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1 1/2 cup flour	1/4 tsp. salt	1 cup chocolate chips
1 1/3 cup oatmeal	1 egg	1/2 cup pecans or walnuts
3/4 tsp. baking soda	1 bag of light caramels	1/2 cup unsweetened shredded coconut (you can leave this out if you wish)
3/4 cup melted butter	8 tbsp. light cream or half n half	
1 cup brown sugar		

Mix flour, oatmeal, soda, butter, brown sugar, salt and egg together by hand until thoroughly combined. It will be a thick mixture. Press one half of this crust into a 9 x 13 inch pan and bake for 10 minutes.

Unwrap the caramels and place in a microwave safe bowl with light cream. Microwave in two minute segments until the caramels are melted. Stir until thoroughly mixed and then pour and spread over baked crust. Sprinkle with chocolate chips, nuts, and coconut and crumble the rest of the crust dough over this. Bake for an additional 15-20 minutes. Let cool and then cut into squares.

Sharon Davis Green, Deltaville

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Combine melted butter, soy sauce, garlic, salt, ginger. Mix popcorn and chow mein noodles. Pour sauce over and mix well. Put on 13 x 9 pan. Bake in 250 degree oven for 20 minutes, stirring twice.

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Christmas Stollen

1 cup milk	½ cup sugar	½ tsp. salt
1 pkg. active yeast	¼ cup warm water	5 cups sifted all-purpose flour
½ cup finely cut citron*	½ cup finely cut candied cherries*	
1 cup slivered blanched almonds	grated rind 1 lemon	
1 cup raisins	2 eggs well beaten	¾ cup soft butter or oleo
¼ tsp. nutmeg	¼ cup melted butter	
½ tsp. cinnamon	2 tbsp. sugar	

In large saucepan scald milk, add ½ cup sugar and salt; cool until lukewarm. Meantime, sprinkle yeast into warm water; stir until dissolved. Add milk with 1 cup flour; beat until the lumps are gone. Cover with wax paper and a clean towel; let rise in warm place until double in bulk, 2 hr.

Stir in citron, cherries, almonds, lemon rind, raisins, eggs, soft butter, nutmeg and 3 cups flour. Mix well then put on a lightly floured surface, knead 1 cup of flour into dough until smooth and elastic. Roll into a large 18' x 12' oval** about ½" thick. Brush with some of the melted butter and sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar. Make a crease down the center, fold over. Place it on a large cookie sheet and brush with the rest of the butter. Cover with wax paper and then a clean towel. Let rise in warm place until about double in size. Heat oven to 350 and bake for 45 to 50 minutes.

*You can substitute with diced fruit cake fruit.
** If preferred, shape dough into 2 smaller or 4 very small stollens. Freezes well.

Linda Morris, Reedville

Christmas Jewels

(Makes 6 dozen)

⅓ cup shortening	1 tsp. mace
¼ cup sugar	1 tsp. nutmeg
½ cup molasses	¼ tsp. ginger
1 egg	¼ tsp. allspice
1 ½ cup all-purpose flour	2 ½ cups mixed candied fruit
½ tsp. soda	2 cups nuts, chopped coarsely
¼ tsp. salt	
1 tsp. cinnamon	

Mix shortening, sugar, molasses and egg.
Measure flour by dipping method; stir dry ingredients together; blend into the shortening mixture.
Stir in fruit and nuts.
Drop by teaspoonfuls about 1" apart on lightly greased baking sheet
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Cranberry Coffee Cake

This cake was developed by my mother, Bert Lamberth. For many years she and I made over 60 of these cakes in small pans as Christmas gifts to friends and family. I still make at least two double batches for Christmas gifts and to freeze.

This recipe is for one regular size bundt cake. I always double the recipe which makes 4 or 5 small cakes, depending on the size of the pans. Small bundt pans work well or even salad molds in a ring shape can be used. Beautiful on red plates, wrapped in plastic wrap and tied with holiday ribbon. Enjoy!

