

FESTIVALS, DRAG SHOWS, BIKE RIDES AND MORE • HAMPTON ROADS • 2023



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Though 2023 so far has been especially polemical with respect to LGBTQ+ rights and relations, the Hampton Roads LGBTQ+ community and its allies aren't allowing political divisiveness to deter their pride.

June is Pride Month and the region has plenty of ways to celebrate, including trivia nights, bike rides and drag performances. The list is not exhaustive and events are subject to change, but the lineup gets 10s all across the board.

Family Pride Night at the Chesapeake Central Library. 4 to 6 p.m. today. Chesapeake Central Library, 298 Cedar Road. Event includes vendors, crafts and a pink Pride runway. bit.ly/CPLpride

Second annual Portsmouth Pride Festival. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. Festival Park, 16 Crawford Circle, Portsmouth. This year's focus is on mental health and wellness within the LGBTQ+ and wider Portsmouth community. Music and entertainment. Free. portsmouthprideva.com.

Hampton Roads Unity Pageant. 8 p.m. Saturday. 37th and Zen, 1083 W. 37th St., Norfolk. The theme is Garden of Eden, and the night includes

an auction and raffle to benefit the Hampton Roads Unity "Be a Pillar" scholarship. Tickets are \$5. 37thandzen.com.

Pride Month Kick off Party at M.J.'s Tavern, featuring Lady Bunny. 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. M.J.'s Tavern, 4019 Granby St., Norfolk. Drag, drinks and more. mjtavern.com.

Clyde's Pride Party at Sly Clyde Ciderworks. Noon to 6 p.m. Saturday. Sly Clyde Ciderworks, 207 E. Mellen St., Hampton. Tickets are \$30 and include a Sly Clyde T-shirt and tie-dye kit. bit.ly/Clydepride.

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REVIEW 'JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR'

God or man? Musical rocks Chrysler and stirs passions

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Fifty years into the run of the rock opera "Jesus Christ Superstar," the story of the life and death of Jesus of Nazareth still raises fierce passions across the globe.

The Passion is technically the last week of Jesus' life, beginning on Palm Sunday when he enters Jerusalem in triumph, moving through his arrest, then his crucifixion on Good Friday. The week ends with what Christians believe to be his resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday.

The events have been the subject of passion plays for hundreds of years, including our work in question, by composer Andrew Lloyd-Webber (he of the megahits "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," 1968; "Cats," 1981; and "Phantom of the Opera," 1986) and lyricist Tim Rice ("The Lion King,"



The North American tour company of "Jesus Christ Superstar." **EVAN ZIMMERMAN FOR MURPHYMADE**

1997). In interviews, the two creators frankly proclaimed that "Superstar" was written from the point of view of Judas, "with Christ as a man, not as a god." But the mob in Jerusalem two millennia ago wanted to see and understand divinity, and so, controversially and inconsistently, do we.

In its run at Chrysler Hall, Webber and Rice

give us 90 blazing minutes of screaming guitars and syncopated synthesizers (mega-sound, produced by only five partly visible onstage musicians). The lyrics, as is often the case at Chrysler, are hard to hear through the questionable sound system. (To hear the lyrics clearly, stream the also controversial but worthwhile

1973 film version directed by Norman Jewison.) For comparison's sake, you may also want to see Martin Scorsese's "The Last Temptation of Christ" (1988) with its thoroughly human, even sensualist Jesus, and then Mel Gibson's highly touted but ultra-controversial 2004 "The Passion

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One of the mermaids that populate Norfolk: A New Horizon, in East Ocean View. On Saturday, Ocean View will host its new Mermaid Festival. **MORT FRYMAN/ THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT FILE**

Festival hopes to draw a school of merfolk

By **Colin Warren-Hicks**
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Some sayings ring true, even across species — including mythical ones. Just as the Little Mermaid wanted legs, sometimes we humans desire sparkly-scaled, fishy tails.

Ocean View's first Mermaid Festival, on Saturday, invites land-dwellers to get their "Mermaid Wiggle on" and dress up like a mermaid, merman or any other type of merfolk in

a bid to break the world record for largest-ever assembled congregation of mermaids.

The festival will start with open water swim races off Ocean View Park at 9 a.m., followed by a parade and costume contest with prizes awarded in multiple categories:

- Mermaids
- MerBabes
- MerKids
- MerFamilies
- MerTeams

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2023 FALL BAZAAR GUIDE

Take your gift list and your appetite, and head to a great American pastime. Events today kick off our list.

By **Patty Jenkins** | Staff writer

October is here and with that, so is *fall*! Just as the changing season brings the smell of crisp morning air, cozy cardigans on chilly evenings, falling leaves, and apples and pumpkins, it also brings The Daily Break's annual fall bazaar guide. From pumpkin patches to harvest fairs and festivals, there's something for everyone this time of year — on both sides of the water.

