

Two Gloucester, two Mathews homes featured during Garden Week

The Garden Club of Gloucester will sponsor the local segment of Historic Garden Week in Virginia on Saturday, April 17, with two homes in Gloucester and two homes in Mathews to be opened to visitors. Hours are 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Garden Week in Virginia is a project of the Garden Club of Virginia, raising funds for historic garden restorations and research throughout the state since the first tour was held in 1929.

The statewide tour and local tour were canceled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lynne Manning, chair of the local tour, said that measures are being taken this year to respond to the ongoing presence of the virus.

She said the tour will be split into morning and afternoon tours, giving ticket-holders "four hours to complete the entire tour." She said tickets, priced at \$40, will be capped at 160 for the morning segment and 160 for the afternoon, and will be available online only, not on tour day, at www.vagardenweek.org.

Homes to be open in Gloucester County are Toddsbury and Cherokee,

both on the North River.

Toddsbury is a 17th century family home on a 1652 land grant to English sea captain Thomas Todd. The original house dates from 1658, with additions made in 1690, 1720, 1782 and 1948. Eighteenth century wood paneling accents the interior. The home is on the North River.

Cherokee, also on the North River, started its existence as an 18th century icehouse, a typical two-story circular tower with brick walls. It was converted in 1922 into a dwelling and additions have been made since then.

Homes to be open in

Mathews County are Palace Green and Weston Hall.

While its construction date is unknown, Palace Green, located on Put-In Creek, has features similar to other homes in Mathews dating to c. 1830. The frame home has later additions and a waterfront guest cottage which will also be open.

Weston Hall on East River was built between 1900-1919 and has an arts and crafts-style exterior with a light and airy interior. Its guest home will also be open. Weston Hall overlooks Mill Creek to

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Toddsbury on the North River is one of four homes to be opened April 17 for the local tour of Historic Garden Week in Virginia.



Lewis Hubbard sends *Camellia japonica* "Tami-no-ura."



Jill Moughon of Williamsburg (a Mathews County native) is very proud of the daffodils blooming on her patio.



"Daffodils are blooming in spite of severe cold and tons of rain. They make me happy," said Martha Thompson Hudgins of Gloucester, who sent this.

Bring on spring

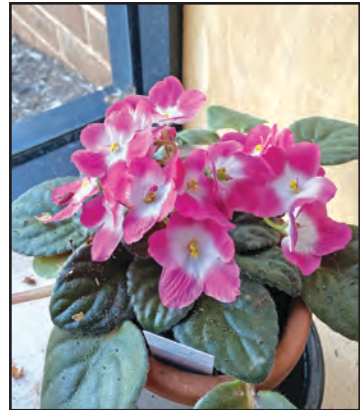
While many people are still enjoying their winter blooms, residents are also finding daffodils and other spring beauties in their yards. It cannot come soon enough. Please send your photos to editor@gazettejournal.net.



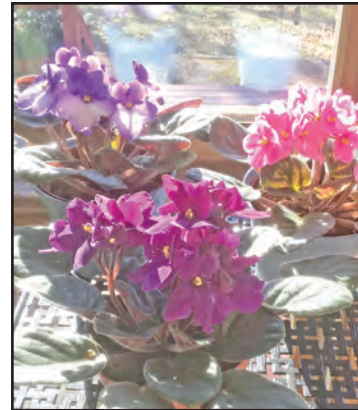
Daffodils at Port Haywood Post Office, and below, crocuses, sent by Louise Witherspoon of Port Haywood.



Sue Henshaw of Cobbs Creek writes, "Watching orchids open inside helps beat the winter blues, until we can get outside again."



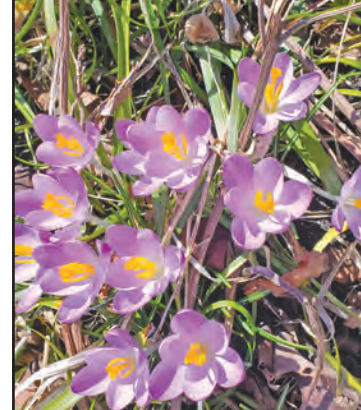
African violets carefully tended by Mary B. Soles of Lynchburg, a Gloucester County native.



Deb Woodward sends a photo of "some of my African Violets enjoying a sunny day."



"What on earth ... is this weird thing?" asked Larry Sherertz. "We found it growing on the underside of an ivy leaf. Looked like a tangled bunch of bean sprouts for a salad. A bit of research revealed it's a White Worm Coral Mushroom (*Clavaria vermicularis*)"



GARDENING CORNER

FROM THE GLOUCESTER MASTER GARDENERS

New herbs for the garden

BY SUSAN CAMP

We had a taste of sunshine for a few days, and now I am looking forward to warm days in the garden. Last week, Jim and I decided to do some minor cleanup without disturbing too many insects that might be overwintering in the leaves and garden debris. The main reason, though, was to take stock of what looks as though it has survived the cold winter and which plants must be replaced. We were pleasantly surprised to find that the roses, Clethra, cherry laurels, and yaupon hollies were thriving despite the excessive rain over the past two months.

The biggest chore this spring will be to make a decision about what to do with the English (Thymus vulgaris) and lemon (Thymus x. citriodorus) thyme that we planted as borders for the beds. Thyme is a great choice for a border because it is hardy throughout the seasons and requires little care except for pruning to keep the plants full and leafy. After six years, a number of the plants have become woody. I removed several last fall, but more are on the "to dig up" list.

Thyme is a versatile herb. Besides its culinary uses, thyme makes a pretty addition to the garden. Creeping varieties can be grown in the cracks of walkways, and bushy species are attractive additions to planters, pots, and hanging baskets.

I like thyme as a border because it requires little care, and because I frequently use thyme in cooking. It is always available just outside the front door. Bees love the thyme blossoms, an added benefit.

About 350 thyme species exist, and many are available on the market, but you may need to search online for spe-



Thyme for your garden

cialty herb growers, as only the more common species like English and lemon thyme are available at the big box stores or even at local garden centers.

Thyme plants range from creeping varieties like the tiny Elin thyme (*T. serpyllum* 'Elin') at one inch or less in height and creeping thyme (*T. praecox*), which grows to no more than 3 inches high, to robust upright or sprawling forms that can reach heights of 12 to 15 inches.

I may try *T. vulgaris* 'Wedgewood' for the garden borders. I have read that woodiness is less of a problem with this cultivar, but there is a chance it won't thrive in our hot summers. 'Wedgewood' is a vigorous grower, reaching 6 to 14 inches in height. It has large light and dark green variegated leaves and bears pink or lavender flowers in May. The leaves are reported to taste milder and sweeter than other English thyme cultivars.

All thymes require full to part sun and well-drained soil. They originated in Mediterranean countries and don't like to be overwatered.

On a much smaller scale, it is time to think about planting basil. We don't have the space to start seeds indoors, so each spring I buy two or three different varieties of basil to

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BY BETTY WRENN DAY

Maple sugaring may have begun as a happy accident several centuries ago but it is now a thriving industry in which Virginia is a team player.

Indigenous people living in the northeastern North America apparently were the first to discover maple syrup and use it in cooking, long before Europeans settled here.

Although there are no written accounts to verify the discovery, several Native American legends share a similar story. However the first written document of maple sugaring in North America is dated 1557. A French explorer wrote, "There is a tree with the thickness and shape of a large walnut tree. It remained unused for a long time until someone tried to cut one down, releasing a kind of sugar which they found to be so tasty and as delicate as any good wine."

Today, North America provides maple syrup the world over. Canada is the world's largest producer; in the United States, Vermont leads with a year's total of 898,000 gallons harvested. New York comes in second with a 312,000-gallon harvest and Maine is a close third at 310,000 gallons harvested.

Commercially Virginia, on the end of the sugar maple range, is way down the list with a harvest of 1,500 gallons but this industry is high on the list of Highland County, which shoulders up to the West Virginia border. Here maple syrup can be found in abundance.

A favorite stop for Highland visitors is the Sugar Tree Country Store & Sugar House, built in the 1800s and today operated by Farmers Glenn and Fern Heatwole and family in the town of McDowell. Here you can find a full range

Sap is rising

It's maple syrup season in Highland County



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Glenn Heatwole bottles maple syrup at his business, Sugar Tree Country Store, in Highland County.

The sap is still flowing

The annual Highland County Maple Festival, usually held the second and third weekends of March, is canceled this year due to coronavirus. According to the Highland County Chamber of Commerce, however, "the coronavirus does not stop the sugar water flowing from the trees, nor does it stop our county's dedicated producers from producing their maple syrup as they have done for decades." The chamber said some producers and sugar camps will be open this spring following state safety guidelines. Information will be posted on its website, www.highlandcounty.org, for those considering a visit. The Sugar Tree Country Store is open to the public.

of excellent maple sugar treats and syrup and possibly watch Glenn bottle his all-natural maple syrup. The company even makes its own apple butter, and sells everything from jellies to wooden toys.

The Heatwoles moved from Rockingham to McDowell in 2004 and opened their business in 2005. "We were dairy farmers," Glenn said, "who once milked cows. We now milk trees."

It takes about 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of maple syrup, sold in three grades: light amber, medium amber and dark amber. Flavors range from mild to ro-

bust.

