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Atlantic Broadband's Virginia Expansion Initiative



Atlantic Broadband now offers advanced Fiber-to-the-Home service.

By Danny Clark

Atlantic Broadband held a special "FIBER LIGHTING" event to celebrate Atlantic Broadband's Virginia Expansion Initiative Thursday December 12th at Kennington's Clubhouse. Atlantic Broadband, the nation's eighth-largest cable operator, has constructed a new, advanced fiber-to-the-home network that will provide about 2,700 homes and businesses with access to superfast 1Gig internet, state of the art video, and advanced phone services in Central Garage (King William County), Newtown (King and Queen County) and Sparta (Caroline County).

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Santa Claus Comes to King William



Serenitty Dunlow visits Santa at King William Fire Department. See full story on page 11.

King and Queen County Joins 2nd Amendment Sanctuary Counties



Photo by Rodney Inge

*K&Q courthouse. Please see **Sanctuary**, on page 9.*

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Holiday Art Show and Christmas in the Camps Held at Locust Grove



Cecky Ropelewski organizer of the event and an artist.

By Florence Cooke

The tenth annual Upstairs Downstairs All Around the House Art Show was held at Locust Grove Farm in Walkerton on Saturday, December 14th. According to Cecky Ropelewski, an artist and organizer of the show, she wanted to do an art home show in June with about twelve artists. So many artists and craftsmen wanted to participate, the show became the annual Arts and Wine Show held in June.

Then Cecky decided to have her art home show the first of December with about twelve artisans. The event is called Upstairs Downstairs and All Around because the beautiful house overlooking the Mattaponi River was filled with craftsmen in every room upstairs and downstairs. Everything you could

imagine was available for Christmas gifts, art, jewelry, handmade crafts, cooking oils, and baby clothes. In the yard Arlington Masonic Lodge #102 was selling Brunswick stew.

The beautiful home had been decorated with lilac leaves throughout and in the large dining room was a dining room table loaded with homemade finger food and hot apple cider.

For the second year Christmas in the Camps was added. Starting at 12 noon, the reenactors from the 13th Cavalry showed guests how Christmas life was observed in the 1865 era in military encampments. The reenactors showed how to make a spit to cook food that had been killed. A part of the Christmas celebration was the singing and playing of music.

This is an enjoyable event that has become a Christmas tradition for so many people.

Publisher's Message



The New Year 2020 is only 14 days away. We have the ability to make the New Year any type we want. We can do nothing, make no plans, let the New Year move us along as circumstances happen, or we can take control of every aspect of our lives. First, we have to plan our work and then work our plan. Any time negative or fearful thoughts come into our conscious mind replace them immediately with positive happy thoughts. The one person we have any control of is ourselves. Don't be afraid to dream big, once the idea is there the way will be laid out for you. Life is truly what we make it. Each one of us is writing his or her story. Stay in the moment, to know if you are in the moment ask yourself, what am I thinking now? This will put you back in the moment.

I hope you and your entire family will have a Merry Christmas and if Santa doesn't bring you everything you wanted I hope he brings you everything you need. A New Year is almost here, I hope it will bring all of you perfect health, happiness and your dreams and plans being realized. I will be writing to you again next year January 8th, 2020. Take care until then.

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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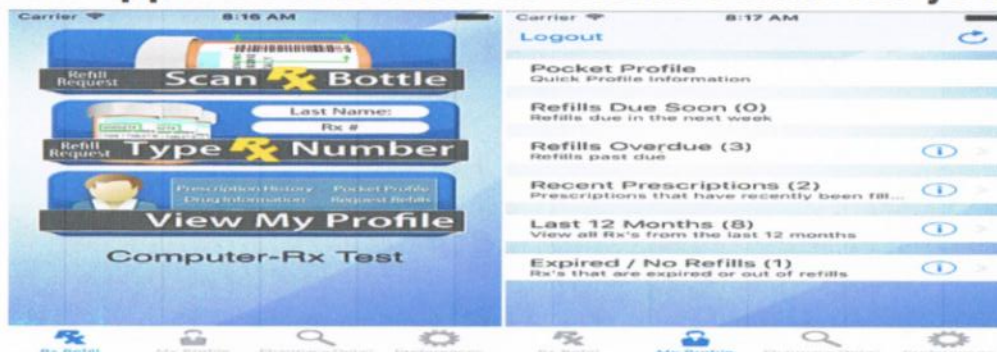
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Happy Holidays

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

This time of year is special as we share gifts and dreams with our family and friends. Pip and I hope that everyone has a great holiday season and that Santa Clause brings you everything that you wanted. I know that Pip wants some apples and treats for Christmas. I wanted to share a poem with you that a fellow horseman and animal lover wrote.

