

## UPCYCLING: *Bethany Bazaar has something for everyone*

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shop the 90 percent off sales for items that can be turned into something new for year-round use or Christmas. After Valentine's Day, Burner purchased Styrofoam hearts to upcycle into a something not at all related to the holiday. She will also scour Dollar Tree stores for inexpensive supplies.

"We recycle a lot, and we wouldn't be able to do this if we didn't," said Burner.

The church will also trade items with Cathy Raines, founder of Upsy Daisy Creative Reuse Center, which is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

"We get stuff from her and she gets stuff from us," said Burner.

"It's a good partnership," said Nancy Wilburn, a church volunteer.

Church volunteers will take different supplies and make a completely unique object for the bazaar. The church has several supply closets and whole rooms dedicated to making items for the bazaar.

"It's everywhere," said Burner. "Everywhere where there's an empty space."

Even in the middle of the summer, volunteers will be found making Christmas decorations and ornaments since those are among some of the best-selling items in November.

"Carved Santas were very popular," said Wilburn about last year's bazaar.

The bazaar is organized in different rooms based on type of item, such as yarn, woodworking, Christmas, quilts and vintage.

"We have an art gallery with paintings," said Wilburn.

The night before the bazaar, the church will hold a "Mistletoe and Munchies" ticketed dinner where customers can look through the rooms and plan what they would like to buy. The next day, they come back to pur-

chase the items. Some buyers even make a map of the rooms so they can go back for exactly what they want the next day.

"We open at nine, but we usually have a line," said Burner. Bethany United

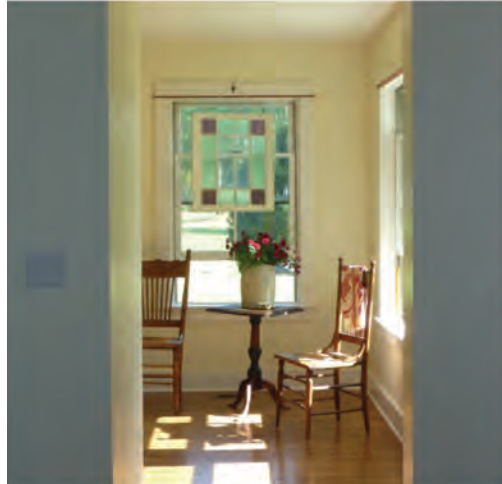
Church has had customers arrive as early as 7:30 the morning of the bazaar, which runs from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The bazaar also has a silent auction component. This year, one featured si-

lent auction item will be a restored dollhouse.

Baked goods can also be purchased at the bazaar, all made by the women of the church.

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“It’s the best bazaar I’ve ever been to,” said Burner. “It’s a lot of work,” she said. The week before the ba-

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Church volunteers Dave Ayers, Ken Freeman and Al Burner, from left, are shown working on their upcycling projects for the bazaar.



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zaar, volunteers can be found hard at work organizing items in their dedicated rooms.

The thousands of items

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Many items the church sells at its bazaar are Christmas-themed since the event is held in November. Pictured above are some of the winter decorations already made and tagged for the bazaar, including jewelry, wreaths and ornaments.



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The church holds a silent auction component to its annual bazaar. This year, a dollhouse will be included in the auction. Pictured are pieces



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A peek inside the bazaar craft supply room.



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Many nautical items are also sold at the bazaar. Pictured at left is a driftwood mirror. At right, customers may also purchase a seashell heart decorative sign.

## UPCYCLING: *Hidden treasures*

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created for the bazaar is a big 10-month commitment for the 10-15 volunteers who faithfully show up to the church every Thursday morning, though some volunteers work from home and bring in their finished objects later. They certainly use their creativity to make something old into some-

thing new again.

"She's our idea person," said Wilburn about Burner.

"You never know what you can do," said Burner.

For those interested in donating to the bazaar, call the church office at 804-642-2110.

This year's bazaar will be held on Nov. 9, with "Mistletoe and Munchies" the day before.

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# Upsy Daisy celebrates one year of upscaling treasures

BY MELANY SLAUGHTER

“Don’t throw that away! Give it to Upsy Daisy.”

Upsy Daisy Creative Reuse

Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit located at 3261 George Washington Memorial Highway in Hayes associated with

Bethany United Methodist Church, marked one year in business early last month. Since opening, the low-cost

arts and crafts supply store has saved 11,027 pounds of recyclable material from the landfill.

