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Central High School Student Brings Handgun to School

King and Queen County Public Schools want our school community to know that a threat was averted today without incident. A student who had recently transferred to Central High School was reported by other students to be bragging about having a gun. Based on those reports, the School Resource Officer searched the student, and took possession of a handgun. The student was arrested and taken into custody.

We are grateful for the wisdom and prompt action of our students, and the courage and professionalism of our School Resource Officer. Together, they kept our student body and staff safe, and neutralized a serious threat without undue disruption. Any further statements will come from law enforcement. The school district cannot comment further because of student privacy laws."

Remains Identified

Skeletal Remains Identified King William –

The King William County Sheriff's Office received notification that the skeletal remains submitted to the Richmond Office of the Chief Medical Examiner have been determined to be those of Ms. Farran Braxton. The skeletal remains were recovered in a heavily wooded area off Elsassar Road on Saturday, January 25, 2020 after being noticed by a hunter in that area. Ms. Braxton was declared missing on Friday, September 20, 2019, after walking away from her residence located on Union Hope Road. The King William Sheriff's Office maintains a continuous investigation into the disappearance of Ms. Braxton and is awaiting an official cause of death.

Sweet Sue Solar gets Green Light from King William Board of Supervisors

By Danny Clark

After many months of deliberation, additional conditions met and public hearings, the King William Board of Supervisors voted to allow Sweet Sue Solar to move forward with a conditional use permit. This will give Sweet Sue Solar the go ahead to proceed with a 77- Megawatt facility located on a 1,262 acre farm between Enfield and Manquin road in Manquin. When completed this will be the second Solar Farm in King William County. The first is a 17-Megawatt facility on 250 acres in Manquin.



Solar farm in Gloucester county

Dedication of Hamilton-Holmes Cafetorium in Memory of Charlotte Taylor



Hamilton Holmes Middle School Principal Tina Rudd displays plaque honoring Charlotte Taylor as Robin Davis looks on.

Story by Florence Cooke

Pictures by Gene Campbell

Hamilton-Holmes Middle School invited the community to a dedication ceremony of the new cafetorium in memory of Charlotte Taylor on Tuesday, February 18th. In honor of her 44 years of dedication and love for the community, King William County School Board named the new Hamilton – Holmes cafetorium the Charlotte P. Taylor Cafetorium. A cafetorium is a large room that can be used as a cafeteria and an auditorium. It has large windows on two sides and will seat about 200 students each for the three lunch shifts.

Principal Tina Rudd was the Master of Ceremonies and introduced Dr. David White, Superintendent, who presented a plaque to be placed in the cafetorium. Robin Davis, one of the Committee that planned this event, thanked Dr. White for the plaque, and a video montage by Audrey Mitchell of the students and faculty expressing their love and get well wishes to Charlotte. The Art Classes made painted rocks with Charlotte's motto of "kindness rocks" that guests could take home as a remembrance.

Please see **TAYLOR**, on page 11.

King William School Board Holds Open Forum for Football Coach



Student Jake Galgano speaks to the School Board

Story by Florence Cooke

Pictures by Gene Campbell

There was standing room only at the February School Board Meeting held at Hamilton Holmes Middle School on Tuesday, February 18, at 6 p.m. Parents, coaches, students – both present and past – were given 30 minutes to persuade the school board members to reverse their decision to fire coach Dylan DeHart as Head Coach.

DeHart was not present as the community praised him as a caring coach with his students over the seven years he was the head coach. He had led the football program to several regional championships. One father stated when his son started playing football, he knew nothing about the sport. DeHart worked with him over the years and now the son has 30 colleges offering him scholarships to play college football as a result of Mr. DeHart.

Please see **DEHART**, on page 11.

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Country Courier Goes to Hawaii



Rose and Ricky Rice were on the North Shore of Oahu at the Pro surfing competition on January 31st. They posed for a photo with an issue of *The Country Courier*.

Patriots Scholarship

Once again, the VFW Auxiliary 9501 will offer \$1,000 scholarships to three high school graduates. The Patriots Scholarships are given in memory of veterans Mr. Lambert W. Bradley and Mr. Lambert G. Bradley; and in honor of Mr. Harold C. Hamlett.

The scholarship committee at the VFW Auxiliary 9501 will administer and award these scholarships. Graduating seniors who demonstrate FINANCIAL need to further their education may apply. Students from King William and King & Queen High Schools must complete an application to continue his or her education at a credited institution of higher learning. It may be a 4-yr. college, community college, technical school, business school or trade school.

