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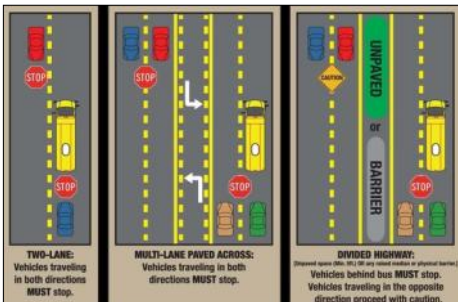
Wednesday, September 4, 2019

Back-To-School Message from the King and Queen County Sheriff's Office



The King and Queen County Sheriff's Office strives to provide a safe roadway for everyone, including the students getting on and off school buses. The King and Queen County Sheriff's Office will be enforcing bus safety and school zones during this upcoming week and throughout the school year, so BE AWARE!

Here are some quick reminders about Bus and School Zone Safety!



STOP for stopped school buses on two-lane roadways.

STOP for stopped school buses on multi-lane paved across roadways.

Vehicles behind a school bus MUST stop.

Use CAUTION when traveling in the opposite direction of a stopped school bus on divided highways.

SLOW DOWN in school zones.

The King and Queen County Sheriff's Office wants to wish all the students and staff a safe and happy 2019-2020 school year!

Hansen and White Spar Over Shower Installation and SOL Scores



School Superintendent Dr. David White (foreground) answers questions from 4th District Supervisor David Hansen.

By Gene Campbell

It was not "business as usual" at the August 26th meeting of the King William Board of Supervisors meeting. King William County Superintendent of Schools Dr. David White updated the board on the Hamilton Holmes Middle School project which is substantially complete and ready to receive students for the start of the school year on September 3rd. Supervisor David Hansen asked Dr. White why a shower was installed in his (White's) office as part of the renovations.

Please see **B.O.S.**, on page 4.

Sweet Sue Solar Energy Farm Coming To Aylett

By Florence Cooke

Picture courtesy Invenergy, LLC

Have you heard about the proposed 579 acre Solar Farm on Enfield Road in Aylett, also known as the Sweet Sue Solar Energy Center? Probably not. Most adjoining landowners are also unaware of the proposed project. On Wednesday, August 21st, at the American Legion Post 314 in Aylett. About 50 adjoining land owners were invited to come and meet with Invenergy from Chicago, Illinois.

Please see **SOLAR**, on page 3.



579 Acre Solar Farm Proposed on Enfield Road in Aylett

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Missing Dogs: Teddy & Chloe

Please keep an eye out for our pups Teddy and Chloe missing from we're in CEDAR CREST, off MANFIELD, OFF 360 BY KING WILLIAM TIRE AND POST OFFICE. If you see them, please get them to come to you and let us know. We're sad without them. They are off on Sunday afternoon on August 25th and they've never stayed away from home this long and we're worried. Teddy is approx. 46 lbs, not neutered with a black and lime green collar and white on chest. Chloe is approx. 34 lbs, spayed with tie dyed collar and micro chipped.

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We've searched surrounding farmlands on 4-wheeler, given information to King William Tire, many neighbors and in surrounding neighborhoods, Golf Course, Animal Control/shelter, Non-emergency and vet. Please help, pray and spread the word.



Teddy & Chloe Missing from Cedar Crest off Manfield Rd in Manquin.

SOLAR, continued from front page

The Sweet Sue Solar Energy Center is a proposed 77 megawatt solar power generation facility in King William targeted to begin operating in 2021. This project is located on 579 acres of land on Enfield Road owned by David and Sue Chenault and Frank Flippo and Sons. Presently the acreage is timber and farm land.

Representatives from Invenergy answered questions about the solar project. Invenergy is America's leading, privately held developer and operator of sustainable energy solutions. This land was chosen by the developer because it is flat land that is mostly cleared; close to major highways; close to a major transmission infrastructure and close to high voltage lines or substation owned by Rappahannock Electric.

According to company representatives, major

advantages to this project would be tax revenue coming into the county - over the first fifteen years about \$1.9 million tax dollars will come from real estate taxes; the owners will be paid for rental of their property; during the six to nine month construction about 300 construction jobs will be supported by this company and will be using local businesses for food and other needs.

This meeting was to introduce the community about this proposed solar farm. A public hearing is planned for October 1st by the Planning Department. At this time a presentation will be made to the public. The Planning Department will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors at the October 28th board meeting to accept or reject the proposal.

Publisher's Message



On September 20th, 1989, we sent out the first *Country Courier* newspaper free of charge to residents of King William and King and Queen Counties. We were able to do this with the help of local business owners who believed it was a good idea to have our own community newspaper. Now, here it is 30 years later and we are still doing it with the help of our loyal advertisers right here in our community. Being a part of the *Country Courier* has given me a chance to meet some really great folks through the years. From Governors to concerned citizens to hard-working business owners, I have made some lasting friendships. We made some mistakes but have always tried to be fair in the news and information we place in your hands each issue. Through the years there have been many big newspapers that tried to take over this area but with you our readers and the strength of our advertisers they were not able to do so. To King William and King and Queen residents, the *Country Courier* is your newspaper and I will keep that promise to you for many years to come. Thank you for allowing the *Country Courier* to be a part of the fabric we know as our community. No doubt change will come and we will be there to bring light to those changes and place the *Country Courier* in your mailbox at no cost to you for many years to come. Take care till next time.

Danny Clark



The *Country Courier* welcomes letters from our readers, which will be published with the writer's signature and county of residence. We accept calendar items at no charge for 50 words or less. The *Country Courier* reserves the right to edit letters and calendar items and print when space is available.

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Fences

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

I am fencing in some new pasture for Pip and have had to think about all the different types of fencing. So many choices of wood, wire, electric, etc. They all need maintenance and upkeep so they will work properly. High winds and bad storms seem to always knock down a tree or limbs and damage the fence. Whenever that happens, Pip will go visiting.

Pip is very friendly and curious and likes to check on the neighbors when she has the opportunity. She doesn't go too far and I can call her and she comes running back. A couple of years ago, a friend sent me a picture from his game trail camera. He said he was flipping through the pictures when he got a big surprise. There was one of Pip going down the game trail in the middle of the night. He said he didn't know she had gotten out after we had a big storm a couple of weeks earlier. I had repaired the fence and she was only out a short time. We both had a good laugh.

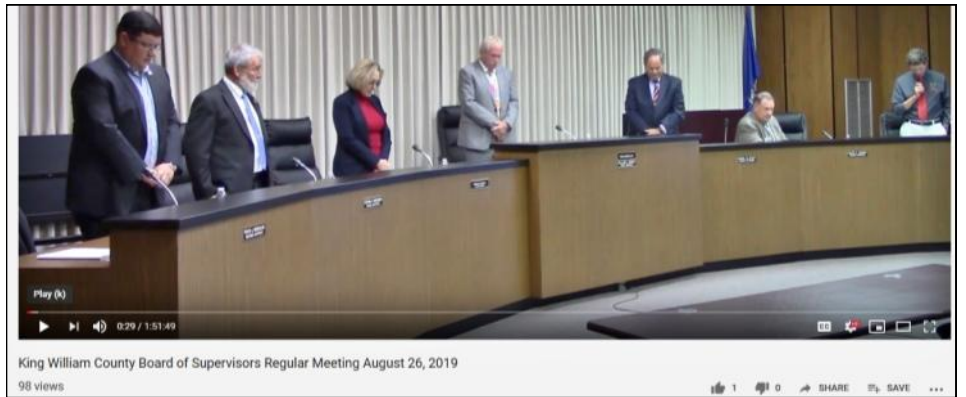
I'm reminded of a story about an old farmer who was checking on



his fence. He was walking along the fence line when he heard someone say "Hey mister!" He looked down and saw a frog. The frog said "If you kiss me on the lips, I will turn into the most beautiful woman in the world." The old farmer smiled and picked up the frog and went to put it in his pocket. The frog said "Wait a minute! Didn't you hear what I said? If you kiss me on the lips, I will turn into the most beautiful woman in the world!" The old farmer said "Yeah, I heard you. But at my age, I think I'd rather have a talking frog!"

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

King William BOS Meetings are on YouTube



By Armistead Saffer

Now that the King William County Administration building has high-speed internet service, one of the benefits is providing videos of the Board of Supervisors meetings online. This will allow the citizens to see their supervisors in action when many don't have the time to attend the meetings in person.

