## COMMUNITY NEWS



Daffodils bloom at Bethany United Methodist Church, Gloucester Point. Photo sent by Al and Judy Burner, who thanked Brent and Becky Heath for the bulbs.



Linda Lee Earl said the pansies in her Bill Thomas at Gloucester Court House window boxes, at her home in northern Gloucester, have flourished during the



said his Cardiff daffodils are putting on a show, just a tad early, at his home on Main Street.



pring is just around the corner: it starts Sunday. Please send your photos to editor@ gazettejournal.net.





Camellias japonica RL Wheeler, and RL Wheeler Varigated sent by Lewis Hubbard





Martha Thompson Hudgins of Gloucester has daffodils and blue grape hyacinths in bloom.





Hyacinth gipsy queen, Leucojum, and Marsh marigold, sent by Louise Witherspoon of Port Haywood.



Ginger Rowe of Gloucester has Carlton, Ice Follies, Tete-a-Tete and Ceylon daffodils in bloom

#### GARDENING CORNER

#### FROM THE GLOUCESTER MASTER GARDENERS

#### Bradford pear is in the news again

BY SUSAN CAMP

An email about Bradford pear trees from fellow Master Gardener Rose Sullivan North American diseases and an article in the news- or pests. It grows as tall as paper concerning a North 60 feet with a 20-to-35-foot Carolina bounty on Bradford spread. In spring, callery pears revived my interest in pear is covered with masses spreading the word about of snowy white blossoms, these unpleasant trees. Years which give way to glossy, of unsuccessful attempts green leaves and hard, to dissuade nurseries from brown fruits. The leaves selling the trees and prop- turn brilliant shades of red, erty owners from planting pink, and purple in the fall. them have led some states to Its lifespan is about 25 years. take drastic elimination mea- The trees tolerate shade, wet sures. Beginning on April 23, soils, and drought. The most North Carolina residents can popular cultivar, "Bradford" register to receive up to five native trees to replace Bradford pears on their property. perfect ornamental flowerbounty, and a few states, in- cultivar harbored some dirty cluding Ohio and Pennsyl- secrets. Fine-grained pear vania, have banned sales of wood is used to make wood-Bradford pear trees.

attractive. So why are states tractive, malformed trees. placing bounties on existing trees and banning sales?

ana) is an Asian native. The cross-pollinate with shoots species was introduced to from the rootstock tree. The North America in the early resulting, fertile seedlings 20th century in an effort to from this cross-pollination develop a fire blight resis- are different from both partant strain of pear tree, and ent trees. The seeds of these later used as rootstock for wild pears are dispersed by other pear species. Besides "Bradford," callery cultivars include "Aristocrat" "Capital," and "Chanticleer," also

In the early 1950s, callery pear gained popularity as an

called "Cleveland Select."

urban and home landscape ornamental. Callery pear is hardy and suffers from few was thought to be sterile.

It could have been the South Carolina has a similar ing tree, but the "Bradford" wind instruments and furni-Bradford pears develop at- ture veneer, but the limbs of tractive rounded or conical the callery pear grow at narcrowns and produce masses row angles from the trunk, of beautiful white flowers ev- and split easily during wind ery spring. The fall color is and ice storms, leaving unat-

Normally propagated asexually by grafting and Callery pear (Pyrus caller- cuttings, Bradford pear can birds. Native caterpillars do not feed on the leaves.

Bradford pear has become an environmental nightmare. Huge thickets of almost im-

SEE BRADFORD PEAR, PAGE 2B

## Sweet Czech treat finds a foothold in the U.S.A.

BY BETTY WRENN DAY

On March 1 each Kolache Factory in the United States, in celebration of National Kolache Day and its 40th anniversary, gave away a fruit or cream cheese kolache to everyone.

Kolache Factory is a bakery-cafe franchise which originated in Texas in 1982. The kolache is a pastry that was brought to this country by the Czech immigrants who founded communities during the 1870s and 1880s in several states.

Jumping forward to 2016, Chris and Erin Klein brought the Kolache Factory to Virginia Beach offering 25 flavors of kolaches for breakfast and lunch.

The Kleins moved to Virginia in 1999. Although originally from Kansas, Chris considers, after 23 years, that "Virginia is my home. It's a lovely state to be in with all of this beautiful water." Having once took the state by storm and "where we enjoyed them" is how the decision was made to open a Kolache Factory in Virginia Beach, he said. "It's an area where we have a lot of military residents, people who have traveled a great deal and would know about kolaches. Although we have a lot of military people as clients we are also getting people all over the region. I am very pleased with how successful the business has been."

The original Czech kolaches were pastries made of yeast dough filled with fruit, and sometimes cheese. The ultratraditional flavors consisted of poppy seeds, apricots, prunes. It didn't take long before the fillings evolved to pineapple, blueberry, strawberry and cream cheese. They were becoming Americanized or probably first "Texasized." Today the fillings for this special dough are unlimited; it's wrapped around ingredients from sausages to eggs to pizza and it is still called a kolache. In the Old Country

it was usually served as a sweet treat. Centuries ago when a young girl in Czechoslovakia, who made a dough baked with plums for her father, had no idea of the future impact of what she had created. Her delighted father danced in a



Fruit kolaches, courtesy of Kolache Factory.

lived in Houston, Texas, where kolaches circle—like a wheel. The Czech word for wheel is "kola." The kolache was born.

The Virginia Kolache Factory is open seven days a week, from 6 a.m.-2 p.m., opening at 7 o'clock on Sundays.

To enjoy a kolaches: Just a little way down the Chesapeake Bay, and as the crow flies, not very far at all.

#### **KOLACHE DOUGH**

1 c. whole milk

10 Tbs. butter, melted

1 large egg 2 large egg yolks

3½ c. purpose flour (up to 4 c.) ⅓ c. sugar

21/4 tsp. instant yeast

½ tsp. salt

Combine milk, butter and eggs together in measuring cup (will be lumpy). Combine dry ingredients in the bowl of a standing mixer. Then add milk mixture and knead for 2 minutes on low speed. Increase speed to medium and continue kneading for 8 to 12 minutes until dough no longer sticks to side of bowl. Place dough in an oiled bowl and let rise in warm place for 1 hour or refrigerate overnight in a covered bowl. Makes 16

kolaches. How to fill and bake the Kolache Preheat oven to 350°F. Divide dough

the center of each dough ball by flattening with a small cup or glass. Brush the sides of the kolache with egg wash, then fill. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes (do not overbake, you want them very pale in color) and let cool for about 20 minutes.

equally into 16 pieces. Form the pieces into

balls. Create a circular indentation or well in

#### Cheese filling

6 oz. cream cheese, softened

3 Tbs. sugar 1 Tbs. flour

½ tsp. grated lemon zest 6 oz. ricotta cheese (¾ c.)

Combine all ingredients except for ricotta and mix well for about 1 minute. Add ricotta and mix for another 30 seconds. Cover and refrigerate until needed.

#### Fruit filling

10 oz. pineapple, blueberries, cherries, or other berries (fresh or frozen)

5 Tbs. sugar

4 tsp. cornstarch

Combine all ingredients in a microwave safe bowl and mix well. Microwave on high for about 6 to 8 minutes and stir halfway through cooking.

Streusel topping 11/4 c. all-purpose flour

SEE KOLACHES, PAGE 2B







PHOTOS BY LARRY SHERERT

#### Commotion on the creek

Timberneck Creek was at low tide on the afternoon of Sunday, March 6. The herons take advantage of this opportunity to catch their dinner. On this day, a large shad was stranded in the mud. A heron noticed an experienced "fish thief" circling above and flared his neck hackles and crown to discourage the theft. The posturing did not work as an eagle soared in and snatched the fish right in front of the heron, providing quite a show for those living alongside the creek at Hayes.

#### **KOLACHES**

#### (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1B)

½ c. light brown sugar tightly packed 1/3 c. granulated sugar

¼ tsp. salt

6 Tbs. unsalted

butter melted and cooled so that it's warm but not hot to the touch (if you only have salted butter, use that and omit the

In a medium-sized bowl, whisk or stir together flour, brown sugar, granulated sugar, and salt. Drizzle butter over the mixture and use a fork to toss the ingredients together until combined but still clumpy. Don't over-mix or the streusel will become like a paste. Simply toss together until mixture is clumpy, no longer dry, and the flour is completely absorbed. Scatter evenly on sides of kolaches before baking.

#### Egg wash

1 egg mixed with 1 Tbs. milk Cover and refrigerate until needed. For the fruit filling (enough for 16), combine all ingredients in a microwave-safe bowl and mix well. Microwave on high for about 6 to 8 minutes and stir halfway through cook-

#### **HOW TO STORE, FREEZE, AND REHEAT KOLACHES**

To Store: Keep leftover baked kolaches in an airtight container on your counter at room temperature for 2-3 days. (Consider storing sweetened cheese versions in the fridge and allow to come to room temperature before eating since their filling contains dairy.)

To Freeze: Freeze pastry dough in an airtight container or zipper bag for up to three months. You can also make the fillings ahead of time and freeze them for up to six months. Allow them to thaw completely overnight in the fridge and then come to room temperature before filling your pastries.

To Reheat: Leftover kolaches are best enjoyed fresh out of the oven or at room temperature. If refrigerating leftovers, allow them to come to room temperature before serving.

#### **BRADFORD PEAR:** In the news again

#### (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1B)

penetrable pear trees fill disturbed sites like roadsides and abandoned fields and gradually crowd out native flora. Trees may bear long, sharp thorns, making removal difficult and dangerous. Then there is the springtime smell, said to resemble chlorine or rotting fish, especially

if the trees are planted close Species Plant List. together, as on city streets. Bradford pear is listed as

an invasive tree in the U.S. Forest Service's "A Field Guide for the Identification of Invasive Plants in Southeastern Forests." In Virginia, its invasiveness is rated as medium on the Virginia Invasive University online publication trees

Callery pear, especially "Bradford," is a bad tree. Its limbs are weak; it has thorns; it is an aggressive invader, and it smells bad. I can't think of a reason to let it remain standing.

