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2 tsp. baking soda	2 tsp. vanilla extract
2 tsp. ground cinnamon	1 cup nuts, chopped (pecan or walnuts)
1 tsp. apple pie spice	

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 9 x 13" pan, (may use non-stick cooking spray instead). In a medium bowl, stir together the apples and sugar well, set aside. Sift the flour, baking soda, cinnamon, apple pie spice and salt. In a large bowl, stir together the oil, beaten eggs and vanilla. Add apples and sugar mixture, mix well. Stir in the dry ingredients, then the nuts. Pour into prepared pan and spread evenly. Bake in the preheated oven for about 45 to 50 minutes or until cake springs back to the touch. Let cool to warm temperature and enjoy. Store leftovers in the refrigerator.

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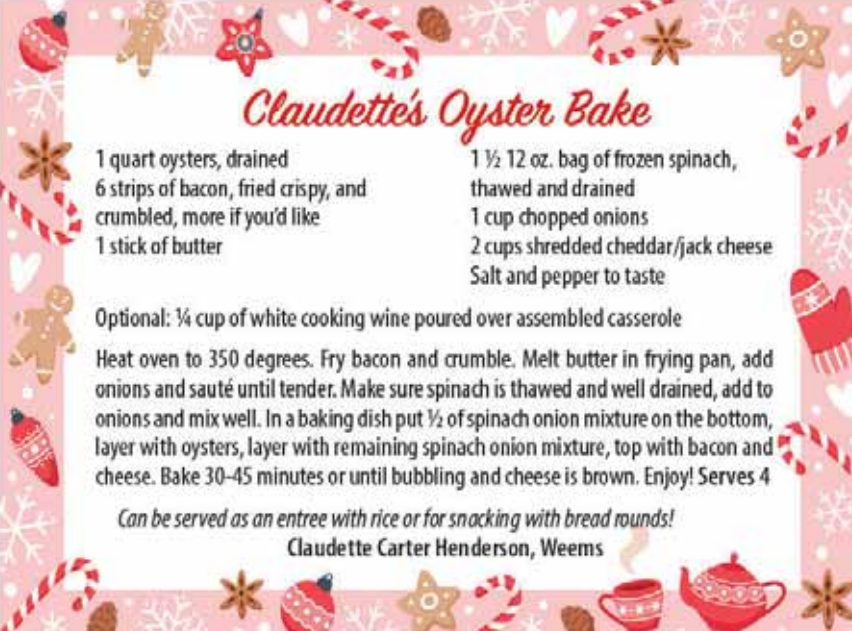
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## Claudette's Oyster Bake

1 quart oysters, drained  
6 strips of bacon, fried crispy, and crumbled, more if you'd like  
1 stick of butter

1 ½ 12 oz. bag of frozen spinach, thawed and drained  
1 cup chopped onions  
2 cups shredded cheddar/jack cheese  
Salt and pepper to taste

Optional: ¼ cup of white cooking wine poured over assembled casserole

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Fry bacon and crumble. Melt butter in frying pan, add onions and sauté until tender. Make sure spinach is thawed and well drained, add to onions and mix well. In a baking dish put ½ of spinach onion mixture on the bottom, layer with oysters, layer with remaining spinach onion mixture, top with bacon and cheese. Bake 30-45 minutes or until bubbling and cheese is brown. Enjoy! Serves 4

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1 pkg (3 oz) cream cheese, softened	6-10 drops green food coloring

Mix cookies and hot water. Spoon into crust and gently spread to cover bottom. Beat cream cheese until smooth; gradually beat in sugar, milk and peppermint extract. Fold in whipped topping. Divide mixture in half; stir food coloring into one half until evenly colored. Fill pie crust with alternate dollops of white and green whipped topping mixtures. Smooth top of pie with spatula. Chill 3 hours.