Note: Information on maple syrup was taken from: "Maple Syrup Making," "A Brief History of Maple Syrup," "Native American Maple Syrup History" and "Celebrating The History of Maple Syrup."

The following recipes were taken from Sugar Tree Country Store Maple Recipes and tips. The cookbook is available at the Sugar Tree Country Store and Sugar House and through its website.

HOT MAPLE APPLE CIDER

6 c. apple cider
¼ c. maple syrup
1 orange peel
1 lemon peel

2 cinnamon sticks
Spice bag and string
6 whole cloves
6 whole allspice berries
Pour cider and syrup into large pot. Cut orange and lemon peels into strips. Place peels and spices in a center of a spice bag and tie up with a piece of string. Drop spice bundle into liquid and heat over moderate heat for about 10 minutes. Remove spice bag and discard. Ladle maple cider into mugs and serve warm. Optional: garnish with a stick of cinnamon for stirring or float a thin slice of lemon or orange on top or put a dollop of whipped cream on top. Enjoy!

MAPLE PUMPKIN MUFFINS

1½ c. flour
½ c. brown sugar
1½ tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. baking soda
¾ tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. pumpkin pie spice
¼ tsp. salt
2 small eggs
¾ c. mashed pumpkin
½ c. evaporated milk
3 Tbs. vegetable oil
2 Tbs. maple syrup
½ c. chopped walnuts or pecans

Filling

2 oz. cream cheese, softened
1½ Tbs. brown sugar
2 Tbs. maple syrup

Topping

¼ c. chopped walnuts or pecans
2 tsp. brown sugar or maple sugar

In large bowl, combine the first seven ingredients. Whisk together the eggs, pumpkin, milk, oil and syrup. Stir into the dry ingredients. Fold in nuts. Set aside. In a small mixing bowl, beat filling ingredients until smooth. Gently stir into batter until mixture appears swirled. Fill greased or paper-lined muffin cups until about ¾ full. Combine topping ingredients; sprinkle over batter. Bake

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MAPLE SYRUP

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at 350°F. for 20-25 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center of muffin comes out clean. Cool five minutes; remove from pan. Best served warm. Makes 24 muffins.

MAPLE PORK BBQ

3-4 lb. pork roast
1 Tbs. vinegar
Water
3 Tbs. prepared mustard
2 tsp. Liquid Smoke
2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. pepper
½ c. maple syrup
3 c. catsup
Water if desired

Place pork roast in oven-safe dish. Sprinkle vinegar over roast (vinegar acts as a tenderizer). Add enough water to have about ½-inch in bottom of dish. Cover with foil, punching several small holes to allow steam to escape. Bake at 325°F. for 3-4 hours or until internal heat on a meat thermometer registers at least 170°F. When roast is cool, pull it apart or chop into small chunks. Combine syrup, catsup, mustard, Liquid Smoke, salt and pepper. Stir into pork. Chill overnight or longer to allow flavor to soak through.* Warm to room temperature then heat over moderate heat until heated through. Stir frequently to avoid burning. (A crock pot works well.) Add water if needed to achieve desired consistency. Serve hot on hamburger buns. Serves approximately 20 people.

*If you don't have time to soak overnight, boil "dressing" ingredients together for 2 minutes, then pour over meat. Immediately heat altogether until heated through.

GLAZED MAPLE CARROTS

3 large carrots, peeled
½ c. water
2 Tbs. butter

¼ c. water
2 tsp. cornstarch
3 Tbs. maple syrup
½ tsp. salt

Cut carrots into bite-size pieces. Cook carrots in water and butter over medium heat for 10 minutes or until tender. Add more water while cooking if necessary. Meanwhile, in a small microwaveable bowl, combine water, cornstarch, maple syrup and salt. Microwave until thickened stirring at least once while cooking. Gently stir into carrots. Serve immediately. Serves 4-6.

MAPLE APPLE PIE

Pastry: double 9-inch pie crust
5 c. sliced apples
½ c. sugar
2 Tbs. flour
½ tsp. cinnamon
Dash salt and nutmeg
¼ c. maple syrup
½ c. sour cream

Combine dry ingredients and sprinkle 2 Tbs. of it in bottom of pie crust. Add the rest to the apples along with syrup and sour cream. Spoon into crust; cover with lattice top crust. Bake at 425°F. for 15 minutes, then 325°F. for approximately 45 minutes longer. Remove from oven and cool.

MAPLE KISSES

1 c. maple syrup
2 Tbs. butter
½ c. finely chopped pecans
Cook maple syrup and butter in a saucepan until temperature reaches 230-232 degrees F. on a candy thermometer. Remove from heat and immediately add nuts. Stir until mixture begins to cool and thicken. Quickly drop by small spoonfuls on a greased wax-paper plate.

HERBS

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plant in a raised bed. Two interesting cultivars I have read about are Amazel basil from Proven Winners and Emerald Towers, bred by Pan American Seed's Handpicked brand in collaboration with Rutgers University.

Amazel basil is a sweet Italian basil hybrid that is resistant to downy mildew, which is often a problem, especially in plants grown indoors. Amazel is sterile, so it doesn't produce seed. Even after it flowers, Amazel continues to produce new shoots and leaves, since it doesn't have to spend energy on seed production.

Emerald Towers is a vigorous, columnar, Genovese basil that grows 2 to 3 feet tall with glossy, dark green leaves that are tasty in salads. It flowers 10 to 12 weeks later than most basil, so the plant's energy goes into leaf production for a longer period.

As you shop for herbs and other green things this spring, try some new species or cultivars. Part of the pleasure of gardening is discovering new treasures to plant and nurture.

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nearby Poplar Grove and its original tide mill.

All four homes have been open in the past but not in recent years. Parking will be available at all homes.

Tour headquarters will be at Ware Episcopal Church where maps will be available. Box lunches are available by pre-order from Nuttall Country Store, 804-693-3067.

Manning noted that in celebration of the Garden Club of Virginia's centennial, proceeds from this year's tour will support Virginia State Parks.

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Ultimately, the formula of how senior living is paid works out to be different for every family. But just like any decision you make for the future, it is worth the time and effort to plan ahead, choose the right community, and design a plan that makes sense for you.

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Eastridge Lawns & Landscapes

Amanda Eastridge is a woman in a male-dominated industry, but that just makes her work all the harder at her business, Eastridge Lawns & Landscapes LLC of Hayes.



Amanda Eastridge

Four years ago, Eastridge started her business with just a handful of mowing jobs, but she has since grown to offer landscape design and installation, along with lawn maintenance. She creates and executes turf programs for lawns; installs plants, shrubs and trees; and repairs drainage issues caused by excessive rain and improperly graded lawns.

Because she's a woman, Eastridge said she had often been disregarded as a knowledgeable source of information, and sometimes people have questioned whether she could do the work required to get the job done. But that hasn't stopped her from becoming a successful and respected landscape designer with an equally respected lawn maintenance business.

A Newport News native and graduate of Denbigh High School, Eastridge started working at the age of 15 in a small neighborhood garden supply and hardware store. During her 20s and early 30s, she worked at a variety of businesses and surgical practices, moving up from receptionist to office manager, but never found those jobs fulfilling.

"My calling has always been gardening and horticulture," she said. "So when the opportunity to get outside and work with my hands came along, I jumped at it."

Eastridge is in partnership with her husband, Brian, who has 20 years of experience in the field.

"Without him, none of this would be possible," she said.

Morningstar Marina

After holding management positions at various businesses, Tina Minor became general manager of Morningstar Marina at Hudgins in 2009, and appears to have found her niche.



Tina Minor

Minor said that Morningstar is a welcoming place that makes it easy on the boater, whether a pleasure boater just getting started or an avid angler. With full-time mechanics for every type of motor, on-site fuel, a ship store, and even an apartment for nightly rental, Morningstar offers something for every boater, she said.

Boating is a lifestyle, said Minor, so it's also one of the first businesses hurt when the economy isn't doing well. But she said that Morningstar has been able to stay strong and grow when times have been tough.

A Chicago native, Minor moved to Virginia in 1992 and worked her way into management positions at two national chain stores before settling in at Morningstar. She said that finding the best employees for the marina was a challenge at first, but she was eventually able to pull together a team that "I'd put up against any other team now."

"They are my rock, and I couldn't do this without them," she said. "We retain veteran staff that know how to give the best customer service, and who love being here."

A graduate of Bloom Trail High School in Chicago, Minor said she continued her education with management training and certification through her employers.

Minor's husband, Robert Minor, is a waterman. She has two adult children—Joy Hudspath, an RN at Riverside, and Troy Harris, a foreman at Newport News Shipbuilding. Her youngest daughter is in second grade, and she has a 2-year-old granddaughter.

Rebate Property Management

Shari Pruitt is the president of Rebate Property Management of Hayes. The firm provides residential, multi-unit and commercial property management. Unlike other real estate businesses, Rebate Property Management focuses solely on property management.



Shari Pruitt

Founded in 2007 by Pruitt's mother, the late Belinda Wright, Pruitt took over as president of the firm after her mother's death in 2016.

Pruitt has 30-plus years of real estate experience of every aspect. A 1991 Gloucester High School graduate, she attended business school in Florida.

