



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 window boxes, at her home in northern Gloucester, have flourished during the deep winter cold.



Bill Thomas at Gloucester Court House said his Cardiff daffodils are putting on a show, just a tad early, at his home on Main Street.

Signs are everywhere

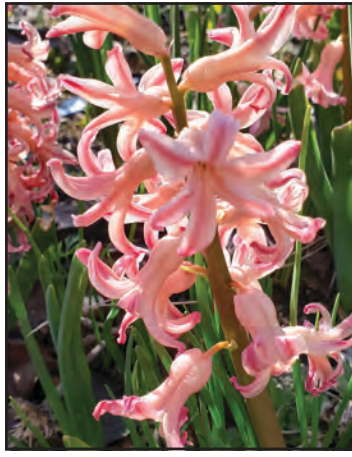
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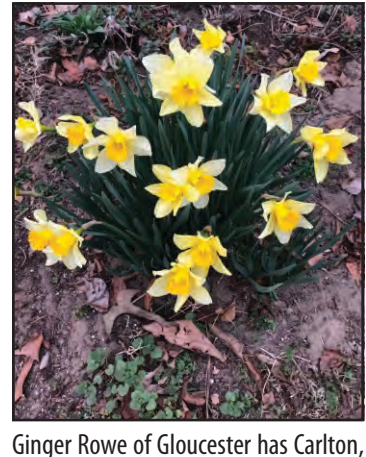
Camellias japonica RL Wheeler, and RL Wheeler Variegated sent by Lewis Hubbard of Cardinal.



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 and an article in the newspaper concerning a North Carolina bounty on Bradford pears revived my interest in spreading the word about these unpleasant trees. Years of unsuccessful attempts to dissuade nurseries from selling the trees and property owners from planting them have led some states to take drastic elimination measures. Beginning on April 23, North Carolina residents can register to receive up to five native trees to replace Bradford pears on their property. South Carolina has a similar bounty, and a few states, including Ohio and Pennsylvania, have banned sales of Bradford pear trees.

Bradford pears develop attractive rounded or conical crowns and produce masses of beautiful white flowers every spring. The fall color is attractive. So why are states placing bounties on existing trees and banning sales?

Callery pear (*Pyrus calleryana*) is an Asian native. The species was introduced to North America in the early 20th century in an effort to develop a fire blight resistant strain of pear tree, and later used as rootstock for other pear species. Besides "Bradford," callery cultivars include "Aristocrat," "Capital," and "Chanticleer," also called "Cleveland Select."

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

urban and home landscape ornamental. Callery pear is hardy and suffers from few North American diseases or pests. It grows as tall as 60 feet with a 20-to-35-foot spread. In spring, callery pear is covered with masses of snowy white blossoms, which give way to glossy, green leaves and hard, brown fruits. The leaves turn brilliant shades of red, pink, and purple in the fall. Its lifespan is about 25 years. The trees tolerate shade, wet soils, and drought. The most popular cultivar, "Bradford" was thought to be sterile.

It could have been the perfect ornamental flowering tree, but the "Bradford" cultivar harbored some dirty secrets. Fine-grained pear wood is used to make woodwind instruments and furniture veneer, but the limbs of the callery pear grow at narrow angles from the trunk, and split easily during wind and ice storms, leaving unattractive, malformed trees.

Normally propagated asexually by grafting and cuttings, Bradford pear can cross-pollinate with shoots from the rootstock tree. The resulting, fertile seedlings are different from both parent trees. The seeds of these wild pears are dispersed by birds. Native caterpillars do not feed on the leaves.

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

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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 lived in Houston, Texas, where kolaches 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 ultra-traditional 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.

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 kolache: 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.)
- ½ c. sugar
- 2¼ 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

equally into 16 pieces. Form the pieces into balls. Create a circular indentation or well in 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.

