



Common buckeye butterfly on Mountain Mint, sent by Cheryl Battle of Bavan.



Belladonna lily blooming in Linda Dalgety's Port Haywood yard.

Flora and fauna

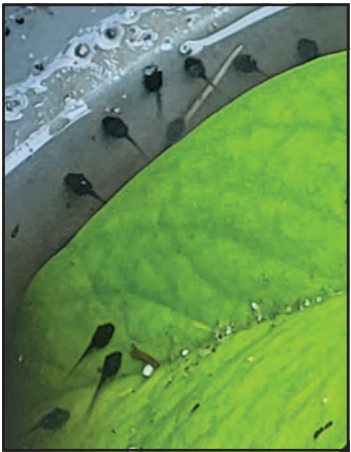
Nature provides an ever-changing scene. Please send your photos to editor@gazettejournal.net.



Milford Haven cruise by waterfowl in a row, sent by Kathy and Loyd White, Gwynn's Island.



The frogs in Jeri Trudeau's pond have been visiting potted plants on her deck. After this rainy month there are now tadpoles in many pots.



Moon flower bloomed for the full moon; sent by Michelle Gardner.



Gardenias from the garden of Gene and Janet Gomez.



Zinnia hosts a Hummingbird Moth, sent by Martha Thompson Hudgins of Gloucester.

ENGAGEMENTS



Bailey Joyce Carrington
Josiah Farnsworth Bailey

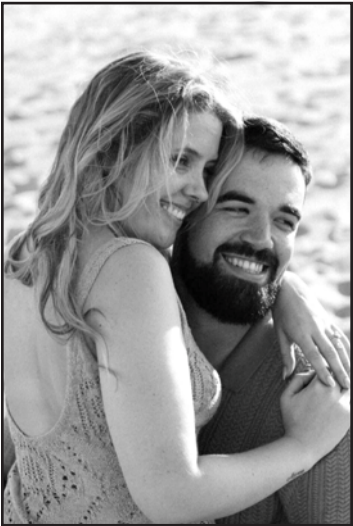
Carrington-Bailey

Virginia and Mark Carrington of Gloucester, announce the engagement of their daughter, Bailey Joyce Carrington, to Josiah Farnsworth Bailey, son of Peggy and Anthony Bailey of Gloucester.

Bailey graduated from Virginia State University with a degree in Agriculture Education, and is a teacher in Portsmouth Public Schools.

Josiah graduated from Gloucester High School and works for Michael and Son HVAC.

A wedding is planned for Sept. 23, 2024 in Vaughan House, Forest.



Molly Janice Carrington
Peter Michael Runfola

Carrington-Runfola

Virginia and Mark Carrington of Gloucester, announce the engagement of their daughter, Molly Janice Carrington, to Peter Michael Runfola Jr., son of Peter and Marianne Runfola of Toms River, New Jersey.

Molly graduated from Old Dominion University with a degree in Communications; she works for Raytheon in Huntsville, Alabama.

Peter graduated from Toms River South High School and is employed by Millennium in Huntsville.

The wedding is planned for April 5, 2025 at the Virginia House, Richmond.

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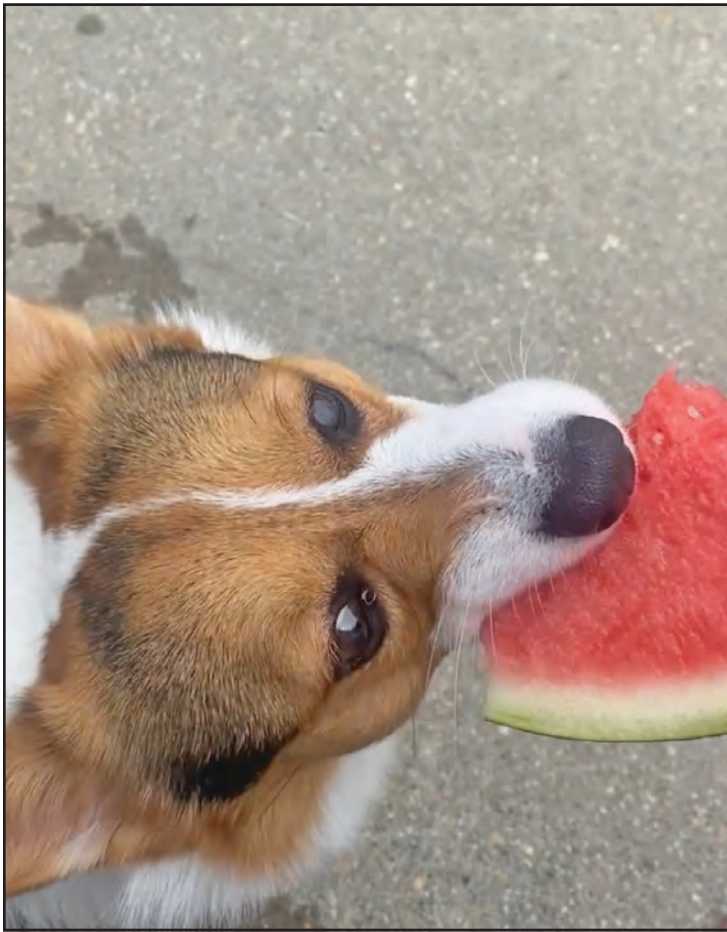
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Ryleigh the girl, and Oliver the dog, both members of the Cox family of Gloucester, enjoyed cooling slices of watermelon.

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Watermelon season
The best part of summer is ripe now

BY BETTY WRENN DAY

The saying "eat the watermelon but spit out the seeds" means to take the good from a given situation and leave behind the bad.

For those who grew up in the 1940s and '50s in a rural area where watermelon patches were very much a part of family farming: do you remember sneaking out to the patch, bursting open a melon and eating just the

heart? Then there were times at picnics when you held the contest seeking who could spit their seeds the greatest distance? It was one of the best parts of summer. Yes, watermelons had hard black seeds in those days.

The earliest evidence of watermelon consumption comes from the seeds discovered in Northern Africa, carbon-dated to 5,000 years ago. Nearby Egypt was growing watermelons 3,000 years

ago. These were small, thick-skinned and bitter. For years they were greatly used as a source of water like a canteen (melons are 92% water) and people roasted the seeds for nourishment.

The watermelon rolled into many countries over the centuries, and it is believed to have arrived to us by way of the early European colonists, and paralleled to the transatlantic slave trade. It was found growing in Florida

as early as 1576 and in Massachusetts by 1629. Thomas Jefferson grew watermelons at Monticello.

During its long phase of global expansion this fruit was being transformed. Farmers would carefully select plants with the most desirable characteristics to plant next year's crop. Five thousand years of human ingenuity transformed the watermelon into the fruit we enjoy today—and they come

seedless.

Seedless watermelons have become the most common type available. There are still seeded watermelons on the market, with the traditional red flesh and black seeds.

Four things to look for when buying a watermelon: look for one that's symmetrical. It should be heavy for its size. It should have a deep resonating sound when you

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GARDENING CORNER

FROM THE GLOUCESTER MASTER GARDENERS

Interesting edibles to grow

BY SUSAN CAMP

At the July Gloucester Master Gardener meeting, members were treated to an interesting continuing education program presented by Master Gardener Bob Beyea. Bob's specialty is growing vegetables, and many of you likely have heard him speak at Second Saturday (now Third Saturday) programs throughout the year at Brent and Becky's Bulbs.

Bob's presentation to the Master Gardeners was a little different; he spoke about growing vegetables different from our usual home crops of tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, beans, and fast-growing giant zucchinis. He referred to a fascinating book called "Grow Something Different to Eat" by Matthew Biggs, lecturer, writer, and BBC radio and television presenter who trained at the Royal Botanic Garden, Kew.

The book makes for fascinating reading and includes color illustrations of an array of vegetables, fruits, greens, grains, herbs, and other edible crops, as well as tips and techniques for growing each plant.

If you are strictly a native plant enthusiast, this probably isn't the book for you. Most of the entries are exotic plants from Asia, Africa, and Central and South America. If you decide to plant any exotic edibles, I caution you to research the invasiveness potential before planting. The best research sites include university Cooperative Extension sites and botanical gardens like Missouri Botanical Garden, the U.S. Botanical Garden in Washington, D.C., Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond, and Norfolk Botanical Garden could be especially helpful with information on invasive plants in Coastal Virginia.

I selected a few plants that I found interesting and might consider planting. I found no indication of invasive potential for any of these, but I recommend that you always check for yourself when planting new or exotic plants.

Chickpeas (Cicer arietinum), also called garbanzo beans, are a great choice for vegans or anyone who enjoys Mediterranean, Middle Eastern, or Indian cooking. Chickpeas are pod-forming legumes that return nitrogen from the atmosphere back to the soil. Seeds can be started indoors or sown directly into the garden after all danger of frost has passed. Chickpeas will grow in almost any soil except clay, and don't require a lot of soil amendment. Very rich soil will benefit the leaves and cause fewer pods to form. Once established, the plants are drought-resistant. The sweetpea-like flowers are lavender,

pink, or white. Chickpeas are high in protein and used in hummus, falafel, and curries, or roasted and sprinkled with paprika as a snack. Leaves can be used fresh in salads.

Callaloo (Amaranthus tricolor) is an annual with brightly colored leaves used in Asian, African, and South American dishes. The Caribbean dish called callaloo contains the leaves, which are used much like spinach. It is also grown as a grain crop. Callaloo is a tender annual that will not survive the first frost. Like chickpea, it can be started indoors or directly in the garden once the soil has warmed. Thin seedlings to 5 to 7 inches apart and remove the flower rosette to encourage leaf growth. Callaloo leaves can be any combination of green, yellow, gold, pink, lavender, purple, red, or burgundy. The plant tolerates poor soil and is heat and drought resistant.



WATERMELON SEASON: *Everyone digs in*

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knock on it. On the bottom it should have a large yellow field spot—not white.

Keep whole melons on the counter for best flavor. Storage at room temp may even help keep the antioxidants (sweetness) better intact. Once cut, store in the refrigerator for 3 to 4 days.

