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By Gene Campbell

Jackie Sykes was an inspirational and caring lady. She was passionate about the caring of animals. When she and her husband Steve built their dream home and settled on their Clearview Farm in Manquin some 20 years ago, Jackie became very involved in the local Indian Rivers Humane Society and was an avid member till she passed away suddenly last fall.

At the request of Steve, members of the Society gathered at Vinny's Restaurant on January 3rd to reminisce and remember Jackie. After a delicious meal members shared stories of their experiences with Jackie. From the mama dog who had six puppies on their farm and finding them good homes (the last pup just passed away at 14 years old) to visiting the vet's office and coming home with a cat for her daughter...she kept everyone in animals. Jackie worked tirelessly in fund raising efforts for the Society too.

Please see SYKES, continued on page 11.

Jackie Sykes Remembered for her Love of Animals



Steve Sykes presents a \$50,000 check to Jean Wightman and members of the Indian Rivers Humane Society in memory of his wife Jackie as his family (to the far left) beam with pride.

Dawn's School of Dance performs in Orange Bowl



Front row: Ashlee Powell, Kathryn Soule, Alexandra Stampley, Madison Nguyen, Lily Fischetti. Back row: Olivia Philips, Kayla Ainsley, Ashanti Ellis, Emma Toney, McKenzie Lockett, Jenny Estok and Samantha Martin.

Please see full story on page 11.

ROMEO Club Attended Their First Meeting



John Melvin Kelley, Marvin Johnson, William Guy Townsend, Danny Clark and Randy Shank

By Danny Clark - On January 10th the newly formed Romeo Club (Retired Old Men Eating Out) held their first breakfast meeting at Ripleys Restaurant in King William.

Please see ROMEO, on page 11.

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Photo taken by Roger Volk, King William resident.

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Publisher's Message



I don't usually start thinking about Spring this early, but with this cold & snow I'm thinking about how good it will be when Spring gets here this year. We only have 62 more days before this first day of Spring being on March 20th. We are moving through winter now, hold on.

Take care till next time...

Hanny Clark



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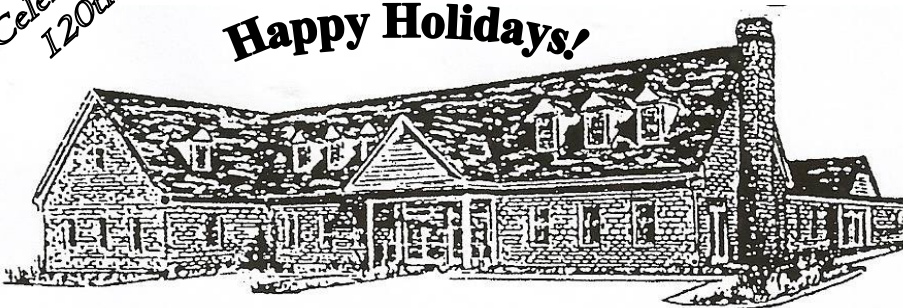
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King William Couple Help Feed the Homeless

By Florence Cooke

A King William couple, Dave and Shari Anderson, along with others from the Cross Roads Church, volunteer one Saturday a month to feed the homeless through the Moments of Hope Outreach. Four to five groups from local churches and businesses prepare and serve a delicious meal to 150 – 250 struggling neighbors, many of whom are homeless, at Brookhill Azalea Shopping Center at 5300 Chambelayne Road.

Moments of Hope Outreach started about three years ago when Bob Humner, a Hanover resident, saw a man on Chambelayne Avenue asking for food. Bob stopped, picked the man up and bought him food. The man was homeless so Bob offered help. When meeting the man again, the man brought friends who were also homeless and hungry. Bob was soon overwhelmed with the needs of the homeless.

He told a friend who is a member of Cross Roads Church in Aylett about the tremendous needs of the homeless. She offered to fix a Thanksgiving meal for the homeless. She put an email on social media about her idea. Quickly many people volunteered to help.

Now four to five groups, Cross Roads Church, Gethsemane Church of God, Fairmount Christian Church, Grove Avenue Baptist Church, and Beca Auto Repair take turns serving delicious meals. The groups consist of men, women and children who come to serve and help.