The easiest way to find the videos is to go to <https://youtube.com> then enter "King William

County BOS" in the search bar. You can also find a link to the video on the county's website: <https://kingwilliamcounty.us>. If you have limited Internet or don't want to use a lot of data, you can change the video quality to a lower resolution. As people are more aware and Internet services improve in our county, hopefully more people will watch our BOS meetings. You can also read the latest issue of the Country Courier online at CountryCourierNews.com.

B.O.S., continued from front page

Dr. White responded saying he did not request the shower which cost \$3,300. He also said it was shown on the original plans and is commonly included in superintendent offices in new construction of schools. Superintendents often spend long hours at their office attending meetings after school hours or riding roads in the early morning hours of the winter months checking their conditions in order to make a decision about school opening that day. A shower is often needed to "freshen up" during those long days. Later in the meeting Hansen questioned Dr. White about some low scores in the most recent SOL testing at the four division schools. Hansen blamed Dr.

White's skills as an educator and leadership ability for the low scores. Dr. White said he is working with the teachers to bring these scores up just like he did two years ago when math scores were low but have since increased. This year the math scores increased 13 points. He said all the schools remain fully accredited.

At the end of the meeting Supervisor Travis Moskalski apologized to those in attendance for the "conduct and tone of voice" some of his fellow board members displayed tonight saying "we can do better than this". The next regular meeting of the Board will be September 23rd at the administrative building beginning at 7 pm.



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Obituaries



WALKER

WALKER, James Wesley, Sr.; 84, long-time resident of Mechanicsville and King William County, Virginia; departed this life on August 18, 2019. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 48 years, Patricia McDonough Walker. James is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Marie W. and Grayson Jennings, his son, James Wesley Walker, Jr.; his grandchildren, Jessica Duffer (Scott), Julie Jennings, Jared Jennings, Christopher Walker (Shaina), Alison Fox (Brian); five great-grandchildren; and his sister, Mildred Lord. James was born December 27, 1934. He retired from the City of Richmond and enjoyed retirement spending time with the grandchildren and his hunting dogs. The family will receive friends Wednesday, August 21, 2019 from 4 – 8 pm, at Monaghan Funeral Home 7300 Creighton Rd., Mechanicsville, VA 23111. A graveside service will be held, 11 am, Thursday, August 22, 2019 at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, 1400 S. Randolph St., Richmond, VA 23220. A celebration of life reception will follow graveside services back at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Commonwealth Assisted Living at Farnham-Memory Care, Alzheimer's Association, or Hospice of Virginia, Tappahannock.



SMITH

Our beloved mother Annette A. Smith, age 92, passed peacefully on August 9th into her eternal home in heaven. A faithful believer in Jesus, a devoted wife, mom, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to all, she joins our dear father Robert "Rabbit" E. Smith who passed June 23rd. They were married 71 years and long-time residents of the Old Church community for over 60 years. We invite friends to help celebrate their lives with a Memorial service Saturday September 7th at Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. Family will welcome friends at 1:15 and follow with a service of remembrance at 2pm. They are survived by Children Bonnie Roden, Marcia Thomas and Barry Smith; Grandchildren Meghan Rudd, Craig Thomas, Becky Eley, Jeff Thomas and Hunter Smith and Great Grandchildren Leah and Dexter Rudd, Charlotte and Jack Thomas and Saylor Eley, and her devoted care giver, Sheila Richards. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Bethlehem Presbyterian Church and/or the Alzheimer Foundation

Dear Mattaponi Friends

You are invited to:

The Save the Mattaponi 10-Year Victory Celebration -- We Stopped the King William Reservoir!

Date: Saturday, September 28,

Time: 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: At the residence of Gene and Suzanne Campbell, on the Mattaponi River, located off Route 30, just minutes from the King William Court House

Requested donation: \$20 per person

It has been 10 years since we Stopped the King William Reservoir and Saved the Mattaponi River, a monumental 13 plus year fight, where so much was at stake.

The proposed unneeded drinking water project by the City of Newport News would have diverted 75 million gallons of water per day from the Mattaponi River. It would have flooded 1500 acres in the Cohoke Valley, destroyed 400 acres of valuable wetlands, and imperiled the shad and other fisheries. It would have broken a 1677 treaty with the local Native Americans and harmed their important archaeological sites.

After many wins and losses, the Alliance to Save the Mattaponi ultimately prevailed, with help from our allies, you the public, the Sierra Club, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the Southern Environmental Law Center, the Mattaponi Indian Tribe, the Mattaponi and

Pamunkey River Association, and other organizations. This win is considered a top environmental and justice victory of the decade, if not the century.

We will serve delicious locally catered food and non-alcoholic beverages. Local musicians, the TinCatFishBand, will enliven our event. A few of us have entertaining stories and memories to add to the festivities.

We request a \$20 per person donation to cover expenses, which you may send in advance with a check payable to "Tyla Matteson", 4896 Burnham Road, North Chesterfield, VA 23234. Alternatively, you may make a donation at the event.

RSVP to Tyla, tmatteson1@mindspring.com or by phone 804-275-6476 to give us a count for the catering. Please include your email and phone number.

For detailed directions and website directions, contact Tyla.

We are very excited to see everyone – let us know if you can attend, and help us spread the word, as our contact information is old, and we have lost track of many who helped us win. Please extend an invitation to all who would like to share the victory.

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Sweet Sue Solar Energy Center Community Meeting

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The project sponsor, Invenenergy, is hosting an informational meeting about the permit and plan for a proposed solar development in King William County. Please stop in during this time to discuss the project and review permit materials with Invenenergy representatives.

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Conservative Va. Senator Chase coming to King William



Amanda Chase

Submitted by KW TEA Party

At 6:30 on Thursday evening, September 12th, Virginia Senator Amanda Chase (R-Chesterfield) will be King William T.E.A. Party's special guest speaker on the controversial topic of Economic Development Authorities (EDAs), including King William's

own EDA.

Chase, an outspoken critic of these un-elected, largely unsupervised bodies, will document how so many have abused the public trust; often spending vast sums of money on projects that ultimately do nothing more than wasting tax dollars while enriching special interests.

Her efforts led to the suspension of Chesterfield's infamous Matoaca Megasite for its lack of transparency and support from 40,000 nearby residents.

Noting the importance of this topic, KWTP's Bob Shannon said "These EDAs are running amok and must be either reined in, banned with new legislation or curbed with reforms that will stop the rampant abuse. Most appalling is the ease with which this money is often stolen."

The meeting is open to the public and will be held at the Upper King William Library on Sharon Road. More information about Va. Senator Amanda Chase is available at <https://chase4senate.com/> and Facebook

(King William T.E.A. Party – Taxed Enough Already – does not endorse specific political candidates, but makes it a point to invite and host speakers presenting a wide variety of positions. kwteaparty.com)

Congratulations Carina Smith



WALKERTON

Carina is on her way to Shenandoah University for her freshman year. Besides studying criminal justice, she is running cross country and track for the Hornets this year. We want to wish her the best!

Mom, Dad and brother Quinn.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
Credentials Do Not Equal People/Empathy

In the August 8th edition, Mr. JN Mills ranted about Ed Moren's credentials, but Mr. Mills also previously endorsed a supervisor who had not even completed high school.

What is the common ground between all three people? They support land-use, which shift tax responsibility away from the wealthy and upon the working class.

While high-speed internet would be nice, it does not determine who I vote for and "credentialed" candidates aren't always the best suited. Please consider this:

1) Education - Just because a person is quite smart, it doesn't mean they can teach others or effectively represent all demographics/classes.

2) Qualifications - Qualifications do NOT mean the person is best suited the job. Why is Mr. Moren not speaking out for this position, instead of having others tout his qualifications? Rhetorically speaking, would you hire a civil engineer to paint your house if he never used a paint brush?

3) Transparency - Mr. Moren has set up a political action committee where he can hide behind donors (which appear to be wealthy landowners and not like those of us struggling).. Why is Mr. Moren not making any statements as to whether he will support increased real estate tax rates after the election and after reassessment?

Personally, I want someone who lives and worships with the people of our county...I want someone who is representative of all residents and transparent in their activities. That person is Bob Ehrhart.

Angel Young
King William Resident,
Fifth District

Dear Editor,

King William County finds itself at a crossroads as we approach the election. We all have to take a close look at our county, see the direction to head, and vote accordingly.

Will we take the path of mimicking neighboring counties by building houses and strip malls to be filled by outsiders? Will we take the path of tradition by preserving estates that contribute to agriculture, the Commonwealth's top export? The county grows more divided as we seek to answer these questions. A recent letter to this publication even went so far as to call those on the other side 'robber barons'.