"COVID-19 restrictions have greatly affected how normal business is conducted," Pruitt said. In spite of the challenges of the pandemic, "business has greatly increased in the last several years as our reputation for professional service has spread/grown," she added.

The mother of two boys, Pruitt is married to Paul Pruitt, the owner of Pruitt Automotive of Hayes.



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Split Enz Salon

Gloucester native Samantha Smith sees her business, Split Enz Salon on Gloucester Main Street, as a team effort providing hair and nail services as well as facials, massages, waxing, and complete spa packages.

but she was blessed to have been introduced to a coaching platform that helped her structure the business and acquire team-building skills and the ability to recognize her own leadership qualities. She learned to delegate and to develop a better balance between work and home.

Smith said her husband became ill not long after she purchased the business and that the ability to delegate allowed her to be closer to home while her husband was in treatment and their daughter was in school. "I was blown away by the support of the association, clients, friends, and family," she said. Without those elements, as well as her faith, she said the business still would have succeeded, "but not to the place we are today."



Samantha Smith

Smith graduated from Gloucester High School after earning her cosmetology certificate there, and immediately entered the cosmetology industry at a young age, without student loans. She spent most of her career with a salon and spa that had multiple locations across the U.S. and Canada, achieving "invaluable" experience and exposure.

Smith also has a number of other certifications, including everything from hair extensions to Japanese straightening systems and master hair-cutting, and is a cosmetology instructor.

Smith said she couldn't

Starbrite Security

Michaelene Fortner built her business from the ground up and has made a success with her hard work.

She established Starbrite Security in 1991, and offers electronic security, fire, and medical alarm fire systems, professionally installed, for residential and commercial use.

"As a woman starting and building a business in a male-dominated field, it has been a triumph to learn to be true to myself," Fortner said.

"2020 was a challenging year and I appreciate all of the support that I received from everyone and I wish everyone health and prosperity in 2021," she added.

She grew up in York County, moving to Gloucester in 1978. She holds an associate's degree in applied science in electronic security systems, and is registered in several categories with the Department of Criminal Justice. Fortner is certified as an electronics security technician.

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Pam Sawyer

Country Cottage

Pam Sawyer started her full-service floral and gourmet sweet shop business, Country Cottage, in White Stone in 1998. She specializes in custom designs, from flower arrangements for every occasion to handmade gourmet chocolates and homemade fudge. She also offers gifts, cards, flags, and plants, along with a variety of ice cream creations featuring Hershey's Ice Cream.

Balancing work and family life "is always a struggle," said Sawyer, and she had to work hard to build up her self-confidence to believe she could pull it all off. But the results of her efforts have not gone without notice. Country Cottage won "Best of Virginia" chocolatier for three years, she said, as well as "Best of the Rivah" for ice cream.

A high school graduate, Sawyer is originally from Newport News, but lived most of her life in Mathews. Before opening Country Cottage, she worked with her husband's delivery business, doing the paperwork, delivering product to grocery stores, and running a landscape business. She said her family has been very supportive over the years, particularly her husband, Tim.

"He has been there for me every step of the way," said Sawyer.

Next week!
More Women in Business

Hogge Real Estate

Wendy Hogge, owner/broker at Gloucester's Hogge Real Estate is a third-generation Realtor. She has been selling real estate for over 35 years, serving real estate needs on the Middle Peninsula, Northern Neck, Yorktown and Williamsburg.

"We have a team of friendly and knowledgeable agents who work hard for their buyers and sellers," Hogge said.

Working through hard times is nothing new for Hogge. "Working slow and steady through two recessions taught me a lot about obstacles," she said. "Changing with the times in real estate is the key. The basics of listing and selling and creating transactions is an art that is mastered over 35 years of hard work."

Born and raised in Gloucester, Hogge started working for Walter Jackson Jr., who was a real estate appraiser. "I did research and he taught me values," she said, adding that she earned her real estate license while working for Jackson.

Thomas Cushman started



Wendy Hogge

the real estate business, and her father E. Claiborne Hogge took it over from his father-in-law. Wendy Hogge took over running the business in 2005 when her father became ill.

Over the years, Hogge has received numerous awards, including Salesman of the Year. She has received several gold, platinum, silver and diamond awards as well. She is a member of the Gloucester County Chamber of Commerce and the Gloucester Main Street Association. In addition to leading Hogge Real Estate, she is also executive vice president of Force Control Drive Inc., an energy company.

NN Popcorn Bag

Terri Crowder has watched her business, Northern Neck Popcorn Bag, grow like ... the volume of a kettle of corn starting to pop.

She established the company in Kilmarnock in 2016; opened a store on Main Street in Gloucester in June 2018; and expanded to Warsaw in 2019.

The company offers handcrafted gourmet popcorn in more than 50 flavors, as well as gifts and wedding favors and popcorn tins.

Crowder, who is from Colonial Beach, said growing the business and building reliable teams are every-



Terri Crowder

day but tough challenges she has faced. Then came COVID-19. "COVID has been the biggest obstacle since we opened," she said. Helping the company get through was being able to sell online through its website.

Before establishing Northern Neck Popcorn Bag, Crowder had direct marketing businesses, worked in auto repair firms, and spent "a lot of years in software sales." She studied in high school and had some college years along with completing many training courses for the industries she has worked in.

Crowder gives special credit to her son, Rob Brauning, who "is the CFO, operations manager, and production manager" of her company, and "has worked with me in the business for almost three years now, and has been an integral part of the growth" of Northern Neck Popcorn Bag.

The Hester Real Estate Team

Leanne Hester

Gloucester resident Leanne Hester started her real estate career in 2013 with Liz Moore & Associates in Newport News. She has since established her own team, The Hester Real Estate Team, and she loves what she does.

A full-time agent, Hester said she stays on top of all the new marketing trends as well as all legal aspects of the real estate business. She is passionate about her job, and has been earning awards as an agent since 2014. She said she can handle all types of needs for both buyers and sellers, from land, farms, and new construction to waterfront homes, investment properties, and military relocations.

"I've got your back every step of the way," she said.

Hester said that finding new agents for a team can be difficult, but she has been blessed with her daughter, Elissa Hester, who was the first agent to join her and who "brings great new ideas and talents to the team."

Randi Snyder, who worked for years as the company's transaction coordinator, joined the Hester Team as a full-time agent in 2019, said Hester, adding, "She knows contracts inside and out and has lots to offer."

Hester said that before becoming involved in real estate she had a career in marketing and travel logistics.

Elissa Hester

Gloucester resident Elissa Shay Hester a member of The Hester Real Estate Team in Newport News since 2019, said humorously that she's "been on the Hester team since the day I was born."

Working with her mother Leanne, who established her own Hester Team at Liz Moore & Associates, Elissa Hester said her team's business model is "We've got your Back!" The team offers a wide range of experience, she said, including with residential property, land, investors, rentals, foreclosures, and more. But beyond that, the team offers understanding and community, giving back to the community "that has so graciously supported us."

Hester said that becoming a real estate agent isn't easy. Besides passing the initial test and becoming self-supporting, an agent has to constantly learn and work in their client's best interests, satisfying individual needs. She said it's important to be a client's backbone "to help reduce the stress and protect them through such an important



Leanne Hester



Elissa Hester



Randi Snyder

hannock Community College and studied for a bachelor's in neuroscience at George Mason University. She graduated from Alpha College with a Realtor's license in 2018.

Hester's role model is her mother, who has created three successful businesses to her own "and continues to be the hardest worker I know."

"She has always pushed for my success and has always been by my side and had my back," said Hester. "Hence, our slogan."

Randi Snyder

Randi Snyder offers residential real estate services as part of The Hester Real Estate Team in Newport News.

Snyder said her mission is to provide her clients with exceptional service while assisting them with their real estate goals. She said she listens to their needs and responds in a timely fashion and offers information on market trends as well as "top-notch advertising and marketing support" in order to help her clients sell their homes quickly and find new homes.

A native of Griggstown, New Jersey, Snyder has a background in the tour and travel industry, as well as hotel sales and conference services. She said her background in hospitality enabled her to successfully transition to real estate, which similarly requires skillful negotiation and coordination of details.

"I provide the same high level of customer service and attention to detail," she said, "with unwavering dedication to customer satisfaction."

Snyder lives in Newport News with her husband, daughter, and two cats. In her spare time, she enjoys dancing, singing, tennis, visiting historical sights, and "a good book." She earned both an associate's degree and a bachelor's degree in business administration, the former from Raritan Valley Community College and the latter from Rider University, both New Jersey institutions.

transaction, no matter the price point."

"Realtors act as guides and support systems who need to know more than just contracts," she said. "They must also know about home inspections, repairs, septic systems, wells, county rules and regulations, surveys, appraisals and pricing, marketing, and so much more."

Hester said she holds an associate's degree in Arts and Science from Rappa-

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Spreading joy

The youth of First Baptist Church, Ordinary, and First Morning Star Baptist Church, Bena, made Valentine's Day cards for the residents of Walter Reed Convalescent Center. Treat bags were also given to be distributed. Here, Madison Barrineau, a concierge at Walter Reed, received the gifts.

CHURCH SERVICES

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

EMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST
Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Bohannon, will hold in-person worship at 11 a.m. Sunday. The sermon title of Pastor Jennifer Mercer will be "Fools for Christ." All attending must wear face coverings and social distancing is observed. A short health form needs to be filled out prior to the service or at the door.