References: “Brief History of Watermelons,” “Watermelon’s Back Story Has Deep Roots,” “The Watermelon’s Past, Present, Future,” and “Watermelon History.”

WATERMELON-CILANTRO

- 1 c. fresh lemon juice
- 1 c. sugar
- 1 c. chopped, seedless watermelon, plus wedges for garnish
- ½ c. fresh cilantro, plus sprigs for garnish

Combine lemon juice, sugar, watermelon, and cilantro in a mason jar. Mash with the handle of a wooden spoon until watermelon is broken down. Tightly screw on the lid, and shake until the sugar is dissolved, about 1 minute. Let sit 1 hour. Pour sugar mixture into a large pitcher. Top with 6 c. water and ice. Serve over ice garnished with watermelon wedges and cilantro sprigs.

WATERMELON SORBET

- ½ medium watermelon, sliced lengthwise
 - 1 can frozen pink lemonade concentrate
 - 1 can crushed pineapple
 - ½ c. sugar
- Scoop out watermelon flesh, place in blender or food processor and process until smooth. Pour purée through a wire mesh strainer into a bowl; discard pulp and any seeds. Measure 8 cups of juice; add lemonade concentrate, pineapple and sugar, stirring until sugar dissolves. Pour mixture into a 9x13-inch pan; cover and freeze until firm. Break frozen mixture into chunks. Place half the mixture in blender or food processor; process until smooth. Repeat with remaining frozen mixture. Serve immediately.



PHOTO BY ASHBY HIBBS

Aris Hibbs got her first taste of watermelon at the (now closed) Court House Restaurant in Gloucester.



PHOTO BY CARLIE PRATER

Jarren Hines of Gloucester, enjoys a delicious slice of watermelon after a good swim in the York River.

COLD WATERMELON SOUP

- 1 beetroot, cooked and peeled
 - 4.5 lb. watermelon (about ½ a small watermelon), rind removed
 - 2 ripe avocados, pitted and peeled
 - 4 Tbs. red wine vinegar
 - 1 tsp. sugar or honey
 - Salt and white pepper
 - Lemon zest and olive oil for garnish
- Purée beetroot in a food processor. Add watermelon, avocado, vinegar, sweetener, salt and pepper; purée until smooth. Strain into a bowl to make sure there are no chunks. Chill at least two hours before serving cold. Garnish with a sprinkling of olive oil and lemon zest.

EASY 5-MINUTE WATERMELON SORBET

- 2 c. watermelon, cubed
 - ½ lime, juiced
- Dice watermelon and place the pieces in the freezer overnight, making sure it is completely frozen before proceeding. Place diced, frozen wa-

termelon in the food processor and add some lime juice, about 2-3 c. watermelon for each half lime. Add more, to taste, later on if you wish. Start with a few drops, and slowly add more as you process sorbet. Continue to process your watermelon and lime juice in your food processor until you get a sorbet-like texture. You can add a little more lime juice as needed for taste and texture. If you want a sweeter sorbet, you can add in a little honey or another sweetener. It will change the texture somewhat. Serve immediately.

WATERMELON JUICE

- 1 small sweet watermelon, about 6-lb.
 - 1 small lime, juiced (optional)
- Slice the watermelon in half. Using a big spoon, scoop chunks of sweet watermelon into the blender. Discard rind. Blend the watermelon until it is totally pulverized, about a minute or more. For extra flavor, squeeze the juice of one small lime into the blender and blend for a few seconds. If the

watermelon is seeded, pour the mixture through a fine mesh strainer into a pitcher. If not, pour it directly into glasses filled with ice. This will keep in the refrigerator, covered, for up to 4 days. The juice will separate over time but just stir with a spoon to recombine.

EASY WATERMELON MARGARITA

- 4 c. frozen watermelon (keep fresh if serving on the rocks)
 - ½ c. white tequila
 - ¼ c. Triple Sec
 - ½ c. fresh lime juice
 - 1-2 Tbs. honey
 - 1 heaping c. ice
 - Salt for rim
 - Limes for garnish, cut in wedges
- Cut up melon; freeze on a baking sheet for at least six hours. If you are making margaritas on the rocks, skip the freezing step. Add watermelon, tequila, Triple Sec, lime juice, honey and ice to a blender. Leave out ice if making on the rocks. Blend until completely smooth. Pour into salted rim glass and serve with lime.

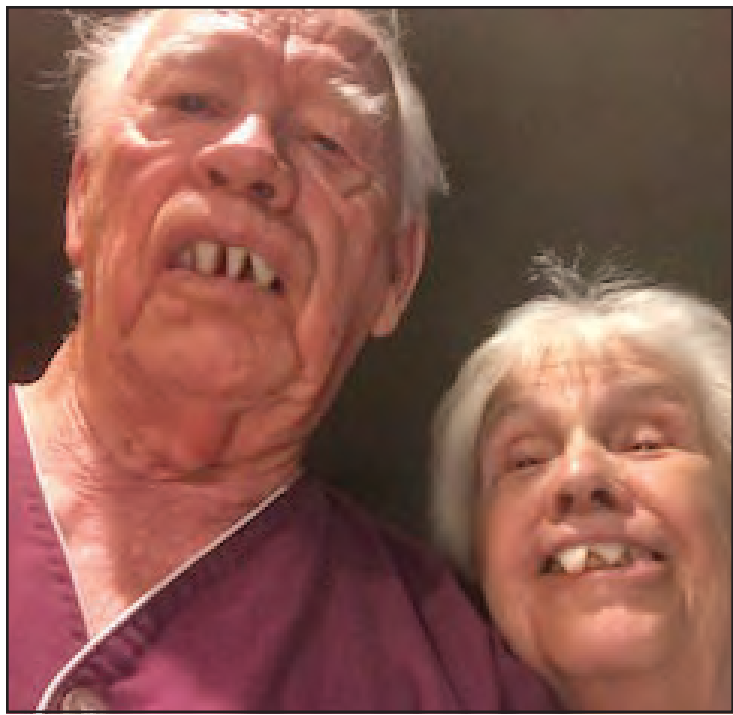


PHOTO COURTESY OF MARGI TEAGLE

Margi Teagle, shown with her friend Hervie Riviere and their odd new teeth, writes, “As a child growing up on the York River, we looked forward to eating watermelon, having contests for spitting seeds the farthest, and carving teeth from the rind. At age 83 the fun continues!”

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CHURCH NEWS

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Antioch churches to highlight history this weekend

Antioch Baptist Church in Gloucester's Coke area, and Antioch Baptist Church in Saluda, will both be in the historical spotlight this weekend.

Antioch Gloucester

Gloucester's Antioch Baptist Church, built in 1922, is now the site of services held at 12:30 p.m. Saturdays by its steward, The Truth in the Spirit. The church is located at 4604 Cedar Bush Road.

Oral histories are being collected in cooperation with the Fairfield Foundation by oral historian Dr. Jessica Taylor, at the church during a one-hour time slot between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Friday, and between 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Call Sara Lewis at 757-784-0344 or Apostle Markita Brooks at 757-348-6715 to reserve a slot.

Especially sought are recollections of Antioch and the Piney Swamp community, both of which evolved from nearly Fairfield plantation.

Free events being held in connection with the Antioch Week observance include the following:

Friday, 5:30 p.m., Nathaniel Glasgow, Fairfield Foundation GIS specialist and archaeologist, will give a presentation, "Visualizing Piney Swamp's History Using Maps."

Saturday, Fairfield archaeologists will have displays and activities outside from noon until 4 p.m. Beginning at 2:30, Apostle Markita Brooks will speak and lead a healing circle focused on unity between descendants of enslaved and their enslavers.

On Sunday, events begin at 2:30 and at 3 p.m., Bessida Cauthorne White, president of the Middle Peninsula African American Genealogical and Historical Society, will give a talk on "Climbing Your Family Tree: An Introduction to African American Genealogy."

The three programs will open with praise dance, close with a healing circle, and be followed by refreshments in the fellowship hall. Evening programs can be streamed online. See <https://antioch-gloucester.org> for the complete schedule and Zoom link.

Anyone with photos of the church or area from times gone by is invited to bring them to the church for scanning onsite, Lewis said.

Antioch Saluda

At noon Saturday, Antioch Baptist Church, Saluda, will dedicate a state historical highway marker commemorating the church's 158-year history. The program will be held at the church at 159 Oakes Landing Road and followed by an unveiling in front of the historical Middlesex courthouse.

Founded in 1866, Antioch is the oldest African-American church in Middlesex County and one of four founding churches of the Southside Rappahannock Baptist Association, a release said.

Historical reflections will be given by the Rev. Dr. Leonard L. Edloe, pastor of New Hope Fellowship, Hartfield. Music will be provided by Mary Ann Holmes, soprano, and by the Southside Rappahannock Baptist Association Choir under the direction of Marcellus Dungee. Holmes is a great-great-granddaughter of William Corr, who was one of Antioch's founding trustees. King and Queen County native, the Rev. Fred D. Holmes



Antioch Baptist Church, Gloucester, was built in 1922.



Antioch Baptist Church in Saluda, founded in 1866.



Rev. Dr. Leonard L. Edloe



Mary Ann Holmes



Rev. Fred D. Holmes

Jr., is the pastor of Antioch, having served there for nearly 54 years.

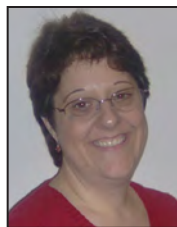
The Middlesex Museum & Historical Society, Inc. and Antioch Baptist Church are joint sponsors of the highway marker. The Virginia Board

of Historic Resources approved the marker in June 2022.

The program is open to the public and will be livestreamed on the church's Facebook

page. Following the unveiling of the marker in front of the Middlesex historic courthouse at 865 General Puller Highway, a reception will follow on the courthouse green.

For more information, call 804-651-8753.



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Services announced by local churches

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

ABINGDON EPISCOPAL

Abingdon Episcopal Church, White Marsh, will have worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday with coffee hour following.

Sunday School and Adult Formation are on a break and will resume in September.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST

The Rev. Sean Cummings of Friendship Baptist Church, Newport News, will preach at the 11 a.m. Sunday service in Antioch Baptist Church, Susan. The service will be in-person and Facebook Live at weareantioch1869.