Happy Hoofin' Holiday

"Happy Hoofin Holiday" is one of a kind....

Singing, dancing, hoping...Santa's right on time!

Rudolph's bucking crazy, kicking dirt on the walls,
While Santa's runnin' late, cleaning reindeer stalls.

Grandma's sewing Santa's shirt, making it look newer,
While his boots are looking bad from workin' in manure.

And wouldn't you know it, the sleigh is kinda broke,
Sort of bent in the middle, from that overload of Coke.

Mrs. Clause is on the phone, and supper's runnin' late,



Yes, Santa's in a huff, tryin' to meet the comin' date.

Now Santa's got a plan, cause Rudolph's gone crazy,
Bring in a substitute, a little mule named "Daisy".

Flyin' high o'er the moon, Daisy's ears do navigate!
While Santa's on the cellular phone, orderin' up milk and cake.

Boys and girls, be off to bed, for Santa's almost here.
Daisy's now circling earth, so dream of something dear.

By Bill Crowe

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

Santa Visits the *Country Courier*



Julie and Santa

Santa came to visit the folks at the Country Courier. Now most of the CC crew is on the naughty list because they didn't arrive to work in time to be in the annual picture. We'll be on winter break - look for our next issue on January 8th.

Merry Christmas from the staff at the Country Courier.

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Obituary



LOVELACE
Lovelace, Donald K. (Don), 83, of Mechanicsville, VA passed away on Sunday, December 15, 2019. He was preceded in death by his sister, Wanda McCubbins and is survived by his wife of 64

SPENCER

Spencer, William E. "Bill" 70 of King William, VA passed away on Sunday, December 15, 2019. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Tonya Spencer, and is survived by his loving wife, Vanessa B. Spencer, also 3 daughters, 4 step sons and a host of other family and friends. Bill was a retired Crane operator with various construction companies. At Bill's request, funeral services will be private. The B. W. White Funeral Home assisting the family.

WILSON

Michael James Wilson, 54, passed away suddenly December 11, 2019. He loved sunsets, being outdoors whenever possible and cooking, specifically smoking barbecue. Mike was preceded by his parents, Phyllis and Roger Wilson. He is survived by his siblings, Anthony, Mark and David Wilson; his children, Michael Jr. and Nicholas; his girlfriend and companion of many years, Laura Whitlock; nieces, nephews, and numerous extended family members from surrounding states.

A funeral service will be held 1 PM, Saturday, December 21st at Epworth United Methodist Church, 11 Epworth Rd., Aylett, VA 23009 and burial will take place in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 PM, Friday, December 20th at the church.

Tributes may be posted online at www.vincentfh.com.

years, Rosalind P. Lovelace; three sons, Donald K. Lovelace, Jr. (Jan), Anthony Lovelace (Connie), and David S. Lovelace; six grandchildren, Donald K. Lovelace, III (Courtney), Brian Lovelace (Katherine), William Lovelace (Ashley), Crystal Zalupski (Chris), Melissa Dixon (Philip Bottcher), and Anthony Lee Lovelace, Jr.; five great grandchildren; brothers, David Wayne Lovelace (B.J.) and Bobby Lee Lovelace (Sandra); as well as several nieces and nephews. Don was a Korean War US Navy Veteran. He enjoyed Mustangs, NASCAR, eating, and spending time with his family. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Mechanicsville Chapel of the Bennett Funeral Home, 8014 Lee-Davis Rd., where services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, December 13, 2019. Interment will follow in Sharon Baptist Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 4600 Cox Rd #130, Glen Allen, VA 23060.

King William Ruritans Install 2020 Officers at Annual Ladies Night Dinner



Former Ruritan National President Bobby Burton installs the 2020 King William Ruritan Club officers.

By Gene Campbell

The King William Ruritan Club held its Annual Ladies Night Dinner on December 10th and installed their 2020 officers. In attendance was former Ruritan National President Bobby Burton who installed incoming President Mike Morrison, Vice President Troy Simons, Secretary Ed Moren, alternate Secretary Trip Lawrence, Treasurer David Leake, Directors Bob

Hackett, Bob Haas, Steve Sykes and Dennis Smith. Outgoing President Ronnie Moore handed the gavel over to incoming President Mike Morrison and thanked the members for their support the past three years while serving as President and Vice President. Ronnie will be serving as Lt. Governor of Zone 3 in the Ruritan Chesapeake District next year.