The North Carolina State

"Going Native" recommends cutting down an individual tree with a chainsaw and applying glyphosate concentrate to a two-inch outer rim of the stump. Treat large saplings and root seedlings, as

well. replacement Suggested include hawthorn

(Craetagus spp.), flowering dogwood (Cornus florida), fringe tree (Chionanthus virginicus), eastern redbud (Cercis canadensis), and downy serviceberry (Amelanchier arborea), all of which are spring-flowering native trees that attract pollinators.

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#### Ribbon cutting

Gloucester's Kelsick Specialty Market held an official ribbon cutting on March 4 at its new location at 6706 Main Street. Family of owner Paige Williams and members from Gloucester's Main Street Preservation Trust and Main Street Association were in attendance for the celebration. Taking part were, from left, MSPT board members Theresa Stavens, Susan Dutton and Angela Healy, MSPT Executive Director Cristie Thomas, Kelsick owner Paige Williams and her husband Cody Williams, Paige's parents Wayne and Kim Drewry, GMSA executive director Jennifer Dutton Haggerty, Anita Daniel, Kelsick head chef Dannielle Johnson, and MSPT board members Laura Trantham, Katey Legg and Dianne Pillsbury. The shop closed late last year at its previous location at 6606 Main Street and opened its doors a few blocks down the road in mid-February.



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#### 15th anniversary

The Balloon Boutique, located in Gloucester's White Marsh Shopping Center, is celebrating 15 years of business this month. Owner Eileen Davis, left, said that after 15 years she still loves what she does. She said it's fun and relaxing which makes it easy to come in every day. To celebrate, the Balloon Boutique is offering 15 percent off all regular orders throughout March.



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## Oyster Seed Holdings, Gwynn's Island, develops 'hatcheries on wheels'

BY SHERRY HAMILTON

Oyster Seed Holdings is on

The Gwynn's Island-based business, which cultivates and sells Chesapeake Bay oyster seed, has developed three "hatcheries on wheels," using new technology that enables the company to produce seed in quantity in a mobile facility. This will eventually allow the business to expand to other markets.

The project is currently undergoing a feasibility study, said Dr. Michael Congrove, owner/operator of Oyster Seed Holdings. The study is financed by a competitive USDA Small Business Innovative Research Grant in partnership with the University of Georgia and Florida State University.

Congrove said he came up with the idea of using a trailer to raise seed as a way of dealing with what he thought might be a water quality issue specific to Milford Haven, where the business is located. A mobile facility would allow him to try various sites in other water bodies in the region to determine if the problem he was having with growing oyster larvae was because of the water quality in Milford Haven or because of more widespread water quality issues. He said he had determined that the problem was

grove saw that being able to create capacity and redundancy in a portable facility opened up the possibility of reaching new markets. Oyster Seed Holdings only owns the one site on Gwynn's Island, he said, and being able to pack up and go would enable the company to try other sites, such as the Gulf of Mexico, Florida and Georgia. There is a growing demand for oyster seed in those markets, he said, but there are restrictions on sending locally-grown Chesapeake Bay oyster seed there because of diseases such as MSX and

"This allows us to get into those markets at a relatively low capital investment cost,' he said.

Congrove said the grant enabled him to hire technicians in Georgia and Florida to oversee the operations, which are currently located on university property. After the two-year study has concluded, he said, he intends to operate commercially, working with the local industry in each state to secure sites, either at existing farms with a need for large amounts of seed or at an independent

"Because we're mobile, we're somewhat flexible," he said. "We can move and begin operations at a new location in three or four weeks.'

independent hatchery that doesn't operate in conjunction with a farm. "We don't compete with our seed cus-

When it came to selling the seed elsewhere, he said, the disease restrictions made it difficult. So he and his team together developed three trailers incorporating their own innovative technology to use for the mobile seed operation. One facility was built for each of the partner research facilities, while one will remain local. The University of Georgia took delivery of one hatchery a couple of weeks ago, he said, and Florida State University was due to receive its hatchery this

Each of the hatcheries is equipped with various sized tanks that are used to take the seed from the embryo stage through metamorphosis until they're very tiny

tomers," he said.

The Chesapeake Bay is the only place in the world where Chesapeake Bay oysters (Crassostrea virginica) are grown in a farm environment, said Congrove, adding that everyplace else primarily raises farm-grown Crassostrea Gigas, or the Pacific oyster. While there is a lot of technology available to raise the Pacific oyster, he said, developing an independent hatchery offering Crassostrea virginica required that Oyster Seed Holdings be innovative with technology from the begin-

> Dr. Michael Congrove and his team at Oyster Seed Holdings have developed three "hatcheries on wheels" that will eventually enable the company to sell Chesapeake Bay oyster seed in markets in other states. but recognizable oysters, or seed. One set of tanks was designed exclusively to make it possible to complete the final stage of metamorphosis in a tenth of the space normally used, by creating a layered system inside each tank. "This was key to complet-

> > ing the life cycle in such a small space, which allowed for the mobile concept," said Congrove. Each trailer has the capac-

> > mercial" level of supply of

since two different temperature ranges are needed. In addition to an electric connection, each trailer also has a seawater connection for ity to raise a "small but comraising the seed, a freshwater

around 15 million seed per

season, said Congrove. In

addition, the trailers have

equipment for growing al-

gae to feed the oysters. Each

trailer has two heat pumps

installed—one in the algae

production room and the

other in the growing room,

connection for cleaning the

tanks, and a propane connection for heating the water.

Congrove said that hatcheries are tricky.

"We spent a lot of time getting our production down pat," he said, "and we've doubled down on being innovative and tech-forward.

Oyster Seed Holdings was established in 2009, and Congrove bought it in 2014. He said the current project "is one of many research and development projects we plan for the future."



#### Promoting good oral health

The Smile Group, family and cosmetic dentistry with offices in Mathews, West

Point, Williamsburg, Chesapeake and Virginia Beach, recently donated oral health bags to all the kindergarteners at both Mathews and West Point Elementary schools in recognition of February as National Children's Dental Health Month. In photo above, MES secretary/ registrar Stacy Hudgins accepts the donation from Kelsey Lineberry and Rebecca Hudgins of the Smile Group, from left. At right, West Point Elementary school nurse Andrea Locklear accepts that school's donation.



## Fare collection to resume on Bay Transit buses

pended the collection of fares er who needed them. in 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, will reinstate those fares on its buses beginning next month.

The public transportation division of Bay Aging, Bay Transit operates a number of fixed-route and on-demand buses throughout the Middle Peninsula. In March 2020, Bay Transit suspended fare collection as part of a broad array of safety protocols implemented to help protect riders and drivers from COVID-19.

On Monday, April 4, fare collection will resume on both on-demand buses (\$2 per ride) and fixed-route trips (50 cents per ride). To make riders feel safe and comfortable on their buses, Bay Transit stopped fare collection, eliminating the exchange of money or vouchers between drivers and riders.

In addition, on every bus, Bay Transit installed plexiglass shields around the bus driver's seat, premium cabin filtration systems, plexiglass partitions between every passenger seat, cordoned off bus seats, limited ridership to ensure adequate social distancing, regularly cleaned and disinfected the buses, required and provided hand sanitizer ets for \$12, a savings of \$8.

Bay Transit, which sus- and/or face masks to any rid-

Thanks in part to implementing these COVID-19 mitigation measures, Bay Transit was able to provide service without interruption for the last two years.

"We invested heavily to make sure our buses and drivers were safe and remained in service throughout the COVID-19 pandemic," said Bay Transit director Ken Pollock. "Even though fuel prices are nearing an all-time high and we have raised drivers' salaries, we are not raising our fares. However, with new COVID-19 cases abating, we simply could not wait any longer to reinstate fare collection. To help get our riders comfortable with paying fares again, during the month of April, we will allow any rider who forgets his or her bus fare to board the bus using a one-time free

ride voucher.' Flyers with a free ride voucher will be available on Bay Transit buses during the last two weeks of March. Alerts on reinstating fare collection are also being emailed to county administrators and town managers throughout Bay Transit's 12-county service area. Riders can also buy all bus drivers to wear masks a book of 10 Bay Transit tick-

## Audiology Offices offers Whisper Hearing System

with locations in new the new Whisper Hearing System. This latest hearing technology has been designed by a team of artificial intelligence, hearing health care, hardware and software experts, according to Dr. Ann DePaolo Wietsma of the local firm.

Audiology Offices These upgrades may include ing System, regular software plies this type of processing features, improved (6764 Main sound processing, and more. Street), Kilmarnock and Unlike other hearing aids, the Warsaw, is now offering Whisper Hearing System will continue to improve over the time that you have it, a release stated.

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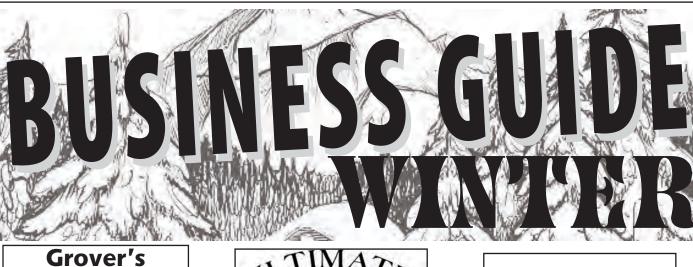
upgrades, and a three-year warranty including loss and damage coverage. While this pricing model is not new for other industries, it is new to hearing care and may be a signal of where the industry is heading.

"We developed the Whisper Brain to run the core technology we've developed for hearing," said Whisper co-founder Whisper is leased through and president Andrew Song in The Whisper Hearing Sys- a simple monthly plan. This an interview with Hearing Retem starts smart and keeps plan includes care from view. "Like your smartphone getting better thanks to your hearing care provider, and all the processing inside regular software upgrades. a lease of the Whisper Hear- it, the Whisper Brain too ap-

to the hearing instruments. The Whisper Brain is a dedicated processor designed to provide the best hearing."

