



A tree frog in daylily "Nicole's Heat Seeker," sent by Katherine Mazzocco.



Mr. Toad, photographed by Janela Davis and her granddaughter Abilene in Gloucester C.H.



Tree frog enjoys dinner on the outside of Cheryl and Bill Battle's window in Bavon.



Linda Dalgety of Port Haywood said this dragonfly stayed close to her for several minutes.

Flora and fauna

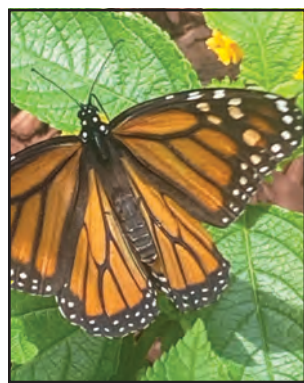
Recent rains falling after weeks without rain have revived Mother Nature. Please send your photos to editor@gazettejournal.net.



Finches eating sunflowers in Jerry Young's meadow backyard in Gloucester Court House.



A frequent visitor to the home of Owen and April Nuttall in Ware Neck.



Monarch in the front yard on a lantana bush, sent by Todd Vest of Hayes.



Butterflies are enjoying the zinnias in Wendy Glasco's garden in Hartfield.



Butterfly in wildflowers, sent by Nannie Gresham of Remlik.



From the gardens of Lynn Holt, Mexican sunflower, Teddybear Sunflower and Rudbeckia "Prairie Sun."



Garden photos from Sequoyah Tucker of Gloucester.



Linda Dalgety's zinnias loved the weekend rain and perked up, she said.



Daylily from Nancy Jagger of Port Haywood.



Crape myrtle blossoms laden with rain, and vincas with butterfly and rain drops, from Martha Thompson Hudgins of Gloucester.



Julies Shields of Hayes said, "Swamp hibiscus a.k.a. Star of Texas in our backyard."



GARDENING CORNER

FROM THE GLOUCESTER MASTER GARDENERS

Red Tomato Blues

BY SUSAN CAMP

Jim is having an exceptionally bountiful tomato harvest this summer, despite the long, hot periods without rain followed by drenching downpours—or maybe because of the weather. With tomatoes, it can be hard to tell.

Whatever the reasons, we are enjoying big, juicy red tomatoes in salads, on burgers, in BLTs, and on white bread with mayo, of course, our favorite summer lunchtime treat. We keep a small colander on the kitchen counter filled with cherry tomatoes to snack on throughout the day, and I roast San Marzanos with peppers and carrots to freeze for winter soups and sauces. We give a lot of tomatoes away, too.

I think of the tomato as the unofficial emblem of summer, just waiting to be picked and eaten warm from the garden. Jim grows them because homegrown is so much better than store-bought, even though sometimes the growing is a lot of work, and the harvest isn't always successful. Every home gardener has faced the despair of sparse flowering, poor fruit set, blossom-end rot, cracking, zipping, and catfacing. Then there are viruses, fungi, and insects like the tomato hornworm that can damage the tomato plants and fruit.

Tomatoes (*Solanum lycopersicum* or *Lycopersicon esculentum*) belong to the Solanaceae or nightshade family, along with potatoes, eggplants, and bell and chili peppers. The tomato's fami-

ly tree makes for interesting reading; it includes deadly nightshade, mandrake, jimsonweed, tobacco, and petunia.

Tomatoes should grow easily in moist, well-drained, humusy soil in full sun. They usually do, but not without a number of hiccups or the occasional bad year, so I decided to offer brief descriptions of a few of the disorders that can arise during a growing season. Most tomato problems cause some type of deformity of the developing or ripening fruit.

Some deformities result from fungal or bacterial infection, but blossom-end rot, a common problem, is not caused by a pathogen. It is, instead, a physiological disorder, caused by a calcium deficiency of the developing fruit, so a soil test before planting is a good idea. Other factors that contribute to the development of blossom-end rot include fluctuations in moisture and excessive fertilization with ammoniacal nitrogen (ammonium sulfate, ammonium nitrate, or 10-10-10), magnesium (magnesium sulfate, which is Epsom salts), or potassium. A calcium nitrate (15.5-0-0) fertilizer is a better choice.

Tomatoes with blossom-end rot develop a light tan spot on the blossom end of the developing fruit. Gradually, the spot turns dark brown and leathery. Internal decay without external evidence sometimes occurs.

Catfacing, so called because the blossom end of the

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Jim Camp's tomatoes.

Pound cakes

Favorites from winning bakers

BY BETTY WRENN DAY

"How do you find the people to write about every week?" It is a question often asked of this writer.

Well, it has been an interesting journey which continues today. Recently, for example, I was leaving the post office when a lady stepped out of her car and asked (using the term we) "wonder if you are going to print the recipes from the May Faire cake contest?" I replied that I did not have the recipes but to let me see what I can do.

Ten cakes were entered in the annual pound cake contest. A new system of judging was established with categories for Traditional and Creative, thus making six winners. The following are the recipes and methods from four of the winners.

Deb Woodward, Traditional cake third-place winner: "I honestly can't remember where I got this recipe but believe it was from a church cookbook long time ago. I have been using it for many years." Her cake has been all over the world. First when her son was in college in Florida, and later when he was a member of the Armed Forces serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, his mother's cake was sent often.

Mary Kathryn Jenkins Buchan, first in Traditional: When she is not working as a practical nurse you can probably find Mary in the kitchen making a pound cake. Mary began baking at age five with her Easy-Bake oven. "A traditional pound cake is so rich in history, embodied with a sense of nostalgia that make me feel connected to the generation before me. Pound cakes take me to a simpler time." Mary's family is from Gloucester. Her maternal great-grandmother, Lessie L. Piland Brown, was the inspiration behind Mary's very first pound cake. "It was my early cake-making that allowed me the opportunity to fine tune my recipe through trial and error."

Robin Dehoux, a native of Mathews and mother of two sons, was first-place winner in Creative: "My recipe came from Mary Lunn Gayle. I just made a few changes." Robin says she learned to cook



Robin Dehoux with her winning Fresh Apple Cake.

from her mother who had learned from her mother. But it was Ruby Ingram who taught her all about cakes. "I love to bake sweets," she said. Robin's husband Mark is not only the recipient of her cakes; he gets to take Robin's cake to share with work friends at break time. Her son Christopher was featured in this newspaper in 1998 for his cake-making. Robin owns and operates her business, Country Cuts. "I have learned so much about cooking from my customers, especially from those who have passed on, over these 30 years." Gardening is her hobby, a most successful one. "It's something I love to do." Her pumpkin crop was featured in this newspaper in 2019.

Doris Shaw Clark, second place in Traditional: Retiring from the Department of Defense in 2005, Doris made Mathews County her permanent residence—in the house she and her late husband Raymond Shaw bought in 1995. She was a partner in a commuter bus line and later became a partner in the purchase of The Sandpiper restaurant and operated it until 2014. "My recipe is a family recipe which has been passed down and

throughout the Shaw family for many years. However, no one seems to know who Pearl is."

PEARL'S POUND CAKE

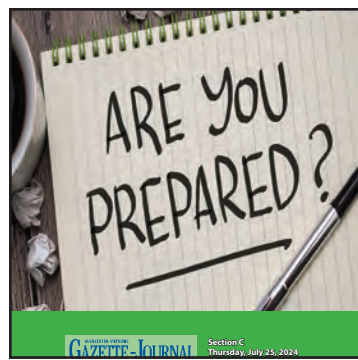
DORIS CLARK

3 sticks of butter
3 cups of sugar
5 eggs
2 c. self-rising flour
1 1/3 c. cake flour
1 c. milk
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 tsp. almond extract
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/8 tsp. salt
Cream 3 sticks of butter; add 3 c. sugar and cream together. Add 5 eggs unbeaten (1 at a time). Mix together flour, baking powder, and salt. Add to above mixture. Alternate milk, vanilla and almond extracts, and salt as you add to the above mixture. Place in a tube pan (greased and floured) and cook at 325 degrees for 1 hour 15 minutes. Remove from pan immediately onto a wire rack. Leave mixer running on low the whole time.

Vanilla Glaze

1 c. confectioners' sugar (sifted)
1-2 Tbs. milk
1 tsp. vanilla extract
Combine sugar with 1 Tbs.

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Don't miss Section C this week.

ENGAGEMENT



Olson-Buzzy

Elly Olson and Ryan Buzzy

David and Emily Olson of Hayes, announce the engagement of their daughter, Elly Olson, to Ryan Buzzy, son of Rick and Laura Buzzy of Virginia Beach.

Miss Olson, a graduate of the University of Mary Washington and James Madison University, is an occupational therapist at Riverside Rehabilitation Hospital.

Mr. Buzzy, a graduate of STIHL's Mechatronics Apprenticeship, is an engineering technician at STIHL.

An October wedding is planned.

BIRTH

Bradley and Ashley Wood

Mathews, announce the birth of a son on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, in Riverside Regional Medical Center, Newport News.

He has been named **Jeamus Van Casper Wood** and he weighed 8 lbs. 3 ozs.

Grandparents are Scott and Tracey Wood, Tara and John Mitchell of Mathews, and Eddie and Alice Cline of Gloucester.



Jeamus Van Casper Wood

TOMATOES

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tomato is said to resemble a cat's face—use your imagination here—is thought to result from cool temperatures during pollination and flowering. Excess nitrogen application may also cause catfacing. The fruit bottom is misshapen and often puckered and deeply creased. Larger varieties and heirloom tomatoes suffer most from catfacing, especially if they were set out before the spring temperatures warmed up. A catfaced tomato is unattractive but edible.

Zippering, a long scar that forms at the blossom end, is another tomato deformity. A hole, which may be mistaken for a tomato fruitworm hole, can develop at the site of the zipper, but fruitworms usually enter at the stem end.

Cracking around the stem end can run in concentric circles around the top of the tomato or in radial lines down the sides of the fruit. Cracking occurs when the developing fruit receives excess moisture during periods of heavy rain.

Tomatoes with these deformities are edible after cutting off the damaged section. Internal black mold caused by anthracnose or other fungi can gain entry through an opening in the tomato skin. You can cut out affected parts and eat the rest of the tomato, although quality may be affected. Some people find the thought of black mold unappetizing.

See Missouri Botanical Garden Gardening Help "Tomato Fruit Problems" and Clemson University Cooperative Extension Fact Sheet HGIC 2217 "Tomato Diseases and Disorders" for detailed information on these and other problems.

POUND CAKES: *These recipes are true winners*

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milk. Add more milk if needed. Put into piping bag and drizzle over cooled cake.

NOTE: This recipe fills an Angel Food cake pan. It is too much for a bundt pan.

DEB'S POUND CAKE

DEB WOODWARD

1 stick margarine, softened
1½ sticks butter, softened
3 c. sugar
5 eggs
3 c. flour (all-purpose ONLY)
1 c. milk
1 tsp. lemon extract
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 tsp. almond extract
1 tsp. salt

Use a mixer to cream butter and sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing well after each. Add part of the flour and mix, then alternate milk and flour. Add flavorings and salt.

Grease a large tube pan and bake 1½ hours at 300°F. Do not open oven or shake cake while it is baking. Let stand until just warm and turn out. Frost if desired (I prefer mine plain).

