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Cub Scouts Graduation and Crossover Ceremony



Cub Scouts from Pack 360 as well as Boy Scouts from Troop 303 and Troop 360. On May 8, Pack 360 from King William met at the King & Queen Ruritan for the traditional graduation and crossover ceremony. The scouts have worked throughout the year in various den meetings, outings, and activities to earn advancements. The goal of scouting is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the scout oath and the scout law. We'd like to thank all of our volunteer and scouting parents, with their help we will continue accomplishing incredible things for young people and the communities we serve.

Tractor Supply Coming to King William

By Florence Cooke

By late summer or early fall, Tractor Supply Company will be opening for business across from King William High School on Route 30. This company, owned by Primax Properties from Charlotte, North Carolina, purchased the 5.3 acres (3 parcels) from the Hardimans.

Construction has begun with the burning of the house located on the property. When open, the building will be 19,097 square feet plus 15,016 square feet for fenced outdoor display plus parking area.

Ron Etter, Director of Community Development for King William County stated, "This really is a good location for Tractor Supply, who is geared toward the "urban homesteader."

The community, King William County and Tractor Supply are really excited to have this new business located in King William".



Prom King - Lamont Robinson, Prom Queen - Destiny Brooks, Prom Prince - Deondre Berry, Prom Princess - Paris Montgomery

King & Queen Central High School Prom

The prom was held at the Boogaard center in West Point on Saturday, May 4th from 7 to 10. The theme was "a night in Paris." It was a lot of fun for students and staff as they danced the night away.

Thank you to Mrs. Curle for decorations and coordinating everything with the help of Mr. Ochiuto, Mr. Talbott, and Mrs. Sciscente. Our Parent Tiger Community Fellowship (PTCF) provided refreshments during the prom.



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Colosse Church Breaks Ground for New Addition



Architect's sketch of the new building

Story by Florence Cooke

Baptist Church broke ground for a new Building Committee recommended addition to the church. The new addition proceeding with developing plans to will include a large multipurpose room, a expand. large kitchen, six new classrooms, a large Former Pastor Don Campbell and present fellowship lobby and will be handicap pastor, Jeff Mills, broke ground for the accessible.

At a short dedication service at 12:15 Mr. Walton stated, "Today, fifteen years p.m., Historian Jeff Walton stated, of planning has come to fruition. Our needs of the ministries here in our small stands true today as it has in the past. part of the county goes back to our Colosse has been a beacon of hope beginning in 1791. Colosse's first church spreading the Gospel to this community building of its own burned in 1850. Our for 228 years." current sanctuary was built in 1852 and

has served as our "church" continuously for 167 years." Several additions have On Sunday, May 5, 2019, Colosse been added over the years. In 2004 the

start of the new addition.

"Colosse's history of growing to meet the theme of "Growing a Loving Church"

Publisher's Message



I hope all Moms had a special Mothers Day last Sunday. If you got to spend some time with your Mom on Mother's Day you are indeed fortunate. Memorial Day is 12 days away on May 27th. On this day we remember and honor persons who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. It was originally called Decoration Day. It became a federal holiday in 1971. After the Civil War, America's need for a secular, patriotic ceremony to honor its military fallen became prominent, soon monuments to fallen soldiers were erected and dedicated and ceremonies centering on the decoration of soldiers graves were held in towns and cities throughout the nation. These Veterans made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Take time to remember the ones who gave their all this Memorial Day.

Hanny Clark



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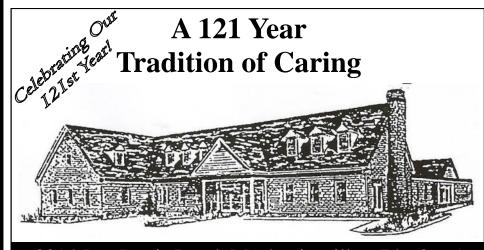
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Show Season

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

Warmer weather means Spring is here. That means there will be more Horse and Mule shows and competitions. Take your time getting your animals in top physical shape to perform after some time off during the winter.

I asked Pip if she wanted to compete in anything but she said that she is more of a fun loving, free spirited type of girl. I guess my competition days are over. I do enjoy watching others compete and seeing these wonderful animals perform. Make plans to come out and enjoy a show. You may see some things that you've never seen before. Like barrel racing, keyhole, or courses setup with jumps.

Speaking of things you've never seen before. One day a man was driving down a back country road at about 30 mph when he noticed a three-legged chicken running along beside his car. He pushed down on the gas and at 50 mph, the three-legged chicken was staying right with him. Then the chicken made a sharp turn up a driveway and ran behind an old farmhouse and into a



barn out back. The man turned around and went up to the farmhouse and knocked on the door. An old farmer came out and the man explained what he had seen to the farmer about how fast that threelegged chicken was keeping up with his car. The farmer said he knew about the chicken. The farmer said that he, his wife and son all 3 liked drumsticks when they ate chicken. So his son became a scientist and developed this breed of three-legged chickens. The man said "That is such an amazing story! How do they taste?" The farmer said "I don't know. We can't catch them!"

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5th Annual Old Dominion One Shot Turkey Hunt

On Saturday, April 27th, The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and The Wildlife Foundation of Virginia held the 5th Annual Old Dominion One Shot Turkey Hunt. Adults and youth are paired with experienced guides and generous land-owners all over Virginia for a morning turkey hunt. The harvested birds are judged with an aggregate scoring system of weight, beard length, and spur length. This year Samantha McInteer, a 13 year old student at Hamilton-Holmes Middle School was the overall winner of the One Shot Turkey Hunt with an aggregated score of 67.82. The gobbler weighed in at 21.07 pounds, with spurs of 1.3 inches, and a beard of 10 3/8 inches. Samantha received a scholarship to enter the hunt by writing an essay on the importance of game laws for the One Shot scholarship contest. She was guided by



Sam and Jimmy

recently retired Executive Director of VDGIF, Bob Duncan on Retreat Farm in Hanover County. As overall winner of the One Shot Turkey Hunt, she received a Franchi shotgun, and an original acrylic painting of a gobbler by Guy Crittenden. She also won a lifetime hunting license. Congratulations Samantha!