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## CHURCH NEWS

## Services and other activities announced by local churches

tivities in churches this week include the following:

#### **APOSTLES LUTHERAN**

Apostles Lutheran Church, Gloucester, will hold a "White Fragility" book study on the systemic racism in America and reactions to the topic at 7 o'clock tonight via Zoom. The sessions will be co-facilitated by Pastor Sandy Wisco and Peter Liljeberg. To participate contact Liljeberg and he will send you a Zoom link or access the Zoom link from Apostles webpage. The book, a free study guide and an self awareness quiz, are available at www.beacon.org/ whitefragility. This will be held every week on Thursday until June 30.

The church will hold in-person worship for the third Sunday of Lent at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. The service can also be joined via Zoom or YouTube; an invitation to the service and the bulletin will be sent to the congregation via email and can also be accessed on the church's website at apostles-elca.org. Children's Chapel will be held at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

The congregation will join with Ware Episcopal Church for Wednesday night study and dinner starting at 6 o'clock at

#### **BETHANY UNITED METHODIST** The sermon title of Pastor Paul Song of Bethany United Methodist Church, Gloucester Point, at 10 a.m. Sunday will be

#### **BETHEL BAPTIST**

"Are We on God's Side?"

The sermon title of the Rev. Dr. Katrina Brown at noon Sunday in Bethel Baptist Church, Gloucester, will be "When God Curses." It will be Benevolence Sunday. The church has suspended its in-person worship service. The service 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. Wednesday Bible study will

#### **BETHEL UNITED METHODIST**

be held virtually at 7 p.m.

**Bethel United Methodist** Church, Onemo, will hold Chosen Bible study at 7 o'clock tonight at the home of Robin Sadler. Dinner will be provided

The sermon title of Pastor Kristie Askew at the 10:50 a.m. Sunday service will be "If It Bears Fruit." A special offering for the Ukrainian people will be taken and sent to UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery where 100% will go directly to the humanitarian response in Ukraine.

A potluck dinner will begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Guest speaker Lori Jackson Black, a local historian and genealogist, will discuss "The History of Daily Life in Mathews" featuring the diaries and writings of J. Martin Diggs. Come and bring a friend and covered dish, a release said.

Mission project for the month will be to collect hairbrushes and wide-tooth combs for the homeless.

#### **CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST**

**Central United Methodist** Church, Mathews, will hold a men's breakfast at 8 a.m. Saturday in the Fellowship Hall.

The sermon title of the Rev. John Choi, pastor, at 9:15 a.m. Sunday will be "Jesus Says: Repent or Perish."

#### **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 "Keep the Faith."

The Epistle of Romans will be the topic for the 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Bible study

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## Ware Church to host fourth ArtWalk Saturday

with the theme "Our Natural" to forecasted rain.

ArtWalk Saturday day, but was rescheduled due al young artists in Gloucester and Gloucester Montessori County, including students School. The outdoor exhibit

Ware Episcopal Church, World." This event was previous from Gloucester County Pubwill be displayed from 10 a.m. Gloucester, will host its ously planned for last Saturcelebrates the work of sever-lic Schools, Ware Academy until 2 p.m.

In addition to the artwork, there will be family-friendly activities. The Fairfield Foundation, the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, the Virginia Master Naturalists and representatives from various scout troops will be present to provide children with fun and free activities. Children can pick vegetables for the Bread for Life food pantry from the Ware Gardens and paint a picture for a nursing home resident.

The Ware Church Choral School will also be performing at 11:30 a.m. A food truck will be present until early afternoon. The whole community is invited to attend this event.



Ware Episcopal Church, Gloucester, will host its fourth ArtWalk from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.



#### Soup with Love

Kingston Episcopal Women will sponsor two Lenten Soup with Love luncheons this year—March 30 and April 6. A short service led by the Rev. Gary Barker, rector of Kingston Parish, will begin at noon in the parish house and feature homilies provided by members of the Mathews Ministerial Association. On March 30, Barker will provide the homily. Following the service, homemade soups and breads will be served. At left, a photo from a prior year. Voluntary donations will benefit Mathews County residents. Soup with Love is a community event, open to the public, and all are welcome. For more information, call the church office at 804-725-2175.

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(in-person).

**CHURCH OF THE VISITATION** Church of the Visitation, Topping, will have a Lenten Reconciliation at 7 o'clock tonight. The third Sunday of Lent will

be celebrated at 9 a.m. The third Stations and Soup will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

#### **FIRST BAPTIST**

The sermon title of the Rev. Ward Warren of First Baptist Church, Ordinary, at the 11 a.m. Sunday service will be "The Reasons We Worship God." Church school will begin at 9:30. Services will be in-person and/or can be accessed by Zoom. Masks are required.

For dial-in information, call Deacon Albert Ali at 804-642-3019.

#### FIRST MORNING STAR BAPTIST

The sermon title of Pastor Larry J. Arrington of First Morning Star Baptist Church, Bena, at the 11 a.m. Sunday in-person service will be "Honorably Mentioned." The service will also be broadcast on the church's Facebook page and by teleconference, 804-256-2475.

The quarterly church business meeting will be held inperson at 9 a.m. Saturday.

#### **GLOUCESTER POINT BAPTIST**

The sermon title of Pastor **Bud Goude of Gloucester Point** Baptist Church at 11 a.m. Sunday will be "Jesus's 21st Century Church."

The church is also broadcasting to the church's parking lot; tune your radio to FM 90.5.

#### **GROVES PRESBYTERIAN**

The sermon title of the Rev. Michael Condrey of Groves Presbyterian Church, Coke, at 10 a.m. Sunday will be "Don't Get Cut Down.'

Shelby Friend Circle will serve dinner for the G.U.E.S.T. program on Sunday.

#### **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 "Serving God, No Matter What." Heather Mackenzie will provide special

#### **GWYNN'S ISLAND CHURCH** OF THE NAZARENE

Curtis Hyler and Jubilation will sing during the 11 a.m. Sunday service in Gwynn's Island Church of the Nazarene, Hudgins. A fellowship meal will follow the service.

#### KINGSTON EPISCOPAL PARISH

Kingston Episcopal Parish, Mathews, will observe 3 Lent with regularly-scheduled Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8 a.m. Sunday at Christ Church and Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:30 a.m. at Kingston Chapel in the parish house. Sunday services are livestreamed and available on Facebook and YouTube.

Noon Wednesday's Healing/ Holy Eucharist worship is in St. John's Chapel at the parish house. The ID and passcode for all online events can be obtained from the church office at 804-725-2175.

#### **MATHEWS BAPTIST**

Mathews Baptist Church, Hudgins, will hold two inperson services on Sunday: contemporary at 9 a.m. (also online) and traditional at 11 o'clock (also on CD upon requests). The sermon title of Pastor Brian Kramer will be "Read the Manual."

#### MT. ZION UNITED METHODIST

The sermon title of the Rev. Calvin Griffin of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Gloucester, at the 9 a.m. in-person Sunday service will be "Receiving God."

#### **NEW POINT FRIENDS** The sermon title of Pastor

Thomas Bunting of New Point Friends Church at the 11 a.m. Sunday service will be "The Season of Spring."

#### **NEWINGTON BAPTIST**

Newington Baptist Church, Gloucester, will open its Clothes Closet from 10 a.m.noon on Saturday.

#### **OLIVE BRANCH UNITED METHODIST**

The sermon title of Pastor Ann Tang of Olive Branch United Methodist Church, Gloucester, at the 9:30 a.m.

Sunday service will be "Unless We Repent." A virtual service will also be held at 10:30 on the Facebook page at Salem United Methodist Church, Gloucester.

Virtual winter devotion and Bible reading by Pastor Tang is held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday on Facebook.

A St. Patrick's Day supper (take-out only) will be held from 5-7 p.m. Friday. Call 804-693-3299 or 804-694-8259 to reserve a meal. A love offering will be accepted. Menu will include corned beef brisket, cabbage, potatoes, green beans, rolls and cake. Proceeds will go to the United Methodist Men's community efforts.

#### **SALEM UNITED METHODIST, DIGGS**

The sermon title of Pastor Charlie Moore of Salem United Methodist Church, Diggs, at the 10:50 a.m. Sunday service will be "Jesus Foretells the Future." Sunday school for all ages will begin at 9:45.

Monday Bible study will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Mission project for March is collecting pasta and sauce for Hands Across Mathews and snacks for the Mathews County Sheriff's Office.

#### **SALEM UNITED METHODIST, GLOUCESTER**

The sermon title of Pastor Ann Tang of Salem United Methodist Church, Gloucester, at the 11 a.m. Sunday service will be "Unless We Repent." A virtual service will also be held at 10:30 on the Facebook page for Salem United Methodist Church, Gloucester.

Virtual winter devotion and Bible reading by Pastor Tang will be held at 10:30 a.m. every

Wednesday on Facebook. Wickel Food Pantry will open its drive-thru food pantry from

9-11 a.m. on Saturday.

#### SHEPHERDSVILLE BAPTIST

Shepherdsville Baptist Church, Gloucester, will hold its in-person service at 11 a.m. Sunday. Communion and Women History Month will be celebrated. You can still join by way of Zoom and conference call, www.shepherdsvillebaptistchurch.org and clicking on the Zoom button or call the conference line at 518-418-1016. The sermon title of Pastor Douglas Riley will be "Grateful."

#### SINGLETON UNITED METHODIST

The sermon title of the Rev. Calvin Griffin, pastor of Singleton United Methodist Church, Ware Neck, at 11 a.m. Sunday (in-person and Zoom) service will be "Receiving God." The service will also be available on YouTube. For Zoom login information, email Calvin.griffin@ cox.net.