Many of founder Cathy Raines’s customers encourage others to donate their unwanted items to the store to be reused in upcycling projects—the process of making old items into something new.

“We find a place for pretty much anything,” said Raines.

“We don’t trash very much,” said Upsy Daisy volunteer Nancy Dyson.

The store has so many items that it has filled every room to the brim, packed away holiday-themed items

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Upsy Daisy Creative Reuse Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit located at 3261 George Washington Memorial Highway in Hayes associated with Bethany United Methodist Church, marked one year in business early last month. Upsy Daisy founder Cathy Raines (right) is pictured with volunteer Nancy Dyson.

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Upsy Daisy is always prepared with the latest holiday and seasonal decorations. Pictured is a Mother's Day display volunteers recently put together.

## UPSY DAISY: *One year strong*

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in the basement and stored any extra items that do not yet have a place inside the shop's shed.

"We're constantly reorganizing," said Raines.

Upsy Daisy helps with the Jubilee of Churches, which will assist recently homeless individuals furnish their new living spaces. The group needed a tall dresser that would fit in a limited floor plan and Raines was able to donate one she had in storage. The store was also able to donate a television to Knott Alone-Hold Fast, a support group for veterans. Helping the Homeless Thrift store will give Upsy Daisy

denim that it cannot sell so volunteers can turn it into purses and bags.

"Anything to keep it out of the landfill," said Dyson.

The reuse center currently has about 12 active volunteers who help operate the business. Others help with what they can from home—untangling yarn, washing items and finishing projects.

"We have such talented volunteers," said Raines.

Upsy Daisy has a variety of craft items for sale, including yarn, crochet hooks, knitting needles, fabric, patterns for different projects, various holiday decorations,

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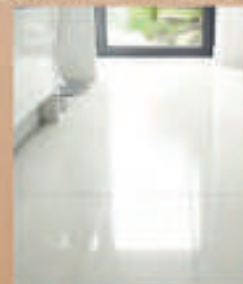
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Baskets (above) and fabric (above, right) hang from wooden ladders at Upsy Daisy.



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## UPSY DAISY: *Creative crafting*

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stamps, embroidery floss, mesh, ribbon, artificial flowers, beads, scrapbook materials, fusion paint, buttons, greeting cards and so much more.

Upsy Daisy recently received a donation of “Unicorn Spit,” which is a gel stain. The store sold the bottles for 50 cents each and a woman drove all the way from Hampton to buy the paint. Unbeknownst to Upsy Daisy at the time, Unicorn

Spit goes for about \$7 per bottle. isn’t good,” said Raines. If crafters are looking