"Good News Food Pantry" is available to all just outside of the church. Take what you need, leave what you can, a release said.

FIRST BAPTIST, ORDINARY
The virtual sermon title of Pastor Ward Warren of First Baptist Church, Ordinary, will be "Faith Makes the Difference." Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. Wednesday will be Holy Communion at 6:30 p.m. For Zoom and dial-in info, call Deacon Albert Ali at 804-642-3109.

FIRST MORNING STAR BAPTIST
The Rev. Mack Parham will be the guest minister at the 11 a.m. teleconference worship service on Sunday in First Morning Star Baptist Church, Bena. To join the teleconference dial 804-256-2475.

GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN
The sermon title at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service in Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Gloucester, will be "This is Your Final Warning." The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. One can worship online and in person.

GROVES MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN
The sermon title of the Rev. Michael Condey of Groves Memorial Presbyterian Church, Glass, at 10 a.m. Sunday will be "My Father's House."

GWYNN'S ISLAND BAPTIST
Gwynn's Island Baptist Church will hold a drive-in service at 10 a.m. Sunday around the gazebo across from the church. Parking will begin at 9:30. The sermon topic of Dr. Ed Jordan, pastor, will be "Orphans No More!" Autumn Jenkins and Gary Hudgins will provide special music.

KINGSTON EPISCOPAL PARISH
Kingston Episcopal Parish, Mathews, will celebrate Sunday Spiritual Communion Rite I online on its Facebook and YouTube sites available Saturday evenings. Coffee hour will be held via Zoom at 11:30 a.m. on Sundays. The ID and passcode can be obtained from the church office at 804-725-2175. The Wabingston Clergy Klatch Bible Study is every Sat-

urday morning, also on Facebook and YouTube. The Bible class "The Great Communicator: God" continues at 4 p.m. Mondays via Zoom with the readings posted the previous Wednesday on Facebook.

MATHEWS BAPTIST
Mathews Baptist Church, Hudgins, offers in-person services: contemporary at 9 a.m. (also on online) and traditional at 11 a.m. (also on CD upon request). The sermon title of the Rev. Brian Kramer, pastor, will be "The Rock in the Road to the Cross, Who do You Say I Am?"

NEW POINT FRIENDS
The sermon title of the Rev. Thomas Bunting, pastor of New Point Friends Church, at its 11 a.m. Sunday service will be "Harvest Time."

NEWINGTON BAPTIST
The sermon title of Pastor Mike Gray of Newington Baptist Church, Gloucester, at 10:30 a.m. Sunday will be "Reminders of our Future." Children ages four through the fifth grade have the option of going to KidsWorship, a special time of worship, learning, fun, and snack during part of the adult worship service. Watch and chat with others on Newington's Facebook page as the Sunday service is livestreamed at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday evenings there is something for everyone from 6:30-8. For K-5th grade, Kidz-life, a discipleship program with lessons, games, snacks, and activities; 6-12th grades are welcomed at COR3 Youth, a ministry designed for students and their families to stimulate spiritual development both within and outside the home environment. Older teens and adults come to study Hebrews with Mr. Gray or join the choir to prepare a special program for Easter.

Masks are required and social distancing is observed at all church events.

OLIVE BRANCH UNITED METHODIST
The sermon title of the Rev. Ann Tang of Olive Branch United Methodist Church, Gloucester, at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday in-person service will be "The Foolishness of the Cross." A virtual option will be available at 10:30 on its Facebook page for Olive Branch United Methodist Church, Gloucester.

The Rev. Tang will lead a Wednesday Lenten Bible study at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook. Facebook daily prayer will be held during Lent for our country, state by state and territory by territory, and will end the 40 days of prayer by praying

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Daily Bible Readings

Psalm 36	Psalm 79	Psalm 80	Psalm 84	Psalm 85	Psalm 86	1 Kings 3:1-15
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Talking about race

The Rev. Dr. Melissa Mason of North, member of the Mathews County Board of Supervisors, recently took part in the first of a series of online conversations with fellow Mathews County native Bert White of Virginia Beach for "Honest Talks about Race, Racism and Reconciliation."

CHURCH SERVICES

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for different levels of the UMC. Each day there will be a historical background on the areas that are being prayed for.

REV. GAYLE.ORG INC.

The sermon title of the Rev. Ronald Gayle on revgayle.com will be "Are You Walking in a Shadow?"

SALEM UNITED METHODIST

The sermon title of the Rev. Ann Tang of Salem United Methodist Church, Gloucester, at 11 a.m. Sunday will be "The Foolishness of the Cross."

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

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

SINGLETON UNITED METHODIST

Singleton United Methodist Church, Ware Neck, will have in-person with face masks and social distancing and Zoom worship service at 11 a.m. on Sunday.

SPRING HILL BAPTIST

The sermon title at the 11 a.m. Sunday service in Spring Hill Baptist Church, Cobbs Creek, will be "Harmony in the Church."

ST. MATTHEW UNITED METHODIST

St. Matthew United Methodist Church, Peary, will have in-church worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Health guidelines apply to face covering, social distancing, and health forms.

THE FIRST UNITED BAPTIST

The sermon title of Pastor E. Randolph Graham of the First United Baptist Church, White Marsh, for the 10 a.m. Sunday service will be "The Cross is Foolish to Those Who Are Perishing."

WESTVILLE BAPTIST

The sermon title of the Rev. Bob Huff of Westville Baptist Church, Mathews, at the 10:45 a.m. Sunday communion service will be "Living on the Fear of the Lord."

Wednesday Bible study on "Leviticus" will begin at 4 p.m.

ZION POPLARS BAPTIST

Candidate for pastor, the Rev. Ronald Gayle, associate minister of Union Zion Baptist Church, will render the 11 a.m. Sunday services for March in Zion Poplars Baptist Church, Gloucester.

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by Brian Gunnell

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South West North East
2 2 Pass Pass
4 All Pass

2 was artificial and strong, and South wound up in 4. Looking at all four hands it is not difficult to see how E-W can defeat this contract, but how many E-W pairs would find the winning defense at the table?

On opening lead, West did not see much future in

Loud and clear

Diamonds, so he went after a ruff or two by leading his singleton Heart. East won her Ace and Declarer, being a shifty sort of fellow, dropped the King in an attempt to muddy the waters for the defense.

in the Heart led back by East at Trick 2. A low Heart would say "Return a Club" (the lower-ranking suit), and a high Heart would say "Return a Diamond" (the higher-ranking suit, which is Diamonds as trumps are not part of this equation).

LIFELINES

BY DR. ED JORDAN

Nobody does it better

Can anyone love you more than God loves you? Is there anyone more powerful than God in the entire universe? Do you realize that God can see things in your life that you don't even know about yourself?

Today I read a quote from Catherine of Siena, explaining why we should heartily and confidently entrust our lives, plans and future to the loving care of God. Listen to what Jesus spoke to and through her, and to you and me. Jesus is saying: "I can love you more than you can love yourself, and I watch over you a thousand times more carefully than you can watch over yourself."

Jesus communicated this same message to the troubled disciples in John 14:1 (CSB), where He said: "Don't let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me." Jesus was to be betrayed, and turned over to be whipped, beaten, and crucified a few hours after saying these words.

around them. They were troubled, anxious, worried, and in shock.

Jesus calmly said to them: "Stop being troubled! You trust God; trust Me too." Jesus went on to say that He was going to His Father's place of dwelling. In our thought processes, He was going to Heaven. But it is more than a place; it is the full presence of God because it is where God lives.

I realize that this whole theme is more than we can wrap our heads around. When we personally face loss of our security, our stability, or our means to live, we become overwhelmed with fear or anxiety. What will happen to me, and my life? What is out there when a person dies? What will it be like? Will I be afraid?

For a person who has spent their life rejecting God, and rebelling against Him, life after death will not be in a pleasant place. The Bible describes it as a place of eternal torment. It is not that God is dishing out punishment. On the contrary, God stays out of the afterlives of those who did not want God in their life while living here.

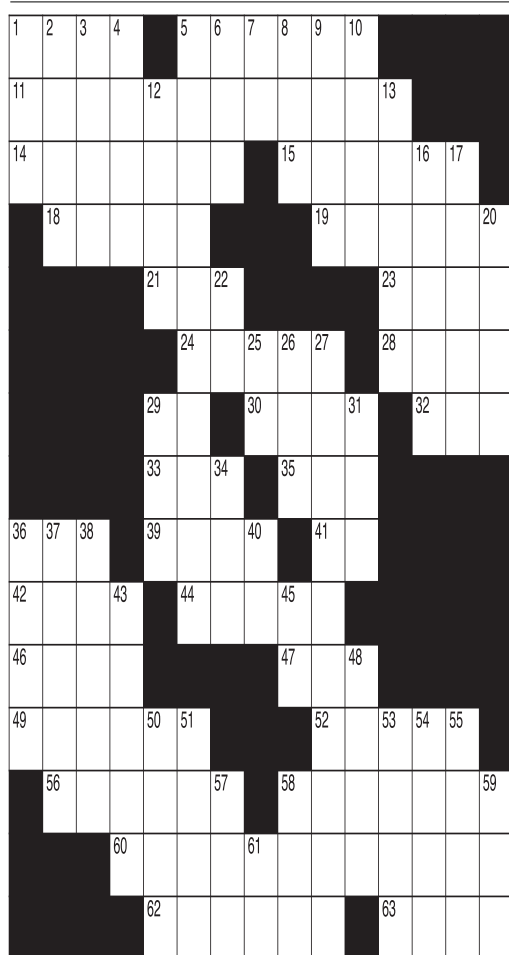
to do so is to end up with not one ounce of good to counteract the enormity and viciousness of evil.