The meal starts at 2 p.m. with an opening prayer and is served until 3:30 p.m. Also available is the Mo Hope Mobile Pantry that distributes canned/dry goods, fresh veggies, toiletries and clothing. An Ask the Nurse table, and a Help Desk that can connect those in need to local, state, and federal health and housing resources are also open to serve.

There is also a Let's Pray Table for those who need spiritual help. Recently at the Let's Pray Table a powerful image was seen when a homeless man was holding hands with a struggling woman he had never met before – praying for her.

The groups are under the supervision of



Dave & Shari Anderson

Bob Humner, who sees the needs of people and tries to help them. One person stated Bob's passion is, "If I can give you one moment of hope, I am going to make it happen."

Help is always needed to help in any way possible – donations of food, monetary donations to buy needed food, help in serving. For information please call (804) 814-2034.

Mattaponi VRS may lose Funding from King William

By Florence Cooke

At the October Board of Supervisors workshop, King William Fire Chief Andy Aigner suggested hiring paid professional staff as medics and firefighters to provide more consistent manpower to the county's volunteers. The full-time paid staff would include nine full-time staff at a cost of \$668,000 a year or six part-time and six full time staff for \$617,000.

With a population of 16,334 in 2016 and a growing number of people moving to King William every year, the need for emergency services grows. County call statistics show fire and emergency personnel responded to 1,420 calls between July 2016 and February 2017.

All fire and rescue departments are having problems with staffing. Between May and October, King William Fire and Rescue was staffed 66% of the time, Mangohick staffed 29% and Mattaponi Volunteer Rescue Squad staffed 13%.

Chief Aigner proposed the county would cut its \$296,000 contract with private ambulance contractor Life-Care, who has served the county during the day for several years. In addition he proposes cutting the \$60,950 funding given to Mattaponi Volunteer Rescue Squad. The county would have to decide how to cover the remaining costs.

The proposal came as a surprise to Curt Mason, Jr., Chief of Mattaponi Rescue Squad. He heard of the funding cut while sitting in the audience. There had been discussions about

paid staff but Mason had not been told about the proposal to cut Mattaponi's funding.

Mason and Aigner had discussed Mattaponi's difficulty in responding to calls in King William in the last few months due to personnel with health problems and retirements in the older forces.

The loss of funding will impact Mattaponi's ability to pay for its operations over time. King and Queen County also provides funding but Mason will not ask King and Queen to pick up the funding loss from King William.

Mr. Mason stated, "If the funding is removed, we will continue running calls in King and Queen and if needed in King William in a mutual-aid capacity. Mattaponi will continue to house a unit in the King William building since several Mattaponi personnel live closer to that building. In that way we can respond to King William when needed."

Mattaponi Volunteer Rescue Squad will always be here to serve the community regardless of the decision of the Board of Supervisors of King William County. We have been serving the community since 1995 and plan to continue to serve."



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The Duck Hunter

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

Happy New Year! I stopped making New Year's resolutions a long time ago but Pip hasn't learned yet. She told me that her resolution was to get me to spend more time with her. She already thinks that I should spend every waking minute with her. I was cutting up an old tree the other day with a chainsaw not 50 feet from her and she was pawing at the gate wanting to come help me. Every time I stopped and looked at her she would throw her head up and chuckle at me. I told her to quit pawing and she stood there nice and calm as long as I didn't make eye contact.

I have a good friend named Jim that loves to duck hunt. Jim says that the worst the weather is, the better the duck hunting. He said that he was hunting at a new place this year and wasn't seeing any birds, when finally one duck came by and he shoots but it falls across a fence on another farm. He laid his gun down and climbs over the fence about to go retrieve his duck when the farmer walks up and asks "What are you doing?" Jim said "I'm just getting my duck that I shot." The farmer said "This is my land so that's my duck." Jim said "No sir. I shot the duck over there but it fell over the fence here."



