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Principals Appreciation Week



Left to Right: Jennifer Perry, Lawson Marriott Elementary Principal, Ashley Reynolds, CHS Assistant Principal, Allison Jordan, King and Queen Elementary Principal, Preston McKellar, CHS Principal.

King and Queen County School Board recognized and honored the administrators from all 3 schools at the January School Board meeting on Wednesday, January 15th.

Governor Ralph Northam recognized January 19-25 as Virginia School Principals Appreciation Week in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Principals work collaboratively with teachers, staff, students, parents, and the community at-large to proactively prepare students to be self-reliant and productive citizens.

Human Remains Found

The King William Sheriff's Office recovered human remains in a heavily wooded area on ElSassar Rd. Hunters came across the remains and contacted the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff J.S. Walton said in a press release, "Investigators believe the remains could be that of 55 year old Farran Braxton who was reported missing in late September. The remains, found approximately two miles away from where she went missing, have been sent to the Medical Examiners Office in Richmond for positive identification".

Please see **FOUND**, continued on page 7.

King William Board Tables Sweet Sue Solar Project



Standing room only for the solar farm conditional use permit

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

In the Spirit of Giving

By Florence Cooke

On Saturday, January 25th, Another Round or Two Bar and Grill celebrated its first year anniversary at their location in King William County. A second restaurant is located on Brook Road in the former Celebrity Room Restaurant in Lakeside. The King William location is owned by Mike Rodriguez (Big Mike) and partner Robert Iannacone as well as the Lakeside location with partner Mike Mason. The goal of both restaurants is to give back to their local communities.

Their main focus of the events supported throughout the year by Big Mike, his partners, and the biker community is to lend a helping hand to kids/and or adults with illnesses, veterans in need, battered women and anyone else in the community who may be in need.

Please see **GIVING**, continued on page 10.



Big Mike Rodriguez and his pride and joy bike

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King and Queen County 2020 Spelling Bee



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Spelling Bee
Coordinator, Owen
Keating – 7th grade-
KQES, Principal
Jordan



Publisher's Message



February is the shortest month only 29 days. When we get these few warm days in February it's a gentle reminder Spring is not far away.

Benjamin Franklin was a founding father, farmer, statesman, scientists, philosopher, author, and fount of earthly wisdom. He was also in the newspaper business. History honors Franklin as an American icon, one of the most important of the founding fathers. The words of wisdom he expressed in his, "Poor Richards Almanac," are as true today as when he wrote them over 300 years ago. He once wrote, "Blessed is he that expects nothing, for he shall never be disappointed," and words like, "Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every New Year find you a better man."

Take care until next time.

Hanny Clark



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Business Focus – Efficient Air Systems, Inc.

By Florence Cooke

Efficient Air Systems, Inc. was formed in November 2002 by the Barnette family, a lifelong family from Walkerton. Ronnie, the father, was plant manager at a Richmond based envelope manufacturing company. The oldest son, Mark, was a service manager for a Richmond based HVAC company and had taught HVAC at Richmond Technical Center. The younger brother Matthew also worked in Commercial HVAC. Ronnie, Mark, and Matthew had always envisioned bringing their HVAC knowledge back to the community they grew up in.

After being persuaded to go out on his own by long time close friend and salesman Joe Herring, Mark, a master HVAC technician, completed his contractor licensing and with help from several local businesses, decided to “take a chance” and start a business.

Local businessman Carroll Lee Walker allowed Mark to “rent” a space in Walkerton for free and Ronnie purchased a used Ford service van from Mark’s Richmond employer. With several local businesses offering referrals and work, it didn’t take long for the need to add additional employees. These businesses included Scott’s Store, Carroll Lee Walker, Martin Plumbing and Heating, Reynolds Service, Aylett Country Day School, Beverly Heath, H & B Mechanical and Virginia State Fair.

Ronnie, at age 62, decided to take early retirement and support the family business and ran the residential replacement side of the business. Matthew left his position as a Service Technician and came aboard. Office Administrator Karen Helmick Gardner joined the team from her family’s business, Charles Helmick Well Drilling. Mother Connie Barnette soon came aboard.

Efficient Air Systems, Inc was off and running performing residential and commercial service and began to perform commercial HVAC installs all over the Richmond market.

During the stock market crash in 2006 – 2007, Ronnie and Mark realized that the company’s strength was residential and “light commercial” service and system upgrades so they restructured the business.

The company purchased land from David Robinson in the industrial park across from the Purina plant in 2007 and moved to King William.

Ronnie and Connie have retired from active duties and are enjoying retirement. Mark continues to run the business with a strong team of employees: Ashley Barbrey, Office Manager; Senior Service Technician Bobby Belcher acts as Field Technician and Service Manager; Service Technicians David Smith, Casey Jones, and Dennis Campbell. Becki Kemp runs the dispatching part of the business as well as assists in administrative support.