However, the whole reason Jesus came was not to send people to destruction, but rather to rescue people from such destruction. To those who have chosen to live their lives with and for Jesus, we are guaranteed that Jesus has prepared a dwelling place for us after we die, a place in the presence of our God who is gloriously good, benevolent, and who has a love larger than the universe. Jesus assured His followers that He was going away to dwell with God the Father, and was preparing an eternal dwelling place for each of us who entrust our lives to Him. Not only that, but Jesus said that as assuredly as He goes to the Father, He comes to escort us from our dwelling here to our prepared dwelling place there.

Jesus says to you and me: "Believe in God, believe also in Me." Those who do, can stop letting life's uncertainties trouble them. God is bigger, wiser, and stronger than anything we will ever encounter in this life, or in eternity. He can take much better care of us than we could ever take care of ourselves. Why not trust and love Him?

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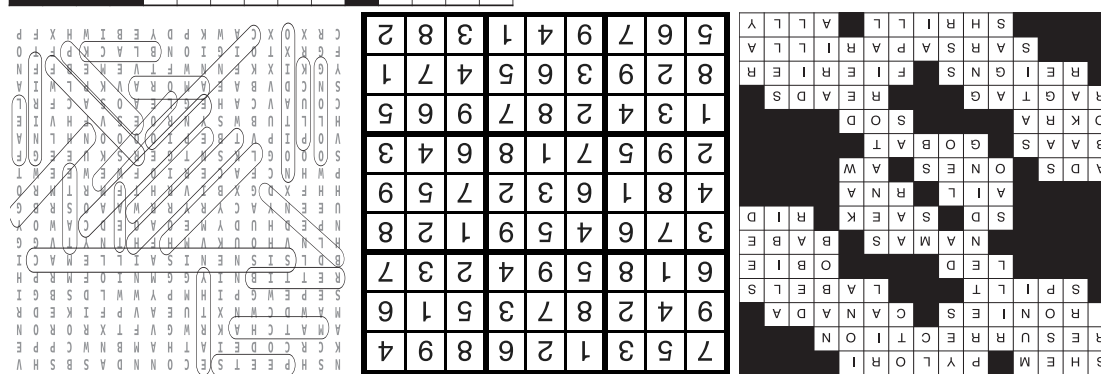
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24. Khoikhoi peoples
28. Beloved movie pig
29. South Dakota
30. Tai language
32. Get free of
33. Afflict

- 35. Transmits genetic information from DNA
36. Commercials
39. Digits
41. Expression of sympathy
42. Bleats
43. Swiss Nobel Peace Prize winner
44. Vegetable
47. Turf
49. Disorganized in character
52. Takes
56. Rules over
58. More fervid
60. Sweet drink
62. Cry loudly
63. A friendly nation

CLUES DOWN

- 1. A title of respect in India
2. His and
3. Employee stock ownership plan
4. A type of bond (abbr.)
5. Acting as if you are
6. Affirmative
7. Not caps
8. Type of medication
9. Monetary unit
10. Private school in New York
12. Small stream
13. A person of wealth
16. Exclude
17. Someone who vouches for you
20. Vegetable part
22. Gov't lawyer
25. Term to address a woman
26. Swiss river
27. About senate
29. Paulo, cityr

- 31. Native American tribe
34. "Titanic" actor
36. Campaign for students' rights (abbr.)
37. Capital of Senegal
38. Slang for military leader
40. Football's big game
43. Women who threw themselves on funeral pyres
45. Equally
48. Forest animal
50. Heavy stoves
51. Releasing hormone (abbr.)
53. Song
54. Type of pickle
55. Offer in return for money
57. Soviet Socialist Republic
58. Burns wood (abbr.)
59. Beloved singer Charles
61. Three-toed sloth



GLIMPSSES INTO THE PAST

Farmers prepare for spring planting

110 YEARS AGO
Thursday, March 2, 1911

from the Mathews Journal
The farmers are beginning to make preparations for the spring work. They can be seen cleaning their fields of stalks and hauling out barn yard manure.

When you want a good broom ask your dealer for the broom that is labeled "Tide-water Broom Works, Laban, Va." and you will get the best broom straw that grows. There is no grass, nor rush, filled inside of them.

Miss Lola May Foster, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. James W. Foster of Mathews, and Mr. Milton C. Sawyer were married at the Loraine Hotel, on Feb. 23 at 6 o'clock. Rev. G.W. Swope performed the ceremony. The wedding march was rendered by Miss Lambert, of Norfolk. The couple left immediately after by way of the Old Dominion line for New York.

The Confederate Board of Pensions, of Mathews, will meet in the Court-house here on Wednesday, March 8. Those desiring to secure pensions should have their credentials ready to present on that date. —W.E. Fitchett, Chairman

100 YEARS AGO
Thursday, March 3, 1921

from the Gloucester Gazette
The first step in the employment of tractors for road work was taken by the Board of Supervisors at its meeting last Thursday, when Mr. W.T. Ashe was authorized to purchase from Mr. H.N. Baruch a Monarch tractor at a price not exceeding \$350, to be used to work the roads in Abingdon district. It is said that this tractor, which is of a powerful type, can be put in good running order at a small outlay of money.

For sale: Cheap, one six-passenger Jeffery car in good condition. —Sam Smith, Mathews

For sale: Cheap, one pair good mules, one new Deering mowing machine, sow and four pigs, lot of hay, one horse and buggy and harness. —W.H. Hudgins, Fitchets

For sale: A new handpower washing machine, equipped with clothes ringer. —Dr. R.R. Hoskins, Mathews

For sale: One Buick and one Ford touring car, will be sold cheap to quick buyers. —W.E. Jordan, Cardinal

90 YEARS AGO
Thursday, March 5, 1931

from the Gloucester Gazette
A daughter, Dorothy Estelle, was born Feb. 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hogg, of Wicomico.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hogg, of Severn, are the parents of a daughter, Alice Marie, born Feb. 21.

A son, Clarence Samuel, arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Green, at Stone-wall, on Feb. 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Smith, of Wicomico, are also parents of a son, John Herbert, born Feb. 27.

from the Mathews Journal
The call for food and clothing made through the Rector of Kingston Parish and the south branch of the Woman's Auxiliary for the people of the mountains met with such open-handed and generous response as to exceed all expectations. Friday, Feb. 27 was set as the time to bring donations to the Rectory. Money, food and clothing poured in and the receptacles provided before had overflowed with provisions and warm clothing until more boxes had to be gotten. On Sunday the contributions were still coming in. Our neighbors in the moun-

tains are our wards as long as the hand of suffering is upon them and all we are able to give to relieve their distress is not too much.

80 YEARS AGO
Thursday, March 6, 1941

from the Gazette-Journal
The Old Mill Skating Rink has recently installed an addition to the Hammond organ. It is the unique and interesting Solovox, which is a miniature Novachord.

This instrument has been on the market for only a short time, and has created quite a sensation in music circles throughout the country. The unique and varied tones add immeasurably to the music at the Old Mill Rink, and skaters and patrons alike have been extravagant in their praise of this new addition to the music facilities at the popular rink.

The tones are generated by means of oscillating tubes, and is played from a separate keyboard which is attached below the lower keyboard of the organ console. In other words, it adds the third keyboard to the organ and makes the instrument much more flexible and offers a great deal more tone variety.

70 YEARS AGO
Thursday, March 8, 1951

from the Gazette-Journal
Miss Clara Belle Treakle, Rehabilitation Chairman of Mathews Chapter American Red Cross, requests the help of the public in sending her the names and addresses of all Mathews boys in the service who are confined to hospitals.

Miss Treakle is very anxious to receive this information so that the local chapter can keep in touch with the boys. All names and addresses should be sent to Miss Clara B. Treakle, Mathews, Va., so as to reach her prior to the regular meeting which will be held on Monday, March 5.

60 YEARS AGO
Thursday, March 2, 1961

from the Gazette-Journal
Eight acres of beach property have been purchased by the Mathews Spring Festival Committee for development of a recreational area, according to P. Hudgins Miles, festival chairman.

The property, which was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. R. Wesley Foster, is located east of Diggs Post Office on the Chesapeake Bay.

The Spring Festival is sponsored annually in the county by five organizations. They are the Mathews Ruritan Club, Mathews Lions Club, Mathews Chamber of Commerce, Mathews Junior Woman's Club and the Mathews Woman's Club.

50 YEARS AGO
Thursday, March 4, 1971

from the Gazette-Journal
The ban on drinking water at Lee-Jackson Elementary School, Mathews, has been lifted following a six-day period when it was described by health department officials as "not entirely safe to drink."

Thomas W. Anderson, sanitarian for Mathews and Middlesex counties, said in a routine check which is conducted every three months a small percentage of bacteria of the coliform group was discovered in the water at the school on Feb. 23.