MARY'S OLD-FASHIONED POUND CAKE

MARY JENKINS BUCHAN

4 sticks butter (the higher the fat content, the better ... European and Amish butters work well!)
4 c. granulated sugar
10 extra-large eggs
1½ Tbs. each of vanilla and lemon extract
3½ c. cake flour (if you prefer a denser texture, use all-purpose flour)
½ c. self-rising flour (I do not sift my flour, and I combine both the cake

flour and the self-rising flour in a bowl together.)
1 c. vitamin D milk

Grease and prep pan. I use a large, 18-cup-tube pan. I prep my pan with Crisco and all-purpose flour and then tap the extra flour out ... Some people use Baker's Joy or Pam with flour (these work well, too). I even have heard of people using Crisco and granulated sugar ... I tried this once and it was delicious.

All ingredients should be at room temperature, especially the eggs and butter. I pre-measure everything and place in separate dishes. It usually takes about 2 hours for my ingredients to come to room temperature.

To begin, cream the butter for 1-2 minutes. Gradually add the sugar and cream for another 5 minutes (until pale

and cloudlike). Scrape the sides of the bowl 2 times during this process. Next, add the eggs, one at a time, mixing just until yolk is incorporated (maybe 15 seconds for each egg). Scrape the sides of the bowl and then add the extracts. Mix for 1 more minute. Then, stop mixing with a mixer and switch to hand mixing (with a firm rubber spatula or a wooden spoon) for the remaining steps. Finally, add the flour, alternating with the milk, starting and ending with flour. Do this by adding 1/3 flour mixture, ½ milk, 1/3 flour mixture, ½ milk, 1/3 flour mixture. Spoon or pour your batter into prepared pan and then tap the pan gently, on the counter, 3 or 4 times (to release any air bubbles). Place your cake in a cold oven, with rack in middle, and bake at 300°F. for 80 to 90 min-

utes. Check your cake at 80 minutes and then every 5 minutes until cake is done. Use a bamboo skewer to check for doneness. It is done if you have moist crumbs on the skewer. You do not want wet batter, but you do not want the skewer to be dry, either. Cool exactly 10 minutes in the pan and then flip it onto a dinner plate ... I then quickly flip it again, onto another plate, because I like the sugary crust to be on the top.

If you can resist cutting into it warm, Pound Cakes always taste better the next day ... especially when enjoyed on your front porch, with clothes on the clothesline, and hydrangeas and daffodils in bloom.

FRESH APPLE CAKE

ROBIN DEHOUX

1 ½ c. salad oil
2 c. sugar
3 eggs
2 Tbs. vanilla
3 c. flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. salt
3 c. chopped apples (I use Winesap)
1 c. chopped black walnuts or pecans (I usually don't use nuts)

Combine oil, sugar, eggs, vanilla; beat well. Sift flour, soda, salt and cinnamon together. Add the flour mixture to the oil and sugar mixture; beat well. Add apples and nuts; beat until mixed well. Bake at 325°F. for 45 minutes (usually takes 55 or more minutes for me).

Topping

½ c. firmly packed light brown sugar
¼ c. butter
3 Tbs. milk
1 tsp. vanilla
1 c. sifted 10X sugar
Boil sugar, milk and butter for 1 minute while whisking, then whisk in 10X sugar. Let cool just a few minutes before putting on cake.



Museum visit

Members of the Central Village Homemakers in Mathews recently met for a tour of the Gloucester Museum of History, given by Museum coordinator Robert Kelly, as well as the colonial courthouse. Among those taking part in the tour were, front row from left, Jan Kanner, Dale Robinson, Maureen Connolly; back row, Joan Dawson, Lisa Kroese, Susan Hill, Mary Hunley, Martha Arnold and, not pictured, Eileen Koch.

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Christmas in July

On Wednesday, July 17, the Mission and Evangelism team of Central United Methodist Church, Mathews, hosted a Christmas in July event. Those in attendance admired holiday decor, enjoyed a traditional Christmas dinner, sang carols, and listened to a reading of the Christmas story. The highlight of the evening was all the gifts donated to benefit the Social Services Christmas Store. John Lee Callis led the group in singing carols, accompanied by Merle Guy on the piano. Also pictured are Ruth Ann Hutson and Betty Stewart, from left, preparing some holiday treats.





Spring Hill Baptist Church
1676 Buckley Hall Road
Cobbs Creek, VA

Weekend Vacation Bible School
July 26-28, 2024:
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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 hold 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.

APOSTLES LUTHERAN
Apostles Lutheran Church, Gloucester, will hold the 10th Sunday after Pentecost worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday. There will be a coffee fellowship after the service. Links to the service via Zoom or YouTube are on the church's website at apostles-elca.org.

BELLAMY UNITED METHODIST
Bellamy United Methodist Church, Gloucester, will continue the sermon series "Roadmap to the Bible" at the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday services. The Faith Builders Bible Study will meet at 9:20 and adult Sunday school class meets at 9:30. The Youth Group meets at 5 p.m. on Sunday with dinner provided.

Vacation Bible School, "Camp Firelight," begins Monday evening and goes through Friday, Aug. 2 for children ages pre-K to fifth grade. Simple suppers will begin 5-15 p.m. with the VBS from 6-8.

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST
The sermon title of Pastor Paul Song of Bethany United Methodist Church, Gloucester Point, at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday will be "Fear Not." Nursery for infants to 3-year-olds is available beginning at 9:40 a.m.

BETHEL BAPTIST
The sermon title of Pastor Jim Harris at noon Sunday in Bethel Baptist Church, Gloucester will be "Growing in Christ." Sunday school will begin at 10 o'clock. The discussion will be led by Barbara Howard.

A meeting of the Diakone Ministry will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday.
Those who want to attend virtually can log in through <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/929136757> or call 1-312-757-3121 and use access

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WEDNESDAYS: 6pm Youth in Action and Children's Choir, 6:30pm Teen Kids and Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting and 7:30pm Choir Practice.

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1676 Buckley Hall Rd., Cobbs Creek, VA 23035

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9254 Guinea Rd., Hayes, VA 23072
Located next to Achilles Elementary School
Church Office: 804-642-2332
Rev. Jared Berry, Pastor
E-mail: laura@unionbaptistchurch.net
www.unionbaptistchurch.net
Services: SUNDAY 9:45 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. Church Service; WEDNESDAY: 6:30pm, Adult Bible Study and Prayer; UBC Kids; Crew (K-5th grade), OUTWARD Youth (6th-12th grade)
MON & THUR: Food Ministry, 9-10:30 a.m.
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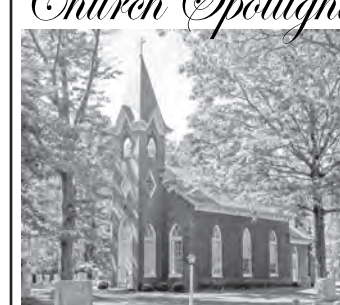
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Curtis joins Sisters in the Spirit board

Newport News native Woodrena Curtis has been elected to the board of directors of Sisters in the Spirit Ministries, Inc., based in Gloucester.



Woodrena Curtis

Curtis serves in a leadership role in the Bible Study Fellowship International for Women, a Newport News day program, a release said. The program serves people of all ages, backgrounds, and spiritual beliefs, the release said, and Curtis's role as an administrator is on preparation and planning aspects of teaching for more than 200 women in the program.

Curtis has been with BSF for more than 10 years following her retirement from Fort Monroe.

SIS board president Rev. Dr. Katrina W. Brown of Gloucester said, "We are so excited to have Woodrena as a part of the Ministry. She is a spiritually gifted

woman who is passionate about serving the Lord and blessing others." Brown said that "with her background in counseling, Woodrena is bringing knowledge and resources that will help us in assisting those in need. As such, SIS will be able to touch more lives in meaningful ways as God would have us do."

Curtis has served in many areas of Christian stewardship at her church—First Baptist Church, in Newport News—including Youth Ministry; Sunday School; Vacation Bible School; Praise Dance Ministry; and the League of Christian Women. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Norfolk State University and she received a Master's degree in Counseling from Hampton University.

Curtis is married to Ronald Curtis, and they have one son, Ronald Jr. and his wife, RaShia. They are the grandparents of two—grandson Xavier and granddaughter Kennedy.

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BETHEL CHURCH OF MATHEWS

The Rev. Coleman Tyler will be the guest speaker at the 9:50 a.m. Sunday service in Bethel Church of Mathews, Onemo. Sunday school will follow at 11 o'clock.

On Monday, Valerie Bass and the youth are planning a fun day at Camp Cardinal. Let her know as soon as possible if interested in going.

The church will have a picnic with Salem Church at the home of Dana Brown, down Chapel Lane, from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 30. Bring your favorite casserole or dessert to share and also a lawn chair.

BEULAH CHURCH OF NEW POINT

The sermon title of the Rev. Everett Hughes at the 11 a.m. Sunday service in Beulah Church of New Point will be "Real Meaning of Divorce."

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 "God Provides."

CHURCH OF THE LIVING WORD

The sermon title of Assistant Pastor Melvin Epps at the 10 a.m. Sunday service in Church of the Living Word, Hayes, will be "The Word will Work for You." "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, August 4. The guest speaker at the 11:15 a.m. service will be Minister Isaiah Smith of Calvary Community Baptist Church, Newport News, Virginia. Brunch will follow in the fellowship hall. The Rev. Jonathan Waldon, former pastor, 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 "Taking a Stand for the Lord." Church school will be at 9 o'clock.

The Pastors Aide is holding a fundraiser selling Tidal Wave Car Wash coupons, a \$30 value for \$10 each; call Toni, 804-694-7736.

FIRST MORNING STAR BAPTIST

The sermon title of the Rev. Wil Early, associate pastor of First Morning Star Baptist Church, Bena, at the 11 a.m. Sunday service will be "The Sounds of Church." Leader Myers and the Combined Choir will render the music. The worship service will be in-person, broadcast by teleconference (804-256-2475) and livestreamed on the church's Facebook page.

GLOUCESTER POINT BAPTIST

The sermon title of Pastor Dillon Evans of Gloucester Point Baptist Church at 11 a.m. Sunday will be "Do People Who Commit Suicide Go to Hell?"

GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN

The sermon title of Pastor Jesse Hill of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church at 10:30 a.m. Sunday will be "From Death to Life."

GROVES PRESBYTERIAN

The sermon title of the Rev. Michael Condrey of Groves Presbyterian Church, Glass, at 10 a.m. Sunday will be "Miracles Still Happen." The Senior Adult Group (everyone is invited) will have an "Indoor Picnic" at 4:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Sign up in the narthex.

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 Rev. David Medlen will be the speaker. Special music will be provided by Michele Thacker.

KINGSTON EPISCOPAL PARISH

Kingston Episcopal Parish, Mathews, will observe 10 Pentecost with Morning Prayer Rite I at 8 a.m. Sunday at Christ Church on Williams Wharf Road and Morning Prayer Rite II at 10:30 a.m. at Kingston Chapel on Main Street. Mary Ann Carr will conduct the services; Joan Hammond will preach.

The Wednesday noon Eucharist/Healing service will take place at the parish house.

MATHEWS BAPTIST

The sermon title at the 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday services in Mathews Baptist Church, Hudgins, will be "Jesus's Unbelieving Family."

MATHEWS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST

The sermon title of the Rev. Angie Hoen of Mathews Chapel United Methodist, Cobbs Creek, at 11 a.m. Sunday will be "God's Powerful Love."

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 "Faith in the Bread of Life."

NEW MOUNT ZION BAPTIST

New Mount Zion Baptist Church, Gloucester, will celebrate Homecoming at 3 p.m. Sunday. The Rev. John W. Redmond and Emmaus Baptist Church members will be the special guests.

NEW POINT FRIENDS

The sermon title of Pastor Thomas Bunting of New Point Friends Church at 11 a.m. Sunday will be "God's Tremendous Promises."

