



Camellia japonica "White by the gate" sent by Lewis Hubbard.



Julie Shields sends a photo of crocus in her mother's yard at Hayes.

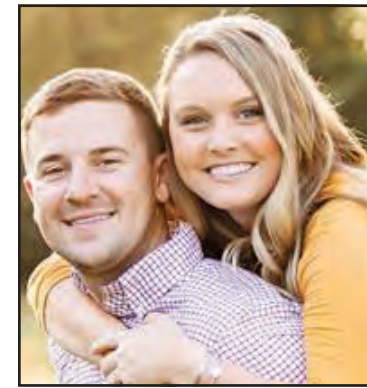
## Beautiful colors

The landscape is set to explode in greenery and blossoms as the weather warms up. Here is a preview of the colors. Please send your photos to editor@gazette-journal.net.



Joni Neal of Hayes submitted a photo of her white camellia, Lenten rose and pussywillow.

## ENGAGEMENT



Trevor Rudisill and Whitney Eriksen

### Eriksen-Rudisill

Tommy and Lorna Erikson of Foster announce the engagement of their daughter, Whitney Eriksen, to Trevor Rudisill, son of Mike and Lori Rudisill of Gloucester.

Miss Eriksen graduated from Mathews High School in 2014 and East Carolina University in 2018. She is employed by Chesapeake Bank as a Cash Flow Accounting Specialist in Gloucester.

Mr. Rudisill graduated from Gloucester High School in 2011 and Virginia Tech in 2016. He works for Virginia Natural Gas as a Utility Mechanic in Providence Forge.

A wedding is planned for June 5, 2021 at Hermitage Baptist Church in Church View.



Easter cactus and an orchid bloom at Maxine Hudgins's home in Port Haywood.



Hellebore and viola, also called "Johnny jump up" because they bloom so early in the spring, sent by Louise Witherspoon of Port Haywood.



Lisa Walker of Hayes shares a photo of her Les Marbury camellia.

## GARDENING CORNER

FROM THE GLOUCESTER MASTER GARDENERS

### Spring pruning time again!

BY SUSAN CAMP

March is the month on the Middle Peninsula that heralds the beginning of spring. We still awaken to frost on many mornings. In the past, we have had snow in March, but this year, the daffodils are popping out of the ground, and a few friends have posted photos of yellow blossoms on Facebook. Soon, the forsythia will follow. March also is the month when it is warm enough to prune our deciduous trees.

The prime pruning period for many tree and shrub species in our region is Feb. 15 through March 15. If you miss these dates by a week or two, your trees and shrubs will survive.

Spring pruning should be a part of regular plant maintenance. Pruning can improve a plant's health; reshape and revive an old plant or train a new one; control a plant's size; and improve or increase flower or fruit production. Pruning also serves to remove or decrease branches and limbs that could cause injury or property damage.

A recent post on the Facebook page of a professional gardener contained a helpful diagram of a leafless tree, illustrating the types of problem branches that should be removed. The diagram is included in the University of Maryland Extension Home & Garden Information entry "Pruning Trees."

Use the correct tool for the pruning job. Hand pruners, loppers, shears, and pruning saws come in various sizes. Read the tool instructions to avoid using a tool improperly. Buy good quality tools that will last, and keep them clean, oiled, and sharp.

Disinfect tools between cuts to avoid spreading disease, and between plants if no disease is found. Isopropyl alcohol (70 to 99 percent); the old-fashioned brown mouthwash, undiluted; and the household cleaner that contains benzalkonium chloride, mixed in a 10 percent solution of 1 part cleaner to 10 parts water are good choices for tool disinfection. Pine cleaners and chlorine bleach will corrode metal tools.

A chainsaw is not a good pruning tool, especially if the gardener is standing several feet in the air on a ladder. Aside from the obvious peril to the operator, a chainsaw leaves a ragged wound in the plant tissue that can lead to increased opportunities for infection and insect infestation. A chainsaw may be necessary if the branch to be pruned is greater than 3 inches in diameter, but pruning of large trees is best left to a professional arborist.

If you need to stand on a ladder, place it on level ground and have an assistant hold it steady. Take care when cutting branches above your head to avoid being struck. Use goggles to protect your eyes from airborne sawdust and bark.

When you are ready to prune, observe the tree or shrub from all sides. Remove dead, damaged, or diseased twigs and branches first. Next prune malformed branches and those that cross each other or rub together. Remove suckers at the bases of trees and "water sprouts," the straight, vertical, whip-like branches that grow from previously pruned sites.

Avoid pruning branches and twigs flush with the trunk. Instead, make your pruning cut at a 45° to 60° angle in front of the branch collar, which is the swollen or bumpy area at the base of a branch. Leaving the branch collar intact helps the wound to heal more quickly and deter disease and decay.

Remove lower branches gradually over several years to provide clearance for foot traffic and lawn mowers. At least two-thirds of a tree's total height must consist of living branches.

If pruning has been neglected for several years, it may take three or four seasons to achieve the desired aesthetically appealing shape. Never remove more than one-quarter of a tree or shrub's branches in one season.

Pruning calendars for deciduous and evergreen shrubs and trees are available on the Virginia Cooperative Extension website at <https://pubs.ext.vt.edu>. Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) Publication 430-455 "A Guide to Successful Pruning: Pruning Basics and Tools" provides further information on the topic.

## Learning pie-making from her great-grandmother, age 102

BY BETTY WRENN DAY

Here is a bright spot from the past year of frustration and uncertainty; it should bring a smile to your face and find a warm place in your heart.

At 102 years of age Mary Jo Robins has not forgotten how to make the pies that she used to bake for her family, guests and friends, especially for her home church, Salem United Methodist. She no longer resides close to Haven Beach in the Diggs area of Mathews where she lived for 97 years. Mary Jo now resides at Riverside Sanders Retirement Community in Gloucester.

One day last fall the kitchen at Sanders was graced with the presence of a long-standing and excellent cook, Mary Jo Robins. She and her great-granddaughter, Emma Wood, RN, were there where "Gangy" (this is what all the 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild call her) showed Emma how to make pies. Working from memory, using no recipes, Mary Jo directed and also took part in the baking.

Emma wrote following the day with her great-grandmother: "It has been hard for isolated nursing home, skilled and assisted living residents, to say the very least. There are no words for it. But today I got to learn from the best. She has not forgotten one step to baking pies. She has not stopped smiling and laughing. She has stayed strong and faithful as ever. She taught me more than just her secrets to baking today (please tell me how this woman at 102 can still bake her apples just from memory, no recipe) and I will never ever take it for granted. I will always be amazed by you, my Gangy."

Mary Jo's daughter, Becky Livermon, recalls her mother's cooking while growing up: "As a child I loved to eat the baked strips of piecrust that were made from left-over dough. My grandmother Clara Morgan's house was always filled on Christmas morning with family, friends and wonderful food. When she gave up housekeeping (we lived next door) my mother and father took up the tradition. Their home was the gathering hub. Family and friends were always welcome to their home, table or picnic table. My mother was never afraid to try new recipes even when in her 90s. It wasn't unusual to find her skimming magazines or cookbooks. She always prepared several dishes for her church potluck supper in case someone couldn't bring their own. The grandchildren always knew where to look for her already made desserts and cakes. She sat them in the utility room on the washer and dryer."

And at 102 Mary Jo is still interested in cooking and life itself. "My mother loves God and continues to read several devotionals and her Bible daily," Becky said. "When asked her secret to a long life she usually replies 'just keep going.'"

### CHOCOLATE PIE

1 c. sugar  
1/2 c. cornstarch  
1/2 c. cocoa or 2 squares of chocolate  
1/2 stick butter or margarine  
2 eggs, beaten  
1 tsp. vanilla  
2-2 1/2 c. milk  
1 small carton Cool Whip  
Mix sugar, cornstarch, and cocoa. Add beaten eggs and 1/2 c. milk. Stir until smooth. Add remaining milk and butter. Cook in double boiler until very thick. Remove from heat and add vanilla. To make pie extra smooth, put in blender for 1-2 minutes. Place cooked mixture in baked pie shell. Top with Cool Whip and chopped nuts.



Emma Wood gets a cooking lesson she will never forget from her great-grandmother, Mary Jo Robins.

### CHOCOLATE CHESS PIE

(FROM HER MOTHER-IN-LAW, EMMA LEE HEALY ROBINS)

1/2 stick margarine  
1 1/2 c. sugar  
2 eggs, beaten  
3 1/2 Tbs. cocoa  
1 can evaporated milk (small)  
Dash of salt  
1 tsp. vanilla  
Mix together and pour into unbaked pie shell. Bake at 350°F. approximately 30 minutes or until set.

### COCONUT PIE

3 eggs  
1 c. sugar  
1 c. milk  
1 scant Tbs. flour  
1 tsp. vanilla or lemon extract  
7 oz. pkg. coconut  
Mix eggs, then add sugar and milk. Add flour, vanilla, and coconut. Pour into deep dish pie shell. Bake at 350°F. for 45-50 minutes.

### PIE CRUST

1 or 1 1/2 c. flour  
1/2 c. vegetable oil or 1/3 c. Crisco  
1/2 tsp. salt  
4-5 spoons of cold water  
Mix the flour, oil and salt well and add cold water to make it pliable. Roll dough out on floured surface to fit pie plate.

### ICE CREAM DELIGHT

24 chocolate Oreos  
1/4 c. margarine  
1/2 gal. vanilla ice cream (block or cut slices from bulk)  
**Icing**  
2 c. confectioners' sugar  
1 large can evaporated milk  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1/2 c. margarine  
6 oz. semi-sweet chocolate bits  
Crush Oreos and mix crumbs with melted margarine. Press in a 9x13-inch pan. Fill with ice cream. Place in freezer. Put all icing ingredients in saucepan on medium heat. Cook for 8 minutes, stirring constantly. Cool well and spread over ice cream. Freeze until ready to serve.

### NO BAKE CHOCOLATE CHEESE CAKE

1 1/2 oz. semi-sweet chocolate chips  
8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened  
3 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened  
1/2 c. sugar  
1/4 c. margarine, softened  
2 c. Cool Whip

8-inch graham cracker crumb crust  
In microwave, melt chocolate chips on high for 1-1 1/2 minutes, until chips are melted and smooth when stirred. Set aside to cool. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese, sugar and margarine until smooth. On low speed, blend in melted chocolate chips. Fold in whipped topping until blended. Spoon into crust. Cover and chill until firm.

### PINEAPPLE POUND CAKE

1 stick margarine  
2 sticks butter  
2 3/4 c. sugar  
3 c. all-purpose flour  
Pinch salt  
1 tsp. vanilla extract  
6 eggs  
1 tsp. baking powder  
1/4 c. milk  
3/4 c. crushed pineapple, undrained  
Combine margarine, butter and sugar; cream well. Add eggs, 1 at a time; beat well. Sift dry ingredients together; add flour mixture and milk alternately to creamed mixture. Add vanilla and stir in crushed pineapple. Pour into well-greased and floured 10-inch tube pan. Place in cold oven and cook at 325 degrees for 1 hour 15 minutes to 1 hour 30 minutes. Cool 10-15 minutes. Remove from pan. Drizzle with pineapple glaze.