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Business Focus



Bill Watts, owner

Watts & Sons Supermarket
By Florence Cooke

Most of the time when you walk in the door of Watts Supermarket at Millers Tavern, you will probably be greeted by the friendly face of Bill Watts, the owner of the store, or a friendly employee.

Since 1948 the Watts family has been doing business in the Millers Tavern area. Alfred Watts, Bill's father, rented a building from a Mr. Courtney at the corner of Powcan Road and the old Route 360 (before the four lane highway now known as Route 360). At that time there was no self-service. A customer came into the old fashioned country store and walked up to the counter to order what was needed – whether it was a wood stove, hardware, shoes, work clothes or fresh meats and vegetables.

The store was located in several buildings in the area until Mr. Watts built the present store in 1969 on land that he owned. This building was remodeled and upgraded in 2010 and an addition has also been added. It was turned into a self

service grocery store in 1974 when Bill came home from college.

Bill states, "This has been our family business since the beginning. My father, mother and brother laid the groundwork for this business. Over the years we have always been interested in the needs of the community. The changes we have made over the years were done to grow with the change of the times and to better serve the community. The community has supported us through the years – we know most of their names and their needs. We have also been blessed over the years with excellent employees to make this business a group effort.

I have been friends with Danny Clark for over 30 years and I value his friendship greatly. I like the idea that his free paper goes into 8,000 homes in King and Queen and King William. I also like the fact that the community is blessed by having the *Country Courier* because it promotes local businesses and brings the news into the local homes."

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Dear Editor,
Why Sweet Sue?

Sweet Sue statistics:
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During Public
Comment at the 25
October BOS meeting,

I explained that the delta temperature of atmospheric warming caused by CO2 is related to the logarithm* of CO2 concentration. With the present CO2 concentration of 400 ppmvd**, the heating due to the greenhouse heating is about 0.51 degrees Celsius. Concentration of CO2 grows about 2 ppmvd*** per year. Thus the time to double the concentration to 800 ppmvd will take about 200 years. This doubling will cause one additional degree Celsius, or 1.51 degrees C of greenhouse heating. The next doubling to 1600 ppm will take 400 years and will add just another one degree C, bringing the warming effect to 2.51 degrees C. Thus to increase the CO2 greenhouse effect 2 more degrees C from today will require six centuries. The term used to describe the doubling behavior is saturation. The theory of the logarithmic behavior is well established in quantum physics and has been confirmed. Thus CO2 increase is not the existential threat that the AGW*** alarmists claim.

BTW. The climate modelers stubbornly exaggerate, by a factor of three****, the amount of energy feedback attributed to CO2. However, the flat global temperature since about 1998, given slowly rising CO2 concentration, has confounded the climate modelers, causing them to change the name of the crisis from global warming to climate change. Michael Mann's hockey stick has been debunked as has the 97% consensus.

As a qualitative argument against the AGW crisis, 500 to 250 million years ago, CO2 concentration was about 6,000 ppmvd, 15 times greater than today. Yet, the climate was benign enough (not the burned cinder alarmists claim it should have been) for plants to develop. In a geological second (a few million years), plants reduced CO2 concentration to about today's level and liberated oxygen, creating the atmosphere we enjoy today.

A speaker, who followed me, stated that the present issue is a conditional use permit, not CO2. Wrong. The whole climate crisis is built upon CO2. The alarmists contend that increasing CO2 concentration, due to burning fossil fuels, will destroy the planet. Therefore, we must stop burning fossil fuels and substitute wind and solar. Since, the greenhouse effect of CO2 is saturated; limiting CO2 concentration is

not necessary, substituting wind and solar needlessly uses fabrication materials and is ruinously expensive.

Solar farms will not displace fossil generation. The solar photovoltaic industry, for design purposes, uses four hours per day for generation. This is four hours of direct sunlight, full intensity, normal to the solar panel. This value accounts for darkness, diurnal sun angle changes and partial clouds. To be conservative, I used five hours per day in my energy payback study. Result, it takes about 20 years for a panel to generate as much energy, about 9,000 kWh, as it took to manufacture. Thus, a solar panel starts off with an energy deficit of 9,000 kWh and repays it slowly over its life time, about this same 20 years. Conventional generation is still needed for the other 20 hours of the day, and for all cloudy days. This makes the case. Why use photovoltaics at all? Only tax payer subsidy gives the solar industry any argument foothold and they conveniently neglect energy to manufacture at that.