¾ cup butter, softened
1 ½ cups sugar
2 eggs
1 cup sour cream
½ tsp. vanilla
¼ tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking powder
2 cups flour
½ of a 12 oz package of cranberries
(go over and remove stems and any
berries that are too light or are mushy, rinse and dry)
½ cup nuts, finely chopped (optional) (my mother always used nuts, I do not)
Glaze:
1 tbsp. butter, melted
1 cup confectioner's sugar
2 or 3 tbsps. milk
dash of vanilla

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs and cream again, Fold in sour cream and vanilla. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Fold into creamed mixture and mix thoroughly. Fold in cranberries and nuts, if using. Spoon into greased pan(s). Bake about 50 to 60 minutes or until tester comes out clean. Adjust baking time lower if using smaller pans. Cool 20 minutes, remove from pan(s) and top with glaze. Glaze - Combine all ingredients and mix thoroughly.

Pat Lamberth Bruce, White Stone



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Prepare cake mix in 8 inch round cake pans. Split each layer horizontally. Combine sugar, sour cream and coconut. Reserve 1 cup of this mixture. Put remaining between the three layers. Add the reserved 1 cup sour cream mixture to the Cool Whip and frost top and sides of cake.
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English Pea and Chestnut Casserole

My mom made this every Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. I have continued the tradition!

½ cup butter
1 small onion
1 tbsp. chopped red pepper
1 cup sliced celery
2 cans peas, drained
1 can sliced water chestnuts
2 tbsp. diced pimento
1 can cream of mushroom soup
buttered bread crumbs

Melt butter in skillet. Add onion, red pepper and celery. Sauté until soft. Remove from heat; add peas and chestnuts. Fold in pimento and add soup. Put into a buttered 2-quart casserole. Sprinkle with breadcrumbs. Bake at 350 for 30 minutes. Serves 8.

Ellen Hunter Anderson, Ophelia

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2 tbsp. espresso powder
¾ tsp. baking powder
¾ tsp. Kosher salt
½ tsp. baking soda
6 tbsp. unsalted butter, room temperature
1 cup sugar (plus 2 tbsp. set aside)
2 large eggs, room temperature plus 1 large egg beaten (for egg wash)
1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup blanched hazelnuts, lightly toasted
½ cup mini semi-sweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper and set aside.

In a large bowl, whisk the first 6 ingredients and set aside.

Using a stand mixer, cream the butter and 1 c. sugar until light and fluffy. Reduce the speed to low and add eggs one at a time until incorporated. Add the vanilla. Add the dry ingredients and mix until the dough comes together. Add the nuts and chocolate chips and blend thoroughly. Make 2 balls out of the dough and put on the baking sheet. Shape them to 11x2 inches. Brush the dough with the egg wash and sprinkle with the 2 tbsp. of remaining sugar. Place in freezer for 10 minutes.

Remove from the freezer and place in the oven. Bake 25-30 minutes then cool completely. Transfer the logs to a cutting board.

Cut the logs into ½ inch slices. Arrange the slices on the baking sheets cut side up. Put them back in the oven for 40 minutes, turning halfway through. Transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Store in an air tight container. These make great gifts!

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This is a great dish for any meal, and it is very nice to serve to company. It pairs well with popovers.

Serves 4

2 tbsp. olive oil
½ white onion, cut into ½ inch dice
1 small fennel bulb, washed, cored and thinly sliced
2 serrano or poblano chilies, seeded and finely chopped
½ jalapeno pepper, seeded and finely chopped
1 yellow or orange pepper, seeded and finely chopped
Kosher salt
2 cloves garlic, minced
½ tsp. red pepper flakes
1 tsp. harissa
1 tsp. smoked paprika
1 (28 oz.) can whole tomatoes, breaking them up with your hands
4 eggs (room temperature)
2 tbsp. chopped parsley or cilantro
½ cup crumbled feta cheese (room temperature)

In a large skillet, heat the oil and add the onion and fennel and cook over moderately high heat, stirring until softened (about 3 minutes).

Add both chilies and the bell pepper and season with salt (if the tomatoes are salted reduce or eliminate the salt). Cook over medium heat until softened (about 8 minutes).

