



COMMUNITY NEWS



Nancy Sessoms of Hayes does not recall planting this flower which popped up in her yard in mid April. "Just one of the many beauties of nature."



Blooming hibiscus in the yard of Paulette Aycock in Hayes.



Roses planted last summer by Terri Hyman of Cobbs Creek.

So much beauty...

If you do not see the flower photo you sent, be sure to check again next week. We ran out of space in no time and are pleased to present a dazzling bouquet of color and form. Please send photos of your flowers to editor@gazettejournal.net.



Mary Linda Brooks of Hayes enjoys her red geraniums every summer.



Flowers and herbs decorate the porch of Carla Hazlegrove's home in Mathews.



Hibiscus at the home of Judy Hudgins, of Hayes.



A blooming mandevilla at the home of Heidi and Andy Hurst in Mathews.



Virginia Tech Spirit daylily in the garden of Helen Herring of Harcum.



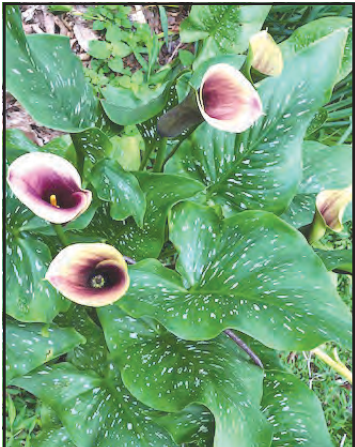
Gladioli in the garden of Martha Hayes of Hallieford, putting on a show.



Debbie Good of Dutton grows a lovely burgundy Hardy Hibiscus.



Hibiscus bloom at the New Point home of Renee Edwards.



Calla lilies around the pool, sent by Barbara Van Over of Dutton.



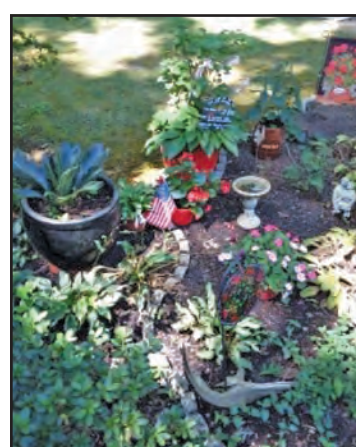
A beautiful zinnia grown by John Lee Callis of Grimstead.



Patriotic hibiscus in full bloom grown by Karen McNeil of Harcum.



Dwarf sunflower grown by Martha Thompson Hudgins of Gloucester.



Garden of Phyllis Robins of Gloucester, a long-lasting source of beauty.



Mandevilla grown by Roberta James of Gloucester.



A luna hibiscus that is 15 years old, from Rob and Cindy Parker, Hayes.



Julie Shields of Hayes sent a photo of canna lilies grown by her husband Jeff.



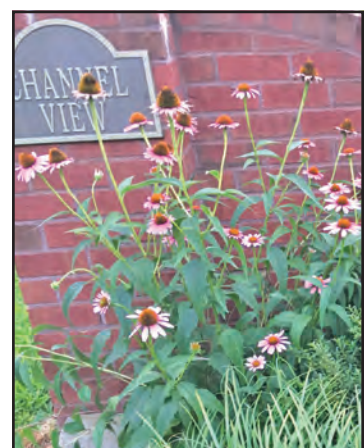
The David Austin Rose Ebb Tide grown by Patricia Olsen of Mathews.



Carter and Nancy Richardson's pin-apple lily in bloom at North.



A tiger swallowtail butterfly blends into the yellow flowers. Photo taken by Rebecca Slater.



Coneflowers grace the home of Dave and Judy Sterling of Naxera.

GARDENING CORNER

FROM GLOUCESTER MASTER GARDENERS

Master Gardener interns busy at Woodville Park

BY SUSAN CAMP

In a normal year, Gloucester Master Gardeners would be visible in the community. We would be answering questions every Tuesday at the Main Library and visiting local nursing homes to help residents with craft and gardening projects. In April, Master Gardeners would have taught fourth grade students at local elementary schools about pollination, plant reproduction, and photosynthesis.

As we know, 2020 isn't a normal year, and Master Gardener projects and activities, like those of every other organization, have been curtailed for the foreseeable future, while we all try to stem the spread of COVID-19.

One group of Gloucester Master Gardeners has re-

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Making the most of a garden oasis

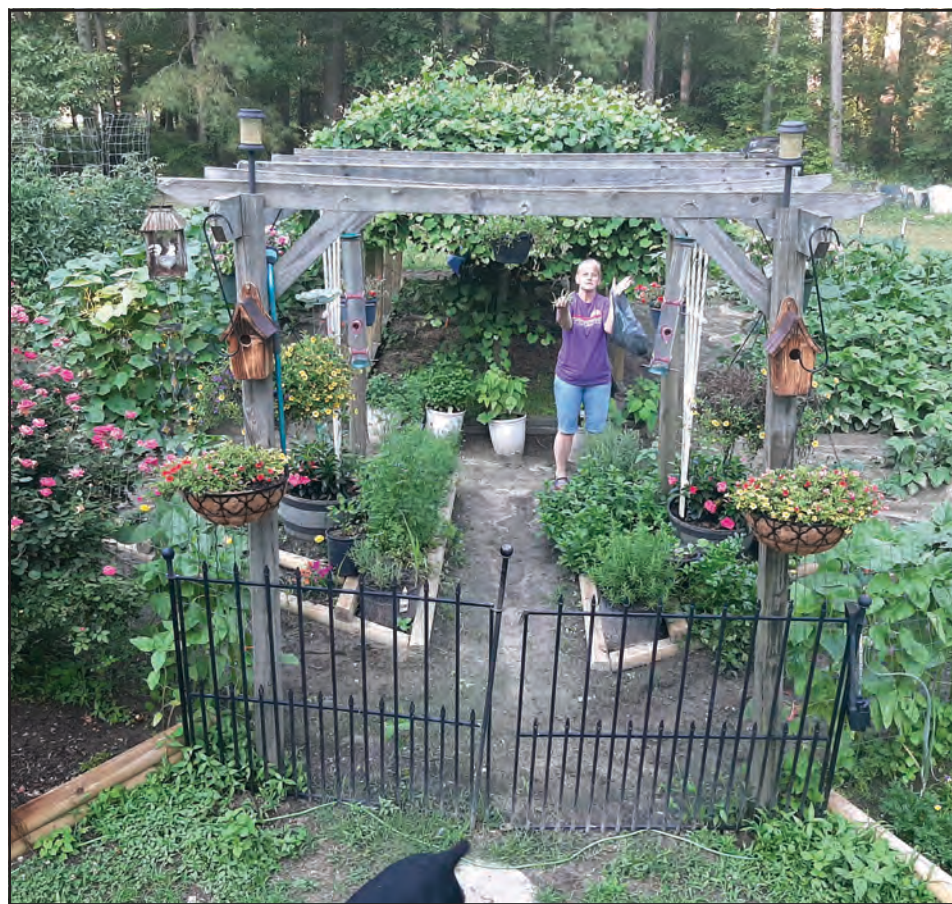
BY BETTY WRENN DAY

In the Roanes area of Gloucester, backed up to Wilson Creek, there is a unique and beautiful garden winding itself around the property. It's where vegetable, fruit, flower and herb plants are growing in harmony and creating a service to both mankind and wildlife. Birdhouses and feeders are strategically placed throughout. Each component of the garden is arranged to blend in with Mother Nature.

Candy Jones, a native of Guinea, with the help of her cousin Melanie, is the creator of this oasis that features an herb garden and grape vineyard as you enter. Candy has lived at the McFerrin home for almost seven years and working in the garden of both flowers and vegetables is what she loves to do when not at work. Candy works in the restaurant business as a server but it certainly appears her heart remains in her garden.

According to Adrin McFerrin, "due to the coronavirus and its impact on many businesses in the county, Candy used her time wisely while off from work in a positive way to create a thriving garden this year for the family. And she started most of her plants by seeds. The vegetable garden now con-

SEE CANDY'S GARDEN, PAGE 6B



Candy Jones of Gloucester has grown a garden full of delicious fruits and vegetables for all to enjoy.

ENGAGEMENT



Ruth Riley and Thomas West

Riley-West

Todd and Dawn Riley of Hayes, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruthanne Riley, to William Thomas West, son of William and Tracie West of Gloucester.

Ruthanne graduated from Orange Glenn High School in Escondido, California. She works for Gloucester County Public Schools.

Thomas graduated from Gloucester High School. He is a self-employed commercial waterman.

A beach wedding is planned for Oct. 24, 2020.



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WOODVILLE PARK: Where to find Master Gardener interns helping the community

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mained active and busy throughout the spring and summer. Master Gardener Interns, who completed coursework last fall and passed the final exam, must attain 50 hours of volunteer time this year in order to become full-fledged Master Gardeners. Interns can participate in on-going projects to help them reach the 50-hour goal.

Wendy Calder, Steve Fakherty, Cathy Karpe, Larry Scott, and Morag Willey have been working in the Gloucester Master Gardeners' Community Garden at least twice a week since February, following social distancing guidelines and other safety precautions, including wearing masks.

Members of the group "weed, mow, plant, harvest, and water," according to spokesperson Calder. This hard work takes dedication and perseverance in the summer heat and humidity.

The interns have produced four harvests of vegetables and herbs so far this season, and have donated approximately 100 pounds of produce to Bread for Life Pantry in Gloucester. They plan to continue their work throughout the summer and into the fall.

Vegetable harvests include squash, zucchini, onions, shallots, cucumbers, lettuce, kale, carrots, and radishes. Sage, parsley, and oregano are among the herb crops.