### Glaze

Combine 1/4 c. melted butter or margarine with 1 1/2-c. powdered sugar. Mix well and add 1 c. drained crushed pineapple. Cover top and sides of warm cake.

### MOTHER'S POUND CAKE

"A Morgan family favorite"  
(CLARA CLAVELLE MORGAN)

2 sticks butter  
1 stick margarine  
5 eggs  
2 1/2 c. sugar  
3 c. flour  
1/2 tsp. baking powder  
1/8 tsp. salt  
3/4 c. milk  
2 tsp. vanilla  
Cream sugar, margarine and butter together. Add eggs, one at a time, beating each well. Sift flour, salt and baking powder together. Add to batter, alternating with milk. Add vanilla. Cook at 300°F. for 1 1/2 hours. This also may be used for a layer cake, cooking in 3 (9-inch) layer pans at 325°F. for 30 minutes.

### SOUR CREAM CAKE

1/2 c. veg. oil  
1 c. butter  
3 c. sugar  
6 eggs  
1 tsp. baking powder  
1/2 tsp. salt  
3 c. flour  
1 c. sour cream  
1 tsp. vanilla or almond extract  
1 tsp. lemon extract  
Cream oil, butter, and sugar. Add eggs one at a time. Sift flour, baking powder, and salt. Add alternately with sour cream. Stir in flavorings. Bake 1 hour 15 minutes at 325°F.

### CUSTARD

4 c. milk  
3 eggs, beaten  
1 1/2-2 c. sugar  
1/2 c. cornstarch  
Pinch of salt  
2-3 tsp. vanilla  
Mix cornstarch with 2 c. milk and stir until dissolved. Add salt. Heat over low to medium heat. In a large mixing bowl, combine remaining 2 c. milk, sugar, and eggs and slowly add heated mixture. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until it begins to thicken. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Cover with wax paper and allow to cool. This custard makes everything better!



## Right at Home

Right at Home, a Kilmarnock business established in 2016 by Katherine Keith, provides senior citizens with personal care, cooking, light cleaning, and independent living activities.

Keith said her company's mission is to improve the quality of life for seniors who have chosen to "age in place." But there have been some challenges. After losing her elderly but still active parents in 2019 in a car accident, she was subsequently diagnosed with cancer for the second time. Those difficult experiences, she said, "added an even greater sense of mission to what we do."

"My staff is extraordinary, so somehow we made it through that year," she said. "And, of course, we have all struggled to adapt to COVID, but we provided personal protective equipment and followed all CDC guidelines and have been able to keep our clients safe."



Katherine Keith

With all clients and caregivers now, fortunately, vaccinated against the virus, Keith said that "we are getting back to a new 'normal.'" Keith was born in Norfolk to a Navy family, grew up in the Midwest, moved to Northern Virginia, and eventually made her way to the Northern Neck, where she has lived for 12 years. Along the way, she co-founded and headed a small school for diverse learners. She holds a Master's in Counseling from George Washington University and a certificate in Senior Advising.

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## Chesapeake Marine Training Institute

Amanda Symonds is president and owner of Chesapeake Marine Training Institute in Hayes. The institute offers maritime training to the workboat community, recreational boating industry, government agencies, and shipping companies throughout the mid-Atlantic region.

A 2001 internship with CMTI was Symonds' first exposure to the institute, which was founded by Guy Sorensen in 1992. She was able to participate through Gloucester High School's Academy of Finance. After graduation, she went to Longwood University for a short time before returning to Gloucester and seeking out CMTI again. She rejoined the team there as a receptionist while also studying at Rappahannock Community College, where she earned her associate's degree in Arts and Science.

Over time, Symonds' responsibilities at CMTI increased. She began serving mariners as a licensed consultant handling applications before advancing to office manager and then general manager. When Sorensen made the decision to retire in 2016, Symonds was prepared to take the helm.

Symonds said that over the past three years the institute has implemented an online experience that allows mariners to view upcoming schedules, enroll in classroom and online courses, study for examinations, and purchase retail items. Further, she said that CMTI reacts to changes in an ever-changing world by embracing the challenge of meeting mandated requirements and remaining committed to bringing each mariner a better experience.

Symonds has been married for 16 years to her high school sweetheart, Mike Symonds, and they have two children: Hannah, a seventh grader at Peasley Middle School, and Carter, a fourth grader at Bethel Elementary School.



Amanda Symonds

## Gloucester Supply & Ace Hardware

### Kati Cook

Kati Cook is the manager for her family's business, Gloucester Supply & Ace Hardware on Hayes Road, Hayes. She began working there at the age of 17, and said she never looked back.

Established by her father-in-law, Mark Cook, Gloucester Supply has been in business for 45 years, with the support of his wife, Valerie Cook. Kati Cook said her father-in-law made the business a staple in the community, "and I hope I am doing the same."

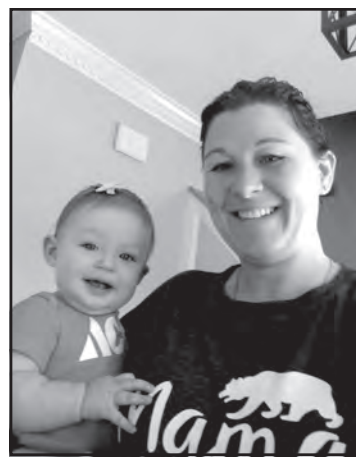
"We are proud to help support the community, and grateful that they continue to support our family business," she said. "The customers over the years have become friends, and we hope they feel the same about us."

Gloucester Supply offers hand tools, fasteners, paint supplies, plumbing, and electrical supplies for basic home repair and updating. There's a boating section that has fiberglass supplies, bottom paint, anchors, bilge pumps, and other items, and a garden section that has garden seeds, grass seed, and more.

The business also offers a range of services, including fiberglass and aluminum screen repair, wick replacement for kerosene heaters, and storm window repair.

Cook said the family tries to maintain "some of the classic hardware nostalgia" in the store while moving forward and keeping the product mix relevant.

A South Carolina native, Cook has lived in Gloucester since the age of 7, graduating from Gloucester High School before attending Christopher Newport University for a while.



Kati Cook and 8-month-old Mallory

## D&K Embroidery

Debbie Riddett said her business, D&K Embroidery, grew out of a personal hobby. In the 1990s, she began making country bunnies and other dolls and selling them at craft shows and festivals. Then she got more creative with a small home embroidery machine, making items for her daughter and by request for other people.

"Word of mouth really helped launch my business into what it is today," she said.

In 1997, she opened D&K Embroidery at her home on Hickory Fork Road in Pinnetta. The business offers embroidery services while specializing in screen print transfers on a variety of textiles, from hats and jackets to shoes, sports bags, and purses. Products can be ordered for customization, or she can work with customer-owned items. She provides services for individuals, organizations, and corporations.

Riddett said that everything she does is self-taught. She pored over instruction manuals for hours and hours to learn the computer applications for design and embroidery machines. It was a trial-and-error process for both her and her husband, Kenny, who learned about the mechanics of the machinery so he could provide assistance with repairs.

A Gloucester native and Gloucester High School graduate, Riddett said she runs the business with the help of her husband, who is employed by Caruso, Inc., but helps on nights and weekends; her daughter Christine, who is an RN but helps with sales and social media marketing; and her friend Eva, who helps with displays, onsite sales, and processing customer orders.



Debbie Riddett

## J.K. Redmond Funeral Home

Kimberly Redmond Cosby, owner and manager of the J.K. Redmond Funeral Home at Shacklefords, faced her greatest challenge early on.

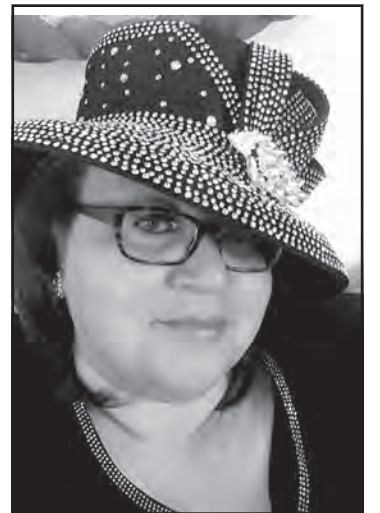
"The funeral home was my father's business," she said. "He passed away during my senior year in high school. I became the owner at 18."

In addition to running a business at a very young age, Cosby said, "I had to overcome a lot of negativity—she's young, she's a girl, what can she do? I had the support of my mother, Susie Young, my aunt, Cora Young, my cousin, Kevin Young, and Jesus, and I knew that was enough."

The funeral home grew from its original 1970 building to the current building, constructed in 1981, where, "we arrange, organize, and direct funeral services for the families we serve," Cosby said.

Having grown up in the Glens section of Gloucester, Cosby graduated from Gloucester High School and John Tyler Community College, and went into funeral service, "following the wisdom I learned from my dad and many other funeral directors I have known."

She is married to Shawn A. Cosby, a novelist from Mathews County.



Kimberly Redmond Cosby

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### Freedom Street Partners

Financial advisor Margie Wiley has been in the financial services industry for “what feels like all of my life.” She started working for a bank at the tender age of 16, then moved on to an investment firm, and finally in 2017 established her own practice with Freedom Street Partners, which is affiliated with Raymond James, a multinational independent investment bank and financial services company.



Margie Wiley

Wiley said her firm helps generations of families achieve their financial goals through a comprehensive process of discovering “the purpose behind the money.” “Because we understand that everyone’s goals are different,” she said, “we customize our approach to each individual, family, business, and nonprofit we serve in our practice. Our belief is, life is better with Freedom.”

A “glass half full” attitude helps Wiley see obstacles as “just opportunities that take a little more of a push to work through.” She said that mindset has served her well during her years of providing financial services.

“Each day there are things that are out of my control that I have to create plans for and find solutions to,” she said. “My thought is, if you are nimble and do what you can to stay current with technology and updated on industry changes—and take excellent care of your clients—you will find success.”

Originally from upstate New York, Wiley graduated from Minisink Valley High School. She has both Series 7 and Series 66 securities licenses, as well as life, health, and annuity insurance licenses. She also has an Accredited Asset Management Analyst designation from the College for Financial Planning. She is “happily married to my high school sweetheart and first love, Mark Wiley.”

### The Silver Box

Gloucester native Martha Soles started The Silver Box in 2001, and she hasn’t looked back.



Martha Soles

After graduating from high school, Soles worked as the assistant manager at Southern Department Store, then went into the banking sector. But she came back to retail by establishing her own business on Gloucester Main Street.