FFA Receives Donation

April 8th, the King William High School FFA received a donation for \$100.00 to help with FFA activities. Reverend Helen Zottoli gave a check for \$100.00 in memory of her brother -in-law Larry Baumann. Reverend Zottili stated to the FFA members that Mr. Baumann lived on a farm and loved his agricultural lifestyle with a passion. Mr. Baumann made a living farming and operating a thousand acre farm raising wheat, oats, barely, and sunflowers. Reverend Zottoli stated "It is important to encourage and support our youth interested in agricultural for they are our Future Farmers." Before leaving King William High



School, the FFA members gave a tour of the agricultural department. Rev. Zottoli got to see the welding and woodworking projects conducted by the students, and their school farm area with cows, turkeys, chickens, and fish.

King & Queen **Girl Scout Troop**

Faith Alexander-Junior, Shaniyaha Perkins-Junior McKenzie Callahan -Daisy

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Mattaponi Rescue Squad Holds Rescue Me **Spring Fling**



By Florence Cooke

Rescue Me Spring Fling was held at Locust John Charboneau and deputies were on Grove in Walkerton on Saturday, May 11, hand for security and one deputy was doing 2019, from 1-9 p.m. There was something fingerprinting of the children on scene. for everyone - music by Ragged Edge from Mechanicsville, food, silent auction and organization does during the year. On June 50/50, DJ Michael Whitaker, beer garden 15 the organization will be part of the and kids' activities.

until later in the afternoon to arrive but the Truck Fund. The organization has Mattaponi had rented a very large tent for recently taken possession of a new heavy several vendors selling candles, jewelry, rescue truck. Tammy Mason stated, "Every signs and baked goods. One vendor, Pat fire and rescue department in King and Perry, mother of Mattaponi member Tammy Queen can use this vehicle as a command Mason, had a large table with handmade truck. It will be used to cross train the units crafts for sale. All proceeds are donated to so that all departments can utilize the truck the Down Syndrome Association of Greater for the betterment of the community."

Richmond in honor of her grandson, Jackson Mason who has down syndrome. Mattaponi Rescue Squad's first annual King and Queen Sheriff's Department's

This fundraiser is one of several that the Mattaponi Madness Drag Boat Races at Although rain was promised, it waited Rainbow Acres. All proceeds are going to

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what word of mouth does. She starting riding in a horse drawn carriage. talking up the festival and everyone she Wine Festival at Locust Grove was born and an annual event. is still running with the help of the local non is raised from ticket sales.

Queen County, over 900 people came to

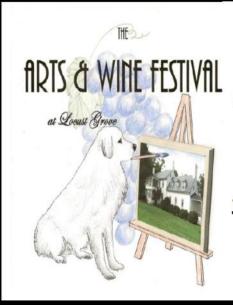


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add wine tasting into the mix, and she was Mattaponi River, it has become a country getaway for thousands of people over the The problem was still logistics. How was years. Everyone looks forward to sitting she going to sell the tickets at the gate, pick beside the peaceful river, listening to live up the trash, park the cars, run a silent music, eating scrumptious food, tasting auction, run an area for kids to do artwork, delectable wine, buying beautiful artwork, while checking on her vendors. It's amazing bidding on an array of auction items and

Cecky thought this was going to be a one talked to offered to help. Many of the non- shot deal. As everyone was leaving the profit organizations in the area loved the festival, they all said, "See you next year!" idea of coming and helping. Thus the Arts & As Cecky gulped, she learned this was now

This year's 15th annual Arts & Wine -profit organizations. The festival supports Festival at Locust Grove is being held May all these organizations with the money that 18, 2019 from 10 am to 4 pm at Locust Grove Farm in Walkerton, VA. Tickets can Being the first cultural event in King & be reserved at www.locustgrove1665.com



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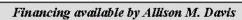
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King William Little League



Clay Dunaway went yard two times in a recent Major Baseball game between the Dodgers and Orioles. He drove in six runs with a Two Run shot and a Grand Slam! That makes four Long Balls for him on the 2019 Season!

Congratulations Clay!

FFA attends Central Area Rally



School FFA competed in the Central blueprint reading, tool identification, and Marc Gresham. Area Rally that was held at the J. measuring exercises, electrical Lastly, the Hippology team placed 1st Sargent Reynolds Campus in calculations, and welding. The Junior overall in their competition, their Goochland. The FFA took four teams team members were Wes Poore, Derek competition consisted of identification, to the regional qualifier hoping to Bagnall, Nick Mundy, and Eric feed rations, tool identification, and advance to states. The four teams Nichols. King William took two senior horse anatomy. The members of this consisted of Hippology, Junior Ag Ag Mechanics teams. Senior Ag team team were Alania Hawkins, Lexi

only ten points behind placing first. For Team "B" members were Will Reed,

On March 20th the King William High the mechanics test, it consisted of Tanner Lipscomb, Cole Richardson, Mechanics, and two Senior Ag "A" placed 3rd qualifying them for Bareford, Mattie Watkins, and Gracie mechanics.

