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RivahFest Musical Entertainment Announced

Tappahannock, VA (April 17, 2006) – Classic country music and rockin’ rhythm and blues will once again have RivahFest visitors dancing in the streets of Tappahannock, Entertainment Chairs George and Sandy Longest announced.

“We got such an overwhelmingly positive response to our headline acts last year,” said George Longest, “that we brought them back for folks to enjoy again.”

On Saturday, June 17, the main stage on the corner of Prince Street and Water Lane will feature “The Honky-Tonk Experience” from noon until 3 p.m. The five-member, Richmond-based group plays the music of such country greats as Merle Haggard, Ray Price, Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings and Alan Jackson.

Local residents can “get experienced” when the band performs at Ferebee’s in Tappahannock at 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 22. Preview MP3 files are available at www.honkytonkexperience.com.

From 3:30 until 7:30 p.m., the main stage will be rocking and grooving to the sounds of the legendary Steve Bassett, Ammon Tharp and the Mystic Soul Bubbas, back by popular demand for their third RivahFest appearance. A nationally recognized artist, Bassett has toured with Delbert McClinton and the late Stevie Ray Vaughan and performed with Richmond favorites Robbin Thompson, Larry Bland and the Volunteer Choir, and jazz pianist Jimmy

Black. He also is a prolific songwriter whose credits include and more than 100 network TV and radio commercials.

Bassett's most recent project, profiled in the online publication "West End's Best" (www.westendsbestonline.com), is a CD of authentic American music using Civil War-era instruments. As a special RivahFest treat, Bassett has made MP3 downloads of "Sweet Virginia Breeze" and other favorites available on the RivahFest web site at www.rivahfest.com.

Stage Two, located in front of St. Margaret's Hall on Water Lane, will feature a variety of local bands presented by Brian Sprouse Productions. The lineup from mid-morning to early afternoon will include soft and classic rock, as well as "a little bit of country" and karaoke, said Stage Coordinator Niki Davis. Then 10 talented young vocalists, selected in an earlier semi-final competition, will vie for cash prizes and the RivahFest Idol title.

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Photo Caption – Musical legend Steve Bassett will rock the RivahFest main stage with soulful rhythm and blues. He is shown here with 2005 RivahFest Idol winner Alexandra Henderson.

Photo Caption – RivahFest main stage entertainment kicks off with the classic country sounds of The Honky-Tonk Experience.