Soles’s shop offers sterling silver jewelry; women’s clothing, shoes and accessories; Pandora jewelry; men’s T-shirts; and a variety of products by Lily Pulitzer and Simply Southern.

Last year, when COVID-19 hit, Soles saw it as an obstacle rather than a deal-breaker, and she ended up doing “extremely well” by offering online shopping and curbside pick-up.

### The Foot Doctor

Tina W. Frye, DPM, established The Foot Doctor in August 1996 to provide podiatric medical care, diabetic foot care, treatment of sports injuries, and prescribe orthotic supports.

A native of Maysville, Kentucky, Frye completed undergraduate work in Kentucky and medical school and residency in Chicago.

“I feel fortunate to have chosen Gloucester to start out my medical career,” Frye said. “It is my plan to practice here until the time I feel it is time to retire. That is, however, a long time away.”

The Foot Doctor is located at 2894 George Washington Memorial Highway, Hayes.

### Window Creations

Mary Jo Green’s dream from the time she was 10 years old was to do couture sewing for a living, but that didn’t happen right away. Instead, she fulfilled her mother’s dream first and became a nurse, graduating from the Stuart Circle School of Nursing in Richmond in 1973 and working in the nursing field for a decade.



Mary Jo Green

Then in 1983, she made up her mind to pursue her dream of establishing her own business, Window Creations LLC of Hayes.

She began with an old Singer sewing machine and a wall phone in an 8’x12’ bedroom at her home on Hunter Lane. Her first line of fabric samples came from ADO Fabrics. Green began making a wide variety of products for the home, from window treatments to custom bedding products. In addition to working off a pattern, she began to design window treatments herself. Slipcovers became a big part of her business, as well as cushions for outdoors. Roman shades became popular, she said, and she has “a wonderful clutch system that uses a continuous cord.”

Green said everything is always changing in the business she’s in, from product representatives to fabrics, and she has to constantly update her books and provide good customer service. She sells two brands of blinds and offers over a half-dozen different fabric lines to choose from.

Green said her husband Donnie is her installer and her main “go-to person” when she has a problem to solve.

“Between the two of us we can solve almost any problem, and are always working on projects,” Green said.

### Michael Marketing R.E.

Nancy Prince Jackson is the co-owner and office manager of Michael Marketing Real Estate, Inc., on Gloucester Road in Saluda.



Nancy Prince Jackson

Since 1989, the business has been a full service real estate company that lists and sells property, with agents taking the time to walk clients through the entire process and continuing to be there for them even after closing.

“Many of our clients become our friends because of the service we provide,” said Jackson.

As a small company, Michael Marketing has to be versatile, changing its niche whenever interest rates rise and cause the market to plummet. But the partners like being a small company, said Jackson, and have chosen to keep it that way.

“Many people think it is better to list with a big-box real estate company,” she said, “so we had to prove ourselves to the public.”

A Deltaville native, Jackson helped her father keep the books and place orders in his plumbing and heating business, while the rest of her business acumen she learned on her own, by trial and error.

Jackson holds a bachelor’s degree in education and a master’s in Learning Disabled from Virginia Commonwealth University. She completed real estate classes at Rappahannock Community College and VCU. Her partner in the business is her husband, Michael Jackson, who handles farm, land, and timber properties. Her sister, Cheryl Prince Teagle, is an agent with the company, as well.

### Carousel Physical Therapy

Vicki VerMeer, MSPT, is the owner of Carousel Physical Therapy, a full-service physical therapy clinic located in Kilmarnock.



Vicki VerMeer

Since 1994, VerMeer has been offering services for orthopedic and neurologic conditions in numerous specialty areas, including Certified Hand Therapy, LSVT Big, Women’s Health and Lymphedema.

While any business faces obstacles, said VerMeer, for her it was “figuring out the right people to have on board caring for our patients.”

“Our Carousel family is the best,” she said, “and everyone works hard to help our patients achieve their goals. We cheer our patients’ achievements right along with them. It’s a fun place to work.”

An Iowa native, VerMeer has been in Lancaster County for 21 years, owning Carousel PT for 14 of those years. She has a bachelor’s degree in Fitness and Wellness from South Dakota State University and a master’s degree in Physical Therapy from the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences.

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## Century 21 Nachman Realty

### Nicole Krieger

Nicole Krieger began her new career with Century 21 Nachman Realty in November, and she said she loves that she has been able to learn something new every day.

"There have been lots of learning opportunities while growing my business," she said.

Krieger said she enjoys getting to know "the ever-changing market," and she takes pride in treating all clients like they are family.

"I will do my absolute best to get my seller's home sold quickly and for top dollar," she said.

She also enjoys helping buyers "secure the home of their dreams."

"It's my mission to help each client get the best outcome possible," she said.

A Newport News native, Krieger graduated with honors in 2005 and went on to complete some college. She said she couldn't do everything she does without the love and support of her "amazing husband John and all of our babies—JR, Camryn, and Jameson."



Nicole Krieger

Working two jobs, as a waitress and a school bus driver, and managing a household, all while studying to become a Realtor "was not easy," said Ashberry, "but I was determined to achieve my goal."

Ashberry is a graduate of Mathews High School and Alpha College of Real Estate. She and her husband JJ have two sons, Wesley and Phillip (who is married to Jill), and two grandchildren, Aidan and Lilly.

### Virginia Evans

Virginia Evans began working as a real estate agent with Century 21 Nachman Realty in Hayes last April, in the early days of the pandemic. She said not working in a staffed office proved to be a challenge, but she has always been interested in real estate and is "determined to fulfill this dream."

Evans said Nachman's full-service real estate firm offers clients "the best service from beginning to end, whether they are selling or buying."

A Gloucester native, Evans has 30 years of experience working as an administrative assistant and in secretarial/bookkeeping positions. She is a graduate of Gloucester High School and the Alpha College of Real Estate.

Evans is married to Dewey Evans and has two sons, Brian and Damon Gross, and "three beautiful grandchildren," Nathan, Madison, and Savannah.



Virginia Evans

### Jeanie Wood

Jeanie Wood joined Century 21 Nachman Realty in Hayes as an agent over 13 years ago, representing homeowners and future homeowners in the sale or purchase of real estate. Wood said she provides professional service with ethics, experience, and expertise and uses negotiation skills to ensure a smooth transaction as she guides new buyers through the process step by step and works through the process with loyal repeat customers.

The constantly evolving and changing market can be challenging, said Wood, with every transaction different, and every client different, with different needs.

A San Antonio, Texas native, Wood said she has lived in Gloucester over 30 years. She has a business background in sales, marketing, and management, and graduated from the Alpha College of Real Estate.

Wood and her husband Brett have two sons, Tyler and Samuel, and an English Springer Spaniel, named "Albus Dumbledog Wood."



Jeanie Wood

### Theresa Ashberry

Theresa Ashberry is Associate Broker/Realtor at Century 21 Nachman Real Estate at Hayes.

Since March 2013, Ashberry has been offering "a start-to-finish approach" in selling or buying real estate, with an emphasis on helping clients maneuver the process for a smooth transaction.

A Mathews native and resident, Ashberry said that overcoming self-doubt has been her biggest obstacle as an independent businesswoman.

"Can I do this, or should I do this?" she said. "I had to learn to manage every minute of every day."



Theresa Ashberry

### Melanie Whitehead

Melanie Whitehead of Century 21 Nachman Realty at Hayes has been working since 2001 to help buyers and sellers achieve their real estate goals and dreams of homeownership. She also helps with rentals and property management for people looking to invest in homes or seeking to rent.

A Texas native, Whitehead began in sales and banking in the early 1990s before trying her hand at real estate beginning in late 2000. She said the past year has been the most difficult in her career. Part of that is because of the uncertainty everyone has faced with the pandemic. It's made it difficult to show homes to her buyers, as well as to work out those details with sellers. On top of that, she said, because rates are at an all-time low, inventory is low, so it's been tough trying to find homes to list.

"But to find the perfect home for my buyers, or help a seller to sell their home for what they were hoping to get, is by far the most rewarding and satisfying accomplishment through this pandemic," she said.

Whitehead is married to James Whitehead III, and they have three children—Nicholas Morris, Barbara Morris and James Whitehead IV.



Melanie Whitehead

### Sandra Crittenden

Sandra Crittenden is new to the real estate field, having begun her career with Century 21 Nachman Realty in Hayes just last month. She offers real estate advice for both buyers and sellers, seeking to provide a smooth and satisfying process for all clients.

"Deciding to start something new when you are almost 50 years old is challenging," said Crittenden.

But she believes she's up to that challenge.

A teacher for five years before going into bookkeeping for 15 years, Crittenden returned to the classroom three years ago. She said she has always focused on placing herself in a position to succeed in her career while also putting her family first, supplementing her husband Charlie's income in various ways and doing whatever it takes to make ends meet and raise her daughters, Keely, Caroline and Morgan.

So when COVID-19 hit last year and the world changed drastically, Crittenden starting examining her options. She said the teaching delivery method had changed, but, more importantly, public school numbers had decreased, and it was difficult to know what the future would hold. She decided to enroll in an online real estate class, and she's now selling real estate.

"As a licensed Realtor, I again have myself in a position to succeed and to control my own future," said Crittenden. "I look forward to using my experience, skills, and determination in assisting people in their buying/selling process."

Crittenden has a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Mary Washington, along with a collegiate professional teaching license with several endorsements. She attended Aceable Agent Real Estate School.



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Valerie Bass is the owner/operator of Hair Creations, offering sets, haircuts, perms, color, and styling since 1982. "And, as always, the entertainment is free!" she said.

One of the most challenging times Bass has faced as a business owner occurred in 2008, when her business partner and best friend, Janice Lee Mitchem, passed away. "It was a very difficult time," she said.

Since then, she has moved her location twice, and is now on Buckley Hall Road in Mathews.

"I have been very blessed to have been in business for 39 years," said Bass. "My many customers have become like friends and family."

A Mathews native, Bass graduated from Mathews High School in 1980, and the following year graduated from Jan-Mar Beauty Academy in Newport News, earning her Virginia State Board Cosmetology license.

Bass and her husband, John, live in Onemo and have one son, Tyler Bass.



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## Patsy Hall Realty

### Patsy Hall

Patsy Hall has been in the real estate business for over 30 years, establishing her own company, Patsy Hall Realty, Inc., located on Coleman's Crossing Avenue in Hayes. She is also the co-owner of Fiddler's Crossing Development.

Hall said the current real estate market is changing quickly, offering new challenges, and that her firm provides experienced, professional services in all areas of real estate to help clients as they buy or sell their properties.

"We value our clients and strive to form lasting relationships," she said.

A Lancaster native, Hall has lived in Gloucester for nearly five decades, getting her start in business as the office manager and real estate coordinator for a local attorney. She graduated from the Smithfield Massey Business School in



Patsy Hall

Richmond and earned an associate's degree in education from Rappahannock Community College.