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

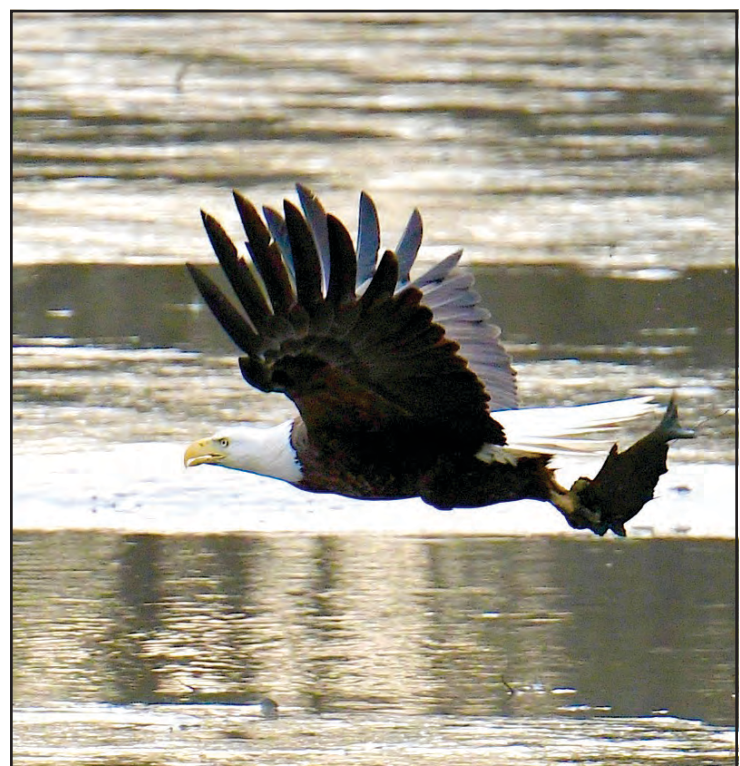
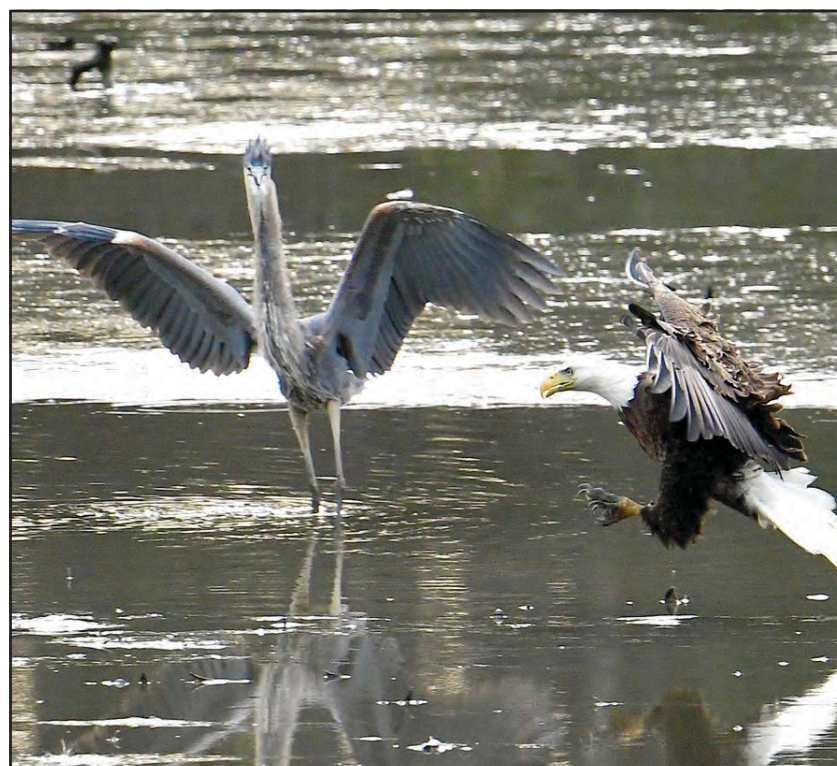
- 10 oz. pineapple, blueberries, cherries, or other berries (fresh or frozen)
- 5 Tbs. sugar
- 4 tsp. cornstarch

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

- 1¼ c. all-purpose flour

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PHOTOS BY LARRY SHERERTZ

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

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- ½ c. light brown sugar tightly packed
- ½ 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 salt)

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 cooking.

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*

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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 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

Species Plant List.

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 University online publication

"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.

Suggested replacement trees 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 move.

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 common in area waterways.

But beyond that initial impetus for the project, Con-

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 Dermo.

"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 site.

"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."

The facilities

Congrove said that his business has always been an

independent hatchery that doesn't operate in conjunction with a farm. "We don't compete with our seed customers," 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 beginning.

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 week.

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



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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 completing the life cycle in such a small space, which allowed for the mobile concept," said Congrove.

Each trailer has the capacity to raise a "small but commercial" level of supply of

around 15 million seed per season, said Congrove. In addition, the trailers have equipment for growing algae to feed the oysters. Each trailer has two heat pumps installed—one in the algae production room and the other in the growing room, since two different temperature ranges are needed. In addition to an electric connection, each trailer also has a seawater connection for raising the seed, a freshwater 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 kindergartners 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.



Audiology Offices offers Whisper Hearing System

The Audiology Offices LLC, with locations in Gloucester (6764 Main Street), Kilmarnock and Warsaw, is now offering 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.

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Fare collection to resume on Bay Transit buses

Bay Transit, which suspended the collection of fares 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.