The neatly maintained raised beds are enhanced by colorful, cheerful signs, built by Larry Scott and painted by Calder's daughter, Macy, a rising senior biology major at William and Mary. Macy enjoys working in the garden with her mom and the other interns.



Larry Scott is a Gloucester Master Gardener intern working in a garden to feed the community at Woodville Park.



An herb garden adds color and flavor at Woodville Park.

The interns interact with members of the community who visit Woodville Park to exercise, walk their dogs, picnic, or just enjoy getting away from the house for a couple of hours. Calder de-

scribes the project as "a very fun and productive experience" and says the group finds it "rewarding to provide fresh vegetables to the food bank."

Come to Woodville Park

(off Brays Road, Ordinary) to visit the community garden. The interns will answer gardening questions. If they don't know the answers, they will find out and get back to you with the information.

Sun hats off to these enterprising Master Gardener Interns! They are contributing to our community while they increase their gardening knowledge and skill.

BIRTH



Emma Shea Hudgins

Kyle and Leslie Hudgins of Baltimore, Maryland, announce the birth of a daughter on Wednesday, July 8, 2020, in Greater Baltimore Medical Center, Towson, Maryland. She has been named **Emma Shea Hudgins**, and she weighed 8 lbs.

Grandparents are Dale and Linda Fitchett of Cobbs Creek, and Ernie and Dianne Hudgins of Port Haywood.

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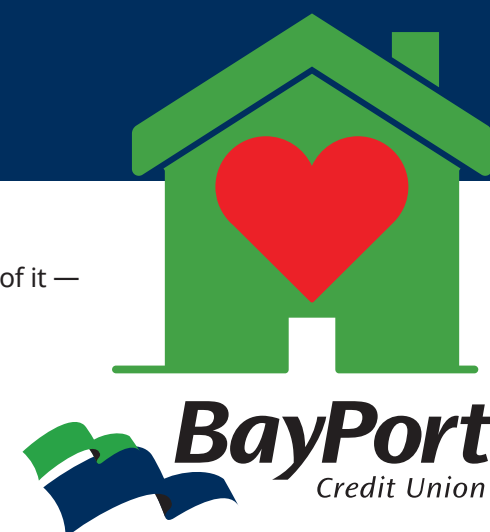
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Jennifer Clark of Cardinal recently published a book of devotionals to help people in their daily lives.

Clark publishes book of devotionals

BY SHERRY HAMILTON

Jennifer Clark of Cardinal recently published a book of devotionals, "Grow Gracefully: Devotions to Change You from the Inside Out."

The Mathews native said she started a blog last year, "Jen's Motivational Moments," in which she talks about being thankful, using time wisely, and taking care of ourselves. From there, she decided to publish many of her blogs in a book of encouragement that she hopes will help people in their daily lives.

The book includes Bible scripture and stories of Clark's life experiences, including times of personal loss such as the death of her mother and father, former

Cardinal residents Charles Henry Clark Jr. and Sylvia Virginia Clark.

A Mathews High School graduate, Clark holds a degree in psychology from Christopher Newport University and is pursuing a master's degree in elementary education through Grand Canyon University. She teaches reading at Thomas Hunter Middle School and is a member of Zion Baptist Church in Cardinal.

To read her blogs, visit <http://queenjen129.blogspot.com>.

To purchase "Grow Gracefully: Devotions to Change You from the Inside Out" in digital or paperback version, visit lulu.com.

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The Armchair Pilgrimage
Class on the holy sites in Great Britain is taking place by email, Facebook and Zoom. To join the class, contact Mr. Barker at barkergaryj@gmail.com.

LIGHTHOUSE

LightHouse Church, Ordinary, will have both an 8 and 10 a.m. Sunday services. The 8 o'clock service is for at-risk individuals (face masks required), and the 10 o'clock service is family friendly (face masks recommended but not required). All children will be in service with their families.

Every Sunday morning at 10, there will also be an online service for those at home at <https://www.facebook.com/lwcfb>. If you missed joining in the live service, the video will be archived on Facebook and posted on the YouTube channel.

Overcomers Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the Verge building at LightHouse. Overcomers meets every second and fourth Monday of the month.

NEW POINT FRIENDS

The sermon title of Pastor Thomas Bunting of New Point Friends Church at 11 a.m. Sunday will be "The Law of Love."

NEWINGTON BAPTIST

The sermon title of Pastor Mike Gray of Newington Baptist Church, Gloucester, at 10:30 a.m. Sunday will be "Busy." The Clothes Closet will be open from 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday.

OLIVE BRANCH UNITED METHODIST

Olive Branch United Methodist Church, Gloucester, is tentatively planning to return to in-person worship on Sunday, Aug. 2, at 9:30 a.m. The church will be operating with restrictions and closely observing social distancing guidelines. Visit its website, olivebranchunitedmethodist.com, for more information, and check its Facebook page for updates.

SALEM UNITED METHODIST, DIGGS

Salem United Methodist Church, Diggs, will have a limited in-person worship service at 10:50 a.m. Sunday. Face coverings are required. Everyone was to call 804-684-1370 by Wednesday, July 22, to attend.

SALEM UNITED METHODIST, GLOUCESTER

Salem United Methodist Church, Gloucester, is planning to return to in-person worship at 11 a.m. Sunday. The church will be operating with restrictions and closely observing social distancing guidelines. Visit its website, saalemumcgloucester.com, for more information, and follow its Facebook page for updates.

SEVERN

Severn Church and Bellamy United Methodist Church will have a non-perishable food collection and baby supply collection from 10 a.m.-noon Friday at White Marsh Shopping Center. The items collected will help Gloucester families in need.

Severn is still closed but church services can be seen on the church's Facebook page on Sunday mornings.

SHEPHERDSVILLE BAPTIST

Shepherdsville Baptist Church, Gloucester, will continue to have Sunday morning service by way of conference call at 10:45; call 518-418-1016. The sermon title will be "I'm Trying to be Saint but I've Still Have Sinners Problems." Words for the week are: "People come into your life for one or two reasons, either they're a blessing or a lesson."

SPRING HILL BAPTIST

Spring Hill Baptist Church, Cobbs Creek, continues its series taken from Hebrews chapter 11 at 11 a.m. Sunday. In verse 29 we will learn that "by faith" the Israelites "crossed the Red Sea as on dry land." God had some "faith building" God

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New rector

The Rev. Scott Parnell was chosen as the next rector for Ware Episcopal Church in Gloucester. Previously, Parnell was the Chaplain at Christchurch School in Middlesex and the Priest-in-Charge at Vauter's Episcopal Church in Essex.

Ware Church to host outdoor service

Ware Episcopal Church, Gloucester, will host its first in-person service since the pandemic began on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. The service will be held outside on the south lawn behind the historic church building.

need to bring a chair to sit on. The service will be a full celebration of the Holy Eucharist. People can also livestream the service on the Ware Episcopal Church Facebook page.

CHURCH SERVICES

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4B) exercises He needed to fabricate into His children then and those lessons can be beneficial for believers today, according to a release.

ST. MATTHEW UNITED METHODIST St. Matthew United Methodist Church, Peary, will have in-church Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. If you have any questions, call Pastor Yousub Namjung at the church (804-725-7606) or parsonage (804-725-2414).

THE FIRST UNITED BAPTIST The sermon title of Pastor E. Randolph Graham of the First United Baptist Church, White Marsh, for the 9 a.m. Sunday service will be "Sanctify Your-

self." The service will be "Drive Up" and streamed via Facebook Live and Zoom call. UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock, White Stone, has canceled all July and August in-person Sunday services.

WESTVILLE BAPTIST The sermon title of Pastor Bob Huff of Westville Baptist Church, Mathews, at the 11 a.m. Sunday service will be "Where is the Lord in This?" Everyone will worship comfortably in the air-conditioned sanctuary. Wednesday Bible study, "Genesis 48," will begin at 4 p.m.

WESTVILLE CHRISTIAN The sermon title of Pastor Tim Dice of Westville Christian Church, Mathews, at 11 a.m. Sunday will be "The Garden of Christ."

ZION POPLARS BAPTIST Zion Poplars Baptist Church, Gloucester, will continue to hold telephone conference services at 11 a.m. Sundays with sermons by the Rev. Vincent Haley. Tuesday prayer and praise services are at 7 p.m. Calls are toll-free: 712-432-3900 access code 803567#. Wednesday Bible study is at 7 p.m. Calls are toll-free: 701-802-5268 access code 5496257#, according to Deacon George Larrimore, chairman.

LIFELINES

BY DR. ED JORDAN

Don't get hooked!

I grew up with a dad who was addicted to fishing. He also liked to hunt game birds, but his all-around passion was fly fishing. We fly fished several times a week from March through early November. Fly fishing is an art, as well as a sport. The fly fisherman must animate the fly with realistic movement that fools the fish into thinking it is food.

the way to death." Earlier in Proverbs (cf. 1:10-19) we are warned that groups of people will try to entice us to join in their group, and participate in the things that are harmful. God says, "Don't do it! It sounds safe, but mindless group-think rarely turns out good. The road leads to captivity and death."

Many exciting ideas, things, products, and activities are dangled on hooks before us, and they all promise wonderful things, like health, safety, popularity, wealth, and many other enticements. Sometimes the bait comes through friends, well-intentioned or not, and sometimes from people who know very well that what they are offering is only dangerous trap.

Bait also comes to us through media, through the internet, through marketing, through fads, through apps that offer you something fun, while stealing your identity information, etc. We are all so overly stimulated by millions of visuals and messages each day, that we stop trying to check for a hook.

So who can we trust? Where can we always get good, wholesome food that will give life to our beings and souls, instead of having a hidden hook to lead us into captivity or away to destruction? Is there such a person who can be absolutely trusted to always have my best interest at heart?