With Spring and Summer approaching, Efficient Air Systems, Inc. is looking to add at least two more service technicians to the team.

President Mark states, “Without the continued support of our community and surrounding counties, none of this would have ever worked out for us and I am forever grateful to live in a community that supports local businesses. We look forward to continuing to provide top-notch service to you.”

Ronnie states, “I have always enjoyed giving back to the community that I have lived in. I am proud to know my legacy will continue through Efficient Air Systems.”

Obituaries

GARNETT

Luther E. Garnett Jr., 89 of King William, VA passed peacefully on January 25th. He was preceded in death by son Billy, first wife Ruby, brother Louie, sister NannaLee and his parents. He is survived by his children Rickie (Dallas) Joanne, Debbie (Doug), Wendy (Terry), sister Grace. Nine grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and a wonderful caretaker Mary. A Memorial Service was held on Sunday, February 2nd at Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church.

OSBORNE

Marjorie Gresham Osborne, owner of the former Sonja’s Restaurant (King William, VA) and daughter of the late Joseph and Dinah Gresham went home to be with the Lord on January 25, 2020 in Maryland. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at Baptist Liberty Church, 3518 East River Road, King William, VA at 12noon. Viewing at 11AM.

SOLAR, continued from front page

By Danny Clark

The King William Board of Supervisors voted to table a conditional use permit requested by Sweet Sue Solar at their January board meeting. Invenery, a Chicago – based renewables company submitted a conditional-use permit request to build a 77-mega watt solar facility on 1,262 acres of land in Manquin.

The standing-room only crowd at the county administration building appeared to have a 50/50 split in those for and those against the project. Supervisor Stewart Garber disqualified himself stating, “I may realize a direct or indirect detriment as a result; I own property adjacent to the proposed solar facility.” Supervisors Hodges and Greenwood believe the company has done their due diligence in providing the required documentation requested. Supervisor Travis Moskalski said, “I need more time to discuss and decide on this project.”

During the supervisors’ comment period,

Hodges stated, “Thank everyone for coming out tonight, I will vote on the way I think on this project.” Supervisor Moskalski stated, “There may be some new legislation coming to regulate this type of development and we want to be aware of it.” Supervisor Garber said, “I am looking forward to working with this board.” Supervisor Ed Moren said, “Thank everyone for coming out tonight, it looks a lot different from this side of the boardroom, I am looking forward to working with fellow board members.” Board chairman, Stephen Greenwood said, “We should have not have waited to vote on this project. I want to thank everyone for coming and staying so long tonight, I am looking forward to working with this board.”

At this time no date has been given when the board will vote on the permit needed by Invenery to move forward. You can find BOS meeting dates and agendas online at: kingwilliamcounty.us





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First Elevator

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

During the year we sometimes get high winds that can cause downed trees and power outages. I'm sure all of us are glad that we have electricity and our modern conveniences like heat, lights, satellite TV, and internet. You know, there are a few groups of people that choose to not have these modern conveniences. The Amish still use horses and mules to work their fields and to pull wagons. They live a simpler, basic life. They rely on their animals everyday, and become very good at handling them.

I'm reminded of a story about an Amish family that came to a big shopping mall for the first time. They were amazed by everything they saw. It was all new to them. The Amish father and his young son were especially amazed by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and then slide back together again. The young boy asked "What is that father?" The Amish man who had never seen an elevator before responded "Son, I don't know what that is." As the boy and his father were watching with amazement, an old grey haired lady in a wheel chair rolled up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls



opened, and the old lady rolled between them into a small room. The walls closed, and the boy and his father watched the small numbers above the walls light up. They stopped at the highest number and after a few minutes they reversed order. They continued to watch until it reached the last number. Finally the walls opened up again and a gorgeous 24 year old blonde lady stepped out. The father, not taking his eyes off the young woman says to his son "Go get your mother!"

I would like to hear from you. Call me at 690-7870 or you can email me at Allen@twinriversrealty.com. I'll see you on the trails. I'll be the old cowboy on the little mule with the chrome wheels.

Wisdom is oftentimes nearer when we stoop than when we soar. William Wordsworth

Making Conservation Resources More Accessible for All

Richmond, VA, Jan. 30, 2020 – When Calvin T. McGhee, Jr., began working with his son and namesake to re-establish McGhee Farms in Louisa County, Va., he knew they didn't want to continue down the same path the family had followed for generations. Both men had seen the negative impacts of cattle in the property's creeks and ponds and wanted to clear up those issues for themselves and their descendants.

