



## GARDENING CORNER

FROM GLOUCESTER MASTER GARDENERS

### Prickles, spines, and thorns, Oh My!

BY SUSAN CAMP

There are a lot of plants in the countryside that can hurt you. You can get tangled up in a patch of green-brier or blackberry and swear you will never escape the vines with their needle-sharp prickles piercing the tender skin of your ankles and ripping holes in your favorite jeans. You find yourself circling carefully around a Washington hawthorn, attempting to evade its sharp, dangerous thorns, but nothing tops the pain of walking into the trunk of a Devil's Walkingstick, sometimes called Hercules' Club. You could swear that its deadly thorns have pierced you to the bone. And these are just a few plants that have evolved to bear sharp, pointy parts designed to repel invaders and inflict pain.

Have you ever thought about the definitions of prickles, spines, and thorns, or have you always figured they were just different words for the same pain-producing projections of unpleasant plants?

You might be surprised to learn that there are distinct differences between hand, grow from the deeper layer below the epidermis, and are considered modified leaves or stipules, the small structures that grow on either side of the petiole, or leaf stalk. Thorns are woody projections, actually modified branches, actually modified branches. Keep in mind, however, that none of these definitions are graven in stone, and botanists and gardening writers will vary in their usage of these terms.

Common greenbrier (*Smilax rotundiflora*), for example, is putting out tender, light green shoots right now. *S. rotundiflora*, one of 300-350 worldwide species of *Smilax*, is native to eastern North America from Quebec to Florida and west to Texas, minus just a few states. The tender shoots, which can be eaten and are said to taste like asparagus, mature into tough, wiry vines that will cover any vegetation and be as difficult to remove as concertina wire. As if that isn't bad enough, the vines are armed at intervals with sharp thorns that cause painful wounds. Wait—are they thorns, spines or prickles? The pointy things can be peeled from the stems, so they are classified as prickles.

Roses and blackberry vines also have prickles, but one common native plant appears to have both spines and prickles. *Aralia spinosa* (Devil's Walkingstick) is a small, deciduous shrub or tree with a trunk peppered with dagger-sharp spines, and the small leaf stems and midribs are covered with prickles when they mature.

*A. spinosa* is native to the southeastern United States, ranging naturally from southern New York to Florida and west to Texas. Devil's Walkingstick appears in the spring as a slender, upright, gray-brown trunk covered with spines and leaf scars. It can reach a height of 15 to 40 feet, occasionally producing side branches. The unique, huge, doubly or triply compound leaves are comprised of leaflets arranged in an umbrella-like, whorled pattern.

In summer, panicles of creamy-white blossoms that attract native bees and wasps bloom above the leaves. Black, berry-like drupes that are eaten by birds and small mammals appear in early fall. *A. spinosa* is pretty when in bloom, but don't touch it.

The Washington hawthorn (*Crataegus phaenopyrum*) is a southeastern United States native. This small, deciduous tree often

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Daffodil "Ice Follies" sent by Cheryl Battle, Bavon.



A profusion of daffodils blooms in Linda Dalgety's yard in Port Haywood.



Miniature daffodils in the yard of John E. Hudgins in New Point.



Martha Thompson Hudgins of Gloucester sent her early daffodils.

### Early arrivals

Yards and roadsides everywhere are starting to show their beautiful daffodils. They dominate this week's flower page. Please send your photos to editor@gazettejournal.net.



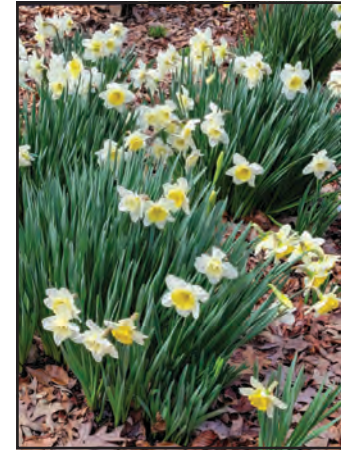
Jared Martin of Gloucester sent photos of some of his daffodils.



A spring bouquet of camellias, quince and daphne, and a hippeastrum from Brent & Becky's Bulbs, from the home of Gene and Janet Gomez, Gloucester.



Early daffodils at the home of John Lee Callis, Grimstead.



Daffodils in full bloom at the home of James Moller, Gloucester.



Camellia japonica "April Dawn", "Gunsmoke," and "R. W. Wheeler Variegated," from Lewis Hubbard of Cardinal.



Final word: Ware Neck sunset over Back Creek, sent by Ann Williams.

## Get your pound cakes ready for May Faire

This year's May Faire will include a pound cake contest, a perennial feature of the Mathews Historical Museum's annual heritage festival.

The 2024 May Faire will be held on May 4 in and around the Mathews Court Green. The pound cake contest will include a few changes, chair-

man Karen Doremus said.

Registration is to be submitted before the contest with a deadline of April 19. Forms can be found on the museum's website, mathewsvmuseum.org; at the Mathews Visitor and Information Center; and at the museum, located at 200

Main Street.

Two categories, traditional and creative, are planned, along with prizes. There is no registration fee.

For more information, call Karen Doremus at 804-725-7215.

## Church supper starts off a delicious benefit at Central

BY BETTY WRENN DAY

Soup, a part of humankind's diet for millennia, became part of the diet as soon as people learned how to make clay pots and mud vessels. It's a worldwide favorite, and soups were a part of the ancestral diets of native Americans. Dried corn soup, dried meat soup and green chili stew are believed to be a few made from what was available.

Soup, long known for its healing and heating properties, first came in a can (Beefsteak Tomato) in 1897. It will always be with us. Combined with a great bread and luscious dessert, it makes a satisfying meal.

Last month, soup had a leading role in an annual gathering in Mathews. For the past 10 years soup has been one of the staples served each February at the Central United Methodist Church social hall. Home-

made—not canned!

The Mission and Evangelism Team sponsors "Singing, Soups, Salads and Sweets."

They call themselves the Four Ss. All food is prepared at home by members brought to the church for an evening of togetherness where soup, salad and something sweet await. Singing comes later. A volunteer contribution is made by those attending, and as the church has done for years, the money is returned to the community where many are benefited.

Central United Methodist Church was founded in 1873 in a circuit of 17 churches covering four counties. For these 151 years, Central has been an active contributor to the community. Its website says it: "With over 300 members, this body of

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Among the group putting on a soup and sweets dinner at Central United Methodist Church, from left, were Nancy Jagger, Judy Moughon, Linda Dalgety and Betty Stewart.

## English judge among those taking part in Gloucester show

Judges from all over the East Coast and beyond will be in Gloucester this spring to judge the annual Gloucester Daffodil Show, to be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 6 and 7, at Newington Baptist Church on Main Street.

This signature event of the Gloucester Daffodil Festival is sponsored by Gloucester Parks, Recreation and Tourism and is sanctioned by the American Daffodil Society. Admission is free.

Among those joining the judging team this year will be Ian Tyler of England, who has been an accredited Daffodil Society judge for over 30 years.

Tyler's interest in daffodils began in the late 1970s at his local pub in Standish, England, said a press release. He would take a break from his medical career to hang out

with friends, "drinking pints of beer and putting the world to rights."

His friends grew vegetable gardens, but his backyard was tiny, so he began growing vegetables in pots and pans, often having heated, but fun, conversations with his friends about their gardens. The pub owner decided to award a trophy to the person with the best vegetables, and Tyler won first prize for his lettuce and celery.

From that experience, he and three of his friends started the Standish Horticultural Society, sponsoring a Standish Daffodil Show in the spring and sparking his interest in the flower. He joined the Daffodil Society, and in 1998 was asked to be a tour guide for 47 Americans around daffodil sites in England. He developed friendships with a number

of Americans, and in 2001 attended his first American Daffodil Society Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He has been to over 20 since then.

While in Gloucester, Tyler said he hopes to soak in some local culture before he and many Gloucester Daffodil Club members attend the 70th anniversary American Daffodil Society Convention in Washington, D.C., the weekend after the Gloucester Daffodil Festival, said the release. He and several Gloucester club members will then continue their journey, going to Holland and Northern Ireland for the World Daffodil Convention and Tour.