Applicants must have documents of acceptance from said school or college. Contact your high school counselor for an application or call F. Gwathmey 994-2947. Deadline for the completed application to the VFW Auxiliary 9501 is April 24th, 2020. The scholarships will be awarded during our annual Memorial Program May 24, 2020 at Post 9501.

Publisher's Message



The weather is becoming more favorable. Longer and warmer days are not far away. I have a lot of leaves and sticks to pick up from the cold windy days we've had. I wanted beautiful large shade trees knowing the getting up of leaves and sticks come with it. I feel better when I can get outside and do some needed yard work. Cabin fever is turning slowly into spring. Get outside and get some fresh air, you will feel so much better.

Take care until 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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A Close Shave

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

I used to always enjoy stopping in Aylett Barber Shop and talking horses with the owner Bill Crowe. He and his wife also run Wingmont Stables and Kennels. I remember talking about horse related things a while back as I was getting a haircut. Somehow we got to discussing gadgets. People have come up with things over time to help in training or grooming. He mentioned a martingale. Well I thought to myself "That sounds like some kind of bird." Then Mr. Crowe started talking about the difference in a standing martingale and a running martingale. My mind started wandering off. I thought we were discussing horses but maybe this martingale bird can't fly and either runs along the ground or just stands still and hides. I just sat there and listened and found out that a martingale is some sort of tie down to help in getting the horse to carry his head in the proper position while riding. The standard one is a strap that goes from his head to his chest and doesn't allow him to raise his head too high and a running one has rings that attach it to the reins so you can put pressure as needed to get the horse to lower his head.

Mr. Crowe has come up with some gadgets over the years to help at the barber shop also. There was an old man that came in to get a shave but his face was so wrinkled that he told Mr.



Crowe to just do the best he could. Mr. Crowe reached around and handed the old man a small wooden ball and told him to put it in his mouth and push it against his cheek with his tongue. Well all the wrinkles on that side disappeared and Mr. Crowe shaved him and then told him to move it to the other cheek and push with his tongue. The old man did and got shaved on that side of his face. When Mr. Crowe was finished he held his hand out and the old man spit the ball out. The old man was so happy because it had been years since he had gotten such a close shave. He did have one question before leaving. He said "Bill, what would have happened if I had swallowed that ball?" Mr. Crowe replied "That would have been alright. You could have just brought it back tomorrow like everyone else has."

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

Lawson Community Teams Up Against Cancer



Ms. Davis' Kindergarten class

The Lawson-Marriott Elementary family teamed up with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Thank you, Lawson community, for your participation in this fundraiser as we work to teach our students the joy of giving and the importance of good citizenship.

During the coin drive, grade levels participated in a friendly competition sponsored by the LLS. Congratulations to Ms. Davis' Kindergarten class for raising the most money- they will be treated to a pizza party as a celebration and thank you for their donations.

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Obituaries



WOOLFORD

Patricia Mansfield Wolford, 79, of Shacklefords, VA passed away February 21, 2020.

Pat retired from St. Laurent as an administrative assistant and recently retired from New Kent

County Visitor Center. She was a member of West Point Christian Church and a member of Eastern Star #69 where she was a past matron and a state representative.

Pat is survived by her husband of 61 years James "Jim" Wolford; a daughter Karen Wright; a son Jamie Wolford (Julie); a brother Cary Mansfield (Brenda) of Suffolk; three grandsons Brad Wolford (Alexa) of Melbourne, FL, Bryce Wright (Lacy) of Pensacola, FL, and Cole Wolford of Glen Allen, VA; two great-grandchildren Elizabeth and Samuel Wright.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, February 29th at West Point Christian Church, 290 W. Euclid Blvd, West Point, VA 23181. Memorials may be made to Lower King & Queen Volunteer Fire Department, Box 187, Shacklefords, VA 23156.

Vincent Funeral Home handling arrangements.

Tributes may be posted at www.vincentfh.com.