"A" placed 3rd qualifying them for Bareford, Mattie Watkins, and Gracie states. Team "A" members were Leah Tranium. The King William FFA has The Junior Ag. Mechanics team Pennington, Ashley Upshaw, Bobby all four of their teams going to compete placed 2nd out of 10 teams, which then Edwards, and Logan Fenne. Senior Ag at states this year. qualified them for states. They were team "B" placed 7th out of 10 teams.

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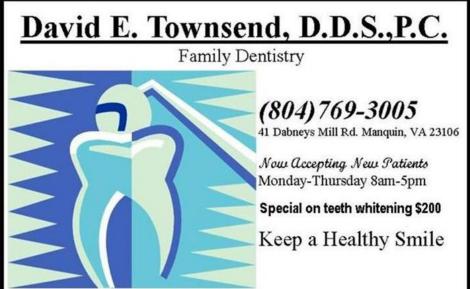
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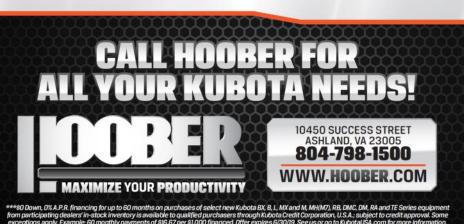




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of King William, VA to Austin Michael Burch, Richard Hurson Jr, Nathan Boardwine, and escorted by her father and given in marriage by Commonwealth University and Austin her parents. The Matron of Honor was received a Bachelor's Degree from Virginia Katherine Beahr, bridesmaid were Bridget Tech University. Beahr, Samantha Martin, Amber Burch and The couple honeymooned upon Royal Layne Balderson. Flower Girls were Cassidy Caribbean cruise!

The marriage of Amber Marie Balderson, Beahr & Kingsley Beahr. The Best Man was daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Balderson Jr Cody Spicer, groomsmen were Derek Waddle, son of Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Burch of West Justin Balderson. The ring bearer were Point, VA and Ms. Sarah Chipman of Marshall Beahr and Brayden Thompson. Mechanicsville, VA took place Saturday, May Amber & Austin are both graduates of King 4, 2019 at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens. William High School. Amber received a Amy Wolz-Johnson officiated. The bride was Bachelor's Degree from Virginia



Law Enforcement Appreciation Night



Keith Hodges

By Florence Cooke

at the King William Ruritan Building at 7 the community.

Chairman Honorable Keith Hodges, Virginia to enjoy light refreshments and socialize. Delegate, House District #98. He talked

about showing appreciation to law enforcement. When asked for adjectives Mattaponi Crime Solvers held its seventh describing law enforcement, words such annual Law Enforcement Appreciation as dedicated, brave, upstanding, friend Night on Wednesday night, May 8, 2019, and thankful were heard. He stated that community can show daily p.m. This is a night when Crime Solvers appreciation by saying thank you, children say "thank you" to the local law can send cards to the local departments, enforcement for protecting the and above all, MOVE OVER ON THE HIGHWAY.

Fijol introduced After the program, everyone was invited



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Youth Turkey Day A Success!



AFTER THE HUNT....Everyone gathered for a group shot with their prized turkey gobblers in the background.

By Gene Campbell

owners along with many local businesses Alliance, Kevin Grubbs, Chuck Boyle In the early morning hours of Saturday come together to sponsor this annual Sport Stitch, gdma association, Wetland April 6 over 150 boys and girls gathered at hunt. After "weighing in their prize Studies, Bryce Miller, Boyle Dentistry, area farms and fields with visions of gobbler" the kids were treated to a Sportsman of Virginia, Va Deer Hunters "turkey gobblers" dancing in their heads. It delicious lunch cooked by the Bush Boys Assoc, Va Wildlife Foundation, Va Game was Youth Apprentice Turkey Hunt and the King William Ruritan Club and Commission, Outdoor Access, Outdoors Day. By mid morning most of these kids friends. Along with the great food TV Show, DS Mitchell Electric, Southern had returned to the Watkins Farm in approximately \$10,000 in prizes and gift States Ag Services, rmg Media Group and Manquin to share stories of bagging or bags were given away. Many thanks to the many others. Remember....our youth are almost bagging a gobbler. Every year for sponsors and people who helped with this the future of hunting!! several years now Chip Watkins, owner of event.....Green Top Sporting Goods,

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Obituaries

WOODFIN

(Angela), and Rachael H. Proumen Canton VA.

(Adrian); great-grandchildren, Madison McCray, Austin McCray, Carter Harris; Woodfin, Lennie Earl, 82, of Aylett, sister Agnes W. Mathews; as well as formerly of Mechanicsville VA, passed many nieces and nephews. He was an away peacefully at home Saturday, May 4, employee of Southern Brick Contractors 2019. He was preceded in death by his for 60 years, and was a member of wife, Betty Jean Phelps Woodfin; Northside Lodge #292 AF & AM. The daughter, Melody W. Harris; and son family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. Gregory Woodfin Sr. Earl is survived by Monday at the Mechanicsville Chapel of his son-in-law Frank Harris (Stephanie); the Bennett Funeral Home, 8014 Leedaughter-in-law Dale Woodfin; Davis Rd. Graveside services will be held grandchildren, Kelly McCray (Eric), Stacy 3 p.m. Tuesday May 7, 2019, at Mount Henry, Gregory Woodfin Jr., Travis Harris Zion Baptist Church Cemetery, New

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

of Supervisors by a vote of 4 to 1 April 22nd. Resolution 19-24 allows our County Administrator, Ms. Tassinari, to increase County employee salaries on her own, with no \$69,723. Board review or approval; at any time the

Resolution 19-24 the FY 2020 (Budget) 'Class

and Compensation Plan' passed the KW Board

Manual and the Board of Supervisors as long as a t t a c h m e n t l i g h t b o x it is performed within budgetary constraints.