APOSTLES LUTHERAN

Apostles Lutheran Church, Gloucester, will hold the eleventh Sunday after Pentecost worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday. There will be a coffee fellowship after the service.

BELLAMY UNITED METHODIST

Bellamy United Methodist Church, Gloucester, will celebrate the eleventh Sunday after Pentecost at the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. Pastor Ed Walker will continue his "Roadmap to the Bible" series as he explores the time after the Babylonian Exile. Bible study meets at 9:20 and the Faith Builders Bible study will meet at 9:30. The Well contemporary worship service will gather at 11:30. Brian Eckstein will share the message. Youth Group meets at 5 p.m. with dinner provided.

Loaves and Bitches Food and Diaper Ministry will be held from 9-11 a.m. on Tuesday.

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST

The sermon title of Pastor Paul Song of Bethany United

ADVENTISTS

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welcomet2gibc@gmail.com,
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Sunday's, bible study, all ages, 8:30 am inside the Fellowship Hall
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Rev. Jared Berry, Pastor
E-mail: laura@unionbaptistchurch.net
www.unionbaptistchurch.net
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Email: kingstonparish@verizon.net
The Very Rev. Gary J. Barker, Rector
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8:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite I:
Christ Church, 320 Williams Wharf Road
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II:
Kingston Chapel, 370 Main Street
Services live streamed: YouTube and Facebook
12:00 pm Wednesday: Holy Eucharist and Healing Service at Kingston Chapel

Church Spotlight



WARE CHURCH

Ware Church is one of four Episcopal Churches in Gloucester and Mathews County that were chartered in 1652. The other three are Abingdon, Kingston Parish and the now-defunct Petsworth. The parishioners met at a location on the Ware River. Since c. 1719 the parishioners have met at the present location of 7825 John Clayton Memorial Highway.

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10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

GLOBAL METHODIST

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Rt. 3, Dutton
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OLIVE BRANCH GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

Randall Cupp, Pastor
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Phone: 804.693.3754
Sunday Worship 9:30 am

LUTHERAN

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The Reverend Jay Serafin, Pastor
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A PARABLE

BY BRUCE WESTERDAHL

Power of forgiveness

I recently read passages from "The Forgiveness Solutions" by Dr. Philip Friedman. It is a practical book focused on providing the reader with techniques for learning how to forgive those who have disappointed, offended or betrayed you.

Among the numerous stories Friedman offers is one about a client who went to see a therapist about his inability to forgive someone who had injured him. When the session ended, the therapist told his client he should leave the office through one of two white doors.

The client, however, insisted he wanted to leave through a pink door. Despite being told there was no pink door, the client walked to

what he believed was a door and crashed into a pink wall.

Finally, the therapist pointed out his client's problem was like the imaginary door. The client could hold on to his resentments, pain and his grudges and continue to suffer (knock his head against the wall), or he could forgive, let go and seek a better past and future.

Included in the Lord's Prayer are the words "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." If you find it difficult to forgive someone, perhaps it's time to view this phrase as both a command and a prescription from the Master Physician for our emotional well-being.

CHURCH SERVICES

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Methodist Church, Gloucester Point, at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday services will be "United in Common Confession." Communion will be held at the 11 o'clock service. Nursery for infants to 3-year-olds is available beginning at 9:40.

BETHEL BAPTIST

The Rev. Sheila Madanat will preach at noon Sunday in Bethel Baptist Church, Gloucester. Music will be provided by the Men's Fellowship. The coordinating council meeting will be held on Saturday at 10 a.m.

Pastor Sheron Green of the Church of Abraham, will be the revival preacher for the summer revival services at 7 p.m., Aug. 7-9.

BETHEL CHURCH OF MATHEWS

The sermon title of the Rev. Garry Livermon at the 9:50 a.m. Sunday service in Bethel Church of Mathews, Onemo, will be "Spiritual Blessings in Christ." Sunday school will follow at 11 o'clock.

BEULAH CHURCH OF NEW POINT

Beulah Church of New Point welcomes the Rev. Dede Parrish back to its 11 a.m. Sunday service. Her sermon title will be "Oh! The Possibilities!"



Rev. Dede Parrish

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST

The sermon title of the Rev. Rebecca Rumburg of Central United Methodist Church, Mathews, at 9:15 a.m. Sunday will be "Unity in the Faith of Christ."

CHURCH OF THE LIVING WORD

The sermon title of Dr. Gregory Woodard at the 10 a.m. Sunday service in Church of the Living Word, Hayes, will be "It's Going to Work." "The Epistle of Philippians" will be the 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Bible study topic.

FIRST BAPTIST, MATHEWS

First Baptist Church, Mathews will celebrate its 76th annual homecoming on Sunday. The guest speaker at the 11:15 a.m. service will be Minister Isaiah Smith of Calvary Community Baptist Church, Newport News. Brunch will follow in the fellowship hall. Former pastor the Rev. Jonathan Waldon, of New Beech Grove Baptist Church, Newport News, will speak at the 3 p.m. service.

Revival service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9. The Rev. Vincent Pryor, pastor of New Mount Zion Baptist Church, Gloucester, will be the speaker.

FIRST BAPTIST, ORDINARY

The sermon title of Pastor Ward Warren of First Baptist Church, Ordinary, at the 10 a.m. Sunday service will be "The Most Wonderful Man Who Ever Lived." Church school will be at 9 o'clock.

Revival services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Aug. 9. The Rev. Dr. Robert Diggs and Tabernacle Baptist Church will be the special guests.

FIRST MORNING STAR BAPTIST

The sermon title of Pastor Larry J. Arrington of First Morning Star Baptist Church, Bena, at the 11 a.m. Sunday service

will be "The Tempter's Power is Broken." Leander Myers and The Combined Choir will render the music.

GLEANNING BAPTIST

Gleaning Baptist Church, Gloucester, will celebrate its annual Homecoming on Sunday. Dinner will be served from 1:45-2:45 p.m. The service will begin at 3 o'clock with the Rev. John W. Redmond and the congregation of Emmaus Baptist Church, North, as special guests.

Revival services will start at 7 p.m. Wednesday and continue through Friday, Aug. 9. Bishop Carlton Johnson and the congregation of Zion Branch Baptist Church, Saluda, will conduct service on Wednesday. The Rev. Dr. John Wright and the congregation of Immanuel Baptist Church, Saluda, will be in charge on Thursday, and the Rev. Dr. Walter Roy and the congregation of St. Luke Baptist Church, Plum Point, will close out the week.

GLOUCESTER POINT BAPTIST

The sermon title of Pastor Dilon Evans of Gloucester Point Baptist Church at 11 a.m. Sunday will be "Does God Appoint Leaders According to His Plan?"

GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN

The sermon title of Pastor Jesse Hill of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church at 10:30 a.m. Sunday will be "No Longer Strangers."

GWYNN'S ISLAND BAPTIST

Gwynn's Island Baptist Church will hold its drive-in worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday around the gazebo of Gwynn's Island Civic League. Parking begins at 9:15. The sermon title of Dr. Ed Jordan, pastor, will be "Amazed Beyond Belief." Special music will be provided by Island Praise.

Kingston Episcopal Parish, Mathews, will observe 11 Pentecost with Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8 a.m. Sunday at Christ Church on Williams Wharf Road. Holy Eucharist Rite II will be held at 10:30 at Kingston Chapel on Main Street.

Living Waters Church of God, Dutton, will hold a yard sale from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday and Saturday. This will be a fundraiser for missions.

MATHEWS BAPTIST

The sanctuary of Mathews Baptist Church, Hudgins, will be open every first Thursday of the month from 9-10 a.m. for a special time of prayer. All are welcome, a release said.

The sermon title at the 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday services will be "Jesus's Homicidal Neighbors."

MATHEWS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST

The sermon title of the Rev. Angie Hoen, pastor of Mathews Chapel United Methodist, Cobbs Creek, at 11 a.m. Sunday will be "Bound Together."

MORNING GLORY BAPTIST

The Rev. Donna Freeman of Morning Glory Baptist Church, Gloucester, will preach at 11 a.m. Sunday. The Senior Choir will sing. The trustees and deacons will meet in the N.T. Jones Fellowship Hall after the service.

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Daily Bible Readings

Psalms 40	Psalms 41	Psalms 130	Philemon 1-25	Joshua 1:1-18	Joshua 2:1-24	Joshua 6:1-27
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vice. Sunday school will be held at 9:30. To join by conference call, 605-313-4440; access 6913538#.

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 9 a.m. Sunday will be “Walking Together in the Love of God.”

NEW MOUNT ZION BAPTIST

New Mount Zion Baptist Church, Gloucester, continues its revival services at 7 p.m. through Friday. On Wednesday, the Rev. Morris Randall spoke. Bishop Carlton Johnson of Zion Branch Church will speak on Thursday and Pastor Sheron Greene of Church of Abraham on Friday. The Rev. Jerry Bristol will preach at the 11 a.m. Sunday service.

NEW POINT FRIENDS

The sermon title of Pastor Thomas Bunting of New Point Friends Church at 11 a.m. Sunday will be “What is my Purpose?”

NEWINGTON BAPTIST

The sermon title of Pastor Chris Grella of Newington Baptist Church, Gloucester, at 10:30 a.m. Sunday will be “Room for Jesus.” The nursery, for infants and toddlers, will be available. Various Sunday school classes meet at 9 o’clock. Wednesday night COR 3 youth will meet at 6:30.

REDEEMING GRACE BAPTIST

Redeeming Grace Baptist Church, Gloucester, will have Vacation Bible School, “The Great Jungle Journey: An Epic Cruise from Genesis to Revelation,” from 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m. the week of Aug. 5-9. For more information, or to register for the VBS, visit www.redeeming-grace.org.

SAINT PAUL COMFORT

The sermon title of the Rev. Dede Parrish of Saint Paul Comfort Church of Susan, at 9:45 a.m. Sunday will be “Oh! The Possibilities!”

SHEPHERDSVILLE BAPTIST

The sermon title of Pastor Douglas Riley of Shepherdsville Baptist Church, Gloucester at 11 a.m. Sunday

will be “It’s Due Season.” The annual Homecoming service, “A Family of Faith,” will be at 2:30 p.m. The Rev. James Harris of Bethel Baptist Church will speak.