Monday Bible study, "Entering the Passion of Jesus," will be at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday Bible study, "7 Words," will begin at 7 p.m. These Bible studies will also be on Zoom.

#### **SPRING HILL BAPTIST**

The sermon title at the 11 a.m. Sunday service in Spring Hill Baptist Church, Cobbs Creek, will be "The Sower and the Seed." Sunday school and adult Bible study will begin at 10 o'clock.

#### ST. JAMES ON-THE-GLEBE ANGLICAN

On the third Sunday in Lent, St. James on-the-Glebe Anglican Church, Gloucester, will celebrate Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m. A potluck meal will follow the service. Mattins (morning prayer) will be at 8:30 and Catechesis (Sunday school) for adults and children at 9:30.

**Outdoor Stations of the Cross** at 6 p.m. Friday will be followed by a short address on "The 7 Last Words of Jesus."

The daily prayers of the church are at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

#### ST. MATTHEW UNITED METHODIST

The Chosen Bible study begins at 7 o'clock tonight at the home of Robin Sadler. Dinner will be provided at 6 o'clock.

The sermon title of Pastor Kristie Askew at 9:30 a.m. Sunday will be "If It Bears Fruit." A special offering for the Ukrainian people will be taken and sent to UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery where 100 percent will go directly to the humanitarian response in Ukraine.

Mission project for the month will be to collect hairbrushes and wide-toothed

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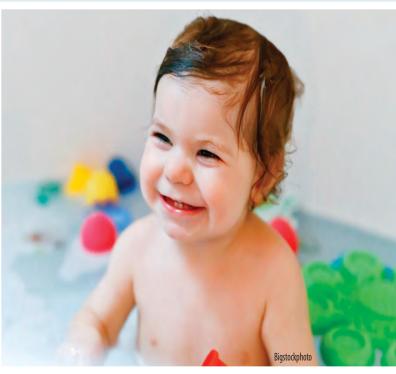
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#### THE FIRST UNITED BAPTIST

The sermon title of Pastor E. Randolph Graham of The First United Baptist Church, White Marsh, for the 11 a.m. Sunday service will be "Lessons Learned from the Tree of Disappointment." The service will be streamed via Zoom and Facebook Live. No in-person service.

#### **UNION BAPTIST**

Pastor Jared Berry of Union Baptist Church, Hayes, will continue his sermon series on the book of James at the 11 a.m. Sunday service. The choir will have a special.

Sam's Club will meet (covered dish) at 11 a.m. today in the fellowship hall.

A men's breakfast meeting will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday. The chapel will be open from 1-4 p.m. Monday-Friday

to pray for Ukraine. The Annie Armstrong week of prayer will be from Sunday to March 27.

Wednesday activities will include 6 p.m., Bible study/business meeting, 202-602-1295; 267-150-057#, Kids Crew, Outward Youth, 7:30, choir practice.

#### UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FEL-**LOWSHIP OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK**

The sermon title of the Rev. Susan Moseley of Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock, White Stone, at 10:30 a.m. Sunday will be "The New God-Image and the Evolution of Faith." Vaccinations are recommended, and masking requested. For Zoom invitation, visit uufrva.com.

#### **WESTVILLE BAPTIST**

The sermon title of Pastor Bob Huff of Westville Baptist Church, Mathews, at the 10:45 a.m. Sunday service will be

"Made Alive with Christ." The service will also feature an "Annie Armstrong Mission Moment" and an offering will be taken for mission.

Wednesday Bible study on "Deuteronomy" will begin at 3:30 p.m.

**Toiletries for Mathews Social** Services and non-perishables for Hands Across Mathews are still being collected.

#### **ZION POPLARS BAPTIST**

Zion Poplars Baptist Church, Gloucester, will observe its inside and conference call service at 11 a.m. Sunday. The sermon title of Pastor Ronald W. Gayle Sr. will be "Watch Your Mouth."The Male Chorus will sing three selections during the service.

Wednesday prayer meeting and Bible study will begin at 7 p.m. Conference call number for all services is 1-617-769-8975.

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do you have? Do you invest is full of unanticipated facyour money in a house, in tors that can give us a very land, in Certificates of Depos-bad beating very quickly. It it, or in the stock market? I'm takes a lifetime to build up many Christians were being not one to give you financial investment advice. But each of us has valuables or trea- out. For example, all those sures that we invest so that beautiful buildings in Kiev those treasures increase in

value and effectiveness. vested in the stock markets, whether a little or a lot. Over the years it grows well under good economic climates, but in days, while a sympathetic gained during hard economic times. It is sad to watch all your gains turn to losses, and children are eliminated. for you to reinvest, either because the funds, or the years and missiles searing into required to build the funds their psyche forever. And the back up, are gone.

Some people invest their time and energy in healthy events? I can assure you He relationships. That's a good is not in Putin, nor in Putin's investment. Some people invest their minds to help develop other people's minds, as teachers and preachers do. Some people invest their business. I look for God in the talents to enrich others musically, theologically, psychologically, socially, or artisti- heads, wanting to do somecally. Some invest their love thing, but at a loss about how into the lives of others, which multiplies and spreads to enrich even more people. Some have stood up to the bully, people, me included, invest our life in God and in His activities to bring more people into a love relationship with

their Creator. value that by investing in others can grow and multiply?

Some people want to believe that Christians are im- God allows to suffer should mune from suffering, losses, commit themselves to the

something of quality, and only a few days to wipe it and other Ukrainian cities that were built over centu-A lot of people have in-ries, which now a madman daily bombs to pieces "just because he can." Centuries of life and culture are destroyed sometimes loses what it has world wrings its hands and stands by watching. Homes and towns of real people which are no longer there Children and young families are terrorized, with bombs world watches.

Where is God in such generals and minions who daily, mindlessly and evilly, destroy the lives of people who were minding their own lives of all of us who stand on the sideline, shaking our to stop a madman. Is God in our fear? The Ukrainians but few have joined them in stopping the madman.

Thousands of people around the world (including here) are stepping up to Take a few moments to break the back of Putin's rethink about your life. What gime, and try to get lifelines is it that you have of lasting to the Ukrainians who are be-

ing strangled day by day. In I Peter 4:19 (NJB), we read: "So even those whom gmail.com.

What types of investments or difficulties. In reality, life Creator who is trustworthy, and then go on doing good." At the time Peter wrote this letter from Rome, dipped in tar and set on fire to light up Caesar's garden parties. Peter's word of encouragement was that God has not abandoned us, even when a madman is trying to eliminate us. We need to not blame God for the evil devouring the world. We need to draw closer to God during times of suffering, rather than pushing Him away. We "should commit ourselves to the Creator who is trustworthy (faithful to do what He promises to do)." The word "commit" in this verse is a banking word meaning to deposit, or invest. We need to invest in God. What do we have to invest in God? Our life, our love, our time, skills and abilities, and resources.

Investing in God is always a great investment. You don't lose what you deposit in God, and no one is strong enough to break into the bank to steal your investments away from God. God is faithful, all powerful, and wise. Your investments in God and His activities multiply and expand year after year, century after century. When we invest our life in God, we live now, and we live on with Him into eter-

nity ... and beyond! Are you invested in God? Have you committed your life to Him?

Award-winning columnist Dr. Ed Jordan, pastor of Gwynn's Island Baptist Church, can be reached at szent.edward@

## VARIETY

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

#### **WORDS**

BL00M BREEZE BULBS BUNNY BUTTERFLY CHICK **CROCUS DAFFODIL** EGGS **FLOWERS** GRFFN GROW HATCH HYACINTH MARCH NEST **PUDDLES** RAIN **ROBIN SEASON** 

**SHOWERS SPRING** 

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#### BRIDGE BITES

#### by Brian Gunnell

"Second hand low" is common advice, but this is a hand where it pays to ignore that recommendation.

E-W Vulnerable

South West North East 1NT Pass 3NT Pass Pass Pass

> **♣** Κ **♥** 96 ♦ AJT98

Dummy **▲** JT98 **▼** 432 East ♣ A762 ▼ JT87 West Declarer

♣ K853 ♥ AKQ5 ♦ 432

North saw no reason to mess about showing the minors, so she jumped straight to game in the most likely contract. West had the obvious

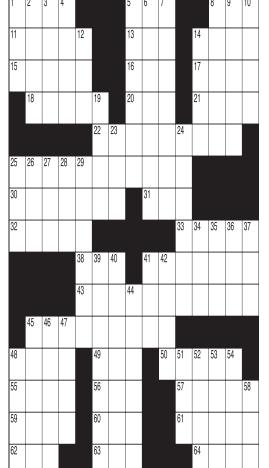
#### Second hand high

lead of the ♠J, won by must hop up with the East's Ace. Back came a Spade and Declarer could see 9 tricks if she could bring in the Diamonds. She finessed the ♦J, losing to the Queen. The defense cashed their Spades, but Dummy's Diamonds were good. Declarer's 9 tricks were a Spade, three Hearts, four Diamonds and a Club. Somebody goofed, who was it?

Yes, indeed, West was the goofster. We are always told "second hand low, third hand high" but (as usual) there are exceptions and this was one of them. When Declarer led that first round of Diamonds, West

King! This alert play makes it impossible for Declarer to bring in the Diamonds for four tricks. If she takes the ◆A on the first round then East will duck the second round of Diamonds ... and if Declarer ducks the first round then the best she can do is to score three Diamonds, which is not enough.

It's a recurring theme. Dummy has AJTxx or AT9xx or some such holding ... Dummy has no side-suit entries ... West has the Queen or the King ... and the winning play by West to play "second hand high" in order to jam Declarer's communications.



#### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. One who regrets 5. Time zone 8. Subway dweller
- 11. Bend in a river 13. Alias
- 14. Isodor \_, American Nobel
- physicis
- 15. Very (music)
- 16. Zero
- 17. Phil \_\_\_, former CIA 18. Competitions
- 20. Unwell 21. Puts in place
- 22. Gets rid of
- 25. Allows light to pass through
- 30. Climbed quickly
- 31. We all have it
- 32. There's a North & South
- **CLUES DOWN**
- Computer memory 2. "Et \_\_": "And wife" (Latin) 3. Ancient Syrian city
- 4. College army 5. Cassava 6. Talented
- . Capital of Estonia 8. Finger millet
- 9. In a way, assists
- 12. Misery 14. Skin disorder
- 19. Selling at specially reduced
- 23. Good friend 24. Stationary portion of a
- \generator
- Greek alphabet 27. Where birds fly
- 28. Midway between north and northeast
- 25. Expression of disappointme 26. The 17th letter of the

- 38. Supervises flying 41. Very dark colors 43. Unwanted
- 45. Grants

33. Emaciation

- 48. Three visited Jesus 49. Wife of Amun
- 50. Broadway actress Daisy 55. A Spanish river
- 56. I (German) 57. French opera compo 59. Six (Spanish)
- 60. Last letter 61. Spiritual leader of a
- Jewish congregation
- 62. Noah had one 63. Make a mistake
- 64. Tall plant
- 29. Chaotic states 34. Comedic actress Gastever 35. Kids' dining accessory
- 36. Snakelike fish 37. Midway between south
- and southeast 39. Assign lifelike qualities to
- 40. One who cites
  41. Midway between east and
- southeast 42. North wind
- 44. One or the other 45. Cavalry sword
- 46. Of the Hungarian language 47. Life stories
- 48. Flat tableland with steep edges 51. Swiss river
- 52. Plant that makes gum
- 53. French cleric 54. One point east of northeast



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#### THURSDAY MARCH 17, 2022

#### GLIMPSES INTO THE PAST

## A few shad are being caught as fish season opens

#### 110 YEARS AGO Thursday, March 14, 1912

from the Mathews Journal Though the fish season was expected to be late this year on account of the severe winter which also prevented the fishermen from making their preparations for the catch on as large a scale as usual, it seems at present that the run may come at any time. For some time herring in small quantities have been caught, the first instance heard of here being by Mr. Wendall White, of Dixie.

More lately reports from New Point state that several parties have captured a few shad, among the number being Messrs. Otis Diggs and Gilbert Hudgins.

Miss Myrtle Forrest, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Forrest and Mr. J. Walter Hurst, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Hurst, all well-known residents of Tabernacle, were married by Rev. George Gowen at his apartments in Mathews C.H., Tuesday night.

#### 100 YEARS AGO Thursday, March 16, 1922

from the Gloucester Gazette

A romance of the World War had its happy culmination Tuesday night when Miss Bertha Marie Radenac, of France, became the bride of Mr. Lewis Hadley Shackelford, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Shackelford, of Severn. The marriage ceremony took place at the home of the bridegroom's parents at Severn. Mr. Rev. P.M. Petty tied the connubial knot. from the Mathews Journal

Later reports from the windstorm, which swept through this section on Wednesday night of last week, show it was most severe in several sections of the county. It swept away outbuildings on several farms nearby and cut a wide swath through the trees in a chased at a branch office in piece of timber owned by Mr. the Town and Country Deco-John Davis. It was very severe rators, Hayes, on specific on Gwynn's Island and among days. These are Tuesdays and other things blew several windows out of the Baptist

#### 90 YEARS AGO Thursday, March 17, 1932

from the Gloucester Gazette The Botetourt girls' basketball team met the strong St. Margaret's team, of Tappahannock, Saturday afternoon on the Chesapeake floor and defeated the visitors with a score of 29-14. The Botetourt girls have had a very successful year in basketball, winning all but one of the games this

from the Mathews Journal Hot

lunch will be on sale in front of Philip Levy Store, March 21, Court Day in Mathews. Lunch will be served by the American Legion Auxiliary ladies. All ladies of the Auxiliary are asked to come and help.

#### **80 YEARS AGO** Thursday, March 19, 1942

from the Gazette-Journal It was stated on Gwynn's Island Monday that a message had been received there from Captain Virgil Respess, captain of the Port of Baltimore, that the Bull Line S.S. Barbara, a passenger and freight ship, had been torpedoed by a submarine and that among those rescued were Walter Hudgins, master of the ship, and the ship's mate, Harold Davis of New Point.

Captain Hudgins and the first mate, Harold Davis, are future. said to be the only Mathews men known to have been on the ship. Captain Hudgins has been making his home in Baltimore for a number of years, but was born and reared on Gwynn's Island.

#### **70 YEARS AGO** Thursday, March 13, 1952

from the Gazette-Journal Those who wish to purchase automobile tags in Gloucester are notified by Mrs. Clara C. Trevilian, Ark, local agent, that tags will go on sale Saturday, March 15, and the hours for issuing same will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each week day. It is necessary that your 1951 registration card be presented when you purchase 1952 license plates. Small tabs will be issued this year to attach

plates, as in former years.

#### **60 YEARS AGO** Thursday, March 15, 1962

from the Gazette-Journal Typhoid immunization clin-

ics were held yesterday at Union Baptist Church, Achilles from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and at the Mathews County Health Department from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Dr. Carl A. Broaddus, area health director, said the "drinking water of Gloucester and Mathews may have become contaminated as a result of last week's flood waters. For this reason, health authorities felt that it would be well for residents of these counties to become immunized against typhoid fever."

He also emphasized the fact that local health departments should be contacted if persons were concerned about the purity of their water. "It is strongly recommended that all drinking water be boiled if there is any question about its having been affected by surface water or septic tanks," he added.

Dr. Broaddus said that for persons who have had typhoid immunization treatment within the past three years, a booster shot should be sufficient for protection at this time.

#### **50 YEARS AGO** Thursday, March 16, 1972

from the Gazette-Journa

The 1972 State auto license plates went on sale yesterday. The main office for purchasing the licenses in Gloucester is the Ark Post Office building. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays.

In addition, licenses for passenger cars, straight trucks and car trailers may be pur-Wednesdays, March 21 and 22; 28 and 29, and April 4 and 5 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mathews County residents will continue to purchase their state tags at Hurds, Inc., Mathews. Hours are 8:30-4:30 each day except Wednesdays when the store closes at noon. County vehicle decals will be sold at the treasurer's of-

#### **40 YEARS AGO**

Thursday, March 18, 1982 from the Gazette-Journal Gloucester County's pro-

fice in each county.

posed long-term development of a reservoir in the Beaverdam swamp area is putting a small group of property owners "between a rock and a hard place.'

About eight persons who own property in the Beaverdam basin appeared to Tuesday night's meeting to get that message across to the Board of Supervisors.

Jack C. Hanie, spokesman for the group, said a number of the owners had been saving for many years to settle there, and that a majority had intended to build homes soon; some, including himself, this spring.

But since the board signified its intent to move ahead with the reservoir in February, property owners are "in limbo"; they can't invest in buildings or other improvements, nor can they sell land that will be underwater in the

According to the consulting engineer's plan for the reservoir, the Beaverdam site will be surveyed this year, the property appraised next year, then purchased from 1984 to

#### **30 YEARS AGO** Thursday, March 19, 1992

from the Gazette-Journal Plans are underway for the Mathews High School after-prom party, along with promotions aimed at getting students to make the Prom Promise pledge not to consume alcohol or drugs as part

of their prom celebrations.

A group of MHS juniors and seniors toured the Riverside Wellness Center here Monday morning to hear the center's plans for the party to be held

stead of the complete license to 5 a.m. following the May 8 a variety of entertainment, activities, refreshments and

> Students have the opportunity each morning this week to sign a Prom Promise contract pledging to avoid alcohol and drugs on prom night.

#### 20 YEARS AGO Thursday, March 14, 2002 from the Gazette-Journal

The post office at Hudgins was closed as a precautionary measure from 9-11 a.m.

found a white substance in a Homeland Security measures, prom. The party will include flat box at the site. Postal inspectors from the Richmond District, three Virginia State Police officer, an FBI agent, and the Hazardous Materials team from Newport News were all brought in to determine whether the substance contained anthrax spores, said Dionne Montague, acting manager of consumer affairs for the Richmond District of the U.S. Postal Service.

According to Major Brown Strigle with the Mathews Sheriff's Office, hazmat team mem- community made emotional

to the present rear plate, in- at the center from 11:30 p.m. last Thursday after a carrier bers, who were trained under believed the material in the box was dust or dirt.

#### **10 YEARS AGO** Thursday, March 15, 2012

from the Gazette-Journal Gloucester County School Board voted 4-3 Tuesday to shut down the elementary program at T.C. Walker School as a cost-saving measure. The vote followed recent public sessions in which dozens of Walker parents and

pleas to keep the small, topperforming K-5 school open.

The closure will disperse Walker's 58 staff members to other county schools in the fall and force a redistricting of attendance zones that will send its 300 students to differ-

ent campuses. Schools division superintendent Ben Kiser, who looks to drop 40 to 50 employees through attrition by the end of the school year, said no Walker staffers would lose employment due to the rearrepresentatives of the black rangement, but they may have new duties in September.

#### DO YOU REMEMBER?



#### Spring cleanup

Members of Boy Scout Troop 111 of Gloucester helped with a spring cleanup in 1990 at Ware Episcopal Church. Taking part were scouts Sean Anderson (front), first row from left, Robert McJurnal, Daniel Beckley, Raymond Stanford, Brian Staupe, Karl Brooks and Brandon Witcher; in back, Nick Preli, Tim Bolger, Eric Staupe, William White, Jamie Utterback, Jeremy Thomas and Lionel Brooks.

#### Best Years trip planned to Virginia Zoo

ation and Tourism is spon- is April 17. soring a Best Years trip to Best Years trips are for The bus will leave from the 2355, email prt@gloucesturn at 4 p.m. The fee is \$35, https://gloucesterva.info/

Gloucester Parks, Recre- and the deadline to register

the Virginia Zoo in Norfolk those ages 55 and older. For on Wednesday, April 20. details, call PRT at 804-693parking lot of County Office terva.info or stop by the Building One (6467 Main office at 6382 Main Street. Street) at 8:30 a.m. and re- For online registration, visit with lunch on your own, civicrec.