For registration and the show schedule, visit gloucesterdaffodilclub.com or daffodilfestivalva.org.



Ian Tyler of England, center, is among those who will be judging entries in this year's Gloucester Daffodil Show, to be held April 6 and 7 at Newington Baptist Church. Shown with him are, from left, Steve Hampson, first vice president of the American Daffodil Society, and Richard Ezell (leaning over), Northeast regional vice president for the American Daffodil Society of Pennsylvania.



## CHURCH SUPPER: A delicious benefit held at Central

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Christ is one that believes in nurturing faith, family and community.”

### SCHOOL CAFETERIA VEGETABLE SOUP

FROM LILLIAN HUDGINS

1 lb. ground beef, browned and drained  
1 medium onion, diced  
1 14-oz. can diced tomatoes  
3-4 c. mixed frozen vegetables  
¾ c. ketchup  
4-5 c. water  
1 Tbs. sugar  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Place all ingredients in a pressure pot and cook according to pot directions.

### SWEET POTATO AND SAUSAGE SOUP

FROM MARTHA STEWART

1 Tbs. extra virgin olive oil  
1 large yellow onion, cut into ¼ inch pieces  
2 garlic cloves, minced  
Coarse salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste  
¾ lb. sweet or hot Italian sausage, casing removed  
2 sweet potatoes (1 lb. total), peeled and cut into ½-inch pieces  
4 c. low-sodium chicken broth

2 c. water  
¼ c. small pasta shells  
4 c. coarsely chopped mixed leafy greens such as kale and Swiss chard  
In a stockpot heat oil over medium-high heat. Add onion and garlic. Cook until onions are translucent, about 6 minutes. Season with salt and pepper; add sausage and cook breaking up meat with a wooden spoon until brown, about 5 minutes. Add sweet potatoes, both and water bring to a boil. Add pasta and cook 3 minutes less than what the directions recommend. Reduce heat to simmer and add greens. Cook until pasta is tender and greens are wilted; about 4 minutes. May serve with Parmigiano Reggiano.

### FRESH PEAR CAKE

BETTY STEWART

2 c. sugar  
3 eggs, well beaten  
1½ c. cooking oil  
3 c. flour  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. vanilla  
2 tsp. cinnamon  
3 c. freshly sliced pears, cored and peeled  
Combine sugar and oil. Beat well. Combine flour, baking powder and salt. Add to sugar

mixture 1 c. at a time mixing well after each addition. Stir in vanilla, cinnamon and pears. Turn into a well-greased 10-inch bundt or tube pan. Bake at 350°F. for 1 hour. Remove from pan and allow to cool. Pour confectioners' sugar glaze on top.

### Confectioners' Sugar Glaze

1¼ c. sifted confectioners' sugar  
2 to 3 Tbs. milk  
Combine sugar and milk blending until smooth.

### RUSTIC ITALIAN LOAF

HAL HERTZLER

1 c. water, room temperature  
1½ Tbs. extra virgin olive oil  
1½ tsp. sea salt  
¼ tsp. granulated sugar  
3 c. bread flour  
½ c. wheat bran unprocessed (coarse)  
1¼ tsp. yeast, instant or bread machine  
Place water, olive oil, salt, sugar, bread flour, wheat bran and yeast in order listed in the bread pan fitted with the knead ring paddle. Secure the bread pan in the Cuisinart automatic bread-maker. Press loaf size and crust color to select both size and crust preference. Press the menu button to select the French/Italian program. Press start/stop to mix, knead, rise and bake. Remove dough and kneading paddle. Shape the dough into a loaf. Re-place in bread pan and sprinkle with sesame seeds. When the cycle is complete, remove the bread pan from the machine and transfer bread to a wire rack to cool completely before slicing.

### MY MAMA'S BREAD PUDDING

LINDA DALGETY

1½ c. cubed bread  
3 c. hot milk  
2 beaten eggs  
¾ c. sugar  
1 tsp. salt  
½ tsp. vanilla  
1 Tbs. margarine  
1 c. chopped pecans  
Grease a baking dish. Heat milk and butter in a saucepan.

After milk is hot, add sugar and salt. Fold in eggs. Fold in vanilla and nuts. Place in greased baking dish and fold in bread. Bake at 350°F. for 40 to 50 minutes.

### BROWNIES

JOHN LEE CALLIS

4 oz. unsweetened chocolate  
¾ c. butter  
1½ c. flour  
1 tsp. baking powder  
½ tsp. salt  
4 eggs  
2 c. sugar  
2 tsp. vanilla  
1 c. nuts  
Melt chocolate and butter. Mix flour with baking powder and salt; set aside. In mixing bowl, beat eggs and gradually add sugar. Blend in chocolate mixture and vanilla. Add flour mixture and nuts. Spread in a greased 13x9-inch pan. Bake at 350°F. for approximately 30 minutes. Cool completely and cut into squares.

### BAILEYS IRISH CREAM BROWNIES

JUDY MOUGHON

Make your favorite brownies either from scratch or from box and be sure they are cooled.

### Frosting

¾ c. butter  
¾ c. Bailey's Irish Cream  
3 c. 10X sugar  
Mix until smooth and spread over cooled brownies.

### Ganache

¾ c. semi-sweet chocolate chips  
½ c. Bailey's Irish cream  
2 Tbs. heavy whipping cream  
Combine cream with Irish cream. Heat over medium-high bringing to a boil and pour over the chocolate chips. Let set for 5 minutes before stirring. Whisk until smooth and spread over frosting on top of brownies. Let set at room temperature approximately 30 minutes. Refrigerate until completely set.



## Washington's Birthday luncheon

The Augustine Warner Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution attended the Regents' Club of Richmond's 76th annual George Washington Birthday Luncheon on Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Meadowbrook Country Club, Richmond. Those taking part included, seated from left, Kathryn Loveland, Judy Walthall, Christella Arehart; standing, Regent Alison Johnston, Tricia Bynum and Fran James.



## DAR program

Gay Pfister, a member of the Cricket Hill Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, presented a program on the Peace Corps at the Feb. 16 DAR meeting at Kingston Parish House. Pfister was a Peace Corps volunteer from 2003-2005 serving in Suriname. She helped as coordinator of HIV and Woman's Health. Members enjoyed her display of memorabilia from her stay in Suriname, formerly Dutch Guiana, located on the northern coast of South America. Plans are underway for the century anniversary celebration of Cricket Hill DAR Chapter's formation to be held in May. The chapter was confirmed by the National Board of the Daughters of the American Revolution on Jan. 30, 1924. Organizing members were Regent Mrs. Carl White, Vice Regent Mrs. Harry Howell, Second Vice Regent Mrs. Lawrence Roude, Recording and Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Louise Wright, Registrar Mrs. Willie Smith and Treasurer Mrs. Robert Jackson. The name Cricket Hill was proposed by the organizing regent. The name comes from one of the decisive battles of the Revolutionary War that was fought in Mathews County. Members are also selling raffle tickets on a quilt to benefit the group's scholarship fund.

## PRICKLY PLANTS

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used as a hedgerow plant because of its long, sharp, woody thorns. With its bright red berries (pomes) that remain on the branches throughout the winter, hawthorn, like greenbrier and Devil's Walkingstick, provides food and habitat for birds and small mammals.

To quote a line from "Pirates of the Caribbean," like the Pirates' Code, the definitions are "more what you'd call guidelines than actual rules." Read

the interesting and entertaining article "Spines, Prickles, and Thorns" by Sarah Gage on the Washington (State) Native Plant Society website, and tread carefully this spring.