HARRIS

Thomas E. Harris, Sr., age 78, of Edgewood, Maryland passed away on February 28, 2020 at his home. Born in Abingdon, Maryland, he was the son of the late Lloyd Andrew and Anna Louise (Norton) Harris and husband of 33 years to Connie D. Harris. He was a member of John Wesley United Methodist Church and The Bandereros Motorcycle Club in Bel Air. He retired in 2012 from Lloyd's Home Sales as a truck driver after more than 30 years of service. He enjoyed "picking", driving his '57 Chevy, classic cars, gardening and working in the yard, and listening to old music. He will be remembered for cracking his "corny" jokes and his dry sense of humor.

In addition to his wife, Thomas is survived by his son, Thomas E. Harris, Jr. of Baltimore; aunt, Mildred Norton; five sisters, Evelyn Brice, Anna Moore, Karen Johnson, Marcella Stokes, and Laura Cromwell; four brothers, Lloyd, James, Charles and Roger Harris; and over a hundred nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great, great nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sisters, Betty Miller, Charlotte Robinson, Viola Jones, and Shirley Holt.

Visitation will be held under the caring guidance of the family owned and operated McComas Funeral Home, Abingdon, Maryland on Friday, March 6, 2020 from 4-8 pm. Services will be held on Saturday, March 7 at the funeral home at 11 am. Interment will take place in Bel Air Memorial Gardens.

Those who desire may make contributions to: Gilchrist Center for Hospice Care, 11311 McCormick Road, Suite 350, Hunt Valley, MD 21031. Condolences may be left on the guestbook at mccomasfuneralhome.com.



Cavaliers Make Run at State Title



Kenadre Roane #4 drives for a lay up against the Panthers

By Gene Campbell

The King William Cavaliers Men's Varsity Basketball Team hosted the Bruton Panthers on February 22nd in the first round of the Division 2A playoffs. The Cavs started strong with a 26-10 lead at the end of the first quarter and never looked back as they defeated the Panthers 87-74. Kenadre Roane led the Cavs with 20 points followed by Gavin Lipscomb with 18, Kyle Lynch with 16 and Kolby Anderson with 15.

The Cavs traveled to Lawrenceville on February 24th to take on the Brunswick Bulldogs. The Cavs started strong leading at the end of the first quarter 16-12 but the Bulldogs were too much to handle down the stretch as the Cavs lost 74-40. This loss ended the season for the Cavs, however they had a very good season with an overall record of 16-8.

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Kolby Anderson #3 brings the ball down court against the Bulldogs

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King and Queen County School Board Recognized



King and Queen County School Board members were honored and recognized for School Board Appreciation Month at the February School Board meeting. These individuals play an intricate role in the improvement of our school division. Their form of public service is demanding of an individual's personal time. They spend countless hours working together for the betterment of our division. Their dedication truly makes a difference. It is their

commitment of studying education and law that keeps them abreast of the current trends and changes as they occur impacting our division. School Board members listen to parents and community concerns ensuring our students receive a quality education experience. The audience stood and showed their appreciation to the School Board members for their time, dedication, and commitment to King and Queen County Public Schools.

West Point resident named to Virginia Tech Dean's List

Fall 2019 - Miles A. Abernethy, a Freshman majoring in LAR in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies from West Point, VA, is among the Virginia Tech students named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester.



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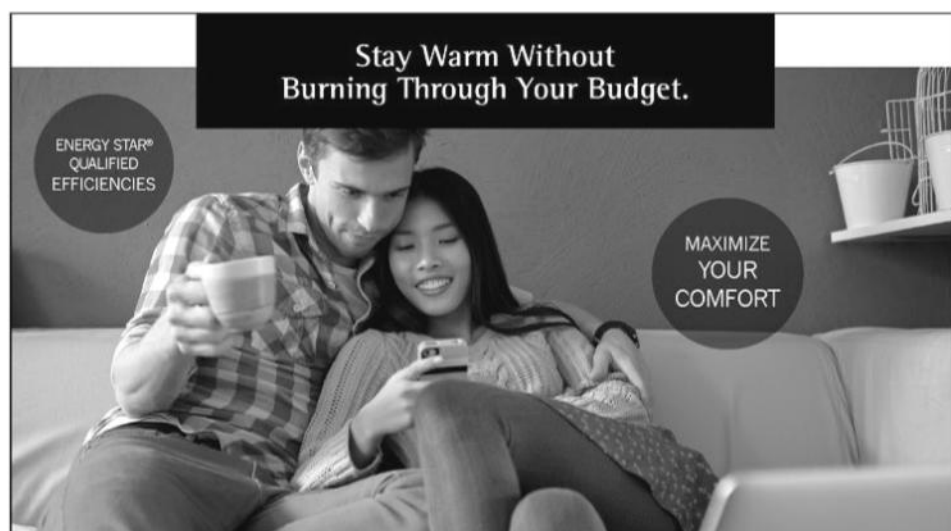
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Tappahannock Man Killed in Two Vehicle Crash



KING AND QUEEN - On February 18, (Tuesday) at 8:42 a.m., the Virginia State Police responded to a two vehicle crash on the eastbound side of Route 33 on the Lord Delaware Bridge with a confirmed fatality.