Three County positions now have a top salary range of \$100,710 e.g. 1) Chief of Fire and EMS; 2) Director of Community Development; and 3) Director of Financial Services. These salary caps are, in some, cases, more that elected Constitutional Officers i.e., Sheriff Walton, A few other salary 'CAPS' include: 1) Emergency Services Technical Assistant (KW Chief's 'secretary) \$57,404; 2) County Administrator's 'Executive Assistant - Special

Projects' \$54,111; 3) Firefighter/Medic (EMT -Paramedic) \$59,000; 4) Firefighter/ Medic (EMT - Basic) \$54,111; 5. Firefighter/ Medic (Intermediate) \$57,404; 6) Manager (Regional Animal Shelter) \$64,950; 7) Parks and Recreation Manager \$64,950; 8) Utilities Manager \$80,120; and Captain Deputy Sheriff

I encourage you to go to the County web site County Administrator finds appropriate and review the minutes of the April 22nd e.g., Chapter 1: The Personnel Administration meeting Agenda Item 10e for a complete list of System. The County Administrator does have County employee salary's. https:// this authority as granted by the Personnel west.exch091.serverdata.net/owa/#path=/

> Regards Dave Hansen KWBOS Manquin

Letters to the Editor

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ADDINGTON



survived by his two Church.

War, and spent 33 months as a POW, Church.

during which time he was tortured, starved, frozen and isolated for being James unwilling to sign communist documents. Addington of Big He worked for the VDOT and as a farmer. Laurel, Virginia He was a gentle giant, with the passed away on May determination of a bull. He survived the 12th, 2019 at the age POW camps, came back to Wise, Va and of 89. Harold moved met and married Mable White. He told to St. Stephens me many times that she was the reason he Church, Va in 1962 was still alive. Now he is with her once and lived here until again. His sweetheart and love of his life. his passing. He is He was a member of St. Stephens Baptist

children, Crystal Addington Burton and A funeral service will be held at St. James Harold Addington, Jr., and two Stephens Baptist Church, in St. Stephens grandsons, Thomas Cole Addington and Church on Thursday, May 16 at 11AM for Quinton Dewey Addington. Harold was a the service, viewing from 10:00-US Army Corporal during the Korean 11:00AM. Burial at St. Stephens Baptist



Riverside Middle Peninsula Celebrates 2018 Champions of Caring Honorees

Kelsea Sprouse, LPN can't explain exactly why, but when she volunteered to escort one of her Riverside Convalescent Center - Saluda residents living with dementia to a doctor's appointment in Richmond, "something told me to drive myself, to follow the transport and have my own car with me," Sprouse said.

And she was glad she did. The hired transport service dropped the resident off at the wrong doctor's office.

"Since I had my car with me, I put him in my car, figured out where he needed to be and got him there, and back home later, myself," Sprouse said. "Had he been by himself, given his dementia, it could have been very dangerous for him.'

For her kindness far and above the call of duty, Sprouse was named the Riverside Champion of the Year for the Middle Peninsula. She was among more than 90 Riverside team members from the region recognized for having been nominated four or more times in 2018 as a Champion of Caring or who were named the monthly Champion for their facility.

Martin Billups, a Protection Officer at Riverside Walter Reed Hospital, has spent his career in service having retired from the U.S. Army before joining Riverside two years ago.

"I want to give back in as many ways as I can Caring. while I'm still healthy," Billups said, explaining that as a protection officer he helps secure the hospital, maintain order, give patients and families directions and help people."

that's why he was nominated as a Champion of snowball for their entire visit."



The Champions of Caring program spotlights team members who provide above and beyond care that makes a special difference in the lives of their patients and their loved ones.



Martin Billups

"I'm often the first person to see patients and their families when they arrive at the hospital,' Billups said. "I try to read their body language and know what they need before they even ask. wherever they are needed. "I can't seem to get If I can help people as soon as they arrive to away from putting on a uniform and serving the hospital, helping ease their stress, it makes for a better experience for the patient. It means Billups sees his job as helping ease the stress I can help send them to the doctor in a good of patients arriving at the hospital and believes mood and the positive effects of that can

Sharon Baptist Church Holds Annual Bunny Pancake Breakfast/Easter Egg Hunt

By Florence Cooke

Easter and the Easter Egg hunt. Over resurrection." forgot them. The Easter bunny was and pancakes."

waiting to see the children.

On Saturday, April 20th, Sharon Baptist Bobbie Bohr, Children's Ministry Church hosted its annual Bunny pancake Director, stated, "This is a great outreach breakfast/Easter Egg Hunt. Breakfast ministry for the whole community. It's all started at 9 a.m. with a breakfast of free. We always have a great turnout and scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon and juice we have a great time. This is our way of followed by an Easter craft, the story of teaching children about God and the

1,200 eggs were hidden for the finding Pastor James Sevon stated, "We love our and baskets were available for those who community and we want to share Jesus



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Smith Named Virginia Superintendent of the Year