Chris Bowen, Kilmarnock



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## Hot Artichoke & Spinach Dip

1 8 oz. block cream cheese, soft  
½ cup mayonnaise  
½ tsp. minced garlic  
1 cup mozzarella cheese, shredded  
¼ cup parmesan cheese, grated

1 can artichoke hearts, drained & chopped  
2 cups fresh spinach leaves, stems removed  
steak seasoning

Serve with bagel chips or other hearty crackers like Triscuits.

Mix first 5 ingredients in a large mixing bowl until combined. Add artichoke hearts and spinach leaves and stir until combined. Spoon mixture into lightly greased pie plate or 1 qt. casserole dish. Liberally sprinkle top with steak seasoning.

Bake at 350 for 25-30 minutes or until bubbly.

Lisa Donant, Deltaville



## Oyster Rockefeller Soup

6 slices bacon, partially frozen and cut into very small pieces  
2 cups finely chopped celery  
2 cups chopped onion  
1 bay leaf  
½ cup chicken broth plus some additional broth to use later  
3 cups chopped fresh baby spinach  
3 cups thinly sliced green onions  
1 cups fresh snipped flat-leaf parsley

1 large clove garlic, minced  
¼ tsp. dried thyme  
½ tsp. dried tarragon  
1 tsp. salt  
½ tsp. pepper  
1 tbsp. flour  
2 pints of oysters  
½ cup Pernod  
6 cups half and half

In a large soup pot, brown the bacon until fully rendered and crisp. Remove the bacon to drain on paper towels. Throw away all the drippings and leave 2 tbsp. in the pan.

Cook the celery, onions, bay leaf and ½ cup chicken broth in the drippings over medium heat with a lid for 4-5 minutes, or until vegetables are tender. Reduce the heat to low and add spinach, green onions, and parsley. Cook, stirring often, for 4 minutes. Remove the bay leaf. Add garlic, thyme, tarragon, salt and pepper. Cook, stirring often, for 4 minutes. Add flour and cook for 2 minutes. Be sure to scrape the sides and bottom of the pan.

Drain 1 pint of oysters, reserving liquid. Add enough chicken broth to make 1 cup total. Set aside. Increase the heat to medium high and carefully add the Pernod to the veggie mixture. Cook about 4 minutes. Add oyster liquor and the other pint of oysters for 4 more minutes. Cool slightly. Then use an emersion blender to coarsely blend the soup.

Stir in the half and half and cook until the mixture is heated through (do not bring to a boil). Add the remaining pint of oysters and cook for 5 minutes. Serves 12

Jo Manson, Irvington

## 3 Cheese Potatoes Au Gratin

Gruyere cheese  
Swiss Emmentaler cheese or any good Swiss cheese  
Edam cheese  
1 tbsp. unsalted butter  
1 tbsp. avocado oil

1 large yellow onion, cut in half and thinly sliced  
1 clove garlic, minced  
6 medium potatoes, scrubbed clean salt and freshly ground black pepper  
1/4 cup chicken stock  
1/4 tsp. freshly grated nutmeg

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.

Place a box grater in a medium bowl and grate 1/2 cup of each cheese into the bowl. Mix by hand to combine the cheeses. Save the rest of the cheese for another recipe. Melt butter with avocado oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add sliced onion and saute until translucent and caramelized, about 15 minutes. Add garlic and cook another minute. Turn off heat and set aside. Thinly slice the potatoes and place in another bowl. Alternatively, you can also use a mandoline to thinly slice the potatoes. Spray the bottom of a gratin or baking dish with oil. Spoon half of the caramelized onions evenly into the bottom of the dish. Arrange half of the sliced potatoes in a pattern over the onions. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Sprinkle half of the combined cheeses evenly over the potatoes. Spoon the rest of the caramelized onions over the cheese and arrange the rest of the potatoes over the onion. Pour chicken stock over potatoes and add the grated nutmeg. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Sprinkle the remainder of the cheese evenly over the potatoes. Place dish on a baking sheet to catch any drippings. Loosely cover with aluminum foil sprayed on the inside with oil, and bake for 30 minutes. Remove foil and bake another 20 to 30 minutes, until golden brown and bubbly. Serves 4 to 6