The preliminary investigation reveals that a 2002 Ford Ranger, driven by, Barren B. Holmes, 66, of Tappahannock, was traveling westbound Route 33 in the far right lane when he veered across all lanes of travel striking a 2015 Mack tractor trailer heading eastbound head on

Both drivers were wearing their seat belts. Unfortunately, Holmes succumbed to his injuries and died at the scene. The tractor trailer driver did not sustain injuries.

West Point Fire and Rescue, West Point Police Department, in addition to New Kent Fire and Rescue assisted at the scene of the crash.

A medical emergency is being considered a factor into the cause of the crash. The crash remains under investigation.

A cloudy day is no match for a sunny disposition.
William Arthur Ward

King William Woman Waiting for New Liver

Story by Florence Cooke

Photo by Rieling Family

In July 2019 Sheryl Ruzi Rieling lost half of her blood supply in the living room. She already had liver problems. She went to a specialist at the Virginia Liver Institute at St. Mary's Hospital and was told she needed a liver transplant.

Her 23-year-old daughter Rebecca (Becca) offered her liver – about 40% was needed for a transplant. The liver is the only organ in the body that will regenerate itself in six weeks. If Becca was not a match, Sheryl's 25-year-old son Daniel has offered to share his liver.

In order to qualify for a transplant, she had to apply to the North American Transplant waiting list. To qualify, her MELD score had to be at least 20 for the insurance to cover. She received a letter stating that she had been placed on the liver waiting list.

Since Becca is a living donor, the operation will be done at UVA as opposed to VCU Medical Center who does only cadaver transplants. The transplant was scheduled for December, then February and now April. Becca will be in the hospital for one week while Sheryl's hospital stay will be one to two weeks.

Daughter Becca says, "We have received prescription assistance from Bausch Labs for Xifaxan, an experimental drug being used to prevent ammonia poisoning. Our family appreciates this very much since the medicine is very, very expensive. The company expedited the paperwork and the medicine was received in a very short period of time."

For Sheryl, Becca, Daniel and her husband, this has been a long ordeal. Sheryl stated, "At the present time, I feel like a clock running down – I



Sheryl Rieling with her daughter Becca Rieling

am very weak and trembly, and I go days crying. The reason I stick it out is I made a promise to Becca and my best friend Candace that I will fight hard to beat this. When I get back to being myself, I want to go back to school and specialize in end of life care and counseling (social work). My aim is to be with elderly people and help them live and die with dignity.

Sheryl has been well known in the community because she has worked in fire and EMS. She has worked with most of the local fire and rescue departments doing ALS training (getting free books and training for some of the classes), running calls day and night for seven years, and wrote for grants for EMS equipment. Sheryl states, "I loved helping my community as long as I could and still miss it."



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Acquinton Holds Sweetheart Dance



Dance group

The Parent Engagement team at Acquinton Elementary School held a Sweetheart dance for students and parents on Feb 21. The students were able to dance the night away to the tunes from DJ T-Roy, enjoy snacks, purchase carnations for someone special, and have a great evening of fun.

A special thanks goes to our teachers Sarah Ginn and Lisa Ransone who organized this fabulous event along with all of the teachers and staff at Acquinton who volunteered their time to create a special night for students and parents. We would also like to thank Troy Murray for a great job in providing the music.

Photos by Linda Cecil



Sweetheart dance



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Letters to the Editor, continued

Dear Editor,

Once upon A time there was no King William Rescue Squad

King William Rescue Squad was founded in 1963. About a dozen citizens were present at the first meeting held in the old King William school where Miss Davis once taught the third grade. Jim Hensley was our first leader. Our first ambulance was a gift from B. W. White Funeral Service: a black hearse. It had been sold to him by Gloria Taylor from her dealership on Rt. 30. We then began our official training which included the substance & direction to treat three things: artificial respiration, bleeding problems and poisoning treatments- and how to use the siren. With our newly purchased white coveralls, we were in business.