The farmer said "I guess you need a lesson on property rights!" Jim said "What do you mean?" The farmer said "We're going to have to settle this dispute the old fashioned way. We'll take turns kicking each other in the privates until one of us gives up. Since we're on my land, I get to go first." Now Jim thought of himself as a pretty tough guy so he agrees. The farmer goes first and kicks Jim between the legs so hard that it lifts him into the air a couple of feet and he hits the ground like a sack of potatoes. The pain is so bad that Jim can only hold himself and roll around on the ground trying to catch his breath. After a few minutes, Jim finally gets to his feet and says "Now it's my turn!" The farmer says "That's alright, I give up. You can have the bird."

You can email me at Allen@twinriversrealty.com or call 690-7870. I'll see you on the trails

Looking Good at 100 !!

By Gene Campbell

We all hope to live a long and wonderful life. Dorothy Adams Atkinson of Manquin is a gleaming example of a life well lived. On January 2nd, 2018 Dorothy reached the milestone we all hope to achieve....she turned 100 years old. Her family and friends gave her a 100th birthday party on December 30th at the Church she has attended all her life, Corinth Christian Church. Dorothy with her two daughters Nancy Edwards and ValJean Davenport by her side, greeted everyone with a smile and a hug.



Daughters Nancy Edwards (left) and ValJean Davenport (right) with their 100 year old mother Dorothy Adams Atkinson.

Dorothy was born in Endfield, Va. just down the road from where she now lives with her daughter ValJean and son-in-law Butch Davenport. She graduated in 1935 from Central High School which is now known as King William High School. At the age of 16 Dorothy met her husband Andrew Burton Atkinson at a baseball game in Endfield. They soon started "courting" and one day Burton came to visit unexpectedly. Dorothy was in the garden "barefooted" helping her father. When she saw Burton coming up the road she quickly ran to the house to put some shoes on because she did not want Burton to see her without shoes!

They were married in the Methodist

Parsonage in Endfield in 1938. Her mother and grandmother made her two new dresses for the wedding. The material cost for the dresses was a total of \$1.98! Several years later they built their home "Pinetop" just up the road from Endfield. For almost 76 years they did everything together (farming, hunting, fishing and gardening) till Burton's death in 2014. Several years ago I saw them together in a combine harvesting beans. They both were in their mid 90's at the time!

In addition to her two daughters she has four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and three great, great-grandchildren. Dorothy, you are an inspiration to us all!!

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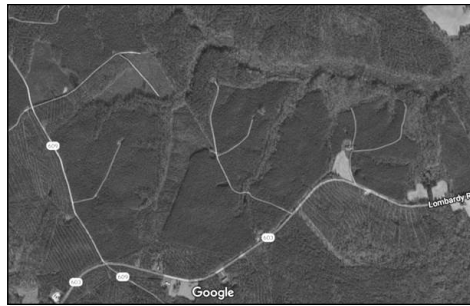
Multiple Agencies Work Together to Locate Missing Hunter

KING AND QUEEN- On December 29, 2017 at 6:15 p.m. the King and Queen County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call reporting a 70-year-old male hunter from Spotsylvania County had not returned from the woods after hunting with friends since 11 a.m. on property located off Lombardy Road.

A ground search was initiated with below- freezing cold nighttime temperatures averaging between 20-25 degrees and utilizing over 70 first responders. Personnel from King and Queen County Sheriff's Office, Central King and Queen Volunteer Fire Department, Lower King and Queen Fire-EMS, Walkerton Community Fire Association, King and Queen County Department of Emergency Services, Virginia State Police, Virginia Department of Emergency Management, numerous Virginia Ground Search and Rescue (SAR) Team members and several local citizen resident volunteers responded to the area to participate in the search.

The ground search was initiated in the thick woods, which were bordered by a swampy marsh area to the north, aided by oversight and direction with a Virginia State Police aircraft. During this ground search, the Virginia State Police Aviation Unit discovered a small campfire in the woods. Additional Ground crews were redirected to that spot.

The male, who advised he became confused and disoriented while trying to



find the correct path out of the woods, simply got turned around and subsequently became lost in the dark. He was found at approximately 1:30 am. by rescuers to be awake and alert, and in good health condition after nearly 7 hours in the below freezing cold. He was escorted to an awaiting ambulance for medical evaluation and subsequently released with no medical conditions.

