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RivahFest Thanks Its Volunteers

Tappahannock, VA (June 26, 2008) – The sixth annual RivahFest in downtown Tappahannock set records for attendance, number of vendors, and number of smiles per person at the event. The perfect summer weather was an ideal background for having fun all day long at the many RivahFest activities and areas.

The Steering Committee is already looking ahead to 2009 and ways to improve RivahFest. Please help us to improve RivahFest by going to www.rivahfest.com and clicking on Visitors - Send us your evaluation and feedback so that we can improve the festival and make it even better.

RivahFest depends on hundreds of volunteers each year to plan and execute the event. Chair Tyler Lowery and the Steering Committee wish to publicly thank all those that tirelessly gave their time and talents to make RivahFest 2008 the best yet.

Steering Committee: Chair - Tyler Lowery, Co-Chair – Sharon James, Jeff James, Glenn Morse, John Clickener, David Broad, Thomas Bradshaw, Katherine L. Newman, Joey Reinhardt, Hank and Laura Verinder, and Libbie Franklin.

Sponsorship: Chair – Glenn Morse, Rebecca Hubert and Peggy Dunn.

Entertainment Committee: Chairs – George and Sandy Longest, Frank Lane, Tom Bradshaw, and Chris Longest. Small Stage volunteers and musicians: Big Fat Leather Couch Productions, Rising Talent Acoustic Music Showcase, Prospect South Band, J-Rock CD Release Show, Paul Beith, Rising Tide, and PA Systems courtesy of Brian Sprouse Entertainment.

Logistics and Safety: Chair – Phil Stinchcomb, Jake Derby, Jeff James, Kevin Dolan, and Gary Allen. Special thanks to Corey Beazley and all the on-site EMT's.

Treasurers of Tappahannock Tours: Chair - Suzanne Rennolds, Alex F. Dillard, Lee Viverette, Anne Hillegass, Melodie Pogue, and Hannah Overton.

Merchant's Row/Farmers' Market: Chairs – Kathy Kirila and Len Stewart, Tracy Brightwell, Joyce Cornell, Renee Walder, Joanne Moore, Stephanie Brown, Barbara

Hayes, Cathy Pemberton, Jeff James and members of the EVB sponsored Softball Team - Johnny Mothershead, Larry Mothershead, Michael Mothershead, and Timmy Balderson.

Taste of Tappahannock: Chair - Bruce Thomas, Kristen Morris and Mervin Tune.

Arts, Crafts, & Antiques: Chairs – Terry Brooks and Marsha Wadsworth, Bill Blanton, Cindy Brooks, Eddie Clark, Lora Clark, Joanne Delano, Casey Greenstreet, Suzanne Greenstreet, Taylor Greenstreet, Bonnie Headley, Renee Hilton, Jeff Howeth, Brian Johnson, Debbie Johnson, Kelsi Johnson, Zack Johnson, Liz Lawrence, Wilson Miles, Mike Morris, Mark Mothershead, Deanna Mozingo, Betty Osburn, Jody Parr, Pat Parr, Mitch Paulette, Joey Reinhardt, Suzanne Rennolds, Sharon Saunders, Larry Schools, Billy Simmons, Cindy Simmons, Brian Stalnaker, Rick Stott, Johnny Stowell, Ronnie Thomas, Natalie White, and Mac Mothershead.

Promotions Committee/Welcome Tent: Chair - Katherine Newman, Mary Supko, Heidi Reynolds, Kemble Williams, Page Wilmore, Jeannette Baylor, Becky Sisson, Cookie Elliott, Lisa Roccaforte, JoLynn Wood, Debbie Taylor, Diana Hill, Jennifer Packett, Shelby Brooks, Jo Jo Muse, Kim Williams, Ned Ware, Lauren Condrey, Hank and Laura Verinder, Rich Morgan, Noah Newman, Donnie Newman, Kaitlyn Newman, and Kacie Williams, Members of the Essex High School National Honor Society; Jim Warren, Shawn Gaines, George Wright, Shanae Shelton, Harmony Washington, Anna Heacock, Blake Balderson, Caroline Pinnix, Ashby Christian, Lacey Berry, and Samantha Hilton.