Our assembly point was Richard Lee Eubank's EXXON station in Aylett. The men(only) that lived closer to Aylett usually got the first call. There was lots of enthusiasm, no lack of volunteers. As part of our very basic training, we travelled to New Kent to watch a film about a horrendous car wreck, including plenty of blood! Well into the movie, one of the guys fainted and fell out on the floor. First aid was given. As a result he could no longer drive nor treat a patient- the good news, he was promoted to be our first

instructor.

We finally obtained another vehicle. We had worn out the hearse. Within a few weeks it came time to change the oil. Our ambulance was dropped off for this, but in finishing up, the mechanic failed to tightened the drain plug. So, a few miles of driving with no oil caused us to lose our only ambulance. The enthusiastic male squad continued on its mission. Many of our local volunteers retired or took jobs in Richmond. The rest of the story is KWRS is now equipped with better vehicles and well trained, paid technicians. Amazing things can happen from meager beginnings where we were little more than transportation service but an important part of our area's history. We all enjoyed being part of the team and YES, I was the one who fainted and became the first instructor.

Founding Members: Robert Stone Abrams, William R. Barber, Sr., Richard Lee Eubank, Latane FauntLeRoy, Claybrook Gibson, James Hensley, Walter Jackson, Clayton Lumpkin, David Pearson, Morgan Prince, Robert Query, Campbell Schools, William Guy Townsend and Herbert White.

One Man's Footsteps -
William Guy Townsend
King William

Dear Editor,

Tip of the iceberg

Sincere compliments to KW County's Administrator and her staffers for efforts at providing transparency in the workings of county government. The official website, kingwilliamcounty.us, has a tremendous amount of information that is readily accessible to anyone who will take the time to have a look around.

Special compliments to Olivia Lawrence, Executive Assistant, for her wizard-like technical expertise and diligence in posting up-to-date info on activities of the Board of Supervisors, including meeting Agendas and then transcribed Minutes.

Because she has spearheaded the initiative of video recording BoS meetings and promptly posting them on YouTube, there is no excuse for residents not knowing what -- at least on the surface -- is being done by our elected representatives.

However, what's seen in the videos is only the tip of the metaphorical "iceberg" where most of it is hidden deep underwater.

How, one might ask, can the merely hour and a half BoS meeting on February 24th adequately cover detailed information in the official Agenda packet's 325 pages?

One obvious answer is that the vast majority of what the Board is considering and voting on is unseen by the public -- even by those who take the extraordinary amount of time necessary to dig deeply into county web postings.

Now, the three budget-busting holdovers have been joined by two new Supervisors who claimed in their campaigns to be honest public servants and good stewards of our tax dollars.

How does this square with the UNANIMOUS vote on February 2th to approve the latest steps toward building the environmentally and financially shaky Sweet Sue solar farm?

King William T.E.A. Party's volunteer citizen-activists are watching. Above and below the surface....

Sincerely, Robert "Sarge" Bruce
3rd District (Aylett)

Dear Editor,

Self-Serving or Selfless?

When Ed Moren ran for supervisor, he chose not to speak about or define his position for property tax rates after re-assessment; instead he used terms such as "exploring". So it should be no surprise that the King William budget "wish list" (see link at: <https://kingwilliamcounty.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Budget-Requests.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1HemxcgTDAYCmccrGelkPVjDSLud6QzXk7s5ZPhi7lOqlvyfDMfeAtFkY>) is financially larger than the any "wish book" published by Sears.

Regarding the question of self-serving or selfless, consider these facts.

On 8/22/19 and 10/26/19, candidate Moren and his spouse attended privately catered events (i.e. gifts) by 2 different organizations in King William (self serving).

On 1/14/20, Mr. Moren filed a Conflict of Interest Form but made no mention of "gifts" received.

On 11/8/16, Mr. Moren signed a land use affidavit for 9.40 acres. Subsequently and most recently on 10/25/19 -- Mr. Moren signed a land use affidavit for 7.71 acres. *However, he has incorrectly continued to receive a higher (9.4 acres) land use tax credit for several years.*

As the land owner, he should have been aware of this change and the fact he was NOT paying a higher tax associated with less land use tax exemption. Perhaps he was aware but didn't care? (self serving).