Lee Casazza, Lancaster

## Salmon Cakes

2 cans of salmon with bones, drained  
1 medium onion chopped  
2 large eggs

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# Holiday Calendar of Events 2023

## Thursday, November 16

**In The Rest Room At Rosenblooms**, 7 p.m. doors open, 8 p.m. curtain. The Lancaster Players Playhouse, 361 Chesapeake Drive, White Stone. \$30. Cash bar. Tickets: [www.lancasterplayers.org](http://www.lancasterplayers.org) or 435-3776.

## Friday, November 17

**Tilt the Unlit Candle**, 6:30 p.m. Westmoreland Players Theatre, 16217 Richmond Road, Callao. Opening night gala, \$40; students, \$27. Tickets: [www.westmorelandplayers.org](http://www.westmorelandplayers.org) or 529-9345.

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**It's A Wonderful Life, A Live Radio Play**, 8 p.m. Colonial Beach Playhouse, Colonial Beach Performing Arts Center, 108 Hawthorn Street, Colonial Beach. \$20 adults, \$18 seniors and students. Tickets: [cbplayhouse.org](http://cbplayhouse.org), or 214-0517.

## Saturday, November 18

**Gobble Wobble 5K Walk/Run**, 8:30 a.m.-noon. Visitor Center, Westmoreland State Park, 145 Cliff Road, Montross. On moderate park trails and roads. \$20 per person, plus \$10 parking fee. Race info and registration: <https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Montross/FriendsOfWestmorelandStateParkVirtualGobbleWobble5K>. 493-8821.

**HistoryLand Community Workshop Annual Benefit Sale**, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Grace Episcopal Church, 303 South Main Street, Kilmarnock. Seasonal crafts, jams, pickles, relishes, baked goods, cheese, holiday ornaments, crocheted items, knitted items.

**Tappahannock Farmers Market**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Cross and Prince Sts 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. 443-3336.

**Menokin Makers Market**, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Menokin, 4037 Menokin Road, Warsaw. Makers, artists and craftspeople. 333-1776.

**Taste By The Bay**, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tides Inn, 480 King Carter Drive, Irvington. Sample Virginia wines, food from local restaurants and food vendors, craft beers. Music, vendors. Sold out event.

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## Sunday, November 19

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Center, 108 Hawthorn Street, Colonial Beach. \$20 adults, \$18 seniors and students. Tickets: [cbplayhouse.org](http://cbplayhouse.org), or 214-0517.

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## November 21-December 30

**Holiday Shop**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. RAL Art Center, 19 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Closes Sundays and Mondays. Handmade crafts, cards, ornaments and art by members. 436-9309.

## Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving

**Irvington Turkey Trot**, 8 a.m.-noon, Irvington Town Commons, 98 King Carter Drive, Irvington. Races, fees and registration: <https://irvingtonva.com/events/turkey-trot-nov-23-2023>. Packet pick up, 8-8:45 a.m., 2-mile run, 9 a.m.; 5-mile run, 10 a.m.; tot trot, 11 a.m.

**Mercy Creek**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Thanksgiving Day Brunch, Chesapeake Terrace, The Tides Inn, 480 King Carter Drive, Irvington. Reservations recommended. 438-5000.

## Friday, November 24

**Holiday Marketplace**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Steamboat Era Museum, 156 King Carter Drive, Irvington. 438-6888.

**Northern Neck Railroad/Polar Express**, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Reedville Fishermen's Museum, 504 Main Street, Reedville.

**Tilt the Unlit Candle**, 7:30 p.m. Westmoreland Players Theatre, 16217 Richmond Road, Callao. By season subscription, or \$30; students, \$17. Tickets: [www.westmorelandplayers.org](http://www.westmorelandplayers.org) or 529-9345.