The good news is, "Yes, there is one such person!" Jesus is the one person in all of world history who always

told the truth, who lived the truth, and who loves us so much that He laid down His own life to die for us, to remove the hooks that held us captive. In John 14:6 (CSB), Jesus told his disciples, and us: "... I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Jesus is the true bread of life, the true food that lasts for eternity (cf. John 6:32-35). Jesus is the way to the freedom and life found in God. He is the truth. Jesus speaks the truth, all the time. Jesus is the life that we crave, and try to find by sampling all the bait.

The Bible is the truth that can be trusted. It is truth that has endured for thousands of years. It is truth that connects us to God. When you read the Bible, you don't have to ask: "Is this life-giving food? Or is it bait?" The more you expose your mind to the truth and real food of the Bible, the more easily and quickly you will recognize bait and the hidden hook in the bait, so you don't swallow it.

Are you surrounding yourself with good food and truth? Or swimming around in a pool full of bait? Don't forget to examine that tempting item to see if there is a hook embedded in it! Is it nourishing food, or artificial bait?

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

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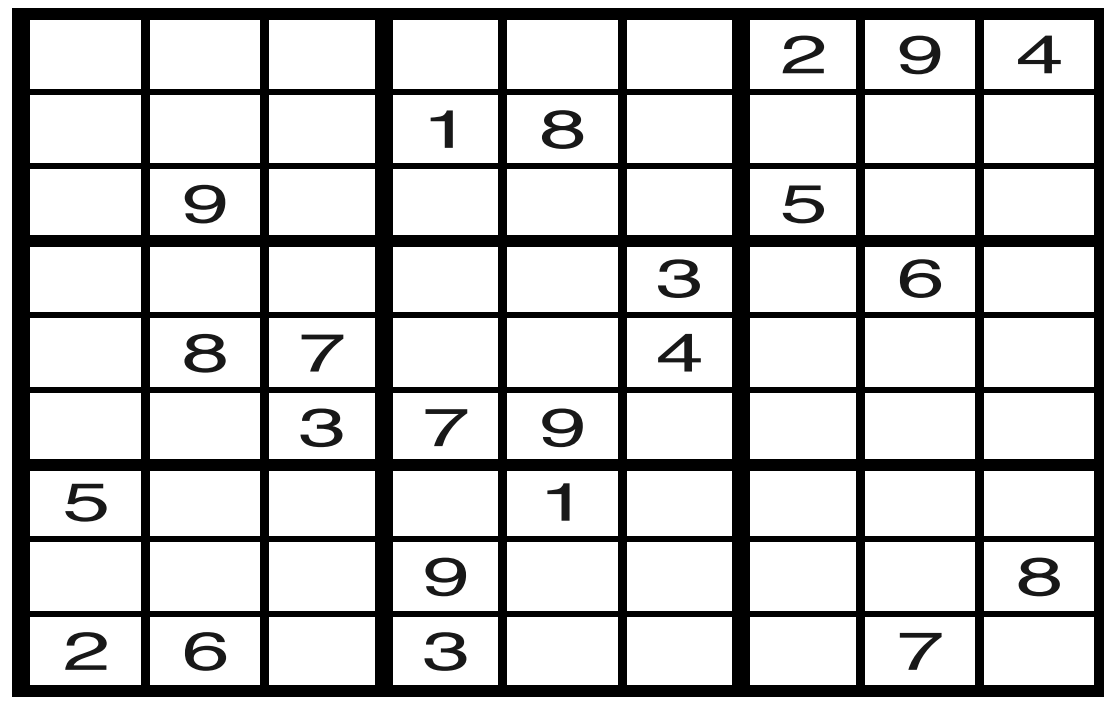
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BRIDGE BITES

by Brian Gunnell

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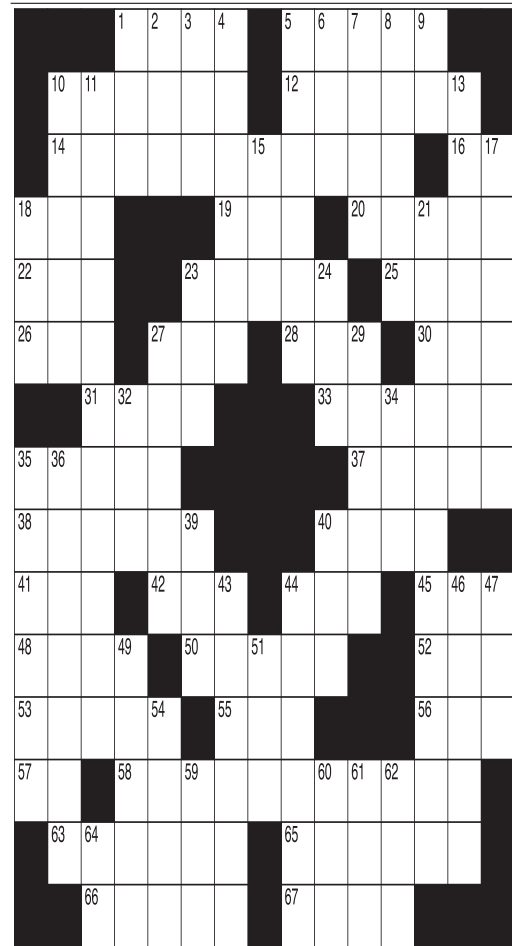
Against 4, West led the Q and when Dummy went down both defenders could see the need to stop a Heart ruff in Dummy. In case it was necessary to lead through Declarer (West might have Kx), East overtook with his K and fired

Odds on favorites

back a trump. You can count nine top tricks and are clearly not going to be allowed to get your tenth via the aforementioned Heart ruff. So, Clubs must come to the rescue, and one obvious line of play is simply to draw trumps, cross to the A and finesse the J. There's a 50% chance that East will have the Q, in which case you'll make your contract. Can you find a line that is odd-on favorite to succeed? It's better than 50% that the missing Clubs are split 3-2. In fact the odds of that are 68%, so a substantially better bet for developing an extra trick from that Club holding is to lose the first round of Clubs and later to play the K, then A, hoping that the suit behaves.

But it won't work to win the trump shift at Trick 2, draw the remaining trumps, and then lose a Club. In that case the defense will take two Heart tricks and four altogether. Better timing is required. The Club must be lost before drawing trumps, that way there will still be a trump on the board to handle that third round of Hearts. A Rule of Thumb: You don't need to memorize probability tables in order to know if a suit is likely to break evenly. Here's a short cut ... when missing an even number of cards in the suit then the odds are against it splitting 1-1 or 2-2 or 3-3 ... when missing an odd number then the suit is odds-on to split 2-1 or 3-2 or 4-3.

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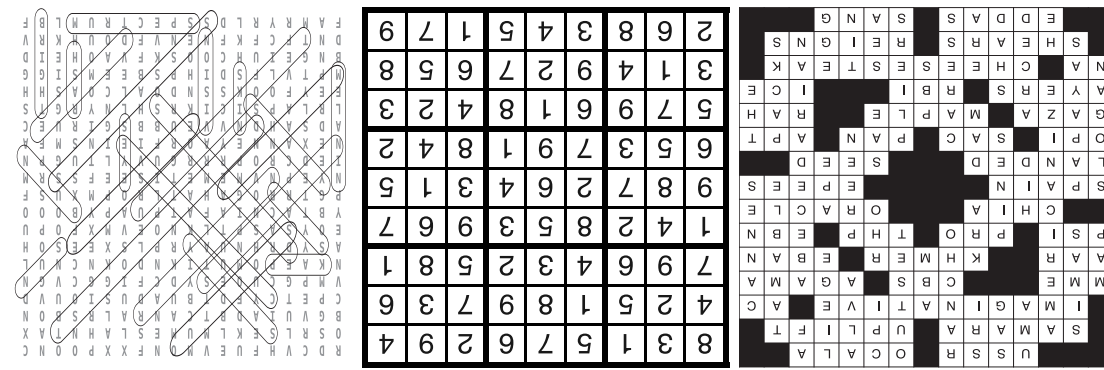
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- 1. One-time world power
5. Central Florida city
10. Winged nut
12. Elevate spiritually
14. Creative
16. It cools your home
18. Woman (French)
19. "60 Minutes" network
20. Old World lizard
22. Swiss river
23. Ethnic group of Cambodians
25. Abba, Israeli politician
26. Tire measurement
27. Affirmative
28. Thrust horse power (abbr.)
30. One point north of due east
31. A type of "pet"
33. Tech giant
35. European nation
37. Fencing swords

CLUES DOWN

- 1. "Pulp Fiction" actress Thurman
2. Actors' organization
3. Conscientious investment approach (abbr.)
4. Ranch (Spanish)
5. Beginning
6. Index
7. Portuguese wine
8. A feudal superior
9. Military brach (abbr.)
10. Lithuanian given name
11. A way to become different
13. Able to be domesticated
15. Defensive nuclear weapon
17. Hosts film festival
18. Shows you how to get there
21. Arranged alphabetically
23. S. Thai isthmus
24. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
27. Woods

- 38. Acquired
40. Origin
41. Cashless payment interface (abbr.)
42. Pouch
44. Peter's last name
45. Inclined
48. Palestinian territory ___ Strip
50. A type of syrup
52. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
53. Weather Underground activist
55. Run batted in
56. Frozen water
57. Sodium
58. Philly specialty
63. Cuts the wool off
65. Rules
66. Icelandic literary works
67. Tattled



CANDY'S GARDEN: Making the most of an oasis grown in Gloucester

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1B)

tains green, red, yellow and orange bell peppers, cherry, grape, Better Boy, Beef Steak, Roma and purple tomatoes, okra, eggplant, zucchini, butternut and yellow squash, and string beans."