Let's look at the alarmist's goal of replacing all fossil generation. In order for the solar farm to provide electricity for 24 hours, energy storage: batteries, flywheels, pumped storage, compress air, or hydrogen (all very expensive), would have to be included. Then the farm supposedly would not need fossil backup generation. Using Sweet Sue numbers, storage would have to power the 77 MW load for 20 hours. Thus, the farm would have to have 576 acres of sun lit time to replace itself and five more 576 acre plots to cover darkness, low sun angle and clouds, or 6 x 576 acres = 3,456 acres, 5.4 square miles. The storage plant also requires acreage, in addition to the acreage needed for inversion (DC to 60 Hertz, 3 phase AC), voltage step-up and switching. To account for a cloudy day, the whole plant would have to double!! For comparison, a 500 MW natural gas fired combined cycle plant requires about 20 acres and has a capacity factor***** over 90%. Basically, down times are for routine spring and fall maintenance.

Also during Public Comment, Dr. Clyde Wilcox criticized the contract with Invenergy. He stated, due to the weakness of the contract, this region will be targeted for solar sites and we should set regulations before accepting any. Because solar projects include significant public money, it seems to me that the county has a vested interest in and a right to ask Invenergy for detailed financials.

The 19 Nov issue of the CC published a letter from Catherine Grave Stanley. She eloquently makes the point that solar farms should not be sited on arable land. That land should remain agricultural. Not hostile to solar, she stated that solar installation is better suited to roof tops.

Letters to the Editor

On the other hand, I am adamantly against utility size solar farms. Briefly, the reasons explained above are: will not reduce CO2 and will not save energy. Also, utility solar, due to intermittency, introduces grid instability and has proven to increase electricity cost to customers. Ask the Australians. Ask the Californians. I am not opposed to individuals installing solar. It is their free choice. I am opposed to subsidies. Why should anyone be forced to pay for the solar of someone else.

References:

Dr. William Happer explains almost all the science denied by the climate alarmists. Most of the citations sourced from the Happer dialogue. The website follows:

<https://thebestschools.org/special/karoly-happer-dialogue-global-warming/william-happer-interview/>

* Logarithmic behavior – Happer page 14

** ppmvd – parts per million by volume dry. Usually it is just referred to as ppm.

*** CO2 increase 2 ppm per year – Happer page 12

**** AGW – Anthropogenic Global Warming

***** Factor of three exaggeration – Happer page 15

*****Capacity Factor (as a %) = 100 *
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Socialism is the ideology of envy. Fairness and equality are euphoniums for wealth redistribution, the fulfillment of envy.

Rick Ryan
Old Church, Hanover County

Dear Editor,

Republicrats and Calamity in King William

In November, a new species of evil born from the fornication of republicans and democrats formally emerged in King William. These "Republicrats" are truly lowers of self as chronicled in 2Tim 4:3, which reads: "For the time will come....to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear."

Consider just these 2 examples

I was vilified by some for not supporting a resolution of deer hunting with dogs; but, they selfishly refuse to comprehend the larger issue of equal property rights as well as the unalienable right for all Americans to pursue life, liberty, and happiness [which doesn't include dogs running through other property disturbing solitude/animals].

Several members of a PAC (and a property owner from Boston eluding to be a resident) "bent the ears" of those inclined to be deceived for self-serving financial interests.

So, why hasn't this same group of people made a similar effort to advocate programs such as: fuel assistance deadlines or KW Emergency ministry fund raising (held December 8 and none present)? Answer: Because they don't benefit personally/financially.

However, Galatians 6:7 tells us this is not the end and "whatever one sows, that will he also reap." Taxpayers can expect to see this manifested in the financial health of our government and the physical health to some persons involved.

Bob Ehrhart
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King William Ruritans Give Back to the Community



Representatives of organizations receiving donations from the King William Ruritan Club at its Annual Ladies Night Dinner.