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## Services and other activities announced by local churches

Services and other activities in churches this week include the following:

**ABINGDON EPISCOPAL**  
Abingdon Episcopal Church, White Marsh, will hold Holy Eucharist Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. The 9:30 Sunday school will offer "Will You: An Examination of the Promises of Baptism" for adults and "This Week in Faith" for youth. A soup supper will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday followed by a Lenten program. Pysanky egg-decorating, an ancient and intricate Ukrainian art, will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

**ANTIOCH BAPTIST**  
The Rev. Julia Forrest will preach at the 11 a.m. Sunday in-person service. The service will also be livestreamed on Facebook at [weareantioch1869](https://www.facebook.com/weareantioch1869). A Zoom Wednesday Bible study and prayer meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Dial 1-646-876-9923, meeting ID: 846 2185 3557, passcode: 311371.

**APOSTLES LUTHERAN**  
Apostles Lutheran Church, Gloucester, will hold the fourth Sunday in Lent service at 10 a.m. Sunday. A coffee fellowship will be held after the service.

A mid-week Lenten service will be held on Wednesday with soup and bread served at 6 p.m., followed by the service at 7. The theme for the Lenten season is "Perspectives on the Cross."

Links to the services via Zoom or YouTube are on the church's website at [apostles-elca.org](https://apostles-elca.org).

**BELLAMY UNITED METHODIST**  
Bellamy United Methodist Church, Gloucester, will celebrate the fourth Sunday in Lent at the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. services. Nursery (for birth-3 years old) is available at the 10:30 worship. Lenten study begins at 9:20 and adult Bible study at 9:30. The Youth Group will meet at 5 p.m. on Sundays with dinner provided.

**BETHANY UNITED METHODIST**  
The sermon title of Certified Lay Speaker Dolores Breen of Bethany United Methodist Church, Gloucester Point, at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday services will be "Thanks Be to God!" Sunday school for all ages meets at 9:45 a.m. Nursery for infants to age 3 is available beginning at 9:40 a.m.

**BETHEL BAPTIST**  
The sermon title of the Rev. James L. Harris at noon Sunday in Bethel Baptist Church, Gloucester, will be "God's Grace." The service will also be held virtually by logging onto <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/929136757>. You can also call 1-312-757-3121 and use access code, 929-136-757#. Sunday school will start at 10 o'clock virtually.

The Wednesday prayer session will begin at 6:30 p.m., preceding the virtual Bible study period.

**BETHEL CHURCH OF MATHEWS**  
The sermon title of the Rev. Garry Livermon of Bethel Church of Mathews, Onemo, at 9:50 a.m. Sunday will be "A Jesus-Shaped Life: The Courage of Jesus." Sunday school will follow at 11.

The Lenten Bible study, "A Jesus-Shaped Life, Forty Days Toward Christ-likeness," led by Pastor Garry and Becky Livermon will be held at Salem Church, Diggs, at 6 p.m. Sunday. The church continues to collect nonperishable items for Hands Across Mathews.

The Rev. Dr. David Ford will share information on the functioning of independent churches, as well as general information on the Global Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. Tues-

## Duo Chinoiserie to perform Saturday at Arts at Abingdon

Duo Chinoiserie will perform at 5 o'clock Saturday evening at Abingdon Episcopal Church on Route 17, White Marsh.

This is the fourth concert of the 2024 Arts at Abingdon Concert series. Admission is free; however, a free-will offering will be accepted. No reservations are required.

Founded in 2016, Duo Chinoiserie has emerged as "an unparalleled musical phenomenon, captivating audiences with their transcendent performances," said a press release.

The duo is composed of Chinese guzheng virtuoso Jing Xia and classical guitarist Bin Hu, "two highly accomplished musicians who have attained unrivaled acclaim in their professional fields," said the release, "seamlessly blending Eastern and Western cultures through their extraordinary musical interpretations."

The duo's repertoire is "meticulously curated, boldly handpicked," said the release, and it explores "the enchanting dialogue and complementary textures of their instruments, expertly uniting contrasting musical styles into a cohesive and well-defined whole."



Chinese guzheng virtuoso Jing Xia, at left, and classical guitarist Bin Hu will perform at 5 p.m. Saturday at Abingdon Episcopal Church, Route 17, White Marsh.

## A PARABLE

BY BRUCE WESTERDAHL

### Perseverance

Many years ago when I was a college admissions officer, our staff considered an application from a prospective student whose credentials suggested he could not be successful at our institution. We voted to reject him.

For some reason, the student's file ended up in the wrong place, and he received a letter offering him admission to our college which he accepted. Obviously, the student had a virtue we did not recognize, because four years later he graduated!

In many cases, success in college is determined by a student's resolve, tenacity and commitment—characteristics which cannot be measured by tests.

Perseverance often defines how successful we are in any human endeavor. God has endowed each of us with varying abilities, but we are never limited in the desire and effort to accomplish our goals in whatever we choose to do.

As a wise wrestling coach told me a long time ago: "The determination to win is the better part of winning."

**Olive Branch Global Methodist Church Men's Group**  
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**CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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day in the fellowship hall of Salem Church.

A potluck covered-dish supper will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 20. Cornell Hudgins will present a slide show.

**BEULAH CHURCH OF NEW POINT**  
The Rev. John Thorne of Mathews, will preach at the 11 a.m. Sunday service in Beulah Church of New Point.

**CHURCH OF THE LIVING WORD**  
The sermon title of Minister Gary W. Minerve Sr. of Church of the Living Word, Hayes, at the 10 a.m. Sunday service will be "Be Encouraged."  
The topic at the 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in-person Bible study will be "Book of Galatians."

**CHURCH OF ST. THERESA**  
St. Theresa Roman Catholic Church, Gloucester, will host "Soup with Love" during Lent, every Friday through March 22, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. All are welcome to come enjoy fellowship and lunch, a release said. There will be homemade vegetarian soups, a variety of breads, and coffee/tea/water; free-will offerings will be accepted at the door.

**FIRST BAPTIST**  
The sermon title of the Rev. Ward Warren of First Baptist Church, Ordinary, at the 10 a.m. Sunday communion service will be "A Word About Those Who Only Watched." Church school will begin 9 o'clock.  
The Executive Board will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday.  
Wednesday Bible study will be held from 1-2 p.m.

**FIRST MORNING STAR BAPTIST**  
The Deacons, Deaconess, and Trustees Ministries of the First Morning Star Baptist Church, Bena, will celebrate their joint anniversary during the 11 a.m. Sunday service. The guest minister will be the Rev. Dr. Ray Gresham, associate minister of St. Luke Baptist Church, West Point. Dr. Gloria Savage-Early will be the worship leader. The service will be in-person, broadcast by teleconference, 804-256-2475, and livestreamed on the church's Facebook page.

**GLEANING BAPTIST**  
Gleaning Baptist Church, Gloucester, will celebrate Pastor Stevens Burrell 16th pastoral anniversary on Saturday and Sunday. An anniversary banquet will be held from 5-8 p.m. Saturday at BridgePoint Church, Harcum. Cost will be \$20 per person; children 12 and under are free.  
The Rev. Jeffrey Burrell of Atlanta, Ga., will be the guest speaker at the 11 a.m. Sunday service at Gleaning. Dinner will be served at 2 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. The Rev. Keith Parham of Richmond, will be the guest speaker at the 3 o'clock service and the Gloucester-Mathews Male Chorus will sing.

**GLOUCESTER POINT BAPTIST**  
The sermon title of Pastor Dilon Evans of Gloucester Point Baptist Church at 11 a.m. Sunday will be "Wrath and Mercy." Services are available for livestreaming on the website GPBC.church, click "Watch Live." Online giving is also available.

**GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN**  
The sermon title of the Rev. Dorothy Hood, interim pastor of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Gloucester, at 10:30 a.m. Sunday will be "Grace for the Journey."

**GROVES MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN**  
The sermon title of the Rev. Michael Condrey of Groves Memorial Presbyterian Church, Hayes, at 10 a.m. Sunday will be "Here's The Good News." The Session will meet at 9 o'clock.

**GWYNN'S ISLAND BAPTIST**  
The sermon title of Dr. Ed Jordan of Gwynn's Island Baptist

Church at 10 a.m. Sunday will be "The Perfect Sermon." There will be two songs presented by Hunter Owens.