Hall has two children, JoElle Harvey, who is an associate broker at Patsy Hall Realty, and Keith Barrack, a local custom builder/developer. She also has six grandchildren

and one great-grandchild.

### JoElle Harvey

JoElle Harvey has been with her mother's business, Patsy Hall Realty on Coleman's Crossing Avenue in Hayes, since 2008, serving as associate broker. She is also co-owner of SEVA Properties, a real estate development company.

Harvey said she offers experience and professionalism in helping clients achieve all their real estate needs.

"Buying and selling a home involves a large financial investment," she said, "and through knowledge and compassion, we are able to guide clients through every step."

Harvey's business background includes serving as sales director for Fiddler's Crossing, a townhome/condominium development in Gloucester, and as co-owner, along with her husband Mark, of Mark's Auto & Welding Ser-



JoElle Harvey



Martha Owens

in June.

### Martha Owens

Martha Owens has been a Realtor with Patsy Hall Realty, Inc., of Coleman's Crossing Avenue in Hayes since 2012. She assists buyers and sellers with their real estate needs, "providing exceptional service to help guide clients

through the home buying and selling process."

Constant changes in the real estate market are providing a continuing challenge, said Owens, and staying informed about those changes allows her to help her clients achieve their goals, "which is my primary focus, and very rewarding."

A Glen Allen native, Owens spent over 20 years as a legal assistant, specializing in real estate law, estate planning, and elder law. She also has property management and construction experience.

Harvey is a 1982 graduate of Hermitage High School in Richmond. She and her husband, Richard, have two children: Morgan, who is still at home, and elder daughter Nikki, who lives with her own family in Gloucester.

## The Nurtury

Loree Powell's life didn't go exactly the way she thought it would when she was studying design in college years ago. But opening her own apothecary shop, The Nurtury, wasn't really that far off the mark, since her ancestors on her father's side were "the first integrative medicine practitioners."

Powell's great-grandmother (several generations back) was a Susquehannock medicine woman whose tribe was massacred but who was taken in by a German settler physician whom she later married. When Powell was a child, her grandfather taught her about plants, and she has been "an avid learner" ever since, in both herbal and psycho-physiologic healing.

Life has thrown Powell some curveballs. Her father died when she was 11 years old, and her mother died not long before Powell moved her business from her Dutton home to Gloucester Main Street in 2012. "Both experiences propelled me over obstacles," she said, "but also presented triumphs that led to the creation of The Nurtury as it is now."

Powell seeks to bring the power of natural healing to the community, offering all-natural wellness solutions such as herbs, formulations made onsite, essential oils, healing crystals, hypnotherapy, coaching and more.

"We're a modern apothecary, where nature, science, spirituality, and magic meet to offer healing and well-being to all, for body, heart, soul, and community," she said.

A Lancaster, Pennsylvania native, Powell said she studied design at Syracuse, Bowling Green, and Millersville universities, and later earned certifications in hypnotherapy, past life regression therapy, HeartMath coaching, and trauma healing.

The mother of five and grandmother of seven, Powell said her two younger children, Alexis and Sean, work with her at The Nurtury, while her older children, Chadd, Kisten, and Lauren, live nearby with families of their own.



Loree Powell



Stephanie Heinatz

## Consociate Media

Stephanie Heinatz established Consociate Media in Gloucester in 2011, offering marketing, public relations, and communications to a wide range of clients.

Through a blend of marketing, media, and management techniques, the female-owned business "uses the rich traditions of storytelling and modern communications to help market businesses," said Heinatz.

"When you ask what triumphs Consociate Media has had over its first 10 years in business, I point to the people," Heinatz said. "Every single time a person chooses Consociate Media to tell its story, to work for their business, we consider it a triumph. Every single time a person chooses to work for Consociate Media, to tell other people's stories, we consider it a triumph. Why? Because business is personal, on every level."

An Army brat, Heinatz was born in Germany, where she spent most of childhood, then moved to Gloucester in the early 1990s. A graduate of Christopher Newport University, she has a background in journalism, media training, public relations, strategic communications, crisis communications and marketing.

Her husband and business partner is Rudy Heinatz III. Additional partners in Consociate Media, "who are like [her] work family," include Mark Harris, Brian Harris and Michael Kimball, she said.

## Andrews Funeral Home

Ann Andrews is the keeper of the records, serving her family business, Andrews Funeral Home & Crematory of Gloucester, as its secretary and treasurer/bookkeeper.

In partnership with her husband Jerry, she said, "Our business helps families make funeral arrangements for their loved ones. We offer traditional services and on-site cremations."

The company was established in 1975 and is now on its second generation of family ownership. "This is a family-owned business so we must all work together to keep things running smooth-

ly," Andrews said. "I retired from teaching after 34 years and came into business to work with my husband."

She had taken business courses in high school, but after all those years found that "it was quite a challenge to learn all of the accounting terms ... moving from mostly female work to mostly men has also been challenging," she said.

A native of Smithfield, Andrews holds a bachelor of science degree in early childhood education and spent 32 of her teaching years with second graders.

Ann and Jerry have two



Ann Andrews

daughters, Hope Andrews Hunter and Jeri-Lee Andrews Russ.

## Phillips Energy

Elizabeth Phillips McCormick serves as vice president of Phillips Energy, with its main office on Route 17 in Hayes and other locations in Mathews and New Kent.

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The Gloucester native joined Phillips Energy in 1994 after graduating from Virginia

Wesleyan College, where she studied finance and administration. Her brother, John Phillips, serves as president.

A global pandemic, a family battle against Alzheimer's disease (and an ongoing fight to raise funds to help to find a cure), as well as hurricanes and ice storms are just some of the obstacles that Phillips Energy has faced over the years.

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ness this year," she said.

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## Morgan & Edwards

**Deborah Morgan, Renee Edwards**  
Morgan & Edwards, a real estate firm located on Mathews Main Street, features owners and agents with decades of experience.

Deborah Morgan began her real estate career in 1993, working for the former Carlton Brooks & Associates. She was followed three years later by Renee Edwards. After working together at the firm, they decided to go out on their own and established Morgan & Edwards in 2003, with Morgan as broker and Edwards as associate broker and accredited buyer's agent.

The ladies said the company specializes in single-family residential and commercial real estate sales, investment home sales, and investor consultation. They help qualify and sell to everyone from first-time homebuyers to retirement buyers, offering vacation homes, waterfront land, inland land and



Deborah Morgan



Renee Edwards



Maxine Hudgins

homes, estates, and farms.

The past year has been a challenge for the business. Selling real estate during a pandemic was tough, they said, with very few showings from March until June.

In June, when agents were finally able to get back to showing property, the interest rates dropped, they said, "and the buyers all started

looking." Now the challenge is to show homes with COVID-19 restrictions in place—making sure to get COVID waivers signed and ensuring there were bottles of hand sanitizer, cans of disinfectant spray, and gloves and masks for everyone to wear when they entered homes.

In spite of the pandemic,

2020 was a record year for real estate sales, said the statement. "So many are finding they can now work from home and in any location, so we saw many wanting to relocate from the city to a rural area."

Morgan & Edwards both attended the Alpha College of Real Estate, and they are partners in business with

their husbands, Barry Morgan and Neal Edwards.

"The biggest joy is when you find your client the perfect home and are able to help them achieve their dream," said Edwards. "That makes it all worthwhile and an enjoyment."

### Maxine Hudgins

Maxine Hudgins has been in real estate for 33 years, joining the Morgan & Edwards team nine years ago after working with Bay Properties for 24 years.

She said her former broker, Sonny Richardson, was a great mentor through the years. After so many retired with her first company, she said, moving to Morgan & Edwards was easy because they had been good friends as well as co-workers.

Hudgins said real estate always interested her and upon her third child entering school, she decided to attend Buck Marshall Real Estate School in Newport News

and never looked back.

"I feel very fortunate to have had a job all these years I have so enjoyed," Hudgins said. "Being born and raised in Mathews, I have always been so appreciative to the local folks for their support."

Hudgins said the enactment of the Chesapeake Bay Act in 1991 proved to be a challenge for real estate in a county surrounded by water, and it continues to be a challenge.

"Some closings can take months if we are dealing with a waterfront land sale," she said. "In this business it is so important to keep up with changes that come about almost daily, it seems."

Maxine's family includes husband, Ronnie, three grown children, a son-in-law, and six grandchildren, as well as three sisters who have always been big supporters.

# BUSINESS

## United Way receives over \$1M for rent, mortgage relief

United Way of the Virginia Peninsula received \$1,050,000 for rent and mortgage relief through the 2021 Virginia Eviction Reduction program. This funding will help provide eviction prevention services to Peninsula communities, including Gloucester and Mathews counties.

As an organization dedicated to the well-being of the community, the United Way formed partnerships to ensure those affected by COVID-19 could receive the support they need.

Programs to help prevent evictions for families directly impacted by COVID-19 included the Rent and Mortgage Relief Program and the Hampton Eviction Prevention Program.

The grant funding will enhance current programs, services and referral systems, creating a network of housing solutions and other

necessities for individuals facing eviction on the Virginia Peninsula. Funds will be used to cover rent, utilities, legal expenses, child care and other necessities to build capacity and support prevention programs already in place to address the underlying causes of evictions for long-term eviction prevention.

"Unfortunately, the affordable housing crisis is not new, it has only been amplified as we continue to experience the repercussions from COVID-19," said United Way President and CEO, Steve Kast. "This funding will allow our community to continue the necessary work to help our neighbors in need and help improve our community's overall resilience and ability to deliver eviction prevention services now and into the future," he said.



### PPE donation

Gloucester's TJ Maxx store recently made a sizeable donation of face masks, hand sanitizer and other personal protective equipment to the NAACP. Shown from left to right is DeVonte Jackson, Robert Lutinski, and assistant store manager Maureen May. Accepting the donation on behalf of the NAACP is Gloucester Branch President Brenda Dixon, at right. Not pictured is store manager Andriane Hill.

## Garden tours resume Saturday

Brent and Becky's Bulbs, Gloucester, resumes the garden tours it provides during growing season this Saturday from 1-3 p.m.

The company shows the fields where it grows trial bulbs and bulbs for the market, and demonstrates different planting combinations and locations.

The tours are \$10 with reservations required by calling 804-693-3966. A release said wheelchairs are not recommended, nor children under the age of 7.

Additional tour dates schedule are March 13, 17, 20, 24, 26, 28 and 31; and April 3, 7, 10 and 14.

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### Rose and Womble Realty

Cheryl Perreault, a Realtor with Rose and Womble Realty since 2015, represents clients wishing to buy and sell their real property.

As the child of two Realtors/brokers, Perrault got an early start, helping her parents with just about all aspects of the business. She has also served as a co-owner of a construction and renovation company and as a licensed insurance agent, and she was a property manager for nearly 20 years.