By Gene Campbell

At the King William Ruritan Club Annual Ladies Night Dinner on December 10th, the club gave out checks totaling \$8,025 to non profit organizations in the community. Representatives of each organization were on hand to receive these checks. Checks were given to King William Fire and Rescue, Mangohick Fire Dept, Walkerton Fire Dept., Mattaponi Rescue, King William Sheriff's Dept., King William Emergency Ministries, Mattaponi Crime Solvers, and the Sharon Baptist Church Haiti Project. Other organizations receiving donations during

the year were the King William 4-H Shooting Team, Social Services Christmas Dreams Project, Hunters for Hungry, DARE program and scholarships for seniors at King William High School. All total over \$18,000 was donated to these organizations during the year. Since the club's beginning in 1938 over \$400,000 has been donated to the community.

The club wishes to say THANK YOU to the fine citizens who have supported us over the years....and wish everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR !

Atlantic Broadband Service Now Active in King William

By Armistead Saffer

Atlantic Broadband (ABB) has started activating new customers in King William. The customers I spoke with are in the Kennington subdivision. One customer said, "The Internet is great, I have 20 devices connected without a glitch. Also, the TV picture and sound quality seems better than DirecTV's."

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coverage. The first phase of service activation will take place in the eastern part of the county. If you need residential service information you can visit Atlantic Broadband's office at 694 Sharon RD.

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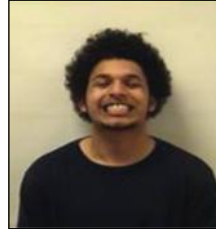
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Mechanicsville Man Arrested for Attempted Robbery



Marc C. Brooks

KWSO Press Release
King William Sheriff's Deputies have arrested Marc C. Brooks, 18 of Mechanicsville for attempted robbery of the Essex Bank located on Richmond-Tappahannock Highway Thursday afternoon. Deputies were dispatched to the Bank after receiving a 911 call of an attempted robbery. The suspect, Marc Brooks entered the bank and demanded cash from a bank teller. After a brief encounter with other bank employees the suspect left in a beige colored car. A

witness was able to obtain a license plate number from the vehicle as it left heading towards Rt. 30. A notification was sent out to surrounding jurisdictions to be on the look out for the suspect vehicle. There was no weapon displayed and the suspect left without any cash. The King William Sheriff's Office was notified by King George Sheriff's Office at approximately 6pm that they had Brooks detained at a local business in their jurisdiction. He was turned over to King William Deputies and taken before a magistrate. He is currently being held without bond at the Middle Peninsula Regional Security Center pending a court appearance on December 19.

SANCTUARY, continued from front page

By Danny Clark

On December 9th, King and Queen County voted to become a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary County. As of December 13th, they have joined 85 cities and counties across Virginia that has approved some type of 2nd Amendment resolution. A 2nd Amendment Sanctuary county means a resolution has been adopted by some jurisdictions in the United States to NOT

expend resources to enforce certain gun control measures perceived as violative of the Second Amendment.

The 2nd Amendment of the United States reads, "A well regulative militia, being violative to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." This is a very important resolution judging from court houses being packed as local leaders adopt the 2nd Amendment Sanctuary Resolution.

"Christmas is a season not only of rejoicing but of reflection".

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Thrillers Across the Rivers



Skyler Stone lays up two points against Lee Davis.

By Gene Campbell

Both the King William JV and Varsity Cavaliers travelled to Warsaw on December 11th to play the Raiders of Rappahannock High School. The Cavs came out on top in both games. The Varsity game was a hard fought contest with the Cavs pulling away down the stretch after coming out the locker room tied 22-22 at the half. In the end the Cavs were just too much for the Raiders as they defeated them 54-52.

The week before the JV and Varsity squads took on Lee Davis High School defeating the

Confederates 46-41 in the JV contest and 79-74 in the Varsity contest. On December 10th, the Middlesex Chargers came into town and the Cavs continued their winning ways defeating them 71-38 in the JV contest and 86-78 in the Varsity contest.

The Cavs travelled to Mathews on December 13th to take on the Mathews Blue Devils. While the JV team won their game 48-39, the Varsity Cavs came up short losing to the hot shooting Blue Devils 82-61. Next up will be the Washington and Lee Generals at home on December 17th. The JV Cavs are undefeated and the Varsity squad is 5-2. GO CAVS !

Christmas Lights



Photo by Kara Gallaher, Aylett

If you're missing peace, Jesus is the missing piece!

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There's specific answers to all these questions and a true reason, just like why God sent His son to be born in this Christmas season.