## November 25-January 1

**A Walk In The Park**, 5-8 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Enjoy the Christmas lights and decorations. Please note that Friday, Dec. 1 and Saturday, Dec. 2 the park will be closed for a ticketed event.

## Saturday, November 25

**Holiday Gift Market**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Deltaville Maritime Museum, 287 Jackson Creek Road, Deltaville. 776-7200.

**Holiday Marketplace**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Steamboat Era Museum, 156 King Carter Drive, Irvington. 438-6888.

**Artisan Holiday Market**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Allure Art Center, 419 Rappahannock Drive, White Stone. Meet and greet artists, demos, specials on holiday cards and ornaments, kids holiday coloring, authors David and Zora Aiken signing their children's books and prints. Art glass demo, noon-2 p.m.

**Northern Neck Railroad/Polar Express**, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Reedville Fishermen's Museum, 504 Main Street, Reedville.

**Countdown To Christmas**, 5-6 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Community tree lighting. Santa will make a brief appearance.

**Lights On The Creek**, 5 p.m. Rappahannock River Yacht Club, 100 Rappahannock Road, Irvington. Illuminated boat parade on Carter Creek and after party.

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subscription, or \$30; students, \$17. Tickets: [www.westmorelandplayers.org](http://www.westmorelandplayers.org) or 529-9345.

## Sunday, November 26

**Holiday Marketplace**, 1-4 p.m. Steamboat Era Museum, 156 King Carter Drive, Irvington. 438-6888.

**Tilt the Unlit Candle**, 3 p.m. Westmoreland Players Theatre, 16217 Richmond Road, Callao. By season subscription, or \$30; students, \$17. Tickets: [www.westmorelandplayers.org](http://www.westmorelandplayers.org) or 529-9345.

## Thursday, November 30

**Festival Of Trees**, 5-7 p.m. Northern Neck Family YMCA, 39 William B. Graham Court, Kilmarnock. Theme: From This Moment. Open house, games, refreshments, door prizes, songs, a visit and photos with Santa, unveiling of the silent auction, sign up for online bidding.

## Friday, December 1

**Festival Of Trees**, 5 a.m.-7 p.m. Northern Neck Family YMCA, 39 William B. Graham Court, Kilmarnock. Theme: From This Moment. Silent auction gallery open.

**First Friday At The Arts Center**, 4:30-7 p.m. The Arts Center of Montross, 14961 Kings Highway, Montross.

**Santa's Village**, 5:30-7 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Mini North Pole. Six activity tents. Visit with Santa. Cocoa and cookies. Children can write a letter to Santa and drop in the mailbox. Ticketed event. \$12 younger than age 10, \$18 anyone older than age 10. Tickets: [kilmarnockva.com](http://kilmarnockva.com), 435-1552.

**Winter Wonderland**, 6 p.m. Village Green, Rappahannock Drive, White Stone. Tree lighting. Santa arrives by firetruck at 6:30 p.m.

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**Chesapeake Chorale**, 8 p.m. Northumberland High School Theater, 201 Academic Lane, Claraville. <https://www.thechesapeakechorale.org/>.

## Saturday, December 2

**Christmas In Kinsale**, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Village of Kinsale. Sponsor: The Kinsale Foundation. Breakfast, bazaar, silent auction, toybox raffle, music, cookies galore, children's activities, food concessions, treasures of yesteryear, parade, mule wagon rides, bike raffle, tree lighting.

**Distinctive Bazaar**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Irvington Methodist Church Educational Building, 26 King Carter Drive, Irvington. Cakes, pies, cookies, pickles, jams, jellies, themed baskets, hostess items, themed trees, children's books with animals, seasonal wreaths, nautical items, oyster shell and crab shell ornaments and art.

**Santa Paws**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Liz Moore & Associates, 276 North Min Street, Kilmarnock. Free photos with Santa Paws by Coastal Imagery. Treats for pets and owners. Donate cat and dog supplies for local animal shelters.