Add the garlic, pepper flakes, harissa, paprika and cook until fragrant (about 1 minute). Add the tomatoes and their juices and simmer over low heat until the sauce is thickened, about 8-10 minutes.

Meanwhile, prepare another skillet to poach the eggs. Poach eggs for 2-3 minutes.

Spoon the sauce in individual serving dishes, place the egg on top and garnish with parsley and feta.

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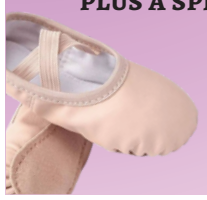
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1 cup bourbon plus additional for aging
3 ¾ cups flour, divided
4 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. nutmeg
1 cup softened butter
2 cups sugar
6 eggs, separated
1 lb. coarsely chopped pecans

In bowl combine cherries, raisins and bourbon. Cover; let stand overnight.

Set oven rack on lowest position. Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Grease and flour a 10 inch tube pan with removable bottom.

Drain fruit, reserving liquid. In medium bowl combine 3 ¼ cups flour, baking powder, salt and nutmeg.

In large mixer bowl cream butter and sugar. Beat in egg yolks two at a time. Add dry ingredients alternating with reserved bourbon, starting and ending with dry ingredients.

In large bowl with clean beaters beat egg whites until stiff but not dry.

Fold half of the whites into batter then fold in remaining.

Toss drained fruit and pecans with remaining ½ cup flour. Fold into batter. Spoon evenly in prepared pan.

Bake 1 hour 40 minutes or until cake tester comes out clean. Cool on wire rack for 10 minutes. Loosen cake from center ring and bottom and remove. Fill center with cheese cloth dampened with bourbon. Wrap lightly and refrigerate at least 3 days or up to one month.

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2 tbsp. prepared horseradish
⅔ cup apple juice
2 tbsp. chopped stuffed olives
fresh parsley, chopped

In a large mixing bowl beat cheddar cheese, cream cheese, butter, horseradish, apple juice and olives together on low speed and beat for 1 minutes. Beat on high speed until almost smooth. Press into a 4-cup mold, coated with non-stick cooking spray or lined with plastic wrap. Cover and chill for 3 hours or until set. Unmold on a serving plate and garnish with parsley. Serve with crackers or bread rounds of your choice. Makes 4 cups.

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Saturday, November 23

Historyland Community Workshop Annual Craft & Bake Sale, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Grace Episcopal Church, 303 South Main Street, Kilmarnock.

Heritage Arts Class - Della Robbia Wreath, 9 a.m.-noon. Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern, 73 Monument Place, Heathsville. $35, plus $45 material fee. Register at www.RHHTFoundationInc.org, or 580-3377.

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

Holiday Artisan Open House, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Allure Art Center, 419 Rappahannock Drive, White Stone. Virginia artisans. Holiday ornaments, cards, glass works, fine art, jewelry, specials, treats.

Taste By The Bay, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. The Tides Inn, 480 King Carter Drive, Irvington. Sponsor: Lancaster by the Bay Chamber of Commerce. Sold Out.

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Sunday, November 24

Jacobson Quartet Holiday String Concert, 4 p.m. Urbanna United Methodist Church, 221 Marston Avenue, Urbanna. Free. 758-5308.

Thursday, November 28 Thanksgiving

Irvington Turkey Trot, 8 a.m.-noon, Irvington Town Commons, 98 King Carter Drive, Irvington. 2 mile run/walk, 5 mile run, fees, $30 per race, or $35 both races. 100 yard tot trot (free). Races and registration: irvingtonvia.com/events/turkey-trot-nov-28-2024. No race day registration. 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.

Friday, November 29

Holiday Shop, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. RAL Art Center, 19 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. 436-9309.

Made in Mathews, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. meet the artists and tour their studios. For information and maps, visit madeinmathews.com.

Holiday Trains, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Reedville Fishermen's Museum, 504 Main Street, Reedville.