“The true crafters, they know what’s good and what

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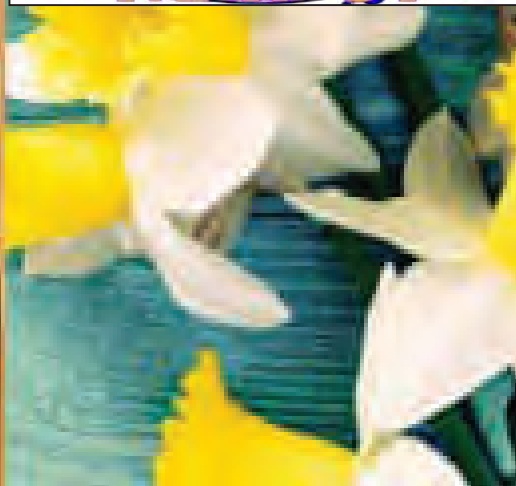
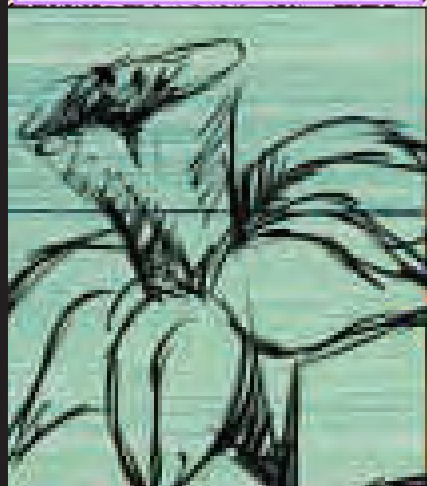
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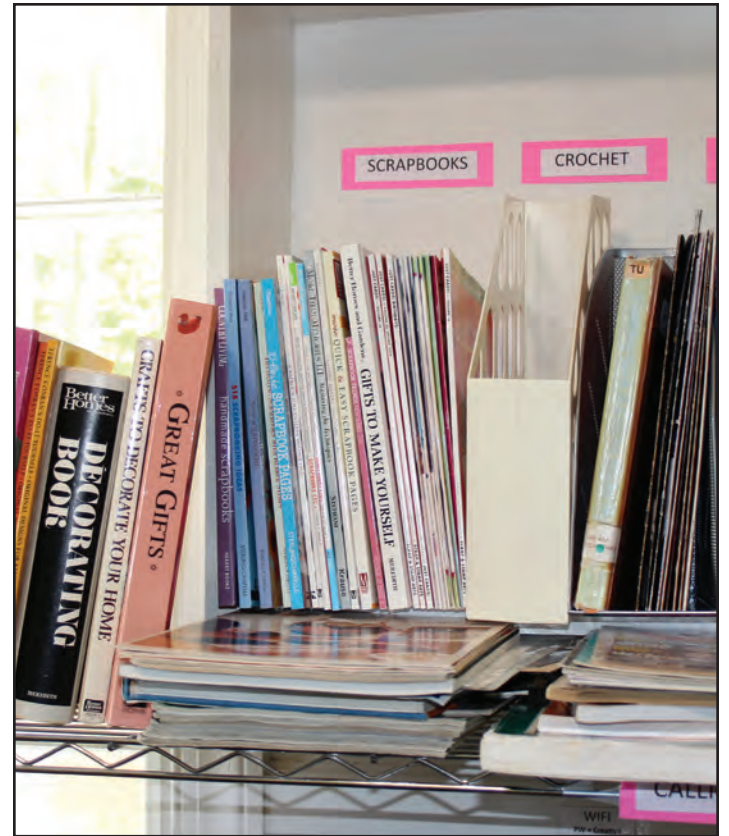
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Look for ribbon supplies (left) and buttons at Upsy Daisy for your next project.



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Want to learn a new skill? Be sure to check Upsy Daisy for books on crocheting, knitting, scrapbooking and more.

## UPSY DAISY: *Creative crafting*

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for inspiration on how to use their new craft supplies, they can take classes through Upsy Daisy. Some previous classes the reuse center has held include rubber-stamped art, snowman painting, tote bag sewing and crochet rooster coasters.

“We have a great time here,” said Dyson. “A lot of laughs.”

The store is always in need of more volunteers. To learn more, visit the reuse center or call 757-940-3261. For updates on merchandise and upcoming classes, visit the Upsy Daisy Creative Reuse

Center Facebook page.

Upsy Daisy is holding a yard sale in the field adjacent to its parking lot on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.



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The Gloucester High School renovation project has a busy summer planned. Pictured is the new front entrance, which was completed earlier this school year.

# GHS renovation summer schedule set

BY MELANY SLAUGHTER

“We’ve got an ambitious schedule for the summer.”

Charles Records, construction/project coordinator for Gloucester County Public Schools, is looking forward to a number of accomplishments in the ongoing renovation at Gloucester High School. Tasks ahead include renovating the media center (library), commons, extended learning area, kitchen and dining area, auxiliary gym and band, drama and choral rooms all this summer.

The boys’ locker room was recently completed and the demolition of the girls’ locker room is underway. ‘D’

hall is nearing completion and will be finished by June 6, allowing for those classes in the modular classrooms to be moved back to their original location.

“We’re still under budget,” said Records. Construction delivery is also coming in ahead of schedule.

Site plan work for the exterior of GHS is also planned for this summer. This includes creating a dedicated bus loop, restructuring the student parking lot and widening the field hockey field.

“This summer is undoubtedly the trickiest part of the project,” said Records.

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## GHS RENOVATION: *Busy summer planned*

A look at the recently completed boys' locker room at Gloucester High School. Demolition of the girls' locker room is ongoing.

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*Ahead of  
schedule*

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complete all of these major projects, the jobsite will be open 24 hours per work day and employees will be working in two shifts.

“It’s going to be wild,” said Records.