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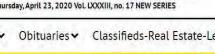
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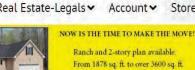


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## THE PUBLIC RECORD

#### **LAND TRANSFERS GLOUCESTER**

The following deeds were recorded in the Clerk's Office of Gloucester Circuit Court during

the period March 3-9: Melanie Leigh Mathewes to Daniel A. Slavnik, 1.02 acres, Lot A, Gloucester

Point, \$175,000. James M. English, et al, to James Eric Beach, 1 acre, Lot 3, Abingdon,

Joanne R. Barwood, et al, to Bryant Bay LLC, Lot 18, Gloucester Point Estates, Gloucester Point, \$200,500.

Albert P. Vela Jr., trustee, to Albert P. Vela Jr., et al, 12.91 acres, Parcel 1, Spring Hill Estates, Section 2, Petsworth, aift.

Daniel J. Giagnocavo, et al, to Nathan Mansberger, et al, Lot 62, Beckwith Farms, Gloucester Point, \$375,000. Robert John Garza, et al, to Michelle

Lippert, 0.089 acre, Lot 53, Coleman's Crossing, Phase 5, Gloucester Point, \$300,000.

Garnett L. Basta to Shannon Rivas, Lot 44, Rosewell Harbor, Section 1, Gloucester Point, \$225,000. Kathleen Rachel to Hansford Lee Mooneyham, et al, 3.1121 acres, Tract 8,

Harcum Tract, Petsworth, \$330,000. Tyler N. Reid, et al, to Sheryl Denny, et al, Lot 28, Woodland Heights, Gloucester Point, \$375,500.

Manuel Medina, et al, to Nolan Keith Cline, Lot 10, Courthouse Square, Abingdon, \$366,500. Judith K. Schwartz to Jon M. Schwartz, et al, 0.9491 acre, Parcel 3B,

Petsworth, gift. William D. Weaver Jr., trustee, to David Wayne Hile, et al, 3.17 acres, Petsworth, gift.

NVR Inc. to Erik O. Bragan, et al, Lot 86, Phase 2, Main Street Landing,

NVR Inc. to Tim L. Ellis, Lot 32, Phase 3, Main Street Landing, \$359,380. Jared T. Corbett, et al, to Brandyn Aleksandr McHaney, et al, Lot 10, Sar

ah's Creek Landing, York, \$335,000. Lynn Rawlings Scalise to Lynn Rawlings Scalise, trustee, 0.5 acre, Parcel 1, York, no consideration. William E. Hewitt, et al, to William

Edward Hewitt, et al, trustees, 0.86 acre, Section 1, Ware, no consideration. Lewis L. Lawrence III to Ware Cove, LLC, 10 acres, Home Place, York, no con-

sideration. Louisa Jane Brown Lorentson to Louisa Jane Brown Lorentson, trustee,

6.48 acres, Parcel 1, Petsworth, no consideration. Shaun Phelps, et al, to Melanie P. McGrath, et al, 1.01 acres, Parcel 3,

Petsworth, \$535,000. Steve's Construction, Inc. to Gary R. Rippel Sr., et al, 0.44 acre, Lot 1, Abingdon, \$325,900.

Carroll W. Huggett, et al, to Carroll W. Huggett, et al, trustees, 177.03 acres, Ware, no consideration.

Equity Trust Company to Coggeshall & R.H., LLC, 0.515 acre, Petsworth, James K. Quattrocelli, et al, to

Homes By Coastal Development, LLC, 1.024 acres, Parcel 1-B, Gloucester Point, \$57,000. James S. Foster to James S. Foster,

et al, Lot 4, Beechwood, Abingdon, gift. James R. Preston, et al, to Robert ul Doty, et al. Lot 14, Ware, \$708,670 Christopher Lee Harris, executor, to

Renee C. Powell, et al, Lot 17, Coleman's Crossing, Gloucester Point, \$262,500. Renee C. Powell, et al, to Shelby H. Cason, Lot 17, Coleman's Crossing,

Gloucester Point, gift. Russell Bayer, et al, to Watercrest Way 1st Series, Lot 16, Riverwatch, Sec-

tion 3, Phase 1, Petsworth, \$8,000. Richard J. Schwartz, trustee, to William P. Knipp, et al, Lot 2, Village Pointe, Gloucester Point, \$255,000. R. Scott Douglas, et al, to Todd L.

Douglas, et al, 1.9 acres, York, gift.

#### **MATHEWS**

The following deeds were recorded recently in Mathews Circuit Court:

Hal D. Bourque, successor trustee, et al, to Robert C. Gayle, et al, 13 acres, Westville, \$65,000. George W. Rutter, et al, to Susan W. Linden, et al, 6.81 acres, Westville,

\$726,500. The Brambles Inc. to Scioto Properties SP-16 LLC, 8.411 acres, Parcel A, Westville, \$1,233,000.

The Brambles Inc. to Scioto Properties SP-16 LLC, 2.5 acres, Piankatank, \$460,000.

The Brambles Inc. to Scioto Properties SP-16 LLC, 2.5 acres, Piankatank, \$445,000.

The Brambles Inc. to Scioto Properties SP-16 LLC, 12.015 acres, Parcel B, Westville, \$697,000.

Charles R. Sparks, et al, to Charles R. Sparks, trustee, 0.1303 acre, Lots 22A and 23, Block 5, Section 1, Mobjack Bay Estates, Westville, no consideration. Kimberly D. Hall, et al, to Clifford

James Arntz II, Lot 2, 0.812 acre, Chesapeake, \$229,900.

Frances Parker, et al, to Billups Creek LLC, 3 acres, Piankatank, \$90,000. T.C. Management LLC to Deborah J. Smith, Parcel A, 0.2209 acre, Westville, \$170,000.

William Thomas Eley, et al, to Robin E. Hooper, Parcel Number One: 0.52 acre, Parcel Number Two: 0.59 acre, and Parcel Number Three: 0.51 acre, Gwynn's Island, Piankatank, no consid

John T. Helmick, et al, to Catherine C. Zych, Revised Parcel 21, 5.78 acres, Piankatank, \$51,400.

Allen White, et al, to Elena Metzger, et al, Parcel B, 5 acres, Westville,

\$225,000. Kendall Fitzpatrick, heir, to Sarah E. Masteller, et al, 0.5554 acre, Piankatank,

CLM3 LLC to Erol Carter, Lot 3, 2.5 acres, Blackwater Creek Subdivision, Westville, \$549,900.

Andrew Dylan Kampmann, et al, to Harmony LLC, 1/2 acre, Westville, \$160,500.

Gary R. Moran to Donald F. Chandler, Parcel I: 7.4032 acres, Parcel 3; and Parcel II: 0.4729 acre, Parcel 2, Piankatank, \$50,000.

#### **CIRCUIT COURT GLOUCESTER**

A Gloucester County grand jury, meeting on Monday, March 7, returned indictments on the following charges: Cindy Michelle Jordan, 43, 2150

Old Ferry Road, Hudgins, a charge of possess a Schedule I/II controlled substance, Oct. 4, 2020. Donovan Romelle Payne, 43, Hamp-

ton, a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle, Aug. 15, 2021. Karl Anthony Gayles Jr., 47, Suffolk, a charge of possess a Schedule I/II con-

trolled substance, Oct. 12, 2020. Lisa Eve Lusher, 57, 6475 Russell Lane, Gloucester, a charge of possess a Schedule I/II controlled substance, Aug. 20, 2021. Christopher Michael Kidd, 50, 206

Jenkins Neck Road, Dutton, a charge of possess a Schedule I/II controlled substance, Oct. 3, 2021. Mark Ernest Pluim, 28, 7545 River-

park Road, Hayes, a charge of possess a Schedule I/II controlled substance, Oct. 13, 2021 Alexis Briana Craft, 25, Newport

News, a charge of possess a Schedule I/ Il controlled substance, Oct. 13, 2021. George Reed Nuttall Jr., 48, Newport News, a charge of possess firearm while subject to a protective order,

Nov. 8, 2021. Daniel William Scott, 37, 8588 Guinea Road, Hayes, a charge of possess a Schedule I/II controlled substance, April 4, 2021.

Tina Darlene Osborne, 31, 6008 Prospect Road, Gloucester, a charge of possess a Schedule I/II controlled sub-. stance, Oct. 31, 2021. Mary Jackson Jenkins, 75, 9668 Ditch Bank Road, Hayes, a charge of as-

sault and batter a law enforcement officer, Dec. 12, 2021. Justin Taylor Hughes, 34, no fixed address, a charge of Driving While Intoxicated (third or subsequent offense), Oct. 28, 2021. Also, a charge of possess

Oct. 28, 2021 Kenneth Maurice Taylor, 58, Hampton, a charge of possess a Schedule I/ Il controlled substance, Dec. 1, 2021. Also, a charge of, after having received a signal from a law enforcement officer to stop, drive a motor vehicle in a willful and wanton disregard of such signal,

Joel Mark Plante II, 35, Newport News, a charge of break and enter, Nov. 21, 2021

Dec. 1, 2021.

Mary Ann Conroy, 35, 3377 Woodside Street, Hayes, a charge of threaten to kill or do bodily injury to another, April 22, 2021. Also, a charge of arson, June 5, 2021

Brenda Ann Taylor, 48, 2125 Hayes Road, Hayes, a charge of drive after license revoked (second or subsequent offense), Nov. 14, 2021

Perry R. White, 58, 3385 Toms Hill Road, Sáluda, a charge of threaten to bomb, burn, destroy or damage a building, Nov. 25, 2021. Also, a charge of burglary, Nov. 25, 2021. Also, a charge of enter property to damage/ hate crime, Nov. 25, 2021. Also, a misdemeanor charge of destruction of property, Nov. 25, 2021.