SINGLETON UNITED METHODIST

The sermon title of the Rev. Calvin Griffin of Singleton United Methodist Church, Ware Neck, at 11 a.m. will be “Walking Together in the Love of God.” The newly added Clara-Nova will be dedicated. The Singleton Sisterhood will meet after the service. For Zoom login information, email Calvin.griffin@cox.net. Monday morning Bible study will discuss “Relying on the Holy Spirit.” Wednesday night Bible study at 7 o’clock will discuss the book, “Christian Denominations.”

SPRING HILL BAPTIST

Dr. Chuck McDaniel, pastor emeritus, will be the special speaker at 11 a.m. Sunday in Spring Hill Baptist Church, Cobbs Creek.

SUSANNA WESLEY UNITED METHODIST

Susanna Wesley United Methodist Church, Ordinary, will hold Vacation Bible School, “Shine Jesus’s Light,” Aug. 8-10 for preschool-fifth graders. Times will be 6-7:30 p.m. on Aug. 8-9 and from 10 a.m.-noon on Aug. 10.

THE FIRST UNITED BAPTIST

The sermon title of Pastor E. Randolph Graham of The First United Baptist Church, White Marsh, for the 11 a.m. Sunday service will be “Endure Hardship Like a Good Soldier.” Church youth will lead the worship. Praise and worship will begin at 10:45.

UNION BAPTIST

Pastor Jared Berry will preach at the 11 a.m. Sunday service Union Baptist Church, Hayes. The choir will practice at 5 p.m. Other activities include: Monday, 6 p.m., Praise Team/Band practice; Tuesday, 6 p.m., women’s Bible study, and Wednesday, 10:30 a.m., Bible study, and 6 p.m., Wednesday Night Live, Kids Crew and Outward Students.

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The Rev. Andrew Millard will speak on “Together We Are More” at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in

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WESTVILLE BAPTIST

The Rev. Lytle Buckingham of Westville Baptist Church, Mathews, has begun a new series, “Hope.” His sermon title will be “The Helmet of Hope” at the 10:45 a.m. Sunday communion service. Sunday school, “the book of Acts,” will precede the service at 9:45. A fried chicken lunch will follow the worship service. Wednesday Bible study, “Daniel,” will be held at 3 p.m.

WESTVILLE CHRISTIAN

Pastor Tim Dice of Westville Christian Church, Mathews, will preach from his sermon series “Psalmist Speaks” at 11 a.m. Sunday. His sermon title will be “And Praises.”

ZION HILL BAPTIST

The Rev. Karol Hopson will preach at the 10 a.m. Sunday in-person service in Zion Hill Baptist Church, Gloucester. The Senior Choir will sing. Sunday school will be held at 8:45.

The Women’s Ministry will have Women Empowered to Grow in Christ Retreat & Conference from Friday, Sept. 13-Sunday, Sept. 15 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Williamsburg. The cost for tickets, which include lunch, is \$30 (ages 13 and over) and \$15 (ages 12 and under). The conference speakers will be First Lady Michelle Burrell of Glean-ing Baptist Church, Gloucester, Founder Katrina Jackson of The Vanity Effect, LLC, Petersburg, and the Rev. Dr. Janel Pleasant of Antioch Baptist Church, Culpeper. To purchase tickets or for hotel accommodations, call Jessica Minor at 804-699-0078 no later than Sunday, Aug. 11.

ZION POPLARS BAPTIST

Pastor Ronald Gayle of Zion Poplars Baptist Church, Gloucester, will bring the message at the 11 a.m. Sunday communion service. The Senior Choir will sing. The church will celebrate its 70th homecoming service at 3 p.m. Pastor Vincent Pryor and New Mt. Zion Baptist Church Family, Gloucester, will render the service. Mary Gordon of Union Zion Baptist Church, Ware Neck, will be the worship leader. Dinner will be at 1:30.

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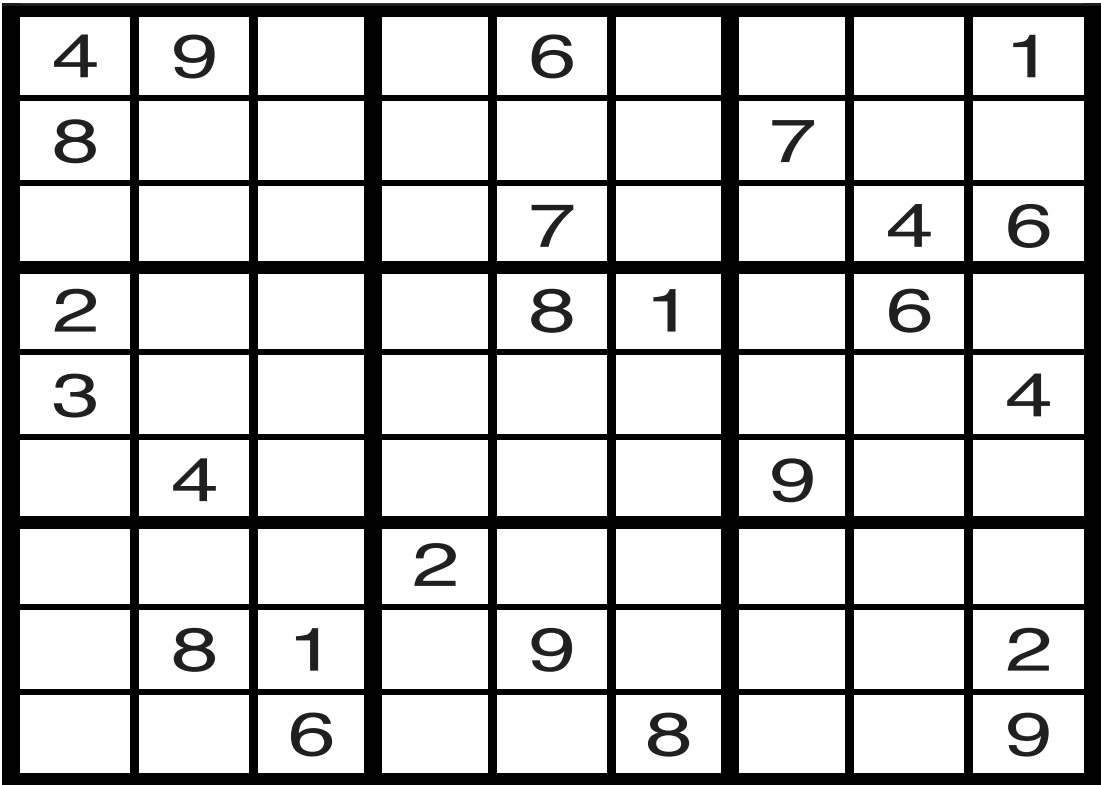
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by Brian Gurnell

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Bridge bidding is not an exact science, as N-S demonstrated on this deal. They would have done well to double 4♠, but instead they pushed on to 5♥, giving E-W the opportunity to show that defense can also be inexact. The defense plays Spades and Declarer ruffs the sec-

ond round. Now, if only she can avoid two trump losers, she will make this contract. Declarer’s thought processes might go something like this: -East’s 4♠ suggests six Spades and yet he did not preempt, so perhaps he has some values, which would have to be in Spades and Hearts. -West’s 3♣ was preemptive, showing a weak hand and typically four Spades. 3♠ was also bid when vulnerable, so perhaps West was fortified by shortness somewhere, probably in Hearts. Having concluded that, how will Declarer play the trump suit, hopefully for one loser, allowing her to make 11 tricks? Declarer will reason that if trumps are 2-2 then how she plays

the suit does not matter too much. But, if they are 3-1, and if East has the length (as seems likely), then Declarer might as well lead the ♥J from Dummy on the first round of the suit. One of two good things might happen: -West might have the singleton Ten, holding the trump losers to one. -East might hold ♥QT6 or ♥QT6, and make the (big) mistake of covering the Jack. Mirth and merriment will be politely suppressed when this crashes West’s singleton honor, handing Declarer an impossible contract. The moral of the story is that, when we get to a crummy contract, it pays to give the opponents the chance to find a crummy defense.

LIFELINES

BY DR. ED JORDAN

In what time zone are you living?

Time is always a fascinating subject. Is time relevant, or constant? Does it exist outside our human timeline? Is time just a part of eternity? There are many ways to approach the concept of time, and in a brief column it’s impossible to deal with the nature of time versus eternity. What we do know, is that in our human existence, time is like a line that helps us order our lives. We use it to guide our daily activities, and to estimate how much of our earthly life has past, and how much remains. This week I read a comment written by Francis de Sales, who was born in 1567 at the Chateau de Sales near Geneva, Switzerland. One of his statements identified three general time zones in which humans can live. He said: “The past must be abandoned to God’s mercy, the present to our fidelity (committed faithfulness), and the future to divine providence.” God is in all three zones. This statement presents us with three practical mindsets toward the past, the present, and the future. We all have a past; we function in the present; and we all await a future in eternity, either with God or without God. But let’s make this statement a little more practical. Some people are obsessed, or haunted, by their past and that past eats them alive. They have not turned to God to admit their sins/mistakes, and therefore have not sought His forgiveness. Being set free from our past failures or wounds, is critically important to being able to really *live* in the present. If