After 4 years of declining personal property taxes, I'm anxiously waiting Supervisor Moren to live up to the late campaign promise by his Political Action Committee to lower taxes....But, how can he find budget cuts or a way to lower taxes when he isn't even attentive to his own application for land use exemption?

The selfless thing to do NOW would be to make restitution to King William by paying this tax for which he was errantly exempted by the Commissioner of Revenue.

At almost 3 months into the term, I don't see selfless (but self serving).

Bob Ehrhart
5th District, King William



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Taylor, continued from front page

The commendation presented to Charlotte's family by Dr. White read in part: Whereas, Charlotte P. Taylor was a valued employee of King William County Public Schools who left a legacy of love and service to everyone who knew her, and served as a bus driver for 30 years as well as an instructional aid for 44 years; came to work every day with a positive attitude, no matter what she was dealing with in her personal life; taught three generations of students in King William County Schools, instilling values of hard work, determination, self-worth, and community – connectedness in each of them; kept reaching, kept trying, and kept challenging her students in order to help them improve; had a heart for the community and she faithfully served King William through her family, her church, her business, and her students; and dedicated her time and energy every day in the King William County community to make it a better place.

Charlotte's family stated, "On behalf of the family, we would like to thank each and every one of you for coming today to honor our mother, Charlotte Taylor. She deeply loved King William County and

the people that live here. This is where her life began and staying true to her roots, she made a home for her own family. Our mother wasn't materialistic and did not value fancy clothes or fancy cars instead she owned an old red truck. However, she measured her wealth in relationships with others. Her compassion and love for this community allowed her to develop true and lasting friendships. Whether you were a student at HHMS being told "you can do this" or a customer at Kent's Store having her fix you a bologna sandwich, she found joy in supporting and helping others. She believed in people and recognized their strengths and encouraged them to believe in themselves. My mother would be truly humbled by this amazing tribute. She never sought recognition or accolades because she knew in the end, her reward with her Heavenly Father would be greater. Thank you so much to the School Board, Dr. White, Hamilton Holmes staff, the people of King William County and to the many students that touched her life. Thank you for loving our mother as much as we loved her."

A Tradition Like None Other

By Gene Campbell

It's the 'Masters' and 'Grand Daddy' of all fish fries. Mark the date Tuesday, April 14th on your calendar. It's that time of the year when the King William Ruritan Club holds its annual fish fry, signaling springtime is here!

Gates open at 3 pm (rain or shine) on April 14th and the fun lasts till 7 pm. Supper which includes catfish, shad roe, coleslaw, bacon, hush puppies, pork skins and clam chowder will be served from 5-6 pm with your favorite beverages and sodas available. While you 'eat and wash down the catfish' your foot will be keeping time with some 'good ole live country music'. Tickets are \$25 each and are going fast. None will be sold at the gate. See any Ruritan member to purchase a ticket or you can get them at 360 Hardware, King William Pharmacy, Atlantic Union Bank, Essex Bank, SoNa



Ruritan members (l to r) Steve Mitchell, Bob Murray, Mike Morrison and Billy Robinson prepare the clam chowder

Bank, West Store, Van Walker's Exxon or call 363-1781. Part of the proceeds goes to local charitable and non-profit organizations such as fire departments and rescue squads. The club also uses the proceeds to give scholarships to local high school students. Don't delay...get your fish fry ticket today!!

DeHart, continued from front page



Parent Melanie Jarratt speaks to the School Board

Students talked about the helpfulness, kindness, and patience shown to them while they were on the team. One woman stated there had been a petition on social media that had over 1,200 signatures as of the school board meeting asking the board to reverse their decision.

One of the most forceful speakers defending DeHart was Howard Hill, Assistant Coach, and Agriculture Teacher, who got a standing ovation after speaking. He talked about DeHart as a personal friend and co-worker for ten years. He stated, "If Dylan DeHart is

not good enough to coach King William High School as head football coach, then Howard Hill isn't good enough to be your assistant coach, then he is not good enough to teach your children."

Lindsay Robinson, chairman, stated, "No comment can be made at this time because this is a personnel matter. I applaud you all for standing up for what you believe in and I want to assure you that the football program will continue. The School Board will take all public comments made into consideration."

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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.

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

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3407 King William Rd Aylett, 779-2700
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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.

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

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.

Kingdom of God

Living Water Ministry

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

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.