**KINGSTON EPISCOPAL PARISH**  
Kingston Episcopal Parish, Mathews, will observe the fourth Sunday of Lent with Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8 a.m. at Christ Church on Williams Wharf Road and Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:30 a.m. at Kingston Chapel on Main Street.

Soup with Love continues at noon Wednesday. The Rev. Dr. Marcus Stallworth of Mathews Chapel United Methodist Church will give the homily. All are welcome to attend, a release said.  
Sunday and special services are livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube. For more information and the ID and passcode, call the church office at 804-725-2175.

**LOCUST GROVE GLOBAL METHODIST**  
Locust Grove Global Methodist Church, Dutton, will hold a "Resurrection Celebration" following worship on Sunday, March 24. Festivities will include an Easter lunch, followed by activities for all ages: dyed eggs, sack race, spoon race, piñata, bunny petting and cross race. Contributions of candy or small items to fill the eggs for the annual egg hunt are requested before the event, a release said.  
The Easter mission will be helping the homeless. Goodie bags are being assembled. Items needed include: toothpaste, combs, Chap Stick, soap, nonperishable food items, reusable water bottles, individually wrapped snacks, and Easter candy.

**MATHEWS BAPTIST**  
The sermon title at the 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday services in Mathews Baptist Church, Hudgins, will be "Greater Than Jonah."

**MORNING GLORY BAPTIST**  
Morning Glory Baptist Church, Gloucester, will hold Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. People can join in-person, and conference call. To access the conference call, call 605-313-4440 and enter access code 6913538#. Elder Alphonso D. Walker of Bethel Restoration Center, Williamsburg, will be the guest speaker at the 11 o'clock in-person service. It will also be on Facebook live and conference call, using the same number.  
Weekly prayer call will be held at 8:45 a.m. Saturdays via conference call.

**MOUNT ZION UNITED METHODIST**  
The sermon title of the Rev. Calvin Griffin of Mount Zion United Methodist Church, Gloucester, at the 9 a.m. Sunday in-person service will be "See and Live."

**NEW MOUNT ZION BAPTIST**  
Pastor Vincent Pryor will preach at the 11 a.m. Sunday service in New Mount Zion Baptist Church, Gloucester. The Senior Choir will sing and communion will be celebrated after the sermon. Services are held in-person, as well as via conference call, 978-990-5000 access code 932721#.

**NEW POINT FRIENDS**  
The sermon title of Pastor Thomas Bunting of New Point Friends Church at 11 a.m. Sunday will be "The Unconquerable Church."

**NEWINGTON BAPTIST**  
The sermon title of Pastor Chris Grella of Newington Baptist Church, Gloucester, at 10:30 a.m. Sunday will be "God's Word Speaks: to Crucial Conversations #3." The service is also livestreamed on the church's Facebook page and YouTube. The nursery, for infants and toddlers, will be available.  
Wednesday night activities

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include COR3 Youth, KidzLife, and adult Bible study at 6:30 p.m.

OLIVE BRANCH GLOBAL METHODIST

Olive Branch Global Methodist Church, Gloucester, will hold worship at 9:30 a.m., followed by Bible study at 10:30.

A St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner will be held from 5-7 p.m. Friday, March 15. There will be entertainment and traditional Irish fare.

"All are Welcome Breakfast" will be held at 8 a.m. Sunday, March 17.

SALEM COMMUNITY

Salem Community Church, Gloucester, will have worship at 11 a.m. Sunday, preceded by adult Bible study at 10.

Salem Kids in Mission will gather at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 8.

USDA Food Pantry will be open from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, March 16.

SEVERN

The sermon title of Pastor Bill West of Severn Church, Naxera, at 11 a.m. Sunday will be "Finding New Strength in the Lord." The service will also be available on YouTube and Facebook.

SHEPHERDSVILLE BAPTIST

The sermon title of Pastor Douglas Riley of Shepherdsville Baptist Church, Gloucester, at 11 a.m. Sunday will be "Six Keys to Godly Relationships." If you can't come in person, join by Zoom by going to the website or calling 518-418-1016.

SINGLETON UNITED METHODIST

Singleton United Methodist Church, Ware Neck, will hold an in-person and Zoom

service at 11 a.m. Sunday. The sermon title of the Rev. Calvin Griffin will be "See and Live."

The Second Sunday Coffee Fellowship will meet prior to the service. The service will also be available on YouTube; for Zoom login information, email Calvin.griffin@cox.net.

Monday Bible study, "The Third Day," will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday night Bible study, "The Epic of Eden, Psalms," will be at 7.

SPRING HILL BAPTIST

The sermon title of Pastor Ross Davis of Spring Hill Baptist Church, Cobbs Creek, at 11 a.m. Sunday will be "Perils to Avoid."

The church is in planning meetings for its upcoming 150th anniversary homecoming on Sept. 22.

THE FIRST UNITED BAPTIST

The sermon title of Pastor E. Randolph Graham of The First United Baptist Church, White Marsh, at the 11 a.m. Sunday communion service will be "The Mosaic Covenant Part II."

Praise and worship will begin at 10:45. The service will be streamed via Zoom and Facebook Live.

UNION BAPTIST

Pastor Jared Berry of Union Baptist Church, Hayes, will preach at the 11 a.m. Sunday service. The Annie Armstrong ingathering will be held during the service. Choir practice will be held at 5 p.m.

Other activities include: Wednesday, 10:30 a.m., Bible study; 6 p.m., Bible study, Kids Crew and Outward Students, and Thursday, March 14, 6 p.m., Young Adult Bible study.

UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK

Kelly Maitland and Hugo Elfinstone will facilitate discussion on "Social Justice: Transforming Ourselves, Transforming the World" at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock, White Stone.

WESTVILLE BAPTIST

Ronnie Russell, a lay speaker of Hermitage Baptist Church, Middlesex, will be the guest speaker at the 10:45 a.m. Sunday service in Westville Baptist Church, Mathews. Sunday school will precede the service at 9:45.

An Annie Armstrong Easter offering will be taken for North Americans during the month.

Wednesday Bible study, "I Chronicles," will begin at 3 p.m.

The church continues to collect supplies for Mathews Social Services and Hands Across Mathews.

ZION HILL BAPTIST

Zion Hill Baptist Church, Gloucester, will have in-person worship service at 11 a.m. Sunday. Pastor Eugene Comthier II will preach and the Youth Choir will sing. Sunday school will begin at 9:45.

Bible study will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday via conference call. The dial-in number is 978-990-5000 and the access code is 667896.

ZION POPLARS BAPTIST

The sermon title of Pastor Ronald Gayle Sr. of Zion Poplars Baptist Church, Gloucester, at the 11 a.m. Sunday service will be "Who are You Talking To?" There will be congregational selections.

VARIETY

FLOWER POWER WORD SEARCH

Word search grid containing letters for finding words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

- ALYSSUM, ASTER, AZALEA, BEGONIA, CARNATION, DAFFODIL, DAHLIA, DAISY, DANDELION, FLOWER, IRIS, LEAVES, LILY, MARGOLD, ORCHID, PEONY, PETALS, POLLINATE, ROSE, SNAPDRAGON, STEM, TULIP, ZINNIA

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

15x15 crossword grid with numbers 1-31 indicating starting points for clues.

BRIDGE BITES

by Brian Gunnell

- Hand analysis: T32, J43, AK62, AT9, K74, T982, QT5, 432, North, East, Declarer, Q86, AKQ, J7, QJ876

South opens 1NT, which nowadays usually shows 15-17 HCP. North bids 3NT, and West leads the ♠T. Declarer can see enough tricks once the ♠K is out of the way, but those Spades look somewhat fragile.

The art of concealment

T9xx or some such holding. But, from East's seat, it might well be from holdings such as AT9x or KT9x or QT9x. How can Declarer muddy the waters and create some doubt in East's mind? She could routinely play low from Dummy, as most would, but the play most likely to cause confusion is surely the Jack!

some thinking to do. Declarer has a maximum of three points in Diamonds, and appears to have seven points in Hearts. The Club situation won't be clear, and East might visualize Declarer's hand as: ♠KQx, ♥AK, ♦QTxx, ♣J87x, or something similar. If so then a Heart continuation beats the contract.