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so steer on in and Jesus can take your stress, worries and carry your heavy load.

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and I can tell you, what a wonderful experience you will get!

There's even a 'soul train' and the ticket is

free, the ride is exciting because Jesus paid the price....go and you will see.

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There's a beautiful way to experience the **peace** that **Jesus** wants you to know, let me tell you a little bit more about where to go....

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their place is a few miles on the left, you will not be disappointed in the least!

Bring the family and take a closer look, the scenes are taken from The Bible...the one true book.

God Bless y'all and don't forget to have some hot chocolate when you arrive,

I know you will feel Jesus' love and your heart will surely thrive!

John 8:12

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

~Love, Kara Gallaher Aylett

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Santa Claus, continued from front page

Story by Florence Cooke

Santa Claus came to visit excited boys and girls at the Mangohick Volunteer Fire Department and King William Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday morning, December 14, 2019. This was the first Santa breakfast for Mangohick. Both organizations served a pancake breakfast, and then a visit by the children with Santa to tell him their wants, and a picture for the family. Lots of happy and excited children came for the big day.

At Mangohick Fire Department, baby Harper Shrum was waiting in Mom's arms (Katlyn) for her first visit with Santa. Big brother Hunter patiently waited for his turn to see Santa Claus.

At King William Fire Department, four month old Serenity Dunlow waited with her mother, King William member Meagan Dunlow, for her first visit with Santa.

Both organizations had large turnouts for this happy event. Both organizations agree: "We appreciate everyone who came out for our Santa Breakfasts and we appreciate the continued support throughout the year. We are looking forward to 2020."

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FIBER, continued from front page

The first activations will occur this month in the eastern end of King William County. Later in December, services will be available along a route from Newtown Road (RT-721) North from RT-360 in King and Queen to Sparta in Caroline County.

Guest speakers were, William Newborg, General Manager, Atlantic Broadband-Virginia; Scott Randall, Vice President and General Manager of the Atlantic Broadband DELMARVA Region; Ray Lamura, President of the Virginia Cable Telecommunications Association (VCTA); Ed Moren, Jr. Chair of the King William Internet Connectivity Committee and Supervisor-Elect of the King William Board of Supervisors; Delegate Keith Hodges Virginia House of Delegates – 98th District, and Delegate – Elect Scott Wyatt Virginia House of Delegates 97th District.

Invited guest included, King and Queen County Administrator, Tom Swartzwelder; King and Queen Board of Supervisors, Lawrence Simpkins and Sharon Alsop; King William County Administrator, Bobbie Tassinari; Mike

Chenault owner, Hometown Realty; Jason Collier, Hometown Realty; Gene Campbell King William Economic Development Authority; and Danny Clark, Publisher, Country Courier Newspaper.

Delegate Keith Hodges, 98th District said, “We need to give our children an opportunity to live and work right here in our community, with the new Broadband service we will be able to do just that.” Delegate-Elect Scott Wyatt, Virginia House of Delegates – 97th District said, “More folks are working from their homes now than ever before, this will make a huge impact on the rural areas in our counties.”

For information visit Atlantic Broadband's new office at 694 Sharon Road, King William. The office will be open weekdays from 10 AM-7 PM and 9 AM-1 PM on Saturdays.

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Powering the Future: REC Scholarship Funds Available

Since 1996, Rappahannock Electric Cooperative (REC) has been powering the future with the Community Scholarship. Each year, local students who are seeking to advance their career goals by attending college or a trade school are encouraged to apply.

In 2020, 15 local students will be chosen to receive a \$1,000 scholarship and two will be chosen to receive a \$2,500 scholarship to help them in the pursuit of higher education. The applicant's parent or guardian must be a REC member-owner. There are three categories a student can apply to: students currently enrolled in a college, a high school senior planning to attend college, or a student planning to attend a trade school in 2020.

“REC is more than your local energy provider,” said Brian Wolfe, senior public relations specialist. “It's important that REC is actively involved in supporting

local communities and the Community Scholarship is a great way to help our youth.”

Applications are due January 27, 2020 and can be accessed from REC's website. Recipients will be notified in March 2020.

If you have any questions, contact Brian Wolfe at 1-800-552-3904, ext. 5914 or communityscholarship@myrec.coop.