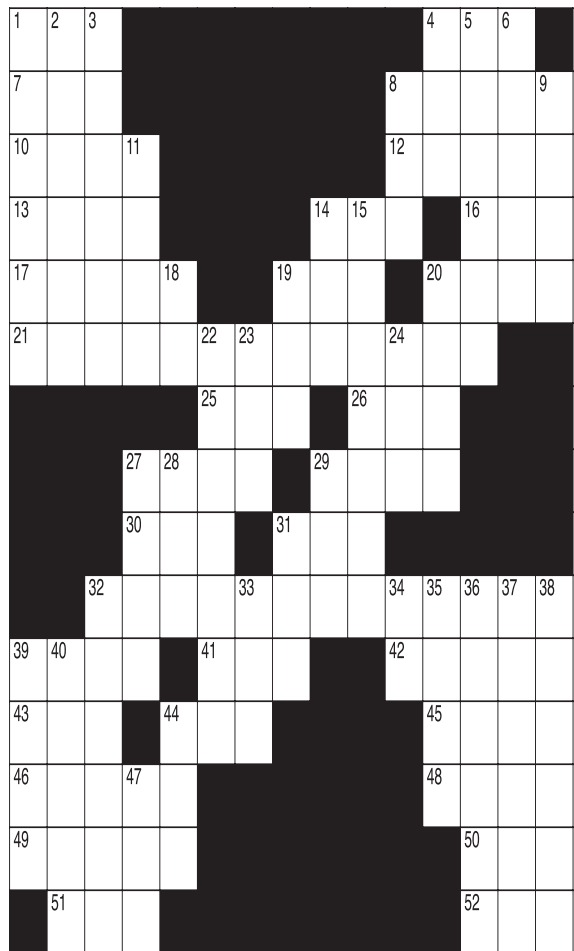
we constantly carry the burdens of the past on our shoulders, it becomes unbearably heavy, and limits our ability to joyfully engage in life today. Francis de Sales’s advice to you: “Admit your past sins to God, give them to Him, ask for God’s forgiveness, and leave (abandon) them there.” Jesus came to release us from our sins, mistakes, or stupid decisions of the past. If God has forgiven us for what we did, we can then forgive ourselves. Abandon the past to God, leave it there. But there is another aspect in which the past cripples us. Many people were deeply wounded by a relationship breakup, or a loss of a great job, or coworker betrayals, and they let that one loss (or several) cripple them from ever trying again. Paul’s advice is to get up, take the risk, and follow God into the new present day He has given to you. Stop letting the past pull you down, and move forward and upward to the call of God. Paul states in Philip-pians 3:13b-14 (NASB95): “... but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” As we are moving toward the future; we are moving forward and upward at the same time. God is above us, as is Heaven. Jesus is always calling us to rise, move upward, become more, as we remain focused on God and the values He wants to develop in our lives. We live in the present by faith (fidelity) which is living in relationship to Je-

sus, and following Him into the future. Live each moment of the present in faithful love and commitment to Christ. Enjoy the present life God is giving you. Each day quickly becomes your past. We can learn from the mistakes of the past, but we don’t have to live in them; the joys of the present become joys of the future. The future begins today. Many people are so obsessed with the past that they never enjoy the present. Furthermore, some people are so obsessed with discovering some fairytale future that they never live in the present. The truth is the wonderful things of today become the building bricks of your dreamed future. The future is made up of the character you let God develop in and through you today. The future is made up of the lives you positively impact today, who will make up a part of your legacy. Your commitment to God, and your love for Him, which you express today, expand your future life, be it here on Earth or in Heaven. What time-zone are you living in today? Your past failures or wounds? Your present appreciation of life and opportunities and relationships today? Or is your focus so much upon the hoped for future that you fail to live faithfully today to build bricks which build your future?

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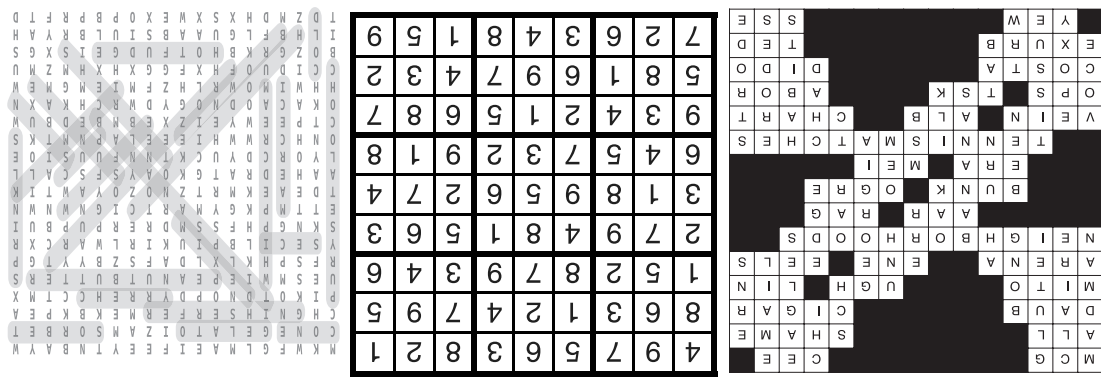


CLUES ACROSS

- Microgram
- After B
- Everything
- An unfortunate development
- Coat with sticky substance
- Cylinder of tobacco for smoking
- Minimum interval take off
- Yuck!
- NBA sensation Jeremy
- Where some rockers work
- Midway between northeast and east
- Snake-like fishes
- Groups of homes
- Swiss river
- Useful towel
- “The Wire” character “Moreland”
- Oafish creature
- A major division of geological time
- Bird-like Chinese dinosaur
- Sporting events
- Body part
- Clerical vestment
- Shows date
- Some are “special”
- Expression of disappointment
- Students’ rights document (abbr.)
- Vacation locale Costa ___
- Pop singer
- Distract outside a city
- Mark Wahlberg comedy
- Coniferous tree
- Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

- Lunatic
- Actress Danes
- Buttock muscles
- The 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet
- Popular 70s rockers
- Electronic communication
- Trigraph
- Sea eagles
- Low-pitched, resonant sound
- Northeastern US university (abbr.)
- Home of the Bulldogs
- Exclamation of surprise
- Make a mistake
- Advantage
- Monkeys love them
- Wood
- Paddle
- Past participle of be
- Tall, rounded vase
- Device manufacturers
- Financial institution (abbr.)
- Paper product
- A type
- Atomic #43
- Red Hot Chili Peppers’ drummer
- Behaviors
- Decays
- Walked confidently
- Voice (Italian)
- Class of adhesives
- Bar bill
- One-time aerospace firm



Local news items, including a case of typhoid fever

Virginia's 3-day sales tax holiday starts Friday

Virginia's sales tax holiday begins at 12:01 a.m. Friday and ends at 11:59 p.m. Sunday.

During the sales tax holiday, consumers can buy qualifying school supplies, clothing, footwear, hurricane and emergency preparedness items, and Energy Star and WaterSense products without paying sales tax.

Eligible items include school supplies (\$20 or less per item), clothing and footwear (\$100 or less per item), portable generators (\$1,000 or less per item), gas-powered chainsaws (\$350 or less per item), chainsaw accessories (\$60 or less per item), other specified hurricane preparedness items (\$60 or less per item), and qualifying Energy Star or Water-

Sense products purchased for noncommercial home or personal use (\$2,500 or less per item).

Detailed lists of qualifying items and more information for retailers can be found at www.tax.virginia.gov/virginia-sales-tax-holiday.

The sales tax rate for most locations in Virginia is 5.3 percent. In Gloucester, the rate is 6.3 percent and 7 percent in York County.

A boost to Main Street

Julia Hammond, state director of the National Federation of Independent Business, said that this weekend's upcoming Virginia's upcoming sales tax holiday will provide much-needed relief to small businesses and their customers.

"This year's tax holiday couldn't come at a better

time," Hammond said. "Inflation continues to take a toll on small businesses and their customers. It's driving up the costs of running a small business and forcing consumers to watch their spending." The latest NFIB Small Business Optimism Index shows rising prices remain the No. 1 challenge for Main Street businesses.

"Shopping at local businesses instead of chain stores and online retailers has some important advantages," Hammond said. "Local stories can offer better service and unique merchandise. When you shop small, more of your money stays in the community and helps create local jobs. Shopping locally also helps our communities stay economically strong."



Katie Parker and Capt. Chris Parker are the new owners of TowBoatUS Gwynn's Island and Upper Rappahannock.

TowBoatUS Gwynn's Island, Upper Rappahannock under new ownership

Captain Chris Parker and his wife, Katie, are the new owners of TowBoatUS Gwynn's Island and TowBoatUS Upper Rappahannock, bringing the total number of their red boat ports in Maryland and Virginia to four. For more than 12 years, Parker has managed several TowBoatUS on-water towing and assistance locations or "ports," around the bay.

The companies, part of a nationwide network of more than 300 ports, offer on-water towing, soft ungrounding, battery jump and fuel drop-off services.

"We've worked hard to help our BoatUS members and boaters every way we can," said Parker, who began with TowBoatUS as a towing captain in 2012. "As we've grown, we've continued to do that. We're proud of our track record of trust and getting the job done safely. What Katie and I really enjoy is helping an unexpected bad day out on the water get a whole lot better."

The Parkers' TowBoatUS port roster now includes Crisfield, Maryland, and Reedville, Virginia, in addition to the Upper Rappa-

hannock and Gwynn's Island locations. Additional partnerships operate in Southport, Holden Beach and Ocean Isle, North Carolina.

Much like an auto club for recreational boat owners, Boat Owners Association of The United States offers annual on-water Unlimited Towing Memberships for saltwater boaters and anglers for \$175 per year. In addition to towing, soft ungrounding, battery jumps and fuel drop-offs, members receive more than 25 BoatUS benefits including discounts at local fuel docks and transient slips at marinas. Also offered is a subscription to BoatUS Magazine, free DSC-VHF radio registration and more.

All of the company's captains are U.S. Coast Guard-licensed. Separate from BoatUS on-water towing, the company offers boat salvage, spill cleanup and vessel disposal services.

The fastest way to request assistance from TowBoatUS Gwynn's Island and Upper Rappahannock is to download the BoatUS App, which connects boaters to the closest local towing captain. Ad-

ditionally, the Gwynn's Island port can be reached at 804-724-4633 and Upper Rappahannock at 804-724-0833 or by phoning the BoatUS toll-free 24/7 Dispatch Center at 800-391-4869.

For more information, go to BoatUS.com/Towing or call 800-888-4869.



Summer Soirée

Ware River Yacht Club hosted a Summer Soirée on Saturday, showcasing local talents in music and cuisine. Attendees enjoyed a variety of wine alongside a seasonal menu provided by Celladora Wines of Richmond and Ware Neck Produce. Sarah Williams and Mike Gardner (at right), both from Gloucester, entertained the crowd with a live performance of classic hits. Celladora owner and local Megan Kerns curated the wine to complement Chef Olivia Wilson's menu. Over 90 guests attended the event and there are currently plans for a fall edition of the soirée in the works. For those interested in attending the next event or have questions about membership at Ware River Yacht Club, inquire at wareriveryc@gmail.com or visit wryc.org.