Anderson said that while there was only a small amount of bacteria found, he advised, as a precautionary measure, that the water not be used for drinking purposes while a re-check would be made.

He said that this is normal procedure when small children are involved and there

was no cause for alarm. Another examination Monday found the water free from bacteria and accordingly the ban was rescinded.

Water was hauled to the school from the Mathews Health Department during the six-day period.

40 YEARS AGO
Thursday, March 5, 1981

from the Gazette-Journal
Gloucester and Mathews county administrators received this week the final census counts for 1980; in both cases the official figure topped preliminary reports.

The Gloucester population on April 1, 1980 - Census Day - was 20,017. Earlier reports placed it at less than 20,000.

The final count in Mathews was 7,995 persons, a preliminary report gave 7,917 as the figure.

Still not received are final counts for magisterial districts. When these are obtained the board of supervisors in each county must conduct a reapportionment so that population within districts coincides as closely as possible with the "one man, one vote" rule. Gloucester has five districts, Mathews three.

30 YEARS AGO
Thursday, March 7, 1991

from the Gazette-Journal
People who see young children not properly restrained in a moving vehicle can now do something about it.

The Virginia Department for Children, with the assistance of the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, Virginia Cooperative Extension and a number of other concerned groups, is sponsoring a new program designed to reduce the all-time high number of child fatalities in traffic accidents.

Under the program, anyone who observes a child under the age of 4 not properly restrained in a moving vehicle can fill out and mail a postage-paid card reporting the observation to the Department for Children.

The post card must list the offending vehicle's license plate number, and the date, time, location and description of the observation.

Owners of the vehicles transporting the unrestrained child will receive a reminder letter from the Department of Children asking them to obey the law by providing approved automobile child safety restraining devices for all children under 4.

20 YEARS AGO
Thursday, March 1, 2001

from the Gazette-Journal
James Spencer III, a 13-year-old student at Ware Academy, Gloucester, won a trip for two to the Bahamas last weekend with a half-court basketball shot that rocked an AAU Tournament crowd.

James was attending his sister Jocelyn's AAU Girls' Basketball Warm-Up Tournament held Friday and Saturday at the Rock Church Coastal Academy in Virginia Beach. He and about two dozen other children and adults made a \$5 donation to AAU Basketball for the one-shot chance to win a Bahamas vacation by making a basket from mid-court. About 15 unsuccessful contestants missed the shot before James took his turn and hit the mark, bringing the crowd to the court to congratulate him.

10 YEARS AGO
Thursday, March 3, 2011

from the Gazette-Journal
The Mathews High School Scholastic Bowl team capped its successful season on Saturday with a fourth-place finish in the state Group A tournament, held at the College of William and Mary.

Despite falling in their opening match to two-time defending state champion George Mason, the Devils rebounded with a strong performance against Region D runner-up Lebanon. With the season on the line, Mathews got off to a quick start and rolled to a 200-110 victory.

The Devils concluded their season with an overall record of 16-5.

DO YOU REMEMBER?



Newspaper visit

The members of the Pack 175 Tiger Den visited the Gloucester-Mathews Gazette-Journal on Feb. 21, 2011 to see the operations of a newspaper, from the newsroom to the printing press. Those taking part in the tour were, front row from left, Andrew Kemp, Colton Bonnaville; second row, Braxton Thomas, Jordan Taylor, Nathan Davis, Charles VanFossen, Raleigh Beamer, Caiden Stone, and, in back, Den Leader Matthew Stone.

'Shiver in Virginia' beautification effort underway

Registration for Keep Virginia Beautiful's "Shiver in Virginia," a reimagined version of its annual "Shiver in the River" festival that has been the organization's largest annual fundraiser since 2015, is underway.

This year's initiative is designed to be COVID-safe and give people more choice in how they can contribute to the beautification of their communities, KVB said. Shiver in Virginia runs through March 31.

"We're taking Shiver in the River statewide this year,"

said KVB executive director Mike Baum. "We want people to be proud of their communities and the challenge is all about getting outside and making a difference—and influencing others to do the same, at a safe social distance."

Participants engage in activities including litter clean-ups, recycling, trail cleaning, graffiti removal and other good deeds. For a donation of \$20.21, participants will receive a free Virginia State Parks parking pass, with no expiration date. Participants

will also have access to the KVB Mission Challenge website, where they can map the collective progress on the 2,021-mile path across the state. With each act reported, participants will be entered into drawings for additional prizes.

Keep Virginia Beautiful is challenging participants to share their pictures, contributions and successes with others on social media, where they are asked to use the hashtag #shiverinvirginia.

WEBSITE SPOTLIGHT

<p>Literacy Volunteers of Gloucester www.literacyvolunteersofgloucester.org</p>	<p>Gloucester Rotary Club www.gloucesterrotary.club</p>	<p>Newington Courthouse Pre-School www.newingtoncourthousepreschool.com</p>
<p>Land of Goshen Auction House HamptonRoadsAuctioneer.com</p>	<p>Chesapeake Bay Writers www.chesapeakebaywriters.org</p>	<p>Courthouse Family Medicine www.courthousefamilymedicine.com</p>
<p>First Baptist Church fbcordinary.org</p>	<p>Tomlinson Exterminating www.tomlinsonexterminating.com</p>	<p>FiberTec Insulation www.fibertecinsulation.com</p>
<p>First Morning Star Baptist Church www.firstmorningstarbena.net</p>	<p>TOP DOG PET GROOMING www.topdogva.com</p>	<p>MOODY'S EVENT CENTER www.moodyseventcenters.com</p>
<p>138 Tattoo www.138tattoo.com</p>	<p>Rappahannock Restoration & Repair Inc. www.seamlessguttersmathews.com</p>	<p>Stewart's Tile and Carpet Center, LLC www.stewartstileandcc.com</p>
<p>Absolute Painting www.absolutepaintingva.com</p>	<p>R.C. Mandolins www.rcinstruments.com</p>	<p>Gloucester-Mathews Gazette-Journal www.gazettejournal.net</p>
<p>Salem United Methodist Church www.salemumcmathews.org</p>	<p>Mathews Landscaping www.mathewslandscapes.com</p>	<p>WALKE BROTHERS ROOFING, INC. walkebrothersroofing.com</p>
<p>Westville Christian Church www.westvilledisciples.com</p>	<p>WILLIAMS & SKILLING, P.C. www.williamsandskilling.com</p>	<p>Serena Hedge at Tangled Up Salon www.gloucesterhairsalon.com</p>
<p>St. James Anglican Church www.stjamesgloucester.com</p>	<p>Air Force Services Society www.airforceservicesociety.org</p>	<p>Mathews County Land Conservancy www.mathewslandconservancy.org</p>
<p>Groves Memorial Presbyterian Church www.grovesmemchurchva.org</p>	<p>Mathews Historical Museum www.mathewsvamuseum.org</p>	<p>Mathews County Chamber of Commerce www.mathewschamber.net</p>
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Gloucester's Daffodil Gardens Phase II apartment complex receives \$260,000 in loans

An income-restricted senior apartment building being constructed in Gloucester will receive \$260,000, part of more than \$24 million in Affordable and Special Needs Housing loans from across Virginia unveiled by Gov. Ralph Northam on Monday.

Last summer, Bay Aging broke ground on Daffodil Gardens Phase II, which is being constructed adjacent to the original Daffodil Gardens. The Phase II project will support construction of 40 apartments in a single, three-story building served by an elevator. The building is located

less than a mile from Riverside Walter Reed Hospital and numerous other services and shopping.

October 2021 is the contract completion month for the project and Bay Aging said it hopes to be able to hold a big in-person event at that time to celebrate the grand opening.

Overall, the 28 projects across the commonwealth receiving the flexible, below-market-rate loans will create or preserve 1,635 affordable housing units for low-income Virginians. The funding will help increase access to af-

fordable housing, reduce homelessness, and provide permanent supportive housing options for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, a release from the governor's office stated.

The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development administers the loans, which combine state and federal resources to provide a simplified and comprehensive application process. Funding comes from three main sources: the federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program, the federal

National Housing Trust Fund, and the Virginia Housing Trust Fund.

Affordable and Special Needs Housing loans are awarded through a competitive process. Forty-three applications were received for this round of funding, requesting more than \$42 million.

Two other projects in the region—Kilmarnock Village in Lancaster (\$240,000) and the Woods at Yorktown in York County (\$800,000)—were also recipients during this cycle of loans.



Jennifer Schuman, a licensed Professional Esthetician, has joined the team at Fusion Salon and Spa in Gloucester.

Lawmakers pass COVID-19 workers' comp bills

BY SAM FOWLER
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

The Virginia General Assembly passed multiple bills allowing health care workers and first responders to receive workers' compensation benefits if they are disabled or die due to COVID-19.

"We did it!" Del. Chris Hurst (D-Blacksburg) said in a Twitter post. "Health care heroes who got COVID on the job will get the retroactive workers comp presumption they deserve!"

Hurst's House Bill 1985 expanded workers' compensation benefits for health care workers "directly involved in diagnosing or treating persons known or suspected to have COVID-19," including doctors and nurses. The

bill provides coverage from March 12, 2020 until Dec. 31, 2021.