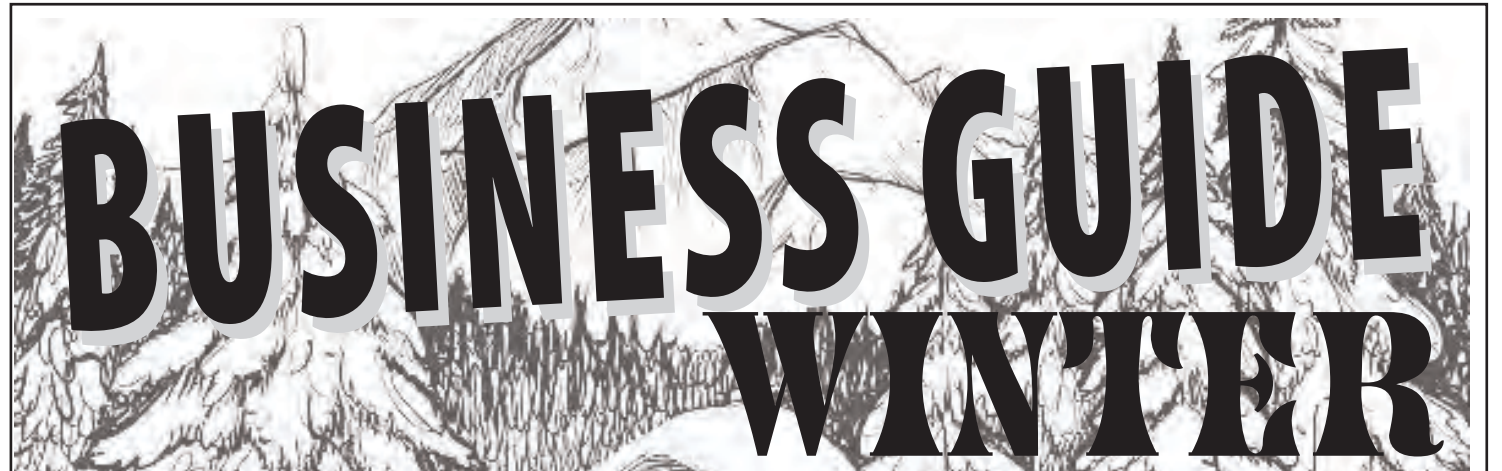
In addition, on every bus, Bay Transit installed plexiglass shields around the bus driver's seat, premium cabin filtration systems, plexiglass partitions between every passenger seat, cordoned off bus seats, limited ridership to ensure adequate social distancing, regularly cleaned and disinfected the buses, required all bus drivers to wear masks and provided hand sanitizer

and/or face masks to any rider who needed them.

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 a book of 10 Bay Transit tickets for \$12, a savings of \$8.



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CHURCH NEWS

Services and other activities announced by local churches

Special services and other activities 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 Ware.

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST

The sermon title of Pastor Paul Song of Bethany United Methodist Church, Gloucester Point, at 10 a.m. Sunday will be "Are We on God's Side?"

BETHEL BAPTIST

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 be held virtually at 7 p.m.

BETHEL UNITED METHODIST

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 at 6 o'clock.

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

Ware Church to host fourth ArtWalk Saturday

Ware Episcopal Church, Gloucester, will host its fourth ArtWalk Saturday with the theme "Our Natural

World." This event was previously planned for last Saturday, but was rescheduled due to forecasted rain.

This free community event celebrates the work of several young artists in Gloucester County, including students

from Gloucester County Public Schools, Ware Academy and Gloucester Montessori School. The outdoor exhibit

will be displayed from 10 a.m. 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.

Join Us For Worship

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

LIGHTHOUSE
Reverend Kenneth F. Cramer
4299 Geo. Wash. Mem. Hwy.
Hayes, VA 23072
804-642-2752 • 804-642-4018 Fax
www.LighthouseVA.Life
Services: SUNDAY, Prayer at 9 a.m.;
Worship Service 10 a.m.; WEDNESDAY,
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BEECH GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Richard Croxton, Pastor
SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 a.m.
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4073 Cedar Bush Rd, Hayes, VA

BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Tom Colick
Services: SUNDAY, Sunday School 10 a.m.;
Worship Service 11 a.m.
5490 Ware Neck Rd, Ware Neck, VA 23178

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7 p.m. Prayer/Bible Study (Adults and Youth)
FRIDAY, 6 p.m. Intercessory Prayer.
THE CHURCH OF LOVE
www.churchofthelivingword.net

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Rev. Werlie Hendrix, Pastor
17448 John Clayton Memorial Hwy.
824-4347
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.
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Affiliated with the Southern Baptist
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www.faithbaptistfamily.com

GLOUCESTER POINT BAPTIST

Pastor Ray P. "Bud" Goude, Jr.
7741 Terrapin Cove Rd., Gloucester Point
804-642-2555 • 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: 6pm Youth in Action and
Children's Choir, 6:30pm Team Kids and
Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting and
7:30pm Choir Practice.