**Holiday Marketplace**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Steamboat Era Museum, 156 King Carter Drive, Irvington. 438-6888.

**Golden Village Christmas**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern, 73 Monument Place, Heathsville.

Shopping, special children's gift shop by appointment: 580-3377, or [www.RHHTFoundationinc.org](http://www.RHHTFoundationinc.org); Santa (11 a.m.-1 p.m.); car show, carolers; food concessions and

vendors.

**Northern Neck Railroad/Polar Express**, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Reedville Fishermen's Museum, 504 Main Street, Reedville.

**Oysters & Oldies Christmas Oyster Roast**, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Roanoke Farm, 6108 Northumberland Highway, Heathsville. Sponsor: St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. \$40. Oysters roasted or raw, chili, hot dogs, brownies, cookies, soft drinks. Wine, beer, seltzer and cider also available for purchase. Purchase tickets at [ststephensheathsville.org/oyster-roast](http://ststephensheathsville.org/oyster-roast) or St. Stephen's Thrift Shop, Heathsville.

**Urbanna Christmas Pet Parade**, 1 p.m. Taber Park, 425 Bonner St., Urbanna. Holiday costumes for pets encouraged, free to enter, pet food donations appreciated. 758-2613 or 508-612-9553.

**Gloucester's Christmas and Holiday parade**, 3 p.m. along Main Street. 693-2355.

**Tilt the Unlit Candle**, 3 p.m. Westmoreland Players Theatre, 16217 Richmond Road, Callao. By season subscription, or \$30; students, \$17. Tickets: [www.westmorelandplayers.org](http://www.westmorelandplayers.org) or 529-9345.

**Festival of Trees**, 5 p.m. Urbanna Town Green, 241 Virginia St., Decorated Christmas tree competition and caroling. 837-1108.

**Gloucester's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony**, 5 p.m. Main St. 693-2355.

**Santa's Village**, 5:30-7 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Mini North Pole. Six activity tents. Visit with Santa. Cocoa and cookies. Children can write a letter to Santa and drop in the mailbox. Ticketed event. \$12 younger than age 10, \$18 anyone older than age 10. Tickets: [kilmarnockva.com](http://kilmarnockva.com), 435-1552.

**Festival Of Trees Gala**, 6-9 p.m. Northern Neck Family YMCA, 39 William B. Graham Court, Kilmarnock. Theme: From This Moment. Fine wines and ales, food. Silent auction, live auction. \$75 per person. For an invitation, contact [foi@ymcavp.org](mailto:foi@ymcavp.org) or 435-0223.

**Urbanna Christmas Parade**, 7 p.m. downtown Urbanna. Post-parade party with Santa. 758-4717 or 832-4851.

**Smith Family & Friends Christmas Show**, 7 p.m. doors open, 7:30 p.m. show starts. 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. 725-7760.

**Chesapeake Chorale**, 8 p.m. Lancaster Elementary School theater, 191 School Street, Kilmarnock. If LES construction is not complete, the concert will be held at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene, 57 Whisk Drive, White Stone. <https://www.thechesapeakechorale.org/>.

## Sunday, December 3

**Holiday Marketplace**, 1-4 p.m. Steamboat Era Museum, 156 King Carter Drive, Irvington. 438-6888.

**Christmas in Callao**, 1 p.m. Village of Callao. A Northern Neck Christmas: bazaar; car, truck, tractor and motorcycle show; children's crafts; Santa; ugly sweater contest; parade; live nativity presentation; crab pot tree lighting; carol singing; refreshments.

**Tilt the Unlit Candle**, 3 p.m. Westmoreland Players Theatre, 16217 Richmond Road, Callao. By season subscription, or \$30; students, \$17. Tickets: [www.westmorelandplayers.org](http://www.westmorelandplayers.org) or 529-9345.