REC provides electric service to over 170,000 connections in parts of 22 Virginia counties. With its general office in Fredericksburg, Va., the Cooperative operates and maintains more than 17,000 miles of power lines through its service area, which ranges from the Blue Ridge Mountains to the tidal waters of the Chesapeake Bay. For more information about REC, please visit www.myrec.coop. Follow REC on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.



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Upper King & Queen Ruritan Donates Proceeds from Historical Societies Christmas Celebration



L. to R., Kristy Kreach TPCF President, CW Tompson Upper King and Queen Ruritan, Charlie MacDonald Upper King and Queen Ruritan Treasurer, Comer Jackson Upper King and Queen Ruritan and Diane Klausen TPCF Secretary.

Upper King and Queen Ruritan Donated their Society Christmas Pageant and Concert. The proceeds made at the King and Queen Historical Society's Christmas Celebration all their proceeds raised by selling food to the December 8th. We had a wonderful day and it was a big turnout for the annual Historical

Acquinton Elementary 12 Days of Giving

Acquinton Elementary students had the opportunity to participate in "12 Days of Giving" which began Dec 5 and will run through Dec 20. As part of this event, students have donated hats, gloves, and scarves for King William County Dreams, toothbrushes for The Corner Stone, and pet food and treats for the local animal shelter along with additional ways of giving to others each day. We are so proud of our students for their spirit of giving during the holidays.



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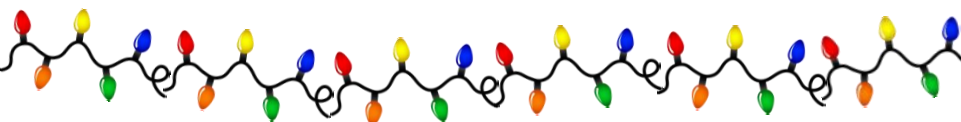
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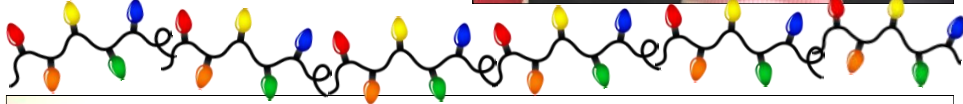
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Lawson-Marriott ES Spelling Bee Winners

Congratulations to Jillian Smith, 3rd grader and LMES School Spelling Bee Champion for the 2019-2020 school year. Jillian, along with the top 10 spellers, will represent Lawson-Marriott as they compete at the Division Spelling Bee in January. Thank you to all students that participated and good luck to our school representatives!



LMES top 10 spellers (as pictured): Front Row: Makenzy LaRochelle, Jillian Smith, Lauren Howard, Allison Harrell, Reagan Harrell. Back Row: Logan Branch, Maddie Klontzaris (runner-up), Talullah Kennedy, William Bowers, and Cheyenne Locklear.

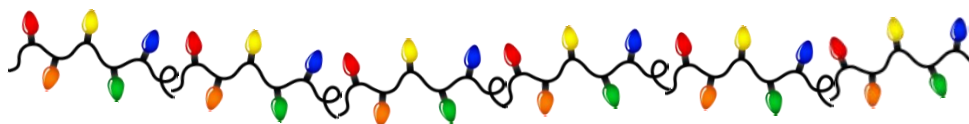
KQES SCA Food Drive



By Mrs. Donna Corleone
KQES Librarian Assistant

We would like to congratulate the SCA representatives for putting together a phenomenal food drive. The non-perishables that have been collected will

help support the foodbanks at our local churches. It is important that our school gives back to our community and what better way than to see the children involved and see them encouraging their classmates to help.



Country Courier Inc. HOLIDAY NOTICE

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Church Calendar

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CHRISTIAN

Christian Fellowship Ministries

Annual Christmas Extravaganza! We will be having a concert at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 13. There will be several guests to help lift up the name of Jesus! Greg Mitchell & Greater Richmond Fellowship, guest choir! The concert will be held at Spirit of Fire Cathedral 10069 Brook road, Glen Allen 23059. Sunday, December 29th, youth service. Pastor Shonnette Richardson will be guest speaker at 10:30 a.m.

Bethany Baptist Church

"A New Year's Testimony" Saturday, Jan. 4, 3:00 P.M.

Broadus Baptist Church Hebron Campus

3407 King William Rd Aylett, 779-2700 Facebook Broadus Church Hebron Campus

www.broaduschurch.org Worship with us Sunday morning with coffee and snacks at 9:45, Sunday School at 10:00 AM and worship at 11:00. Come as you are and we promise to help you feel right at home. We are focused on Loving God, Loving each other and loving the community around us.