Greg Hunter, Emergency Services Coordinator, stated "Due to the victims own personal preparedness and the fact he was wearing multiple clothing layers, he was well protected from the cold tonight. He was able to identify he was lost and was able to pick a location to set up a temporary camp and start a warming fire. This resulted in rescue crews being able to identify a heat source and work to reach him as quickly as possible."

King and Queen County Department of Emergency Services would like to thank all of the volunteers and personnel who responded in this successful search.

Public Forum

On Sunday, January 21, CircleUp Middle Peninsula will sponsor a Public Forum for the candidates running for the First Congressional District Democratic Primary at the Mathews Boys and Girls Club, 498 Church Street, Mathews, Virginia 23109. The forum is scheduled from 3-5 PM, doors open at 2:30.

All five candidates will participate in a two-hour forum moderated by Rachel Bitecofer, Ph.D., Wason Center for Public

Policy at Christopher Newport University.

The five candidates include Tom Hicks, Edwin Santana, Ryan Sawyers, John Suddarth, and Vangie Williams.

The public may submit questions for the moderator's consideration. Questions must be sent to circleupmidpen@gmail.com by January 17, 2018.

This event is in place of the monthly CircleUp Middle Peninsula meeting.



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Happy New Year from King William Farm Bureau!

King William Supervisors Elect Hodges Chairman and Ehrhart Vice Chairman for 2018

By Gene Campbell

At the first 2018 work session of the King William County Board of Supervisors, First District Supervisor Bill Hodges was unanimously elected Chairman and Fifth District Supervisor Bob Ehrhart Vice Chairman for the coming year. Supervisors also approved their meeting schedule and adopted by-laws and rules of procedures for the calendar year.

In other matters:

1. Fire Chief Andy Aigner advised the Board the county office of Fire and EMS has been awarded a \$159,940 Rescue Squad Assistance Fund Grant from the State Office of EMS. The funds were awarded on a 50/50 match, namely they can only be used if the county matches the funds. The funds will be used to purchase medical equipment, such as a new ambulance, stretchers, lifepak defibrillators, and computers. Chief Aigner will request the matching funds through their EMS billing account at the Board's regular January 22nd meeting. Chief Aigner advised he has 60 days from the award date, January 1st, to order the equipment.

2. Superintendent of Schools, Dr. David



Fire Chief Andy Aigner addresses the Board of Supervisors

White, sent a letter to the Board requesting postponement of a Resolution to finance design work costs associated with additional work the School Board is considering adding to the Hamilton Holmes Renovation Project. The Architect, Ballou Justice Upton, needed more time to evaluate an unforeseen condition, namely the relocation of existing transformers and associated conductors outside the footprint of the new additions. The Architect is working on a re-design that minimizes costs and hopes to have revised design costs in time for the Board's consideration at the January 22nd Board meeting.

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be its regular monthly meeting on January 22nd starting at 7pm at the Administrative Building.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

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Remember the \$2,000,000+ 'Extra Funds' that the School Board request from the Hamilton Homes Renovation Debt Service for such items as replacement basketball hoops, etc.?

Our KWSD Superintendent informed the KWBOS that an unforeseen condition has been uncovered (literally) by our architects (Agenda item 4b). Dated 8-4-18. We are now on notice by Dominion Energy "wherein you were advised that unforeseen conditions have been uncovered regarding the routing of the Dominion Energy underground primary conductors to the three separated metered services previously provided to the

school."

Wait for it: "Because the apparent solution were becoming cost prohibitive we advise that consideration of the Additional Work Scopes be delayed until impact to construction budget could be clarified."

Our Superintendent states, "We are hoping the matter will be resolved in time for consideration at the next Board meeting scheduled for 8-22-18."

Perhaps we have nothing to be concerned about; remember, the School Board HHR Budget has set aside \$400,000+ for construction contingencies. What say you?