MATHEWS BAPTIST CHURCH

Hudgins, Va. 804-725-3707
Rev. Brian E. Kramer, Pastor
Services: SUNDAY, In-person Worship,
9 AM Contemporary; 11 AM Traditional.
Sunday School, 10:00 AM for all ages. The
contemporary service is also available on the
Mathews Baptist YouTube Channel and an
audio copy of the traditional service upon
request. For more information, call the church
office. www.mathews baptist church.com

SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Ross Davis, Pastor
Cobbs Creek, Va. 804-725-3500
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. Choir Practice.
1676 Buckley Hall Rd, Cobbs Creek, VA 23035

Church Spotlight



GWYNN'S ISLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
"Serving the Lord by Serving Others" is our lifestyle. We hope to advance Christ's Kingdom by meeting various needs on the island and beyond.

GWYNN'S ISLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Ed Jordan, Pastor • 725-2384
www.gibchurch.com
welcometogibc@gmail.com,
2011 Old Ferry Road, Gwynn, VA 23066
Drive-in Worship Service: SUNDAY 10 AM at
the GI Civic League parking lot, across from
the church.
Men's Bible Study group will meet every
Tuesday, 9 AM at the Gazebo
Women's Bible Study Fellowship will be
every Thursday, 10 AM in the Moore Hall*
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HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN BIKER CHURCH

DAV Bldg, Chapter 58
6265 Professional Dr.
Gloucester, Va. 23061
Sunday Mornings:
Fellowship 9:00a.m.,
Service 9:30-10:30a.m.
See our Facebook page

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It's not just church, it's life!
Sundays at 9 & 10:45am
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MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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11 a.m. Morning Worship. THURSDAY,
6:30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting,
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice.
1676 Buckley Hall Rd, Cobbs Creek, VA 23035

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

9254 Guinea Rd., Hayes, VA 23072
Located next to Achilles Elementary School
Church Office: 804-642-2332
Rev. Jared Berry, Pastor
E-mail: laura@unionbaptistchurch.net
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-5th grade), OUTWARD Youth (6th-12th grade)
MON & THUR: Outward Youth, 9-10:30 a.m.
SATURDAY: Kickball, 10-11:30 a.m. (K-5th grade)

ZION POPLARS BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Ronald W. Gayle Sr.
693-4821 • 7000 T.C. Walker Road, Gloucester
Sunday School 10am; Worship 11 am;
Bible Study Wednesday 7 pm.

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Rev. Bill West, Pastor, 693-3937
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LIVING WATERS CHURCH
"A Church of New Beginnings"
Pastor Grady Brown III
2061 Windsor Rd., Dutton, VA 23050
Worship Services: 10:30 am Sunday & 7 pm Wed.
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SERVICES: Sunday, Bible Class, 10 a.m.,
Worship 11 a.m., and 2 p.m. WEDNESDAY,
Mid-week Bible Study, 7 p.m.

EPISCOPAL

ABINGDON EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Reverend Sven L. vanBaars, Rector
5645 George Washington Memorial Highway
PO Box 82, White Marsh, VA 23183
804-693-3035
www.abingdonchurch.org
7:45 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
11:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II Live streamed
from Facebook and YouTube
All are Welcome!

KINGSTON EPISCOPAL PARISH

Mathews, Virginia 804-725-2175
The Very Rev. Gary J. Barker, Rector
Email: kingstonparish@verizon.net
Worship Services:
8:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I Christ Church
10:30 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II Kingston
Chapel at Kingston Parish House Live
streamed on Facebook and YouTube
12:00 pm Wednesday Holy Eucharist/Healing
at Kingston Chapel
For ID and passcode, call the church office.

WARE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"Inwardly supportive, outwardly serving"
The Rev. Scott Parnell, Rector
7825 John Clayton Memorial Highway
P.O. Box 616, Gloucester, VA 23061
804.693.3821 | www.warechurch.org
Sundays: 9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer with Eucharist
10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

FULL GOSPEL

CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
2243 Buckley Hall Road, Cobbs Creek, VA 23035
Chris Morgan, Pastor 725-9145
Services: SUNDAY 10am Morning Worship
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other SUNDAY at 10 am
Children's Ministry available for Nursery for 0-3
years old age, Preschool for 4-5 years old
Mighty Kids 6 yrs. - 5th Grade every SUNDAY.
Abhaze Youth Services every other SUNDAY at
10am; 10am WEDNESDAY Healing Center; 7 pm
WEDNESDAY Midweek Prayer Service

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The Reverend Jennifer N. Tillman, Pastor
Main Street at Fox Mill Run Estates
Gloucester, 693-9098
www.apostles-elca.org
Sunday Service: 9:30 AM in-person and via Zoom
See website for details
We are a Reconciling in Christ Community

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH
Pastor R. Ashley Gibson
804-493-4076
9577 George Washington Memorial Hwy,
Box 105, Ark, VA 23003
9:45 AM Sunday School classes for all ages
11:00 AM Sunday Worship Service
6:00 PM Sunday evening Bible Study
6:30 PM Wednesday evening prayer service

KINGDOM COVENANT MINISTRIES

Kingdom Covenant Ministries
Apostle Steve A. Forrest Sr.
804-815-4735 or 804-221-2670
Thursdays 7pm bible study
worship service Sundays 10:30
827 Ridge Road, Cobbs Creek, Va. 23035
kcovenant18@gmail.com
Drive up Resurrection Sunday Worship Service,
April 4th at 10:30am. All are welcome

TABERNACLE OF FAITH

7028 Woodville Road, Hayes
804-684-9373
SUNDAY SERVICE: 11 am; Kingdom Prepara-
tion Teaching classes are held at 10 a.m.;
Intercessory prayer is 6-7 p.m. every Wednes-
day. Bible study is 7 to 8 pm every Thursday at
the church.