The McGhees received financial assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to improve their pasture and grazing management and to install additional stream protection and waterways for their cattle and hay operation. "We can put livestock in places we couldn't put them before," says Calvin T. McGhee, III. "We have waterways in places that didn't originally have water. We put in divisional fencing where we couldn't have divided them off at first. So, it [EQIP] helped to overcome those types of challenges and put in some conservation practices to do our part to save the environment."

Historically underserved producers* like the McGhees can use the EQIP Advance Payment option to start their stewardship journeys and get higher payment rates for the practices they install. The general EQIP reimbursement process could be cost prohibitive for many of these producers because they were required to pay for practice implementation *first* and get repaid *afterwards*. Interested producers can get funds up-front for at least 50 percent of the payment rate of each practice.

NRCS accepts applications year-round but makes funding selections at specific times. Virginia farmers and forest landowners can now sign up to install recommended conservation practices on cropland, pastureland and non-industrial private forestland. NRCS will accept EQIP applications for livestock, cropland and forestry fund pools with these additional special initiatives available to Virginia producers/landowners:

American Black Duck Initiative – Focused conservation practices to restore wintering habitat in the Delaware Bay and Chesapeake Bay watersheds;

Conservation Activity Plans – Development of site-specific plans to recommend conservation practices that will address an identified natural resource need.

Eastern Hellbender – Targeted conservation practices to reduce sediment and nutrient inputs for improved habitat and water quality;

Golden-winged Warbler – Young forest habitat restoration in Appalachian breeding territory;

High Tunnel System – Steel-framed, polyethylene-covered structures to extend the growing season in an environmentally safe manner;

Longleaf Pine – Stand establishment and management in the Southeastern Virginia historical range;

National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) – Targeted practices to clean up impaired streams and improve aquatic habitats in the War Branch and Mountain Run watersheds in Rockingham County and Gap Creek in Rockingham and Shenandoah County;

Northern Bobwhite in Pine Savannas – Management strategies to convert commercial loblolly and shortleaf pine plantings to highly valuable pine savannah habitats;

Northern Bobwhite in Working Grasslands – Native grass restoration to address habitat loss while maintaining or improving cattle production on the land;

On-Farm Energy – Agricultural Energy Management Plans (AgEMP) or farm energy audits to assess energy use and recommend ways to reduce it;

Organic – Practices to help certified organic growers, those working to achieve organic certification, and specialty crop producers address resource concerns on their operations;

StrikeForce – Priority ranking for cropland, high tunnel, and livestock practices to support program participation among underserved producers in rural communities.

Interested producers must submit applications on or before **Feb. 28, 2020**, to be considered for fiscal year 2020 EQIP funding. Each applicant *should* submit a signed and dated *Conservation Program Application* to the local NRCS service center by close of business on the published deadline for a given batching period. Applicants without farm records established through USDA's Farm Service Agency will not be considered for ranking. The name, tax identification number, and address provided must also match IRS income tax records.

Applicants approved for financial assistance will receive a payment based on an NRCS determination of incurred costs and income sacrificed for practice implementation. Historically underserved producers can opt for the advance payment after they are approved to develop an EQIP contract. If you previously applied for EQIP and were not funded, contact your local NRCS Service Center for more information.

Call or visit your local NRCS office to learn more about USDA program eligibility requirements and how EQIP and other Farm Bill programs can help you better protect and manage natural resources on your land. Visit farmers.gov for USDA service center locations. State-specific program information is available on the NRCS Virginia website at www.va.nrcs.usda.gov.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

That's the problem - this governor - a true and proven racist

Despite the fear mongering of attending the 2A Rally in Richmond, I determined to go. It has never once occurred to me to fear 2A supporters. I know them. You know them. We are them. My concern and that of thousands of others, including families that were deterred for fear of harm to their children, was the threat of ANTIFA showing up - not gun owners.

Contrary to subsequent news reports as pundits were alarmed at the seeming lack of a police presence, I can affirm that hundreds of police were present but kept back when they determined we're not like ANTIFA and we could be trusted to be honorable.

For all the race baiters - EVERY RACE WAS REPRESENTED ARMED TO THE TEETH! Congenial, polite, well mannered, kind, men and women were everywhere, as well as a massive police force that stood back when they took stock of the crowd and determined there was no threat. There never is a threat from law abiding gun owners. That's the problem - this governor - a true and proven racist, along with the alarming Democrat/ Communist controlled legislature, are trying to turn millions of us into Felons

with the stroke of a pen, for what reason?

George Soros and Mike Bloomberg poured millions of dollars into Virginia races, including and especially Commonwealth's Attorneys. Control the legislature, control the courts, control the outcomes.

As alarmingly, nefarious legislation is being presented to restore the right vote to convicted felons and the mentally incompetent, remove voter ID requirements, increase the governors term from 4 to 8 years, elect the governor by a majority of votes in congressional districts - not statewide majority, and award the electoral college votes to the popular vote winner.