LIFELINES

BY DR. ED JORDAN

Time to change?

A lot of people have added a new word to their lists of forbidden words. It is not a curse word, although some people curse when the word is mentioned. What is that word? "Change."

Now things are changing every month, week, daily or hourly. The subject of "change" brings to my mind a clever Bible Verse sign that was put up in a church's baby nursery. The sign, quoting I Corinthians 15:51 (NASB95), said: "Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed."

Change is a part of life, and of death. Every day is new; aren't you glad? If your days were all the same, you might be living in The Truman Show. But thankfully, each day is filled with new adventures, new decisions, new encounters, new ideas, and new opportunities.

God's goodness and blessings never cease. His compassion never fails. Each morning a new group of God's blessings pour into our lives. Their arrival gives us hope for brighter days ahead. While His blessings are all expressions of God's good gifts, there is always a newness to them. They change in form, change in content, and

change in how they arrive. But at their heart they are always manifestations of God's love and care for us, which never changes.

Do you have a favorite meal that you relish each time you are served it? I love Basque Meatballs and Potatoes, served with Hungarian Red Cabbage. It is a meal that I can't wait to eat. Unless it becomes all there is to eat for several days in a row. Then I am open to a change.

Once, when our son was 11 years old, I was trying to teach him about the importance of balance in one's life. So I listed some "good things" that if done too much, we don't desire any more of them for a while. Then I listed some bad things, that if you do them frequently they will destroy your life. I asked him if he understood what I was saying, he said: "Yes. What you're saying is: 'Too much of a good thing is bad; too much of a bad thing is worse.'"

Change can be a blessing or a curse, and sometimes both. Where there is no change, stagnation, decay and decline set in. Where there is too much change too frequently, fatigue and frustration result. We need change to move us forward, to unsettle us and motivate us to adapt, improve, and to survive the occurring changes.

We don't like a change when it stirs up our settled, comfortable existence; but we like that our life sometimes becomes better by changing. However, if the change becomes so frequent or drastic that we cannot even take one day to enjoy the benefits of that change, then such change becomes destructive.

One of the skills we all need to develop is the wisdom to learn to manage change. God did not create us to become the victims of other people's decisions. There is enough change in our own lives which we decided to make; we don't need strangers shoving their changes upon us. God created us to be the responsible caretakers of our own lives, our gifts, our time and our resources.

As you have noticed, the pace and breadth of change is becoming destructive, rather than constructive. For change to be beneficial and appreciated, there must be adequate time for exploring the positive benefits of any particular change. But when change becomes an out-of-control, destructive chain reaction, like an atom bomb that decimates all frameworks and lives, then it is time to say "Stop." If there are no desired long-term benefits, then why change? But if there are valuable and needed lasting benefits that change produces, then why not change?

As for managing the change in your own life, consult with God, and follow His lead in regards to each change. Some changes are helpful, some destructive. You can decide in consultation with God what change to resist, and what change to embrace.

P.S. Speaking of a time for change, March 9 is the night to change the time on your clocks. It's time to again Spring into action!

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

CROSSWORD

15x15 crossword grid with numbers 1-60 indicating starting points for clues.

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Small Eurasian deer, 4. Irish county, 10. A major division of geological time, 11. Broadway actor Lane, 12. Canadian province (abbr.), 14. Human gene, 15. Two, 16. A famous one is blue, 18. Utter repeatedly, 22. Ring-shaped objects, 23. Spoils, 24. Occurs, 26. Commercial, 27. Near, 28. Products you may need, 30. Pledge thrown down as a challenge, 31. TV network

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Make up for, 2. Baltimore ballplayer, 3. Salary, 4. Influential world body, 5. Engravers, 6. Declared as fact, 7. One who steals, 8. Jewelry, 9. Hospital employee (abbr.), 12. Nonsense (slang), 13. Town in Galilee, 17. Value, 19. A fake name, 20. Sheep in their second year, 21. Town in Surrey, England, 25. Appropriate for a particular time of year, 29. Creative works

- 34. Silk or cotton garments, 36. Soviet Socialist Republics, 37. Retired American football coach Dean, 39. Hot dish, 40. A type of gin, 41. Atomic #84, 42. Sawhorse, 48. About ground, 50. Medicine man, 51. Seedless raisin, 52. Capital of Albania, 53. Appendix, 54. OJ trial judge, 55. By the way (abbr.), 56. Bicycle parts, 58. Barbie's friend, 59. Moved one's neck to see, 60. Commercials

- 31. Recesses, 32. W. Pacific island group, 33. Tolkien character, 35. Ancient symbol co-opted by the Nazi party, 38. Pioneer, 41. Scribe, 43. Painted a bright color, 44. Lowest members of British nobility, 45. Actress Thurman, 46. Type of sugar, 47. Crest of a hill, 49. N. American people of Brit Columbia, 56. Device, 57. The Mount Rushmore State

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Large crossword grid with numbers 1-60 and a grid of letters for solving.

GLIMPSSES INTO THE PAST

## Sailor coming home from trip around the world

**115 YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, March 4, 1909**  
 from the Mathews Journal  
 A letter was received a few days ago from Mr. Earlie Forrest who went with the fleet around the world stating he would be home in the near future.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adams of Gwynn's Island welcomed in their home a little baby boy last week.

**110 YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, March 5, 1914**  
 from the Mathews Journal  
 Mr. Tod Christian received three new Fords recently. They were shipped to West Point and brought down under their own power by him during the blizzard last week.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Tom N. Foster of Redart were made happy last week by the arrival of a baby boy.

The fishermen are getting on fine with their nets and will be ready to put them out as soon as the weather will permit.

**100 YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, March 6, 1924**  
 from the Gloucester Gazette  
 Court is in session at Gloucester this week and several local attorneys have been in attendance. Judge Claggett B. Jones is presiding at this term after a long illness, and is reported as appearing to be fully recovered.

from the Mathews Journal  
 The Senior Class of Gwynn's Island High School held a book social St. Valentine's evening. Hot chocolate and cakes were served; quite a number of books and some cash was contributed and everyone present had an enjoyable time.  
 The bazaar was a success too. Everyone responded liberally and the display of fancy and useful articles was attractive. Canned fruits and pickles occupied another booth, while a tempting array of cakes and pies flanked by hot chocolate and creamy milk attracted customers. Of course, there was an abundant supply of homemade ice cream, which kept those in charge busy. Altogether quite a nice sum was realized; about \$85. The bazaar was carried on two nights and the members of the committees worked hard for it and deserve much credit and thanks.

**90 YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, March 8, 1934**  
 from the Gloucester Gazette  
 Rising temperature, sunshine and moderate winds have operated this week to pull Gloucester out of the snow, ice and sleet which prevailed in the county the early part of last week.  
 The condition of the dirt roads, where they have not received oil surfacing, however, is reported very bad in all parts of the county. Automobiles have sunk axle deep in many mud holes, and road conditions except on the improved highways are reminiscent of the old horse and buggy days when roads were almost universally bad in wet weather.

Reports of vast numbers of trees crashed to the earth under their heavy burden of ice are heard. One citizen living some distance from an improved highway is said to have counted 160 trees down across his private road from the highway to his house, and it was a stupendous job to clear the road for traffic.

from the Mathews Journal  
 The warm heavy rains of the last few days made the snow and ice at Cobbs Creek disappear quickly, leaving plenty of water and mud.

Our fine hard-surfaced road has developed many bumps and will require much repair. Due to the heavy storms of last week the boat was unable to make its usual trips up the river.

**80 YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, March 9, 1944**  
 from the Gazette-Journal  
 Mathews High School basketball teams defeated teams

from Gloucester, Syringa and Saluda, last week, winning all four games played.