Regards,
Dave Hansen
KWBOS
District 4



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor

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Obituaries

SHELLEY



SHELLEY, Doris Louise Reece, 90, died on January 8, 2018. She was predeceased by her husband, Herbert Harrison Shelley. Doris is survived by her daughter, Susan Shelley Burk; her granddaughter, Allison Louise Burk; and her brother, Clyde Monroe Reece (Sara); as well as many loving nieces, nephews, cousins; and her best friends, Alice and Charles Dodson. She was born and lived most of her life in Ruther Glen, Va. Doris and her beloved husband worked for the IRS. She was active in her church, Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church and served as treasurer and secretary for many years. Doris embraced life in retirement, taking history and literature classes at VCU, dance lessons and finding joy watching her granddaughter grow up. She was a shining example of unconditional love, selflessness and resilience. The family thanks the staff of The Hermitage Richmond's McGuire Park for their compassionate care. A celebration of her life will be held at Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church, located at 21075 Frog Level Rd., Ruther Glen, Va. 22546 on

Saturday, January 20, at 11:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church.

LANGSTON

Lucille S. Langston 86 of King William (Pamunkey Indian Reservation) went to be with her Heavenly Father in Thursday December 28, 2017. Lucille was preceded in death by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burns Stewart, brother Robert B. Stewart and sister Eileen Stewart. She is survived by her loving husband of 64 years George Alfred Langston, three children George, Terry, and Ronnie (Lynn) Langston. Lucille was blessed with three grandchildren Kim Small(John), Justin Langston (Katy) Nicole Langston, three great grandchildren Kaitlyn, Jessica Langston and John G. Small, one sister Mildred Holmes (Larry) one nieces four nephews and many friends. The family will receive friends on Monday January 1, 2018 from 5 to 8 pm at B.W. White Funeral Home Rt. 360 Aylett. Funeral services will be held at Pamunkey Baptist Church on Pamunkey Indian Reservation Tuesday January 2, 2018 at 2 PM. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to American Cancer Society.

Thank You

Dear King William Friends and Family,

I wanted to take this opportunity to Thank each and everyone for the kindness that was shown and continues to be shown during our darkest time. The Hamel, The Alvis Family and The Hall Families suffered a great loss of our beloved Erin W. Hall on October 18th of 2017. It was such a tragic and sudden loss which has left us in much grief but we are continuing to heal as a family. Erin touched so many people, in so many different ways during her short life here. We only pray she

touches even more souls through her passing by honoring her memory to the best of our ability. Her kindness, gentle spirit, her laugh and mostly her smile will forever live on in our hearts as well as in all we do. Thank you all so very much and may God bless.

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KW Mother of 5 Killed in Icy Crash

By Florence Cooke

On Tuesday, January 9th, State Police reported that a 35 year old King William woman was killed and five children were injured in a single vehicle crash caused by ice on Globe Road, just east of Mitchell Mill Road.

According to State Police, a 2002 Chevrolet Silverado was traveling west on Globe Road around 10:20 a.m. when the driver lost control due to icy roads and ran off the road before veering back onto the road, hitting a culvert pipe and flipping onto its driver side and hitting a tree.

The driver of the vehicle, Cynthia Leigh Lapierre of Aylett, was pronounced dead at the scene. Five children, a son age 15, two 12 year old girls, one daughter age 2 and a one month old girl, were all transported to the hospital – three with minor injuries and two with serious injuries. The teenage son and 12 year old stepdaughter continued to recover at VCU Medical Center on Wednesday.

Police said the children were wearing seatbelts and the proper safety restraints at the time of the accident.

The family of Mrs. Lapierre have set up a GoFundMe page to help pay for Cindy's funeral costs. Donations are also accepted through a bank account set up under David Lapierre for the benefit of Cynthia Lapierre at Sonabank in King William. A meal train was also established to feed one adult, and five children. For information on helping this family, please contact Melissa Kenney at 804 - 869 - 9571 or email Melissa.kenney@mangohickfire.com.



Cynthia Leigh Lapierre



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Donations are being collected for her husband and children
(6 wks, 2, 12, 12, and 15 yrs. old)
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Suggested items: Huggies Diapers (Sizes 1-5), Similac Sensitive formula, baby wipes, baby toys, hygiene products, etc.