The most challenging obstacle Perrault said she's had to overcome in the real estate business is that of understanding the different markets, from the metro Richmond area to Mathews, Gloucester, and surrounding areas.

Perrault said she has three years of college, and she spent two years as an exchange student in Germany. She is engaged to Mathews resident Daryle Adams, and they are planning a spring wedding.



Cheryl Perreault

### Hayes Auto Sales

Keeping everything running smoothly on down the road at Hayes Auto Sales is office manager Bonnie Connolly.

Connolly has over 14 years' experience of administrative dealings in both the automotive and real estate businesses. Hayes Auto Sales has been located at 2753 George Washington Memorial Highway, providing automobile sales, service and financing since 1981.

"Through four decades of being in business, we have overcome many challenges, including the current pandemic," Connolly said.

A Williamsburg native and cousin of Hayes Auto Sales' owner Keith Rodgers, Connolly earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of South Florida.



Bonnie Connolly

### Melissa Johnson PLLC

Melissa Johnson PLLC established her legal practice on Gloucester's Main Street in 2019. Since then, Johnson has been offering her services on a wide range of legal matters, including real estate, corporate, and contract law; estate planning and administration; civil litigation, and criminal defense.

A native of Pinehurst, North Carolina, Johnson has a background in law and accounting, and she carries an undergraduate degree from the College of William and Mary and a law degree from the University of Richmond.



Melissa Johnson

## BUSINESS



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Tidal Wave Auto Spa will be the newest car wash in Gloucester County when construction is eventually finished at the site, which is on Route 17, near Gloucester Court House. Tidal Wave Auto Spa is a chain with locations in 10 other states. Drivers can expect a variety of services and washes for their vehicles when business opens, including wax and ceramic treatments.

### Gas prices in Virginia continue to climb

Motorists in Virginia continue to experience higher prices at the pump. The current average at \$2.65, 33 cents more than last month, according to a release Monday from AAA Tidewater Virginia.

Pump prices are increasing as refinery utilization is at an all-time low and crude oil prices (WTI) surged by more than \$2 a barrel to \$66 on Friday, the highest price in nearly two years. The jump in crude followed the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries' and their allies', collectively known as OPEC+, surprise decision to minimally increase production in April.

"With crude oil prices back

on the rise, we could see Virginia's average price for gas to climb this spring with some relief by early summer," said AAA Tidewater Virginia spokesperson Holly Dalby.

The Energy Information Administration's report for the week ending Feb. 26 shows refinery capacity at 56 percent, which is the lowest rate recorded by the agency. It is also 12 percentage points below last week and 18 percentage points lower than a year ago. With refinery utilization at a record low, gasoline supplies tightening, demand modestly increasing and crude prices

on the rise, cheap prices are in the rear-view mirror for the immediate future.

At the close of Friday's formal trading session, WTI increased by \$2.26 to settle at \$66.09. At the end of last week, OPEC+ announced the decision to add only about 170,000 barrels per day to world markets in April. The industry had been expecting a production increase of about 1.5 million barrels per day in April, with more oil released in May, June, and beyond. This decision sent crude oil surging to the highest price point since April 2019.

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## Services announced by local churches

Special services and other activities in churches this week include the following:

### APOSTLES LUTHERAN

While physical worship services at Apostles Lutheran Church, Gloucester, are suspended, the fourth Sunday in Lent service will be held via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. A Reconciling in Christ discussion will be held after the service. Children's chapel will be held via Zoom at 3 p.m.; individuals can email office.apostles@gmail.com for an invitation.

A Lenten mid-week Holy Communion service will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday via Zoom. Invitations to the worship service and the mid-week service will be sent to the congregation via email and can also be accessed on the church's website at apostles-elca.org.

### BELLAMY UNITED METHODIST

Bellamy United Methodist Church, Gloucester, will offer in-person worship on Sunday and celebrate the fourth Sunday in Lent. Safety protocols will be in place: face masks and a health screening at the door. At this time child care is not available. Weekly devotions and worship services remain available on the church's Facebook and Youtube page.

### BETHANY UNITED METHODIST

Bethany United Methodist Church, Gloucester Point, will celebrate the fourth Sunday in Lent, with the Lenten series "Crossroads" focusing on some of the major decisions of Jesus's life and ministry. The series continues with two five-minute messages: "Crowds" and "Jesus after Footwashing." The in-person worship will be at 10 a.m. Musical pieces will include Londonderry Air and Partita on O Lamb of God, Pure, Spotless from J.S. Bach played by Rudy Shackelford.

Masking, touchless temperature checks and social distancing are required. All services are recorded and can be found on the YouTube channel and website.

### BETHEL BAPTIST

Bethel Baptist Church, Gloucester, continues to hold its worship services online or conference call. The sermon title of Minister Dr. Katrina Brown at noon Sunday will be "What Kind of Woman is This?" A communion service will begin at 3 p.m. The services can be accessed by logging onto <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/929136757>. You can also call 1-312-757-3121 and use access code: 929-136-757#. Sunday school will start at 10 a.m. using the same access information and Wednesday Bible study will be held at 7 p.m.

### CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST

Central United Methodist Church, Mathews, will hold its service at 9:15 a.m. Sunday. Members of the United Methodist Women will lead the service. Those attending are asked to wear face coverings, and social distancing will be observed. The service will be streamed live on the church's YouTube channel, which can be accessed through the church's homepage at [www.centralumc-mathews.org](http://www.centralumc-mathews.org).

### CHURCH OF THE LIVING WORD

The sermon title of Dr. Gregory Woodard of Church of the Living Word, Hayes, at 10 a.m. Sunday will be "Team Jesus." "H.O.P.E." will be the topic for the 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible study via Zoom.

### THE CHURCH OF THE VISITATION

The Church of the Visitation, Hartfield, will celebrate Third Stations of the Cross and have soup at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

### EMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST

Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Bohannon, will hold in-person worship at 11 a.m. Sunday. The sermon title of Pastor Jennifer Mercer will be "Defeat-



## Soup for Seniors

A pair of Gloucester churches recently collected Soup for Seniors with their Souper Bowl Sunday Food Drives. In left photo, Gloucester Point Baptist Church delivered over 200 cans of soup. Shown with the collection are, from left, Donna Hogge, Lorraine Kendall and Major Jim Spencer of the Salvation Army. In right photo, Jerry Young of Newington Baptist Church is shown with that church's collection, over 200 cans of soup which were also delivered to the Salvation Army's Senior Food Program.

## TODAY'S MEDITATION

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THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021  
Read Psalm 139:1-18  
I am fearfully and wonderfully made.—Psalm 139:1-14 (NIV)

Psalm 139 has always been my favorite part of the Bible. When I was a child, it taught me that I was special. I felt that I had a unique purpose in life, that there was some-

thing only I could do. As I grew up, I didn't think as much about my unique purpose as other things took over.

One day I was in the grocery store with a full cart headed for the checkout line. Another woman with an equally full cart got there first. I was annoyed. Couldn't she see I was in a

hurry? Then I heard a voice in my head: "She is also fearfully and wonderfully made." Immediately, I was humbled and realized that was true. Then I heard, "Pray for her." What? I was still struggling to let go of my irritation, but I said a simple prayer for her. I have no idea how the rest of her day went, but I noticed a change in myself. Af-

ter I prayed, I was no longer angry. I felt genuine love for the woman. I realized that God wanted me to pray not just for her but for myself as well.

Prayer transforms us from within. What a wonderful world it would be if we all prayed for one another and allowed our praying to transform our thoughts and

actions. PRAYER: Heavenly Father, help us to remember that each of us is made in your image. Remind us to treat others as your beloved children. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY  
Praying for others is good for my soul.

—Melody Baggech (Oklahoma)

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15661 John Clayton Memorial Hwy. Mathews, VA 23109 804-413-1718 [www.MathewsAnglican.org](http://www.MathewsAnglican.org)

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**FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Werlie Hendrix, Pastor  
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Services: SUNDAY, Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Sunday Family Night, Bible Study for all ages 6 p.m. "Faith Feels Like Family"  
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7741 Terrapin Cove Rd., Glou. Pt. 804-642-2555 - [www.gloptbaptist.org](http://www.gloptbaptist.org)  
Services: SUNDAY, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; C.A.R.E. ministry at 2 p.m. WEDNESDAYS: Youth Dinner and Worship 5:30 p.m., Children and adult Bible Studies 6:30 p.m.; 7:30 choir practice; FRIDAY: 9:30 a.m. Seniors

### Church Spotlight

**GLOUCESTER POINT BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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### MACEONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Foster, Va. 23056 • 804-725-5416  
Rev. Everett Hughes • 804-725-3032  
rev.everetthughes@yahoo.com  
Services: SUNDAY, 9:45 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. Preaching.

### MATHEWS BAPTIST CHURCH

Hudgins, VA. 804-725-3707  
Rev. Brian E. Kramer, Pastor  
Services: SUNDAY, In-person Worship, 9 AM Contemporary; 11 AM Traditional. The contemporary service is also available on the Mathews Baptist YouTube Channel and an audio copy of the traditional service upon request. Sunday School and family meals have been suspended until further notice. For more information, call the church office. [www.mathewsbaptistchurch.com](http://www.mathewsbaptistchurch.com)

### SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Ross Davis, Pastor  
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Services: SUNDAY, 10 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. Morning Worship, THURSDAY, 6:30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Church Practice.

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Church Office: 804-642-2332  
Rev. Jared Berry, Pastor  
E-mail: [laura@unionbaptistchurch.net](mailto:laura@unionbaptistchurch.net)  
[www.unionbaptistchurch.net](http://www.unionbaptistchurch.net)  
Services: SUNDAY 9:45 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. Church Service; WEDNESDAY: 6:30pm, Adult Bible Study and Prayer; UBC Kids Crew (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade), OUTWARD Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) MON & THUR; Food Ministry, 9-10:30 a.m. SATURDAY; Kickball, 10-11:30 a.m. (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

### ZION POPLARS BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Vincent Haley, Associate Minister  
693-4821 • 7000 T.C. Walker Road, Gloucester  
Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am;  
Bible Study Wednesday 7 pm.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

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PO Box 82, White Marsh, VA 23183  
804-693-3035  
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Worship Service: Spiritual Communion Rite II online via Facebook and YouTube, available the prior Saturday evening, Coffee Hour Sunday on Zoom at 10:30 a.m. For ID and pass code call the church office.

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The Rev. Scott Parnell, Rector  
7825 John Clayton Memorial Hwy  
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804-693-3821 | [www.warechurch.org](http://www.warechurch.org)  
Office hours: by appointment at this time.  
Sunday Worship: Virtually through the church website.