PRESBYTERIAN

GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6470 Main St., Gloucester, VA
Dr. Douglas Nagel, Pastor
693-2071, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. daily.
E-mail: becky@gracecovenant.us
To see activities go to website:
gracecovenant.us
Schedule: Sunday School, 9:15 am;
Worship, 10:30am

GROVES MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9117 Glass Road, P.O. Box 1263, Hayes VA
Ph: 804-642-9698
The Rev. Dr. Michael Condrey, Pastor
Sunday School 9 a.m. / Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
www.grovesmemchurchva.org

ROMAN CATHOLIC

CHURCH OF FRANCIS DE SALES
Rt. 647, Lover's Lane, Mathews Court House
Father Gerry Kagwa
Spring Schedule: Sunday Mass 11 a.m.
Weekday Mass: 9 a.m. Tues. & Fri.
Holy Day Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Worship, 10:30am
4073 Cedar Bush Rd, Hayes, VA

CHURCH OF ST. TERESE

6262 Main Street - Gloucester, VA 23061
804-693-5939 - Father Gregory Kandt
Weekend Masses:
5 PM Saturday, 8 & 10:30 AM Sunday;
Holy Day Mass: 12:00 and 7:00 pm;
Faith Formation: K-8 at 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
9-12 at 6:00 to 8:00

UNITED METHODIST

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1860 Hayes Rd., Old Rt. 17, Glou. Pt., VA,
Rev. Moonship "Paul" Song Pastor, 642-2110
www.bethanyumc-gp.org
Services: Sunday Worship: 10:00am;
Adult Sunday School: Immediately
following Worship

BEULAH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

New Point, VA
Rev. Dede Parrish, Pastor - 725-2775
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

121 Church Street, Mathews, VA
Rev. John Choi, 725-3332
SUNDAY, Sunday School; 10:15 a.m.
Worship Service; 9:15 a.m.,

LOCUST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Booker Brown
804-725-3504 / cell: 804-513-9258
Rt. 3, Dutton
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m., Worship 11 a.m.;
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MATHEWS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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www.mathewschapelumc.org
Pastor Marcus Stallworth
804-725-9275
Sunday School - 9:45 am.; Worship - 11 am
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12403 Harcum Road, Gloucester, VA 23061
Phone: 804-693-3754
Sunday Worship 9:30 am

SALEM UMC

11408 Salem Church Rd, Glouc., VA 23061
Between Turks Ferry Rd and Humny Pot Ln
(804) 693-3754 • umc.org
Sunday Worship 11:00 am

SINGLETON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. Calvin Griffin • 804-693-3811
Worship service 11 a.m.; Congregational
Sunday School at 9:45 in the church annex.
"We are workers together with God!"
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Please call or e-mail Regina South to be part of this directory: 804-693-3101 or rsouth@gazettejournal.net

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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."

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 quarterly church business meeting will be held in-person 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.

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

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.

MATHEWS BAPTIST

Mathews Baptist Church, Hudgins, will hold two in-person services on Sunday: contemporary at 9 a.m. (also online) and traditional at 11 o'clock (also on CD upon request).

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.

SALEM UNITED METHODIST, DIGGGS

The sermon title of Pastor Charlie Moore of Salem United Methodist Church, Digggs, at the 10:50 a.m. Sunday service will be "Jesus Foretells the Future."

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."

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

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.

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."

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."

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.

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.

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

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Advertisement for local businesses encouraging church attendance. Includes: Gloucester Southside, Washti's Inc., ACE Hardware, Moughons Inc., Lockwood's Carpets, HURD'S True Value, HERBERT CLEMENTS & SONS, INC., Hope In-Home Care, NAPA AUTO PARTS, Ken Houtz Chevrolet-Buick Inc., Amory Funeral Home Inc., Bobby's Auto Service Center, The Courthouse Restaurant, Faulkner Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, and The Closing Shop.

Advertisement for SQUEAKY CLEAN. Text: Bath time is quite an event - the water temperature has to be just right, all the toys lined up, soap, shampoo and towel ready. All this for the actual bath that doesn't take that long! But isn't it worth it? How sweet is a freshly bathed baby!

Table with 7 columns: Psalm, 55, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64. Title: Daily Bible Readings. Source: Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society.

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

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combs for the homeless.