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Chris Grella of Newington Baptist Church, Gloucester, at 10:30 a.m. Sunday will be "Completing Life." The nursery, for infants and toddlers, will be available. Various Sunday school classes meet at 9 o'clock. The WMU ministry is collecting school supplies for the Gloucester Social Services Foster Program until Sunday.

OLIVE BRANCH GLOBAL METHODIST

Olive Branch Global Methodist Church, Gloucester, will celebrate "Membership Sunday" at its 9:30 a.m. service. A meal will follow.

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 BAPTIST

Pastor Bradley A. Holmes of Saint Paul Baptist Church, Gloucester, will celebrate his 27th anniversary as pastor at 3 p.m. Sunday. Pastor Ryan Perkins and Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church, Williamsburg, will render the service. Minister Rashinda Davis of Hampton, will be the worship leader.

SHEPHERDSVILLE BAPTIST

Shepherdsville Baptist Church, Gloucester, began revival services at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Services continue through Friday. Speakers include Dr. Jerry Bristow, Dr. Darrell Hudson and Pastor Ward Warren. Join for three nights of praise, worship and fellowship.

The sermon title of Pastor Douglas Riley at 11 a.m. Sunday will be "Do You Believe in Miracles?"

SINGLETON UNITED METHODIST

The sermon title of the Rev. Calvin Griffin of Singleton United Methodist Church, Ware Neck, at 11 a.m. Sunday will be "Faith in the Bread of Life." 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." Bible studies are also held on the Zoom platform.

SPRING HILL BAPTIST

The sermon title of the Rev. Ross Davis, pastor of Spring Hill Baptist Church, Cobbs Creek, at 11 a.m. Sunday will be "The Focus of Contentment." Children from the Vacation Bible School will take part in the service. A hot dog cook-out will follow the worship.

Weekend Vacation Bible School, "Outback Rock," for children in kindergarten-fifth grade, begins Friday evening from 5:30-8 o'clock. A pizza dinner will be served. On Saturday, VBS will meet from 9-11:30 a.m.; doughnuts will be served.

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 "Living the Sacrifice." Praise and worship will begin at 10:45. Service will be streamed via Zoom and Facebook Live.

THE KINGDOM CHURCH MINISTRIES

The Kingdom Church Ministries International, Cobbs Creek, will not have in-person worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday.

UNION BAPTIST

Pastor Jared Berry will preach at the 11 a.m. Sunday service Union Baptist Church, Hayes. A church-wide "Grill Out" will be held from 1:30-7:30 at Beaverdam Park, Whitcomb Lodge, Gloucester. Eating will begin at 4:30 p.m.; hot dogs, hamburgers and all the fixings will be provided. Everyone needs to sign up at the Welcome Table and pick up a brochure that describes the activities as well as the restrictions associated with the park. Carpooling is encouraged or take advantage of a ride in the church bus.

Other activities include Friday, 5:30-8:35 p.m., Membership Class, and Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Membership Class, with breakfast, lunch and dinner included.

UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK

Lawrence MacDonald will

speak on "UUs and the Climate Emergency: Building on a Legacy of Justice" at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock, White Stone.

WESTVILLE BAPTIST

The Rev. Lytle Buckingham of Westville Baptist Church, Mathews, will begin a new series, "Hope," at 10:45 a.m. Sunday service. His sermon title will be "What is Hope?" Sunday school, "The Book of Acts," will precede the service at 9:45.

Wednesday Bible study, "The Book of Daniel," will be held at 3 p.m.

ZION HILL BAPTIST

Zion Hill Baptist Church, Gloucester, will have in-person worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday. Pastor Eugene Comithier II will preach and the Male Chorus will sing. In-person 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 conference speakers will be First Lady Michelle Burrell of Gleaning 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 speak at the 11 a.m. Sunday service. There will be congregational selections.

Revival services will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, Aug. 1. Speakers will include: Tuesday, Pastor Stevens Burrell and Gleaning Baptist Church family, Dutton, Wednesday, the Rev. Eric Robinson of Ebenezer Baptist Church family and the Male Chorus, Cobbs Creek, and Thursday, Aug. 1, the Rev. Winston Redmond, Emmaus Baptist Church family and the Male Chorus, North.

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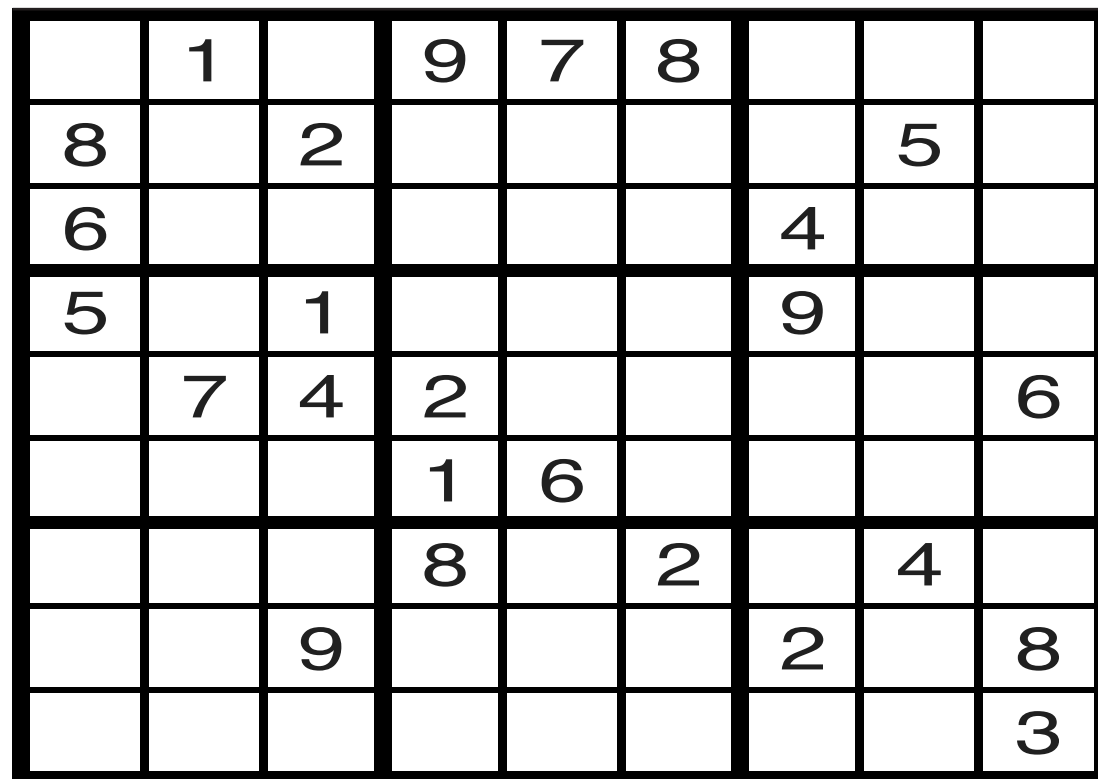
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Declarer can count eight top tricks and there are various ways by which she might attempt get that total up to ten. There's the Club finesse ... a Diamond trick or two ... a Diamond ruff or two. What is the best way of combining the chances after the ♠Q opening lead? There is approximately 0%

Count up to ten

chance of getting two Diamond ruffs (if Declarer plays on Diamonds the defense will shift to trumps pronto) ... there is a 50% chance of the Club finesse working ... and there is approximately a 75% chance of East holding at least one of the top two Diamonds. So playing on Diamonds is clearly a better bet for the ninth trick than is taking the Club finesse. And the 10th trick? That can come from a Diamond ruff in the short hand (we've already counted Declarer's five trumps, so taking a couple of Spade ruffs won't add to the trick total). Declarer has a plan: set up a Diamond trick, and ruff a Diamond. That's a very fine plan but Declarer will need to be careful with the timing. After winning the opening Spade lead

in Dummy, it is essential to lead a Diamond at Trick 2 to Declarer's Queen and West's Ace. West predictably shifts to a trump. That is won in Dummy, and another Diamond is led, this time won by East. Back comes another trump, but Declarer is home. She wins that trump in hand, ruffs a Diamond, returns to hand with the ♠A, draws the last trump, and has her 10 tricks. P.S. Let's go back to the point where East wins the second round of Diamonds. Suppose that East, instead of returning a trump, continues with a third round of Diamonds. In this case, Declarer will take care to play a low Diamond from hand (ruffing on the board), saving her Diamond winner for later, when trumps have been drawn.

LIFELINES

BY DR. ED JORDAN

Living love in a hate-filled world

We live in a world filled with hatred, murder, destruction, slander, and every other type of evil. How did we become like this? Probably one person at a time, one bit at a time.

There are two forces at work in the world; God, and the enemy Satan, who operates through people with evil values. The Bible teaches us in 1 John 3:15-16 (NJB): "Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you are well aware that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him. This is the proof of love, that He (Jesus) laid down His life for us and we too ought to lay down our lives for our brothers."

The proof of love is sacrificial love for others. Jesus is the ultimate example of this. He laid down His sinless life, to die the death that all of us rightfully deserved. He was perfect, He was God, He loved us, and He continues to love us. John says that if we have become the recipient of Jesus and His sacrifice for us, we thereby are willing to sacrifice to save others. This demonstrates that we are children of God.

Corey Comperatore was a father and volunteer firefighter killed during the assassination attempt of former President Trump at a rally in Pennsylvania. Corey demonstrated this kind of sacrifice by shielding his wife and daughter with his own body, taking the bullets that would have killed them. It turned out that Corey was a fine Christian man. That day, at that hour, he embodied the love of Christ, sacrificing his life to spare the lives of his wife and daughter.

But love was not the only characteristic on display that Saturday. A young man filled with evil and hatred tried to take Trump's life, and had God not intervened, would have succeeded. In so doing, he lost his own life. At this point we don't know why he did it, but what we do know is that evil seeks to destroy.

What makes people cross a line like that? Jesus said that Satan is the source of hatred and murder. Jesus had a confrontation with the leaders of the Jews in John 8. They were seeking to murder Jesus (John 8:40). Why? Because Jesus told them the truth about themselves and they wanted to eliminate the voice of truth. Jesus said that if they were truly Abraham's children, they would love Jesus instead of trying to murder Him; that they should love Him, for Abraham loved God, and obeyed God. Instead, they picked up stones to kill Him.

Hatred is a very sad and dangerous companion. It blinds people, obscures their perception of what is wrong and right, true and just. Jesus went on to tell them in John 8:44-45 (NJB): "You are from your father, the devil, and you prefer to do what your father wants. He was a murderer from the start; he was never grounded in the truth; there is no truth in him at all. When he lies he is speaking true to his nature, because he is a liar, and the father of lies. But it is because I speak the truth that you do not believe me."

Hatred flows from deception, from rejecting the truth as the truth, and be-

lieving that lies are reality. Jesus said that people speak and take action out of what fills their hearts and minds. Those who have received the love of God, become changed, and value the lives of others. Those who reject God, reject love and the truth. So, their empty souls are quickly filled with hatred, lies, and murder.

How do we live love, in the midst of people who are hated with hatred? Boldly, and lovingly. To begin, we must receive Jesus, God's full manifestation of His love. That God loves us, sinful as we are, is a life-changer. He commands such believers to love one another in the same way that God has loved them. This demonstrated love eliminates hatred, envy and lies, which are major drivers of murder.