To season all of these delectable vegetables are such herbs as purple leaf and sweet basil, thyme, oregano, chives, peppermint, parsley, rosemary, lavender, spearmint, lemon balm and cilantro. "What we don't eat is normally given to family and friends." The family however uses and enjoys a great deal of the harvest as the recipes will indicate.

The preparation and cooking at home is shared by all and Candy does her share. Most of her cooking skills are self-taught but she learned also from her mother and Melanie who is known as a very good cook. She and Candy grew up together as kids. They were next door neighbors and they both learned much of their cooking through experiences with their family.

Candy is sharing a recipe of sentimental value. It has no



Deviled eggs



Green bean casserole



Zucchini bread



Vegetable salad

connection to her garden. It's a dessert that was affordable during hard times. Candy has a fond childhood memory of this treat that she and her mother together, Cracker Pudding.

Besides tending the garden, there is always weeding and this Candy and Melanie do together. The love of outdoors besides gardening brings enjoying pet dogs, ducks and chickens (from whence all eggs for eating and cooking derive), not to mention a miniature horse. They complete the entire farm.

SUMMER SALAD
Consists of sliced cucumbers, cherry tomatoes and freshly picked Swiss chard with a good Italian dressing of your choice.

PASTA SALAD
Consists of sliced cucumbers, cherry tomatoes with a mix of sweet and regular basil from the herb garden. Add your favorite cooked pasta and chill together. This recipe also uses an Italian dressing of your choice.

GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE
1½ c. freshly picked and snapped green beans
Sprinkle of minced garlic added to
1 can cream of chicken soup
1 tsp. Montréal seasoning
Mix well. Place in baking dish and bake in oven at 350°F. for 30 minutes. Optional to add French fried onions for flavor to serve.

ZUCCHINI BREAD
1½ c. grated zucchini
1 c. granulated sugar
¼ c. light brown sugar

½ c. vegetable oil
2 large eggs
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1½ c. all-purpose flour
½ tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. ground cinnamon
Mix ingredients together into cooking pan and place in oven for 60 minutes at 350°F. until golden brown.

ICED TEA
A refreshing glass of freshly brewed iced tea with lemon tops off the day after working in the garden. We like to add a

bit of lemon mint from the herb garden to create a delicious treat.

CRACKER PUDDING
One sleeve of saltine crackers
2 tsp. vanilla
¾ c. sugar, divided
1 c. self-rising flour
1 can Pet evaporated milk
3 eggs, separated
In medium size bowl, take the saltine crackers and crush them up in the package and place in bowl. Add in vanilla, three yolks from the eggs and set aside the whites in a small bowl. Add ½ c. sugar. Add 1 c. self-rising flour and Pet evaporated milk. Mix together by hand with a whisk or wooden spoon. Place mixture in a Bundt pan. You do not have to spray the pan. Cook in a 350°F. oven for 30-45 minutes. Remove from the oven. In a small bowl, use a hand mixer to add three egg whites and ¼ c. sugar. Blend until fluffy. Spread the meringue on the cracker pudding and return to oven for about 10 minutes until lightly golden brown on top.

WILDFLOWER SPOT

VIRGINIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

BY HELEN HAMILTON

What's not to like about a native perennial that is attractive to bees and butterflies, does not spread aggressively, and is deer-resistant? Mountain-mints, *Pycnanthemum tenuifolium*/muticum, bloom from June through August, with small white flowers rich in nectar that is food for many kinds of insects: butterflies, skippers, bees, beetles, flies and especially wasps. Flowers are tightly clustered on the ends of stems and their structure allows wasps and other short-tongued insects to feed easily.

Two species are common in our area. With very narrow leaves, Slender Mountain-mint (*P. tenuifolium*) has a delicate, somewhat airy appearance. This native perennial plant grows 1-3 feet tall, branching frequently to create a bushy effect. The leaves are up to 3 inches long and ¼ inch across. Each leaf is hairless, with a prominent central vein and smooth margins. Small white to lavender 2-lipped flowers are in dense clusters in the leaf axils or at the ends of slender, hairless stems.

The dark green leaves of Clustered Mountain-mint (*P.*

muticum) are not thin, up to 2 inches wide, and have a strong spearmint aroma when crushed. The flowers are similar; the 2-lipped tubular flowers, each up to ½ inch wide, are in dense flat-topped clusters at the ends of the stems. Each cluster has a pair of showy silvery leaf-like bracts at the base. The entire plant looks like it has been dusted with powdery snow. Massed in groups, the effect is stunning—a clustered

plant with tiny pinkish flowers buzzing with insects, surrounded by dark green leaves and snowy bracts.

Both Mountain-mints are easy to grow in the home garden, in full sun or part shade. Slender Mountain-mint prefers soils that are somewhat drier than the bogs and wet meadows where Clustered Mountain-mint occurs.

The flowers have no scent, but the leaves have a minty odor and taste. Deer usually

don't browse on Mountain-mints because of the minty taste; the foliage may contain antibacterial substances that disrupt their digestive process. The tiny seeds are disseminated by wind; they are too small to be of much interest to birds.

The common name "Mountain-mint" does not refer to a preference for the mountainous regions. Both Mountain-mints are found in most counties of Virginia, and

range over the eastern and central regions of the U.S. and Canada. The genus name derives from the Greek *pycnos* for "dense" and *anthe-mon*, meaning "flower" and aptly describes the crowded flower clusters. The species name *tenuifolium* is derived from the Latin *tenuis*, meaning "thin," a reference to the narrow leaves.

For more information about native plants visit www.vnps.org.

Mountain-mints



PHOTO BY HELEN HAMILTON

Mountain-Mint (*Pycnanthemum tenuifolium*) found in York River State Park.

General Assembly to convene Aug. 18

Gov. Ralph Northam announced Friday that he is calling the General Assembly into special session on Tuesday, Aug. 18, following his traditional end-of-fiscal year report to the legislature's money committees.

A special session is necessary to adopt a budget based on the revised revenue forecast in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, Northam said he will work closely with legislative leaders and advocates to propose additional criminal justice and policing reform.

The General Assembly will meet to adopt a final budget, a process that was postponed earlier in the year due to COVID-19. In April, Northam worked with legislators to freeze more than \$2.2 billion in new spending in Virginia's new biennial budget. This strategy allowed time for the

commonwealth's fiscal outlook to stabilize and avoided major cuts to important new programs and state services. Legislators will now consider a number of items previously frozen—including investments in early childhood education, tuition-free community college, affordable housing, and broadband.

Policing initiatives are expected to include measures aimed at police accountability and oversight, use of force, increased training and education, and officer recruitment, hiring and certification. Northam has directed the Department of Criminal Justice Services, the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, the Virginia African American Advisory Board, and the Commission to Examine Racial Inequity in Virginia Law to assist in developing policy initiatives.

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FILE PHOTO

Corn for those in need

In July 2010, Gum Fork resident William Harwood donated his leftover sweet corn to local food banks. Here, members from Bethany United Methodist Church, Gloucester Point, and the Church of St. Therese, Gloucester, have gleaned corn and are loading it into the back of a van to be delivered to the Bread for Life Food Pantry, Gloucester; Union Baptist Church's food pantry, Achilles; the Laurel Shelter, and others. Shown, front row from left, are volunteers, Jennifer Nielson, Jordan Cluts, Jimmy Greene and Pete Dunston; second row, Ray Doggett, Don Schultz and Josh Ward; third row, Bob Arey, Karen Arey, Levi Cluts, Jeannie Harrell, Kathleen Greene, Alan Harvey, Tanya Ward, Kevin Kiley, William Harwood and his grandson Finley Basta; not pictured, Gene Harrell and Wiley Cross.



FILE PHOTO

Solved!

Thanks to phone calls from Joyce Downs, Katie Dutton and Joe Hudgins, and a search through our files, we can tell you that this scene, which we ran July 2, is from a parade celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Mathews Volunteer Rescue Squad held in Mathews Court House in the spring of 1978. This photo never appeared in the newspaper, probably due to lack of space, but it shows members of the Mathews Junior Woman's Club including, from right, Dana Brown, Elaine Mitchem and Katie Dutton. We found the negative of this image with a pack of photos from that parade, nailing down the event.

GLIMPSES INTO THE PAST

Planning for the 1910-11 school year

110 YEARS AGO Thursday, July 21, 1910

from the Mathews Journal

The county school board met for its annual settlement with the Treasurers on July 18. The finances of the several districts were canvassed and found satisfactory.

Among the new regulations established by the board were those compelling teachers to make monthly reports to the parents of their scholars; banishing the water bucket and dipper from the school room and providing water coolers in their place. The board also decided to give one day during Washington's and Lee's birthdays as holidays, the latter to be observed as patron's days with suitable exercises. No other holidays will be allowed.

100 YEARS AGO Thursday, July 22, 1920

from the Gloucester Gazette

Died at the home of her husband in Gloucester County, Va., July 13, 1920, Lillie Mae, beloved wife of Warren Smith, in the 18th year of her age. Truly may it be said, "In the midst of life we are in death." Almost without warning did the Fell Destroyer seize with relentless grasp his shining victim. All that loving friends and medical skill could do to arrest his fierce assault were

to no avail. In obedience to the summons her gentle spirit winged its everlasting flight to realms of eternal bliss. She leaves behind her a broken-hearted husband, a distressed father and an host of sympathetic friends to mourn their loss; but we mourn not as those without hope, being assured that if we follow that loving Saviour, whom she followed so faithfully, that ere long we shall meet her in that sweet bye and bye where parting and sorrow are no more. Weep not, friends, she is not dead, but sleepeth—that sleep from which none awake to weep.