Maxwell Riley Hayes, 20, 1725 Riverpark Road, Gloucester, two counts of possess a Schedule I/II controlled substance, Dec. 9, 2021. Also, a charge of possess firearm after having been convicted of a felony, Dec. 8, 2021.

Dedrec Antwan Holmes, 35, 6277 Main Street, Gloucester, two counts of possess Schedule I/II controlled substance, Oct. 10 and Oct. 31, 2021.

Robert Tra Proctor, 32, 7620 Forbes Road, Gloucester, a charge of possess a Schedule I/II controlled substance,

Nov. 28, 2021.

Stacy Marie Stowell, 32, 399 Countryside Drive, Saluda, a charge of possess a Schedule I/II controlled substance, Dec. 8, 2021.

Cassandra Nicole Alexander, 27, 12455 Beech Trail Road, Gloucester, a charge of possess a Schedule I/II controlled substance, Oct. 4, 2021.

George Michael Adams II, 32, no fixed address, Gloucester, a charge of drive after license revoked (third or subsequent offense), June 25, 2021. Also, a charge of after having received a signal from a law enforcement officer to stop, drive a motor vehicle in a willful and wanton disregard of such signal,

Sara Nicole Carmine, 28, 3112 Sandy Hill Court, Hayes, a charge of credit card theft, May 31, 2021. Also, two counts of credit card fraud, June 2 and July 4, 2021.

Corie Mason Shackleford, 31, 2150 Kelly Lane, Haves, a charge of possess a Schedule I/II controlled substance, Oct. 4, 2020.

Zachery Tyler Goodman, 23, 416 Zion Branch Road, Saluda, a charge of distribute a Schedule I/II controlled substance, Sept. 28, 2021. Eric David Carroll, 26, 2889 Abing

don Heights Drive, Hayes, a charge of embezzle currency or property having a value of \$1,000 or more, Aug. 20 through Sept. 21, 2021. Dahron Nykeem Johnson, 28, 923 Zion Branch Road, Saluda, a charge of

possess a Schedule I/II controlled substance, Oct. 4, 2021. Joni Lee Hanks, 44, 2551 Low Ground Road, Hayes, a charge of pos-sess a Schedule I/II controlled sub-

stance, Oct. 27, 2021. Marcus Edward Butler, 30, 3060 Arbutus Lane, Haves, two counts of as-

sault and batter a law enforcement officer, Oct. 30, 2021. Jesse Lee Chenault, 27, 6202 T.C. Walker Road, Gloucester, four counts of possess a Schedule I/II controlled sub-

stance, Dec. 3, 2021. Jason Scott Tremer, 42, 2103 Hayes Road, Hayes, a charge of fail to perform construction after receiving an advance of more than \$1,000, Dec. 13, 2021.

The following cases were heard recently in Gloucester Circuit Court:

Cody Vincent Sterling, 30, 10759 Hornets Nest Road, Gloucester, felony charge of threaten to bomb, burn, destroy or damage building and misdemeanor charge of violate protective order were nolle prossed and removed from the court docket.

Joseph Ryan Schwalm, 31, Newport News, was found guilty by a jury of felony charges of sodomy, indecent liberties of a child less than 15 years of age and aggravated sexual battery. Sentencing is set for June 27 at 9:30 a.m. The defendant was found not guilty by the jury of a felony charge of rape; felony charge of indecent liberties and aggravated sexual battery were nolle prossed and removed from the court

Maxwell Riley Hayes, 20, 1725 Riverpark Road, Gloucester, pleaded guilty and was found guilty of felony charge of possess firearm after having been convicted of a felony and misdemeanor charge of shoplifting. The defendant was sentenced to five years in the state penitentiary, with four years, five months suspended on the felony conviction and 12 months' jail with eight months suspended on the misdemeanor conviction.

Daniel William Scott, 37, 8588 Guinea Road, Hayes, pleaded guilty and was found guilty of felony charge of possess Schedule I/II controlled substance and misdemeanor charge of Driving While Intoxicated. Sentencing is set for June 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Mary Ann Conroy, 35, 3377 Woodside Street, Hayes, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of threats in writing and entered an Alford plea to a charge of arson of an occupied dwelling. The defendant was found guilty of the two charges and sentenced to five years in the state penitentiary with six months suspended on the threat charge and five years, all suspended, on the arson charge. As part of a plea agreement, a misdemeanor charge of destruction of property was nolle prossed and removed from the court docket.

Sarah Delton Evans, 41, 6711 Lemburn Lane, Hayes, pleaded guilty and was found guilty of a felony charge of possess Schedule I/II controlled substance. The defendant was sentenced to five years in the state penitentiary with four years, five months suspended.

Ashlee Nicole Phoenix, 27, 6303 Corbin Court, Gloucester, was sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary, all suspended, for the felony conviction of possess Schedule I/II controlled substance. Also, the defendant was sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary with two years, six months suspended, for the felony conviction of child abuse

Alexis Briana Craft, 25, Newport

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News, pleaded guilty and was found guilty of felony charge of possess Schedule I/II controlled substance. The defendant was sentenced to five years in the state penitentiary, all suspended

Lanette Marie Fleming, 41, 10679 Hornets Nest Road, Gloucester, pleaded guilty and was found guilty of felony charge of possess Schedule I/II controlled substance. The defendant was sentenced to five years in the state penitentiary with four years, nine months suspended. Pursuant to a plea agreement, two additional felony charges of possess Schedule I/II controlled substance were nolle prossed and removed from the court docket.

Dedrec Antwan Holmes, 35, 6277 Main Street, Gloucester, pleaded guilty and was found guilty of felony charges of possess Schedule I/II controlled substance. He was sentenced to two fiveyear terms in the state penitentiary, with four years, nine months of the first sentence suspended and all five years of the second suspended.

John Everett Shackelford, 25, 2678 Guinea Circle, Hayes, was found guilty of felony charge of possess Schedule I Il controlled substance. Sentencing is set for June 21 at 1:30 p.m.

George Reed Nuttall Jr., 48, Newport News, pleaded guilty and was found guilty of felony charge of possess firearm while subject to protective order. The defendant was sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary with two years, six months suspended. Firearm forfeited to commonwealth and

Lisa Eve Lusher, 57, 6475 Russell Lane, Gloucester, pleaded guilty and was found guilty of felony charge of possess Schedule I/II controlled substance and misdemeanor charge of Driving While Intoxicated, The defendant was sentenced to five years in the state penitentiary with four years, six months suspended on the felony conviction and 90 days' jail with a fine of \$500 (\$250 suspended) on the misdemeanor conviction.

Aloni Monay Scott, 23, Kilmarnock, was found guilty of felony charge of possess Schedule I/II controlled sub-. stance. Sentencing is set for June 13 at

Albert Cecil Shaw Jr., 60, Nathalie, N.C., was found guilty of felony charge of possess Schedule I/II controlled substance. Sentencing is set for June 13 at

#### **DISTRICT COURT GLOUCESTER**

The following cases were heard in Gloucester General District Court on March 2-3:

James Aster Barnett, 2830 Caroline Lane, Gloucester, drive after license revoked/suspended, \$100 fine and \$221 costs, 30 days' jail, operator's license suspended 30 days; jail sentence suspended. Zane Matthew Given, 3082 Rachael

Lane, Hayes, reckless driving (71/40), \$500 fine and \$216 costs, operator's license suspended 30 days. Keith William Krushel, 6863 Williams

Landing, Hayes, drive after license revoked/suspended, \$100 fine and \$226 costs, 90 days' jail, operator's license suspended 30 days: 80 days of jail sentence suspended. Also, fail to appear, \$100 fine and \$241 costs, five days' iai Kassidy Isabella Nelson Moreno, Wa-

ter View, fail to appear, \$216 costs and five days' jail; jail sentence suspended. Jonathan Victor Murphy, 2672 General Puller Highway, Saluda, reckless driving (92/55), \$1,500 fine and \$131 costs, 30 day's jail, operator's license suspended 180 days; 26 days of jail sentence suspended.

Michael Bernard Ward III, Weems, drive after license revoked/suspended, \$100 fine and \$221 costs, 30 days' jail, operator's license suspended 30 days; jail sentence suspended.

#### **MATHEWS**

The following cases were heard recently in Mathews General District Court:

Dakota William Blauser, Hartfield. failure to appear, \$100 fine and \$96 costs, five days' jail. Also, no driver's license, \$250 fine and \$96 costs, 30 days' jail; jail sentence suspended.

Jason Lee McKee, Cobbs Creek, Driving While Intoxicated, \$250 fine and \$241 costs, 90 days' jail, operator's license suspended one year; 85 days of iail sentence suspended. Also, assault and battery, \$250 fine and \$35 costs, 180 days' jail; 150 days of jail sentence

suspended. Sheila Carol Oakley, Gloucester, DWI, \$250 fine and \$216 costs, 90 days jail, operator's license suspended one year; jail sentence suspended.

Crystal Elizabeth West, Mathews. drive after license revoked/suspended, \$100 fine and \$106 costs, 30 days' jail, operator's license suspended 90 days; jail sentence suspended. Fred Miles Floyd, Gloucester, drive

after license revoked/suspended, \$100 fine and \$251 costs, 90 days' jail, operator's license suspended 30 days; 85 days of jail sentence suspended.

Dudley Collins Ross, Cobbs Creek, reckless driving, \$616 costs and 12 months' jail; six months of jail sentence suspended. Also, trespassing, \$304 costs and 12 months' jail; six months of jail sentence suspended.