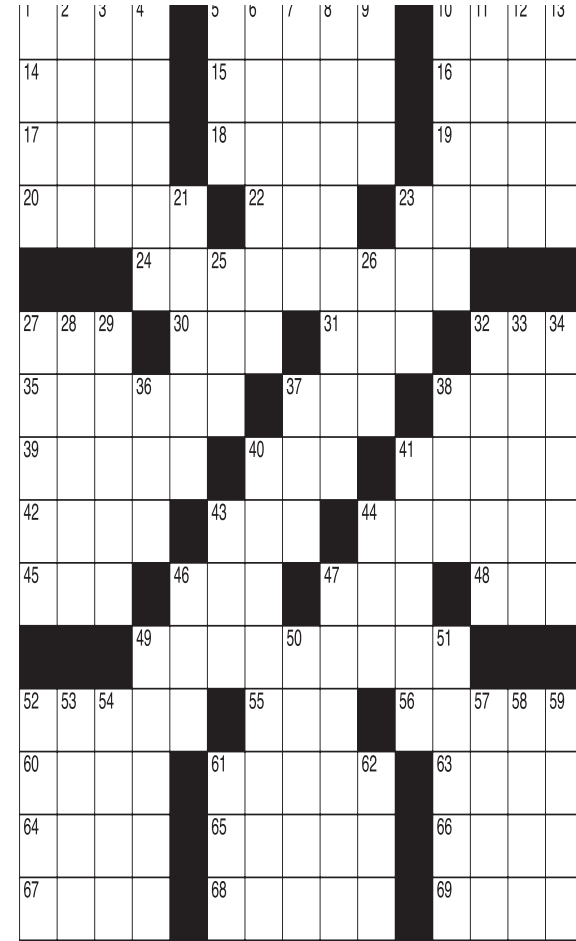
The genius of Christianity is that God Himself comes to live inside every person who invites Him in, bringing forgiveness, thankfulness, joy, and love. Once Jesus lives inside us, we have all we need to love even the most obnoxious human. God and His love change our world, one life at a time.

Have you received Jesus, God's ultimate gift of love? If not, why not do it now? Right now, ask Jesus to come live within you, forgive you, and to fill you with His presence and love. He will change your life and your world.

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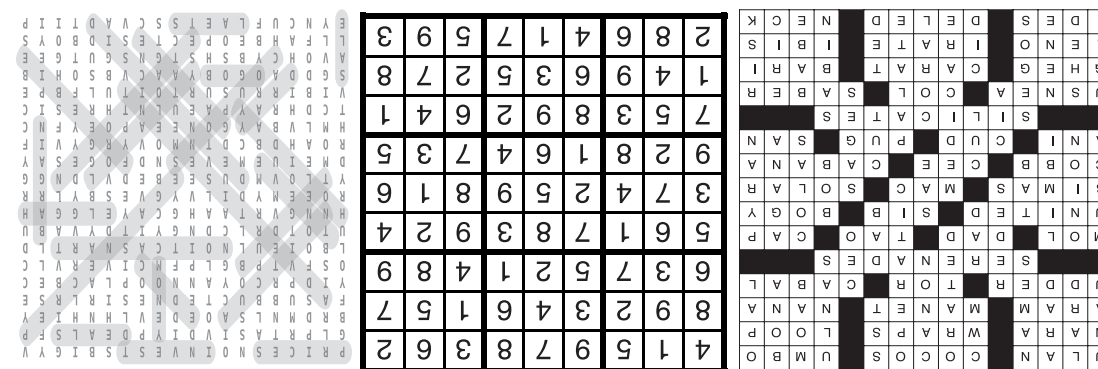
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Mongolian city — Bator
5. Coconut palms
10. Rounded knob
14. Japanese city
15. Type of sandwiches
16. A type of shape
17. Son of Shem
18. French modernist painter
19. Grandmother
20. Mammary gland of female cattle
22. Hill or rocky peak
23. Secret political clique
24. Songs to one's beloved
27. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
30. Father
31. Chinese philosophical principle
32. Restrict the number or amount of
35. Combined into a single entity
37. Brother or sister
38. Evil spirit
39. Materials in the earth's crust

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Two-toed sloth
2. Cooking ingredient
3. Iranian city
4. Accuses
5. Corrie
6. Delivered a speech
7. Collection of sacred books
8. Theatrical
9. Very fast airplane
10. Arm bones
11. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
12. ___ fide: legit
13. Gemstone
21. Counsels
23. Corporate bigwig
25. Cool!
26. Touch lightly
27. Small Milky Way constellation
28. Satirical website
29. Border lines
32. Soft drinks
33. Capital of Guam

- 40. Partner to cheese
41. Of the sun
42. Baseball great Ty
43. After B
44. Place to relax on the beach
45. Folk singer DiFranco
46. Partly digested food
47. Small dog breed
48. Japanese honorific
49. Salts
52. Beard moss genus
55. Mountain pass
56. Type of sword
60. Albanian language
61. Metric weight unit
63. Italian Seaport
64. Longtime late night host
65. Extremely angry
66. Wading bird
67. Days in mid-month
68. Omitted from printed matter
69. Upper body part



DO YOU REMEMBER?



FILE PHOTOS

Summer scenes

Sarah Gray Robinson, at left, takes a dip at the Gloucester Point Beach, enjoying the first swim of summer in early June 1981. At right, Ann Nichols, captain, takes her crew of John Garnet Drummond and Brian Moore for a cruise off the shores of Gwynn's Island.

GLIMPSSES INTO THE PAST

Lawn party, beach supper, and salt air

115 YEARS AGO
Thursday, July 22, 1909

from the Mathews Journal

Diggs correspondent reports, The lawn party at Mr. T.A. Diggs's was largely attended and everyone seemed to have a good time.

Mr. John J. Forrest received on Saturday last a large and beautiful dog sent to him from Norfolk by Capt. A.J. Morgan. Mr. Forrest is more than pleased with his new pet.

The supper on the Haven Beach will take place on Tuesday the 27th. We would insist on you coming as it's one of those large suppers. Everything good to eat at a low price. You people of the village who don't get the salt air, everybody come down and let us serve you.

110 YEARS AGO
Thursday, July 23, 1914

from the Mathews Journal

At Laban, everything around this way is looking fine. All the farmers are smiling; even those who planted peas this season are showing a little smile.

We are looking forward to our Tabernacle meeting, which will begin next Sunday. We hope to have a good attendance and that a great revival will result over the county this summer. Let's all pray to that end.

Mrs. J.F. Hudgins, R.J. Campbell, R.C. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Diggs, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Diggs, Mr. and Mrs. George L. and John B. Diggs, and Misses Byrd and Iris Brooks attended the Middlesex Holiness camp meeting this week.

100 YEARS AGO
Thursday, July 24, 1924

from the Mathews Journal

Mr. Ronnie Powell and family, of Baltimore, motored to the Island to visit his mother, Mrs. Henry Powell.

Mr. Lewis Powell returned home from Baltimore last Friday, where he has been receiving treatment.

Mr. Tim Hudgins's little daughter was carried to the Hospital in Norfolk for appendicitis.

Little Charlotte Callis was taken to the hospital last week for treatment.

90 YEARS AGO
Thursday, July 26, 1934

from the Gloucester Gazette

Gloucester friends and relatives of Virginia's famous Byrd family have experienced anxiety this week over Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, who has been keeping a lonely vigil for months near the South Pole many miles in advance of the "Little America" settlement in Antarctica. Byrd's radio, with which he kept in touch with his main party, was out of commission Monday and an expedition which left Little America last Friday to relieve him was obliged

to turn back after covering about one-half of the 123 miles to the advance base. The admiral was reported suffering from an injury to his arm.

from the Mathews Journal

On Tuesday, July 24, Mr. W.G. Lilly gave a sail on the Chesapeake Bay, to the Mathews Baptist Sunday School. On returning home he stopped at the beach, where another boat-load joined the party. The children went in swimming and nice cantaloupes were served. Thus ended the sail by returning to Cricket Hill Wharf, from where it had started.

80 YEARS AGO
Thursday, July 27, 1944

from the Gazette-Journal

The Mathews Chapter, American Red Cross Sewing Division is in urgent need of a sewing machine, either electric or foot-power, as one which had been loaned them has been called for. Anyone who has a machine which they are not using and who would be willing to loan it to the local chapter, please get in touch with Mrs. William B. Smith, Production Chairman.

70 YEARS AGO
Thursday, July 22, 1954

from the Gazette-Journal

The cooking school held at the Gloucester High School last Thursday evening and Friday afternoon sponsored by the Suburban Rulane Gas Company of Newport News, was attended by approximately 150 women representing various organizations of the county. Each lady was asked to register and her name was placed in a box for drawing later. Among some of the tempting dishes prepared were: baked ham, broiled steak, stuffed tomatoes with lima beans, Maple snow cake, banana split with bacon, confettes, beef dillburgers and peach crisp.

60 YEARS AGO
Thursday, July 23, 1964

from the Gazette-Journal

On Saturday, July 18, in the older youth ball games played at the Gloucester ball park, Bailey's Amusement team defeated the Bank of Gloucester team by a score of 26-8. The game scheduled for Sunday was rained out.

50 YEARS AGO
Thursday, July 25, 1974

from the Gazette-Journal

Six hundred and four young people and adults received swimming lessons this summer in courses sponsored by the Gloucester County Red Cross Chapter, James V. Morgan, chairman of the water safety program, has reported.

Classes were taught at five different locations in the county, Gloucester Point, Gallopont Farm, Burke's Pond, Gloucester Yacht Club

and the American Legion pool, conducted by volunteer instructors and water safety aides.

40 YEARS AGO
Thursday, July 26, 1984

from the Gazette-Journal

The Mathews County Sheriff's Department, for the third time in four years, has compiled the best record in the state for the clearance of serious crimes.

According to a report released by the Virginia Department of State Police, the Mathews department handled 69 serious criminal cases in 1983, with a clearance rate of 86.96 percent.

30 YEARS AGO
Thursday, July 28, 1994

from the Gazette-Journal

Unless VDOT can work within the road's existing right-of-way, the Hallieford Road improvement project has been put to a stop.

That was the message Mathews County Supervisors gave to Virginia Department of Transportation resident W.W. Woodward Jr., during Tuesday afternoon's meeting.

For several months, the county and VDOT have been negotiating about the extent of the right-of-way needed for the Hallieford Road project. At first VDOT stated that a 60-foot right-of-way was needed, which would have affected several homeowners' drain

fields.

20 YEARS AGO
Thursday, July 29, 2004

from the Gazette-Journal

The telephone in the office of Gloucester housing director Michael G. Shifflett has been ringing off the hook—well, almost—recently.

Shifflett said his office, which coordinates housing assistance for all six Middle Peninsula counties, has been receiving about 50 calls a week for rental assistance in recent months, more than double the number of calls compared to last summer.

The low rental housing inventory for this region was severely impacted by Hurricane Isabel displacing so many

others who were already in homes.

10 YEARS AGO
Thursday, July 24, 2014

from the Gazette-Journal

Virginia's oyster harvest in 2013—504,000 bushels—was at the highest level seen since 1987. Gov. Terry McAuliffe announced Monday, and that's good news for the state's economy.

Over the past 12 years, the oyster harvest in Virginia has increased from 23,000 bushels in 2001 to an estimated 504,000 bushels last year, McAuliffe said.

The dockside value of the oyster harvest increased to \$22.2 million last year, up from \$16.2 million in 2012.

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Todd Fowler, new owner of WXGM, stands in front of the radio station office on Short Lane, Gloucester.

Todd Fowler takes over as owner of WXGM

BY RUBY WILLIAMS

Todd Fowler is the new owner of the WXGM radio stations.