The health care worker must have been treated for COVID-19 symptoms and been diagnosed by a medical provider to qualify for compensation before July 1, 2020. The individual must have received medical treatment and a positive COVID-19 test to be eligible for compensation after July 1, 2020.

The bill also said health care workers who refuse or fail to get vaccinated for COVID-19 will not be eligible for workers' compensation. The aforementioned rule doesn't apply if a physician determines vaccination will risk the worker's health.

"This is how we honor our brave health care heroes that

put themselves in harm's way to treat those infected with this horrible virus," Hurst said in a press release. "They sacrifice for us and deserve our utmost praise and admiration, but they also deserve our help."

There were concerns about the bill's costs, according to Hurst. The Senate tried to remove the bill's retroactive clause, but the bill passed the House and Senate with bipartisan support following negotiations.

The Virginia Nurses Association said the bill will make it easier for nurses to access benefits.

"Unfortunately, too many Virginia nurses caught COVID-19 while treating patients," the association said in a Facebook post. "For those that got very sick, there is no easy way to file for workers' compensation, and many have suffered not only physically, but financially."

Senate Bill 1375 and HB 2207 cover workers' compensation for first responders who are diagnosed or died

from COVID-19 on or after Sept. 1 of last year. The measures include firefighters, police officers, correctional and regional jail officers and emergency medical services workers. The bills require an official diagnosis through a positive COVID-19 test and symptoms of the disease.

The House bill, sponsored by Del. Jay Jones (D-Norfolk), originally included a retroactive clause that compensated cases going back to March 2020, but that was taken out of the legislation's final version.

"We fought tooth and nail to provide our first responders—the real heroes of the pandemic—coverage under workers' compensation for COVID and we got it done," Jones said in a Twitter post.

Capital News Service is a program of Virginia Commonwealth University's Robertson School of Media and Culture. Students in the program provide state government coverage for a variety of media outlets in Virginia.

Skin care professional joins Fusion Spa team

BY TYLER BASS

Fusion Salon and Spa is welcoming its newest member, Jennifer Schuman. She is a licensed Professional Esthetician.

Schuman said that she moved to Gloucester in 2019 with her family. "We're an Air Force family and have never felt so at home in 20 years of moving all over the country as we do here in Gloucester," she said. "We just love everything about it."

Schuman has worked in the skin care and beauty industry since 2007, and became a licensed Professional Esthetician last fall. Currently she is working through

Master Esthetics school and hopes to graduate in late May.

"My interests include skin care and facial treatments for all ages, with a special interest in anti-aging skincare and treatments, brows and lashes," she said.

Schuman looks forward to helping her new clients become more confident in their own skin.

Fusion Salon and Spa is open Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Fusion Salon and Spa at 804-699-3544.

11 new properties under protection of Virginia Land Conservancy

The Historic Virginia Land Conservancy has announced the protection of 11 properties in five counties, two of which are new counties to HVLC.

All acreage represents vital farmland in the commonwealth, a release said.

These farms tout exceptional soils, as well as woodlands and beautiful open land, the conservancy said. Some of these properties expand the footprint of other protected lands, including the Chub Sandhill State Natural Area Preserve.

The farms range in size from 117 acres to over 400

acres, that include rotations of cotton, wheat, soy, corn; water quality improvements with farming best management practices; wildlife fields for hunting; ponds for fishing; cypress trees saved; swampland; marshes; creeks; scenic waterways, and a century old working cattle farm.

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LAND TRANSFERS GLOUCESTER

The following deeds were recorded in the Clerk's Office of Gloucester Circuit Court during the period Feb. 19-25:

Jeffery H. Whitt, et al, trustee, to Leslie Smith, et al, 5.79 acres, Petersburg, \$399,500.
 ARC GSGLOVA001, LLC, to GSA Gloucester LLC, 2.4398 acres, Lot B-1, Abingdon, \$2,689,845.
 CB3 Properties, LLC, to Craig D. Borgstrom, et al, Lot 1, Block D, York River Pines, Gloucester Point, gift.
 Daniel J. Walsh to Carol B. Hall, et al, 1 acre, Parcel F-1, Abingdon, \$173,000.
 Cuong Chi Chang to Van Thuy Chang, 1 acre, Abingdon, gift.
 William Meredith Watson, et al, to Parastu Mirmomsef, Lot A, Abingdon, \$415,000.
 James Allen Messick, et al, to Chad E. Strayer, et al, Lot 14, Point Lookout, Section A, Abingdon, \$75,000.
 Roy S. Geiger III, et al, trustees, to Roy S. Geiger III, et al, Lot 11, Snug Harbor, Block B, Block C, Sarah's Creek Estates, gift.
 Evelyn S. Miller to Evelyn S. Miller, trustee, Lot 14, Linda Court, Abingdon, no consideration.
 Ryan H. Cookson, et al, to George R. Bailey Jr., 2.5 acres, Parcel 11A, Petersburg, \$68,000.
 Thomas Laughlin Zwerner, et al, to Harley D. Owen, et al, Lot 1, Gloucester Point, \$259,000.
 Belinda Smith, et al, to Timothy Joseph Smith, et al, 1.19 acres, Parcel 6, Petersburg, gift.
 Garry Tabb Emerson to Winebarger Construction Company of Virginia, Inc., 2.0001 acres, Lot 18B, Petersburg, \$100.
 Garry Tabb Emerson to Ernest Alwood Gurganus Jr., et al, 8.4178 acres, Lot 18, \$79,000.
 Philip J. Render, et al, trustees, to Curtis Matteson, et al, Unit 7, Abingdon Office Park, Phase 2, Gloucester Point, \$168,000.
 Jennie S. Howe to Brandon Lee Dennen, et al, Lot 24, Flo-Kato Village, Abingdon, \$149,000.
 Morgan L. Pritchard, et al, to Melvin Epps, et al, 1.99 acres, Parcel 4, Petersburg, \$230,000.
 Monbritt Company, LLC, to Kalden D. Street, 1.82 acres, Abingdon, \$232,000.

MATHEWS

The following deeds were recorded recently in Mathews Circuit Court:

Teresa B. Roberts, et al, trustee, to James I. Meade Jr., 11.331 acres, Chesapeake, \$725,000.
 Barbara J. Carrington, trustee, to Barbara J. Carrington, 1.27 acres, Piankatank, no consideration.
 Steven Lane Mullinnix, et al, in a revocable transfer on death deed, to McKenzie K. Brown, 1.78 acres, Piankatank, no consideration.
 John C. Davis to Kurt Thomas Hofelich, et al, 5 acres, Chesapeake, \$15,000.
 Peter F. DeLisle, et al, to Ines Stromberg, Lot 2, 1.77 acres, Chesapeake, \$646,800.
 Anthony C. Stewart, et al, to Kevin E. McGrew, 2.886 acres, Chesapeake, \$198,000.
 Aaron D. White to Jeremy Colin Barnes, et al, Parcel One: 1.65 acres and Parcel Two: 1.51 acres, Piankatank, \$325,000.
 John Howard Bell II, et al, trustees, to Anthony C. Stewart, et al, 15.74 acres, less and except 1.0079 and 0.11 acres, Westville, \$575,000.
 Jennifer Kitson Leighty, et al, successor trustees, to Chris G. Burrell, et al, 0.72 acre, Piankatank, \$222,400.
 Sharon J. McAbee, et al, to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, 4.9127 acres, Westville, \$158,279.33.
 Logan R. Leverett to Logan R. Leverett, et al, 0.8035 acre, Westville, no consideration.

CIRCUIT COURT GLOUCESTER

The following cases were heard recently in Gloucester Circuit Court:

Kermit Cornelious Clark, 49, Portsmouth, pleaded guilty and was found guilty of felony charge of grand larceny. Sentencing is set for April 20 at 1:30 p.m.
 Albert Cecil Shaw Jr., 59, Nathalie, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of possess Schedule I/II controlled substance. The court did not enter a finding of guilt, but instead deferred the proceeding one year on the First Offender Statute. The defendant agreed to comply with a number of conditions, including 100 hours of community service work. Also, felony charge of distribution of marijuana was amended to a misdemeanor. The defendant pleaded guilty and was found guilty of the amended charge and sentenced to 12 months jail, all suspended.
 Joslyn Suzanne Pope, 29, 5395 Crany Creek Drive, Gloucester, pleaded guilty to felony charges of possession of a Schedule I/II controlled substance and possess firearm while in possession of Schedule I/II controlled substance. On the possession charge, the court did not enter a finding of guilt, but instead deferred the proceeding for one year on the First Offender Statute. The defendant agreed to comply with a number of conditions, including 100 hours of community service work. The defendant was found guilty of the firearm charge and sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary, with two years, nine months suspended. Defendant's firearm was forfeited to the commonwealth. Also, felony charge of fail to appear on felony offense was amended to a misdemeanor. The defendant pleaded guilty and was found guilty of the amended charge and sentenced to 10 days' jail, all suspended. Pursuant to a plea agreement, two additional felony charges of possess Schedule I/II controlled substance were nolle prossed and removed from the court docket.
 Ashley Nichole Brown, 32, 6926 Harrell Lane, Hayes, pleaded guilty and was found guilty of felony charges of distribution of a Schedule III controlled substance and possession of a Schedule I/II controlled substance. The defendant was sentenced to 10 years in the state penitentiary, with nine years, one month suspended on the distribution charge and five years in the state penitentiary, all suspended, on the possession charge. Pursuant to a plea agreement, felony charge of del-

ivery of narcotics to a prisoner and misdemeanor charge of possess Schedule III controlled substance were nolle prossed and removed from the court docket.