Monday night, February 28 at the high school, the Mathews F.F.A. boys defeated the Gloucester F.F.A. boys 41-22 and the Syringa team 47-19.  
 The high school girls' basketball team defeated the Junior Woman's Club team 21-4 at the school on Wednesday night, March 1.

Last Friday night, March 3, the boys played against Saluda at Christchurch and won by a score of 41-25. The girls' game with Saluda was canceled because of the mumps.

**70 YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, March 11, 1954**  
 from the Gazette-Journal  
 Mathews County Library has been presented with the genealogical booklet, "The Yeatmans in America." This was given by W.C. Yeatman, of California, through a kinswoman, Mrs. Elmer W. Greene, Sr., of Gwynn. In it, reference is made to Thomas Robinson Yeatman, who was County Clerk of Mathews County for many years, and whose portrait, painted by a grand-daughter, was presented to Mathews County by his son, Henry Yeatman. The County Clerk lived at "Isleham," Mathews.

The Congressional Directory for 1952 and 1954 were given by A.E. Belew of Moon. Mrs. Marshall Callis gave the booklet, Bird Life of Virginia. R.E. Wilson of Onemo, gave a collection of books and H.A. Sadler, a supply of special pencils.

**60 YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, March 5, 1964**  
 from the Gazette-Journal  
 The commuter rate on the Coleman bridge at Yorktown will drop from 50¢ to 40¢, as recommended by the consulting engineers, with the sale of a \$10 ticket book continuing.  
 The commuter rate changes and a reduction in commercial bus tolls on the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel were the major changes recommended in the consultants' report. The engineers told the highway commission that the present delicate balance between revenues estimated at the time of financing and actual earnings made other revisions inadvisable at this time.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, March 7, 1974**  
 from the Gazette-Journal  
 The Mathews County School Board will propose an "across the board" increase of 8 percent in teacher salaries for 1974-75, superintendent William A. Keith told members of the Mathews Education Association salary committee Monday. The MEA previously had requested an increase ranging from 12-15 percent, including fringe benefits. Keith told the committee he is sure the school board will approve the proposed scale of \$7,700 to \$10,466 in 15 steps plus an additional \$150 per year on hospitalization, and total cost of tort and V.S.R.S. insurance premiums.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, March 8, 1984**  
 from the Gazette-Journal  
 From the Classifieds:  
 1978 Plymouth Fury, \$1,000 negotiable. After 6, 642-XXXX.  
 1982 Plymouth Reliant, white, 40,000 miles, \$4,700. Call 642-XXXX.  
 1978 Dodge Power Wagon, 38,000 miles, AC, PB, PS. Excellent condition. All new front bearings, lift kit, 36" tires, 725-XXXX.

1977 Dodge Diplomat, 318 V-8, fully equipped. \$1,595 or best offer. 758-XXXX.  
 1964 Ford Fairlane, 2 door hardtop, good body, engine runs good, \$600 or best offer. 693-XXXX.

**30 YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, March 10, 1994**  
 from the Gazette-Journal  
 As winds shifted to the northeast over the weekend, the number of dead sea birds washing up along the shorelines in Mathews County rose

drastically. The birds are believed to be the victims of the recent outbreak of avian cholera. More than 8,000 dead birds had been found statewide as of Wednesday morning.

On Monday, workers gathered 148 dead birds from the bay's shoreline in Mathews. Many of the birds were found at New Point while others were picked up at other beaches.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, March 4, 2004**  
 from the Gazette-Journal  
 Pound net fishermen in Mathews are circulating petitions, asking that area residents join them in protesting a proposal by the National Marine Fisheries Service designed to protect sea turtles. Watermen say the measure is unfair and would affect their livelihood. The NMFS says it is necessary to protect endangered or threatened species. Comments on the proposal must be submitted by May 8.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, March 6, 2014**  
 from the Gazette-Journal  
 What a difference a day makes.

On Sunday, residents of Gloucester and Mathews were outside, many in T-shirts and shorts, enjoying afternoon temperatures around the 70-degree mark. Less than 24 hours later, sleet quickly gave way to snow, providing a vivid reminder that Old Man Winter is still hanging on.

The National Weather Service reported 1.5 inches of snow fell on top of nearly an inch of sleet in Gloucester. It reported three inches of snow fell Monday on Gwynn's Island and 2.5 inches in Cardinal, all on top of about a half inch of ice.

DO YOU REMEMBER?



## Daffodils in another season

Daffodils in full bloom came early in 1990, and by the first of March they were abundant everywhere. In Wicomico, 14-year-old Amy Williams, assisted by her grandmother Hilda Coates, sold fresh blossoms to earn some extra money.

FILE PHOTO

## Best Years Trips to Suffolk Mystery Authors Festival, Smithfield Pickers Market

A pair of Best Years Trips is being planned in the coming weeks by Gloucester Parks, Recreation and Tourism.  
 Saturday is the deadline to sign up for a March 16 trip to the Suffolk Mystery Authors Festival. The group will leave at 11:15 a.m. and return to Gloucester around 8:15 p.m. Meet over 50 authors, hear their stories and have dinner

on the way home. The fee is \$30.  
 A second Best Years Trip is planned for Saturday, April 13, to Smithfield for the Second Saturday Pickers Market. That trip will depart at 7:30 a.m., returning around 2:15 p.m. Spend the day on Smithfield's Main Street and have lunch on your own. The fee is \$30 and the deadline to

register is April 7. Best Years Trips are held for those ages 55 and older.

For more information on these and other activities call PRT at 804-693-2355, email prt@gloucesterva.info or stop by the office at 6382 Main Street. For online registration, visit https://gloucesterva.info/civirec.

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GibsonSingleton partner John Singleton, Scoot's and Olivia's owners Karen and Gary Ward, and GibsonSingleton's Ken Gibson, from left, have recently announced their 2024 "Hometown Heroes" campaign—honoring everyday heroes chosen by the public.

## GibsonSingleton teams up with Olivia's, Scoot's to recognize 'Hometown Heroes'

GibsonSingleton Virginia Injury Attorneys is teaming up with Olivia's in the Village and Scoot's BBQ restaurants to recognize everyday heroes in the community.

The law firm and the restaurants want to honor people nominated by the public who inspire others with their acts of kindness and compassion.

Anyone over 16 may nominate a "Hometown Hero." Nominees may be anyone admired, including teachers, neighbors, friends or family members, co-workers, first responders, health care workers, members of the military or volunteers.

Winners will be announced every other month throughout 2024 and will receive a \$100 gift certificate to Olivia's or Scoot's, along with a gift basket from GibsonSingleton.

Nominees must live in Gloucester, Mathews, Middlesex, King William, King and Queen, or York counties.

"We all see ordinary people doing extraordinary things around us. So, we wanted to recognize these unsung heroes and share their examples," GibsonSingleton partner Ken Gibson said.

"In my restaurants, I often meet people who amaze me by how much they give to others—whether it's time, resources or just sharing a kind word," said Olivia's and Scoot's co-owner Gary Ward.

"This 'Hometown Heroes' campaign is our way of saying, 'We see you,' to these humble and sometimes forgotten people."

"We are fortunate to live in a wonderful place, and we know it's because of the people," GibsonSingleton partner John Singleton added. "We want to highlight the everyday heroes among us who make a county into a community."

"I am excited to meet the everyday heroes people nominate and to celebrate with them all year long," Olivia's and Scoot's co-owner Karen Ward said.

### Nominating a hero

To nominate a hero, anyone over 16 may fill out a short online form found on GibsonSingleton.com, or on the Facebook pages of GibsonSingleton, Olivia's or Scoot's. Printed forms may also be picked up and returned to the law firm or the restaurants.

The reason given for nominating the hero may be brief or detailed, but no more than 300 words.

Nominations may be submitted anytime in March for the first winner to be announced in mid-April. Then, nominations will open again in May for a winner to be announced in June. This will continue throughout 2024, with nominations in July, September and November,

for winners announced in mid-August, October and December.

The hero must live in Gloucester, Mathews, Middlesex, King William, King and Queen or York counties. A person may submit only one entry per month, and a hero may win only once in 2024.