TODAY

The 22nd Colonial Place-Riverview front porch art walk, partially supported by the CPRV Civic League. Noon to 5 p.m. today rain or shine in Colonial Place and Riverview, Norfolk. Front porches and yards of homes throughout the two historic neighborhoods, with more than 25 artists; brochures with maps and guides available at each artist's location. Various restaurants and businesses in the Riverview corridor on Granby Street (between Virginia Zoo and the Granby Street Bridge) and Colley Avenue will serve as hospitality sites. All media by community artists represented, and an opportunity to view turn-of-the-century architecture and unique gardens. Walk, bike or drive. Easy on-street parking available. 757-749-9065

"Art at Wessex Hundred: What We Love," sponsored by The Art People. Noon to closing through Nov. 27 in the tasting room at Williamsburg Winery, 5800 Wessex Hundred, Williamsburg. The exhibit showcases original work of more than 30 local artists working in media including oil, watercolor, acrylic, pastels, fabric art and collage. For this segment of the ongoing exhibition, artists were asked to create pieces that focus on the many things they love about fall at the winery and in the larger Williamsburg community. For seasonal hours, check williamsburgwinery.com

Pumpkin patch. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily through Oct. 31 at Larchmont United Methodist

Church, 1101 Jamestown Crescent, Norfolk. Pumpkins of all sizes, gourds, baked goods. office@larchmontumc.org or larchmontumc.org

Pumpkin patch. 2 to 7 p.m. daily Mondays through Thursdays, 2 to 8 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 6 p.m. Sundays through Oct. 31 at KirkWood Presbyterian Church, 1209 Hampton Highway, Yorktown. Pumpkins and gourds of all shapes and sizes. By donation. Proceeds go to the Navajo Nation in New Mexico and hunger ministries, homeless ministries, disaster assistance, and families in crisis on the Peninsula, nationally and internationally. office@kirkwoodpcusa.org or kirkwoodpcusa.org

OCT. 7

St. John's pumpkin and plant sale. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 7 at St. John's Episcopal Church, 424 Washington St., Portsmouth. Fall plants and pumpkins, free coffee and homemade doughnuts; lunch available for purchase. stjohnsportsmouth.org

Chesapeake Campground pumpkin fest. Noon to 5 p.m. Oct. 7 at Chesapeake Campground, 693 George Washington Highway South, Chesapeake. Pumpkin sales, festive food and drinks, pony and hay rides, minigolf, cornhole. chesapeakecampground@gmail.com

Gigantic yard sale, sponsored by United Women in Faith. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 7 at Great Bridge United Methodist Church, 201 Stadium Drive, Chesapeake. Vendors, household items, linens, clothing,