Ice Skating Rink Opens for The Season, noon-9 p.m. Compass Entertainment Complex, 100 Entertainment Drive, Irvington. Hours: 4-9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; noon-9 p.m. Fridays through Sundays.

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Holiday Torch Blowing Demonstration, noon-2 p.m. Allure Art Center, 419 Rappahannock Drive, White Stone. Glass artist creates holiday pendants like Santa hats and Candy Canes.

Countdown To Christmas, 5-7 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Lighting of the town Christmas tree, walk in the park to see the festive holiday lights, write a letter to Santa, enjoy hot cocoa and cookies, Toys for Tots, take photos with Santa, Mrs. Claus and Tipsea the Elf.

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

December

Sunday, December 1

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Walk In The Park, 5-8 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Stroll through the park to see the festive holiday lights.

Monday, December 2

The Holly & The Ivy, 3:30 p.m. Historic Christ Church & Museum, 420 Christ Church Road, Weems. Traditional songs, carols and music featuring members of the Chesapeake Chorale, Christchurch School Cantorion. Dress warmly, refreshments follow. Admission: two nonperishable items for the Healthy Harvest Food bank.

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Thursday, December 5

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Walk In The Park, 5-8 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Stroll through the park to see the festive holiday lights.

Illuminate Irvington, 6:15 p.m. Tree Lighting, Irvington United Methodist Church, 26 King Carter Drive, Irvington. Followed by activities on the Irvington Commons, 98 King Carter Drive, Irvington, including a visit by Santa and Toys for Tots, children's raffles, games, face painting, free hot dogs and cider. Followed by a decorated golf cart parade down King Carter Drive.

Friday, December 6

Holiday Shop, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. RAL Art Center, 19 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. 436-9309.

Deltaville Maritime Museum Christmas Party, 4 p.m. 287 Jackson Creek Road, Deltaville. Bring your favorite dish, RSVP. 776-7200.

Holiday Calendar of Events 2024

Dinner With Mrs. Claus, 5-7 p.m. Northumberland Public Library, 7204 Northumberland Highway, Heathsville.

Art Reception, 5 p.m. RAL Art Center, 19 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Meet the exhibiting artists for Holiday Shop. ralartcenter.com, or 436-9309.

Walk In The Park, 5-8 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Stroll through the park to see the festive holiday lights.

The Polar Express With Toys for Tots, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Compass Entertainment Complex, 100 Entertainment Drive, Irvington.

Winter Wonderland, 6 p.m. Village Green, White Stone. Lighting of the town Christmas tree, 6:30 p.m., followed by Santa's arrival. Free hot dogs, hot chocolate, children's entertainment, art sand crafts.

The Chesapeake Chorale Christmas Concert, 8 p.m. Northumberland County School Performing Arts Theater, 201 Academic Lane, Heathsville.

Saturday, December 7

Santa Breakfast, 9 a.m. Reedville Fishermen's Museum, 504 Main Street,/Bethany UMC, 454 Main Street, Reedville. Santa arrives aboard the Elva C at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum and joins children next door at Bethany UMC. Celebration continues all day in Reedville.

Middlesex Family YMCA Jingle Bell 5K, 9 a.m. Piankatank River Golf Club, 6198 Stormont Road, Hartfield. 316-9191.

Breakfast with Santa, 9-10:30 a.m. Harmony Grove Baptist Church, 7722 General Puller Highway, Harmony Village near Topping. Get photographed with Santa and free pancakes, sausage and beverage. 758-5154.

Community Prayer Breakfast, 9 a.m.-noon Immanuel Baptist Church, 317 Town Bridge Road, Saluda. 758-4550.

Middlesex County Woman's Club Yuletide Sweets and Christmas Shoppe, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Middlesex County Woman's Club, 202 Virginia Street, Urbanna. 203-903-6004.

Holiday Shop, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. RAL Art Center, 19 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. 436-9309.

Christmas In Kinsale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Village of Kinsale. Sponsored by The Kinsale Foundation. Vendors, music, food, silent auction, cookie sale, parade, mule-drawn wagon rides, trumpet player, tree lighting, Santa.