The purpose of this letter is only to make sure that agriculture is not overlooked as a viable industry. It is a source of employment, and means of preserving our county's natural beauty. If it were not for the Land Use Tax Exemption, these estates would disappear as the profit margin is so slim. The current supervisor of Mangohick seems to alienate the many old families of his area that are involved in Virginia agriculture. Do not look them over, they have been serving the community for generations, and want to preserve King William for future generations. Supervisor Ehrhart is not from the county, or the state originally. What is his purpose for leading our district?

Paul Locke
King William

Dear Editor,
These are truly facts that should not be misinterpreted as aggressive, opinions, harassing, fraudulent or bullying in nature.... Please provide accountability and plan for improvement for the following...

1. If the volunteer numbers are so good... where were the CO1 and CO2 members on Sunday 8/18/19 to mark up a second unit with paid staff at company one, to handle the influx of calls for our community that evening. Company one had three paid providers marked up for their assigned shifts and the chief from company two was noted to be marked available until 0200 8/19/19. 2. Duty member from MVFD did not mark up during this time of call influx in the community. 3. Attempted cancellation of a Hanover mutual aid unit, when this unit was closer than the West Point unit for a critical call within our community. 4. This influx of service was during weekend hours, volunteers from both company one and two should be plentiful during this time. Where were the members of these stations? 5. Battalion chiefs overseeing / utilizing marked up chief from MVFD and career staff to place two in service ambulances for our community. If there were no volunteers available, was there a mandatory implementation of overtime for career staff to maintain the four mandatory career staffing for CO1, to provide the county with the minimum of two ambulances in service 24/7? 6. Both part time battalion chiefs are certified through the state of Virginia as EMT basics, in their contract was their not an addendum placed for these individuals to step in and take action in time of call influx like this, when Hanover, Caroline and West Point are busy handling their own calls and ours... 6. Is anyone holding anyone accountable...? BOS Greenwood is the only one I have heard so far place any concerns of accountability on county administrator, during the BOS meeting in which I spoke at...Greenwood asked the county administrator directly....the concerned citizen is correct...under your direction Mattaponi VRS and KW station 4 has been removed from their duties, what is your plan to make sure these citizens in those affected districts get the services they need.... The choices of the county administrator have clearly impacted the community negatively, and the evening of Sunday 8/18/19 is another perfect example of this. Please do not respond to this email, this is Emergency Management related one of our battalion chiefs will be in contact with you...each and every one of you are accountable. The citizens of our community deserve a reply and a plan for improvement

backed and held accountable by each and every one of you... Please reply with truth, facts and accountability...within a timely manner... The citizens of our county deserve to have peace of mind so they can enjoy their weekends or leave the county for work during the week, and be reassured there will be an ambulance available at times of need.

Thanks,
Devin Thomas
4th District

Dear Editor,
Ehrhart's position is transparent

The candidates need to grow a pair. Stop shying away from strong stances and issues. People are talking in circles with no candidates presenting detailed solutions. Whether you like Bob or not, at least he is making his position transparent.

Candidates should not lie or shy away from the reality of the county economics and tax implications. If they do, they are not here for the people but the good ole' boys club. The board is being stacked as a club of white male colleagues. They have worked together for years, promoting each other and pushing negative campaigns on opponents.

Opinions drive questions. If candidates do not dare make a clear stance to citizens and defend themselves; then how will they represent the opinion of the people to the board? How will they go against colleagues they have worked with for years and campaigned for?

How are we evolving with the times? Voting in candidates that have been at the helm of the county in the last 5 years in either paid positions, elected positions or committee volunteer positions is not progressive. We are playing musical chairs. Options to keep our board diversified are slim. Our options include voting for a vocal candidate who is a source of online target practice, a terminated county employee, a TEA party advocate, a clique of colleagues, and silent candidates who do nothing more than place signs. The new board will be on the same page, pushing each other's personal agendas quickly and peacefully. Long -term implications and people's opinion will be mute.

Melissa Yopp
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

KWCPS is not a failing school division and Dr. White is not a failure as superintendent.

He does not work in isolation. After working collaboratively with his staff, he makes recommendations to the School Board who will approve and agree to implement or disapprove and continue to discuss, adjust, or start again. All personnel decisions (hirings, resignations, terminations) must be approved by a majority vote of the School Board. He is evaluated annually using seven performance standards from VDOE. Following a personal attack through an email, he answered questions as requested at a Board of Supervisors' meeting. He did not request a shower for his office and we have experienced a decline in SOL scores in some areas. All schools remain fully accredited. Jumping to conclusions and making assumptions can be harmful. Dr. White found out how supportive this community can be following this experience.

Every year we face new challenges as students are required to demonstrate a year's mastery of curriculum by taking a 30 or 40 question standardized test. Fortunately, we have many other ways to measure success. We have dedicated employees who work hard taking care of students and encouraging best efforts academically, emotionally, athletically, and socially. We enjoy support from our community who can see success firsthand and recognize how our practices can improve conditions for students. We enjoy facilities that provide safe, secure, and positive learning environments. Dr. White is a visionary who believes in innovation and fiscal responsibility. We stand by his performance. Collectively, we celebrate our success with student achievement and we work on weaknesses that need improvement. We look forward to this new school year.

Kathy Morrison, Chair
King William County School Board

Dear Editor,

Write-in Chris Peace

Are you dissatisfied with the 2019 Republican Party of Virginia's nomination process in the General Assembly's 97th District? Frankly, do the current Republican and Democrat nominees leave you disappointed and not satisfied with your choices on the November 5 General Election ballot? Do you feel like you're picking between the lesser of 2 evils and the candidate you may choose doesn't really deserve to represent or won't properly represent you in the 97th District?

Since you are displeased with the 2 choices, you CAN write-in a candidate that pleases you

and shares your concerns in the 2019 97th District election!

Here's the thing: I can still vote Republican; NOT vote for Scott Wyatt; and keep the Republican majority in the House.

In the 97th District, the historical data supports the fact that Delegate Chris Peace garnered 72% (2017) and 78% (2015) of the vote. Even if the 2 Republicans split the ticket this year, they both get over 35% of the vote. The other party may get 22%-28% of the vote. The political consultants are trending 32% of the vote in 2019 for the other party, including protest votes from traditionally Republican voters. Anyone who suggests that the other party will win in the Republican dominated 97th District is fear-mongering.

Do you feel that Scott Wyatt is too power hungry considering the unethical and dubious ways he pursued the nomination all along the way until he was able to finally make off with the nomination?

If by some off-chance he does win, does it justify the nominating process this year? Does it matter whether it was stolen by the insiders of the Republican Party or not? Did those insiders give you the choice that you really wanted to see on the ballot? After all, a Republican will win in the 97th District. Perhaps, many won't see the opportunity we have by WRITING-IN Chris Peace's name and will simply vote straight party ticket as they always have.

That is, unless we get the word out, share with others, and talk about this opportunity.

By WRITING-IN CHRIS PEACE, you will send several messages. 1. Your vote will be a "no confidence" in the current District Convention nominating process, which most voters won't participate in. It will send the message loud and clear that 2. the Republican Party rules should not allow unethical conduct; 3. there must be accountability in every step of the process for those who don't follow the rules to the letter; and 4. internal control weaknesses from the local committee through to the top of the state committee that destroy the confidence of the voters in the political process must be revisited and corrected.

Writing in Chris Peace is a chance for voters to have a greater say in the election process and vote for their preferred candidate, even though Chris Peace's name may not appear on the ballot.

Writing in Chris Peace's name is a way of saying "NONE OF THE ABOVE".

In 2019, WRITE-IN CHRIS PEACE to send YOUR messages.

Exercise a true GRASSROOTS IN VIRGINIA effort by your write-in vote.

Ray Alexander
97th District

Dear Editor,

It seems the progressive element of our county has started their letter writing campaign. These letters are very informative and provide an insight to their version of what the future should be. They carry common themes. Examples are "We Need Team Players", Stop the "Unnecessary Questions" and let the "Professionals" do their job.

The theme of the letters say Supervisor Hansen and Supervisor Ehrhart are a disruptive presence on the King William Board of Supervisors and are not team players. When these two supervisors wanted to have the proposed work at Hamilton Holmes School reviewed by a second party - they were not called team players. Now, after the fact it would seem the non-team players' suggestions would have found the roof problem and have gotten the county a better deal. Supervisor Hansen proposed using part of the \$10,000,000 Unassigned Reserve Fund to pay for the work which would reduce the amount of long term bonds needed. The team players said no again.