Dearest Lillie, thou has left us, We thy loss do deeply feel; But 'tis God who has bereft us, He can all our sorrows heal. —Her Husband.

from the Mathews Journal

The Methodists will hold a ten-day revival at the Old Methodist Tabernacle beginning Sunday, July 25. Services will begin at 11 o'clock in the morning and begin again at 2:30 in the afternoon. Dinner on the grounds each day. Refreshments, cool drinks and ice cream will be sold at the stand by Charlie Diggs.

The preaching will be done by Rev. R.T. Waterfield of the Virginia Conference. The song service will be directed by Rev. E.H. Lovelace of Emory

University.

All Methodists of Mathews are cordially invited to come and help in the revival. The old-time gospel will be preached.

90 YEARS AGO Thursday, July 24, 1930

from the Gloucester Gazette

The Sunday Schools of Ware and Abingdon Episcopal churches and the First Presbyterian Church of Gloucester held a joint picnic Tuesday at Greenway, Stonewall J. Rowe's attractive property on the Severn River. The children and their elders had a delightful time, with plenty of good things to eat.

from the Mathews Journal

Mr. Fred Mowll is beginning today the construction of a brick building for Mr. G.S. Marchant, on the lot belonging to Mr. Marchant between the Farmers & Fishermen's Bank and the telephone office, for a moving picture theatre.

Mr. Marchant will have several associates in this new enterprise whose names have not been announced and the plan is to show, at least three times a week, the latest talking pictures at popular prices. The building will be 31'x80' and while of one-story construction, will nearly equal the bank building in height in order to provide a large, well ventilated room for the theatre, seating 450. The interior will be paneled and handsomely decorated. Plans were drawn by E.K. Mowll.

80 YEARS AGO Thursday, July 25, 1940

from the Gazette-Journal

A.W. Rowe, of Glass, is one of the fishing guides who insist that there is no scarcity of croakers for those who like to fish for them in the rivers and bay.

Mr. Rowe reports that a party of four, fishing from his boat, landed 200 pounds in a few hours recently. Another party from Staunton iced and carried home 250 pounds of fish, mostly croaker.

Mrs. Clara Bailey, of the Gloucester Beauty Shop, announces that until further notice, her shop will be open on Tuesday and Friday nights until 9 o'clock. Mrs. Bailey announces a new "special" on EZAP Scalp Treatment.

70 YEARS AGO Thursday, July 20, 1950

from the Gazette-Journal

This year for the first time in the history of the Gloucester School System, full-time physical education instruction will be offered at Achilles and Boteourt High Schools, under the supervision of qualified physi-

cal education instructions, it was announced this week.

Although no credit will be given, physical education will be a required subject in both high schools and school officials here believe a well-rounded physical education program can be developed which will add much to the school programs.

60 YEARS AGO Thursday, July 21, 1960

from the Gazette-Journal

In response to a question Sunday as to what she missed the most in Nigeria where she has served for nearly seven years as a missionary-teacher at Agbor Baptist Girls Secondary School, Miss Margaret Lamberth replied, "Besides my family, I expect I miss most church services," adding that "even though I can't understand a single word of what is being said, there is a certain feeling that one gets from going to church that gives me a feeling of great personal satisfaction, for each of us, in our own way, knows that we are there to worship God."

50 YEARS AGO Thursday, July 23, 1970

from the Gazette-Journal

Preliminary figures of the 1970 census, released Tuesday by the U.S. Census Bureau show, as had been predicted, an increase in Gloucester County's population and a decrease in Mathews during the past ten years.

The total in Gloucester was listed as 13,531, an increase of 1,612 over the 1960 count. Mathews total was listed as 8,611, a loss of 510 during the last ten years.

According to information contained in the Report of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Gloucester County's population is at its highest ever.

40 YEARS AGO Thursday, July 24, 1980

from the Gazette-Journal

Mrs. C.C. Diggs of Beaverlett, is recovering from snakebite, the horror shared by many but experienced by very few.

The elderly widow said she was crossing her yard last Wednesday to empty trash. "I was by an old chicken house. The grass was cut but there were some tall weeds. I stooped to pull them and that thing grabbed me right across the ankle."

In great pain, and with her foot swelling rapidly, Mrs. Diggs telephoned her daughter, Mrs. Gerald Morgan, who lives across the road, who took her directly to Walter Reed Memorial Hospital.

"As soon as I got there they really went to work," Mrs. Diggs recalled. She said the rare case of snakebite brought many doctors and nurses to observe the treatment, which consisted of cutting her foot to let out the poisoned blood, and giving her snakebite serum.

30 YEARS AGO Thursday, July 26, 1990

from the Gazette-Journal

Residents of Gloucester Court House, demonstrating solid opposition to a proposed shopping center at the corner of Main Street and Roaring Springs Road, turned out in large numbers at last Thursday's planning commission meeting.

The Gloucester County Planning Commission, responding to the opposition, gave its unanimous recommendation that the project by the FCR Group be denied.

The shopping center is "neither necessary, nor (will it) be an asset to the community," Bertram Smith, co-chairman of the Gloucester Citizens for Responsible Development said.

20 YEARS AGO Thursday, July 27, 2000

from the Gazette-Journal

The Abingdon Ruritan Club, which will hold its fall seafood festival on Oct. 18, sold out the 2,200 tickets to the event in four days.

Bill Warner, spokesman, said flyers were mailed July 17 and that orders for all the tickets were received by 5 p.m. on Friday, July 21. The popular festival, for all-you-can-eat seafood, will cost \$40 this fall, said chairperson Charlie Lewis.

Seven club members, Elliott Hogge, L.T. Wells, Rupert Thomas, Irvin Rowe, Mitchell Dunston, Harvey Kidd and Don Kappes, volunteered their services Saturday in the Chesapeake District Crab Feast held in King William.

10 YEARS AGO Thursday, July 22, 2010

from the Gazette-Journal

Almost 300 "Babes" swarmed the streets of Mathews Court House on Thursday evening, taking part in the promotional Babes by the Bay put on by the Mathews Merchants Association.

Karyn Austin, owner of Dilly Dally Emporium and one of the organizers, came up with that attendance figure, noting that nearly all the \$10 tickets sold out. This was the one-year anniversary of the first Babes night which attracted a similar crowd.

Fifteen businesses stayed open after 5 p.m. and followed a "Go Tropical" theme to entertain their guests and with refreshments, promotions, and giveaways. Those who completed the 15-shop tour were eligible for door prizes.

The winner of the Babes by the Bay Bountiful Basket was Dianne Lathan. The basket contained \$300 worth of gifts.

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Gillian Bura of Gloucester recently opened Better Your Business, a social media marketing service.

Gloucester woman opens social media marketing service

Gillian Bura is the proud owner of Better Your Business, a business that offers social media managing services. The ODU graduate got in early in the world of social media marketing, just as the boom began. She started her one-woman venture in February 2011.

A Gloucester County resident, Bura said that social media marketing is a way of showcasing a business to reach a larger audience. She compared a post in someone's Facebook timeline to a television commercial. Social media platforms provide a number of widespread and free outlets that a business can utilize to promote their brand to a large audience, she said.

It's important for businesses to show as many people as possible how they differ from their competition, said Bura. Her first client was Keagan's Irish Pub & Restaurant in Virginia Beach, and it

is now her oldest continuing client.

Bura said she understands that not every business can afford to employ someone to manage their accounts, and because of this Better Your Business also offers training. Bura said she gets a lot of enjoyment helping out mom-and-pop shops.

The training program teaches business owners how to self-manage their pages and avoid making mistakes. The biggest mistake that Bura says she comes across is inconsistencies in posting. These inconsistencies can be in the tone of voice in a post or in the colors used. When the training is over, Bura provides a one-month follow-up to see how effective her clients' pages have been.

To find out more about Better Your Business, email gillian.bura@gmail.com, or call 757-287-6075.

HHI signs on as VA Ready partner

Huntington Ingalls Industries, the parent company of Newport News Shipbuilding, announced it has signed on to be a business partner of the Virginia Ready Initiative, a new initiative to help unemployed Virginians across the commonwealth get back to work quickly.

In response to the unprecedented impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on unemployment, VA Ready, partnering with businesses and Virginia's community colleges, equips people who are out of work with the required skills for in-demand jobs in high-growth sectors.

"We are proud to support the VA Ready initiative and help develop the talents of Virginians looking for work in the manufacturing sector," said HHI president and CEO Mike Petters. "Workforce development is at the core of our business at Huntington Ingalls Industries. For more than 100 years, we have been developing a skilled and diverse workforce to meet the challenges of shipbuilding and manufacturing. I strongly believe that retraining out-of-work Virginians will serve as an important catalyst in reviving our economy and our communities."

"As the economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic continues, we are seeing an urgent need to get Virginians back to work," said Glenn A. Youngkin, co-founder and chairman of VA Ready. "Employer engagement is critical to retraining thousands of Virginians for in-demand jobs. I'm grateful to Huntington Ingalls Industries and the unique coalition that is partnering in this much-needed effort."

More than 800,000 people in Virginia have filed for unemployment benefits since the start of the pandemic, with low-wage earners and minority communities hardest hit, an HHI release stated. At the same time, demand is

projected to grow for specialized jobs in the fields of technology, healthcare and manufacturing/skilled trades.

VA Ready, a newly formed public charity, rewards out-of-work Virginians who commit themselves to training for in-demand jobs. VA Ready Scholars earn a credential in one of many selected training programs through FastForward, a state-led short-term workforce credential program to train Virginians for top, in-demand jobs across the commonwealth. FastForward is offered through the Virginia Community College System's 23 community colleges. Upon achieving their credential, "VA Ready Scholars" receive a \$1,000 Credential Achievement Award and are offered opportunities to interview with VA Ready's business partners.