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Chris Morgan, Pastor, 725-9145  
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WEDNESDAY Healing Center 10-11am.  
Worship Service: RESONATE Youth Service 7pm; Nursery & Children's Ministry provided for all services. Website: [gocfc.com](http://gocfc.com)

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6:30 PM Wednesday evening prayer service

### KINGDOM COVENANT MINISTRIES

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Dr. Devenant18@gmail.com  
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### NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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E-mail: [becky@gracecovenant.us](mailto:becky@gracecovenant.us)  
To see activities go to website: [gracecovenant.us](http://gracecovenant.us)  
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# New church forming in Middlesex County

Pastor John Michael Clark is holding four informational meetings in the coming weeks to share the vision and plans for Salt Church, a new church being started in Middlesex County. The first of those meetings will be tonight. Clark and his wife Natalie are both Mathews natives. They have been married for 13 years, and have three sons. Clark has been an ordained minister of the Gospel for 13 years. His wife is a homemaker and private voice coach of La Voce Studio. Salt Church will be focused on making disciples who make disciples according to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ, a release said. This non-denominational church will prioritize close brotherhood within the congregation and will live on the mission of Jesus as a New Testament family, the release stated. "Jesus told His people they are the 'salt of the earth.' For us, the name 'Salt' speaks to

the fact that the believers in the church will be noticeable. You may love the flavor, but you won't be confused about the flavor. And it will not be vanilla. Salt also has a preserving ability. It's God's desire that His people will preserve, bless, and strengthen their neighbors and their communities, and Salt Church will seek to do just that," said Clark. Salt Church is not yet gathering for worship, but is holding four informational meetings at the Pilot House Restaurant in Topping for those who want to learn more. Clark is inviting people to come ask questions and to hear more about the heart of Salt Church. The informational meetings begin Thursday, March 11, at the Pilot House Restaurant in Topping, at 6:30 p.m. The meetings will continue at the same time and location for four weeks as more information is shared in each meeting.

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ing Death through Death." All attending must wear face coverings and social distancing is observed. A short health form needs to be filled out prior to the service or at the door.

### FIRST BAPTIST, ORDINARY

The virtual sermon title of Pastor Ward Warren of First Baptist Church, Ordinary, will be "When Jesus Prays For Us." Sunday school will be at 9 a.m. There will be an Executive Board meeting on Zoom at 9 a.m. Saturday. Wednesday Bible study will be at 6:30 p.m. For Zoom and dial-in info, call Deacon Albert Ali at 804-642-3109.

### GLEANING BAPTIST

A "Park and Praise" service with an "Hour of Power" will resume at 9 a.m. Sunday in Gleaning Baptist Church, Gloucester. Indoor services will continue on the first and third Sundays of each month at 10 a.m. Drive-thru food distribution continues from noon-2 p.m. Wednesdays. The 13th pastoral anniversary will be observed at 10 a.m. Sunday, March 21.

### GLOUCESTER POINT BAPTIST

The sermon title of Pastor Bud Goode of Gloucester Point Baptist Church at 11 a.m. Sunday will be "Using Unlikely People." Face coverings will be required of everyone five years of age or older while in the church building.

### GROVES MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN

The sermon title of the Rev. Michael Condrey of Groves Memorial Presbyterian Church, Glass, at 10 a.m. Sunday will be "Saved by Grace."

### GWYNN'S ISLAND BAPTIST

Gwynn's Island Baptist Church will hold a drive-in service at 10 a.m. Sunday around the gazebo across from the church. Parking will begin at 9:30. The sermon topic of Dr. Ed Jordan, pastor, will be "Who's Who?" Special music will be provided by Tyrone Hudgins and Lori Oliver.

### KINGSTON EPISCOPAL PARISH

Kingston Episcopal Parish, Mathews, will celebrate Sunday Spiritual Communion Rite I online on its Facebook and YouTube sites available Saturday evening. Children's Sunday school is held every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Call 804-725-9893 for log-in instructions. Coffee hour will be held via Zoom at 11:30 a.m. on Sundays. The ID and passcode can be obtained from the church office at 804-725-2175. The Wabington Clergy Klatch Bible Study is held every Saturday morning, also on Facebook and YouTube. The Bible class, "The Great Communicator: God," continues at 4 p.m. Mondays via Zoom with the readings posted the previous Wednesday on Facebook.

### MATHEWS BAPTIST

Mathews Baptist Church, Hudgins, offers in-person services: contemporary at 9 a.m.

### MATHEWS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST

The sermon title of Pastor Brett Isernhagen of Mathews Chapel United Methodist Church, Cobbs Creek, at 11 a.m. Sunday will be "You Are God's Accomplishment." The church continues to have Wednesday Bible study on Zoom at 7 p.m., as well as online services weekly on Facebook and YouTube.

### NEW POINT FRIENDS

The sermon title of the Rev. Thomas Bunting, pastor of New Point Friends Church, at its 11 a.m. Sunday service will be "What do We Want in Life?"

### NEWINGTON BAPTIST

The sermon title of Pastor Mike Gray of Newington Baptist Church, Gloucester, at 10:30 a.m. Sunday will be "Knowing the Lord." Children ages four through the fifth grade have the option of going to Kids-Worship, a special time of worship during part of the adult worship service. The service will be streamed live at 10:30 on Newington's Facebook. Wednesday evenings there is something for all ages from 6:30-8 o'clock. For K-5th grade, Kidz-life, a discipleship program with lessons, games, snacks, and activities; 6-12th grades are welcomed at COR3 Youth, a ministry designed for students and their families to stimulate spiritual development both within and outside the home environment. Older teens and adults come to study Hebrews with Pastor Gray or join the choir to prepare a special program for Easter. The Clothes Closet will be open to give clothes to anyone in need from 10 a.m.-noon on March 20 and 27. Masks are required and social distancing is observed at all Newington events.

### OLIVE BRANCH UNITED METHODIST

The sermon title of the Rev. Ann Tang of Olive Branch United Methodist Church, Gloucester, at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday in-person service will be "Arise and Live Well in Christ." A virtual option will be available at 10:30 on its Facebook page for Olive Branch United Methodist Church, Gloucester. The Rev. Tang will lead a Wednesday Lenten Bible study at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook. Facebook daily prayer is being held during Lent for the country, state by state and territory by territory, and will end the 40 days of prayer by praying for different levels of the UMC. Each day there will be a historical background on the areas that are being prayed for.

### REVGAYLE.ORG INC.

The sermon title of the Rev. Ronald Gayle on revgayle.com will be "Somebody is a Do-

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When we are in trouble, what do we do? Leap into action? Is doing something better than doing nothing? It is if that something is asking God for help...if we can stop trying to control things and listen for His guidance. Consider what God said to Job... "Pay attention, Job, and listen to me; be silent, and I will speak" (Job 33.31). Worship each week and grow closer to God, be ready to listen for His wisdom.

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1 Kings 8:1-21	1 Kings 8:22-40	1 Kings 8:41-53	1 Kings 8:54-66	Jeremiah 32:1-15	Jeremiah 32:16-44	Jeremiah 42:1-22
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### Youth camp fundraiser

The Youth COR group of Newington Baptist Church in Gloucester recently held a Paint Night to raise funds for summer youth camp. Twenty-six attended and the night raised \$435. Those in charge were, from left, youth assistant Joe Semanski; instructor Sarah Fank; helper, Hanna Hall; youth leader, Brenda Armistead; youth assistant, Juli Semanski. In front is helper Victoria King.

### CHURCH SERVICES

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9B)  
Nothing Somebody." A new sermon is posted every Sunday. All previous sermons can be viewed anytime.

**SALEM UNITED METHODIST**  
The sermon title of the Rev. Ann Tang, pastor of Salem United Methodist Church, Gloucester, at 11 a.m. Sunday will be "Arise and Live Well in Christ." The service is hybrid of in-person and drive-in. Drive-in participants need to tune their radio to FM 88.7 during the service. A virtual option is also available at 10:30 a.m. on its Facebook page at Salem United Methodist Church, Gloucester.

A Lenten Bible study will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday on Facebook, led by the pastor.

Members of the congregation will pray for the country during Lent, state by state and territory by territory, and will end the 40 days of prayer by praying for different levels of

the UMC. Each day there will be a historical background on the areas that are being prayed for; join daily on Facebook.

The food pantry will be open from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, March 20.

**SPRING HILL BAPTIST**  
The sermon title at the 11 a.m. Sunday service in Spring Hill Baptist Church, Cobbs Creek, will be "Harmony in the Church." In order to seek and maintain this harmony, God Himself enables the believers within the fellowship of the church, a release said.

**THE FIRST UNITED BAPTIST**  
The sermon title of Pastor E. Randolph Graham of the First United Baptist Church, White Marsh, for the 10 a.m. Sunday service will be "The Great Love of God." Holy Communion will be observed. The service will be drive-up, simulcasted and streamed via Zoom and Facebook Live.

**WESTVILLE BAPTIST**  
The sermon title of the Rev. Bob Huff of Westville Baptist Church, Mathews, at the 10:45 a.m. Sunday service will be "In Christ, No Good Deed goes Unnoticed." March has been designated as North American Missions Month. A special offering will be taken on March 28.

The movie, "God's Not Dead," will be shown at 4 p.m. Wednesday; popcorn and beverages will be served. There will be no Bible study.

**ZION POPLARS BAPTIST**  
Candidate for pastor, the Rev. Ronald Gayle, associate minister of Union Zion Baptist Church, will render the 11 a.m. Sunday services for March in Zion Poplars Baptist Church, Gloucester. He will also be the Wednesday Bible study instructor at 7 p.m. Conference call number for both services is 1-617-769-8975.

### LIFELINES

BY DR. ED JORDAN

### March forth!

We all have key dates in our lives, marking important decisions or events. We remember graduations, marital and career anniversaries, deaths, and other life-changing events. March 4 represents a turning point for our family, and for our friends in Hungary.

After a 1986 trip to Europe during which we spent an eye-opening eight days behind the Iron Curtain in Budapest, Hungary, we began to be drawn to the thought of becoming missionaries in Hungary, and contacted our denomination's missionary sending agency. Long story short, when the Iron Curtain fell, we were ready to go.

In 1991 we sold our belongings, and moved our family of four to Hungary, to live and serve among Hungarian Baptists. The decision to sell, or give away all that you have, leave your parents and kids' grandparents behind, and travel to live in another country six thousand miles away, was a daunting one. I had just completed my doctorate, and found myself in a culture where their language was among the three most difficult in the world, where few people spoke English, and where I could not even say: "My name is Ed Jordan" in Hungarian (Magyar). I took language classes for three years to try to become functional in Hungarian.

Everything was different there. The country had just gained freedom from Russia, and the story of how the Hungarians spurred the fall of the Berlin Wall and the crumbling of the Iron Curtain is a fascinating and inspiring one: you should look it up! But as a result, Eastern Europe was experiencing their first freedom in almost 50 years.