The letters say the County Administrator is the

only one who can hire, fire and direct the county employees. I suspect the voters of our county probably never thought for a second their elected supervisors could not use the county employees to root out and help fix the broken processes without permission of the County Administrator. The team players say "No" to the idea that a supervisor who works for his constituents can use the county employees to help solve the problems they elected him or her to get fixed. These are the same employees that those constituent's taxes pay.

When you read these letters - ask is this "What you want your future to be?" - Your elected Supervisor a "Yes" man for the progressive team who goes along to get along.

I prefer the Supervisor who asks the questions, seeks to fix the broken processes and is a Team Player for his constituents. The next time you hear a candidate declare he or she is a team player - be sure to ask which team.

Sincerely,

Paul Jamerson
King William

Please see **LETTERS**, on page 14.



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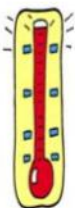
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King and Queen County Public Schools ushered in 2019-2020 school year on Friday, August 23, with convocation speaker, Dr. Adolf Brown, III. Dr. Brown kicked off the school year by motivating the staff to close the empathy gap, inspired them to be balcony people, and emphasized self care as key to being successful in work as educators for supporting student success.

Dr. Brown encouraged the King and Queen staff to have fun, be fair and flexible with students, families, and each other and to keep the faith.



Staff enjoying the Convocation speaker.

2019 Farm Bureau Picnic



Board Scholarship recipients (from left) Sidney Rudolph, Andrew Kish and Rosalina Volo



Women's Committee Scholarship recipient Kaitlin Seckora

Story by Florence Cooke
Pictures courtesy VA farm Bureau

The King William Farm Bureau held its annual dinner/meeting on Thursday, August 22nd, at the King William Ruritan Building. During the business session Charles Piersa, President, welcomed everyone. Agency Manager Leah Roller provided a financial overview of the Farm Bureau insurance company and provided details on new insurance available to Farm Bureau members.

Bryan Johnson reported the King William Farm Bureau has 1,445 members and 240 producers and farmers in the county.

Nancy Johnson of the Women's Committee reported on the activities of the committee for 2019. During the year the committee gave two 4-H scholarships; donated money to King William Public Schools for lunches at Cool Springs; donated money to the book fair at Cool Springs for children that did not have money to buy books; had a luncheon for teachers at Acquinnton and Cool Springs schools;

participated in the National Night Out; had a safety program for children at Summer Sneakers; and read to over 500 children at Cool Springs for Ag Week.

This year in lieu of a registration fee for the dinner, everyone was asked to bring at least one nonperishable food item to be donated to the CornerStone Community Development Center. Raffle tickets were sold with all proceeds going to Agriculture in the Classroom. There was a 50/50 raffle to raise money for King William Emergency Ministries.

Every year the Farm Bureau and Women's Committee present scholarships to graduating students. The three 2019 scholarship winners from Farm Bureau are Andrew Kish, Sidney Rudolph and Rosalina Volo. The Women's Committee presented a scholarship to Kaitlyn Seckora.

Every year a large crowd attend the Farm Bureau annual meeting to enjoy fellowship and enjoy a catered meal. This year the meal was catered by A. R. Smokehouse from West Point.

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Sept. 25th 5 to 8pm - Woman's Club of King & Queen, Allen's Circle King & Queen Courthouse, VA

Matthew Kite Announces Re-Election Campaign

Matthew Kite, Commonwealth's Attorney for King William County, is formally announcing his campaign for re-election. Mr. Kite was first elected Commonwealth's Attorney in 2011 and was re-elected in 2015. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Gonzaga University School of Law in 2002. Before attending law school, Mr. Kite served for six years in the United States Navy. He was a nuclear power plant operator and supervisor aboard the U.S.S. Nimitz aircraft carrier.

During his tenure as Commonwealth's Attorney, Mr. Kite has successfully prosecuted numerous complex felony cases including those involving the shaking death of a toddler (2014); the domestic violence death of a young woman (2017); individuals terrorizing the county with multiple breaking and entering and firearm thefts (2013); and sexual abuse of a child, reported after the victim turned 18 (2019). He is a member of Delegate Keith Hodges' Middle Peninsula Opioid Task Force, working for solutions to the Opioid crisis. Mr. Kite is an active member of the Virginia Association of Commonwealth's Attorneys, representing rural jurisdictions as a member of the Justice and Professionalism Committee working to ensure the highest of standards for all of Virginia's prosecutors. Mr. Kite stated: "Under my leadership, the Office of the King William County Commonwealth's Attorney has transformed into one that is respected throughout Central Virginia. Contrary to some fake news, our office opens at 8:30 AM and we

often work well into the evening and on weekends --preparing for court, consulting with law enforcement, meeting with victims and witness, and doing the effective work the voters hired me to do."

Mr. Kite further stated: "I am running because I believe our community is entitled to a Commonwealth's Attorney who is thoughtful and effective and one who seeks justice in every case. I know that for the last eight years I have done just that, and I want to continue to serve our community. King William is the home of my family and friends, and I want them and all of us to be safe and secure. I love this job and go to work every day thinking of how best to deliver for King William County."

Mr. Kite lives with his wife, children, two dogs, and two cats in the Central Garage area of King William. For more information or to contact him go to www.kite4kwca.com, email kite4kwca@gmail.com, and Facebook "Matthew Kite for King William County Commonwealth's Attorney."



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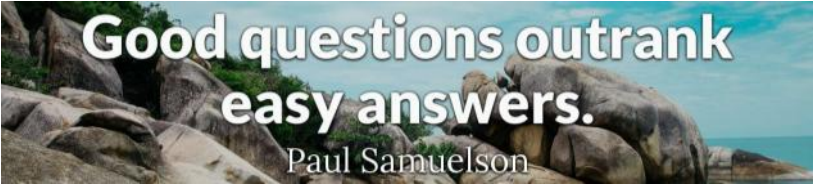


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Back-2-School Back Pack Drive & Cruise-In



The Back-2-School Back Pack Drive and Cruise-In was held on August 23rd at the Cornerstone hosted by Justin Spurlock. Due to the weather there was only a few cars for the cruise-in. Despite the bad weather there was still able to raise 70+ book bags full of supplies. Awards were given to the cruise in participants. Hotdogs and drinks were provided at the event. In the pictures: Members of Unaffiliated Mopar Club and Will Reed help unload 66 book bags out of the dump truck and put them into the Cornerstone building; Donated book bags and the show vehicles for the cruise-in.



Fourth Annual Yoots and Coots Fishing Event



Volunteers share educational information



Story by Florence Cooke
Pictures by Betty Dougherty and Brittany Lawson

The King and Queen Department of Social Services, in collaboration with the King and Queen County Resource Council, hosted the fourth annual Yoots and Coots Fishing Event at Tucker's Beach on Saturday, August 17. This event provided children with special needs (YOOTS) and older adults (COOTS) the opportunity to fish together.

Over 40 children and families plus 30 – 40 volunteers came out to a day of fun and fishing. Eight to ten boats went out with three to four children in each boat and some who didn't want to go in a boat fished from the pier. All the children had plenty of adult help. Each participant also receives a fishing pole, bait, and a backpack (YOOTS) and older adults (COOTS) the opportunity to fish together. As each child leaves the event, a backpack and school supplies are given to them to begin the new school year.

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Ruritans Hold Annual Golf Tournament



Ruritan member Dennis Smith (left) congratulates the first place team (right to left) Tommy Hobbs, Jesse Burch, Matthew Poluito and Dustin Robinson.

By Gene Campbell

The King William Ruritan Club held their 17th Annual Golf Tournament at Queenfield Golf Club on Friday, August 9th. Thirty teams signed up for the event. Participants gathered at 8:00 am at the course for some sausage and egg biscuits before teeing off at 9:00 am. It was a beautiful day for golf. All teams gathered back at the clubhouse after finishing the 18 holes for a delicious lunch cooked by Ruritan club members. Many thanks go to Golf Committee Chairman Dennis Smith for his efforts and hard work organizing

the event. The club donates a portion of the proceeds back to the community every year in the form of scholarships and donations to local fire and rescue and charitable organizations in the community. The Fifth Annual Ruritan Chesapeake District Golf Tournament will be held on Friday September 20th at Queenfield Golf Club. It will be the same format (Captain's Choice) as the King William Club's tournament. Tee off will be at 1:00 pm. If you are interested in participating please call 363-1781 for more information. Business or individual sponsorships (\$100 each) are also available.