The first winner will be announced on gibsoningleton.com, and on the Facebook pages for GibsonSingleton, Olivia's and Scoot's in mid-April.

### More information

For more information, visit gibsoningleton.com or the Facebook pages of GibsonSingleton, Scoot's, or Olivia's. The public can also email beth@gibsoningleton.com, call her at 804-413-6777, or stop by GibsonSingleton Virginia Injury Attorneys at 4073 George Washington Memorial Highway, Hayes.

Printed forms may be picked up and turned in at GibsonSingleton, Olivia's in the Village (6597 Main Street, Gloucester) or Scoot's BBQ (2091 George Washington Memorial Highway, Gloucester Point).

## DeLSol offers day support and crisis stabilization programs

BY RUBY WILLIAMS

Owners April and Jasen DeLandro recently held a grand opening for the couple's nonprofit organization, DeLSol Association, Inc., located on Gloucester's Main Street.

The organization helps those with developmental disabilities and chronic mental health needs. DeLSol Association, Inc., is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is referral based only. The program's day support services are headed by Shamba Wilson.

The DeLandro's currently own two locations. One is located in Hampton and their new location Gloucester.

Their locations provide home and community-based services to individuals with developmental disabilities, which is at no cost to them as long as they meet certain criteria. The specific services that they offer are day support and community-based crisis stabilization. This summer, they will also be opening a new group home in Hampton and they hope to open one in Gloucester in the future.

April DeLandro explained that the meaning behind the name DeLSol is a combination of their married names as well as her maiden name, Solomon. She also said that she was a Spanish major and "del sol" means "of the sun." She also said that she and her husband both have family members with disabilities.

"My uncle had developed severe developmental disabilities and he resided in a group home until his passing," she said. "My husband has his brother and sister, who are a set of twins, and they are both independently living in Brooklyn, New York, in their own apartment. They both have intellectual disabilities."

The DeLandro's are originally from New York. When they moved to



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Shamba Wilson heads up day support services at DeLSol Association Inc., a new nonprofit organization on Gloucester's Main Street, helping individuals with developmental disabilities and chronic mental health needs.

Virginia, they were thinking about what they could do to give back to the community.

"My wife and I thought about what type of advantages we can bring to the population that we were currently working for at the time as DSPs (direct support professional)," Jasen said. "We were looking into a nonprofit working with individuals and we wanted to showcase not only how we bring better services for the individuals, but also for the staff that would work for us."

From those thoughts, originated the idea of DeLSol Association, Inc., which Wilson describes as "a place that gives an opportunity for individuals to explore their communities on a more grand scale."

"We expose them to the daily things that you and I take for granted and give them the same thrills in life that we do," said Wilson.

DeLSol Association, Inc., not only provides individuals with daily activities to do within their communities, but they provide them with life skills that they can use to eventually allow them to gain independence.

"In-house, we provide games, we make lunch here,

we show them how to do hygiene like how to brush your teeth and how to take care of themselves. The next quarter, we are going to show them how to wash and dry clothes and fold clothes, so they will be able to really just maintain their own selves and anything that belongs to them. So, we try to show them ownership and first it starts with yourself. Knowing how to clean and keep yourself maintained," said Wilson.

DeLSol Association, Inc., provides tours of their building on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 2:30 p.m.

"We are here to serve. We are passionate about our community. We don't work out of fear; we work out of love. We are asking to be given a chance to help the community thrive," the couple said.

For more information about, DeLSol Association, Inc., and the referral process, visit its website at <https://dsassociationinc.org>.

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## THE PUBLIC RECORD

### LAND TRANSFERS GLOUCESTER

The following deeds were recorded in the Clerk's Office of Gloucester Circuit Court during the period Feb. 22-28:

Carl H. Leser to David Falconer, et al, Lot 1, Whispering Winds, Section 1, Abingdon, \$260,000.

Archie R. Williams, et al, to Betty A. Riggins, 1.233 acres, Petsworth, \$72,000.

Dwight Traore to Kerry Corcoran, 1.64 acres, Lot 5, Abingdon, \$279,900.

Pauline Lemon Paige, et al, devisees, to Wendolyn Paige-Oliver, et al, 0.79 acre, Petsworth, gift.

Garrett Polston, et al, to Shawn Michael Winkelman, et al, Lot 12, Forbes Subdivision, Ware, \$299,900.

John Mark Bickerton to Trevor Anthony Barnard, et al, Lot 9, Belroi Village, Petsworth, \$254,000.

Matthew L. Lazos, et al, to Brian K. Williams, Unit 2402, Building 24, Dockside Condominium, Phase 4, York, \$262,500.

John Leroy Fajardo, et al, to Darianne Jo-Lyn Etheridge, et al, Lot 25, Beckwith Farms, Gloucester Point, \$397,000.

Charles J. Kerns Sr. Family II LLC to Charles J. Kerns Sr. Family I LLC, 10 acres, Junius Morris, Petsworth, \$25,000.

Linda C. Reams, et al, to Barbara Anne McFadden, et al, Lot 3, Abingdon, \$265,000.

Zandler Fiddler's Crossing, LLC to David Owen Dixon, Unit 3-A, Building 3, Fiddler's Crossing Condominiums, Phase 3, Abingdon, \$344,900.

Barry G. Wass to Suzanne Cook, et al, 0.59 acre, Lot A, Ware, \$240,000.

Douglas K. Bristow, et al, to Douglas Kevin Bristow, et al, 6.16 acres, Petsworth, gift.

Peter G. Kucera to Kody A. Bishop, et al, 0.98 acre, Parcel 1, Abingdon, \$255,000.

John G. Holt, et al, to Byron Roberts, et al, Block G, Petsworth, \$700,000.

### MATHEWS

The following deeds were

recorded recently in Mathews Circuit Court:

Donald Lynn Diggs, trustee, to Thomas G. Cook, et al, 1 acre, Chesapeake, \$1,000.

Cheryle T. Hugo to John V. Neill III, 3.9842 acres, Gwynn's Island, Piankatank, \$312,500.

ETO II TRS LLC to Jeffrey Mark Whitfield, et al, trustee, 53.5 acres, less and except 1.718 acres previously conveyed, and 0.03 acre, Piankatank, \$161,500.

Brenda A. Ripley to Brenda A. Ripley, trustee, 1.2164 acres, Chesapeake, no consideration.

Brenda A. Ripley to Brenda A. Ripley, trustee, 3 acres, Chesapeake, no consideration.

R. Wayne Turner to James Jarvis, et al, Revised Lot 13, 0.85 acre, Hicksville, Piankatank, \$75,000.

Brian D. Johnson, et al to Brian Dale Johnson, et al, trustees, 7 acres, Gwynn's Island, Piankatank, no consideration.

Connie O. Haab, surviving trustee, to Danny D. England, et al, 3.35 acres, Chesapeake, \$410,000.

### CIRCUIT COURT GLOUCESTER

Tiffany Sharrell Moody, 38, Newport News, felony charges of wear mask so as to conceal identity, shoplifting and possess stolen property with intent to sell were nolle prossed and removed from the court docket.

Nasir Nes'shon Thomas, 19, Norfolk, was sentenced to two concurrent two-year terms in the state penitentiary for the felony convictions of grand larceny and break and enter.

Dana Buinicki, 59, 72 Proctor Lane, Cobbs Creek, felony charge of make a materially false statement on a consent form was amended to purchase/possess/transport firearm by persons involuntarily admitted to a facility (misdemeanor). The defendant pleaded guilty and was found guilty of the amended misdemeanor charge and sentenced to 12 months' jail, all suspended.

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## DISTRICT COURT GLOUCESTER

The following cases were heard in Gloucester General District Court on Feb. 21-22: Rebecca Rae Harris, 5077 Sandy Clay Lane, Gloucester, shoplifting, \$216 costs and 120 days' jail; jail sentence suspended.

Viktoria Hvalovskaja, no fixed address, destruction of property, \$1,951 costs and 12 months' jail; six months of jail sentence suspended.