Items can be dropped off at any school in King William County or at the Mangohick Vol. Fire Department. Item donations will be accepted until Feb. 1, 2018. Please help this family!! Contact Melissa Kenney @ 804-869-9571 or by email @ Melissa.kenney@mangohickfire.com if you have items you wish to donate and need them picked up from another location.

Additional ways to help:

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- ♦ **Donations** are also accepted through a bank account set up under David Lapierre for the benefit of Cynthia Lapierre at Sonabank in King William.

CAVS WIN ONE...LOSE ONE

By Gene Campbell

Fans who came to the January 12th basketball games at the King William High School gym were treated to two thrilling games. The Cavaliers hosted the Carver Academy Wolverines.

The JV Cavs jumped out ahead in their game and led most of the way, but could not pull away as the Wolverines tied the game 27-27 with 22 seconds left. The game went into overtime. With the game tied 31-31 and 4 seconds left to play, Cavalier JV guard Kenadre Roane brought the ball down court and was fouled. Kenadre went to the foul line and sank two free throws sealing the win for the Cavaliers 33-31.

The Varsity Cavaliers stayed with the Wolverines through out the first half in their game trailing at the half by four 19-23. However with 6:08 left in the third quarter the momentum shifted to the Cavaliers as they took the lead 33-32 and led by as much as 43-32 with 3:33 left in the game. But the Wolverines fought their way back and hit a three pointer at the buzzer to tie the game 47-47.

The Wolverines kept their momentum going in overtime and won 59-54. Hunter Goodman #44 led the Cavaliers with 17 points. Next up for the Cavaliers is an away game Jan 16 with the Middlesex Chargers. GO CAVS!!



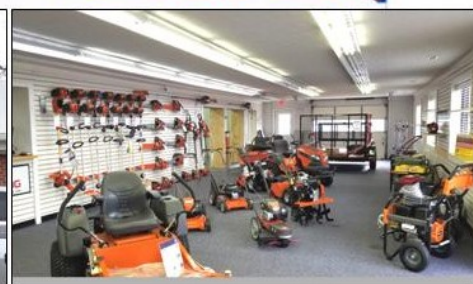
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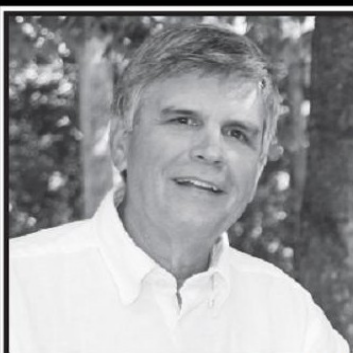
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Ruritans Prepare Students for Success

By Gene Campbell

Every year since 2012 the King William Ruritan Club has been giving students at Acquinton Elementary School and Hamilton Holmes Middle School valuable tools to help them succeed in life. Spearheaded by club member Mike Morrison the club started this project by giving dictionaries to every 4th grade student at Acquinton Elementary and expanded the project to include giving thesauruses to 7th grade students at Hamilton Holmes Middle School. Over 1,200 dictionaries and 400 thesauruses have been given out since the project's inception.

Fellowship, goodwill and community service is the club's motto and every year the club gives back to the community with donations like this.



Ruritan members Ronnie Moore, Bryant Wilson and Mike Morrison hand out thesauruses to 7th grade students at Hamilton Holmes Middle School.



Margaret Anne Moore Turns 90 !



Margaret Anne Moore celebrates her 90th birthday with her daughter Tammy (far left) and granddaughter Rilee (middle).

By Gene Campbell

Family and friends gathered at Margaret Ann White Moore's home on Dec 30 to celebrate her 90th birthday. Daughter Tammy Burroughs and granddaughter Rilee planned the celebration as over 65 people stopped by to reminisce and wish her well. Margaret Anne was born in 1928 and graduated from King William High School in 1946. She married high school sweetheart Edward Moore in 1947 and settled in "White's Shop" (named after her grandfather) where she still lives. Margaret Anne and Edward had two children, Gary who passed away suddenly in 1995, and Tammy who lives nearby in Mechanicsville with her husband Michael.