James Vincent Barber, 25, 2440 Maundys Creek Road, Gloucester, pleaded guilty and was found guilty of felony charges of possess Schedule I/II controlled substance (two counts). The defendant was sentenced to two 10-year terms in the state penitentiary; five years of the first sentence was suspended and nine years suspended from the second charge. Pursuant to a plea agreement, felony charges of distribution of a Schedule I/II controlled substance, possession of a firearm while in possession of a Schedule I/II controlled substance and possession of a firearm by a violent felon were nolle prossed and removed from the court docket. Financial assets seized in the amount of \$2,114 in connection with this case, and firearms seized, were forfeited to the commonwealth.

Justin Forrest Cannon, 32, 4525 Buckley Hall Road, Cobbs Creek, pleaded not guilty and was found guilty of a felony charge of possess Schedule I/II controlled substance. Sentencing is set for April 19 at 9:30 a.m.
 Travis M. Swicegood, 37, 9736 Mohican Drive, Gloucester, was found guilty of a felony charge of possess a Schedule I/II controlled substance. The defendant was sentenced to 12 months' jail, all suspended.

Angela Kravitz Davis, 42, 7866 Spring Hill Farm Rd E, Gloucester, pleaded guilty and was found guilty of a felony charge of possession of a Schedule I/II controlled substance. The defendant was sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary, all suspended. The defendant also pleaded guilty and was found guilty of a misdemeanor charge of Driving While Intoxicated and sentenced to 90 days' jail, all suspended upon successful completion of ASAP. The defendant was ordered to pay a \$250 fine and her operator's license was suspended one year.

DISTRICT COURT GLOUCESTER

The following cases were heard in Gloucester General District Court on Feb. 17-18:

Brian William Blum, 15208 George Washington Memorial Highway, Saluda, restricted license violation, \$100 fine and \$226 costs, 30 days' jail; jail sentence suspended.
 David James Cullison, 3854 Buckley Hall Road, Cobbs Creek, fail to appear, 10 days' jail and \$241 costs. Also, fail to appear, five days' jail and \$216 costs.
 Wayne H. Fleming, 8123 Brays Point Road, Hayes, reckless driving (89/55), \$500 fine and \$226 costs, 10 days' jail, operator's license suspended 30 days; jail sentence suspended.
 Richard Earl Gant, Daggett, Calif., reckless driving (88/55), \$500 fine and \$106 costs.
 Gareth Lee Gardner, 10373 George Washington Memorial Highway, Gloucester, fail to stop at scene of accident, \$1,000 fine and \$86 costs, operator's license suspended 15 days.
 Robert R. Giers Jr., 874 Chapel Lane, Cobbs Creek, drive after license revoked/suspended, \$100 fine and \$231 costs, 90 days' jail, operator's license suspended 60 days; jail sentence suspended.
 Johnathan K. McDaniel, 7450 Buckley Hall Road, Cobbs Creek, drive after license revoked/suspended, \$100 fine and \$231 costs, 30 days' jail, operator's license suspended 30 days; jail sentence suspended.
 I'zaiah K. Miller, 9796 John Clayton Memorial Highway, Gloucester, drive after license revoked/suspended, \$100 fine and \$111 costs, 90 days jail, operator's license suspended 60 days; jail sentence suspended. Also, drive after license revoked/suspended, \$100 fine and \$96 costs, 30 days' jail, operator's license suspended 30 days; jail sentence suspended. Also, fail to appear, \$96 costs and five days' jail.
 Charles M. Reid, White Stone, drive after license revoked/suspended, \$100 fine and \$226 costs, 90 days' jail, operator's license suspended 60 days; 86 days of jail sentence suspended.
 Adam Leamon Williams, Spotsylvania, reckless driving (76/45), \$500 fine and \$231 costs, operator's license suspended 30 days.

MATHEWS

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

Matthew Jerome DeForge, Mathews, Driving While Intoxicated, \$250 fine and \$346 costs, 90 days' jail, operator's license suspended one year; jail sentence suspended.
 Matthew Levi Ottarson, Seaford, DWI (second offense), \$500 fine and \$421 costs, operator's license suspended three years; 11 months of jail sentence suspended.
 Shawn Marcus Stokes, Honaker, assault and battery, \$250 fine and \$225 costs, 12 months' jail; jail sentence suspended.
 Marcos Zavala, Hampton, not remove hazard from waters, \$500 fine and \$96 costs.

SHERIFF'S REPORT GLOUCESTER

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

A catalytic converter was taken from the White Marsh Baptist Church van sometime since March 2020. The van had been parked at the church in the 5200 block of Route 17 since the start of the pandemic.
 Several firearms were taken during the day Feb. 24 from a residence in the 7000 block of Freedom Run Lane. They included a Sig Sauer P226 nine millimeter, a Sig Sauer P229 Legion 40 S&W, a Walther P99CAS S&W, a Ruger SP101 .357; a Smith & Wesson Tactical 45 ACP, a Colt AR15 M4 5.56, a Spikes Tactical AR15 5.56, a Core4 AR15 5.56, a Springfield M1A1 Tanker 7.62, a Rossi Judge Carbine .410, a Ruger 10/22 and a Savage bolt action 22LR along with various ammunition. There was no sign forced entry to the residence.
 Last Thursday, loss prevention personnel at Walmart reported observing a male and a female allegedly concealing items on their persons and exiting past all points of sale. The license plate number of the

vehicle they were traveling in was obtained and it was learned that the male passenger had been previously banned from the store. Both subjects were identified and located in a traffic stop. The 32-year-old male passenger of Sandy Hill Court was taken into custody for possession of a Schedule I or II controlled substance and was charged with trespassing and concealing merchandise. The 32-year-old female driver of Sandy Hill Court was charged with the misdemeanors of driving after her license was suspended or revoked and concealing merchandise.

Deputies responded last Thursday to a report of a physical altercation at a residence in the 6000 block of Lemburn Lane. A 19-year-old male of Gloucester at the residence was arrested for allegedly possessing a Schedule I or II controlled substance.

Fourteen catalytic converters were taken from vehicles at D&M Automotive at 2964 George Washington Memorial Highway last Thursday or Friday.

The following incidents were also reported by the GSO:

Assault: Deputies conducted a welfare check Feb. 24 at a residence in the 6000 block of Cypress Trail. A 50-year-old female of Cypress Trail was subsequently arrested under the PRIDE program for domestic violence

intervention after she allegedly assaulted her boyfriend at their home; Deputies responded last Thursday to a domestic assault between a boyfriend and girlfriend at their shared residence in the 7000 block of Old Pinetta Road. The 32-year-old male was arrested under the PRIDE program for allegedly assaulting a family or household member and was charged with misdemeanor destruction of private property.

Indecent exposure: A female employee of the Gloucester Wellness Center at 7516 Hospital Drive reported last Thursday that a male had exposed his genitals to her. The 33-year-old male of Cedar Lake Drive was identified and arrested on a charge of simulated masturbation.

Alcohol: Deputies responded Friday to the report of an unknown male in the backyard of a residence in the 8000 block of Indian Road. The man was located on scene, refused to identify himself and ignored deputies' commands. The 34-year-old man of Mathews was then arrested on charges of public intoxication and obstruction of justice.

Damaged property: A resident of the 5000 block of Clay Bank Road reported damage to a mailbox on Feb. 23. An investigation found that

multiple mailboxes in the same area had also sustained damage; The Gloucester Boys and Girls Club in Hayes Shopping Court reported vandalism on Feb. 24. A portion of the building had been spray-painted overnight.

FIRE REPORT ABINGDON

Abingdon Volunteer Fire and Rescue responded to 42 calls during the period Feb. 22-28, as follows: 34 medical calls, three motor vehicle accidents, two structure fires (one oven fire assist GVFR and one abandoned house fire

in Maryus), one public assist, one fire/brush, and one fire/alarm (HVAC unit smoking).

GLOUCESTER

Gloucester Volunteer Fire and Rescue responded to 94 calls during the period Feb. 15-21, as follows: 85 medical, four motor vehicle accidents, two fire/alarm, two fire/structure, and one fire/other.

MATHEWS

Feb. 23, 6:18 a.m., vehicle accident, John Clayton Memorial Highway at North Point Lane, one engine.

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Coloring Contest



1. This contest is open to children ages 4 through 10.
2. All entries must be received no later than 4 p.m. Friday, March 26. Mail your entry to arrive by this date or submit to a Gazette-Journal office at Gloucester or Mathews.
3. Any art materials may be used.
4. The decisions of the judges will be final.
5. No copies will be allowed.
6. Entries should include name, age, address, and telephone number.
7. Family of **GAZETTE-JOURNAL** employees are not eligible.

The **GAZETTE-JOURNAL** Coloring Contest will be judged in three age groups: ages 4-5 • ages 6-8 • ages 9-10

Cash awards in each age group will be as follows: 1st place \$25 • 2nd place \$15 • 3rd place \$10

Winners will be announced in the April 1 issue of the

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