Thomas James Lumpkin, no fixed address, trespassing, \$241 costs and six months' jail; three months of jail sentence suspended.

Joni Lynn Smith, 4519 George Washington Memorial Highway, Hayes, shoplifting, \$241 costs and 12 months' jail; 11 months of jail sentence suspended.

Lori Ann Spencer, 8603 Willis Road, Gloucester, shoplifting, \$216 costs and 60 days' jail; jail sentence suspended.

Sarah Nicole Swan, 7351 Mumford View Drive, Gloucester, Driving While Intoxicated, \$250 fine and \$421 costs, 12 months' jail, operator's license suspended one year; 11 months, 26 days of jail sentence suspended upon successful completion of ASAP.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT GLOUCESTER

The following incidents were reported this week by the Gloucester County Sheriff's Office:

**LARCENY:** A GCSO deputy fielded a report from a resident of the 7500 block of Roaring Springs Road in reference to a reported theft the afternoon of Feb. 25. A victim's wallet had been stolen and a debit card was discovered with fraudulent charges. This is an active investigation; A GCSO deputy fielded a report in reference to a theft the afternoon of Feb. 27. A customer at Applebee's left a bag with items valued at over \$1,000. Upon returning, it was discovered that the bag was no longer at the previously used table. This is an active investigation; A GCSO deputy was dispatched to the 6600 block of Dutton Road in reference to a theft the morning of Feb. 29. Various tools had been reported stolen from the property. This is an active investigation; GCSO deputies were dispatched to Gloucester Point Marine in reference to a theft the morning of Feb. 29. Tools were reported stolen from multiple storage buildings. This is an active investigation; A GCSO deputy fielded a report in reference to a stolen wallet the evening of March 1. A victim lost a wallet in the area of the ABC Store on Main Street. A short time later, the victim received a notice that their bank card had been used at the Glenss 7-Eleven. This is an active investigation.

**PUBLIC INTOXICATION:** A 20-year-old Hayes man was charged with public intoxication and underage possession of alcohol after GCSO deputies were dispatched to Riverside Walter Reed Hospital in reference to an intoxicated patient who had left the property the night of Feb. 25. Just past midnight on Feb. 26, the individual was located walking along the roadway at the 5200 block of George Washington Memorial Highway; A 51-year-old Gloucester man was charged with public intoxication after GCSO deputies were dispatched to Hardee's, located at 2384 George Washington Memorial Highway, in reference to a disorderly male the afternoon of Feb. 28.

**DAMAGED PROPERTY:** A GCSO deputy was dispatched to the Ark Sunoco Gas Station in reference to damaged property the afternoon of Feb. 28. A victim's truck had been scratched and tampered with during the overnight hours. This is an active investigation.

**FRAUD:** A GCSO deputy was dispatched to the 6300 block of Glenside Court in reference to a fraud the evening of Feb. 26. A victim paid an individual with the intention to rent a residential property. It was determined that the property had already been rented and this was a fraudulent transaction. This is an active investigation; A GCSO deputy fielded a report in reference to a bad check on Feb. 27. A victim attempted to deposit a check for services rendered; however, it was returned for insufficient funds of over \$1,000. This is an active investigation; A GCSO deputy fielded a report in reference to a fraud the night of March 1. A victim of the 12200 block of Elizabeth Curtis Lane received a call from an individual claiming to have discovered fraudulent charges. The suspect claimed that a payment was needed in order to keep their bank account from being frozen. The victim transferred funds valued at over \$1,000 to the suspect. It was later determined that this was a fraud. This is an active investigation.

**SHOPLIFTING:** A GCSO deputy was dispatched to the 7-Eleven at Ordinary in reference to a shoplifting complaint the night of Feb. 27. It was reported that a male suspect allegedly stole merchandise the previous day. This is an active investigation; A 29-year-old Poquoson man was charged with concealing merchandise after a GCSO deputy was dispatched to Walmart in reference to alleged shoplifting the evening of Feb. 27; A GCSO deputy was dispatched to Walmart in reference to a past incident of shoplifting the afternoon of Feb. 29. Loss prevention discovered a male and a female suspect previously banned

from the store for shoplifting had allegedly returned and committed the same offense. This is an active investigation; A GCSO deputy was dispatched to Walmart in reference to past instances of shoplifting the afternoon of March 2. Loss prevention discovered an individual previously arrested for shoplifting had also allegedly stolen from the store on previous occasions. This is an active investigation.

**ASSAULT:** A 37-year-old Gloucester man was charged with assault and battery of a family member (third offense) after GCSO deputies were dispatched to the 9900 block of Forest Grove Drive in reference to an alleged domestic incident the afternoon of Feb. 28. A victim was discovered with injuries that did not require emergency medical attention; An 18-year-old Gloucester man was charged with assault and battery of a family member and destruction of property valued over \$1,000 after GCSO deputies were dispatched to the 5200 block of Shoveler Circle in reference to a disorderly person the afternoon of Feb. 29. It was discovered that a suspect had allegedly destroyed property at a residence valued at over \$1,000. The investigation also revealed that a victim had allegedly been assaulted during the incident. There were no injuries that required emergency medical care; A 42-year-old Gloucester man was charged with assault and battery of a family member after GCSO deputies were dispatched to the 6400 block of Hickory Knoll Road in reference to an alleged domestic incident the afternoon of March 2. A victim was observed with injuries that did not require emergency medical care. A search incident to arrest led to the discovery of suspected methamphetamine and pills. The suspect was also charged with possession of a Schedule I/II controlled substance and possession of a Schedule IV controlled substance.

**BRANDISHING FIREARM:** GCSO deputies were dispatched to the 6900 block of Ruth Drive in reference to a brandishing of a firearm the evening of Feb. 29. A juvenile was followed home by an individual driving a newer silver or gray Ford Ranger. The suspect was described as an older white male with average height, weight, gray hair and "large belly," wearing a red T-shirt. The suspect confronted the juvenile and accused him of poor driving. The suspect then displayed a dark-colored semi-automatic handgun. The suspect left the scene prior to law enforcement's arrival. This is an active investigation.

**MALICIOUS WOUNDING:** A 19-year-old Gloucester man was charged with malicious wounding and assault and battery of a family member after GCSO deputies were dispatched to the 5800 block of Sadlers Neck Road in reference to shots fired the night of March 2. A victim with injuries from a physical assault was transported to the hospital and is stable. It was revealed that the shooting was the result of an individual firing shots into the ground and the air to stop the physical assault. The shooting incident remains under investigation.

## MATHEWS

The Mathews County Sheriff's Office is investigating the following incidents that occurred during the past week.

On Thursday, Feb. 29, deputies completed a report on a case involving obtaining money by false pretense. The victim is an elderly resident, and the potential suspect is known to the victim.

On Saturday, March 2, deputies took a report for a damaged motorcycle. The reporting party stated that someone cut the wires on his motorcycle, causing \$1,000 in damage. Both cases are under investigation.

The sheriff's office reported that it received three anonymous tips during the past week from its anonymous tip reporting system, Tip411. Deputies have followed up on all of them and communicated with the tipsters as required.

Anyone with information regarding the current cases or other crimes in Mathews is asked to call Crime Solvers at 804-725-7001. All calls are anonymous. If a call leads to an arrest, the recovery of stolen property, or the seizure of illegal drugs, the caller may receive a cash reward.

## FIRE REPORT GLOUCESTER

During the weeks of Feb. 18 and 25, Gloucester Volunteer Fire and Rescue responded to 136 EMS calls and 21 fire calls. EMS calls included 84 medical, 36 trauma, two assists, and 14 other. Fire calls included two fires, five motor vehicle accidents, seven medical assists, and seven other.

## MATHEWS

Feb. 27, 3:14 p.m., vehicle accident, Williams Wharf Road, Mathews, one engine.

Feb. 29, 4:55 p.m., smoke investigation, 4300 block of Buckley Hall Road, Cobbs Creek, two engines and one brush truck.

March 3, 7:41 a.m., fire alarm activation, 400 block of Whitfield Road, North, two engines.

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