Breezeline to provide internet access for Colonial Beach School District

Internet, TV, phone and wireless provider Breezeline will provide advanced connectivity solutions for multiple school locations in two districts in Virginia and New Hampshire after being selected through a competitive bidding process.

In Virginia, Breezeline will activate a 5 gigabit fiber internet access connection to serve the Colonial Beach School District, which has nearly 600 students. The dedicated internet access connection will support the district's high school, elementary school and administrative offices.

In New Hampshire, Breeze-

line will provide a dedicated, 1 gigabit internet access connection for Somersworth High School. It will also construct a fiber network linking the high school, two elementary schools, a middle school, district administrative offices and City Hall. The school district serves approximately 1,336 students.

"We are pleased to bring fiber internet services to these school districts to ensure that students and school administrators have access to critical online resources through reliable, high speed connectivity," said Breezeline president Frank van der Post.

Breezeline provides internet connectivity to more than 150 schools, libraries, hospitals, health care clinics and medical centers in 10 states through the Federal Communications Commission's E-Rate program, one of several federal programs that are designed to bring affordable internet connectivity to rural and unserved areas. The programs are funded through contributions from Breezeline and other internet and phone service providers in the U.S. via a Universal Service Fund.

For more information, visit Breezeline.com.

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LAND TRANSFERS GLOUCESTER

The following deeds were recorded in the Clerk's Office of Gloucester Circuit Court during the period July 22-24:

Melinda S. Richards to E. Claiborne Hogge Jr., Lot 21, Phase 2, Fiddler's Crossing, Abingdon, \$420,000.

Evergreen Contracting Corporation to Melinda Sue Richards, et al, 5.9 acres, Parcel 2, Ware, \$527,000.

Joseph Gillen Marshall to Joseph Gillen Marshall, et al, 0.96 acre, Parcel B, Ware, gift.

Robert J. Naquin, et al, trustees, to Richard P. Busi, et al, 8.84 acres, York, \$999,900.

John E. Jessie, et al, to Jennifer Ann Hamilton, 1 acre, Petsworth, \$88,000.

Robert S. Phippkins to Robert S. Phippkins, et al, 1.04 acres, Lot 10B, Ladysmeade, Section 1-B, Abingdon, gift.

Carolyn R. Snyder, et al, to Steven R. Snyder, 2.123 acres, Lot 30, Locust Hill, Section 2, Petsworth, gift.

Thomas D. Smith, et al, to Homes By Coastal Development, LLC, 1.9994 acres, Lot 19, River View Estates, Ware, \$44,000.

Edwin S. Willner III to Bradley Douangdara, 5.132 acres, Parcel 2, Petsworth, \$330,000.

Jeffrey L. Spence to TTM Investments, LLC, Lot 2, Glen Roy Estates, Section V, Ware, \$270,000.

Melanie J. Thomas to Nancy Coggeshall, et al, 5.713 acres, Parcel 14, Windy Hill Acres, Ware, \$589,000.

Adam Davidson, et al, to Adam Davidson, et al, 13.64 acres, Parcel 1, Abingdon, gift.

Debra P. Merrirew to Debra P. Merrirew, trustee, Lot 2, Riverwatch, Section 3, Phase 1, Petsworth, no consideration.

MATHEWS

The following deeds were recently recorded in Mathews Circuit Court:

Linda D. Angel, et al, to Compromise Hill LLC, Lot 22, Block 11, Section 1, Mobjack Bay Estates, Westville, \$6,000.

Celine Thompson, trustee, to Teresa M. Vandelly, 4.1275 acres, Piankatak, no consideration.

Edwin J. Cart, et al, to Graciela Kelly, 7.3655 acres, Chesapeake, \$399,900.

Walter Lee McKibbin, et al, to Christopher Scott McKibbin, Lots 25, 37, 38, and 39, Section 3, Bavon Beach, Chesapeake, gift.

Walter Lee McKibbin, et al, to Frances McKibbin Sadler, Lots 40 and 41, Section 3, Bavon Beach, Chesapeake, gift.

Heather A. Wooten, et al, to John Russell Wooten, et al, 9 acres, Westville, gift.

Michael W. Hunter, et al, to Frank J. Halay, et al, Lot 1, 2.3874 acres; Lot 2, 2.5505 acres; Lot 3, 1.95 acres; and Lot 4, 2.75 acres, Westville, \$430,000.

Christopher Weber, et al, to David Kariel, et al, 3.7015 acres, Westville, \$350,000.

C. Foster Jennings Jr. to Karen Alexandra Kelly, et al, Parcel I: 2.617 acres and Parcel II: 6 square feet, Chesapeake, \$1,076,000.

Gavin L. Stone to Stacy C. Schmidt, 1.9371 acres, Chesapeake, \$320,000.

CIRCUIT COURT GLOUCESTER

The following cases were heard recently in Gloucester Circuit Court:

Shannon Marie Smith, 30, 2021 West Lane, Hayes, felony charges of break and enter, larceny of a firearm (three counts) and obtain money by false pretense or token were nolle prossed and removed from the court docket.

George Elliott Asbell, 43, 8866 Marfield Road, Gloucester, pleaded not guilty to a felony charge of the involuntary manslaughter of Jack John Russo Jr. The court did not enter a finding, instead deferring the proceeding for two years and ordering the defendant comply with a number of conditions, including the performance of 200 hours of community service work. If, at the end of said two-year period, the defendant has complied with all of the conditions, the charge will be amended to reckless driving (misdemeanor), the defendant will plead guilty and be sentenced to 12 months' jail, all suspended, according to the terms of a plea agreement.

Michael Dean Shipley, 53, Cottondale, Fla., pleaded guilty and was found guilty of a felony charge of aggravated sexual battery (victim less than 13 years of age). The defendant was sentenced to 20 years in the state penitentiary, with 18 years suspended. The defendant is required to register with the Sex Offender Registry. Pursuant to the terms of a plea agreement, felony charges of aggravated sexual battery (victim less than 13 years of age) and indecent liberties (two counts each) were nolle prossed and removed from the court docket.

Martha Magalene Wilson, 57, 10186 Maryus Road, Hayes, felony charge of possess Schedule I/II controlled substance was amended to possess controlled paraphernalia (misdemeanor). The defendant pleaded guilty and was found guilty of the amended misdemeanor charge and sentenced to 12 months' jail; all suspended.

MATHEWS

The following case was heard recently in Mathews Circuit Court:

Daniel Adam Miller, 27, 1247 Cricket Hill Road, Hudgins, pleaded guilty and was found guilty of a felony charge of

maliciously shoot or throw missile at a car, as well as misdemeanor charges of brandish firearm (two counts) and recklessly handle firearm. The defendant was sentenced to 10 years in the state penitentiary, all suspended, on the felony conviction; two 12-month jail terms on the brandishing convictions, and 12 months' jail, all suspended, on the recklessly handle firearm conviction.

DISTRICT COURT GLOUCESTER

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

Nikos Wesley Ayers, Henrico, shoplifting, \$96 costs and 60 days' jail; 56 days of jail sentence suspended. Also, destruction of property, \$121 costs and 60 days' jail; 56 days of jail sentence suspended.

James William Doss Jr., 7717 Belroi Road, Gloucester, trespassing, \$100 fine and \$216 costs, 12 months' jail; jail sentence suspended.

Austin Garrett Hesson, 11607 Woods Cross Road, Gloucester, aggressive driving, \$60 costs and 90 days' jail; 86 days of jail sentence suspended.

Shannon Tennille Sheene, Newport News, drive after license revoked/suspended, \$100 fine and \$226 costs, 90 days' jail; jail sentence suspended. Also, drive after license revoked/suspended, \$126 costs and 90 days' jail; 86 days of jail suspended. Also, drive without ignition interlock, \$250 fine and \$160 costs, 12 months' jail; jail sentence suspended.

Samuel Lee Stokes Jr., 4439 Hickory Fork Road, Gloucester, fail to stop at the scene of an accident, \$100 fine and \$35 costs, 90 days' jail; jail sentence suspended. Also, drive after license revoked/suspended, \$100 fine and \$96 costs, 90 days' jail, operator's license suspended 90 days; 80 days of jail sentence suspended. Also, fail to appear, \$241 costs and five days' jail; four days of jail sentence suspended.

Jordan Orlando Wallace, Hampton, reckless driving (91/60), \$1,500 fine and \$111 costs, 10 days, jail, operator's license suspended 90 days; jail sentence suspended.

SHERIFF'S REPORT GLOUCESTER

A 23-year-old Hayes man was charged with attempted murder, attempted aggravated malicious wounding and abduction following an incident Saturday afternoon.

GCSO deputies were dispatched to the 2000 block of Yacht Club Road in reference to a domestic in progress that resulted in a stabbing. Deputies arrived and found two individuals that were injured. One individual was found with a stab wound to the chest. This individual was transported to Riverside Regional Medical Center before being treated and released. A second individual was found with multiple injuries. This person was transported to Riverside Walter Reed Hospital before being treated and released.

An investigation revealed the suspect attacked and held a victim against their will, the sheriff's office said. The suspect also attempted to slash the victim with a knife. The victim eventually grabbed a knife of their own and stabbed the suspect in the chest in self-defense.

The Gloucester County Sheriff's Office also handled the following calls in the past week:

PROTECTIVE ORDER VIOLATION:

A 26-year-old North Chesterfield man was charged with violation of a protective order after GCSO deputies were dispatched to Gloucester Point Beach in reference to a protective order violation the evening of July 21. Virginia Conservation Officers called GCSO for assistance after observing individuals fishing together with a no-contact protective order in place; A 57-year-old Gloucester woman was charged with violation of a protective order after a GCSO deputy was dispatched to the Gloucester County Courthouse in reference to a domestic situation the afternoon of July 25.