WXGM-FM (Xtra 99.1) and WXGM-AM (1420 AM and 102.3 FM) were previously owned by Marva Robinson. Her husband, Tom Robinson, owned the stations from 1981 until his death in 2020.

Fowler said that he hopes to expand community involvement, hire additional staff, and develop additional public awareness. He also intends to become more involved with the Gloucester community.

Fowler was born in Clarks-

burg, West Virginia, and grew up in Ithaca, New York. He is a second-generation broadcaster. His father ran a national chain of radio stations, whose corporate office was based in Upstate New York. Fowler went to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, graduating in 1991.

Fowler worked for ABC Radio Network, in Dallas, Texas, where he sold network programming to radio stations across the country. In 2004, he moved to Charleston, South Carolina, and became president of American Media Services brokerage division, where they did

FM signal upgrades across the county to maximize signal coverage. He has resided in Charleston since 2004.

Fowler also owns two other small radio markets in North Carolina, one being WBRM.

"We are committed to super serving Gloucester County," he said.

National Farmers Market Week highlights markets' impact

Picking out farm-fresh produce, mingling with growers and supporting the community are all part of a day's fun when visiting a local farmers' market.

As National Farmers Market Week kicks off Aug. 4-10, communities are celebrating the role farmers' markets play in supporting local agriculture, building connections and delivering fresh local produce to patrons. Now in its 25th year, the annual event is sponsored by the Farmers' Market Coalition, which aims to highlight markets' impact on the nation's food system and economy.

"The food sales at farmers' markets create stronger local economies because a greater share of the money spent there is more likely to remain in the community—supporting local jobs and services, compared to the money being sent to a distant corporate office," explained Tony Banks, senior assistant director of agriculture, development and innovation for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation.

A statistic from the U.S. Department of Agriculture that reports growers selling locally create 13 full-time farm operator jobs per \$1 million in revenue earned, compared to only three jobs created by those who don't.

Additionally, of \$2.9 billion in direct-to-consumer sales, on-farm stores and farmers' markets accounted for \$1.7 billion. And 78 percent of farms selling directly to consumers sold their marketed food within 100 miles of the farm.

Farmers' markets also play a crucial role in addressing food insecurity. Many markets accept Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

benefits and participate in Virginia Fresh Match.

In 2021, over \$100 million in federal nutrition benefits was redeemed nationally at farmers' markets and through direct market sales, according to the USDA.

Marketgoers can find an abundance of fresh produce at any of Virginia's 250 farmers' markets, including peak-season berries, heirloom tomatoes, melons, peas, snap beans and sweet corn. Beyond fresh produce, markets are hubs for local meats and seafood, artisan wares, fresh flowers and value-added products like cheeses, baked goods, jams, pesto and salsas.

"Consumers may find cherished varieties or foods prepared from old-time favorite recipes that aren't available in grocery stores," Banks noted.

Fans of farmers' markets can vote for their favorite market through the America's Farmers' Market Celebration. Hosted by American Farmland Trust, the contest highlights farmers' markets' importance and is the only annual ranking of top farmers' markets in the U.S. as voted by the public. Voting is open through July 31 at markets.farmland.org.

The top five farmers' markets will receive a combined \$15,000, which they can use to help with marketing, communications and other needs to expand the markets' reach and impact.

According to the AFMC website, the Charlottesville City Market ranks third nationwide. The Portsmouth Olde Towne Farmers' Market ranks fifth among the Southeast region's top markets.

Mathews holds its farmers' market every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April to October on the county's court green. The Gloucester Farmers' Market is held the second Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., May through October at Ware Episcopal Church.

To find a farmers' market near you, visit vdacs.virginia.gov/vagrown or vafma.org/virginia-markets.



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Luau 2024

Gloucester Brewing Company held a Luau Sunday afternoon on-site, where it featured Hawaiian, Tahitian and Samoan entertainment, traditional Hawaiian food, island-inspired vendors, raffles and a fire knife dance. Among those enjoying the fun were, from left, hula dancer Aunty Jojo Calles, brewing company owners Mike and Laura Brewer, and hula dancer Kelly Pai Ford.

Chesapeake reports \$3M in second-quarter earnings

Chesapeake Financial Shares, Inc. (parent company of both Chesapeake Bank and Chesapeake Wealth Management), recorded earnings of \$3,036,512 for

the second quarter of 2024, according to board chairman and CEO Jeffrey M. Szyper-ski, figures roughly level with the second quarter of 2023.

The reported earnings per share were \$0.646 fully diluted as compared to \$0.648 for the second quarter of 2023. Total assets ended the quarter at \$1,533,102,804, up \$62 million from year-end. Nonperforming assets were 0.237 percent as of June 30, 2024 compared to 0.327 percent for the second quarter of 2023.

"The rapid rise in interest rates over the last two years has continued to put pressure on our net interest margin, but this has started to temper," Szyper-ski stated. "We are also pleased to be included in American Banker magazine's 'Top 100 Community Banks' in the country for the 17th consecutive year. This has been trimmed from the 'Top 200' in prior years and is based on our return on equity. We see it as an external

testament to our continued strong performance."

At the July 19 Chesapeake Financial Shares Board of Directors meeting, the board declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.155 per share effective Sept. 1, 2024, payable on or before Sept. 15, 2024. The company has increased its dividend for 31 consecutive years. The stock currently has a 3.54 percent dividend yield.

For more information about Chesapeake Financial Shares stock (CPKF), or to receive daily email alerts of its stock price, see www.chesapeakefinancialshares.com. To receive investor news updates, visit Chesapeake's page on Proactive Investors (www.proactiveinvestors.com). The company is followed by Zacks Investment Research, and a copy of their report can also be found at www.zacks.com. Chesapeake Financial Shares is an over-the-counter, publicly traded stock.

Veterans now farming eligible for new award

Veterans who are now farming can apply for the brand-new American Farm Bureau Federation Veteran Farmer Award of Excellence.

Sponsored by Farm Credit, the award will recognize a military veteran who is actively involved in agriculture. Applicants will be judged on excellence in farming and community impact.

"We are wanting to elevate and celebrate those who have served our country and continue to do so through involvement in ag-

riculture and community," said Logan Yearsley, director of member engagement for AFBF.

The winner will receive \$10,000 and travel expenses for the winner and a guest to attend the 2025 AFBF Annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas.

Applicants are not required to be Farm Bureau members. Applications are due Aug. 30, and the winner will be announced on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

For more information, visit fb.org/veteranfarmer.

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One Design Regatta

The 85th annual One Design Regatta, hosted by Deltaville's Fishing Bay Yacht Club, was held this past weekend, filling the waters of Hills Bay with beautiful and colorful sails for the two-day competition.

Program Sunday on early post offices in King and Queen County

The King and Queen County Historical Society will hold its quarterly meeting at 3 p.m. Sunday in the courtroom of the county's Administration Building.

Andrew Graff, a land surveyor and historian, will be the guest speaker. His subject will be "Early Postal Service in King and Queen County." Graff's surveying firm is Old Albemarle Surveying, LLC, located in Charlottesville. He is a past board member of the Albemarle-Charlottesville Historical Society and a collector of early postal history

for several eastern Virginia counties, including King and Queen County.

Early post offices were usually located at crossroads inside general merchandise stores where local people gathered. The post office was frequently named after the proprietor of the store or sometimes by the name of the locality. When the U.S. Postal Service centralized the routing procedures in the 1920s, they required post offices within each state to be uniquely named.

It was at that time that the

county lost a few of the traditional post office names because they duplicated post offices in other localities. Thus, Centerville was renamed Shackelfords, Buena Vista was renamed Cologne, and Carneal renamed Helmet. Most of the county's post offices have disappeared as the U.S. Post Office consolidates its operations, but they once provided a vital service to the rural communities. Graff's presentation will provide a greater clarity to the early role of the postal service.

Following the meeting, refreshments will be served in the Tavern Museum.

Tavern volunteers will open by appointment on other days. Use the Contact Us page on the museum website (www.kingandqueenmuseum.org) to make an appointment. This website contains much information about both the historical society and its Courthouse Tavern Museum.

Avoid sparking wildfires during summertime lawn maintenance

As summer heat amps up, so does the risk of setting off a natural disaster while tidying up the yard.

Lawn mowers and other yard equipment like weed eaters, chainsaws, grinders, welders and tractors can potentially trigger wildfires during the dry, hot summer months.

Lawn mowers can spark a fiery chain reaction in a number of ways, noted Scott DeNoon, a member of Virginia Farm Bureau's Safety Advisory Committee.

Dry grass that has built up in the mower deck and reached the muffler can catch fire, fall out and ignite the surrounding area.

"Additionally, the mower blades can hit rocks or other hidden debris in dry vegetation and generate sparks that ignite dry weeds, brush and leaves," DeNoon added.

The Virginia Department of Forestry responded to 21 wildfires in a single week in June.

Wildfires are especially dangerous to people who use forests and outdoor areas or live in nearby homes and communities. They also wreak havoc on the environment—harming wildlife and their habitats.

Unlike most natural disasters, nine out of 10 wildfires are sparked by humans—meaning most are preventable.

Common causes of lawn mower fires include adding fuel or oil to a hot engine and failing to properly maintain a mower. A lawn mower can overheat and ignite if the

carburetor has a leaky gasket, DeNoon cautioned.

"Invest the time necessary to create a safe mowing experience," he said.

Before starting up the mower, DeNoon advises keeping the following safety tips in mind.

—Fill the mower with gas, and check the oil level before use. Let the mower cool down before refueling.

—Routinely clean out grass from the mower blades with a hose. Never put your hands near the blade unless the spark plug has been disconnected and the unit has completely cooled.

—Mow in the early morning hours before temperatures rise and humidity levels drop. DOF recommends mowing before 10 a.m.

—Avoid mowing during excessively dry, hot or windy days whenever possible.

—Maintain mowing equipment to prevent overheating, and inspect before each use.

—Ensure that the blades are sharp—dull blades are more likely to produce sparks.

—Check for fuel leaks.

—Remove rocks and debris from the mowing area.

Virginia Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. homeowner and farmowner policies provide coverage for fires caused by lawnmowers that damage covered property.

For more wildfire prevention tips, visit dof.virginia.gov.



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Veteran benefit restored

In a ceremony last Thursday in Richmond, Gov. Glenn Youngkin signed HB 6004 and SB 6012, legislation to repeal eligibility changes made to the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program and other tuition waiver programs. VMSDEP waives state tuition for spouses and children of Gold Star families and families where a veteran was at least 90 percent permanently disabled because of their military service, as well as families of first responders killed in the line of duty. In its 2024 session, the General Assembly severely cut eligibility as part of the budget process. Following a public outcry, the General Assembly was called by the governor back into session, where the two houses voted to repeal the changes. Among those lobbying for this action was Jenna Rowe of Mathews, whose oldest daughter Cora is a student at Virginia Commonwealth University and whose next oldest Laura begins her studies at Radford University in the fall. Rowe (standing at left, wearing a "Save VMSDEP" T-shirt and a jacket) was among those taking part in last week's signing ceremony.

Local GOP committees to hold 'Pork & Politics' fundraiser on Aug. 17

The Gloucester, Mathews and Middlesex Republican Committees will hold a fundraiser from 4-7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17, at the Lower Middlesex Fire Station, Deltaville.

The "Pork & Politics" event is a seated BBQ dinner featuring talks by seven local and state elected officials

and candidates, including Virginia Lt. Gov. Winsome Sears, 1st District Congressman Rob Wittman, and Virginia's U.S. Senate GOP candidate Hung Cao.