Ruritan of the Year



Ruritan President Ronnie Moore (right) presents Ed Moren (center) and Frank Coullier (left) with Ruritan of the Year plaques.

By Gene Campbell

Every year at their August meeting the King William Ruritan Club honors one of its members with the title of "Ruritan of the Year". This year when the votes were counted there was a tie. Members Ed

Moren who is also secretary of the club and Frank Coullier were recognized for their efforts and hard work this past year. Each received a plaque as a token of appreciation from their fellow club members.

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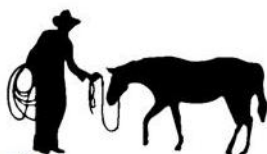
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Letters to the Editor, continued

Dear Editor,
Our King William Board of Supervisor’s meeting of Monday 8-26-19, once again, strayed from substance going off towards personalities. In my opinion, Chairman Hodges doing his best to stay on subject found it challenging at times to maintain decorum between speakers and Board members. This was demonstrated when our Superintendent of Schools stormed out of the meeting, with his entourage when asked to explain what was described as his failed ‘leadership,’ in the continued falling District student SOL scores, as reported in the Richmond Times and the Tide Water Review, this past week.

The Superintendent’s statement that our School District is still ‘accredited’ by the State; does not explain the last three years of continued SOL decline; let alone the this year test results that document the King and Queen School District out performing King William in the State tested areas of Writing, Reading, Math, only to equal K&Q in Science; as reported by the Tidewater Review, Staff Writer Emily Holter on in the 8-20-19 issue. The article goes on to document a year-over-year King William School District student SOL decline in Writing, Reading, Science, and History. Tide Water Review. According to the TR article. ‘In all subjects except reading and science, the school division fell below the state average.’

The Tide Water article quotes our Superintendent as saying...‘the division is working to improve scores by reviewing the data to determine which areas fall below the state average.’ I suggest that leadership look at the SOL results, as documented, to find this answer.

In addition, our KW School Super According to White, the division is working to improve scores by reviewing the data to determine which areas fall below the state average...“We are meeting this challenge head on with data analysis, goal setting and implementation of new instructional models in the classroom across all grade levels,” intendant is quoted as saying...“We are meeting this challenge head on with data analysis, goal setting and implementation of new instructional models in the classroom across all grade levels.”

I ask you, who is accountable; the KW Board of Supervisors, the KW School Board, our teachers, the administration? In my opinion, it is clear; with the logical answer being Superintendent White’s performance that his leadership is NOT the issue. In my opinion, the continued decline in student SOL performance cannot be explained by the reported smoke screen answer of “The requirements have resulted in fewer tests being administered overall at the high school,”...“The tests are representative of only a small number of students.”

I have a suggestion; we know that the Superintendent recently created and hired an administrator for the position of teacher improvement, and the abruptly transferred that individual, placing another in the position. Mr. Superintendent: Why the abrupt change; and why does our Superintendent think the teachers are a problem?

As I stated, several times during the KW Board meeting...this documented continued District SOL decline in NOT an of teacher performance or administration staff support; but rather a clear issue of failed leadership on the part of our District Superintendent. Our decline, in State measured educational performance, lies at the feet of our failed leadership. It is my opinion: that a clash of Individual personalities cannot, as some will claim, be used to cloud the issue. This documented continued decline in our student education at the District level is NOT an issue of a like or dislike of an individual, elected or not.

Superintendent White stated that I am not an ‘Educator’ and I do not understand his leadership methods. I ask you; do you need to be an ‘Educator’ to see that the District leadership is failing our children and teachers or are you, as our Superintendent suggest ... simply not educated enough to understand?

Let us cut through the smoke and mirrors, that a few ‘informed’ letters-to-the-editor may blow our way, in this matter. Let us stay focused on the educational needs of our children and teachers. I ask you, what is the KW School District leadership’s plan to immediately stop the State student tested (SOL) academic performance decline excuse a leadership course that continues to lack accountability and has failed our children, our teachers, and our County? Our children, teachers, and County deserve and answer, NOT excuses.

I, for one, believe that the continued decline of student-tested performance, during the past three years is a continued decline of student performance. I ask you, what is so hard to understand about this?

Regards
Dave Hansen
KWBOS Manquin (District 4)

Dear Editor,
Overseeing the decline in KW’s schools must be sweaty work !

There are more than a few problems in King William County’s Public Schools, including the maintenance budget for Hamilton-Holmes Middle School (which just happens to be where the Superintendent has his office).

“Discovered” in the course of a multi-million dollar renovation; additional roof repairs, sewer line redesigns and a host of other “unforeseen” needs are an endless expense and already way over-budget.

So just like clockwork, the ever-eager School Board is requesting additional funds from the Board of Supervisors to complete these necessary repairs.

There’s no doubt that maintenance of our schools is an important county obligation, but when it comes to school expenditures, this one takes the cake - building a private shower for our \$125,000 School Superintendent.

There must be a better way to spend sparse county funds than this luxurious personal addition to the School Board’s office that already has serviceable showers right there in the gym.

That \$3,300 cost (must be a nice one) would go a long way toward roof patching, but the big boss is probably sweating a lot from the heat generated by a certain pair of diligent Supervisors (Hint: NOT Hodges, Moskalski or Greenwood) and the Watchdogs of King William’s T.E.A. Party....

Maybe the county’s already-overburdened taxpayers should offer to pay even more real estate taxes in order to gift the School Superintendent with a complete kitchen and a furnished bedroom?

This will save him valuable commute time to and from the School Board Office so he can concentrate on bringing the budget in line with necessities and reversing the continuing decline in SOL scores.

Wake up, King William voters! In November, come out and vote for Supervisor and School Board candidates who will ask tough questions, demand straight answers and be good stewards of our hard-earned tax dollars.

Robert “Sarge” Bruce
Aylett

Dear Editor,
Enough, Is Enough, Is Enough!

My husband and I are not regular attendees of the BoS meetings but we decided to attend one last Monday night (Aug. 26th). After that meeting and being witness to a “Two Ring Circus” where two of the supervisors indulged in name calling, intimidation and bullying ..., it will be a cold day before I put myself through that again! Shame on them!

Dr. White, our School Superintendent, was a presenter and received a loud applause from the audience for courageously standing his ground as Supervisor Hansen labeled him the sole “failure” for declining SOL test scores. Later in the meeting, Bob Ehrhart attacked Administrator Tassinari by asking detail procedural questions and scolding her responses. A public meeting is no place for this type of behavior and Supervisor Moskalski was loudly applauded when he stopped the inappropriate dialogue. It was such an embarrassment for our county! I felt bad for Dr. White and Mrs. Tassinari having to endure the public harassment. I can’t believe so called grown, educated men behave like that. But then, that seems to be the way our King William “Tea Party” operates! All this was obviously grandstanding by two individuals up for re-election.

This conduct should not be tolerated or condoned by the constituents living in the 4th and 5th districts. WE CAN DO BETTER AND WE MUST DO BETTER! Where else can people get away with acting like this? Join me in taking a stand against bullying! Talk to your neighbors ... get involved in the process ... make a difference. Vote for a candidate who will show some dignity, respect for others and who will treat everyone as you would want to be treated.

Special mention goes out to Supervisors Greenwood

and Chairman Hodges, who were clearly uncomfortable with the exchange, did their best to move the agenda along and deflect the heat from Ehrhart and Hansen. As the meeting was being adjourned, Moskalski once again said, “I apologize to everyone here tonight for the display. Really, we can do a lot better...”. When one supervisor has to publicly apologize for the behavior of another, then we have a problem. Thank goodness we have three adults on the BoS.

If we get a change in November... maybe, I will see you at another board meeting.

King William County Board Meetings are recorded in their entirety and posted on YouTube: August 26th link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bjco8fHg3R4&feature=youtu.be>

Dr. White’s Presentation: Recorded times - 7:15 to 13:10 Dave Hansen in Circus Ring #1: Recorded times - 45:45 to 50:45 Bob Ehrhart in Circus Ring #2: Recorded times – 1:35:00 to 1:42:00

Nancy Hubbard
Mangohick District

Dear Editor,
In my letter to the editor in the July 24, 2019 edition of the Country Courier, I responded to 5th District Supervisor Bob Ehrhart’s question “Should a Change in the 5th District Even be Considered” to which I concluded “Absolutely ---“. After reviewing my files on Mr. Ehrhart’s record over the past three and a half years I would like to rephrase that question “Should Bob Ehrhart even be considered for re-election to the Board of Supervisors?”

