northern Neck. The bridge replaced 200 years of ferry service.

Richmond County was home of the last president 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 U.S. President.

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 1926, the people of the Philippines erected a memorial at Jones' gravesite in the St. John's Episcopal Churchyard in Warsaw.

Serving as the crossroads of U.S. Route 360 and State Route 3, the county seat of Warsaw is currently the headquarters for many regional government agencies as well as a community college, vocational center and regional jail.

### For Visitors

Two Visitors Centers are available to provide information on area attractions: Richmond County Museum, 5874 Richmond Rd. in Warsaw. 333-3607. The Saddlery in Warsaw, 165 Main St. 333-1776.

### Out & about

- 1 Peek behind the walls of the historic home, Menokin. A visitor center and trails are also available to explore.
- 2 Take a sidewalk stroll through Warsaw. Visit shops, restaurants and Warsaw Town Park.
- 3 Be enchanted with the artistic tree carvings on The Enchanted Forest trail
- 4 Explore the trails and scenes within the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge's Wilna and Laurel Grove units.
- 5 Relax and swim at Naylor's Beach.

### By the numbers

Established: 1692 • Population: 9,080  
Land area: 192 square mi. • Water area: 25 square mi.

## Westmoreland County



Hot summer days are perfect beach days in Colonial Beach.

### History

Established in 1653 by the colonial government in Jamestown, Westmoreland County was named for a British shire. The county's most significant contributions to history include its fostering of more statesmen than any other county in the country, and for the Leedstown Resolutions.

Considered the forerunner of the Declaration of Independence, the Leedstown Resolutions were signed in February, 1766. Prepared by Richard Henry Lee, the document was signed by 115 patriots who bound themselves together "To Prevent The Execution of The Stamp Act."

Stratford Hall was the boyhood home of Richard Henry Lee and Francis Lightfoot Lee, signers of the Declaration of Independence.

General Henry "Light-Horse Harry" Lee was a Revolutionary War hero and served as one of General George Washington's most trusted officers. He is the father of Robert E. Lee.

General Robert E. Lee was born in 1807 at Stratford Hall. Lee was a colonel in the U. S. Army when the Civil War broke out. Offered the command of the Union Army, Lee declined because he "could take no part in an invasion" of his homeland.

Most notable among the statesmen of Westmoreland, George Washington was born at Popes Creek in 1732.

James Monroe, the nation's fifth president, was born in 1758 on a farm near Monroe Bay.

Westmoreland is home to the only off-track betting casino in the area. Fishing and agriculture are still the area's mainstays, with wineries, produce farms and seafood packers among some of the most prominent businesses in the county.

### For Visitors

The Westmoreland County Visitors Center is in the county museum and library at 43 Court Square, Montross. 493-8440.

### Out & about

- 1 Explore Westmoreland State Park's trails and cliffs along the Potomac River.
- 2 Take in some racing at Colonial Beach Dragway or Custom T's Motorsports Park.
- 3 Spend the day or weekend at 'The Playground of the Potomac' in Colonial Beach.
- 4 Immerse yourself in history at Stratford Hall, James Monroe Birthplace, or George Washington Birthplace National Monument
- 5 Taste test at one of the many wineries or breweries.

### By the numbers

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Land Area: 229.38 square mi. • Water Area: 24 square mi.



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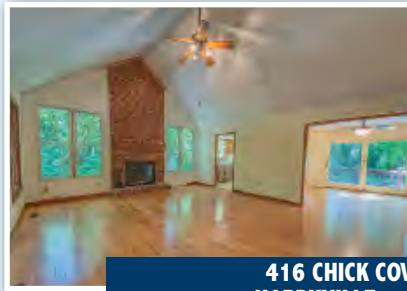






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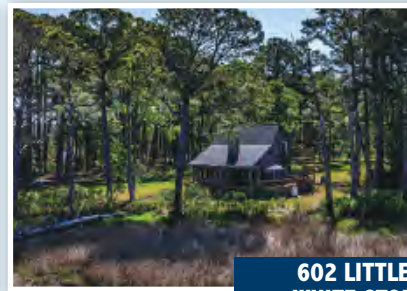
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