Golden Village Christmas, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Rice's Hotel/ Hughlett's Tavern, 73 Monument Place, Heathsville. Shopping, caroling, hot mulled cider, bake sale, visits with Santa (11 a.m.-1 p.m.), decorative door swags, holiday greenery, gift vendors, artisan guilds, Heritage Arts Gift Shoppe, antique car and Corvette show, concessions. For $2 per gift, elementary school-aged children may buy gifts for their family. Tavern elves will assist them. Children's shopping is by appointment only, visit or contact the Tavern, 580-3377, or www.RHHTFoundationinc.org.

Made in Mathews, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. meet the artists and tour their studios. For information and maps, visit madeinmathews.com.

Holiday Trains, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Reedville Fishermen's Museum, 504 Main Street, Reedville.

Santa's Winterwonderland & Parade, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Colonial Beach.

Oysters & Oldies Christmas Oyster Roast, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Roanoke Farm, 6108 Northumberland Highway, Heathsville. Sponsor: St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. $45. Oysters roasted or raw, chili, hot dogs, brownies, cookies, soft drinks. Wine and beer available for purchase. Purchase tickets at ststephensheathsville.org/oyster-roast or St Stephen's Thrift Shop, Heathsville.

Urbanna Christmas Pet Parade and Pet Costume Contest, noon lineup, 1 p.m. start, Taber Park, 425 Bonner Street, Urbanna. 508-612-9553

Gloucester Christmas and Holiday Parade, 3 p.m. Main Street, Gloucester. 693-4042.

Christmas Market, 3-8 p.m. 100 Washington Avenue, Colonial Beach. Crafts, shopping.

Village Of Weems Christmas Parade, 4:30 p.m. From the end of Weems Road. Followed by a come as you are Nativity pageant at Campbell Memorial Church and potluck dinner, 5:30 p.m.

Festival of Trees, 4:30 p.m. Lansdowne, 271 Virginia Street, Virginia Street area in downtown Urbanna. 837-1108.

Walk In The Park, 5-8 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Stroll through the park to see the festive holiday lights.

Lighted Jeep Parade & Toy Drive, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Dockside Restaurant & Tiki Bar, 1787 Castlewood Drive, Colonial Beach.

Festival of Trees, 6 p.m. Northern Neck Family YMCA, 39 William B. Graham Court, Kilmarnock. $75. Purchase tickets at https://www.ymcavp.org/fot or 435-0223.

Smith Family & Friends Christmas Show, 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. Country and rock, from the 70s and 80s. $15 adults, $5 ages 12 and younger.

Urbanna Hometown Christmas parade, 7 p.m. starts at Urbanna Town Hall, then winds through downtown Urbanna. Post-parade party with Santa. 758-4717 or 832-4851.

Yorktown Lighted Boat Parade, 7 p.m. Historic Yorktown Waterfront. 757-890-5900.

The Chesapeake Chorale Christmas Concert, 8 p.m. Lancaster Elementary School Theater, 191 School Street, Kilmarnock.

Arts in the Middle Christmas Gallery, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Old Haywood's Store, 101 Watling Street, Urbanna. Gallery features work by a dozen-plus Middlesex County artists working in a variety of media, including painting, jewelry, photography, fabric arts and pottery. 695-4585

Sunday, December 8

Empty bowls, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Bay School Community Arts Center, 279 Main St., Mathews. 725-1278.

Christmas in Callao, 1 p.m. Callao Volunteer Fire Department, 314 Northumberland Highway, Callao. Sponsor: Callao Hometown Community Association. Bazaar, children's crafts, Santa, parade, live nativity presentation; crab pot tree lighting; carol singing; refreshments.

The Chesapeake Chorale Christmas Concert, 3 p.m. St. Clare Walker Middle School, 6814 General Puller Highway, Locust Hill.

Santa will 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. For information, call 347-4264.

Tappahannock Christmas Parade, 4:30 p.m. 315 Duke Street, Tappahannock. 799-9419.

Walk In The Park, 5-8 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Stroll through the park to see the festive holiday lights.