"The goal of VA Ready is not just to give our scholars a credential, but a clear path to a high-quality job at one of Virginia's best companies," said Caren Merrick, CEO of VA Ready. "Likewise, companies will have access to talent they know have been through a credential program that reflects their needs, which will enable them to grow their businesses, remain competitive and stimulate our state's economy. It is a win-win for everyone."

As a VA Ready business partner, HHI will be supporting the initiative in several ways, including:

- Financial support for Credential Achievement Awards and awareness efforts;

- Input on offerings and curricula to VA Ready's Talent Task Force with VCCS to ensure training program success, and

- Participating in the VA Ready Job Exchange and providing job interview opportunities to VA Ready Scholars.

Virginia adopts emergency workplace safety rules

The Virginia Department of Labor and Industry adopted emergency workplace safety rules last week to help protect Virginia workers from the spread of COVID-19.

According to a July 15 news release from the office of Gov. Ralph Northam, these are the first such rules adopted in the United States.

The rules, anticipated to take effect during the week of July 27, are designed to protect workers by mandating appropriate personal protective equipment, sanitation, social distancing, infectious disease preparedness and

response plans, record keeping, training, and hazard communications in workplaces across Virginia.

The rules, to be posted on doli.virginia.gov, for now are temporary emergency standards which will remain in effect for six months. They can be made permanent through a process enabled by state law, the news release said.

The newly adopted standards require all employers to mandate social distancing measures and face coverings for employees in customer-facing positions. Where distancing is not possible, access to hand washing and/or

hand sanitizing must be frequently available, and high-contact surfaces must have frequent cleaning.

In addition, the standards require all employees to be notified within 24 hours if a coworker tests positive for the virus. Employees who are known or suspected to be positive for COVID-19 cannot return to work for 10 days or until they receive two consecutive negative tests.

The rules also establish a way for workers who feel unsafe in the workplace to file a formal complaint with the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

The state department of labor said it is developing COVID-19 training materials to help in developing safety policies and in training employees. One requirement of the new standards is classifying job tasks by potential exposure hazards, from "very high" to "high" to "medium" to "lower risk levels." A flow-chart will help in determining these.

Covered employers will be given time from the effective date to develop and train employees on their newly required infectious disease preparedness and response plan.

Ware River Consulting secures Wisconsin contract

Ware River Consulting, LLC, an Indian Economic Enterprise and woman-owned small business, was awarded a contract by the University of Wisconsin to provide consulting services to support the Wisconsin Small Business Development Center, according to a release from Ware River Consulting.

Ware River Consulting is a professional services firm located in Ware Neck offering dedicated support in the areas of human resources, administrative management services, IT services and other business support services for state and federal government contracts.

WRC is a client of the American Indian Procurement Technical Assistance Center hosted by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development in Mesa, Arizona.

Ware River Consulting president/CEO Debra Goodier, a member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Tribe, learned about the National Center American Indian PTAC at a Native Edge Institute event in Washington, D.C.

"I had the opportunity to attend the event in December 2019 and it was a turning point for WRC," she said. "The speakers were focused on Native American owned companies and their special needs as government contractors. From networking to identifying future opportunities, this was a significant workshop that helped me focus on my business as an Indian Economic Enterprise." For more information about Ware River Consulting, LLC, visit their website at www.wariverconsulting.com.

Wireless Zone locations to distribute backpacks Sunday

Wireless Zone locations in Gloucester and Hayes will be distributing backpacks full of school supplies between 1-4 p.m. Sunday as part of the eighth annual School Rocks Backpack Giveaway event.

Round Room LLC, a Verizon Authorized Wireless Retailer, announced this week that its TCC and Wireless Zone stores are donating a total of 140,000 backpacks this year, marking more than a million since the campaign launched in 2013.

One backpack per child will be given to families, but to limit the number of people at this year's event, children are not required to be present to receive the backpack. Backpacks will be filled with various school supplies including pencils, paper, a pencil box, folders and glue, and will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

For more information, call the Gloucester store (located at 6822 Walton Lane) at 804-693-0303 or the Hayes location (2417 York Crossing Drive) at 804-642-1164.



Pumped to end Alzheimer's

Phillips Energy in Gloucester Point raised \$3,972 from the community to support the Alzheimer's Association in its 2020 Longest Day Fundraiser on June 20. On that day, the company gave a portion of sales at its fuel station, sold raffle tickets and partnered with Waypoint Seafood & Grill in Williamsburg, to sell grill-out packages, a release said. "The Alzheimer's Association is a cause that is very important to us and one that we are honored to support each year," Phillips vice president Elizabeth McCormick said. She noted her gratitude for the support for this year's annual event amid the COVID-19 crisis many are still dealing with the effects of. From left, gathering to celebrate the drive, are Tina Phillips of Waypoint Seafood & Grill, John Phillips, McCormick, Erin Ciccone, Barbara Ball and Nora Wood.

WEBSITE SPOTLIGHT

Literacy Volunteers of Gloucester
www.literacyvolunteersofgloucester.org

Land of Goshen Auction House
Hampton Roads Auctioneer.com

First Baptist Church
fbcordinary.org

First Morning Star Baptist Church
www.firstmorningstarbena.net

138 Tattoo
www.138tattoo.com

Absolute Painting
www.absolutepaintingva.com

Salem United Methodist Church
www.salemumcmathews.org

Westville Christian Church
www.westvilledisciples.com

St. James Anglican Church
www.stjamesgloucester.com

Groves Memorial Presbyterian Church
www.grovesmemchurchva.org

THE FUNNY FARM
www.thefunnyfarmllc.com

2 B's Quilt Shop
www.2bsquiltshop.com

Piankatank Ruritan Club
www.piankatankruritanclub.com

The Tuneful Teachers
www.tunefulteachers.com

Curry and Curry
www.curryandcurry.world

The Gloucester Woman's Club
www.theedgehillhouse.org

Gloucester Rotary Club
www.gloucesterrotary.club

Chesapeake Bay Writers
www.chesapeakebaywriters.org

Tomlinson Exterminating
www.tomlinsonexterminating.com

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Helping Hearts In-Home Care
www.helpingheartsin-homecare.com

Corner Cupboard
www.weknpatio.com

LAND TRANSFERS GLOUCESTER

The following deeds were recorded in the Clerk's Office of Gloucester Circuit Court during the period July 2-9:

Nikki L. Bolton, et al, to Scott Aaron Martin, et al, Lot 13, Robert Heights, Abingdon, \$178,500.
 Alan W. Hunter, et al, to Amanda Kathleen Ginos, 6.197 acres, Parcel 6, Ware, \$429,000.
 Nam Duc Vu, et al, to 6852 Main Street LLC, Lot 3, Lot 4, Ware, gift.
 Nam Duc Vu, et al, to 6596 Main Street LLC, 0.7395 acres, Ware, gift.
 Nam Duc Vu, et al, to 6602 Main Street LLC, 0.3694 acres, Ware, gift.
 Nam Duc Vu, et al, to 7571 Bel-roi LLC, 2.2214 acres, Parcel 1, 1.2917 acres, Parcel 2, 1.4469 acres, Parcel 3, Ware, gift.
 Nam Duc Vu, et al, to 6655 Main Street LLC, 0.155 acre, Lot A, 0.095 acre, Lot B, 0.50 acre, Lot C, Ware, gift.
 Nam Duc Vu, et al, to Wood Ridge Professional Park LLC, 0.72 acre, Lot 2, 0.78 acre, Lot 3, Wood Ridge Professional Park, Ware, gift.
 Alan Eugene Overholt, et al, trustee, to Blake Alan Overholt, Parcel X, Ware, gift.
 Jennifer Nicole Williamson to Wayne Matthew Sikora, Lot 18, Beaver Dam Subdivision, Section 1, Ware, \$215,000.
 Yevonne Braswell Mann to Gary M. Thompson, et al, Lot 135, Lot 136, Section B, Holly Beach Subdivision, Petersburg, \$189,900.
 Patsy L. Garretty to Mark T. Dutton, et al, Lot 19, Queen Anne's Forest, Ware, \$355,000.
 Michael L. Zahm, et al, to Aubrey B. Merchant Jr., Lot 8, Hutch Creek Subdivision, Ware, \$242,000.
 Michael P. Miller to Michael L. Zahm, et al, 7 acres, Lot 1, Petersburg, \$312,900.
 Robert Jason Minton, et al, to Christopher Easter, 2.466 acres, Lot 25, Pine Mill, Section 2, \$289,900.
 William R. Johnson, trustee, to Gary E. Dohey, et al, 17.53 acres, Parcel 4, Petersburg, \$537,500.
 River Club on the York LLC to Nathan L. Niccum, et al, Lot 62, River Club at Twin Island Subdivision, \$381,352.
 Tracy A. Foster to Eliran Y. Shalom, et al, 1.51 acres, Parcel 79B, Gloucester Point, \$220,000.
 Joshua Ryan Campbell to Joshua Ryan Campbell, et al, 5.846 acres, Ware, gift.
 Stephen L. Victor, et al, to Ryan M. Stech, et al, Lot 11, Block B, Bristow Beach, Petersburg, \$219,950.
 Robert D. Quinn, et al, to Amanda Marie Newcomb, Lot 9, Section 2, Foxwell Estates, York, \$217,000.
 John T. Crownhart to Clara L. Goede, et al, Lot 25, Bedford Falls, Phase 2, York, \$342,000.
 Debra Lee Cowden, et al, to Debra Lee Cowden, 0.25 acre, Abingdon, gift.
 Evelyn P. Gaddy to Kimberly Anne Colarik, 1.461 acres, Petersburg, gift.
 John C. Conard to Clearview Homes of VA LLC, 0.480 acre, Yorkview Drive, Abingdon, \$160,200.
 Lewis L. Lawrence III, et al, trustees, to Alex Jeffs, 1.111 acres, Lot 6, Ware, \$465,000.
 Richard E. Stone, et al, to Seaver M. Norman, et al, Lot 11, Bedford Falls, Phase 1, \$282,000.
 Zandler Fiddler's Crossing LLC to Kathy Worrell, Lot 49, Phase 1, Abingdon, \$294,900.