In his letter to the editor in the August 21, 2019 issue of the Country Courier, Mr. Ehrhart provides a feeble defense in stating that “the real reason I left state employment – they wanted to control my dialogue and prevent me from speaking out against issues and costs facing our citizens ---“. In truth, Mr. Ehrhart was a time thief, receiving salary and benefits from DEQ while using his time charged to DEQ to telephone, e-mail and FOIA County Supervisors, School Board members, County and School Board staff and employees of other local governments to glean information he used to accuse the County and School Board Administrations of manufactured misdeeds.

Most folks, who have an interest in our County and our schools will remember the Board of Supervisors meeting on February 22, 2016, at which several hundred concerned citizens showed up to protest efforts by Supervisors Ehrhart and Hansen to cut the King William County School budget by five million dollars. Of the 31 citizens who spoke in the public comment period, 27 were in support of our schools. The majority of the hundreds of citizens that attended that meeting were also there in support of our schools and were against the proposed exorbitant cuts in our school budget. Remember the cut in the school budget proposed by Ehrhart and Hansen was 25% of the budget for the KWCPs.

In a letter to the editor of the Country Courier dated March 9, 2016, Supervisor Ehrhart viciously attacked the chair of the school board for using the school’s web site to instill fear, attack two BOS members and take swipes at a local activist group for political purposes. This was not a political issue, as the school

board chair was simply notifying the KWCPs stakeholders of the impending BOS meeting at which Ehrhart and Hansen were proposing the severe cuts in the school budget. Mr. Ehrhart also accused one of the school coaches of sending out e-mails after sending FOIA’s to the School Board requesting information relating to daily e-mail, correspondence, phone calls, etc., at a cost of nearly \$800 to the school board, cherry picked this information to accuse school board and staff members of sending out email blasts rallying/coercing people to come out and institute mob rule at the February 28, 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting. His statement was greatly exaggerated to further his criticism of our schools. In a response to me, Mr. Ehrhart called the response by those supporting our schools a circus and stated it was not conducted in procedures established by the Board. This was blatantly false as Supervisor chair Stephen Greenwood conducted the comment period in a professional manner and while a few speakers may have been a bit loud and critical, the chair-maintained order throughout the comment period.

Shortly after this Supervisor Ehrhart attempted to eliminate the public comment period stating that comments by the citizens were not pertinent and that he could get the information he needed by talking with his constituents.

Over the next three years Supervisor Ehrhart has continued to FOIA, contact and harass staff members and conduct investigations without authorization by the Chair of the Board of Supervisors or the County Administrator as required by the Boards By-Laws, as well as the Code of Virginia. Supervisor Ehrhart’s impulsive actions have continued unabated to this day as evidenced by the article in the July 10, 2019 edition of the Tidewater Review in which it was well documented that he conducted an investigation of an employee of the County without approval by the Board Chair or the County Administrator, his criticism of the County Administrator for questioning him about his investigation and a complaint from a County employee that he was micro-managing her work.

The final straw came at the Board of Supervisors meeting on August 26th of this year when Mr. Ehrhart unleashed a vile and venomous attack on County Administrator Bobbie Tassinari on trumped up and unsubstantiated charges. His attack was unrelenting even though Ms. Tassinari provided a clear explanation in a report prior to the meeting.

So, given Supervisor Ehrhart’s track record over the past three-and-one-half years, and the fact that most of the accomplishments he claims which have been proven to be unsubstantiated, including his claim that he has lowered the tax rate by 0.07 cents per hundred over that period of time, my response to the question I posed “Should Bob Ehrhart even be considered for re-election to the Board of Supervisors?” Given his track record the answer is a clear and resounding “NO!”.

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Letters, continued

Dear Editor,

MISINFORMATION IN THE 5TH DISTRICT

In the last *Country Courier*, Mr. Ehrhart laid out a collection of disinformation in personal attacks towards me, my family and others. In short, they amounted to nothing more than baseless insinuations and accusations that are undeniably misleading, as he presented them.

Any *reputable* investigator will seek out **ALL** facts pertaining to whatever subject is being investigated and only then report their findings accurately. They would never consider giving only limited information, in an effort to lead others to conclusions that would appear to be written to aid their own personal agenda.

That being said, he has once again taken issue with the "Land Use" tax in King William and even though I know for a fact that it has been explained to him on several occasions before, he refuses to accept the facts pertaining to this tax; one can only conclude that either it doesn't fit his personal agenda or for some other reason he merely refuses to accept it. Simply put, "Land Use" is merely a tool to keep the "Country" rural, for those who *choose* to live "Rural". He completely fails to reveal the simple fact that, if "Land Use" goes away, **EVERYONE'S** taxes would increase!

Land owners, **NOT** farmers, are able to own property and pay taxes based on their *land use* and the *value of the use of that land* (their property). This is done in over 80 counties in VA along with several towns & cities and records show that the land in "Land Use", as well as, Forestry requires \$.25 to \$.40 from each tax dollar collected on that land for services from the county. While \$1.12 to \$1.20 from each tax dollar collected is required County services for Homes, the "Land Use" tax is paid **only on land used for agricultural & forestry, NOT** on land used for Home sites, Barns or any other Structure ... **that land is taxed at the very same rate as any other home owner in the county** and it would appear that more land in "Land Use" is required, than land for Homes in order to keep taxes lower. As Mr. Ehrhart was personally chastising me for supporting "Land Use" he apparently had **NOT** explored deeply enough to see that my Family has never developed any land

in KW county, as our land always has and will continue to remain for the purpose of agriculture.

Next, in that same article, his sights were then set on *us* for "government payments", which were legitimate payments made to our *farming operation*, **NOT** to me personally. Collectively, our farming operation is made up of 6 family's, which are actually making our living, to support our family's, off of the land.

Also, the monies Mr. Earhart referred to in his article were paid out over a span of time ... 17 years to be exact, which is noteworthy, given his efforts to damage our family's character. Moreover, these "government payments" were **NOT free money**; rather it was money offered & collected as Disaster Relief, Crop Insurance and/or Price Adjustment payments. There is no *free market* when it comes to Agricultural Commodity's, Sales Due to Embargos (started in the Carter administration), Sanctions (non-sales to banned governments) or Tariffs.

Since the government causes prices to be below the cost of production, the government merely compensates for farmers losses so they will be able to stay in business, in order that our Nation may remain the "cheapest" fed Nation in the world! Moreover, most full-time farmers I know have had to diversify their operations, some even having to work off their Farm, in order to compensate for the lower crop production prices and to raise their standard of living for them and their families.

You also referred to me as a "wealthy land owner", when in fact, your investigation should have also revealed that the Bank's actually own our land and we pay the Banks, every year, for the privilege of living and farming the land that has a debt load *well into seven figures*, in addition to paying all our taxes!

The simple **FACT** is that, the letter August 7th, referred to by Mr. Ehrhart in his slanderous response on August 21st, essentially contained concrete **FACTS** about his tenure as a Supervisor, but he chose to reply with personal attacks, never once disputing a single **FACTUAL** issue presented, leading one to believe that he must be unable to do so.

JN & Darlene Mills
Mangohick

Undercover Drug Operation Nets Arrest of Out of State Dealer

Investigators from the King William Sheriff's Office and the Twin Rivers Drug Task Force have arrested a Georgia man for distribution of illegal drugs to include cocaine and ecstasy.

Jermel Leon Reed 41, of Rex, Georgia was arrested August 22, 2019 by members of the Virginia State Police Tactical Team, the King William Sheriff's Office and the Twin Rivers Drug Task force after a lengthy investigation into distribution of cocaine and ecstasy in King William County.

The Sheriff's Office began an investigation after receiving a tip of a truck driver from Georgia dealing illegal drugs in the Central Garage area. Reed traveled to King William on several occasions driving a tractor trailer making deliveries of the illegal contraband. He is being held without bond on charges of distribution of a controlled substance.

A second individual taken into custody has been released pending further investigation. Sheriff Walton would like to thank the citizen that gave the Sheriff's Office the information of this illegal activity and reminds all citizens that if you "see something- say something". Citizen involvement is the key to keeping our community safe.