We lived and worked in the Hungarian language and culture for more than ten years. It was always difficult linguistically, and a bureaucratic nightmare due to communist control of the past. But we made lifelong friends, served with willing hearts, and enjoyed every minute of it.

Except ... our denomination and mission group became more and more stifling as its new leadership of top-down micromanagers changed the approach and goals of the organization.

The model for successful missions is revealed in the life of Jesus as stated in John 1:14 (CSB): "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We observed his glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." Jesus was the ultimate missionary, communicating God's love to humanity. He humbled Himself and came to be like us, so that we could become connected to God and live motivated by God's love and grace.

Similarly, successful missionaries use this incarnational model as they enter a new culture in the Spirit of Jesus, embodying the life-giving grace and truth of God in our attitudes, activities, motivations and methods. By respecting the Hungarians, and servicing in ways they desired, we developed really deep friendships with so many wonderful people, and God did amazing things in and through our lives during those years.

Furthermore, Baptists believe that every Christian is indwelt by the Holy Spirit, Who helps us to understand the truth as related in the Bible. Thus, as Baptists, we respect other people (including other Baptists) assuming the

role of God in our lives. The Bible is our doctrinal source book, and the Holy Spirit is the interpreter and applier of Christian truth in our lives (Jn. 14:26).

So my wife and I had a dilemma on our hands when our mission group wrote a doctrinal statement, which they claimed was the "instrument of doctrinal accountability" and, under threat of termination, required each and every missionary to personally sign it. This we could not do, since the Bible is our only measure of doctrinal accountability. God, not man, had to be our ultimate boss.

So on March 4, 2002, we made the heart-breaking decision to resign our positions. We said goodbye to precious friends and departed Hungary as soon as the school year ended, to begin again in the States.

All of us must make life-changing decisions at various points in our lives. Some are more monumental than others, and they are never easy to make. But some hard decisions are absolutely necessary if you are to move on to a new life with new opportunities. When it is time to make such a decision don't be afraid: follow God's leadership and His timing, and march forth! So whatever you are facing that requires a hard decision from you, seek God's leadership, trusting Him to guide your path. For us, March 4 was a good day to decide to march forth! What date will be your "march forth" day?

Award-winning columnist Dr. Ed Jordan is pastor of Gwynn's Island Baptist Church. He can be reached at [szent.edward@gmail.com](mailto:szent.edward@gmail.com)

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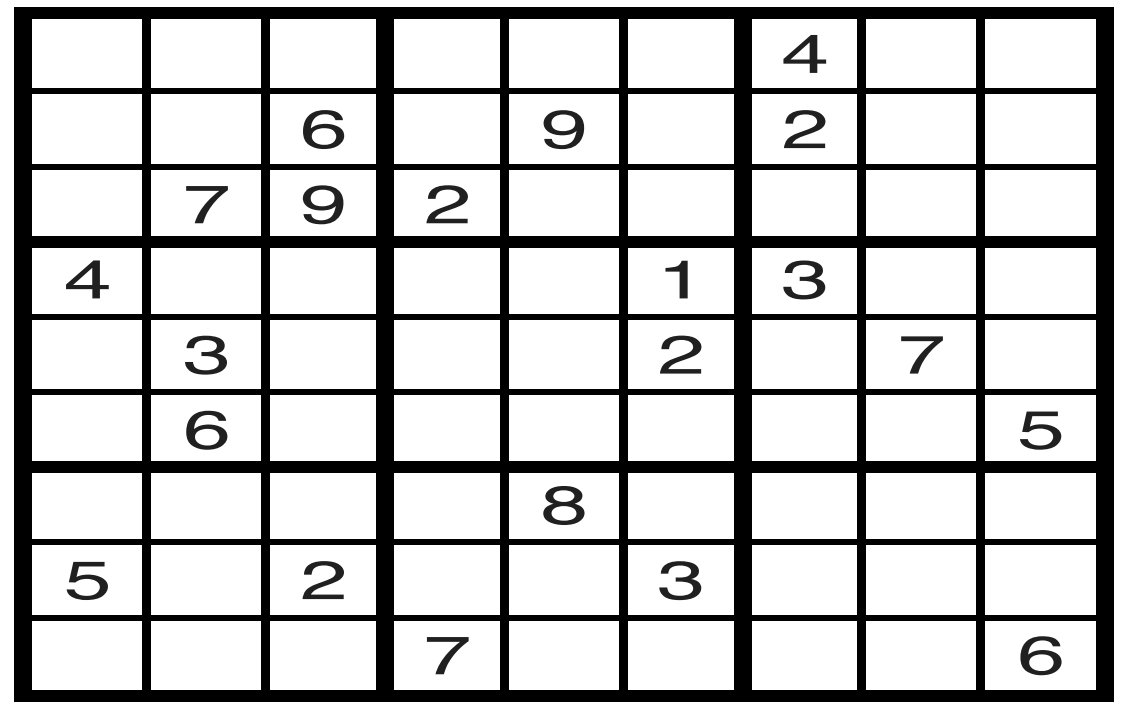
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- THIAMIN

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.



## BRIDGE BITES

by Brian Gunnell

- ♠ Q4
- ♥ K7
- ♦ QJ7
- ♣ KJT852
- ♠ 5
- ♥ 832
- ♦ 986432
- ♣ Q76
- North
- West
- East
- Declarer
- ♠ AKT32
- ♥ AQJ9
- ♦ KT5
- ♣ A
- ♠ J9876
- ♥ T654
- ♦ A
- ♣ 943

Both Vulnerable  
South West North East  
1♠ Pass  
6NT All Pass

South wastes little time in reaching 6NT, West leads the Diamond Nine and, when Dummy goes down, Declarer can see just 11 top tricks. How would you go about getting the 12th trick?

One possibility is that one or other of the defenders

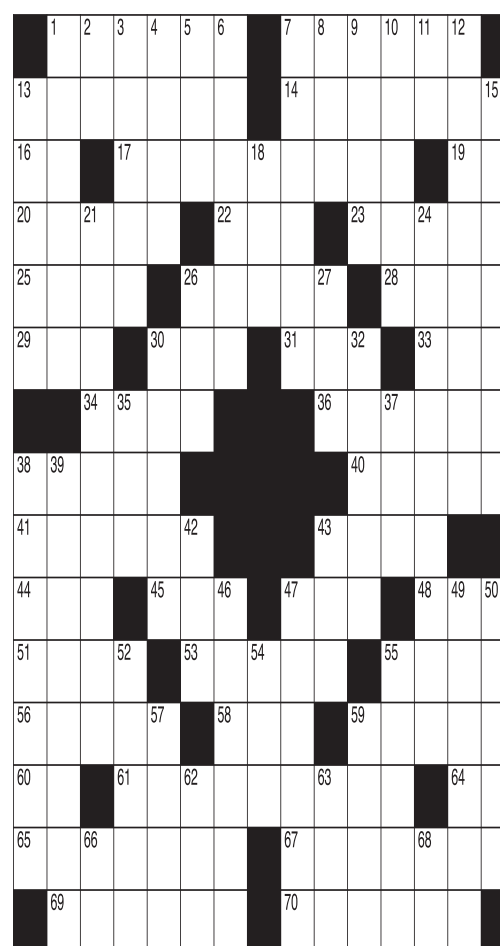
## Backing the favorite

has the doubleton ♠Q. If that doesn't work then you will have to fall back on the Spades, and that's a suit which offers you a choice ... either play the Spades from the top, hoping that the Jack comes down in three rounds ... or cash the Queen and finesse the Ten. If you look at the Spade suit in isolation, it's a close call as to which line is better (playing for the drop is a slight favorite). But, as the play of the hand develops, watch how the odds change.

East wins that opening Diamond and a Heart is returned. You cash the remaining Hearts, then the ♠A, ♠K, ♠Q, and ♠K. The ♠Q does not fall on the play of the Clubs, so now it all comes down to the

Spade suit. Is playing for the drop of the Jack still the slight favorite? Not at all! East showed up with one Diamond and four Hearts, and pitched a Spade and a Club when you played the Diamonds. That means he must have started out with three or four Clubs, so his original distribution must have been 5=4=1=3 or 4=4=1=4, there are no other possibilities. What does that tell us? That East started with more Spades than West and is therefore more likely to have the Jack. So the percentage pendulum has swung in favor of taking the Spade finesse. 12 tricks for those who did a little counting.

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### CLUES ACROSS

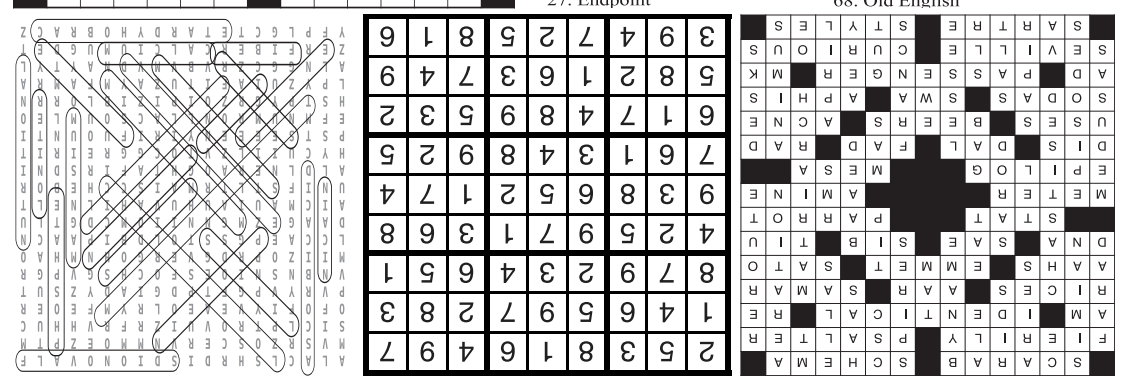
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- The Book of Psalms
- Morning
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- About
- Brown and basmati are two
- Swiss river
- Philippine island
- Expressions of surprise
- An ant
- Common Japanese surname
- Deoxyribonucleic acid
- Car mechanics group
- A person's brother or sister
- Ancient pharaoh
- Quantitative fact
- Vividly colored bird
- Your home has one
- Organic compound

### CLUES DOWN

- An ape or monkey
- Chemical element
- Zodiac sign
- Removes
- Brew
- Nickname
- Architectural structures
- Trigonometric function
- Postmodern architectural building in Vienna
- Henderson and Fitzgerald are two
- Mountain (abbr.)
- Landscaping practice
- Capacitance unit
- Redirect
- Hat for women
- In a way, dressed down
- Granny
- Feed
- Endpoint

- Section at the end of a book
- Flat tableland with steep edges
- Criticize
- Split pulses
- Brief trend
- Cool!
- Purposes
- Brews
- Skin condition
- Pops
- American air travel company
- Minute bug
- Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)
- One who rides in your car
- One of the Gospels
- City in southern Spain
- Inquisitive
- Jean Paul \_\_\_\_, author
- Pop singer Harry

- Indian instrument
- Bleated
- Cablegram (abbr.)
- Root mean square (abbr.)
- Jellyfishes
- Individual TV installments
- Talk
- More (Spanish)
- Leaseholder
- Monetary units
- Hostility
- Work stations
- Linguistics giant
- Female sheep
- Calendar month
- Seasoning
- Lofty nest of a bird of prey
- Single Lens Reflex
- A way to remove
- Virginia
- Old English





GLIMPSES INTO THE PAST

## Town Hall to be Built at North

**110 YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, March 9, 1911**  
 from the Mathews Journal

The progressive citizens of North have perfected plans for the building of a town hall at that point. Already lumber is on the ground and the foundation laid. When completed it will be rented out for entertainments, speaking, etc.