There is always a reason to keep and bear arms, they've just exposed it.

Catherine Crăbill
Irvington

Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

A Window into their Intellect

Often positions offered up by elected officials (and Candidates) give a window into just how well thought through their proposals are , perhaps their intellect , or both. Case in point from this recent local elections here in King William County was a proposal by then candidate , now Supervisor Charles Garber. Garber ran 4 years ago and again this cycle. Ran is indeed an appropriate metaphor for his effort since he ran mostly in the opposite direction of anyone asking a question. He refused to answer the King William T.E.A Party questionnaire in 2015, and wouldn't answer it in 2019 either.

In a campaign advertisement back in October Garber offered the usual "I support good schools, strong public safety....etc etc ", the usual novice campaign crapola. He also suggested as a way of bringing more business to King William a 2 year Exemption for new businesses from the BPOL tax (Business Professional Occupational License) It warrants noting that many of Garbers backers, particularly the Oligarch pals are already exempt from paying this depending of course their occupation. Garber went on in his explanation for this exemption that "many new businesses don't make a profit their first two years anyway"...his own words.

Now given his clear intentions to not answer a single question from our group I found it at the time pointless to reach out and ask him to elaborate or expand on his

statement. It is an unflattering view of voters that they didn't catch this and inquire themselves before they cast a vote for this guy.

If one values or weighs how important it is to properly vet even local candidates then someone might have asked the esteemed Supervisor Garber this.....

Mr. Garber, if new business often don't show a profit their first two years.....they would not pay the BPOL TAX TO BEGIN WITH ? So just how valuable an incentive is this ? Every candidate that has run for the BOS in the 22 years I've lived here has talked about incentivizing new business to come to King William County.....and besides a Chicken fast food place, an auto parts store not much has happened and home owners (and those of us who are not members of the TAX EXEMPTION circle) continue to pay the outrageous real estate taxes as a result.

Supervisor Garber has also in recent days recused himself from voting on the Sweet Sue Solar Farm project now before the Board. Not exactly a shining example of "Profile in Courage" or leadership. No political backbone and obviously not too deep of a thinker.

And voters in the 4th District kicked to the curb a guy who possesses 2 Masters Degree's and showed he had lot's of courage. In whose book was that a good trade ?

Bob Shannon

King William T.E.A Party
(Taxed Enough Already)

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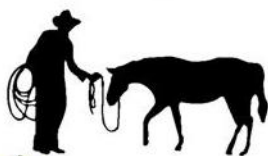
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Human Remains Found

Braxton was last seen leaving her home on Union Hope Road on foot around 6:45 a.m. Friday, Sept. 20, officials said. The Sheriff's Office along with Virginia Department Emergency Management, Virginia State Police and search teams from across the Commonwealth searched a heavily wooded area in the lower part of King William County for seven days with no results. The search included ground teams on foot, K-9 teams, equine teams and aircraft.



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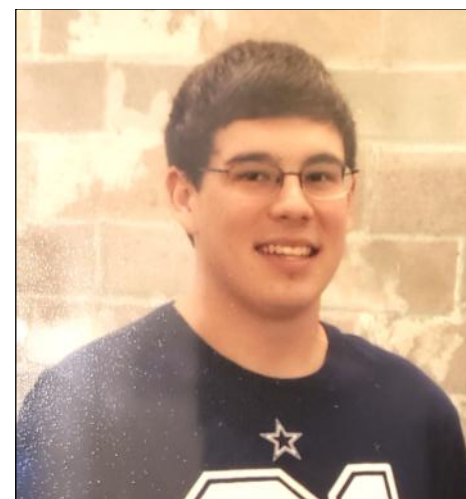
Skyler Stone #15 completes the "alley-oop" from teammate Gavin Lipscomb #1 for one of his three "dunks"

By Gene Campbell

The Central King & Queen Tigers basketball team came into town on January 24th hoping to avenge an earlier 81-68 loss in December to the King William Cavaliers. The game see-sawed both and forth in the first quarter but the Cavs started pulling away in the second quarter as they made a 26-14 run to go into the locker room at the half with a comfortable 51-32 lead. The second half saw the Tigers pull within 13 points but when the final buzzer sounded the Cavs had notched another win as they defeated the Tigers 88-73. Gavin Lipscomb led the Cavs with 21 points and 5 assists followed by Skyler Stone with 15 points including 3 dunks, Kenadre Roane had 12 points and Kolby Anderson had 9 points and 15 rebounds. The Cavaliers are currently 13-3 for the season. The next home game (and final regular-season game) is February 12th as they take on the West Point Pointers. GO CAVS!!