Mount Sinai Baptist Church

2327 Commins Road Aylett Spaghetti dinner Saturday, March 14, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Spaghetti with meat sauce, fresh toss salad, roll, desert and a beverage. \$10.00. For info contact James Perry, Chairperson, at 804 769-1200. Rev. Dr. Charlene Gresham, Pastor Rev. Dr. Maria Harris, Associate Minister

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.

Rock Spring Baptist Church

The Jerusalem Men's Chorus of Hague, VA will be in concert on Sunday, March 15 at 3PM. Come and be blessed with Good Gospel Music. All are welcome

St. Stephens Baptist Church

Pancake Breakfast Saturday, March 14, from 7:00AM to 9:00AM in the Church Fellowship Hall. \$7.00 for Adults and \$3.00 for Children under six. Proceeds to benefit Church Roof Repairs. Located at 251 The Trail just a short distance from the intersection of US Hwy 360 and Rt. 14 (The Trail). Come and enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, bacon, sausage, fruit and fellowship as you start your Saturday. For tickets, please call 769-3745.

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 9:15am. 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.

Third Union Baptist Church Rev. Dr. Wilbert D. Talley

located at 452 Walkerton Road in King William Sunday, March 15, 11A.M. Annual Deacon, Deaconess & Trustee Day. Guest Preacher will be Rev. Robert Wormley of Tappahannock. We look forward to having you worship with us. If you have questions please call the church office at 804-769-3123 or visit us at www.thirdunionbaptistchurch.com

Union Hope Baptist Church

King William Sunday, March 8th, Deacons State Rally, 3:00pm, special guest. Sunday March 15th- 25th anniversary of our Pastor, Charles G Gilliam, III. Morning service at 10:00am followed by lunch at 1:00, afternoon service at 3:00pm, special guest. Join us as we celebrate 25years as Pastor and People in love with Jesus Christ!!

Union Prospect Baptist Church

1388 Stratton Major Road Shackelfords. Celebrating Annual Women's Day March 8, 11:00 a.m. Worship and Fellowship With Us Refreshments following the Service

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

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. 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, 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) Vicar The Rev. T. Gustavo Mansella. All Are Welcome! All Sundays 11AM Eucharist Service First Sunday of the Month - Youth Focus/Potluck after. Christmas Eve Service 630 PM www.stdavidsaylett.church

St. John's Episcopal Church

916 Main St. West Point, 804-843-4594 Holy Eucharist Sundays at 10 am Healing prayer and service Wednesdays at 12:05 pm 'Sharing the love of Christ with one another and the world' All are welcome.

St. Paul's Millers Tavern

7924 Richmond 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

St. James Presbyterian Church

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NON DENOMINATION

Women in the Word Community Bible Study!

Beginning in January, we will be studying the Biblical foundation for prayer, using Fervent: A Woman's Battle Plan for Serious, Specific, and Strategic Prayer by Priscilla Shirer. All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you there each Monday night, from 6:30-7:45 p.m. at the King and Queen library branch (396 Newtown Road, St. Stephens Church Email Melissa Rice at mrsmelissarice@aol.com.

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King & Queen Library

Yoga for Seniors Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, Noon - 1:00 p.m. Perler Bead Craft Night Monday, March 9, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Ages 11-18 HIV Testing with Three Rivers Health District Monday, March 16, 10:00 a.m. - noon Origami Paper Crafts Wednesday, March 18, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Ages 18 & up Family Storytimes Thursday, March 5, 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

Dr. Seuss' Birthday Party Monday, March 2, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Yoga for Seniors Tuesday, March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 11:00 a.m. - noon Mocktails & Coloring Saturday, March 14, Noon - 1:00 p.m. Ages 18 & up. Book Club Monday, March 23, 7:00 - 7:45 p.m. DIY Chalkboards Saturday, March 28, Noon - 1:00 p.m. Family Storytimes Wednesdays, March 4, 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, March 5, 10:00 a.m. - noon Stay and Play Fridays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11:00 a.m. - noon Chess Players Club Monday, March 9 & 23 & 24, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Second Saturday Matinee Saturday, March 14, Noon - 1:45 p.m. Women of West Point Monday, March 16, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Mid Day Movie Matinee Thursday, March 19, Noon - 2:00 p.m. Ages 16 & up LEGOMania Friday, March 20, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Ages 5-12 Movie Night Thursday, March 26, 5:30 - 7:45 p.m. Ages 16 & up Family Storytimes Friday, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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.magovero@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.