Tickets are \$35, available online by texting GOP to 804-505-4660. "The members of the joint committees are excited for citizens of its three counties to come out to enjoy

delicious BBQ from Scoot's BBQ in Gloucester, and to have the unique opportunity to interact with these hard-working elected officials in a casual environment over a delicious meal," a release stated.

Event sponsorships (\$100, \$250, \$500 and \$1,000) are also available for purchase.

\$20M available for preservation of historic landmarks in Virginia

The Virginia Department of Historic Resources has received \$20 million from this year's General Assembly to allocate for historic preservation of landmarks in Virginia. The aim is to boost preservation efforts in advance of the nation's 250th anniversary, its semiquincentennial, in 2026.

A release from the office of Gov. Glenn Youngkin said the Virginia 250 Preservation Fund will be administered by DHR to support capital improvement projects at historic sites

and museums "that anticipate a significant increase in visitation during the upcoming semiquincentennial."

DHR will use a two-step grant application process. Pre-applications are being accepted until Aug. 30. The projects that advance will have until Oct. 30 to submit a full application.

Eligible applicants, the release said, include nonprofit organizations that are registered as tax exempt; Virginia localities; and state- or federally-recognized Indian tribes in Virginia. All applicants must own the project prop-

erty. For complete information, visit dhr.virginia.gov and follow links to grant-funding/virginia-250-preservation-fund.

Woman's Club of Toano to hold garage/bake sale

The Woman's Club of Toano will hold a benefit indoor garage sale and bake sale beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday at the club building at 7965 Richmond Road. For more information, visit the club's Facebook page.



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The following deeds were recorded in the Clerk's Office of Gloucester Circuit Court during the period July 15-19:

Susan H. Pettyjohn to Susan H. Pettyjohn, trustee, Unit 806, Building 8, Dockside Condominium, Phase 8, York, no consideration.
 Anna Olszowy to John W. Hamilton, et al, 0.68 acre, Lot 97, Walter Reed Village, Ware, \$358,000.
 Leslie S. Sawyer, et al, co-trustees, to Hunter L. Collier, Lot 32, Clopton Heights, Abingdon, \$324,900.
 Dove Field, LLC to Dovefieldgroup LLC, 39.33 acres, Parcel 2, Abingdon, \$362,664.
 Weasley, LLC to Parker Shaffer, et al, 1.31 acres, Ware, \$300,000.
 Vicky S. Baker to Amber Nicole Carr, 1.9408 acres, Lot 4, Ware, \$305,000.
 Robert C. Dablemont, et al, to Robert C. Dablemont, et al, trustees, 1.167 acres, Lot 5A, Gloucester Point, no consideration.
 Ariel Sanchez to Meredith Good, 1.892 acres, Lot 38, Locust Hill, Section 3, Petersburg, \$455,000.
 6596 Main Street, LLC to Shen, LLC, 0.7395 acre, Ware, \$712,500.
 Mary Wallace Hewlett, trustee to Trico Service Corp., 1 acre, Gloucester Point, \$85,000.
 Todd Meinecke to Jason Thomas Wood, et al, 1.01 acres, Parcel 3, New Ground, Ware, \$349,000.
 Patricia L. Johnson to Patricia L. Johnson, et al, 2.1552 acres, Parcel B1, Abingdon, gift.
 George W. Rutter, et al, to George W. Rutter, et al, trustees, 6.5 acres, Ware, no consideration.
 Melissa D. Johnson, administrator, to East Lake Builders, LLC, 0.48 acre, Abingdon, \$70,500.
 Cheryl Inge Shipley, et al, to William Chester Peed Jr., et al, 13.4079 acres, Petersburg, \$55,000.
 Channing W. Mitchell, trustee, to Ashburne Warren Mitchell, et al, 1.591 acres, Parcel 3, Ware, gift.
 Daniel W. Marshall IV to Anthony L. Alger, et al, 1.4868 acres, Petersburg, \$301,000.
 Kendra L. Rhudy, et al, to Craig Bresley, et al, Lot 5, Timberneck Estates, Gloucester Point, \$370,000.
 Gerald R. Kalmanek, et al, to Kristina Stevens, et al, Lot 46, Section 2, Holly Springs, Ware, \$381,650.
 Melinda S. Richards to E. Claiborne Hogg 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.
 Cheryl Landers Wilson, et al, to East River Properties, LLC, 1.5067 acres, Abingdon, \$240,000.
 Hunters II, LLC to Nathan A. Eichenlaub, et al, 0.6 acre, Abingdon, \$1,000.
 Hunters II, LLC to Waled Almareh, 0.8 acre, Lot 62, Walter Reed Village, Ware, \$13,200.
 Hunters II, LLC to Waled Almareh, Lot B, Ware, \$7,150.
 Virginia Marie Robinson to Terry Miller, et al, Lot 8, Section 2, Carter's Cove, Petersburg, \$286,500.

MATHEWS

The following deeds were recorded in the Mathews County Clerk's Office during the past week:

Blanche A. Evans to Rebekah A. Mullins, 0.2526 acre, Irvinville, Village of Mathews, Westville, \$145,000.
 Emmett G. Goin Jr., et al, to Ashley Nicole Goin, 1.064 acre, Piankatank, gift.
 Brown Enterprises LLC to Raymond John Speas, et al, 0.689 acre, Lot 12, Piankatank, \$459,000.
 Jonathan G. Lewis, et al, to Vincent Negron, 2.016 acres, Lot 3A, Piankatank, \$375,000.
 The Machen Family Properties LLC to Natural Tree LLC, 26 acres, Piankatank, gift.
 Richard E. Ahlfeld to Roland Word, et al, Parcel 1: 11.2 acres; Parcel II, No. 1, Julia Smith; and Parcel III, No. 2, Starry Smith, Chesapeake, \$455,000.
 Cindy M. Scarfe, trustee, to Cindy M. Scarfe, et al, 1.5 acres, Piankatank, no consideration.
 Cynthia T. Hamlet, trustee, to Steven Clinton Hodges, 7 acres, Piankatank, \$24,500.
 Mark B. Callahan, et al, to Mark Bowman Callahan, et al, trustees, 0.7 acre, Cricket Hill, Piankatank, gift.

CIRCUIT COURT GLOUCESTER

The following cases were heard recently in Gloucester Circuit Court:

Vincent Edward Cox, 54, 8141 Carrie Lane, Hayes, was found guilty of a felony charge of make a materially false statement on a form consenting to a criminal history record check. Sentencing is set for Oct. 22 at 9:30 a.m.
 John Colie Avner Green, 30, 3206 Browns Bay Road, Hayes, was sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary, with one year, 11 months suspended, for the felony conviction of possess Schedule I/II controlled substance.
 Donnell Jermaine Taylor, 45, 10570 Indian Road, Gloucester, pleaded guilty and was found guilty of possession of a Schedule I/II controlled substance and eluding police (two counts each). The defendant was sentenced to five years in the state penitentiary, with four years suspended, for each of the two eluding convictions, and five years in the state penitentiary, with four years, nine months suspended, for each of the possession convictions. The defendant's driver's license was suspended for six months for each of the

two eluding convictions. Pursuant to a plea agreement, felony charges of possess Schedule I/II controlled substance (two counts) and a misdemeanor eluding charge were nolle prossed and removed from the court docket.

Bobby Allen Drewery Jr., 60, Kill Devil Hills, N.C., pleaded guilty and was found guilty of misdemeanor charge of Driving While Intoxicated and was sentenced to 12 months' jail and fined \$500.

David Patrick Adams, 32, 10186 Maryus Road, Hayes, was sentenced to two three-year terms in the state penitentiary, each with two years, three months suspended, for the felony convictions of assault law enforcement officer (two counts).

Ronald Joseph Helmick Jr., 41, Tappahannock, pleaded guilty and was found guilty of felony charges of possess Schedule I/II controlled substance and possess stun weapon after having been convicted of a felony. The defendant was sentenced to 10 years in the state penitentiary, with nine years, nine months suspended, for the possession conviction and five years in the state penitentiary, all suspended, for possessing the stun weapon. Pursuant to a plea agreement, felony charges of possess Schedule I/II controlled substance and possess firearm after having been convicted of a felony were nolle prossed and removed from the court docket.

Brian Kevin Burns, 49, 7727 Willis Road, Hayes, pleaded guilty and was found guilty of felony charge of possess ammunition after having been convicted of a felony. The defendant was sentenced to five years in the state penitentiary with four years, five months suspended.

Christopher Brian Chittum, 47, 4237 Piney Swamp Road, Hayes, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of possess Schedule I/II controlled substance. The court did not enter a finding, instead deferring the matter and placing the defendant on probation. The defendant was ordered to comply with a number of conditions, including the performance of 100 hours of community service. If, at the end of a one-year period, the defendant complies with the court's conditions, the court will dismiss the charge herein.

MATHEWS

A Mathews County grand jury, meeting on Monday, July 15, returned indictments on the following charges:
 Jude Knighten Hess, 20, 211 Cobbs Shores Drive, Cobbs Creek, a felony charge of destruction of property, June 6, 2024.
 William Dea Ailsworth, 58, Farnham, a felony charge of strangulation, May 14, 2024.

The following case was also heard recently in Mathews Circuit Court:

Nicholas James Krikales, 57, 1095 Circle Drive, Port Haywood, felony charge of arson was amended to destruction of property. The defendant pleaded guilty and was found guilty of the amended felony charge and sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary, with two years, 10 months suspended. Pursuant to a plea agreement, misdemeanor charges of prevent call to 911 and domestic assault and battery were nolle prossed and removed from the court docket.

DISTRICT COURT GLOUCESTER

The following cases were heard in Gloucester General District Court on July 10-11:

Rebecca Ann Bailey, P.O. Box 85, Hayes, shoplifting, \$121 costs and 90 days' jail; 75 days of jail sentence suspended. Also, shoplifting, \$96 costs and 90 days' jail; jail sentence suspended.
 Corrine Divonne Bolton, White Stone, unauthorized use of a vehicle, \$726 costs and 12 months' jail; jail sentence suspended. Also, fail to appear, \$216 costs and five days' jail.
 Jacob Aaron Elias, 7076 Bray Road, Hayes, Driving While Intoxicated, \$250 fine and \$226 costs, 90 days' jail, operator's license suspended one year; imposition of 90-day jail sentence suspended upon successful completion of ASAP.
 Betty Ann Grant, 3388 Woodside Street, Hayes, reckless driving, \$250 fine and \$226 costs, 90 days' jail, operator's license suspended 180 days; imposition of 90-day-jail sentence suspended upon successful completion of ASAP.
 Stacey Lynn Koebach, 10434 Indian Road, Gloucester, petit larceny, \$241 costs and 12 months' jail; 11 months, 20 days of jail sentence suspended.
 Stacy Michelle Lewis, 8566 Guinea Road, Hayes, petit larceny, \$241 costs and 90 days' jail; 75 days of jail sentence suspended. Also, fail to comply with terms of Local Probation and Pretrial Services, \$130 costs and 56 days' jail; 30 days of jail sentence suspended.
 Morticia Ann McCoy, White Stone, shoplifting, \$251 costs and 60 days' jail; 56 days of jail sentence suspended.
 David Lee Morris, Yorktown, violate terms of good behavior, \$120 costs and 90 days of previously suspended jail sentence revoked.
 Michele Marsh Pearson, 6915 Healy Avenue, Gloucester, trespassing, \$216 costs and 90 days' jail; jail sentence suspended. Also, trespassing, \$208 costs and 90 days' jail; jail sentence suspended. Also, shoplifting, \$216 costs and 90 days' jail; jail sentence suspended.