Former West Point Superintendent Dr. posted its highest Jeffrey O. Smith has been named Virginia accreditation rate in six Superintendent of the Year. Dr. Smith years with 93 percent of started his administrative career as an the schools earning assistant principal in King George County accreditation without Public Schools in 1993 before working as conditions. The Hampton a principal in Westmoreland County and City community has as a principal in Hanover County from earned the distinction of 1994-2000. He then served as an Assistant being the first Ford Next Superintendent in three different school Generation Learning divisions before his first superintendent Community in the appointment in West Point in 2008 where Commonwealth of Virginia. he remained until his current appointment As Virginia's Superintendent of the Year

school division has strengthened its dual School Administrators. enrollment program with Thomas Nelson Dr. Smith is married to the former Community College, to date yielding a Lorianne Samuel of Caroline County, a 600 percent increase in the number of dual public school educator. They have two enrollment credits taken by HCS students. children, a daughter who is a graduate of The on-time graduation rate has increased Christopher Newport University and from 88 percent for the Class of 2015 to Eastern Virginia Medical School with a 92.6 percent for the Class of 2018. The master in Public Health Policy and dropout rate has decreased from 5.1 Management, and a son who is a junior at percent for the Class of 2015 to 1.57 Bridgewater College. percent for the Class of 2018. The division



as Hampton's Superintendent in July Dr. Smith will be eligible for the National Superintendent of the Year Award, which Under his leadership as superintendent will be presented next February in San with the Hampton City Schools, the Diego, CA by the American Association of

"In nature, light creates the color. In the picture, color creates the light." Hans Hofmann

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SOL Review Days in King & Queen County Schools



On April 12th and 26th Three Rivers Soil & Museum). Water Conservation District coordinated Each station was 20 minutes in length and Valley National Wildlife Refuge), Soils home. (Keith Balderson, NRCS), Watersheds The events wouldn't have been a success Queen County 4-H), and Geology (Newell these Science SOL Review Days. Randall, King & Queen Courthouse Tavern

two Science SOL Review Days in King & the students had the opportunity to rotate Queen County Schools (King & Queen through all 6 stations learning valuable Elementary School and Lawson-Marriott science SOL curriculum. Throughout the Elementary School). These two events day there were hands on activities such as consisted of 227 students ranging from 3rd erosion runoff boxes, a watershed model, to 7th grade. During the programs, there fossils, an interactive plant anatomy were 6 stations consisting of Wildlife demonstration, a wildlife pelt display, and (Shannon Carlin, Rappahannock River each student got to take a pine seedling

(Waring Baylor, Three Rivers SWCD) without local partnering agencies/ Forestry (Dave Slack/Clint Phegley, organizations involved. A special thank you Department of Forestry), Plant Anatomy to principles (Ms. Jordan and Ms. Perry) for (Christina Murray, King William/King & allowing their students to participate in

Local Celebrities Wait Tables for a Good Cause

raising funds to support the opening of Swartout/Freedom Fields domestic violence shelter that will serve domestic violence in our community. the town of West Point.

On Saturday, June 1, 2019 local Bernier will join local community leaders community leaders and Channel 8 Chief Sheriff Joe McLaughlin, Charles City Fire Meteorologist John Bernier will put their Chief Jimmy Johnson, State Police 1st customer service skills to the test by Sgt. Stephen Witt, New Kent County waiting tables for donations. The event is Administrator Rodney Hathaway, John Bridges of Change, a new emergency others to raise funds and awareness about

Charles City, New Kent, King William WHERE: Colonial Kitchen and Market, and King and Queen counties as well as 11861 New Kent Highway, New Kent, Virginia. 804-557-2131

Channel 8 Chief Meteorologist John When: Saturday, June 1, 2019, 4pm-8pm.

Supervisors Approve FY 2019-2020 Operating Budget



Supervisors recognize Hamilton Holmes Middle School 7th grade student Maci Mitchell. (From left to right) English teacher Malynn Unser, Supervisor Bill Hodges, Maci Mitchell, Kayley Mitchell, Shane Mitchell, Courtney Mitchell and Michelle Gowdy.

By Gene Campbell

cents in the real estate tax rate bringing the Secondary Highway rate down from \$0.88 to \$0.86 per \$100 of I m p r o v e m e n t s assessed value.

In other matters

Maci Mitchell, Statewide and Region 8 EMS statistics for February. winner of the Virginia Municipal League "If I Were Mayor" State Essay Contest. On hand to help with the May 20th at the Administrative bldg. presentation of the award was Michelle beginning at 7 pm.

Gowdy, Executive Director of the Virginia Municipal League. Maci is the daughter of The King William County Board of Shane and Courtney Mitchell. Supervisors approved the Annual County 2. Unanimously approved Ordinance #02-Operating Budget for FY 2019-2020 on a 19R rezoning application Z-01-19 3-2 vote at their April 29, 2019, monthly submitted by Kellum Homes, LLC meeting (Supervisors Ehrhart and Hansen regarding the property along Rt 360 near dissenting). The approved budget totals the intersection of Rt 360 and Rt 661. \$25,575,137. The Supervisors 3. Unanimously approved Resolution #19unanimously approved a reduction of two 21 adopting King William County Plan 4. Supt of Schools Dr. David White presented a Public Service Announcement Litter Campaign video made by students 1. Supervisors recognized Hamilton- at King William County Schools. Holmes Middle School 7th grade student 5. Fire Chief Andy Aigner presented Fire/

The next meeting of the KWBOS will be







Teacher of the Year – Lawson Marriott Elementary School Division Teacher of the Year



Wester surrounded by her 1st grade class

Holly N. Wester pictured with Superintendent Carol Carter and Principal Jennifer Perry was the recipient for the Lawson Marriott Elementary School (LMES) Teacher of the Year and King and Queen County Division Teacher of the Year for 2019-2020. She is also pictured surrounded by her 1^{st} grade class. Mrs. Wester has taught for 7 years. She earned her Masters of Teaching in Early Childhood/Elementary Education and her Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in Liberal Early and Elementary Education

student with simple, yet profound, Region III Teacher of the Year. motherly instincts and empathy coupled