Upper King William Active Lifestyle Center

(Upper King William Senior Citizen Center), located at 8306 King William Road, Aylett, will be presenting an Alzheimer's Awareness Workshop on Thursday, March 26, at 5:00 p.m. The presenter will be Tina R. Thomas, Director of Programs and Services, Alzheimer's Association. The discussion topic is "Healthy Habits for Your Brain and Body." We are extending an invitation to all residents of King William County and surrounding areas to attend.

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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KQKWSolvers@aol.com. Remember If you see something, say something.

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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Regional Animal Shelter, 20201 King William Road, King William 804-769-4983. Kennel visiting hours Mon.-Fri. 11a.m.-4p.m. Wed. eve. until 6pm., Sat. 11a.m.-2pm. www.petfinder.com email: animalshelter@kingwilliamcounty.us

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King William T.E.A. Party

KWTP meets the second and fourth Thursdays each month at 6:30 PM. Had enough of lies from the both major political parties; openly squeezing the middle class to pay off rich donors and poor voters? Take action, starting with effective strategies to deal with critical local, state and national issues. Meetings of KWTP are open to all citizens of good will. Usually at the Upper King William Library. Confirmation and lots more information at Facebook and kwteaparty.com

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485 Sharon Rd. King William, 23086

AWANAS

program every Wed night, 645pm-815pm. Only AWANAS program in KWC. Ages 2-12 yrs old. Bible studies, game time, earn awards. During the entire school year. All are welcome to come have fun and fellowship. Meet in church sanctuary 645pm. 769.2320

Fish Fry / Crab Cake Fundraiser

Friday, March 20th, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Lunch & dinner - Eat in/take out at American Legion Post #314, 6250 Richmond-Tappahannock Hwy, King William. \$10 Meal, Proceeds will benefit the Food Program & Free Health Clinic,

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King William Economic Development Authority

Chair: Jay Brown

804.677.3641 jbrown@kingwilliamcounty.us

Vice-Chair: Kenny Holderied

804.432.8029 Kholderied@kingwilliamcounty.us

Small Business "Happy Hour"

March 19th 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Another Round or 2 in Manquin

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Starting a Business in King William Workshop

April 1st 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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EDA Meeting

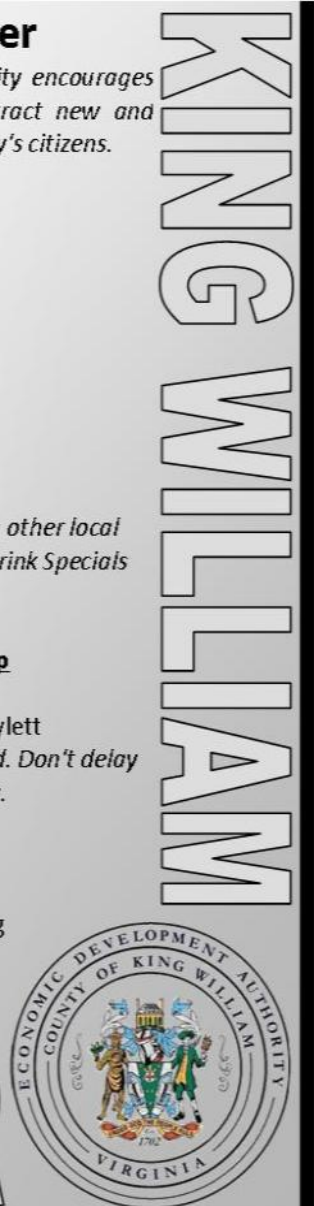
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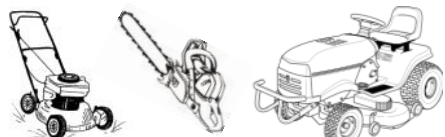


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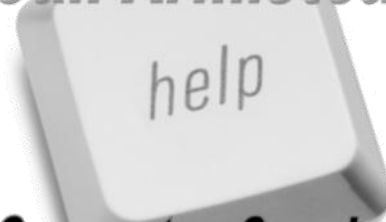


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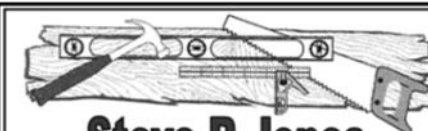
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