King William Town Hall on Internet Service

Contributed by Ed Moren, KWIC

The King William Internet Committee (KWIC) will be hosting a town hall meeting on Thursday, September 5th at 7:00 pm at the King William County Administration building. King William citizens will be updated on broadband internet activities over the past year for our schools, our government offices and especially our residents and business owners. We will discuss where we are, where we want to be and how we plan to get there. Atlantic Broadband representatives will also be available to discuss their ongoing project and answer questions.

Note: Due to the unknown situation with Hurricane Dorian, please watch for any schedule changes on the County's site under "Upcoming Events": <https://kingwilliamcounty.us>

Thank You

On Sunday, August 25th, I was stung by a wasp while cutting grass. I am 60 years old and have never been affected by any sting from any bug, but Sunday was different. I found out the hard way that my body has changed and I am now allergic to wasps. My blood pressure dropped and I was going into shock within minutes. Luckily I could call King William dispatch for an ambulance and they arrived in very short time. I would like to thank Belinda Lipscomb, dispatcher for staying on the phone with me until the ambulance arrived and the very professional job that she did.

I would also like to thank Jesse Hughes, volunteer and Triston Cox, medic and the great job he did saving my life. These people do not get the much deserved credit for the hard work they do under difficult circumstances. I cannot thank them enough. I would also like to thank my neighbor James Owens for taking care of my truck and closing up my garage and house.

Thanks again to all,
Richard Bramham
Aylett

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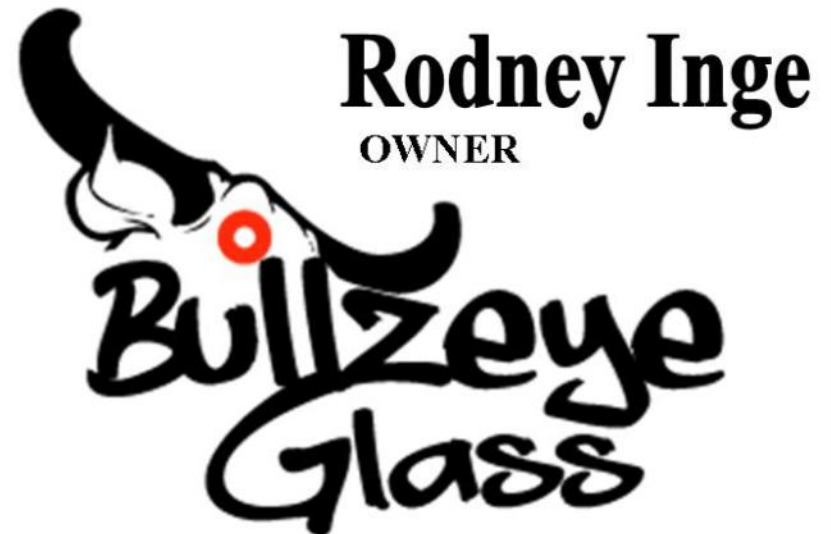
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Church Calendar

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CHRISTIAN

Christian Fellowship Ministries (CFM)

Annual homecoming service Sunday Sept. 8! Apostle Marvin Richardson will be the speaker. Sunday service at 10:30 am. Dinner will be served. Revival Wednesday, Sept 11-Friday Sept 13, at 7:00 p.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast-

Calling all young people! The prayer breakfast will be Saturday September 28, at 10:00 a.m. Youth will be participating in the service & praying, reading scriptures & speaking on a very interesting topic! 304 W. Chinquapin Rd., King William, 23086.

Crossroads Mission Center

Fun Night @ the Crossroads, the 1st Wednesday of every month. Come join us for food, fun, fellowship and friends. It's Free, From 6pm to 8pm. Bring the family. Like our Facebook page and stay connected to our Messy Church updates. Crossroadsmissioncenter-KW 694-K Sharon Rd, King William beside the Library

Kingdom of God

Living Water Ministry

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

Smyrna Christian Church invites you to our Come as You Are Service and light meal at 6:30pm on Wednesday, Sept. 11th. 3655 Powcan Rd., Bruington

BAPTIST

Bruington Baptist Church

4784 The Trail, Bruington, King and Queen County. 10a.m. Sunday school; 11a.m. Worship Service with Communion on first Sundays; 9a.m. Deacons meet first Sundays/WOM third Sundays/Fellowship breakfast fourth Sundays/Breakfast prepared by men fifth Sundays; 11a.m. children's church fifth Sundays/children and youth mission groups meet third Sundays; 6p.m. Adult Bible study Wednesdays followed by 7p.m. choir practice; 10a.m. until noon community clothes cupboard first Saturdays. Rev. Roger Collier 804-815-3267 or Rev. Fred Skaggs 804-347-7285.

Mattaponi Baptist Church

(Circa early 1700s) Come join us and worship! The Mattaponi Baptist family welcomes everyone to hear the music ministry and the teachings from God's word. Sunday school begins at 10:00am followed with Worship services at 11am. Be sure to "like" our new Facebook page listed under Mattaponi Baptist Church to learn all the great things God is doing for our church.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church

K&Q NAACP meeting will be held

Saturday, Sept. 7, at 11AM.

Mt. Sinai Baptist Church

(2327 Commins Road, Aylett) – Annual Homecoming & Revival Services. Theme: "We've Come This Far By Faith", Scripture: Deuteronomy 32:7. Sunday Celebration, September 8th at 11a.m., Rev. Dr. Charlene Gresham. Lunch served; Afternoon 3 p.m. guest church family will be Rev. Dr. Patrick Jones, Bethany Baptist Church, Montpelier. Revival Tuesday, September 10th –Friday, September 13th. Prayer & Praise 7p.m. and Revival 7:30p.m. Come and be blessed. Call the church office at (804)769-4879 for more information.

New Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Walkerton, Annual Homecoming Service Sunday, September 22, at 11:00a.m. Rev. Robert D. Brown will deliver the message and The Voices of Harmony from the Metro and Tri-Cities will provide the music. Please join us for a blessed time.

New Life Community Church

109 Commons Park Circle, Ste. J. Manquin 23106, Rev. Littycia Clay-Crawley, Pastor, we invite all to join us on Sunday mornings @8am for worship service. Come fellowship with us for Evangelism Sunday on Sept. 29 at 10am-3pm @ King William Parks and Rec. Picnic shelter, 330 Recreation Lane, Aylett, 23009. there will be free food, fun, games, music, line dancing and Word in hand.

Next Step Church

7753 Richmond-Tappahannock Highway, Aylett. Sunday Worship Service Times – 9:00 & 10:30am preceded by Coffee House. We want to invite you to our exciting worship experience. For more information, please contact us at 804/769-3182, welcome@nextstep-church.com, www.nextstep-church.com.

Olivet Baptist Church

25375 The Trail, Mattaponi, Sunday School at 10:00 AM Sundays Worship at 11:00 AM pastor Terry Morrison

Poroporone Baptist Church

Saturday, September 7th at 6pm The Virginia Baptist Women's Chorale group. This chorale is a group of approximately 40+women who seek to communicate the good news of Jesus Christ through creative worship experiences in a concert setting. Through music, their goal is to affirm the presence of God and spiritually uplift those with whom they gather. Refreshments will be served after the Concert. We are located at 30071 The Trail in Shacklefords, behind Shacklefords Post Office. For more information, please call 804-512-2484. We hope to see you there!

Sharon Baptist Church

901 Sharon Road across from King William High School. Sunday mornings start with breakfast at 8:45 am in the Fellowship Hall, followed by Sunday School for all ages at 9:15 am. Our Morning Worship Service starts at

10:30am. Nursery provided. We have a Sunday Evening Bible Study at 6 pm. Additional Bible Study is at 10 am on Tuesdays; and at 7 pm Wednesdays we have prayer meeting. Youth (7th – 12th graders) meet at 7 pm on Wednesdays. Church office hours are 9 am to 2 pm Tuesday – Friday. Call the church at 769-2320 for more information.

The Edge Worship Centre

460 14th St. West Point.

www.tewcwestpoint.net

The Edge welcomes ALL to attend our weekly services. Adult Sunday school is 9:30 and Worship is 11:00. Visit us and experience praise and worship in His name accordance with the Holy Bible, the living word of Christ Jesus.

Union Hope Baptist Church

King William, 'A Party for Jesus' worship celebration on Sunday, September 8, at 4:00 p.m. The guest musical group will be the Hearts of Joy from Essex. celebrating 245 years. Homecoming, Sunday, Sept. 8th. Worship Service at 11 o'clock with Rev. Dr. Donald Bowen bringing the message. Dinner 2 P.M. Monday through Wednesday will begin at 7:30 P.M. Special music each evening.