Wester with Superintendent Carter and Principal Perry

from Virginia Commonwealth University. with complete professionalism. Likewise, Mrs. Wester writes on student impact, "I she can accelerate and challenge her choose to teach because I believe brightest of students because of educators have the ability to contribute to professional development experiences and making the world a better place. I aim to innovations she has pursued and mastered. help children realize they have the ability David Copsmith, Assistant Superintendent to overcome any issue they may be facing for School Operations, writes, "Mrs. and have the ability to achieve anything Wester is on her way to becoming a they dream. There is a great hope that master teacher. Her success is not based comes from believing anything is on content alone, but on her ability to possible. A child's future is full of apply instructional strategies across promise when we foster positive different content areas and student mindfulness and inspire them to explore learning styles. The intangibles in their personal interests." Crystal Fox, Title teaching are the most difficult to observe I Reading Specialist at LMES states, and the most difficult to absorb. Mrs. "While remaining current with the latest Wester's grasp of the intangibles in instructional strategies and technologies, teaching is a subtle but powerful asset." she can still reach a troubled or struggling Mrs. Wester will move to compete for

"n the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." Martin Luther King, Jr.



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Seniors Measures to prevent drinking & driving at KQ **Central High**



Seated: Christopher Robins, Aaron McMillian, Timothy Mathis 1st Row: Mr. McKellar - Principal Shakema Jones Rebecca Bonniville Rachel Croxton Justini Lewis Dacia Beaver Minaihadore Redd Destinee Brooks

Reneshia Roane 2nd Row: Christopher Coates Corey Coleman, Jr. Asante Holmes Trevor Hust Benjamin Combs Lamont Robinson, Jr. Harry Holmes, Jr. Makyle Jackson Gerald Hill **Brandon Amos**

Amonte' Hill Seniors not pictured Nya Banks Jenna Burns Brandon Catlyn Robert Cox Shawnell Elliott Camryn Henshaw Kayla Johnson David Pace, Jr. Hannah Grace Rice Sasha Woods



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Christian Fellowship Ministries (CFM)

Annual Pastor's Anniversary! May 15th – speakers on Wednesday, Thursday & Robinson, May 26th at 8am. am. Located at 304 W. Chinquapin Rd., Pastor King William County Phone 804-769- New Morning Star Baptist Church information.

Crossroads Mission Center

Crossroads, the 1st Wednesday of every School service for youth and adults White at (804) 240-1982. month. Come join us for food, fun, beginning at 10:00a.m. Followed by Third Union Baptist Church Facebook page and stay connected to our Brenda Mercer, Sunday School been postponed. We invite you Sunday, www.stpaulsmillerstavern.org Church Crossroadsmissioncenter-KW 694-K Stephens Church. Sharon Rd, King William beside the MONTHLY FREE COMMUNITY deliver the morning message. Theme: (The church next to King William Library

Kingdom of God Living Water Ministry

Pastor Leo Reed 1438 Manfield Road, Monthly Free Community Dinner Manquin 23106. Sunday's at 12:15 PM.

Queen County. 10 a.m. Sunday school; Tavern 5:30 – 7:00 Eat in only. 11 a.m. Worship Service with Monthly Free Community Dinner meets third Sundays/ Fellowship 6:30 breakfast fourth Sundays/Breakfast New Mt. Zion Baptist Church prepared by men fifth Sundays; 11a.m. practice; 10a.m. until noon community the music. The colors are PASTELS. clothes cupboard first Saturdays. Rev. Next Step Church Skaggs 804-347-7285.

1700s)

Nathan Taylor, Executive Director of the www.nextstep-church.com. Baptist Historical Society, followed with Olivet Baptist Church provided by Rev. David Medlin and Paul 11:00 AM pastor Terry Morrison and Bessie Guthrie. This fellowship day Pamunkey Baptist Association May on 4th Thursday. is to remember past families Day the church.

Mt. Sinai Baptist Church

celebrating our 150th Church day. The public is invited. Anniversary on Saturday, June 22, the **Providence Baptist Church**, home of Web: www.Mckendree23106.org

ATTNENTION: 3pm. Contact Dr. Tony Hobbs. Mr. Rodney Robinson announces its Join us on Sunday mornings at 11:00a.m. Sorry, we do not Celebration will continue on Sunday, Annual Youth Day, Sunday, June for worship by our new pastor, Ellis keep announcements. June 23 at 10am our Pastor Rev. Dr. 9. Worship begins at 11:30 with youth Gayle. Sunday School to be announced. This page is free KW Charlene Gresham will preach the and children leading the services. Music EPISCOPAL and K&Q residents. morning service, followed by lunch at will be provided by the A. L. Thompson Immanuel Episcopal Church 1pm. Afternoon service at 3pm with Singers with Brian Ellerbe on the 190 Allen's Circle King & Queen Court Pastor James Sevon Jr. and the Sharon keyboard. Baptist Church King William. Contact highlighted by presentations from Dr. one Sunday a month Morning Prayer the Deacon James Williams, Sr. 769-2212

New Life Community Church

May 17th & 19th There will be guest Ministerial Licensing of M.I.T. Gail the Year. Rodney was raised in the St. David's Episcopal Church

Summer is closely coming to an end Williams is the youth coordinator for the website www.stdavidsaylett.church invites you to Fun Night @ the come and join us for an Enriching Sunday church. For more information call Pastor St. Paul's Millers Tavern u p d a t e s . Superintendant, 140 Greenbriar Rd, St May 19th for our special 11am service. **PRESBYTERIAN**

N N E R

United Methodist - 5:30 to 6:30

2nd Monday St. Timothy Catholic Church 3123 for info. Please visit us at 5:30 to 6:30