Granddaughter Rilee lives in Mechanicsville also. Margaret Anne has three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Edward passed away in 1999.

Margaret Anne has one sibling, an older brother who we all know as B. W. White, Jr. She affectionately calls him "Bubba" and calls him everyday as he now lives in Richmond.

B.W. was in the same high school class with my father and they were very good friends.

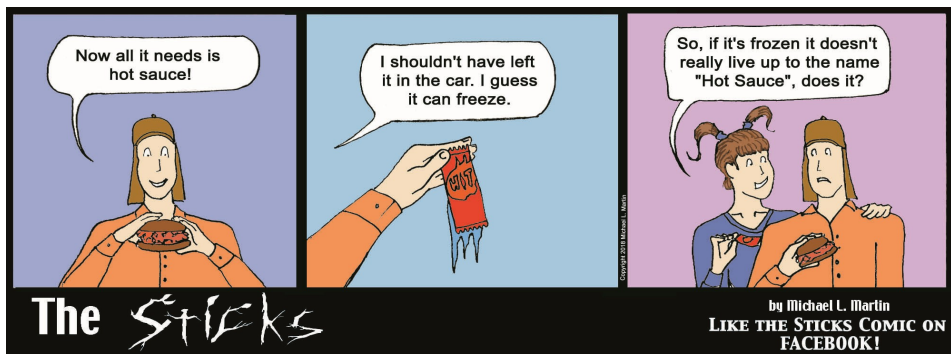
Margaret Anne is one of the sweetest ladies I know and to me she exemplifies the kind of lady anyone would be proud to call "mama or Grandma"! We all wish you the best Margaret Anne!!

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Congressman Wittman Receives Distinguished Friend of Agribusiness Award



Congressman Rob Wittman (right) receives the 2018 Distinguished Friend of Agribusiness Award from Kern Houff (left), Chairman of the Virginia Agribusiness Council Board of Directors.

By Gene Campbell

I had the honor of attending the 47th Annual Virginia Legislative Agribusiness Council Banquet on January 11th in Richmond. In the past I have accompanied my father to some of these banquets. The Virginia Agribusiness Council was formed in 1971 and is a non-profit member organization committed to representing the agriculture and forestry industries in Virginia. Members of the General Assembly and U S Congressmen mingled with the crowd which gives agriculture and forestry businesses reps not only a chance to discuss issues facing their businesses but also an opportunity to sample Virginia made products at a reception prior to the banquet.

The highlight of the banquet was Virginia's First District Congressman Rob Wittman (who represents King William and King & Queen Counties among other counties in the First District) receiving the 2018 Distinguished Friend of


Agribusiness Award from the Council. This award is given each year to a Virginian who is a Member of the U. S. Congress, a State Legislator, Governor or other influential government official who has shown exceptional support of Virginia's agribusiness industry. In his acceptance remarks, Rob said "I am committed to pursuing common sense agriculture policies that allow our farmers to continue growing the finest products in the world."

Rob has represented Virginia's First District in Congress since 2007 and has always been accessible and committed to the best interests of our region at the highest levels of government. Congratulations Rob for an award well deserved!!

Also at the banquet local farmer Kevin Engel of Engel Family Farms received the 2018 Virginia Agribusiness Environment Award. Congratulations to Kevin and his family for this well deserved award!!

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K&Q County Historical Society Will Meet on Sunday January 28

The King and Queen County Historical Society will meet on Sunday, January 28, 2018, at King and Queen Court House in the new courts building, on Sunday, at 3:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend. This is a child-friendly presentation.

The speaker will be Newell Randall. Newell, now retired from the Carpenter Company, is an active volunteer in the King and Queen community. His service includes the Walkerton Volunteer Fire Association, Bruington Baptist Church, and others. In addition, he is a member of the Tavern Museum Council. In his spare time, he is an amateur fossil hunter. He has recently designed and installed an exhibit at the Tavern consisting primarily of fossil examples found in the county.