So far, the project has incurred 112,000 man-hours since the project first began in March of last year.

“We’re just about half-



Gloucester High School will have new HVAC units installed as part of the renovation process. Pictured are old HVAC units being removed from the school.

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'D' hall renovations are in full swing and are planned to be completed by June 6.

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*Currently under budget*

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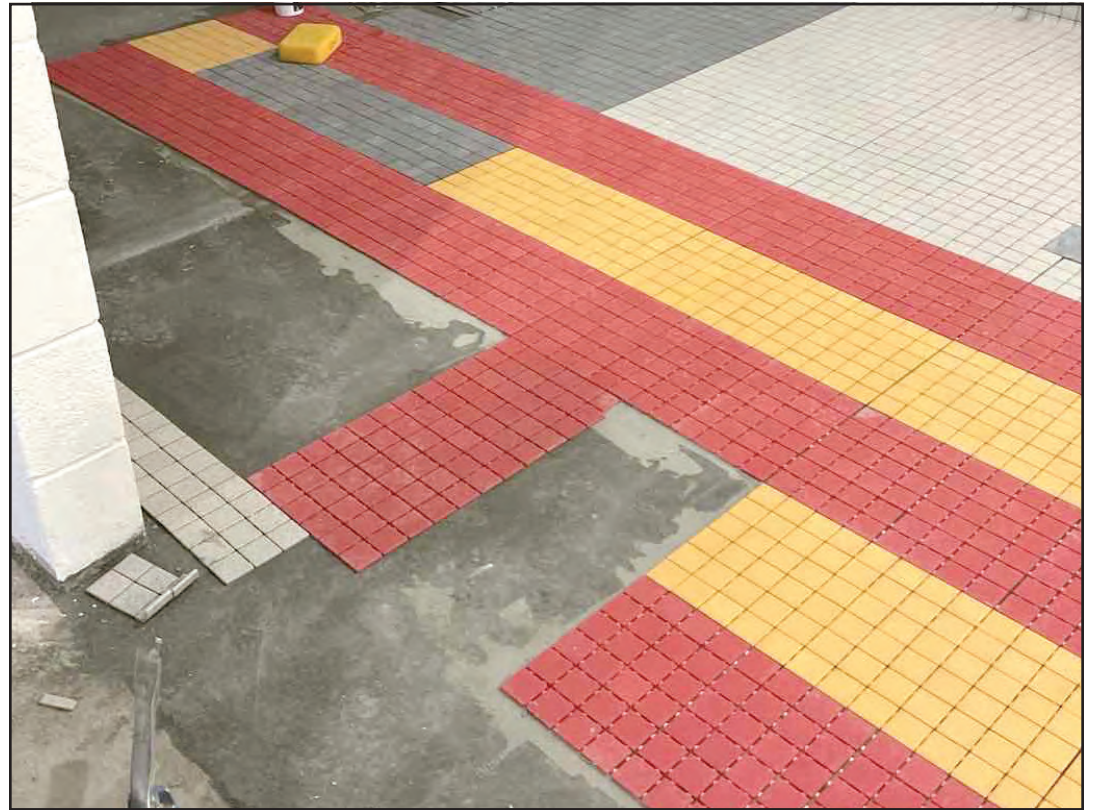
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way," said Records.

"We'll see some more dra-

At the end of this summer, approximately 65 percent of

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## GHS RENOVATION:

*Completion planned for fall 2025*

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matic changes when the kids come back to school next year,” he said.

In the fall, ‘C’ hall classrooms will be displaced to the modular classrooms with the exception of cosme-

tology, carpentry, culinary, auto mechanics and agriculture, which will all be renovated over summer 2025.

Final completion of the renovation project is slated for September 2025.

“We’re excited about the way it looks,” said Records.



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# Ware Academy expansion project begins

BY MELANY SLAUGHTER

Ware Academy held a groundbreaking ceremony for its expansion project Monday. The project is scheduled to be completed by Dec. 15 of this year.

"It's a pretty extensive project," said Head of School Dawn Fleet.

Ware is adding 5,000 square feet, which includes three additional classrooms and a new technology lab. The current technology lab is housed in the historic building.

"The rooms will be a lot bigger than they are now," said Fleet.