Bruington Baptist Church Monthly Free Community Dinner

4784 The Trail, Bruington, King and 3rd Monday – St Paul Episcopal Millers

Deacons meet on first Sundays/WOM John Episcopal Tappahannock 5:30 -

Walkerton, will be celebrating our living word of Christ Jesus. children's church fifth Sundays/children ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY, on Sunday, Union Hope Baptist Church and youth mission groups meet third May 26, at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Vera Shipp KW, The Deaconess Ministry will of God and studying his word, building Sundays; 6p.m. Adult Bible study will provide the message and the Ladies celebrate their Annual Women's Day on relationships and service to our Wednesdays followed by 7p.m. choir of Zion, of New Mt. Zion, will provide May 19th at 10 a.m., Rev Dr. April community. Check us out on Facebook,

Roger Collier 804-815-3267 or Rev. Fred Located at 7753 Richmond- the guest minister. All are invited to Cross Church Tappahannock Highway, Aylett. Sunday worship. Colors for the service are red A safe place for everyone. We Worship Mattaponi Baptist Church (Circa early Worship Service Times - 9:00 & and/or white. 10:30am preceded by Coffee House. We **Upper King & Queen Baptist Church** We invite you and your family to our want to invite you to our exciting worship Worship with us on Sundays at 11:00 Richmond Tappahannock Hwy. Aylett, annual Homecoming-Memorial Day experience. For more information, please A.M. with Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. 23009 crosschurchva.com Service on May 26th! Church service will contact us at 804/769-3182, Children's CHURCH and Mission Women in the Word Community Bible begin at 11:00am with guest speaker, welcome@nextstep-church.com, Friends. MEN'S Prayer Breakfast 1st Study! Discover a group of local ladies to

of Mattaponi and to recognize veterans of Celebrating the Annual May Day on May McKendree United Methodist Church 18, at Acquinton Elementary School. The 4347 Manfield Road, Manquin, Worship

celebration will begin with a musical at the 2019 National Teacher of the Year, Mizpah Methodist Church

We invite all to the Initial Sermon and Robinson, the 2019 National Teacher of call 804-785-2122

Pastor, Rev. Dr. Wilbert D. Talley will **St. James Presbyterian Church**

www. Third Union Baptist Church. Com

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Evangelistic Church, Midlothian, will be events and opportunities.

METHODIST

parade will start at 10:00 A.M. Sharp. on Sundays at 9:30am followed by (2327 Commins Rd, Aylett) will be Bring your family for a fun filled Sunday School at 10:45 am. Pastor Betty

The service will be House Services at 10AM Holy Eucharist David White, Superintendent of King remaining Sundays, led by a Lay Person. William Schools and Mr. Rodney For information on a particular Sunday,

church; his mother, Sylvia, still attends. Aylett "To Know Christ Jesus and to Friday at 7:00pm. Apostle Marvin 109 Commons Park Circle, Suite J, After worship there will be a cookout Make Christ Known" 11291 West River Richardson Sunday, May 19th at 11:00 Manquin, Rev. Littycia Clay-Crawley, styled lunch with fun, games, and Road, Aylett (Beside the Public Boat cornhole for the youth. Providence is Landing) Featuring The Rev. T. Gustavo located at 4570 Dorrell Road in Mansella All Are Welcome! All Sundays 1985. cfm23086@yahoo.com for more Sunday School and Worship Service First Aylett. You are invited to come and 11AM Eucharist Service First Sunday of through the Fourth Sunday each month. share in this historic event. Miss Moesha the Month - Youth Focus/Potluck After

Richmond 7 9 2 4 Highway. Sunday service at 10a.m. Holy fellowship and friends. It's Free, From Worship Service beginning at 11:00a.m. 150th Church Anniversary Banquet Eucharist with music. Nursery available 6pm to 8pm. Bring the family. Like our Rev. Dr. Sylvia Berry, Pastor & Sister scheduled for Saturday, May 18th has at 10 a.m. service. 443-2341

"He has been with us from the beginning, Courthouse) 411 Courthouse Lane. 1st Monday: Tappahannock Memorial we've got a testimony" scripture Worship with us on Sundays at 10:30 reference: John 15:27. Lunch served after AM. Our music is a blend of service. Contact Church office 804-769- contemporary and traditional hymns. Communion is the first Sunday of each month. Our Minister is Rev. Dr. John Turner, a native Scotsman.

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NON DENOMINATION

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together 10:30 Sunday mornings at K.W. & Rescue Fire

Sunday at 8:30 A. M. Wednesday Bible pray with you, encourage you, and Study 7:00 P.M. Adult Choir Practice at support you as we study God's Word a delicious luncheon and afternoon music 25375 The Trail, Mattaponi, Sunday 8:00 P.M. Friday Bible Study at 6:30 together. Meetings will be each Monday special beginning at 1:30pm with music School at 10:00 AM Sundays Worship at P.M. WMU at 7:00 P.M. 2nd Monday night, from 6:30-7:45 p.m. at the King and Ladies With A Vision at 7:00 P.M. and Queen library branch (396 Newtown St. Stephens Road, Church). Questions? Email Melissa at melmar192@gmail.com.

> "Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it."

> > Mark Twain

Community Calendar

ATTENTION: Non Profit Only. This page is free to KW and K&Q. Basic info only.

King & Oueen Library

Yoga for Seniors Thursday, May 23, & 30, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Family Movie Night Wednesday, May 15, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Call 804-769-1623 or visit the library at 396 Newtown Road for more information.

Upper King William Library

Teen Center Fridays, May 17, & 24, 3:30-4:30p.m. Yoga for Seniors Tuesdays, May 21, & 28 11a.m.noon Saturday Morning Movie Saturday, May 18, 10:30 – 11:30a.m. UKW Adult Book Club Monday May 20, 7:00 – 8p.m. Call 804-769-3731 or visit the library at 694-J Sharon Road for more information.