Congratulations

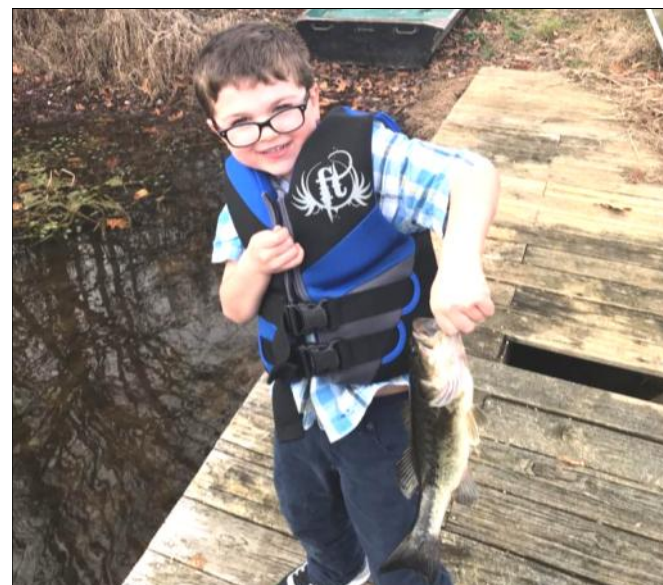
Our family would like to congratulate Lane Williams on making the Dean's list his first semester at Longwood University. Lane will graduate Longwood in 2021 with a Bachelor's degree in communications. We are so proud of you.



Lane Williams

First Bass

Coen Holmes six years old caught his first bass in a local pond in St. Stephen's Church, Va. He was so excited because he did everything all by himself including casting.



Pet Adoption

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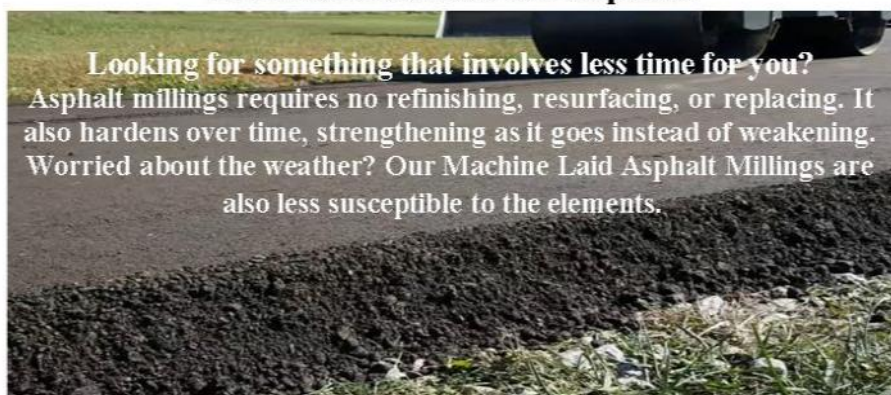
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Chris Tyler Keeping Mill Road Clean

By Armistead Saffer

Picture by Chris Tyler

Thanks to Chris Tyler of Aylett for taking the initiative to clean up Mill Rd. Chris said, "I decided to adopt Mill Rd because I simply got tired of seeing so much litter on the road."

Chris graduated King William High School in 2011 and is currently attending Virginia Tech majoring in Mining & Minerals Engineering. He has lived in King William most of his life.

Chris took over 12 hours to cleanup the 2.6 mile section he adopted with some of that time spent in the rain. Nine large orange bags were filled with trash. VDOT was scheduled to pick them up, but took so long that neighbors eventually took the bags to the dump. Cigarette butts were the most common item. The most unusual was a "School Bus Stop Ahead" sign.

The Adopt-A-Highway program process was very straight forward. VDOT will supply the trash bags and safety vests. Virginia's Adopt-A-Highway program started in Virginia in 1988, and now is responsible for cleaning 12,000 miles of road each year. If you'd like to adopt a road call: 1-800-FOR-ROAD or e-mail adoptahighway@VirginiaDOT.org. Chris says, "People should think twice about littering on the roads. All of the trash eventually makes it into our waterways."



Chris Tyler getting ready to pick up trash on Mill Road.



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West Point Young Adult Chosen for Leadership Role In Student-led Prevention Program