Beer Garden: Chair – Pat Martin, Liz Martin, Mike Francis, Steve Williams, Andy Lankford, Lora Clarke, Ed Clarke, Warren Greenstreet, Susie Greenstreet, Joann Stevens, Renee Hilton, Pat Hilton, Keith Robertson, Paige Robertson, Thomas Holsinger, Blake Williams, Bruce Thomas, Libby Franklin, Katherine Newman, Kirsten Morris, and Daniel Tignor.

RivahFest Idol: Chair - Liz Martin with Angela Jones, Judges Janie Mitchell of Essex County School Board, Adam Josephson of Essex High School Music Department, and James Taylor of the VCU School of Music, Tappahannock Elementary School for use of their facilities to hold auditions, and Blue Cross Blue Shield and Riverside Tappahannock Hospital for the \$500 prize money.

Children's Activity Area: Chair - Jennifer Lowery, Tyler Lowery, Ray Seip, Elizabeth McCarthy, Belinda Reynolds, Felicia Byrd, Howard Hill, Ashley Clarke, Hannah Gill, Molly Muse, Sharnyce Johnson, Wint Parker, Jessica Smith, and Kay Carlton.

Boy Scout Troop 304: Michael Meagher, Karvonte Hundley, Carlos Koda, Grant Davis, Michael Peaks, James Briggs, William Short, Jonathan Douglas, Tommy Coleman, Kevin Clarke, Jonathan Hammond, Zachary Baird, Tristan Edwards, Grant Briggs, Robbie Howeth, Ben Minter, Robert Briggs, Peggy Briggs, Kim Edwards, Jeff Howeth, and Jim Meagher.

Bank of Essex: Chesley Condrey, Penny Atkins, and Lucie McCarthy.

EVB: Dianna Emery and Jessica Emery.

Northern Neck State Bank: Patricia Withers.

Knights of Columbus, Leonard Wilson and Dale Bonhaus, with Louis Ann Bonhaus of the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary.

St. Margaret's School: Nichole Kennedy, Amanda Gates, Suzy Farmar, and Christian Blydenburg.

Upward Bound Program: Stephanie Lancaster and A. J. Hill.

Ephesus Baptist Church: Terry Webb, Lauren Webb, and Jade Long.

Beale Memorial Baptist Church: Lauren Donahue, Megan Hundley, Larkin Gross, Kaitlyn Lowery, Britney Owens, Brandon Owens, David Donahue, Richard Sisson, Sheri Gross, Rusty Owens, Renee Owens, and Eddie Hammond.

Car Show: Chair – Peyton Guess, Harry Harrison, and Ron Cook.

St. Margaret's Campus: Jimmy Townsend, Brian Taylor, Charles Stokes, Melvin Brann, Nancy Smith, and Margaret Broad.

Publications: Chair – David Broad, Joey Reinhardt, Julie Stanley, E. A. Reinhardt, Shirley Reinhardt, Kevin Mohler, and Glenn Morse.

Da Vinci Code: Louise Velletri, Shannon Spears, Grace Rhinesmith, and David Broad.

Rotary Crab Race: Francis Carneal, Martin Chevalier, Bob Coleman, Bill Croxton, Gordon Fletcher, Chuck Gilchrist, John Gregory, Bob Holt, John Lewis, Shep Lewis, Rich Lyman, Tom Madren, Bill Reavis, JoAnne Ruffa, Sonny Terry, Louise Velletri, Jeff Willett, Joe Wolfinger, and Gary Youngling.

Rappahannock River Catfish Contest: Straton Beamer, Rusty Carlton, Cupper Dickinson, and Chris Conway.

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