The new classrooms will be used for third, fourth and fifth grade students and will give them more room to move around. According to Fleet, Ware is "busting at the seams."

This will also give more room for Ware to work with if the decision is made to expand its enrollment.

"We are at capacity at this point, so we have to do something," said Fleet.

Also, part of the expansion project, an outdoor classroom will be built. A new pond will also be onsite for

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## WARE EXPANSION:

*New features to come*

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students to take part in experiential learning at their own school, instead of having to travel offsite for these lessons. The students will be able to watch tadpoles grow and learn how to take water samples. Wildlife, like frogs and birds, will also be present for students to observe.

Ware is also going to build a real parking lot and adding two new turn lanes on Route 14 right in front of the school to make parent pickup and drop-off of students easier. A new practice baseball/soft-

ball field will also be added.

As far as student enrollment goes, Fleet said Ware has increased from 130 students to 197 over the last five years.

“It’s a jump for us,” said Fleet. “We’re at a real pivotal point.”

Fleet said “keeping Ware what it is” is important to her, as well as maintaining small class sizes. “We don’t want to go too big,” she said.

So far, Ware has raised more than \$2.5 million of the

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Ware Academy held its groundbreaking ceremony for its expansion project Monday. Pictured, from left, are Head of School Dawn Fleet, Director of Special Events Catelyn Penick, and Director of Development and Assistant Head of School Patrick Billups.



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-897 Rock Springs, King & Queen Cthse, Va. 23085. Mobile Home on 2 acres, w/extra permits

-LOT 4, .46 acre, Puryear Ct, Gloucester, Va. Tax Map 24C-(2)

-LOT 96, .78 Acre, Walter Reed Village, Gloucester, Va. w/permits, Off Craney Creek Drive

-LOT .25 Acre on J.H. Seawell Dr., Gloucester, Va. Tax Map 24A, Parcel 1-B-B

-LOT .6 Acre, Gloucester, Va. Short Lane: Tax Map 32E(1)-A, RPC 24421

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-2526 Gen Puller Hwy, Saluda, Va. Building on .55 acre, zoned GB, Tax Map 27-43

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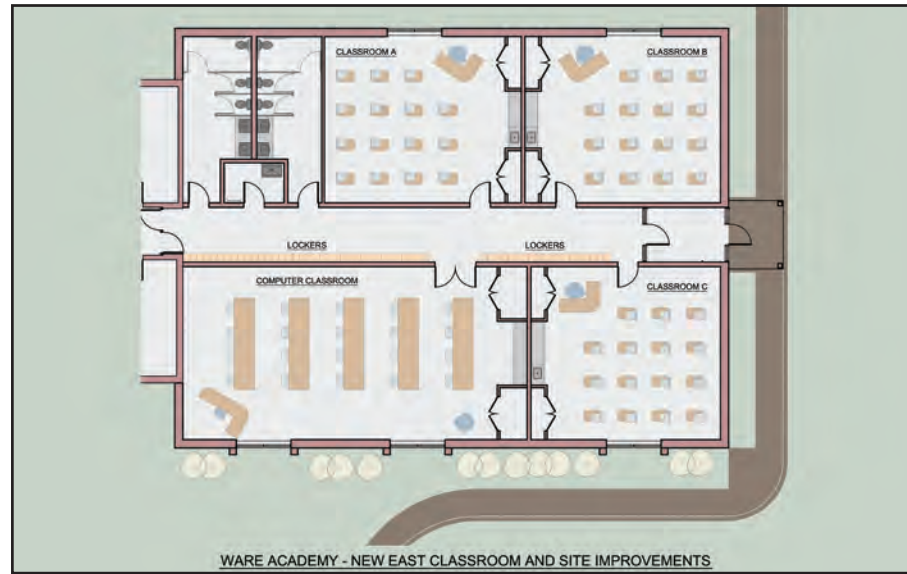
\$3 million needed to complete the project. The public phase of the project's fundraising has just begun.

"This is our biggest capital campaign," said Fleet.

Henderson Inc., a contracting company in Williamsburg, has taken the project.

To donate or to keep up with the project, Director of Development and Assistant Head of School Patrick Bil-lups said to visit ware.build online. Donors have the option of pledging over time.

"We feel Ware Academy is a key component of the Gloucester community," said Fleet.



A look at the plans for the new east classroom and site improvements.

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