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 FELLOWSHIP 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 uufva.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.

LIFELINES

BY DR. ED JORDAN

Are you invested?

What types of investments do you have? Do you invest your money in a house, in land, in Certificates of Deposit, or in the stock market? I'm not one to give you financial investment advice. But each of us has valuables or treasures that we invest so that those treasures increase in value and effectiveness.

A lot of people have invested in the stock markets, whether a little or a lot. Over the years it grows well under good economic climates, but sometimes loses what it has gained during hard economic times. It is sad to watch all your gains turn to losses, which are no longer there for you to reinvest, either because the funds, or the years required to build the funds back up, are gone.

Some people invest their time and energy in healthy relationships. That's a good investment. Some people invest their minds to help develop other people's minds, as teachers and preachers do. Some people invest their talents to enrich others musically, theologically, psychologically, socially, or artistically. Some invest their love into the lives of others, which multiplies and spreads to enrich even more people. Some people, me included, invest our life in God and in His activities to bring more people into a love relationship with their Creator.

Take a few moments to think about your life. What is it that you have of lasting value that by investing in others can grow and multiply?

Some people want to believe that Christians are immune from suffering, losses,

or difficulties. In reality, life is full of unanticipated factors that can give us a very bad beating very quickly. It takes a lifetime to build up something of quality, and only a few days to wipe it out. For example, all those beautiful buildings in Kiev and other Ukrainian cities that were built over centuries, which now a madman daily bombs to pieces "just because he can." Centuries of life and culture are destroyed in days, while a sympathetic world wrings its hands and stands by watching. Homes and towns of real people and children are eliminated. Children and young families are terrorized, with bombs and missiles searing into their psyche forever. And the world watches.

Where is God in such events? I can assure you He is not in Putin, nor in Putin's generals and minions who daily, mindlessly and evilly, destroy the lives of people who were minding their own business. I look for God in the lives of all of us who stand on the sideline, shaking our heads, wanting to do something, but at a loss about how to stop a madman. Is God in our fear? The Ukrainians have stood up to the bully, but few have joined them in stopping the madman.

Thousands of people around the world (including here) are stepping up to break the back of Putin's regime, and try to get lifelines to the Ukrainians who are being strangled day by day.

In 1 Peter 4:19 (NJB), we read: "So even those whom God allows to suffer should commit themselves to the

Creator who is trustworthy, and then go on doing good." At the time Peter wrote this letter from Rome, many Christians were being 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 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 eternity ... 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@gmail.com.

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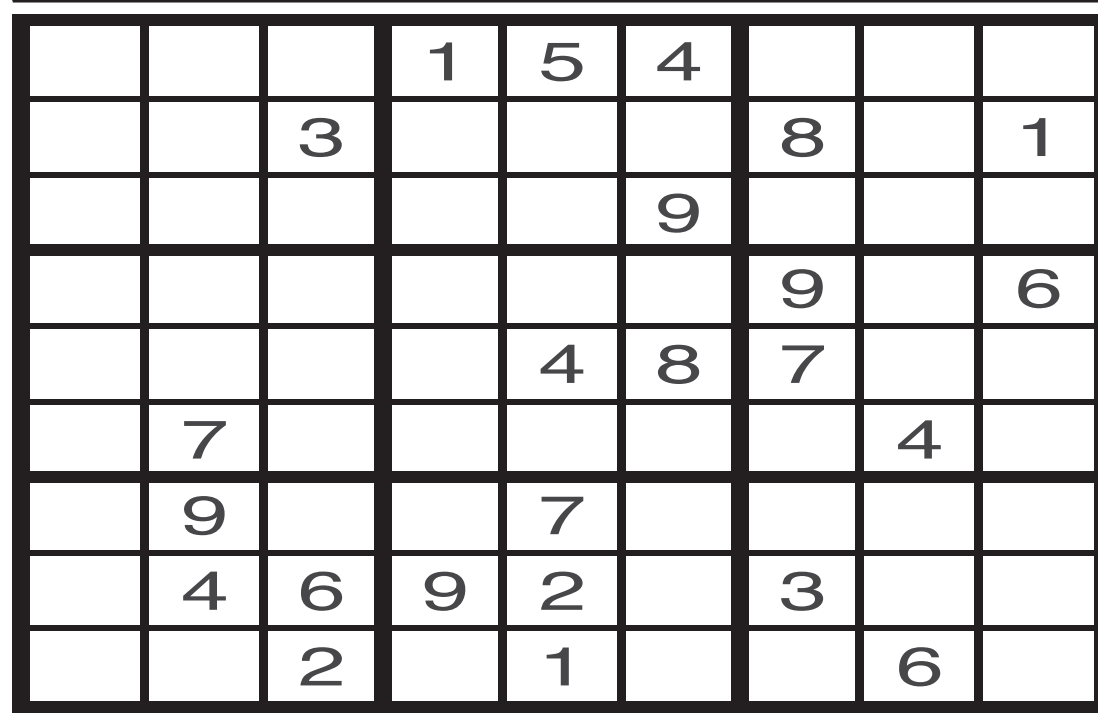
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WORDS