West Point Library

LEGOMania Friday, May 17, 4:00 -5:00p.m. Ages 5-12. Adult Movie Night Thursday, May 23, 12:30 -2:30 p.m. Ages 16 & up CoderDojo 1:30p.m. Ages 11-18 Pajama Squad Building. Storytime Tuesday, May 28, 6:30 - KW Children First Lions Club the library at 721 Main Street for month at 7:00p.m. at the Crossroads county will be at Watt's store. more information.

Aylett Country Day School

Summer at ACDS! June 17-August American Legion Post 314 acdspatriots.net

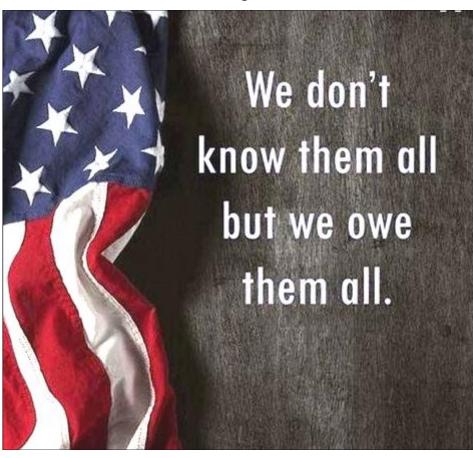
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Entering the New Millennium DCSE VFW Post 9501 468-8894

Afternoon Off for Caregivers!

Bring your senior loved ones to a membership. special event on the third Wednesday K.W. Rec Park of every month! Caregivers get an KingWilliamRec.com. afternoon off 1:00-5:00p.m. while Mattaponi Crime Solvers UMC, 4347 Manfield Road, something. Manquin.

Girl Scout Troop 1132



Saturday, May 25, 10:30a.m. - at 6pm at Mattaponi Vol. Rescue bake sale on May 18th. The lower state and national issues. Meetings of

Sharon Road, King William.

Tapp. Hwy. Rt. 360. Freedom is NOT invited. Free.

Related Questions and/or Inquiries. each business meeting. Contact DCSE Contact Information: 1-800- commander James Brown 804-337-7029 for Post membership and F. Gwathmey 994-2947 for Auxiliary

their seniors enjoy fellowship in a (serving King & Queen, King safe environment with fun-filled William, and town of West Point) Tip activities planned especially for them. line: (804) 769-3000 For more info Information-registration, call 804-769 on the Crime Solvers program -0001. Sponsored by United contact: KQKWSolvers@aol.com. Methodist Women, McKendree Remember If you see something, say

Yard and Bake SALE

The King & Queen County Weekly meetings on Thursdays Democrats are having a yard and

Mission Center located at 694 K Three Rivers SWCD Board of and kwteaparty.com **Directors Meetings**

16 at 8am - 5:30pm. Ages 3-12 \$150/ All members & Veterans welcome to Conservation District will hold their Social Hall, 2126 King William Ave. week. Open to the Community. Join meetings. Community Wide Saltfish monthly Board of Directors meetings W.P. Thursday, May 16 from 2 to us for Summer in the Country with Breakfast 1st & 3rd Saturday from on the third Tuesday of each month. 6pm. Please call 1-800-Red Cross(1swimming, river activities, STEM 8am-10am. PTSD Support Group If you would like to attend, contact 800-733-2767 or visit projects, games and fun in a safe held each Wed. night at 7PM, Post the office at (804)443-2327, ext. 4 for RedCrossBlood.org to schedule an en vironment! Register: 314 Bldg. Aylett 6250 Richmond- meeting place and time. The public is appt.

Pets

each month from 9:30AM to 3:00PM Second Thursday each month at 769-4983. Kennel visiting hours Church to assist you with Child Support 7:00pm. Refreshments served after Mon.-Fri. 11a.m.-4p.m., Wed. eve.

until 6pm., Sat.11am.-2pm. www.petfinder.com email: animalshelter@kingwilliamcounty.us **Help Wanted!**

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King and Queen NAACP

Meeting May 21, 7:00 p.m. New Mt. Zion Baptist Rev. Robert Brown, Pastor Please come out and support the NAACP Branch.

King William T.E.A. Party

KWTP meets the second and fourth Thursdays each month at 6:30 PM. Had enough of lies from the both major political parties; openly squeezing the middle class to pay off rich donors and poor voters? Take action, starting with effective strategies to deal with critical local, county will be at the farmers market KWTP are open to all citizens of building on Rt. 33 near the good will. Usually at the Upper King 7:15 p.m. Call 804-843-3244 or visit Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each Shacklefords post office. The upper William Library. Confirmation and lots more information at Facebook

Blood Drive

Three Rivers Soil & Water West Point Masonic lodge #238

Yard Sale

Good Homes Needed For Good Saturday May 18 at 8 AM to 2 PM at home of B.W. White Jr. (Next to Personnel will be at K&Q Social Members of the VFW Post & Regional Animal Shelter, 20201 King Regional Animal Shelter on Route 30 Services on the Third Thursday of Auxiliary Central Garage meet the William Road, King William 804- in King William). Benefit St. James



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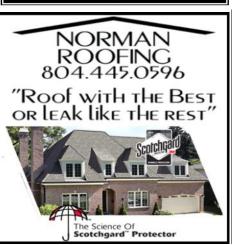
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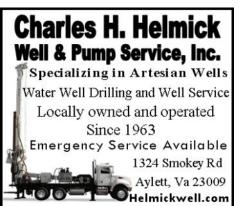
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