**Santa Ride Through Deltaville and Hardyville**



neighborhoods on a Lower Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department (LMVFD) fire truck starting at 3:30 p.m. Around the same time, the LMVFD is serving free hot chocolate and Christmas cookies at the LMVFD (Deltaville) firehouse at 16881 General Puller Highway (Route 33) in Deltaville. 347-4264.

**Tappahannock Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting,** 4-7 p.m. Prince St. 799-9419.

**Strings and Things' Christmas Story Told with Music,** 5 p.m. Urbanna Baptist Church, 121 Watling St., Urbanna. 758-2720.

**Chesapeake Chorale,** 8 p.m. St. Clare Walker Middle School, 6814 General Puller Highway, Locust Hill. <https://www.thechesapeakechorale.org/>.

### Monday, December 4

**The Holly & The Ivy,** 2:30 p.m. Historic Christ Church & Museum, 420 Christ Church Road, Weems. Carol sing with the Chesapeake Chorale and the Christchurch School Choir. Bring two non-perishable food items for the Northern Neck Food Bank.

### Thursday, December 7

**Ye Olde Curiosity Shop,** 4-7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Woman's Club of White Stone, Clubhouse, 560 Chesapeake Drive, White Stone. Decorations, collector and useful items, baked goods.

**Irvington Illumination,** 4 p.m. Town of Irvington. Shopping, caroling, tree lighting (6 p.m.), golf cart parade. Sponsor: Irvington Business Association.

### Friday, December 8

**Ye Olde Curiosity Shop,** 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Woman's Club of White Stone, Clubhouse, 560 Chesapeake Drive, White Stone. Decorations, collector and useful items, baked goods.

**Mathews Historical Museum Christmas Bazaar,** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 200 Main Street, Mathews. 993-4688.

**Christmas Town,** 1 p.m. Warsaw Town Park, 171 Main Street, Warsaw. Host: Town of Warsaw. Horse and carriage rides, ice skating, zip line, carnival rides, aerial and circus arts, snow machines, Christmas Train, vendors, extended shopping hours.

**Cookie Contest,** 4 p.m., Deltaville Community Association (DCA) building, 17147 General Puller Highway. 832-4731 or 357-6465.

**Jackson Creek Christmas Cruises,** 4:30, 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., haywagon rides to Deltaville Boatyard leave from Deltaville Community Association (DCA) building, 17147 General Puller Highway. All passengers must check in at the DCA building first. Buy tickets in advance at Nauti Nell's or J&W Seafood, \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger. 832-4731 or 357-6465.

**Evening with Henry Lackey, A Holiday Celebration,** 5-8 p.m. Deltaville Maritime Museum, 287 Jackson Creek Road, Deltaville. 776-7200.

**Second Friday Art Walk,** 5-9 p.m. Colonial Beach.

**Christmas Jazz Compline,** 5:30 p.m. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 6807 Northumberland Highway, Heathsville.

**Christmastide Weekend,** 1-5 p.m. Stratford Hall, 483 Great House Road, Stratford. Wine & Wreathmaking with The Estate at Whitehall Vineyard. Fees and registration: [stratfordhall.org/christmastide2023](http://stratfordhall.org/christmastide2023).

**Kilmarnock Lighted Christmas Parade,** 7 p.m. Main Street Kilmarnock. Sponsor: Lancaster by the Bay Chamber of Commerce. Music, refreshments begin around 5:30 p.m. throughout Steptoe's District. Theme: A Nautical Christmas.

### Saturday, December 9

**Santa Breakfast,** 7-10 a.m. White Stone Firehouse, 579 Chesapeake Drive, White Stone.

**Country Breakfast,** 7-10 a.m. Lancaster Union Lodge #88, 48 North 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.

**Ye Olde Curiosity Shop,** 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Woman's Club of White Stone, Clubhouse, 560 Chesapeake Drive, White Stone. Decorations, collector and useful items, baked goods.