- BIRTH
BLOOM
BREEZE
BULBS
BUNNY
BUTTERFLY
CHICK
CROCUS
DAFFODIL
EGGS
FLOWERS
GREEN
GROW
HATCH
HYACINTH
LAMB
MARCH
NEST
PUDDLES
RAIN
ROBIN
SEASON
SHOWERS
SPRING

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



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

- ♦K
♥96
♦AJT98
♣J9764
Dummy
West East
♦JT98
♥432
♦K6
♣K853
♦A762
♥JT87
♦Q75
♣QT
♦Q543
♥AKO5
♦432
♣A2

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

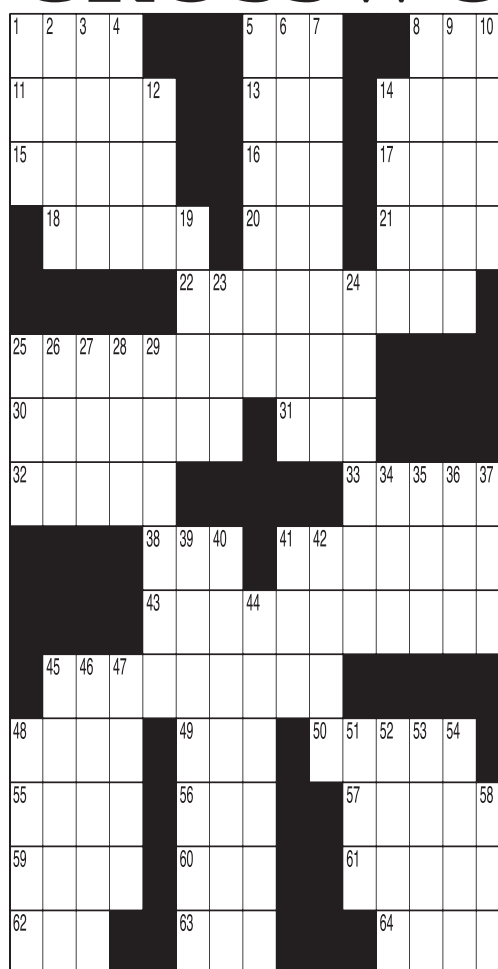
lead of the ♠J, won by East's Ace. Back came a Spade and Declarer could see 9 tricks if she could bring in the Diamonds. She finessed the ♠J, losing to the Queen. The defense cashed their Spades, but Dummy's Diamonds were good. Declarer's 9 tricks were a Spade, three Hearts, four Diamonds and a Club.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

must hop up with the 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.

CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. One who regrets
5. Time zone
8. Subway dweller
11. Bend in a river
13. Alias
14. Isodor ____, American Nobel physicist
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

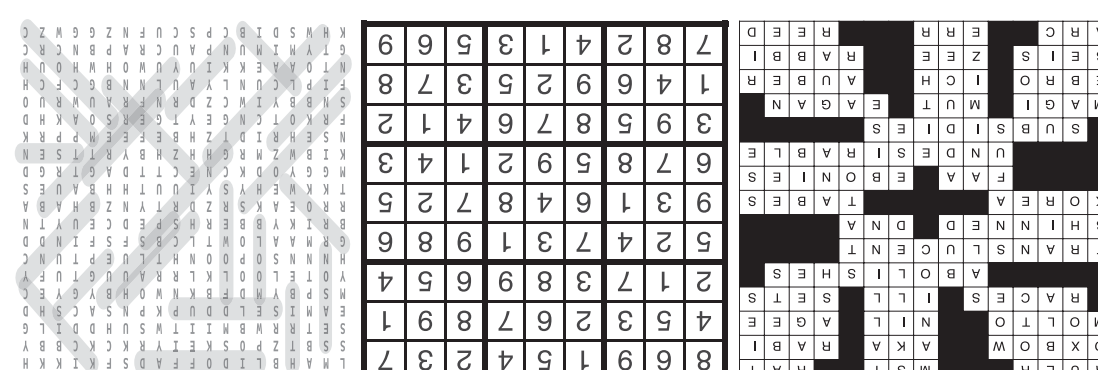
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Computer memory
2. "Et ____, "And wife" (Latin)
3. Ancient Syrian city
4. College army
5. Cassava
6. Talented
7. Capital of Estonia
8. Finger millet
9. In a way, assists
10. Men's fashion accessories
12. Misery
14. Skin disorder
19. Selling at specially reduced prices
23. Good friend
24. Stationary portion of a generator
25. Expression of disappointment
26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
27. Where birds fly
28. Midway between north and northeast

- 33. Emaciation
38. Supervises flying
41. Very dark colors
43. Unwanted
45. Grants
48. Three visited Jesus
49. Wife of Amun
50. Broadway actress Daisy
55. A Spanish river
56.1 (German)
57. French opera composer
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 Gastereyer
35. Kids' dining accessory
36. Snake-like 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
58. Free from

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DAYS PAST

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.