ASSAULT: A 45-year-old Gloucester man was charged with assault and battery after GCSO deputies were dispatched to an assault that occurred at Food Lion, located at Hargett Boulevard, the morning of July 22. A victim reported an individual was loitering in the area and soliciting customers for money. The victim warned the individual that this behavior was prohibited. The individual then punched the victim in the face. A suspect was located a short time later; An 18-year-old Gloucester man was charged with assault and battery of a family member after GCSO deputies were dispatched to the 7100 block of Preston Court in reference to a report of a disorderly person the night of July 23. An investigation revealed a suspect allegedly assaulted two victims; A 60-year-old Hayes man was charged with assault and battery of a family member and obstruction of justice after GCSO deputies were dispatched to the 6800 block of Powhatan Drive in reference to a domestic the afternoon of July 25. An investigation revealed

an assault had occurred. Deputies attempted to arrest a suspect who barricaded inside of the residence. Deputies made entry into the home and the suspect continued to resist. The suspect was taken into custody without further incident; A 42-year-old Hayes woman was charged with assault and battery of a family member and strangulation after a GCSO deputy was dispatched to the 3100 block of Sandy Hill Court in reference to a disorderly individual the afternoon of July 28. Deputies arrived and observed a victim with injuries that required emergency medical care and transport to Riverside Walter Reed Hospital. The victim was treated and released.

CONCEALING MERCHANDISE: A 39-year-old Gloucester man and a 42-year-old Gloucester man were charged with concealing merchandise after GCSO deputies were dispatched to Walmart in reference to a report of shoplifting the morning of July 23. Two individuals were observed allegedly stealing from the store; A 39-year-old Hayes woman was charged with two counts of concealing merchandise after a GCSO deputy fielded a report from Walmart in reference to past incidents of shoplifting the afternoon of July 6. An investigation revealed a suspect had allegedly stolen from the store on two separate occasions recently. The suspect was located the following day.

DUI: A 45-year-old Hayes man was charged with driving under the influence of drugs after GCSO deputies were dispatched to the 7200 block of Joseph Lewis Road in reference to a report of a suspicious vehicle the night of July 23. A vehicle was observed at a vacant address. An investigation led to the vehicle's driver being charged.

TRESPASSING: A 42-year-old Gloucester woman was charged with trespassing after a GCSO deputy was at Walmart on a follow-up the morning of July 24. At that time, the deputy observed an individual on scene that had received a one-year ban from the store.

LARCENY: A GCSO deputy was dispatched to the 2000 block of Tillage Lane in reference to a theft the afternoon of July 24. Fishing poles and a tackle box belonging to a victim was stolen from their property. This is an active investigation; A GCSO deputy fielded a report at the 3300 block of Willow Lane in reference to a theft the afternoon of July 25. A child's bicycle was reported stolen; A GCSO deputy was dispatched to Walmart in reference to a theft from a vehicle the afternoon of July 25. A victim's backpack with personal belongings was stolen from the parked vehicle while they were inside shopping. This is an active investigation; A 58-year-old Gloucester woman was charged with petit larceny after a GCSO deputy was dispatched to Walmart in reference to shoplifting the afternoon of July 26. A suspect was observed stealing from the store; A GCSO deputy was dispatched to Advance Auto, located at 2447 George Washington Memorial Highway, in reference to a theft the evening of July 26. Two suspects were observed allegedly stealing from the store before leaving in a gold Oldsmobile Aurora. The vehicle was last seen traveling north on George Washington Memorial Highway. The suspects left the scene prior to law enforcement's arrival. One suspect was described as a white male with blond hair and a white T-shirt, approximately 6'0" tall. The other suspect was described as a white female with blonde hair wearing a multi-colored shirt; A GCSO deputy was dispatched to the 5100 block of Aberdeen Creek Road in reference to a vehicle theft the night of July 27. A 2006 white GMC Sierra pickup truck was stolen from a residential property. This is an active investigation.

UNAUTHORIZED USE: A 32-year-old Norfolk man was charged with unauthorized use and driving with a suspended license after a GCSO deputy observed a stolen U-Haul truck traveling southbound on George Washington Memorial Highway at the T.C. Walker Road intersection. A traffic stop led to the driver being charged.

POSSESSION: A 31-year-old Hayes man was charged with possession of a Schedule I/II controlled substance, driving under the influence of drugs and refusal of a blood test and a 29-year-old Hayes woman was charged with possession of a Schedule I/II controlled substance after GCSO deputies were dispatched to the intersection of George Washington Memorial Highway and Belroi Road in reference to a welfare check the night of July 28. A vehicle was stopped in a travel lane with a driver and passenger unconscious inside of the vehicle. Deputies arrived and determined there was not a medical emergency. Suspected methamphetamine and suspected Xanax pills (no prescription) were located.

FRAUD: A GCSO deputy fielded a report in reference to fraud the night of July 28. A resident of the 8100 block of Hamilton Drive reported they sent money via Cash App in reference to a vehicle for sale on the Offer Up website. This was determined to be fraudulent. This is an active investigation.

MATHEWS

The Mathews County Sheriff's Office handled the following incidents during the past week:

On Monday, July 22, deputies responded to the area of Route 14 and Church Street on a report of a male brandishing a firearm. The suspect was reported to have been driving a beige Chevrolet pickup truck. When the deputy arrived, the suspect could not be located. The case is still under investigation.

On Wednesday, July 24, deputies responded to the 10700 block of Buckley Hall Road on a report of a hit and run. Deputies arrived and observed a vehicle with minimal damage. They were able to obtain suspect vehicle information and met with all individuals involved. The driver of the suspect vehicle was unaware of the incident, and insurance information was exchanged.

Arrests

Deputies arrested a 40-year-old male resident of Bohannon on Wednesday, July 24, for assault and battery and destruction of property on warrants that were issued by the magistrate on June 28. After he was arrested and met with the magistrate, he was released on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.

On Thursday, July 25, deputies arrested a 37-year-old male resident of Gloucester on a capias issued by Gloucester County for an underlying charge of possession of a Schedule I/II controlled substance. He met with the magistrate and was subsequently held on an unsecured bond and taken to the Middle Peninsula Regional Security Center.

Tip411

During the past week, Mathews County's anonymous tip-reporting system, Tip411, received three anonymous tips that were instrumental in law enforcement efforts. Deputies followed up and communicated with the tipsters.

Anyone with information regarding crimes in Mathews is asked to call

Crime Solvers at 804-725-7001. All calls are anonymous. Callers do not have to give their name, do not have to appear in court, and could receive a cash reward if information provided leads to an arrest, the recovery of stolen property, or the seizure of illegal drugs.

FIRE REPORT ABINGDON

Members of Abingdon Volunteer Fire and Rescue responded to 35 calls during the period July 15-21, as follows: 27 medical calls, four public assists, three motor vehicle accidents, and one fire/other.

GLOUCESTER

During the week of July 21, Gloucester Volunteer Fire and Rescue

Squad responded to medical and fire calls for service. Medical calls included 33 medical, 24 trauma, three assists, and six others. GVFRS transported 46 patients to the hospital. Fire calls included three fires, three motor vehicle accidents, and four others.

MATHEWS

July 22, 10:17 a.m., smoking microwave, 1500 block of Windsor Road, Dut-ton, one engine.

July 27, 2:50 p.m., brush fire, 15900 block of John Clayton Memorial Highway at VDOT state shed, one brush truck and one engine.

July 28, 1:31 p.m., vehicle fire, Church Street and Landing Lane, two engines; 4:59 p.m., structure fire, 300 block of Light Keeper Lane, Cobbs Creek, three engines and one tanker.



Jailor School graduate

After three months of training, Gloucester Deputy Sonia Tucker graduated from Basic Jailor School last Thursday. She was also chosen by her peers, academy staff and directors for the Executive Director's Leadership Award. "Throughout the past three months, she showed strength and mental sharpness not only in the classroom and in practical exercises but also in helping others as they worked through this training," according to Gloucester Sheriff Darrell W. Warren Jr. She is shown here with several co-workers who came to the July 25 ceremony to congratulate her. Those pictured are, from left, Deputy Steven Adams, Deputy Mackenzie Wampler, Tucker and Deputy David Monastyrly.

VSP offers tips to avoid scams

With online, social media, email, phone and mail scams seemingly part of our everyday experience, Virginia State Police is offering tips to help Virginians, especially older Virginians and vulnerable adults, avoid being taken advantage of and potentially at risk of identity and financial theft.

One older Virginian recently lost a majority of his life savings after innocently falling victim to a common and aggressive scam that pressures individuals into buying anti-virus software on their digital devices.

The gentleman was told that his program had expired and he needed to pay \$400 to update his security software and protect his devices from being hijacked. The scammers emailed him a valid-looking form that he completed and included detailed personal and banking information. The convincing scammer kept calling the man and pressuring him with additional "security needs" and the man complied. In the end, the man was scammed out of \$36,000.

Another popular scam being reported around the commonwealth is known as the "Grandparent scam." In this scam, callers use artificial intelligence to contact

an older person. Over the phone, the AI voice plays out a very convincing and dire tale of a grandchild being held in jail and in desperate need of money to bail them out. The "grandchild" will ask for either bank information or gift cards be purchased. The scammer's ploy will often include personal family information, all which is readily available via an internet search and/or social media posts.

Virginia State Police also reminds Virginians that no legitimate company will ever ask for payment in the form of gift cards or for cash to be mailed or wired. Virginians should also be wary of a payment request in cryptocurrency, like Bitcoin.

"What we are recommending to people, especially older Virginians, is to independently verify before you reply," said Virginia State Police Special Agent A. Galton, an accountant with the Bureau of Criminal Investigation's Culpeper Field Office. "If you receive a call or email, even if it appears to be legitimate, kindly thank them for contacting you. Then take their name and number, and tell them that you will independently communicate, meaning that you

will go look up the name and number of that organization and call them yourself."

Galton says, for example, if you receive an email from a company (such as Amazon) saying your account has been hacked, do not click on any link, but instead, go to your Amazon account independently to see if that message exists. "Scammers are successful because they create a sense of urgency," said Galton. "No credible organization will pressure you into a decision."

Virginia State Police also recommend older Virginians create a buddy system, in which you find someone you trust to contact about a call, request, or deal. If the "buddy" has questions, then the older Virginian should examine the request further. State Police also recommend that older Virginians have regular independent audits of financial Power of Attorney transactions.