Amber Michelle Rodriguez, 2006 Pigeon Hill Road, Hayes, DWI, \$250 fine and \$216 costs, 90 days' jail, operator's license suspended one year; imposition of 90-day-jail sentence suspended upon successful completion of ASAP.
 Anthony Michael Vanzant, Delta-

ville, DWI, \$250 fine and \$216 costs, 90 days' jail, operator's license suspended one year; imposition of 90-day-jail sentence suspended upon successful completion of ASAP.

Richard Alan Watson, Newport News, DWI (second offense), \$500 fine and \$341 costs, six months' jail, operator's license suspended three years; five months, 20 days of jail sentence suspended upon successful completion of ASAP.

Ronald Lee Williams, 6433 Burleigh Road, Gloucester, petit larceny, \$150 fine and \$121 costs, 12 months' jail; 11 months, 15 days of jail sentence suspended.

Michael David Acker, Suffolk, drive after license revoked/suspended, \$100 fine and \$131 costs, 90 days' jail, operator's license suspended 90 days; 80 days of jail sentence suspended.

Heather Michelle Ayers, 10405 Woods Cross Road, Gloucester, reckless driving (80/45), \$1,250 fine and \$106 costs, 10 days' jail, operator's license suspended 180 days; jail sentence suspended.

Jonathan Castellianos, Newport News, reckless driving (79/45), \$1,000 fine and \$106 costs, 10 days' jail, operator's license suspended 180 days; jail sentence suspended. Also, drive after license revoked/suspended, \$100 fine and \$35 costs, 90 days' jail, operator's license suspended 90 days; jail sentence suspended.

Brian Keith Rochette, 7030 Motley Landing Drive, Gloucester, drive after license revoked/suspended, \$100 fine and \$216 costs, 90 days' jail; jail sentence suspended.

MATHEWS

The following cases were heard this week in Mathews General District Court:

Brandi Elizabeth Conner, Gwynn, no driver's license, \$101 costs and 12 months' jail; jail sentence suspended. Also, drive after license revoked/suspended, \$500 fine and \$50 costs.

Clark Ryerson Daniel, Hartfield, fail to comply with terms of court order, 345 days of previously suspended jail sentence revoked with 325 days resuspended. Also, failure to comply with LP&PS, \$120 costs and 345 days of previously suspended jail sentence revoked with 325 days resuspended.

Franklin V. Forrest, Susan, Driving While Intoxicated (second offense), \$1,000 fine and \$416 costs, 12 months' jail, operator's license suspended three years; 11 months of jail sentence suspended upon successful completion of ASAP.

Robert Haywood, Susan, fail to stop at scene of accident, \$216 costs and 12 months' jail; jail sentence suspended.

Collin Rainer Menke, Susan, destruction of property, \$221 costs and 60 days' jail; jail sentence suspended.

Ron E. Washington, Urbana, drive after license revoked/suspended, \$150 fine and \$146 costs, 30 days' jail, operator's license suspended; jail sentence suspended.

SHERIFF'S REPORT GLOUCESTER

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

DAMAGED PROPERTY: A GCSO deputy was dispatched to the 2600 block of George Washington Memorial Highway in reference to property damage the morning of July 15. A sign on the property had apparently been struck by a vehicle in the past two months; GCSO deputies discovered the front door windows were broken at the Raceway convenience store the morning of July 21. An investigation revealed this incident occurred during the overnight hours. There was no entry made to the business. This is an active investigation.

CONCEALING MERCHANDISE: A 38-year-old Gloucester woman was charged with concealing merchandise after a GCSO deputy was dispatched to Walmart in reference to shoplifting the afternoon of July 15. A suspect was observed allegedly stealing from the store. The same suspect was charged with concealing merchandise again after a GCSO deputy was dispatched to Walmart in reference to past incidents of shoplifting the morning of July 16. Loss prevention discovered a suspect had been stealing from the store on multiple occasions during the months of June and July. A 61-year-old Locust Hill woman was charged with concealing merchandise after a GCSO deputy was dispatched to Walmart in reference to a report of shoplifting the afternoon of July 16. A suspect was observed allegedly stealing from the store.

POSSESSION: A 25-year-old Gloucester man was charged with possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, possession of a firearm while in possession of drugs and contributing to the delinquency of a minor after GCSO deputies observed a suspicious vehicle parked in the area of Market Drive the evening of July 15. A K9 alerted to the vehicle and occupants were detained. A four-month-old child was also observed in the vehicle. Suspected methamphetamine along with scales and a roll of plastic baggies were discovered in the vehicle. In addition, a firearm was found in the center console; A 55-year-old Hayes man was charged with three counts of possession of a Schedule I/II controlled substance after a GCSO deputy observed a vehicle being operated by a wanted person in the area of Clopton Drive during the early morning hours of July 17. The suspect had an outstanding probation violation. A search incident to arrest revealed suspected methamphetamine, Adderall and other suspected amphetamine pills with no prescription; A 30-year-old Gloucester man was charged with possession of a Schedule I/II controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia after GCSO deputies received a tip of a wanted person traveling as a passenger in a vehicle in the area of John Clayton Memorial Highway the afternoon of July 20. Deputies located the individual in the vehicle question at the 7-Eleven located on Crab Thicket Road. The suspect was taken into custody of the outstanding warrant. A search led to the discovery of suspected fentanyl and heroin. A syringe was also located.

ELUDING: A 33-year-old Gloucester man was charged with felony eluding law enforcement, reckless driving by speed, reckless driving general, obstruction of justice, driving with a suspended license and driving without a motorcycle endorsement after a GCSO deputy observed a motorcycle driving 78 mph in a 55-mph posted zone while on George Washington Memorial Highway near Fleming Rilee Lane the night of July 15. The deputy attempted a traffic stop, but the motorcycle fled at a high rate of speed. The pursuit reached Chestnut Fork Road where the motorcycle began passing other vehicles on the wrong side of the roadway. Virginia State Police assisted with the pursuit. While in the 5000 block of Hickory Fork Road, the motorcycle crashed into the rear of a state trooper's marked patrol vehicle. The driver of the motorcycle was transported by ambulance to the Riverside Walter Reed Hospital emergency room where he was treated and released.

ABDUCTION: A 28-year-old Gloucester man was charged with abduction after GCSO deputies were dispatched to the 6700 block of Magnolia Drive in reference to a domestic incident during the early morning hours of July 16. A victim reported to 911 emergency dispatchers that she had been locked in a closet by her boyfriend. Deputies arrived and discovered a closet chained shut with a screwdriver holding it in place. Deputies were able to free the victim. There were no physical injuries that required emergency medical care.

UNAUTHORIZED USE: A 26-year-old man was charged with unauthorized use of a vehicle after GCSO deputies were dispatched to the 1600 block of George Washington Memorial Highway in reference to a report of a stolen vehicle the morning of July 16. A regional manager of U-Haul reported an individual rented a vehicle for four hours on July 4, 2024, but refused to return it. An investigation led to the recovery of the vehicle in York County.

FRAUD: A GCSO deputy fielded a report in reference to a fraud report the morning of July 16. A Gloucester resident reported an individual applied for a student loan using their personal identifying information.

HIT AND RUN: A GCSO deputy fielded a report in reference to a hit and run the morning of July 17. A victim reported they had parked their vehicle at St. Therese Roman Catholic Church the previous evening. Upon returning, the victim observed minor damage to their vehicle. The victim reported another white vehicle had been parked near their vehicle upon entering the church; a GCSO deputy was dispatched to a hit and run in the area of George

Washington Memorial Highway and Woods Cross Road the afternoon of July 21. A royal blue Hyundai Kona allegedly struck a victim's vehicle while changing lanes before taking off at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was last seen traveling northbound on George Washington Memorial Highway. This is an active investigation.

LARCENY: A GCSO deputy was dispatched to Wawa convenience store in reference to a past shoplifting incident the afternoon of July 17. An investigation revealed a white female and a white male walked into the store with three male juveniles and allegedly stole from the store. This is an active investigation; A 22-year-old Hayes woman was charged with petit larceny after a GCSO deputy was dispatched to Walmart in reference to a report of shoplifting the morning of July 19. A suspect was allegedly observed stealing from the store; A 35-year-old Gloucester woman was charged with petit larceny after a GCSO deputy was dispatched to Wawa in reference to a report of shoplifting the afternoon of July 19. A suspect was allegedly observed stealing items from the store and left the scene prior to law enforcement's arrival. The suspect was charged later the same day; A GCSO deputy was dispatched to the 7800 block of Tidemill Road in reference to a theft the afternoon of July 19. An outboard boat motor was stolen from a dock sometime over the weekend. This is an active investigation; A GCSO deputy was dispatched to South Street in reference to a vehicle break-in the evening of July 19. Several items were discovered stolen from a victim's vehicle. This was believed to have happened during the overnight hours of July 18. This is an active investigation.

FALSE SUMMONS: GCSO deputies were dispatched to the 4000 block of Holts Lane in reference to a reported murder the night of July 20. An investigation revealed this was a "swatting" incident. This is an active investigation.

ASSAULT: A 67-year-old Hayes man was charged with assault and battery of a family member after GCSO deputies were dispatched to the 6900 block of Fields Landing Road in reference to a domestic incident the evening of July 20. A victim was observed with injuries that did not require emergency medical care.

BURGLARY: GCSO deputies discovered the In & Out Food Mart had been burglarized during the early morning hours of July 21. Glass on the front door had been broken during the overnight hours. A cash register with an undisclosed amount of U.S. currency was discovered stolen. This is an active investigation.

MATHEWS

The Mathews County Sheriff's Office reported the following incident that occurred during the past week.

On Monday, July 15, deputies conducted a traffic stop on a tan Subaru in the 1600 block of Buckley Hall Road for an altered exhaust. Upon the arrival of a narcotic detection K-9, the driver admitted to having illegal substances in his vehicle. The vehicle was ultimately searched, and illegal narcotics were located. The vehicle was towed, and the driver, a 21-year-old male resident of Gloucester, was released on a summons for driving suspended. Additional charges are pending.

During the past week, Mathews County's anonymous tip reporting system Tip411, received six anonymous tips that have been instrumental in law enforcement efforts, according to the Mathews County Sheriff's Office. Deputies followed up and communicated with the tipsters.

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

For immediate assistance, call 911 or contact dispatchers at the non-emergency number, 804-725-7177.

FIRE REPORT ABINGDON

Members of Abingdon Volunteer Fire and Rescue responded to 49 calls for assistance from July 8-14, as follows: 38 medical calls, eight public assists, two motor vehicle accidents and one report of a tree on a power pole.

GLOUCESTER

During the week of July 14, Gloucester Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad, Inc., responded to 69 medical and eight fire calls for service. Medical calls included 37 medical, 23 trauma, four assists, and five others. GVFRS transported 38 patients to the hospital. Fire calls included six motor vehicle accidents and two others.

MATHEWS

July 16, 4 p.m., vehicle accident, Ridge Road and John Clayton Memorial Highway, two engines.

July 17, 8:45 p.m., vehicle fire, 400 block of Chapel Lane, Cobbs Creek, one engine.

July 18, 9:35 a.m., skid steer smoking, 100 block of Greene Road, Mathews, one engine.



SHERRY HAMILTON / GAZETTE-JOURNAL

The courtroom at Mathews Circuit Court was packed last Tuesday with local residents interested in learning about CERT—the Community Emergency Response Team program. Leading the discussion, standing in front of the group, from right, were Gloucester County Emergency Management Coordinator Jane Wenner and Mathews County Sheriff April Edwards.