RICHMOND – West Point native MacKenzie Hilton can sum up her experience with the Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project (YADAPP) in one word: “unforgettable.” The West Point High School graduate, now a student at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, will serve as one of four interns for the annual program in 2020. She has participated in YADAPP for four years and wants to help guide others through the year-long program that has had a profound impact on her life. “It feels so good connecting with people my age who are passionate about making a difference. The relationships everyone develops together are unimaginable,” said Hilton. The annual program begins with a kick-off conference that will be held July 13-17 at Longwood University in Farmville. Participation requires enrollment of a team of four student leaders and one adult sponsor. During the conference, students attend topical workshops, hear from well-known motivational speakers, learn peer leadership and prevention best practices, and develop a Strategies To Act Now (STAN) Plan to address substance use among their peers. Teams compete for \$250 mini-grants and the \$500 Wheeler Award to help fund their prevention efforts. Early enrollment, which opens March 1, costs \$500 per team (\$100 per person) until April 30. The price then increases to \$600 per team until the June 1 enrollment deadline. The fee includes lodging, meals and materials during the conference, as well as year-long coaching and support for adult sponsors as they aid their team in implementing their STAN Plan throughout the school year. During the kick-off conference, adult sponsors participate in their own track. They receive resources and training on topics that will help them support their team. Adult sponsors are eligible for continuing education units. Law enforcement officers are eligible for partial in-service credits through Virginia’s Department of Criminal Justice Services. “It is exciting to see students involved in YADAPP grow and develop over the years to have increased knowledge of substance use prevention, increased confidence and increased commitment to staying substance free,” said Katie Crumble, Virginia ABC Education and Prevention manager. High school students who attend the YADAPP kick-off conference have the opportunity to network with young leaders like Hilton, who have participated in previous conferences. Interns begin as YADAPP participants and work their way through three levels of peer leadership to become conference leaders. Interns are selected the year prior to the conference and are responsible for planning aspects of the conference including training younger youth staff members who lead conference participants throughout the week and facilitate STAN Plan development. For more information, please contact the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority at (804) 977-7740 or visit www.yadapp.com.

Giving, continued from front page

Another Round helps people in need all year round. Ten percent of all food sales and 100% of all raffle ticket sales and contest entry fees from Sunday Bike Nights go to veterans for the purchase of prosthetic limbs, suicide prevention or to build handicap ramps. They have sponsored breast cancer fundraisers for suffering women, raised funds for a softball team to go to Florida, and put on a benefit to help fund a local 12-year old boys travel baseball team.

With the help of King William Social Services, 20 kids with the 2019 Angel Tree Project were given gifts by the customers and staff; a full meal was prepared for a needy family in Aylett, and Christmas gifts were given to a family of three whose home was destroyed by fire before Christmas.

On Veterans Day a free meal was given to all veterans at both grills. At Thanksgiving, the grill on Brook Road served 145 free meals from a full buffet to

anyone who walked in – homeless, new people in the community or people who didn’t want to be alone for Thanksgiving.

When Big Mike was asked why he and the other bikers are so willing to help, he stated, “I am a firm believer in giving back to the community. If the community did not support me, I would not be able to give back or be in business. We are here to help any cause in the community. Bikers are not bad people but people from all walks of life who care about other people. Bikers are doctors, lawyers, business owners – a group of outstanding and reputable people. Another Round or Two Bar and Grill is not a biker bar. Don’t let the bikes outside fool you – bikers give back to those in need. Bikers do more charity work in the United States than any other charity organization. If there are questions or concerns please call 804 – 769 – 1900. Bikers are here to help, not hurt. Come join us and meet us.”

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Aylett Country Day School

HONOR and MERIT ROLL

Mrs. Tara Garner, Head of School at Aylett Country Day School, is pleased to announce the names of students in grades four through eight who have shown outstanding academic achievement for the 2nd quarter of the 2019-20 school year.

Students earning Honor Roll status, all A's, for the 2nd quarter are:

Grade 4: Avery Boyle, Elizabeth Donoghue, and Mary-Michael Lawrence

Grade 5: Izzy Martz and Alisyn O'Bier

Grade 6: Christopher Rhoads

Grade 7: Bailee Beasley, Addie Kosek, Lillian Marchese, Emily Stanaway, and Stephen Welch

Grade 8: Sandy Dillard and Channing Lewis

Merit Roll (A's and B's) students for the 2nd quarter are:

Grade 4: Kodiak Cox, Ainsley Davis, Zoe Thrift, Lucy Williams, and Kelsey Wood

Grade 5: Kate Austin, Evan Courtney, Berkeley Garner, Grace Gillions, Matthew Hundley, Addi Jones, Madison Lam, Cadence Palmer, and Mia Tignor

Grade 6: Addison Carr, LeighAnn Matthews, Makenzie Morgan, Pierson Poythress, and Caroline Schoolar

Grade 7: Wyatt Ambrose, Emily Baker, Jackson Garner, and Turpin Rowe

Grade 8: Latane Barnette, Clay Cooke, Fitz Dillard, Blair Dooley, Caitlin Dooley, Preston Poythress, and Samuel Sturt

KW Democrats will hold Straw Poll and Watch Party

The King William Democrats will hold a Straw Poll at their February meeting to determine which Presidential Candidate is most popular. On February 18, 2020, at 6:30 PM, the KW Democrats will meet at the Upper King William Library to watch videos of each of the Democratic Presidential Candidates. A representative of the Mike Bloomberg campaign will also be present.