**Jingle Bell SK,** 9 a.m., Piankatank River Golf Course, 6198 Stormont Road, Hartfield. 361-9191.

**Mathews Historical Museum Christmas Bazaar,** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 200 Main Street, Mathews. 993-4688.

**Santa Breakfast,** 9-11:30 a.m. Reedville Fishermen's Museum, 504 Main Street/Bethany UMC, 454 Main Street, Reedville. Santa arrives by aboard the Elva C at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum and joins children next door at Bethany UMC.

**Holiday Marketplace,** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Steamboat Era Museum, 156 King Carter Drive, Irvington. 438-6888.

**Christmastide Weekend,** 10 a.m.-until. Stratford Hall, 483 Great House Road, Stratford. Cider & Wreathmaking with Ditchley Cider Works, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Christmastide Celebration, 5-8 p.m. Historic buildings and grounds decorated in holiday spirit, colonial music by Ampersand in the Great Hall and drumming by Slam Stewart in the stone quarters, cooking demonstration with interpreter Dontavious Williams. Carriage rides (limited availability). Shopping discounts. Fees and registration: [stratfordhall.org/christmastide2023](http://stratfordhall.org/christmastide2023).

**Northern Neck Railroad/Polar Express,** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Reedville Fishermen's Museum, 504 Main Street, Reedville.

**Holiday Sip & Shop,** 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Among participating wineries on the Chesapeake Bay Wine Trail. Hours vary per venue. Various special activities, holiday treats, music, crafters, exhibitors, wine.

**Social Services Christmas Party,** TBA, Deltaville Maritime Museum, 287 Jackson Creek Road, Deltaville. 776-7200.

**Mathews Christmas Parade,** 1 p.m. Line up on Church Street and proceed down Main Street to Chesapeake Bank's new location on Buckley Hall Road. Theme is "Coming Soon." 725-4229.

**Visit with Santa,** 2-4 p.m. Mathews Boys and Girls Club, 498 Church Street, Mathews. 725-4229.

**Christmas Town,** 3 p.m. Warsaw Town Park, 171 Main Street, Warsaw. Host: Town of Warsaw. Extended downtown shopping, parade (3 p.m.), Christmas market, photos with Santa.

**Christmas Town Concert,** 5-10 p.m. Warsaw Town Park, 171 Main Street, Warsaw. The Jangling Reinharts, 5-7 p.m. The Deloreans, 7-10 p.m. \$20. Purchase tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-town-concert-tickets-696132269357>.

**Christmastide Dinner,** 5-9 p.m. Stratford Hall, 483 Great House Road, Stratford. Denson's Chesapeake Bay Farm to Table, in the Stratford Hall Dining room. Five-course meal, starter course, soup, salad, choice of an entrée, dessert. \$125 per person. Wine, beer and cocktails available for purchase. Full menu and reservations: [stratfordhall.org/christmastide2023](http://stratfordhall.org/christmastide2023).

**BeauSoleil Avec Michael Doucet - A Cajun Christmas,** 7 p.m. Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts-On Stage, Lancaster Elementary School Theater, 191 School Street, Kilmarnock. For pricing, season subscriptions and individual show tickets, call the RFA, 438-5555.

### Sunday, December 10

**Christmastide Weekend,** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Stratford Hall, 483 Great House Road, Stratford. Brunch buffet and photos with Santa. Fees and registration: [stratfordhall.org/christmastide2023](http://stratfordhall.org/christmastide2023).

**Empty bowls,** 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Bay School Community Arts Center, 279 Main St., Mathews. 725-1278.

**Shopping Open House,** noon-3 p.m. Heritage Arts Center, Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern, 73 Monument

Place, Heathsville. 580-3377, [www.RHHTFoundationinc.org](http://www.RHHTFoundationinc.org).