Monday, December 9

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Tuesday, December 10

Holiday Shop, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. RAL Art Center, 19 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. 436-9309.

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Wednesday, December11

Holiday Shop, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. RAL Art Center, 19 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. 436-9309.

Walk In The Park, 5-8 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Stroll through the park to see the festive holiday lights.

Thursday, December 12

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Walk In The Park, 5-8 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Stroll through the park to see the festive holiday lights.

Friday, December 13

Holiday Shop, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. RAL Art Center, 19 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. 436-9309.

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 Hurd's True Value Hardware in Deltaville, $10 for adults, cash or check only. Cookie contest at DCA building. 832-4731 or 357-6465.

Walk In The Park, 5-8 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Stroll through the park to see the festive holiday lights.

GHS Choral Department Gala Night, 6-8 p.m. Flat Iron Crossroads, 7709 Flat Iron Road, Gloucester. Sponsors: Gloucester High School Choral Booster Club and Flat Iron Crossroads. Performances by GHS students. $5. flatironcrossroads.com, 557-4888.

Santa Claus & His Elves, 6-8 p.m. Hawthorn Mercantile, 116 Hawthorn Street, Colonial Beach. Merry music, delightful treats, photos with Santa, $5 minimum donation.

45th Annual Kilmarnock Lighted Christmas Parade, 7 p.m. Main Street & Irvington Road, Kilmarnock.

Christmas With The Dryes, 7 p.m. Oyster Shoals Music Hall, 187 Main Street, Warsaw. oystershoals.com.

Saturday, December 14

Breakfast With Santa, 7 a.m. White Stone Volunteer Fire Department, 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.

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Holiday Trains, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Reedville Fishermen's Museum, 504 Main Street, Reedville.

Christmas Town In Warsaw, 1-9 p.m. Warsaw Town Park and Main Street. Over 100 vendors, rides and attractions, annual Warsaw-Richmond County Christmas parade, horse and carriage rides, visits with Santa Claus, aerial acrobatics, extended holiday shopping hours.

Santa Will Visit, 1-4 p.m. Compass Entertainment Complex, 100 Entertainment Drive, Irvington.

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 "Blue Crab Christmas." 725-4229.

Visit with Santa. 2-4 p.m. Sibley's General Store front porch, 239 Main Street, Mathews. 725-4229.

A Whitestone Christmas, Colonial Beach Christmas House Tour, 2-4 p.m., 5-7 p.m. Colonial Beach Historical Society & Museum, 128 Hawthorne Street, Colonial Beach. Golf cart, car or shuttle bus. All tours start at the museum. Prices vary, $30-$35 per ticket. Purchase tickets at https://www.cbhistoryandmuseum.org/.

Christmastide, 4-7 p.m. Stratford Hall Historic Preserve, 483 Great House Road, Stratford. Colonial Christmas celebration, music by Ampersand, African Diaspora Ensemble, cooking demonstration, tractor wagon rides. $25, ages 14 and older; $12, ages 6-13; free ages 5 and younger, Friends of Stratford members. Purchase tickets at stratfordhall.org until 4 p.m. on December 14, or the door.

Community Christmas Concert, 4 p.m. Kilmarnock United Methodist Church, 89 East Church Street, Kilmarnock. A community choir will perform with Rev. Dr. Huntley Brown.

Walk In The Park, 5-8 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Stroll through the park to see the festive holiday lights.

Northern Neck Orchestra: Holiday Favorites, 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 or the door. Students admitted free.

See Santa take an evening ride on a Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department fire truck, 6 p.m. Main streets in Saluda. 758-2320.

Sunday, December 15

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.

A Whitestone Christmas, Colonial Beach Christmas House Tour, 2-4 p.m. Colonial Beach Historical Society & Museum, 128 Hawthorne Street, Colonial Beach. Golf cart, car or shuttle bus. All tours start at the museum. Prices vary, $30-$35 per ticket. Purchase tickets at https://www.cbhistoryandmuseum.org/.