Large crowd turns out for CERT informational meeting in Mathews

The courtroom at Mathews Circuit Court was packed last Tuesday with local residents interested in learning about CERT—the Community Emergency Response Team program.

The CERT program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for hazards that might impact the county and trains them in such basic disaster response skills as

fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, disaster medical operations, and disaster psychology, according to a description on the Gloucester County CERT webpage.

The website explained further that the training enables CERT members to assist in their neighborhoods or workplaces following an

event when professional responders are not immediately available.

Free training for new team members in Mathews, Gloucester and Middlesex will be held from 8:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Oct. 21 and 22 at Mathews Volunteer Rescue Squad, 94 Cricket Hill Road, Hudgins. Lunch will be provided.

Virginia adds 15,000 new jobs in June

Virginia reported non-farm payroll employment gains of 15,000 in the month of June, totaling 258,000 more jobs since January 2022.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Local Area Unemployment Statistics ("LAUS" or "the household survey"), Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 2.7 percent in June, which is 0.1 percentage points above the rate from a year ago. This is 1.4 percentage points below the national rate, which increased by 0.1 percent to 4.1 percent over the month.

"Virginia's continued, strong job growth this month reflects the success of our pro-business, pro-growth efforts that make Virginia the best state in the

nation for business," said Gov. Glenn Youngkin. "We will stay focused on driving policies that unleash record job growth and opportunity for all Virginians, while also providing record state resources to continue bringing down taxes, making critical investments in key priorities, and attracting business expansion in the commonwealth."

"Amidst national fluctuations, Virginia's employment landscape remains robust," said Secretary of Labor Bryan Slater. "Maintaining a steady unemployment rate at 2.7 percent demonstrates a strong employment situation; at the same time, we're committed to getting more Virginians off the sidelines by providing

training and resources to get Virginians back in the labor force to secure stable, well-paying jobs."

According to the BLS household survey, the number of employed residents decreased modestly by 1,786 to 4,452,426. The labor force decreased by 4,155 to 4,574,821, and the labor force participation rate decreased to 66.2 percent, as the number of unemployed residents decreased by 2,369 to 122,395. The labor force participation rate measures the proportion of the civilian population age 16 and older that is employed or actively looking for work.

For more details, visit the Virginia Works LMI website at <https://virginiaworks.com>.

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1st CD Democrats endorse Kamala Harris

Dianne Carter de Mayo, chair of Virginia's First Congressional District Democratic Committee, issued the following statement on behalf of the National Delegates elected by the committee:

"As a Democratic Committee, we would like to thank President Biden for his many years of service to our nation. He will be remembered for his patriotic love of country before self, for leadership on the world stage, for rebuilding the United States' relationships with our allies, for rebuilding our domestic infrastructure, for bringing us successfully out of the Covid crisis, and for standing for 'small-d' democracy when its very existence was threatened.

"Not since the Civil War have we seen anti-democratic forces threaten our republic in the ways we've seen since January 6th, 2021, and President Biden stood up. He stood up for students, for women's rights, for labor unions, for access to affordable health care, and for the rights of all Americans to have their votes count to determine the governance of our nation.

"Now he has passed the

torch to his Vice President, Kamala Harris, who the First District Committee and our delegates to the Democratic Convention in Chicago wholeheartedly endorse in our party's open nomination process, and who we intend to help win a sweeping victory in November. She is focused on uniting our nation, on strengthening our national security, on protecting and restoring the rights of women to make decisions about our own bodies, and we respect that 14 million primary voters endorsed her at the polls.

"Vice President Harris is trained, tried, tested, and ready, and she is energizing our base and those Americans who do not intend to allow a dictatorship to take root on our shores. She has broken so many barriers, and we cannot wait to help her career prosecutor take on her opponent, the felon. We join with the Virginia Latino Caucus, the Virginia Legislative Black Caucus, the Virginia Young Democrats, and the Virginia Delegation to the Democratic National Convention in endorsing Vice President Harris and we will strive to ensure her election."

Gloucester Democrats support President Biden's decision to bow out

"The Gloucester County Democratic Committee supports President Joe Biden's decision to not seek reelection," according to a statement from committee chair Pam Garner released Monday.

"President Biden has served the citizens of our great country for over 40 years, as Senator, Vice President and President. He has

maintained our standing as a world leader during times of international crises. Due to his leadership, an extensive list of key legislative measures were passed, positively impacting our daily lives, along with historic job growth. We have confidence in the Democratic National Committee's nomination process moving forward and are eager to learn our next steps."



LEGALS

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 seeking a buffer modification to the required 100-foot resource protection area will be heard by the Chesapeake Bay Preservation & Erosion Commission:

CBPEC 24-18 - Raymond Weiland seeking authorization for encroachment into the 100' buffer for the construction of 30' x 50' shed at Tax Map 40-79 in Gloucester County, Virginia.

Interested parties are invited to attend the meetings. 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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LEGAL NOTICE
Mathews County Wetlands Board hereby gives notice that on **Wednesday, August 7th, 2024 at 7 PM** in the Mathews County Historic Courthouse, 27 Court Street, Mathews, VA, the Board will hold a public hearing regarding requests for authorization of the following applications:

Hugh Bryan III, 305 Marina Rd., North, VA 23128 VMRC #2024-1513, Tax Map #24-A-49 - Request to repair 50 linear feet of existing rock sill and install 40 linear feet of rock sill, backfill with sand nourishment and wetland plantings on a portion of Oakland Creek.

Jill and Robert Jones, 198 Rigby Lane, Diggs, VA 23045 VMRC #2024-1159, Tax Map #22-A-117 & 117J - Request to repair 440 linear feet of existing riprap revetment within the existing footprint, backfill with sand nourishment and wetland plantings. Install 510 linear feet of an armor stone sill, backfill with sand nourishment and wetland plantings on a portion of the Chesapeake Bay.

Interested parties are invited to attend the meeting. Applications may be reviewed at the Mathews County Wetlands Board office, located in the County Administration Building, 50 Brickbat Road, Mathews, Virginia, Monday-Friday, from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or online at <https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/habitat/index.php/>

**KATY WALDEN, CHAIRMAN
MATHEWS COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD
3011**

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Va. Code Ann §58.01-316, -317
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
County of Gloucester Circuit Court
William Woodrow Barrack
v.
Martesha Sue (Thompson) Isaac

Case No. CL24-678
The object of this suit is to: **OBTAIN A DIVORCE A VINCULO MATRIMONII OR FROM THE BONDS ON MATRIMONY ON THE GROUNDS OF A ONE YEAR SEPARATION PURSUANT TO §20-91.** It appearing from an affidavit that the defendant is:

1. [] a non-resident individual, other than a non-resident individual fiduciary who has appointed a statutory agent;
OR
2.[X] that due diligence has been used without effect, by or on the behalf of the plaintiff to ascertain in what county or city defendant is.

OR
[] cannot be served with court process, and that a return has been filed by the Sheriff which shows that the process has been in his or her hands for twenty-one (21) days and the Sheriff has been unable to make service;
and the last known address of the Defendant is as follows: LK/A 1584 Standing Pine Rd., Walnut Grove, MS 39189.

It is ORDERED that Martesha Sue (Thompson) Isaac appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before August 23, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. I ask for this:

William Woodrow Barrack, Plaintiff, Pro Se
Entered this 10th day of July, 2024
Jeffrey W. Shaw
PRESIDING JUDGE

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
GLOUCESTER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Thomas Calhoun Walker Education Center Auditorium, 6099 T.C. Walker Road, Gloucester, Virginia to consider the following:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 19, WATER, SEWERS AND SEWAGE ARTICLE IV, COUNTY SEWER SYSTEM, SECTIONS 19-52.5, 19-52.6 AND 19-55.1 AND ARTICLE V, COUNTY WATER SYSTEM, SECTIONS 19-132 AND 19-138 AND TO REVISE WHEN A PUBLIC UTILITY MAY BE DISCONNECTED DUE TO NONPAYMENT/DELINQUENCY

As a result of recent amendments to the Code of Virginia and the enactment of §15.2-2121.2, the Board of Supervisors will consider an ordinance amending Chapter 19, Water, Sewers and Sewage, Article IV, County Sewer System, Sections 19-52.5, 19-52.6 and 19-55.1 and Article V, County Water System, Sections 19-132 and 19-138 of the Gloucester County Code. The proposed amendment is intended to revise when a public utility may be disconnected due to nonpayment/delinquency.

The preceding is a summary, not the full text, of the Ordinance. It is not intended to be a comprehensive representation of all the Ordinance provisions and does not substitute for the full text of the draft

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Ordinance, which is available for review on the web at www.gloucesterva.gov and in the County Administrator's Office at 6489 Main Street, Gloucester, Virginia.

The meeting will be broadcast live through the County website meeting portal at: <https://www.gloucesterva.info/640/Meeting-Portal> and on Cox channel 48.

All interested parties are invited to express their views on this matter. Citizen comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing by three different methods:

To submit comments online, complete the Citizen Comment Submission form (www.gloucesterva.info/citizencomment). Please follow the instructions on the form to indicate the public hearing on which you want to comment.

Comments may also be submitted by calling and leaving a message at 804-824-2760. Follow the prompts to leave comments for this specific public hearing, and clearly indicate your name (including spelling if needed) and your magisterial district.

Finally, 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 these methods must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, and will be read or played aloud during the public hearing up to the set time limit of 3 minutes.

"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, shall be read only once per letter, along with the list of persons submitting the same comments pursuant to such "form letter."

Persons requiring assistance to submit comments for the meeting should contact the Gloucester County Administrator's office at (804) 693-4042.

Carol Steele, County Administrator
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GLOUCESTER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

The Gloucester County Board of Supervisors will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Thomas Calhoun Walker Education Center Auditorium, 6099 T.C. Walker Road, Gloucester, Virginia, to consider the following:

Rezoning Application Z-24-01 - An application by George Washington Memorial Highway II, LLC to amend the Gloucester County Zoning Map to reclassify 13.72 +/- acres (TM 39-201, RPC #33859) from SC-1, Suburban Countryside, to B-1, Business (Conditional). The purpose of the application is to permit the construction of an access road and a portion of a Gas Station and a Convenience Store with a Drive Through (to be located on both TM 39-201 and 39-208, RPC #33859 and 29093). In addition, the Concept Plan for the parcel to be rezoned (TM 39-201) illustrates additional commercial areas that may (but is not required to) contain commercial, retail, and/or self-storage uses, or other uses permitted in the B-1 district. The property is located in the Abingdon Magisterial District along Route 17 North, north of Riverbend Apartments (Zandler Way).

The applicant has requested that the rezoning application be amended to reclassify only 0.69 +/- acres of TM 39-201 (RPC #33859) from SC-1, Suburban Countryside, to B-1, Business (Conditional) in response to comments received by citizens and the Planning Commission at the Commission's July Public Hearing. The amended Concept Plan illustrates only an access road as well as a Gas Station and a Convenience Store with a Drive Through (to be located on both TM 39-201 and 39-208, RPC #33859 and 29093) with no additional commercial areas on TM 39-201.

The Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that Mr. Robert J. Stifel (VMRC #2024-1311) is requesting a permit from Virginia Marine Resources Commission to construct a 30-foot long extension to an existing breakwater and add clean sand as beach nourishment landward of the breakwater along the York River shoreline at 9268 Sandy Pines Lane in Gloucester County.

You may provide comments on this application (VMRC #2024-1311) at <https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/habitat/comments/>. We will accept comments by the USPS provided they are received within 15 days of this notice to: Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg. 96, Hampton, VA 23651.

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