#### **SHERIFF'S REPORT GLOUCESTER**

The following incidents were recently reported by the Gloucester Sheriff's Office:

LARCENY: A Virginia trailer tag (467892TL) was reported to have been stolen from a camper parked at a residence in the 5000 block of Oak Creek Circle. The theft was reported on the morning of March 13; the tags were discovered missing several weeks ago; On March 9, deputies responded to Walmart for a report of shoplifting. Loss prevention observed a female alleg-edly not scanning all her items at selfcheckout, exiting past all points of sale. The suspect, a 27-year-old Gloucester woman, was located on scene, issued a summons for shoplifting, and released. The items were valued at less

FRAUD: A Gloucester Point resident reported a case of check fraud on March 9. The resident had mailed a check to a family member out of state on Jan. 7 for \$275 and discovered on March 7 the same check number had been cashed at a different location in the amount of \$4,824.40 without their

knowledge or permission. No additional information is available at this time. The case remains under investigation; A Gloucester Point resident on March 9 reported receiving a message from Verizon, saying there was an overdue bill on their account. The person called Verizon and learned that an unauthorized account had been opened in their name with a phone and phone plan obtained in January. The victim is not being held accountable for the bil and did not sustain a financial loss.

**PUBLIC INTOXICATION:** Around 3:40 a.m. on March 12, a vehicle was observed parked at Primis Bank, 7132 George Washington Memorial Highway, with the driver slumped over the wheel. Contact with the driver resulted in the driver, a 45-year-old Hayes man, being arrested on a charge of public in-

**DAMAGED PROPERTY**: Deputies were called to the 8000 block of Midlothian Lane on March 11 in response to a report of property damage. The homeowner discovered a portion of woods on their property had been mulched or cleared without their knowledge or permission sometime on March 10. The ase is under investigation.

INTOXICATED DRIVING: On the

evening of March 10, Deputies were called about a possible intoxicated driver at the 7-Eleven on Crab Thicket Road, with the person running over the curb and into the culvert while pulling out onto Crab Thicket Road. Deputies located the vehicle occupied and running at a residence in the 7000 block of Crab Thicket Road. The driver, a 65-yearold Gloucester man, was arrested on a charge of Driving While Intoxicated.

#### **MATHEWS**

The Mathews County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents that occurred in the county during the past

On Monday, March 7, deputies on patrol observed a vehicle driving erratically on Buckley Hall Road and initiated a stop at Buckley Hall and Twiggs Ferry roads. While speaking to the driver, deputies could smell a strong odor of alcohol. A 22-year-old male was arrested and charged with driving under the influence. He was taken to the Middle Peninsula Regional Security Center.

Also on Monday, deputies responded to a call of a female screaming on Haven Beach. When they arrived, two females were observed in a vehicle Deputies questioned them and determined they were under 21 years of age and were the ones screaming. Deputies also noticed vape pods in the center console and searched the vehicle, uncovering several vape smoking devices, marijuana, a glass smoking device, and a grinder. Both subjects were released on a summons for underage possession of marijuana and possession of nicotine products.

Deputies were called to the New Point area on Tuesday, March 8, in reference to a subject on a protective order who was at the victim's residence in the 300 block of Dyers Creek Road destroying property. When deputies arrived, they encountered a 46-year-old male resident of the 2800 block of East River Road. He was taken into custody and held without bond. On Thursday, March 10, deputies

were alerted about a possible tres-passer in the 17000 block of John Clayton Memorial Highway. Deputies arrived and located the subject, who had been banned from the property. He was released on a summons for tres-

Deputies were called to the Old House Woods area on Friday, March 11, in reference to a suspicious man walking on a private beach, yelling and talking to himself. Deputies arrived and located a 46-year-old man on Old House Woods Road holding a guitar. They approached the subject, who was arrested and charged with public intoxication and taken to the Middle Peninsula Regional Security Center until sober.

Also on Friday, deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident on Church Street and John Clayton Memorial Highway. While speaking with the driver, the officers could smell a strong odor of alcohol. They arrested the 32-year-old female driver and charged her with driving under the influence. She was taken to the Middle Peninsula Regional Security Center.

On Saturday, March 12, a resident reported that a shotgun had been sto-len from his home in the 11100 block of Buckley Hall Road. It had last been seen on March 2. The firearm is valued at over \$1,400.

Finally, on Tuesday, March 15, deputies responded to a domestic situation in the 200 block of Cricket Hill Road. The suspect left the area before deputies arrived. No physical assault was reported, but property was damaged,

and charges are pending. Anyone with information about these or other crime in Mathews are asked to call Crime Solvers at 804-725-7001. All calls are anonymous, and callers do not have to give their name or telephone number or appear in court. If information provided leads to an arrest, the recovery of stolen property, or the seizure of illegal drugs, the caller may receive a cash reward.

#### **FIRE REPORT MATHEWS**

March 1, 6:36 p.m., brush fire, 100 block of Moon Haven Lane, Moon, one brush truck and one engine.

March 2, 9:50 a.m., assist rescue squad, Cricket Hill Road at Mathews Volunteer Rescue Squad, Hudgins, one engine; 6:20 p.m., structure fire, 4500 block of New Point Comfort Highway, Port Haywood, two engines.

March 3, 9:49 a.m., landing zone, 12500 block of John Clayton Memorial Highway, North, two engines; 11:53 a.m., fire alarm activation, 1000 block of New Point Comfort Highway, Mathews, one engine; 11:09 p.m., structure fire, 9800 block of Friendship Road, Mathews, one engine.

March 4, 12:22 p.m., brush fire, 600 block of Northwood, Bohannon, two engines.

March 5, 2:23 p.m., brush fire, 1200 block of Lighthouse Road, New Point, one brush truck, two engines, one tanker; 5:55 p.m., brush fire, Store Road, Foster, one brush truck and one engine; 7:53 p.m., brush fire, South Bay Haven Drive, Hudgins, two engines and one March 7, 9:14 a.m., fire alarm activa-

tion, 200 block of Bella Terra, North, at The Brambles, one engine. March 8, 6:20 p.m., unauthorized burning, 500 block of Blue Water Drive, Moon, one brush truck and one engine.

March 9, 9:55 p.m., carbon dioxide alarm, 1600 block of Bethel Beach Road, Susan, one engine. March 11, 11:08 p.m., vehicle accident, John Clayton Memorial Highway and Church Street, one engine.

March 13, 11:41 a.m., vehicle acci-

dent, Gwynnsville Road, Hudgins, two

## Jury trial for Gloucester Jan. 6 defendant set for Nov. 14

#### BY SHERRY HAMILTON

A jury trial for Jan. 6 defendant Melody Steele-Smith of Gloucester has been sched-

uled for Nov. 14. Steele-Smith was arrested by the FBI on Jan. 20, 2021, after a relative reported that she had shared photos from inside the Capitol on Facebook, including a photo taken in the office of Speaker of

the House Nancy Pelosi. The defendant was released on her own recognizance. She stands accused of five criminal counts: obstruction of an official proceeding and aiding and abetting, entering and remaining in a restricted building or

grounds, disorderly and disruptive conduct in a restricted building or grounds, entering and remaining in certain rooms in the Capitol building, and disorderly conduct in a Capitol building.

The trial will be held at 9

a.m. on Monday, Nov. 14 be-

fore Judge D. Moss in Courtroom 8 of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in Washington, D.C. The trial date was set after numerous motions were filed by both the defendant and the government over the past year, including mo-

tions to continue hearings,

to compel discovery, to re-

quest protective orders, and

for miscellaneous relief.

Karaoke, Open Mic Night Friday

CA & J Farm will have Karaoke and Open Mic Night at the Farm from 6-8 p.m. Friday at 5620 East River Road, Foster. Performers and audience are invited to participate or watch while enjoying healthy refreshments. The cost is \$10 for adults; children under 12 are free of charge.



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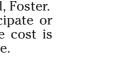
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#### **Community Service Grants**

The Rotary Club of Mathews recently awarded two Community Service Grants. The first was to the American Legion Post 83, Mathews, in the amount of \$900 to support sending two Mathews High School students to Boys and Girls State and also to support the American Legion's providing Meals on Wheels on Christmas Day. In top photo from left, members of the club's Community Service Committee, Rotarians Rachel Dehoux and Raymond Willis, present the check to Post 83 Commander Tim Roscher. The second grant, in the amount of \$250, went to the Mathews County Sheriff's Office. Shown presenting that grant (bottom photo) are (at left) Dehoux and Willis and, at right, fellow committee members Andy Eubank and Tim Hill handing the check to Sheriff Mark Barrick (third from right) and Chief Deputy John Williams.





Chesapeake Bank and Chesapeake Wealth Management presented a \$1,000 sponsorship donation in support of Bay Transit's Art in Transit 2022 contest and judged exhibition. Presenting the check, to Bay Aging board director Vera Lee (far left) and RAL Art Center Executive Director Doug Mock (far right), are Jean Light, Senior Wealth Management Advisor and Senior VP for Chesapeake Wealth Management, and John O'Shaughnessy, Chesapeake Bank's Executive VP and Senior Credit Officer.

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transportation division of transportation to anyone Bay Aging, and the RAL wanting to get involved Art Center have received a with the RAL Art Center \$1,000 sponsorship donation even if they are unable to from Chesapeake Bank and drive," said Jean Light, Se-Chesapeake Wealth Manage- nior Wealth Management ment in support of the Art Advisor and Senior VP for in Transit 2022 contest and judged exhibition.

"Čhesapeake Bank and Chesapeake Wealth Management are excited to support Northern Neck and Middle Art in Transit 2022, which Peninsula to participate in directly benefits two of our the Art in Transit 2022 concommunity's most impact- test and judged exhibition ful nonprofit organizations," said John O'Shaughnessy, there is still time to enter. Chesapeake Bank's Executive The deadline for entries Vice President and Senior Credit Officer. "Bay Transit RAL Art Center in Kilmarand the RAL Art Center are nock is April 18 between both committed to improv- 10 a.m. and noon. This ing access, to transportation and to art and creative expression. Speaking on a personal level, I know how im- Friday, May 20. The culmiportant RAL was to both my mother and is to my motherin-law and how fulfilled they were by their involvement."

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