Colosse Baptist Church

Sunday School classes- all ages 9:45a.m. Worship services 11 a.m. Bible studies are held on Wednesday nights. We offer many activities for all ages. questions, call 769-2729, someone will return your call.

Corinth Christian Church

www.corinthchristianchurchkw.net 9153 Dabney's Mill Rd Manquin VA, 23106 Corinth welcomes all to join us in worship and bible studies. Sundays, Bible study 10:00am, Worship 11:00am. Children's Church 11am, Tuesdays Bible study 7:00pm. Every 5th Sunday, fellowship lunch after 11am service.

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. Crossroads mission center 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.

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.

New Life Community Church

109 Commons Park Cir, Ste. J. Manquin 23106 Dec. 29 @ 11 am-3 pm. Come fellowship with us for Evangelism, Family & Friends Day. There will be a sermonette, food games and fun. Hope to see you in the place. Rev. Littycia Clay-Crawley Pastor.

New Morning Star Baptist Church

will present a Christmas Play entitled 'A New Morning Star Baptist Church Christmas Carol' on Sunday, December 22, at 12:30 p.m. The play will be comical with the true meaning of Christmas as the foundation. The play begins immediately following church service. All are welcome to come and share in the celebration.

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

Providence Baptist Church

4570 Dorrell Road, Aylett, Pastor White (804) 240-1982.

Rehoboth Baptist Fellowship Church

5904 Acquinton Church Road, King William, invites you to join them for a Christmas Eve Service on December 24th at 5:00 pm. If you have any questions, please call 769-8400.

Sharon Baptist Church

901 Sharon Road across from King William High School. Sunday mornings breakfast 8:45 am in Fellowship Hall, followed by Sunday School all ages 9:15a. Worship Service 10:30am. Nursery provided. Sun Evening Bible Study at 6 pm. Additional Bible Study 10am Tues, 7pm Wednesdays prayer meeting. Youth (7th - 12th graders) meet at 7pm Wed. Office hours 9am-2pm Tue - Fri. 769-2320.

The Edge Worship Centre

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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.

Upper King and Queen Church

1693 Bradley Farm Road. We invite you to join us as we celebrate the Advent and Christmas season. Lighting of Advent candles and a Christmas message each Sunday at the 11o'clock Worship Service. Christmas play by children and teens Sunday, Dec. 22nd, at 6:00 PM. Christmas Eve Communion and Candle Lighting at 3 o'clock. Come share the love and blessings of our Lord and Savior.

METHODIST

Epworth Methodist Church

Route 30 and Epworth Road, invites you to join with us for worship service at 9:00 each Sunday. Following worship there is a time of fellowship and refreshments and then Sunday school classes are offered for all ages beginning at 10:30. For more information, please contact the church office at 769-1949.

McKendree United Methodist Church

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

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,

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St. David's Episcopal Church

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Saint James Presbyterian Church

(the little church next to King William Courthouse) 411 Courthouse Lane. Regular service is Sundays at 10:30 AM. Christmas Eve Service with Communion at 7:00 PM Monday December 24. All are invited to attend.

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

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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 September 16 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 mrsmelissarice@aol.com.



Community Calendar

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King & Queen Library

Family Paper Airplane Challenge

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 5:30 - 6:30p.m.

Family Storytimes Thursday, Jan. 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 a.m. Call 804-769-1623 or visit the library at 396 Newtown Road for more info.

Upper King William Library

Computer Basics Class Monday, Jan. 6, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Yoga for Seniors Tuesday, Jan. 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11:00 a.m. - noon

Beatles Flick: Yesterday Tuesday, Jan. 7, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Succulent Pine Cones Saturday, Jan. 18, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Candy Chemistry Tuesday, Jan. 21, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Ages 7-12.

Understanding Medicare and Medicaid Saturday, Jan. 25, Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Book Club Monday, Jan. 27, 7:00 - 7:45 p.m.

Family Storytimes Wednesdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 a.m.

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We have greatly valued our relationship and thank you for your loyalty over the years. Best wishes for your future health and happiness.

Sincerely,

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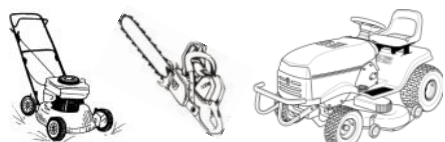
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