Then, on March 3, the KW Democrats

will meet at Vinny's restaurant at 6:30 for a Watch Party to watch the returns from the Super Tuesday Primaries, including results from Virginia's Primary Election that day. All interested citizens are welcome!

Officers of the King William Democrats were elected at the January meeting. Betsy Donoghue was elected Chair, and Douglas Riley was elected Assistant

Chair.

RCC Research Paper Award Winners

Rappahannock Community College's Library Coordinator, Dan Ream, has announced the winners of the College's Fall 2019 RCC Student Research Paper Awards. The purpose of this competition is to recognize excellent writing and research in student papers counting toward RCC credit courses during each semester. All entries were evaluated using "blind judging" with students' and teachers' names removed before review by the judges.

Twelve papers were submitted for consideration. First prize was awarded to Nicole Shannon of North, Virginia for "Ethical Consumption." Nicole will receive a first prize award of \$200. This paper was written for Professor Amber Dinquel's English 111 class. In addition to Nicole's award, Professor Dinquel will receive a \$50 honorarium.

Casey Minter of Aylett earned second prize for her paper, "Statistical Analysis of Sample Data: Comparing Men and Women's Blood Pressure," written for Professor Tom Mosca's Mathematics 245 class. Casey's award will be \$100 and Professor Mosca will receive a \$50 honorarium.



Nicole Shannon



Casey Minter

Photos by Abby Parsons

The research papers are published on the RCC Library website at <https://www.rappahannock.edu/library/research-paper-award/> as well as in an online collection of the Virginia Community College System's statewide student writing at http://commons.vccs.edu/student_writing/.

All papers were judged by a panel of four faculty, staff and administrators on the quality of library and Internet sources cited (including journal articles, books, or web resources), as well as the overall quality of writing and presentation. The cash awards are funded through the RCC Educational Foundation, Inc.

William & Mary Dean's List

The following local residents were recently named to the Dean's List at the College of William & Mary for the fall 2019 semester: In order to achieve Dean's List status, a full-time degree seeking undergraduate student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.6 Quality Point Average during the semester. William & Mary is the second oldest institution of higher learning in the United States Mattaponi, VA Alexandra Puccio. West Point, VA Minna Blottner

Three Rivers Soil & Water Conservation District Scholarship Opportunities

Three Rivers Soil & Water Conservation District is offering three scholarships (Earl H. and Anna K. Longest Memorial, John F. Townsend Sr. Memorial, and the J. Franklin "Frankie" Townsend Jr. Memorial) for students within King William, King and Queen, and Essex Counties. The Earl H. and Anna K. Longest Memorial is for King & Queen residents whereas the John F. Townsend Sr. Memorial Scholarship is strictly for King William residents. In addition to these, there is another scholarship being offered this year called the J. Franklin "Frankie" Townsend Jr. Memorial.

Applicants for this scholarship can be residents of King William, King and Queen, or Essex Counties. All of the scholarships are valued at \$1,000 each and are eligible to high school seniors or currently enrolled college students. The applicants should be pursuing a degree in agriculture/natural resources or come from a farming background.

These scholarships are due by March 1st and should be sent to Three Rivers SWCD at 772 Richmond Beach Road Tappahannock, VA 22560. Those interested should email waring.baylor@trswcd.org to receive an application.

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Church Calendar

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Bruington Baptist Church

4784 The Trail, Bruington, King and Queen County. 10 a.m. Sunday school; 11 a.m. Worship Service with Communion on first Sundays; 9:00 a.m. Deacons meet on first Sundays/WOM meets third Sundays/ Fellowship breakfast fourth Sundays/Breakfast prepared by men fifth Sundays; 11 a.m. children's church fifth Sundays/children and youth mission groups meet third Sundays; 6 p.m. Adult Bible study Wednesdays followed by 7 p.m. choir practice; 10 a.m. until noon community clothes cupboard first Saturdays. Rev. Fred Skaggs 804-347-7285.

The Fix Ministry

Saturday Evenings 5:30pm Pot Luck Dinner followed by Worship Service 4465 Mount Olive Cohoke Road, King William. Call for additional information (804) 774-5319

BAPTIST

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 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.

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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. Sinai Baptist Church (2327

Commings Road, Aylett)

Come join us as we celebrate Black History on Sunday, February 9, at 3:00 p.m. Guest church family will be Rev. Dr. Patrick H. Jones, Pastor of Bethany Baptist, Montpelier. Dinner will be served at 1:30 p.m. Special guest will be VFW Post #9501 (Post Commander, James Brown). All are welcome. For information contact, Mr. James Perry, Chairperson (804)769-1200.

SRBA

Annual Black History Program will be held on Saturday, February 8, (9:00 AM). Breakfast prepared at the Second Mount Olive Baptist Church (King & Queen County), 3156 Devil Three Jump Road, Little Plymouth, Elder Reginald Williams Pastor (804-785-2586).