**Holiday Marketplace,** 1-4 p.m. Steamboat Era Museum, 156 King Carter Drive, Irvington. 438-6888.

**The Nutcracker Ballet,** 2 p.m. Northumberland High School theater, 201 Academic Lane, Claraville. Etudes Ballet School performance featuring guest artists from Roanoke Ballet Theatre. Tickets, [www.etudesballet.com/tickets](http://www.etudesballet.com/tickets).

### Tuesday, December 12

**Holiday Shop,** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. RAL Art Center, 19 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Handmade crafts, cards, ornaments and art by members. 436-9309.

### Thursday, December 14

**A Walk On The Wild Side,** 9-11 a.m. Camp Store, Belle Isle State Park, 1632 Belle Isle Road, Lancaster. Theme: Nature's "Preppers." Surviving Life in Winter. \$5 parking fee. Pre-registration requested, 462-5030.

### Friday, December 15

**LCL Movie Night,** 4-6 p.m. Lancaster Community Library, 16 Town Centre Drive, Kilmarnock. Movie: The Nightmare Before Christmas. Snacks and beverages provided.

### Saturday, December 16

**Holiday Shop,** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. RAL Art Center, 19 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Handmade crafts, cards, ornaments and art by members. 436-9309.

**Holiday Marketplace,** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Steamboat Era Museum, 156 King Carter Drive, Irvington. 438-6888.

**Northern Neck Railroad/Polar Express,** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Reedville Fishermen's Museum, 504 Main Street, Reedville.

**Santa Claus,** 1-4 p.m. Compass Entertainment Complex, 100 Entertainment Drive, Irvington.

**Holiday Blues-A-Palooza,** 6:30 p.m. Caitlin Krisko & The Broadcast, 6:30 p.m. Flat Iron Crossroads, 7709 Flat Iron Road, Gloucester. Featuring Kelly Bell Band, Jenny Langer & Moonshine Society, Rob Holloway and Carly Harvey. \$30 general admission, \$55 VIP. Purchase tickets at [flatironcrossroads.com](http://flatironcrossroads.com), or the door. Food and drinks available for purchase.

**Northern Neck Orchestra,** 6:45 p.m. pre-concert talk, 7:30 p.m. concert. Lancaster Elementary School theater, 191 School Street, Kilmarnock. By season subscription, or \$40. Purchase tickets at [www.northernneckorchestra.org](http://www.northernneckorchestra.org) or the door. Students admitted free.

### Sunday, December 17

**Holiday Marketplace,** 1-4 p.m. Steamboat Era Museum, 156 King Carter Drive, Irvington. 438-6888. Lessons & Carols, 4 p.m. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 6807 Northumberland Highway, Heathsville.

### Saturday, December 23

**Northern Neck Railroad/Polar Express,** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Reedville Fishermen's Museum, 504 Main Street, Reedville.

**A Graceland Christmas,** 7-10 p.m. High Tides On the Potomac, 205 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach. Elvis impersonator Michael Hoover.

### Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

**Mercy Creek,** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Christmas Day Brunch, Chesapeake Terrace, The Tides Inn, 480 King Carter Drive, Irvington. Reservations recommended. 438-5000.

### Thursday, December 28

**The Holly Ball,** 7 p.m. Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club, 362 Club Dr., Kilmarnock. Ticketed black tie event benefiting The Tidewater Foundation. Debutante presentation, dancing, food and drinks.

### Saturday, December 30

**Northern Neck Railroad/Polar Express,** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Reedville Fishermen's Museum, 504 Main Street, Reedville.

### Sunday, December 31 New Year's Eve

**Mercy Creek,** 5:30-8:30 p.m., Chesapeake Terrace, The Tides Inn, 480 King Carter Drive, Irvington. Reservations recommended. 438-5000.

**Hard To Tell,** 8 p.m.-midnight. Coles Point Tavern, 850 Salisbury Park Road, Coles Point. 472-3856.

**HydraFX,** 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Dockside Restaurant & Tiki Bar, 1787 Castlewood Drive, Colonial Beach. 224-8726.





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