Later reports from the wind-storm, 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 piece of timber owned by Mr. John Davis. It was very severe on Gwynn's Island and among other things blew several windows out of the Baptist Church.

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 year.

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 Respass, 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 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

to the present rear plate, instead of the complete license plates, as in former years.

60 YEARS AGO
Thursday, March 15, 1962
 from the Gazette-Journal

Typhoid immunization clinics 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-Journal

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 purchased at a branch office in the Town and Country Decorators, Hayes, on specific days. These are Tuesdays and 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 office in each county.

40 YEARS AGO
Thursday, March 18, 1982
 from the Gazette-Journal

Gloucester County's proposed 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 future.

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 1990.

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

at the center from 11:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. following the May 8 prom. The party will include a variety of entertainment, activities, refreshments and prizes.

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.

DO YOU REMEMBER?



FILE PHOTO

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 Staupé, Karl Brooks and Brandon Witcher; in back, Nick Preli, Tim Bolger, Eric Staupé, William White, Jamie Utterback, Jeremy Thomas and Lionel Brooks.

Best Years trip planned to Virginia Zoo

Gloucester Parks, Recreation and Tourism is sponsoring a Best Years trip to the Virginia Zoo in Norfolk on Wednesday, April 20. The bus will leave from the parking lot of County Office Building One (6467 Main Street) at 8:30 a.m. and return at 4 p.m. The fee is \$35, with lunch on your own,

and the deadline to register is April 17.

Best Years trips are for those ages 55 and older. For details, call PRT at 804-693-2355, email prt@gloucester.info or stop by the office at 6382 Main Street. For online registration, visit https://gloucester.info/civicrec.

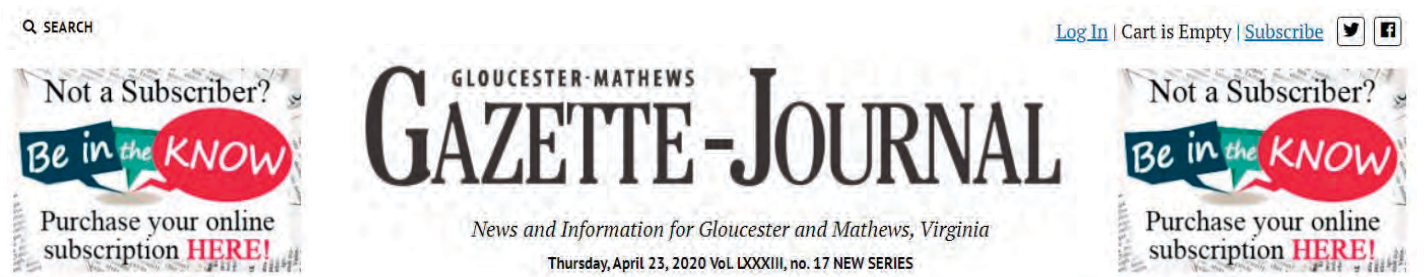
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Community Service Grants

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.

Chesapeake sponsors Art in Transit contest

Bay Transit, the public transportation division of Bay Aging, and the RAL Art Center have received a \$1,000 sponsorship donation from Chesapeake Bank and Chesapeake Wealth Management in support of the Art in Transit 2022 contest and judged exhibition.

"Chesapeake Bank and Chesapeake Wealth Management are excited to support Art in Transit 2022, which directly benefits two of our community's most impactful nonprofit organizations," said John O'Shaughnessy, Chesapeake Bank's Executive Vice President and Senior Credit Officer. "Bay Transit and the RAL Art Center are both committed to improving access, to transportation and to art and creative expression. Speaking on a personal level, I know how important RAL was to both my mother and is to my mother-in-law and how fulfilled they were by their involvement."

"We are fortunate to have a service like Bay Transit

that has worked to ensure transportation to anyone wanting to get involved with the RAL Art Center even if they are unable to drive," said Jean Light, Senior Wealth Management Advisor and Senior VP for Chesapeake Wealth Management.

The call for entries to artists throughout the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula to participate in the Art in Transit 2022 contest and judged exhibition was issued in January but there is still time to enter. The deadline for entries and art submissions to the RAL Art Center in Kilmarnock is April 18 between 10 a.m. and noon. This year's award winners will be recognized at the Art in Transit 2022 reception on Friday, May 20. The culmination of the reception will once again occur when a copy of the first-place entry is unveiled on the side of a Bay Transit bus.

To find out more and to download the entry form, visit the RAL Art Center at www.RALartcenter.com or call RAL at 804-436-9309. You can also download a copy of the entry form by visiting the Bay Transit website at www.BayTransit.org.

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