New Life Community Church

109 Commons Park Cir, Ste. J. Manquin 23106 Rev. Littycia Clay-Crawley Pastor. Begin 2020 right, if you are looking for a church home or a place to come praise and worship, we invite all to join us on Sunday mornings at 8am for worship service.

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.

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 9:15 a.m. 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.

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Third Union Baptist Church

located at 452 Walkerton Road, King William. Rev. Dr. Wilbert D. Talley Annual Family & Friends Day Sunday, February 16, at 11:00 am. Guest Preacher- Rev. Shelia Ross. Theme- "Family Matters", Genesis 2:24-25 & John 15:13. Dinner served. Afternoon Musical Program at 3:00 pm. Musical Guests- Sister Shelia Watson, Sister Tammy Scott, Brother Dennis Shelton and Oak Grove Baptist Church Choir. 8 0 4 - 7 6 9 - 3 1 2 3 o r www.thirdunionbaptistchurch.com

Trinity Baptist Church

will be celebrating it's anniversary on February 9th 2020 at 3:00PM. Rev. Ryan Steele and the members of Gospel Baptist Church, Richmond, will be our special guest. Please join us in this very special occasion. On February 16th at 3:00pm- Black History program. Dr. Alvin Lomax will be our featured speaker. Negro spirituals will be rendered by the congregation. Please come and join us for this wonderful event.

Upper King & Queen Baptist Church

1693 Bradley Farm Road invites you to worship with us. Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 A.M. Worship Service at 11:00 o'clock. Children's Church 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sundays. Mission Friends 1st Sunday. Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00 P.M. Friday Evening Bible Study at 6:30 P.M. with covered dish supper. Men's Prayer Breakfast 1st Sunday of each month at 8:30 A.M. WMU 2nd Monday at 7:00 P.M. Ladies with a Vision 4th Thursday at 7:00 P.M. Rev. Wade Wilkins - Pastor 804 769-8534

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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. www.Mckendree23106.org

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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

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St. John's Episcopal Church

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King & Queen Library

Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration Thursday, Feb. 27, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Yoga for Seniors Thursdays, Feb. 6, 13, 20, & 27, Noon - 1:00 p.m. Family Storytimes Thursday, Feb. 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 a.m. Call 804-769-1623 or visit the library at 396 Newtown Road for more info.

Upper King William Library

Valentine's Day Party Thursday, Feb. 13, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Yoga for Seniors Tuesday, Feb. 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11:00 a.m. - noon Cooking with Fish & Game Saturday, Feb. 22, Noon - 1:00 p.m. Family Storytimes Wednesdays, Feb. 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 a.m. Call 804-769-3731 or visit the library at 694-J Sharon Road for more Info.

West Point Library

Stay and Play Fridays, Feb. 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11:00 a.m. - noon Second Saturday Matinee Saturday, Feb. 8, Noon - 1:45 p.m. Chess Players Club Monday, Feb. 10 & 24, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. BINGO Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Ages 10 & up Mid Day Movie Matinee Thursday, Feb. 20, Noon- 2:00 p.m. Ages 16 & up LEGOMania Friday, Feb. 21, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Ages 5-12 Movie Night Thursday, Feb. 27, 5:30 - 7:45 p.m. Ages 16 & up Cell Phone Hologram and Stylus Saturday, Feb. 29, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Family Storytimes Friday, Feb. 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 a.m. Call 804-843-3244 or visit the library at 721 Main Street for more info.

Girl Scout Troop 4217

Every other Sunday from 2:30-4 at Poroporone Church, lower King & Queen. Email wyatt.amyl@gmail.com or kelly.mago vero@yahoo.com

VFW and Auxiliary 8356

Meets third Tuesday of the month at post in lower King William/West Point. VFW meeting is at 7 pm, Auxiliary is at 6 pm. Contact Post Commander (vfw8356@gmail.com) or Auxiliary President (kelly.magovero@yahoo.com) for membership and/or information.

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.

K.W. Rec Park

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Mattaponi Crime Solvers

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Mattaponi & Pamunkey Rivers Assoc. Annual Meeting & Pot Luck Dinner

Will be held on Friday, Jan. 24 beginning at 6 PM at the King William Ruritan Building. Bring a dish to share. Program: April Hill Deacy will discuss the Pamunkey Tribe's Sturgeon Tagging Program. Everyone is welcome.

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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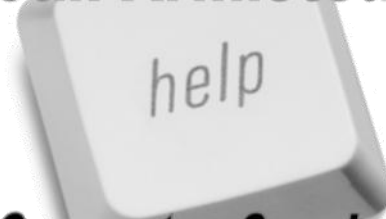
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