MATHEWS

The following deeds were recorded recently in Mathews Circuit Court:

Margaret Alison Buchanan, et al, heirs, to Glenn L. Vandermolen, et al, 1.2452 acres, Piankatank, \$212,500.
 Charlene R. Carroll to Lynne A. Hurst, ½ acre, Chesapeake, \$184,500.
 Loyd Milstead, et al, to Thomas Martin Charles, et al, 0.4 acre, Gwynn's Island Estates, Gwynn's Island, Piankatank, \$215,000.
 Jonathan S. Robinson, et al, to Jonathan S. Robinson, et al, 5.54 acres, Chesapeake, no consideration.
 Nancy R. Pannell to Michael W. Nolle, et al, Lot 2, Block B, Laguna Cove Estates, Westville, \$7,500.
 Rodney S. Rhodes, et al, to Glenn O. Smith Sr., Lot 5, 0.5103 acre, Piankatank, \$185,000.
 Rexford R. Roae, et al, to Suzanne A. Seekins, trustee, Parcel One: 29 acres, less and except 7.01 acres, and Parcel Two: 5 acres, Westville, \$849,900.
 Diane Lawson to Mark Ryan Locey, et al, Lot 4, 4.6492 acres, Settlement Acres, Westville, \$40,000.
 Edmund Earl Blanchard Jr., et al, devisees, to Jon A. Noble, et al, 3 acres, Chesapeake, \$4,800.
 Valerie S. Persons, trustee, to Richard E. Burch Jr., et al, Condominium 105, Building One, Gwynn's Island, a condominium, Piankatank, \$275,000.
 Charles R. Goode III, et al, to Loretta M. Serendi, et al, Lots 89C and 90C, Section B, Gwynn's Island Estates, Gwynn's Island, Piankatank, \$160,000.
 Patrick D. McCormick, et al, to David Parker Simpson, Parcel 1: ½ acre; Parcel 2: 7.7 acres; and Parcel 3: New Parcel 59, 8.138 acres, Chesapeake, \$250,000.
 Richard L. Hicks III, et al, to Amanda B. Wilson, et al, Lot 41, 1.158 acres, and Lot 49, 2.394 acres, Piankatank, \$313,000.
 Mark Eubank, et al, to Bruce Warner, et al, trustees, Lots 5 and 6, Gwynn's Island, Piankatank, no consideration.
 John M. Sadler, trustee, to Robert Tyler White, et al, Parcel One: 2.05 acres, Irvinville, Village of Mathews, Westville; and Parcel Two: 4.348 acres, Parcel Three: 3.845 acres, and Parcel Four: 4.72 acres, Chesapeake, no consideration.
 John M. Sadler, trustee, to James H. Sadler, et al, Parcel One: 5.461 acres, Parcel Two: 3.182 acres, Parcel Three: 5.31 acres, Parcel Four: 0.34 acre, Parcel Five: 14.12 acres, Parcel Six: 10.976 acres, and Parcel Seven: 3 acres, Chesapeake, no consideration.

CIRCUIT COURT GLOUCESTER

The following cases were heard recently in Gloucester Circuit Court:

Herman Bryant Millen, 65, no fixed address, Gloucester, was sentenced to six months' jail for the felony conviction of petit larceny (third or subsequent offense).
 Cody James Beebe, 31, 8629 Poplar Springs Drive, Hayes, was sentenced to two three-year terms in the state penitentiary, with two years, six months of each sentence suspended, for the felony convictions of assault on law enforcement officer (two counts).
 Billie Foster Carnes Jr., 40, Yorktown, pleaded guilty and was found guilty of felony charges of eluding and Driving While Intoxicated (third or subsequent offense) and a misdemeanor charge of driving after license suspended/revoked. The defendant was sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary, all suspended, for the conviction of eluding police and five years in the state penitentiary with four years, one month suspended for the conviction of DWI. The defendant was sentenced to 12 months' jail, all suspended, for the driving suspended conviction.
 Mark Stuart Thomas, 60, 7433 Corr Street, Gloucester, pleaded guilty was found guilty of felony charges of possession Schedule I/II controlled substance (two counts) and distribute a Schedule I/II controlled substance as an accommodation. The defendant was sentenced to three five-year terms in the state penitentiary. Two of the sentences were entirely suspended, with four years, six months of the third sentence also suspended.

Raven Monique Baker, 40, 13382 George Washington Memorial Highway, Gloucester, was sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary, with one year, six months suspended, for the felony conviction of shoplifting (third or subsequent offense).
 William Curtis Lett Jr., 26, 6791 Fields Landing Road, Hayes, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of possession of a Schedule I/II controlled substance. The court did not enter a finding of guilt, but instead deferred the proceeding for one year. The defendant was ordered to comply with a number of conditions, including performing 100 hours of community service work. If, at the end of the one-year period, all of the conditions have been met, the court shall dismiss the charge.

Henrietta Georgette Wilson, 35, 8029 Kitchener Drive, Gloucester, pleaded guilty and was found guilty of felony charge of credit card larceny. Sentencing is set for Oct. 27 at 9:30 a.m.
 Jesse Wilson Adams, 20, 57 Mill Lane Road, Bohannon, pleaded guilty and was found guilty of felony charge of break and enter and misdemeanor charges of petit larceny and shoplifting. Sentencing is set for Oct. 13 at 9:30 a.m. Felony charge of destruction of property was nolle prossed and removed from the court docket.

Brian James Clair, 51, no fixed address, Gloucester, pleaded guilty and was found guilty of a felony charge of possession of a Schedule I/II controlled substance and a misdemeanor charge of DWI. The defendant was sentenced to five years in the state penitentiary, with four years, six months suspended on the felony charge and six months' jail, all suspended, on the misdemeanor charge. Defendant's driver's license was suspended one year.

Brandon Steven Johnson, 28, 3532 Foxhaven Drive, Gloucester, pleaded guilty and was found guilty of felony charges of child abuse/neglect resulting in serious injury and malicious wounding. Sentencing is set for Oct. 27 at 1:30 p.m.
 Ashley Nicole Davis, 27, Hampton, pleaded guilty and was found guilty of felony charges of child abuse/neglect resulting in serious injury and malicious wounding. Sentencing is set for Nov. 9 at 1:30 p.m.
 Janie Rebecca Renee Rosso, 21, 8777 George Washington Memorial Highway, Gloucester, pleaded not guilty and was found guilty of felony charge of hit and run. Sentencing is set for Oct. 19 at 1:30 p.m.

Atasha Mae Bailey, 31, 5847 Prospect Road, Gloucester, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of possess a Schedule I/II controlled substance. The court did not enter a finding of guilt, but instead deferred the proceeding for one year. The defendant was ordered to comply with a number of conditions, including performing 100 hours of community service work. If, at the end of the one-year period, all of the conditions have been met, the court shall dismiss the charge.
 Ciarra Vurtrese Hill-Epps, 31, 14855 John Clayton Memorial Highway, Cobbs Creek, was found guilty of a felony charge of shoplifting (third or subsequent offense) and sentenced to five years in the state penitentiary with four years, 11 months suspended.

MATHEWS

The following case was heard recently in Mathews Circuit Court:

Timothy Allen Olin, 24, Middle Peninsula Regional Security Center, pleaded guilty to felony charges of elude police and child abuse/neglect as well as misdemeanor charges of drive after license revoked and reckless driving. The defendant was sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary with two years, six months suspended for the conviction of eluding police and five years in the state penitentiary with four years, four months suspended for the child abuse/neglect conviction. The defendant was sentenced to 12 months' jail with 11 months, 20 days suspended for the driving revoked charge and fined \$250 for reckless driving.

The defendant's driver's license was suspended a total of 270 days. Pursuant to a plea agreement, felony charges of assault law enforcement officer and two counts of abduction were nolle prossed and removed from the court docket.

SHERIFF'S REPORT GLOUCESTER

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

An undisclosed amount of cash was taken from a residence in the 2000 block of Lillaston Lane between 5 and 11:30 p.m. on Saturday. There was no sign of forced entry.

Deputies responded to a report of a domestic altercation between a male and female Saturday in the Wendy's parking lot in the 7000 block of Route 17. The 34-year-old female from Richmond was taken into custody for possessing a controlled substance classified in Schedule I or II.

A traffic stop Saturday for failing to stop at the intersection of Forest Hill Avenue and Express Drive resulted in the 33-year-old driver of Heritage Estates Lane in Gloucester being taken into custody for possession of a controlled substance classified in Schedule I or II and, while unlawfully in possession of a controlled substance classified in Schedule I or II, simultaneously possessing a firearm.

Deputies responded Saturday to a report of an unknown female entering a residence in the 10000 block of Burkes Pond Road. The female was located on scene and refused to comply, assaulting a deputy and the homeowner. The 28-year-old of Sonny Lane in North was taken into custody for assault and battery of a law enforcement officer, misdemeanor assault and trespassing.

Deputies responded Saturday to the report of an unauthorized use of a vehicle taken from a residence in the 7000 block of Small Stream Court without the owner's knowledge or permission. The vehicle was later located and returned to the owner undamaged. A 39-year-old of Jones Creek Drive in Gloucester was later charged with taking, driving or using a vehicle valued at \$1,000 or more and belonging to another without the consent of, and in the absence of the owner with the intent temporarily to deprive the owner of possession.

A laptop computer, a tablet, a cell phone and an undisclosed amount of cash were taken July 15 or 16 from Patriot's Grill in the 7000 block of Main Street. Entry appears to have been made through a window.