More information on potential scams and local resources to help you better safeguard your older loved ones are available through the Office of the Attorney General at <https://oag.state.va.us/index.php/programs-outreach/triad-seniors?id=250>.

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Pausic joins team at Main Street Preservation Trust

The Main Street Preservation Trust welcomed the newest addition to its team. Blair Pausic is joining the organization as its Marketing Manager, according to Executive Director Ashley Gilmartin Weast.

Pausic brings a wealth of experience and a deep passion for community engagement to her new role, Weast said. A native of Middlesex, Pausic attended Ware Academy and Christchurch before continuing her education at Salisbury University in Maryland, where she excelled on the volleyball team.

With her experience with



Blair Pausic

nonprofit work and her commitment to community development, Pausic is poised

to make significant contributions to the Main Street Preservation Trust's mission of revitalizing and enhancing Gloucester's downtown area, Weast said.

"We are delighted to welcome Blair to our team," said Weast. "Her experience and enthusiasm for community engagement make her a perfect fit for our organization, and we look forward to the fresh perspectives and ideas she will bring."

In her role as Marketing Manager, Pausic will be responsible for overseeing the organization's marketing strategies, communications,

and community outreach efforts.

"I am thrilled to join the Main Street Preservation Trust and have the opportunity to contribute to the revitalization of our downtown area," said Pausic. "I am passionate about community development, and I look forward to working with the team to create a vibrant and welcoming downtown for residents and visitors alike."

For more information about the Main Street Preservation Trust and its initiatives, visit www.gloucestermainstreet.com.

Chief Garner to retire after 37 years of military service

Chief Master Sergeant Angus A. "Al" Garner of Gloucester, Senior Enlisted Leader and Force Development Leader of the 192nd Wing of the Virginia Air National Guard at Joint Base Langley-Eustis in Hampton, will retire on Aug. 27.

With a military career spanning nearly four decades, Garner has made significant contributions to the USAF and the Virginia Air National Guard.

As Senior Enlisted Leader, Garner provided guidance to squadron and group leadership, particularly in matters related to maintenance activities affecting operations. He also served as the focal point for group-wide Airman training, development, and career enhancement. His leadership played a pivotal role in improving Airman development, organizational structure, and leadership core competency.

His military career began in August 1987 when he entered the United States Air

Force after graduating from Bluestone High School in Skipwith, Virginia. His assignments took him to various locations, including Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada, Kunsan Air Base in Korea, and Langley Air Force Base. During his active-duty tour, he worked on F-15 and F-16 aircraft, gaining valuable experience and expertise.

In 1992, Garner joined the 192nd Fighter Wing of the Virginia Air National Guard as a drill status guardsman, focusing on F-16 aircraft maintenance. Over time, he transitioned to a full-time technician role, in positions such as Load Crew Standardization Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge and Quality Assurance Weapons Inspector. His commitment led him to cross-train into the Tactical Aircraft Maintenance Specialty, eventually becoming the Quality Assurance Superintendent in March 2006.

Notably, Garner established and managed the wing's first Wing Inspection Program in



Chief Master Sgt. Angus Garner

July 2014. In June 2018, he was selected as the Maintenance Squadron Superintendent.

Garner was the first African American to lead the Weapons Load Crew Standardization Section, serve as a Weapons Quality Assurance Inspector, and as Quality Assurance Superintendent in the Virginia Air National Guard. His leadership extended beyond domestic duties; he volunteered for overseas deployments, including Operations Iraqi Freedom, Provide Comfort II

and Noble Eagle.

Additionally, Garner participated in various exercises, including Red Flag, Maple Flag, Combat Hammer, Combat Archer, and Neptune Falcon. His skills were evident as the unit transitioned from F-16 Falcons to F-22 Raptors, contributing to the 1st and 192nd Fighter Wing Total Force Integration initiative.

Post-retirement, he will continue to work full-time as a Quality Assurance Specialist in the Research Systems Integration Branch at NASA Langley Research Center and serve on the nonprofit board of the Blessed Couples United Outreach in Gloucester, a nonprofit organization that he and his wife, Pam, founded with four other couples to provide health and financial literacy, seminars, scholarships, and school supplies for students on the Middle Peninsula.

Summertime sweet corn reigns supreme

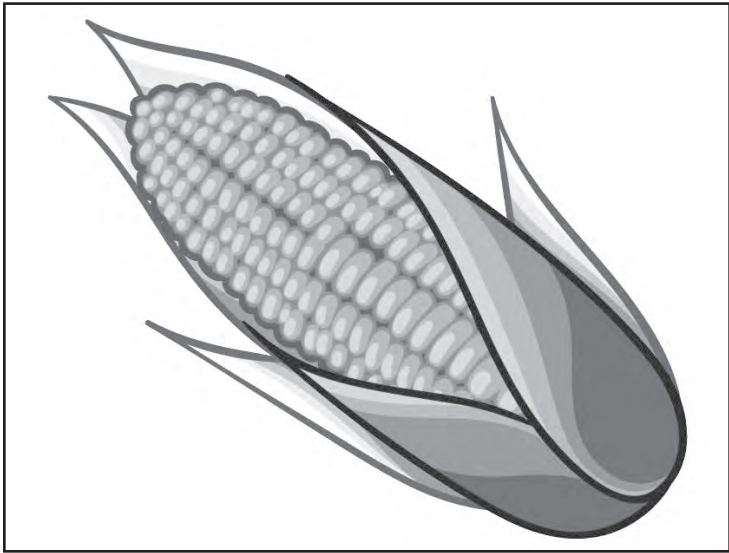
Sweet corn is the crown jewel of a summer feast, grown on 390 Virginia farms on 3,633 harvested acres, according to the 2022 Census of Agriculture.

Virginia-grown sweet corn typically appears in farmers markets, produce stands and grocery stores in June, available up to mid-October. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistic Service recently reported Virginia's corn crop conditions as "74 percent good" with 95 percent planted by early June.

Most of Virginia's sweet corn is grown in Rockingham County, followed by Loudoun and Halifax counties, but the vast majority of corn grown in Virginia is raised to feed livestock. About 454,000 acres of field corn were harvested in 2022.

"Directly or indirectly, all that corn ends up on the table," said Robert Harper, marketing specialist for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Grain Marketing Division. "Field corn nourishes the livestock that produce our milk, poultry and meat."

Field and sweet corn are sib-



lings with two sets of traits, he continued.

"Sweet corn is bred for the sugar content and harvested with much higher moisture," Harper said. "Field corn dries down. It will break your tooth off."

To capture peak juiciness, Ronnie Forrester and his son, Dwight, of Holyoke Farm in Lancaster County prefer to harvest sweet corn early in the day.

"When picked in the morning, it's juicier," Ronnie said.

The third- and fourth-generation farmers grow 2.5 acres of bicolor sweet corn called Obsession II. The variety boasts high yields, easy picking and extreme sweetness.

Those rows are grown adjacent to 600 acres of field corn. Ronnie said compared to field corn, sweet corn is more delicate, with shorter stalks.

The farm's sweet corn isn't a cash crop. Instead, the Forresters open the field to neighbors, family, friends and business partners, while

addressing local food insecurity.

"We planted some for the Healthy Harvest Food Bank and harvested about 7,000 pounds," Dwight said. "It's our way of giving back."

To grow quality sweet corn, the conservation award-winning, no-till farm practices crop rotation and plants rye cover crops to promote soil health, nutrient retention and weed suppression. Dwight said corn flourishes in the sandy loam soils of the Northern Neck.

As their sweet corn is cultivated for its summer debut, "everyone wants it on the Fourth of July," Ronnie said. "But that doesn't always happen in time."

It depends on the weather, which NASS reported as "abnormally dry."

"Now we pray for rain," Dwight said, "and hope we have some nice days for harvest."

To find sweet corn growers and sellers locally, search the Virginia Grown database at viriniagrown.com.

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GLOUCESTER COUNTY Chesapeake Bay Preservation and Erosion Commission Meeting: Notice is hereby given of a Gloucester County Chesapeake Bay Preservation and Erosion Commission hearing to be held Wednesday, August 14, 2024, immediately following the Wetlands Board meeting, which begins at 6:30 p.m.. The meeting will be held in the Colonial Courthouse, Court Circle, Gloucester, Virginia. All interested parties are invited to attend the meeting and express their views on these matters. Citizen comments may also be submitted prior to the public hearing by two different methods:

An online form is available on the County's website at: www.gloucesterva.gov/citizencomment. Please follow the instructions on the form to indicate your comments are for this specific public hearing.

Comments may be submitted by US Mail to County Administration, ATTN: PUBLIC HEARING, 6489 Main Street, Gloucester, VA 23061. Any mailed comments must include your name, your magisterial district, and the title of this public hearing clearly printed at the top, and all such comments must be received by the scheduled date of this hearing. Please type or print all comments legibly.

Comments submitted through one of these methods prior to the public hearing must be received by the County no later than close of business on August 14, 2024, and will be read during the public hearing.

"Form letters," consisting of communications which are verbatim duplicates (other than the identifying information of the author/submitter) of one or more other communications received by the County pertaining to the matter to be considered at the public hearing or public comment period, shall be read only once per letter, along with the list of persons submitting the same comments pursuant to such "form letter."

The following applications will be heard by the Wetlands Board:

VMRC 24-1142 - John & Shannon French seeking authorization for construction of two stone breakwaters and beach nourishment at Tax Map 34-205 in Gloucester County, Virginia.

VMRC 24-1151 - Four Reasons Properties, Inc. seeking authorization to construct a 20' x 100' stone breakwater and beach nourishment at Tax Map 34-203 in Gloucester County, Virginia.

VMRC 24-1230 - Lisa Carmine seeking authorization for the construction of a vinyl seawall in existing footprint at Tax Map 37C(1)-C in Gloucester County, Virginia.

Interested parties are invited to attend the meeting. Applications may be reviewed in the Environmental Programs Office, 6489 Main Street - Suite 235, during regular business hours.

William Pickens, Chairman
Gloucester County Wetlands Board
Chesapeake Bay Preservation & Erosion Commission
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