David Esleck Trio and Jordan Garrett free holiday concert, 5 p.m. Urbanna Baptist Church, 121 Watling Street, Urbanna. 758-2720.

Walk In The Park, 5-8 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Stroll through the park to see the festive holiday lights.

Christmas Cantata & Dinner, 5-8 p.m. Colonial Beach Baptist Church, 10 Garfield Avenue, Colonial Beach.

A Whitestone Christmas, Holiday Reception, 6 p.m. Foxhaven, 901 Irving Avenue, Colonial Beach. $1000. Sponsor: Colonial Beach Historical Society & Museum. Purchase tickets at https://www.cbhistoryandmuseum.org/.

See Santa take an evening ride on a Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department fire truck, 6 p.m. Main streets in Urbanna. 758-2320.

Monday, December 16

Walk In The Park, 5-8 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Stroll through the park to see the festive holiday lights.

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Wednesday, December 18

Holiday Shop, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. RAL Art Center, 19 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. 436-9309.

Walk In The Park, 5-8 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Stroll through the park to see the festive holiday lights.

Thursday, December 19

Holiday Shop, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. RAL Art Center, 19 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. 436-9309.

Walk In The Park, 5-8 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Stroll through the park to see the festive holiday lights.

Friday, December 20

Cookies With Santa, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Peddlers Market, 501 Euclid Avenue, Colonial Beach.

Holiday Shop, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. RAL Art Center, 19 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. 436-9309.

Walk In The Park, 5-8 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Stroll through the park to see the festive holiday lights.

Dine with Santa Dinner, 6-8 p.m. Wind Vineyards Winery, 5178 Richmond-Tappahannock Highway, Tappahannock. 238-5544.

Saturday, December 21

Holiday Shop, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. RAL Art Center, 19 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. 436-9309.

Walk In The Park, 5-8 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Stroll through the park to see the festive holiday lights.

Sons of Serendip Holiday Show, 7:30 p.m. Rappahannock Foundation for the Arts-On Stage, Lancaster Elementary School Theater, 191 School Street, Kilmarnock. By season subscription, or $45. Purchase tickets at www.rappahannockfoundation.org/ or 438-5555.

Sunday, December 22

Dine with Santa Lunch, 1-3 p.m. Wind Vineyards Winery, 5178 Richmond-Tappahannock Highway, Tappahannock. 238-5544.

Walk In The Park, 5-8 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Stroll through the park to see the festive holiday lights.

Monday, December 23

Walk In The Park, 5-8 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Stroll through the park to see the festive holiday lights.

Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve

Holiday Shop, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. RAL Art Center, 19 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. 436-9309.

Walk In The Park, 5-8 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Stroll through the park to see the festive holiday lights.

Wednesday, December 25 Christmas

Walk In The Park, 5-8 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Stroll through the park to see the festive holiday lights.

Thursday, December 26

Holiday Shop, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. RAL Art Center, 19 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. 436-9309.

Holiday Trains, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Reedville Fishermen's Museum, 504 Main Street, Reedville.

Walk In The Park, 5-8 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Stroll through the park to see the festive holiday lights.

Friday, December 27

Holiday Shop, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. RAL Art Center, 19 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. 436-9309.

Walk In The Park, 5-8 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Stroll through the park to see the festive holiday lights.

Saturday, December 28

Holiday Shop, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. RAL Art Center, 19 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. 436-9309.

Holiday Trains, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Reedville Fishermen's Museum, 504 Main Street, Reedville.

Walk In The Park, 5-8 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Stroll through the park to see the festive holiday lights.

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

Sunday, December 29

Walk In The Park, 5-8 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Stroll through the park to see the festive holiday lights.

Monday, December 30

Walk In The Park, 5-8 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Stroll through the park to see the festive holiday lights.

Tuesday, December 31 New Year's Eve

Walk In The Park, 5-8 p.m. Town Centre Park, 150 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. Stroll through the park to see the festive holiday lights.

New Year's Eve Balloon Drop, 6 p.m. Compass Entertainment Complex, 100 Entertainment Drive, Irvington.



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