Newell's topic is "The World Beneath Our Feet". He will speak about his work to

preserve the fossil record in King & Queen County and the region. He will explain why fossils are found in abundance in our area, highlight challenges to their identification, and share examples of rare and common fossils. Newell was introduced to fossil collecting at the age of 10 by his older brothers and has amassed a significant collection of sharks' teeth and other marine animal fossils during a lifetime of collecting.

Attendees are invited to bring sharks' teeth and other fossils they have found, for identification. After the program, the Fossil Exhibit will be on view in the Archives Building located next to the Courthouse Tavern Museum. Refreshments will be served in the Tavern, located at 146 Courthouse Landing Road, K&Q Court House, Virginia, 23085.

King & Queen Central Tigers



Coach Ron Davidson said, "We want to say thanks to Lee Davis for inviting us to the tournament, we definitely need to play more caliber teams like we did in the tournament so that we can get better as a team. We are young and are still trying to learn how to play to gather as a team. Going into the second half of the season I

look forward to us playing more as a team and hopefully the second half of the season will be better than the first. Also thanks to the parents that helped get the team back and forth to the tournaments. Scores Lee Davis 79 KQ 28. Colonial Heights 73 KQ 37."



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The King & Queen Central Tigers boys basketball team competed in the Southerner Holiday Classic held at Lee Davis High School on December 27-28. The first game the Tigers came up short against the host Lee Davis (5A). The second game they ran out of gas against Colonial Heights (5A). The Tigers Lamont Robinson Jr #13 was named to the All Tournament Team.



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Dawn's School of Dance, continued from front page

On Tuesday, December 26, 12 dancers and 3 choreographers Cris Judd and Bryan chaperones loaded a van and headed south to the beaches of sunny Florida. They arrived in Fort Lauderdale just in time to begin rehearsal for the Orange Bowl half time show. The journey actually began last spring when the studio was contacted and invited to perform in the Orange Bowl.

Senior Dancers from the Competition Team and Student Dance Company were invited to participate. Each girl was responsible for raising their own funds. They raised money by participating in a Dance-a-thon, having bake sales and selling candy bars. Choreography was received the week before Christmas. All choreography had to be mastered by the time they arrived in Florida for rehearsals. The week consisted of early morning rehearsals that lasted all day.

They had the opportunity to take convention classes with Gigi Torres, DMAC Sandoz, Helene Philips, and Orange Bowl

choreographers Cris Judd and Bryan Anthony. The girls did get to spend an afternoon on the beaches of Fort Lauderdale and they also enjoyed a dinner/dance cruise.

The highlight of the week was performing during the halftime show at the Hard Rock Stadium, the home of the Miami Dolphins, in front of 67,000 screaming fans with musical guest star Andy Grammer. Dawn Smith, owner of Dawn's School of Dance, said "The girls were awesome. They carried themselves like professionals. The girls came to dance and that is what they did."

I am very proud of these young ladies. They not only worked hard but they were a joy to be around. The girls had the opportunity to perfect their craft while being with some of their best friends. I hope these memories will last a lifetime." The next scheduled trip for DSD is in June when the students will again travel to Florida to perform at Disney Springs in Orlando.

ROMEO, continued from front page

The clubs organizer William Guy Townsend thought a local Romeo Club would be an excellent way for long time friends to get out of the house and connect together. At their first meeting the new members talked about times past, family history and people they knew. They also enjoyed being in each others company. William Guy said, "We would like to have many more members and hope the club

will grow".

The Romeo Club will meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is set for February 14th 8-30 at Ripleys for breakfast. If you would like to join these ROMEOS, Retired Old Men Eating Out, come to the next get together. It is a great way to start off your day. Bring a friend if you like.

Sykes, continued from front page

After reminiscing about their adventures with Jackie, Steve invited everyone up to the front of the room. Steve said years ago when preparing their Will, he asked Jackie if there was anything else she wanted in the Will. Jackie said "Yes, I want to leave \$50,000 to the Indian Rivers Humane Society." To everyone's surprise

Steve then presented a check for \$50,000 to the group.

It is not often you meet a couple like Steve and Jackie Sykes. I was blessed as well as the Indian Rivers Humane Society and many others in the community to call them "friends".

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

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