Packing Houses for the purpose of putting up herring and roe are nearly completed at New Point and at Fitchetts. The New Point Packing Co., represented by Mr. A. Noblett, is putting up a fine plant and expects to do a large business. These are enterprises of value to the county since they render valuable a class of fish which have been useful heretofore only, generally speaking, for fertilizer.

**100 YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, March 10, 1921**  
 from the Gloucester Gazette

F.K. Shackelford & Bro. announces a demonstration of the Fordson tractor at Gloucester C.H. next Thursday, March 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A field will be plowed and harrowed and the farmers given an opportunity to see how much quicker and better the work can be done than by the old methods. Luncheon will be served at noon, free to everybody.

from the Mathews Journal

When seen in Gloucester recently, Mr. J.M. Lewis, President of the Tidewater Telephone Company informed The Journal representative that his company was contemplating extensive improvements in its equipment in Mathews and expected to make the service here as efficient as that given in any of the counties it serves. He said that the poles to replace all those now in use in the county had been bought in Middlesex and were now being delivered here for erection. This improvement would have been made sooner, according to Mr. Lewis, but for the fact that poles were not obtainable here and had to be brought in from the outside. He also stated that he had received a good many complaints from this section as to service and was glad to receive them since it gave him a line on improvements that were needed and enabled the company to more fully meet the people's wishes.

**90 YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, March 12, 1931**  
 from the Gloucester Gazette

The Triangle Club, a modern, up-to-date pool room and filing station, will open its doors to the public Saturday at 8:30 a.m. The "club" is located at Gloucester Point and so situated that there is plenty of parking space for all of its patrons. It is owned by George Clanton and will be managed by Ranny Graves, a well-known pool room operator. Mr. Clanton has informed the Gazette that just as soon as he gets lined up with the local pool "sharks," a number of interesting tournaments will be held at the Triangle.

from the Mathews Journal

Winter has visited us again, Sunday was surely a March day in Cobbs Creek.

Mr. Boyd Soles motored up from Newport News Sunday with his lady friend and spent the day with his parents at Soles. He was also accompanied by his brother and his lady friend.

Miss Bettie Kemp, of Dixie, spent the week-end at Gloucester, Va., with Mrs. Richardson.

Miss Ethel Salmon entertained quite a number of her friends on last Thursday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Baldwin and little son were the guests of

Mrs. Elizabeth Chisley on Sunday.

**80 YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, March 13, 1941**  
 from the Gazette-Journal

The Boards of Supervisors of both Gloucester and Mathews Counties have, by resolutions, set the week of March 17 for County Clean-Up Week. All citizens are urged to cooperate in the movement to present for the inspection of Daffodil tourists, town and roadside properties, streets and roads that are as clean and attractive as they can be made.

Next week is the time to clean up ditch banks, haul away trash and rubbish where it cannot be seen from the highways, dispose of all old junk, cut down and burn all unsightly brush and dead weeds; repair bad fences and use whitewash where it will do the most good.

F.F.A. Boys and 4-H Club members under the direction of H.C. Page in Gloucester, and A.G. Birdsall in Mathews, are planning to put in considerable time next week, helping wherever they can in the Spring Clean-Up movement. A telephone call will bring them to any spot on the highway to haul away trash.

**70 YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, March 8, 1951**  
 from the Gazette-Journal

The first issue of the Boteourt X-ray, which was published by the students of the school, was put out recently with Anne Stubblefield as editor.

Other members of the high school news staff are Shirley Broadbudd, assistant editor; Suzanne Jarvis, news editor; Sylvia Moore, feature editor; Johnny Kimberly, Joyce Williams, sports editors; Berdie Mae Cottee, alumni editor; Louise Clapp, Margaret Hogge, Mary Hudgins, Esther Rilee, Helen Streagle and Betsy Thompson, reporters.

Members of the business staff are Lillie Mae Walker, business manager; Agnes Grimstead, Martha Eastwood, Bucky Clements.

The ten-page paper was mimeographed and all the work was done by the students. The paper contained much school news and was very interesting although a number of the pages were not readable because of the mimeographing. It is hoped that future issues will be more plainly mimeographed so it can be more easily read.

**60 YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, March 9, 1961**  
 from the Gazette-Journal

The Mathews High School a cappella chorus received the second highest rating of excellent at the chorus festival held on Saturday at Lee-Davis High School, Ellersom.

The Mathews Chorus of 30 voices was among 28 groups from schools in Districts I and III to take part in the festival.

Selections by the Mathews Chorus were: "Legend," by Tchaikovsky, and "Let Thy Holy Presence," by Tshesnokoff. They will render these selections and also compositions of James A. Bland at the Zone Bland Contest to be held Wednesday, March 15, at Mathews High School.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, March 11, 1971**  
 from the Gazette-Journal

A group of Gloucester young people concerned about pollution problems have organized the Gloucester Anti-Pollution Society (GAPS).

Elections were recently held for a five-person steering committee made up of the officers of the organization. They are: John Fayheem, chairman;

Matt Luoma and Joe Dischinger, vice-chairmen; Gerry Wass, treasurer; and Cheryl Smith, secretary. All actions of the group were voted upon by this committee.

GAPS publishes an ecology newsletter biweekly. A spokesman said that in order to conserve paper, it is printed on old school tests and bulletins. The newsletter is edited by Joe Dischinger and Bill Brown Jr.

Three of the officers appeared before county the board of supervisors on Feb. 26, informing it of their new organization and soliciting its support. As a result, the supervisors designated March 14-20 as Clean-up Week.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, March 11, 1981**  
 from the Gazette-Journal

Fifth grade math students at Mathews Intermediate School recently completed a project titled "Pizza Parlor Pizzazz," a phase of math study relating to life skills.

Mrs. Linda Morris, instructor, said the students set up a "Pizza Palace," with each of the four classes divided into groups giving each child a chance to be a waiter, waitress or customer.

Mrs. Morris said the students portraying customers were given certain amounts of money to spend at the pizza shop. They studied the menu, and arrived at a decision as to what they could buy and stay within their budget.

By posing as either customers, waiters or waitresses, Mrs. Morris said the students received practical instruction in "decision making, handling finances, making change, addition, using a tax table, using an adding machine, filling out customer tickets, and reading a menu."

**30 YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, March 14, 1991**  
 from the Gazette-Journal

High school seniors throughout the state will shadow bankers to learn about their work on Tuesday, Bank Day, according to Diane Hall, regional coordinator for the Young Bankers Association, and manager of the Chesapeake National Bank office in Mathews.

Mrs. Hall said the day is designed to help educate students on the importance of the banking system in the community and how a bank operates. An essay on banking is part of the work, with regional and state scholarships awarded top work. She said local banks will be taking part in the program.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, March 8, 2001**  
 from the Gazette-Journal

Supervisors and county employees dressed up as California Raisins to perform "Heard It Through The Grapevine" at Friday night's adult lip sync contest at Thomas Hunter Middle School. Gary Hudgins, Steve Whiteway, Neena Putt, Julie Kaylor, Pepper Love, Kathryn Diggs, Kevin Mitchem, Mike Rowe and Jerry Sadler donned plastic garbage bags and danced around on stage, but all for a good cause. The event raised approximately \$950 for the Mathews High School After-Prom Party, according to Edison Hudgins, one of the organizers. "Charlie's Angels" Teresa White, Robin Dehoux and Robin H. Dehoux took first place, along with Supervisor Charles Ingram, who portrayed Charlie. The Mathews County Sheriff's Office placed second with its rendition of "YMCA."

**10 YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, March 10, 2011**  
 from the Gazette-Journal

Bohannon Post Office, which opened in 1887, has been closed indefinitely by the U.S. Postal Service because of a personnel issue. As of March 3, all collection and delivery of mail for Bohannon patrons and all retail services will be handled by Foster Post Office on Rt. 14, said Cathy A. Boulé, communications coordinator for the USPS.

DO YOU REMEMBER?



FILE PHOTO

## Remembering The Dynatones

A dance band from Mathews, The Dynatones, was popular in the region in the 1950s and 1960s. This photo shows members of the group around 1965, including, from left, Herbert Carter, Robert Norris, Lloyd Smith, Count Bailey, Charlie McClinton and Tom Hearn. Other members of the band through the years included Earl Smith, Russell Morse Jr., George Brooks, Sam Vogel, John Carter, Al Avery, Walton Worman and Ray Beau, according to news stories written during the band's active years.

## Community Services Board holds online trainings

The Health and Wellness Division of the Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck Community Services Board is holding a number of trainings in the coming weeks.

Ongoing parenting virtual classes are held from 6-8 p.m. Mondays. The cost is \$25 per person/per session; the handbook is an additional \$25.

Free online Adverse Childhood Experiences interface

training will be offered from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday. The class will also be held from 1-2 p.m. on Thursday, April 15.

REVIVE! Opioid Overdose and Naloxone Education free virtual training will be held the following Tuesday, March 23, also from 11 a.m. to noon. This class is also available on Thursday, April 22.

Question, Persuade and Refer (QPR), a suicide prevention free online training,

will be held from 1-2 p.m. on Thursday, April 8.

The Children First Co-Parenting Virtual Program will be held on Thursday, April 22, with additional classes on May 20 and June 17. All classes will be held from 4-8 p.m. and the cost is \$50.

For more information, or to register for these programs, call 804-642-5402 or email pre-vent@mpnn.state.va.us.

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[www.firstmorningstarbena.net](http://www.firstmorningstarbena.net)

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[www.138tattoo.com](http://www.138tattoo.com)

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[www.absolutepaintingva.com](http://www.absolutepaintingva.com)

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[www.salemumcmathews.org](http://www.salemumcmathews.org)

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[www.thefunnyfarmllc.com](http://www.thefunnyfarmllc.com)

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[www.areionequestrian.com](http://www.areionequestrian.com)

**Bayside Youth Ballet**  
[www.baysideyouthballet.com](http://www.baysideyouthballet.com)

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[www.mathewschamber.net](http://www.mathewschamber.net)

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[www.courthouseplayers.org](http://www.courthouseplayers.org)

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