toys, books, tools, small furniture. 757-681-2545

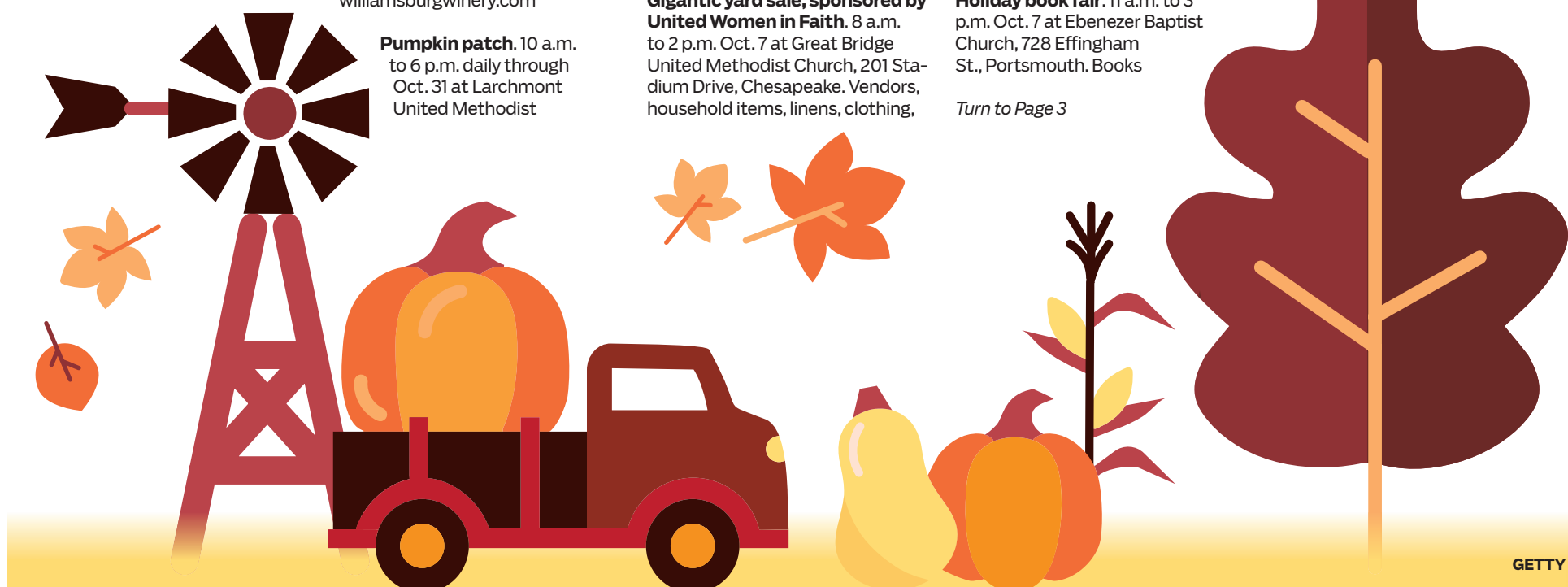
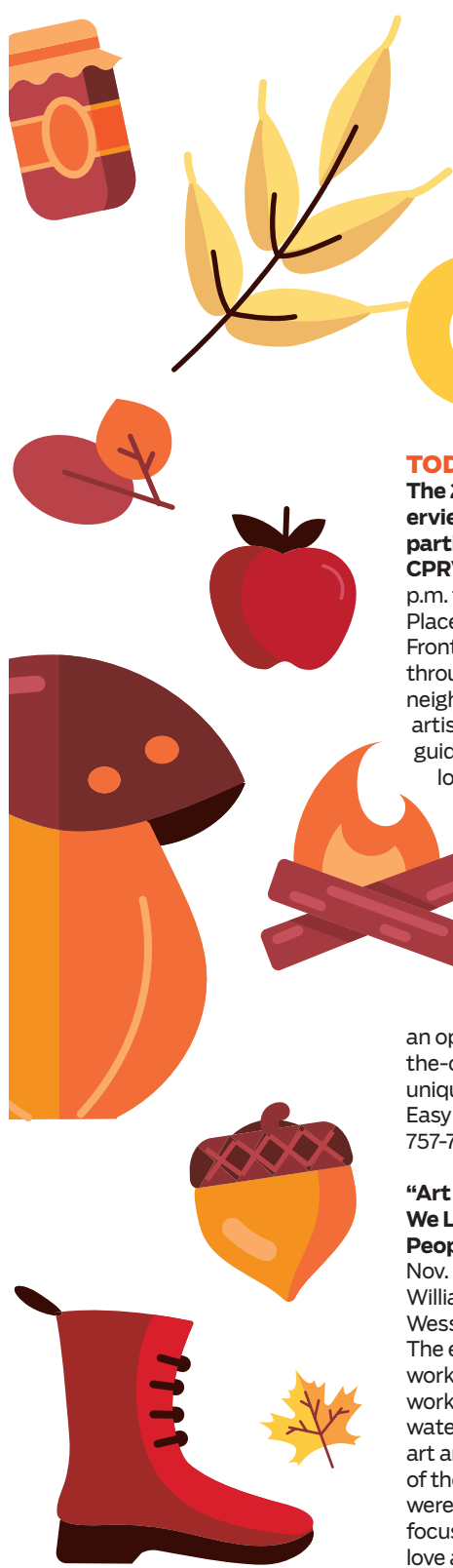
Fall bazaar. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 7 at Providence United Methodist Church, 113 Old Dare Road, Yorktown. Barbecue, Brunswick stew, bake sale, crabcakes, secondhand items, knitted items, children's activities, vendors. Presales available for stew and barbecue. office@providenceumc.hrcoxmail.com

Arts on the Perquimans, sponsored by Perquimans Arts League. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 7 at Perquimans County Recreation Center, 310 Granby St., Hertford, North Carolina. Pottery Row features numerous unique potters; jewelry, painting, photography, fiber arts, soaps, candles, wood crafts, yard art, wreaths and other holiday decorations. Bake sale, pumpkin decorating from noon to 4 p.m. and face painting for the kids from 1 to 4 p.m. Scheduled demos: The Dance Company of Hertford, butter making with sampling, hands-on pompom making and more. Chill cook-off, door prizes every 30 minutes. palartshowevent@gmail.com or perquimansarts.org

Annual bazaar. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 7 at Salem United Methodist Church, 2057 Salem Road, Virginia Beach. Inside and out. Barbecue, quilt raffle, silent auction, baked goods, household items, home décor, books, holiday, toys, garden areas. saleumcvcb@gmail.com

Holiday book fair. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 7 at Ebenezer Baptist Church, 728 Effingham St., Portsmouth. Books

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Fall & Winter Arts Guide

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By Colin Warren-Hicks
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This year is the 50th anniversary of hip-hop and multiple shows this season pair holiday fun and the opportunity to celebrate the landmark anniversary of what's become a pillar of modern American culture.

Later this month, "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse" Live in Concert" will present a screening of the Academy Award-winning animated film with live musicians, turntables and a DJ scratching records on stage. The movie's hip-hop-based score, composed by Emmy winner Daniel Pemberton, is full of innovative music along with songs from Post Malone, Lil Wayne and Nicki Minaj and it supports the film's themes of resilience and heroism. "The Hip Hop Nutcracker," the popular re-imagined ballet blending hip-hop and Tchaikovsky, returns in December.

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