Upper King & Queen Church

celebrating 245 years invites you to Homecoming, Sunday, September 8th. Worship Service at 11 o'clock with Rev. Dr. Donald Bowen bringing the message. Dinner on the grounds. At 2 P.M. Sharon Mann will provide music. Revival Monday through Wednesday will begin at 7:30 P.M. Speakers will be Monday-Rev. Walker Gaulding from Victory Baptist; Tuesday-Rev. Doug Davis from Poroporone Baptist and Wednesday-Layman Leslie Sanders from Cobham Park/Welcome Grove Baptist. Special music each evening.

METHODIST

McKendree United Methodist Church

4347 Manfield Road, Manquin, Worship on Sundays at 9:30am followed by Sunday School at 10:45am. Pastor Betty Jo Simmons. Web: www.Mckendree23106.org

Mizpah Methodist Church

Join us on Sunday mornings at 11:00a.m. for worship by our new pastor, Ellis Gayle. Sunday School to be announced.

EPISCOPAL

Immanuel Episcopal Church

190 Allen's Circle King & Queen Court House Services at 10AM Holy Eucharist one Sunday a month Morning Prayer the remaining Sundays, led by a Lay Person. For information on a particular Sunday, call 804-785-2122

St. David's Episcopal Church

Aylett "To Know Christ Jesus and to Make Christ Known" 11291 West River Road, Aylett (Beside the Public Boat Landing) Featuring The Rev. T. Gustavo Mansella. All Are Welcome! All Sundays 11AM Eucharist Service First Sunday of the Month - Youth Focus/Potluck After

website www.stdavidssaylett.church

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Men of the church, West Point is sponsoring a shopping trip to Cowtown Flea Market, NJ and St. Charles Towne Mall, MD. The date is Nov 9, The cost is \$90. You may pay \$45 this month and \$5 next month. Mail payments to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 537, West Point, 23181. For more information call Minister Clarence Burrell at 804-366-4000.

St. Paul's Millers Tavern

7 9 2 4 R i c h m o n d Highway. Sunday service at 10a.m. Holy Eucharist with music. Nursery available at 10 a.m. service. Monthly Free Community Dinner 3rd Monday – 5:30 – 7:00 Eat in only. 443-2341 www.stpaulsmillerstavern.org

PRESBYTERIAN

St. James Presbyterian Church

(The church next to K.W. Courthouse) 411 Courthouse Lane. Worship with us on Sundays at 10:30 AM. Our music is a blend of contemporary & traditional hymns. Communion is the first Sunday of each month. Our Minister is Rev. Dr. John Turner, a native Scotsman.

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Broadus Church - Hebron Campus

3407 King William Road, Aylett, 23009, (804) 779-2700, Worship with us Sunday mornings at 10:30am. Social time, coffee and doughnuts, service at 11am. Come as you are and we promise to make you feel right at home. We are focused on worship of God and studying his word, building relationships and service to our community. Check us out on Facebook, Broadus-Church-Hebron-Campus, for events and opportunities.

Cross Church

A safe place for everyone. We Worship together 10:30 Sunday mornings at K.W. Fire & Rescue 7936 Richmond Tappahannock Hwy. Aylett, 23009 crosschurchva.com

Women in the Word Community Bible Study!

Discover a group of local ladies to pray with you, encourage you, and support you as we study God's Word together. Meetings will be each Monday night, from 6:30-7:45 p.m. at the King and Queen library branch (396 Newtown Road, St. Stephens Church) beginning Monday, September 16. We will begin a new study of Twelve Women of the Bible Study Guide: Life-Changing Stories for Women Today, produced by Lifeway. Questions? Email Melissa Rice at mrmelissarice@aol.com.



Community Calendar

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King & Queen Library

Yoga for Seniors Thursday, Sept. 5, 12, 19, & 26, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Indoor Camping Adventure! Monday, Sept. 16, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Family Storytimes Thursdays (Sept. 12, 19, & 26), 10:30 a.m.

Call 804-769-1623 or visit the library at 396 Newtown Road for more info.

Upper King William Library

Yoga for Seniors Tuesday, Sept. 3, 10, 17, & 24, 11:00 a.m. - noon Family Bingo Wednesday, Sept. 18, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Explore 3D Printing Saturday, Sept. 21, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Ages 8 & up. Book Club Monday, Sept. 23, 7:00 - 7:45 p.m. You Are the Help Until Help Arrives Tuesday, Sept. 24, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Family Storytimes Wednesdays (Sept. 11, 18, & 25), 10:30 a.m. Call 804-769-3731 or visit the library at 694-J Sharon Road for more Info.

West Point Library

Computer Basics Class Thursday, Sept. 5, 10:00 a.m. - noon Second Saturday Movie Matinee Saturday, Sept. 14, Noon - 1:45 p.m. CBD Oil: Help or Hype? Monday, Sept. 16, 7:00 - 7:45 p.m. LEGOMania Friday, Sept. 20, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Ages 5-12. Adult Movie Night Thursday, Sept. 26, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Ages 16 & up. CoderDojo Saturday, Sept. 28, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Ages 11-18. Family Storytimes Friday (Sept. 13, 20, & 27), 10:30 a.m. Call 804-843-3244 or visit the library at 721 Main Street for more info.

45th Class Reunion-Save the Date

Lee Davis Class of 1974. 45th class reunion Saturday, October 19th from 5:00-9:00p.m. at Creamfield Farm,

10572 Summer Hill Road in Studley. This is a casual affair, lots of good food and beverages (BYOB) provided by Smokey Bottom BBQ. Great entertainment by MOZO featuring Kenny Blaylock! Cost-\$45.00 per person, purchase your tickets at Mechanicsville Drug Store or mail money to Mechanicsville Drug Store, L-D Class of '74 Reunion, P.O. Box 7, Mechanicsville, VA 23111. made out to Lee Davis Class of 1974. After October 1st, ticket increase to \$50.00 per person. Plan now to reconnect with classmates & make new memories. Follow our Facebook page, Lee-Davis Class of 1974 45th Reunion.

DCSE Service Point Assistance

Entering the New Millennium DCSE Personnel will be at K&Q Social Services on the Third Thursday of each month from 9:30a.m. to 3:00p.m. to assist you with Child Support Related Questions and/or Inquiries. DCSE Contact Information: 1-800-468-8894

Afternoon Off for Caregivers!

Bring your senior loved ones to a special event on the third Wednesday of every month! Caregivers get an afternoon off 1:00-5:00p.m. while their seniors enjoy fellowship in a safe environment with fun-filled activities planned especially for them. Information-registration, call 804-769-0001. Sponsored by United Methodist Women, McKendree UMC, 4347 Manfield Road, Manquin.

Girl Scout Troop 1132

Weekly meetings on Thursdays at 6pm at Mattaponi Vol. Rescue Squad Building.

KW Children First Lions Club

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00p.m. at the Crossroads Mission Center located at 694 K

Sharon Road, King William.

American Legion Post 314

All members & Veterans welcome to meetings. Community Wide Saltfish Breakfast 1st & 3rd Saturday from 8am-10am. PTSD Support Group held each Wed. night at 7PM, Post 314 Bldg. Aylett 6250 Richmond-Tapp. Hwy. Rt. 360. Freedom is NOT Free.

VFW Post 9501

Members of the VFW Post & Auxiliary Central Garage meet the Second Thursday each month at 7:00pm. Refreshments served after each business meeting. Contact commander James Brown 804-337-7029 for Post membership and F. Gwathmey 994-2947 for Auxiliary membership.

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Three Rivers SWCD Board of Directors Meetings

Three Rivers Soil & Water Conservation District will hold their monthly Board of Directors meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. If you would like to attend, contact the office at (804)443-2327, ext. 4 for meeting place and time. The public is invited.

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Frog Level Fire Dept. Fall Festival & Parade

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King William Democrats

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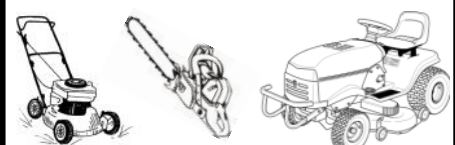
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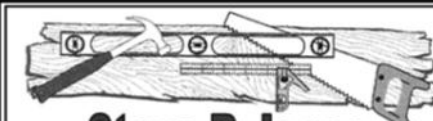
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