The following incidents were also reported by the GSO:

Larceny: An employee at Rack Room Shoes in the 6000 block of Fox Centre Parkway observed a female exit past all points of sale wearing a pair of blue Sketchers, valued at \$54.99, without paying for the merchandise on July 15. The female left her old shoes inside the store.

Damage property: a mailbox in the 2000 block of Lees Neck Farm was struck and damaged by a vehicle Saturday or Sunday.



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Fatal accident

A head-on accident between a 2003 Volkswagen convertible and a tractor trailer in Middlesex Saturday morning resulted in the deaths of two Middlesex County residents, according to the Virginia State Police. The Volkswagen was traveling northbound in the southbound lanes of Route 17 near Briary Swamp Road at 3:33 a.m. when it collided with the tractor trailer. Both the occupants of the Volkswagen—the driver Amberly Joy Wingfield, 22, of Linden Avenue in Urbanna, and the passenger, Bradley Carlton Wingfield, 25, of Dirt Bridge Road in Topping—died on impact. The tractor trailer ran off the roadway into the ditch, tipping onto its side and spilling over 70 gallons of diesel fuel, said the release.

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The Mathews County Sheriff's Office issued a summons for possession of marijuana after a traffic stop for a minor equipment violation on Buckley Hall Road on Wednesday, July 15. The deputy had approached the vehicle to speak to the driver when he noticed an odor associated with marijuana coming from the vehicle. A small amount of marijuana and a smoking device were recovered. The driver was a 19-year-old male.

On Friday, July 17, a deputy was called to the 11800 block of John Clayton Memorial Highway for a report on vandalism. The victim said that someone had removed her flag and placed it by her front door, putting feces on the flag and the door. The victim then noticed that about \$100 worth of roofing material was missing from the property.

On Saturday, July 18, a deputy was called to the 12300 block of John Clayton Memorial Highway to speak to a victim whose vehicle had been struck by an object. The victim told the dep-

uty that the offense occurred in the area of the North End bridge. The object was thrown from a vehicle and struck the victim's vehicle. The victim turned around and last saw the suspect's vehicle on North River Road.

Anyone with information about these or other crimes in Mathews is asked to call Crime Solvers at 804-725-7001. All calls are anonymous and may result in a cash reward if information provided leads to an arrest, the recovery of stolen property, or the seizure of illegal drugs.

GLOUCESTER

Gloucester Volunteer Fire and Rescue responded to 80 calls during the period July 13-19, as follows: 68 medical calls, three motor vehicle accidents, three fire/alarms, three fire/other and one each of the following: landing zone, hazmat call, and public assist.

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July 15, 5:27 p.m., vehicle fire, Chapel Neck Road and John Clayton Memorial Highway, three engines.

July 17, 7:40 p.m., structure fire, 200 block of Beulah Road, New Point, four engines, one truck and one tanker.

July 18, 7:37 a.m., controlled burn, 100 block of Twigg's Ferry Road, Dutton, one engine.

July 19, 8:30 a.m., vehicle accident, 1500 block of Windsor Road, Dutton, one engine and one truck; 3:04 p.m., vehicle accident, Hallieford Road, Cobbs Creek, one engine; 6:15 p.m., Gwynn's Island bridge stuck open, Cricket Hill Road, Mathews, one engine and one tanker.

FIRE REPORT ABINGDON

Abingdon Volunteer Fire and Rescue responded to 61 calls during the period July 13-19, as follows: 49 medical, six public assists, four motor vehicle accidents, one fire/brush and one fire/other.

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Gloucester businesses eligible for grant funding

The Gloucester County Board of Supervisors has allocated \$512,000 in CARES Act funding to assist Gloucester businesses adversely impacted by COVID-19. Funding is available to help businesses in the community cover increased costs associated with new health and safety requirements, as outlined in Gov. Ralph Northam's recent Executive Orders.

The grant program, "Back to Business Middle Peninsula," is being administered by the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission in coordination with Gloucester County and the Gloucester County Economic Development Authority. It is specifically designed to facilitate reimbursement of costs incurred by local businesses as they have made investments to change business practices in response to the pandemic. The program is not intended

to cover the normal costs of business operations.

Gloucester supervisors took an extra step to provide special funding for a Mortgage and Rent Assistance Program in support of businesses that may be facing foreclosure or eviction due to the financial impacts of COVID-19, as an added element applicable to Gloucester County businesses only.

"We are pleased that the county was able to be a part of this regional effort and we are thrilled that the board of supervisors took the extra step to provide mortgage and rent assistance for our local businesses as part of the effort," said Sherry Spring, Gloucester's Economic Development Director. "Since day one of this pandemic, it has been our goal to do what we can to help keep our businesses afloat."

"Our board of supervisors

made it apparent early on that it wanted to find tangible ways to help residents and businesses during this time of extreme uncertainty," said county administrator Brent Fedors. "This is another big step toward fulfilling that mission."

A special website has been set up, detailing how businesses can apply for both the regional COVID-19 expense reimbursement program and Gloucester's business Mortgage and Rent Assistance Program: <https://www.b2bmidpen.com/>. If you have questions about the programs, or if you need support in filling out the application, call the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission at 804-758-2311 or e-mail Dawn Mantell at dmantell@mppdc.com. Printed copies of the applications can also be provided by calling the number above.

Apprentice School approved as postsecondary institution

The Apprentice School at Newport News Shipbuilding has been approved by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to operate as a postsecondary institution, Huntington Ingalls Industries announced Monday.

The certification gives the school the authority to grant academic degrees, according to a release from HHI, the parent company of Newport News Shipbuilding.

The school plans to grant associate's degrees of applied science in maritime technology in 26 disciplines, including maintenance electrician, marine designer, nuclear test technician and modeling and simulation program analyst. Final approval of the degree programs by the Council of Occupational Education is expected to be made later this year.

"This is an historic milestone for The Apprentice

School," said Xavier Beale, NNS vice president of trades. "Our ability to offer academic degrees deepens our commitment to workforce development and will open new opportunities for our company to help to meet the ever-growing demand for skilled workers in our region."

The Apprentice School affords apprentices the opportunity to earn academic degrees through its existing partnerships with institutions of higher education. The new certification gives the school the ability to grant and confer degrees on its own.

The approval to operate as a degree-granting institution comes after a yearlong study that took into consideration the program's impact on state and regional economies, as well as students' success. It also comes after

The Apprentice School established its first certificate program in 2019, awarding maritime studies certificates to apprentices who successfully complete the curriculum.

The Apprentice School offers four- to eight-year, tuition-free apprenticeships in 19 trades and nine optional advanced programs. Apprentices work a 40-hour week and are paid for all work, including time spent in academic classes. Through partnerships with Thomas Nelson Community College, Tidewater Community College and Old Dominion University, The Apprentice School's academic program provides the opportunity to earn associate's degrees in business administration, engineering and engineering technology and bachelor's degrees in mechanical or electrical engineering.

Indian Creek responds to COVID-19 pandemic

The Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club in Kilmarnock has been responding to the COVID-19 pandemic by helping with local food drives, establishing a member-funded program to assist furloughed employees, and providing members with safe ways to get out and enjoy the fresh air for exercise.

In May, the Healthy Harvest Food Bank, which normally averages 900 pounds of food in an all-day food drive, received 2,343 pounds of food in just five hours. Two ICYCC employees, Pete and Megan Stephens, volunteered to work the five-hour food drive at the Northern Neck Family YMCA. Golf course superintendent Pete Stephens and membership director Megan Stephens were two of 14 volunteers who worked the food drive in different shifts as nearly 100 cars drove through to donate food in a safe way.

"What is so special about our community is how everyone bands together in times like these. No one should ever wonder when or how they will get their next meal or how they feed their family. We are so fortunate for everyone who gives and helps with the local food banks, which serve our community all year long," Stephens said. "Especially now, if we can help give back during these even tougher times, we should."

When COVID-19 hit the United States and Gov. Ralph Northam mandated closures initially for two weeks, club chef Patrick Walker offered any perishable items to furloughed staff and to the White Stone Food Pantry. Since that time, ICYCC has continued to donate food to the White Stone Food Pantry.

ICYCC has also helped its employees who were laid off when the club closed in



Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club chef Patrick Walker delivers food to the White Stone Food Pantry.

March. Five members created the Employee Assistance Fund and raised \$80,000 (to date) from more than 100 members to help them. This has allowed the club to supplement any income decrease between unemployment benefits and their regular wages. While the federal benefits are now available to them, this fund remains available for any crisis needs of current and furloughed staff during this time.

"When this all began, the club team quickly shifted our focus to determine what we can do for member to help them through this difficult and uncertain time. It was no longer about the club; it was all about our club family," said general manager Brian Darlak.

The club reverted to carryout service and offered pantry items such as cleaner and much-in-demand toilet paper and tissues. With meat in short supply, it offered rib-eye steaks, chicken and salmon as well as a robust deli service with cold cuts, tuna, chicken and shrimp salad and more.

The club began a series of activities to keep members engaged, regardless of where they were spending their quarantine, including video tips, to parking lot parties, to drive-thru entertainment and drive-in movies.

"If there was a way it could be done within the governmental parameters, it was done," Darlak said. The club staff embraced the new video and virtual world and began virtual wine dinners and tastings, golf and racquet lessons online, technology tutorials, and Friday night Zocials (via Zoom and Facebook Live) featuring dining room manager Shawn Valdrighi with his mixology lesson of the week. Golf professional Rob Pittman and the Soul Grind band kept the entertainment fresh on Friday.

The club management visited every local member to check on them and deliver cookies.

The golf course has been even busier than in previous years. Carts remain limited to one person per cart (if not in the same household), but the camaraderie still exists.