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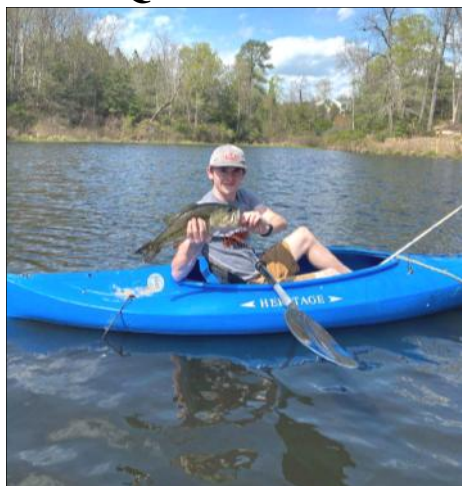
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Recreation During Quarantine



A.J. Tetrault caught this 7lb. bass at his Grandfather's King and Queen pond last week. The whole family spent the day there enjoying some much needed fresh air and change in routine.

Help Stop the Spread of COVID-19 by Staying at Home

As of April 10, two cases have been verified in both King & Queen and King William

Governor Northam issued a statewide Stay at Home order on March 30, to protect our health and safety and slow or stop the spread of COVID-19. Order 55 will remain in place until June 10, unless changed by a new executive order.

If you are sick, even with mild signs of illness (fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, headaches, fatigue, body or muscle aches, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea), stay home and separate yourself to prevent spreading illness to others.

Practice Social Distancing.

If you have to go out for essential things like grocery shopping or medical care, stay at least 6 feet away from others.

Wash Your Hands Frequently.

Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains 60%–95% alcohol. Soap and water should be used if hands are visibly dirty.

CDC's COVID-19 website

VDH COVID-19 hotline at 877-ASK-VDH3

Helping Hands



A family project - Johnathan, Landon and Michayla

Story by Florence Cooke

Picture by Clouse Family

King William resident Stormi Clouse had a minor mishap that tore the meniscus in her right knee. After an MRI, the doctors discovered more damage that warranted surgery on March 24. When she came home, she felt pretty good but could not drive and was housebound with three school-aged children, Jonathan, Landon, and Michayla, who were out of school for the rest of the year due to the coronavirus virus.

She has several cousins in Oklahoma who are nurses and were in desperate need of masks. After reading about the need, she decided to start making the masks for those needing them.

On March 27 she reached out to the public via King William Happenings page to see if donors would furnish some items for her to start making masks for the

community. Several wonderful ladies: Phillis Terry, Ciara Rutledge, Janet Mundie, and Barbie Mason brought her necessities for the masks. Ms. Terry brought a sewing machine and all the supplies needed; Ms. Rutledge had a machine also and fabric; Ms. Mundie and Ms. Mason brought a ton of fabric. Everything was dropped on the front porch – keeping the six-foot distance.

A flood of people asked for the masks and people were so thankful they wanted to donate for supplies. She did not charge for the masks but did start asking for a donation of \$2 - \$5 each so people would ask for only enough for their needs. She discovered that people were getting the masks and trying to resell on social media for large profits.

Please see **HELPING HANDS**, on page 10.

Remembering Dickie Pearson



Dickie Pearson

By Gene Campbell

Life was not easy for Dickie but he never complained and was always smiling. I grew up with Dickie. His parents and my parents were best of friends and I spent a lot of time in my early years at his house riding horses and playing 'Cowboys and Indians'. Being three years older than me, Dickie experienced before I did all the things teenagers do when growing up. Fast cars were one of those things. Dickie's first car was a brand new 1967 yellow SS 396 Chevrolet Chevelle convertible....boy was it fast! Dickie was somewhat of a 'wildcat' in those days but that changed in his early twenties when he was accidentally kicked in the head by a horse. He suffered a cerebral hemorrhage, partially paralyzing him on one side of his body. It slowed his physical abilities but it did not diminish his drive to be 'out and about....having a good ole time'.

Dickie was a member of the King William Ruritan Club for 46 years. His nickname was 'Swamp Fox' and for almost 30 years he had perfect attendance at club functions. We grew up attending McKendree United Methodist Church.

Please see **PEARSON**, on page 10.

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Helping Hands - Roma Ristorante Italiano



Staff receiving food from Roma's

Story by Florence Cooke
Pictures Courtesy of Roma's

Roma Ristorante Italiano opened in King William in January 2018. The restaurant has always been active in the King William community helping schools and other organizations with fundraisers.

Since the coronavirus has consumed our nation, Roma decided to reach out to other avenues to give back. It was decided to reach out to hospital first responders that are battling the virus first hand and risking their lives and the lives of the ones they love. It came to the attention of the owners that it has been extremely hard for nurses and doctors to find time to eat.

It was decided a simple gesture of making a hot meal would give everyone at Roma a sense of gratitude in knowing that they had helped in a small way. On Thursday, April 9th fresh hot

pizzas including fresh salads were delivered to the staff of two units at VCU Medical Center. Inside the lids of the pizza boxes were messages such as: "Real Heroes don't wear capes, they wear scrubs, thank you for all you do. The Roma Staff" and "Thank you for all you do. God Bless. The Roma Staff".

Rosalia Gallina, the owner, states, "Being a small business right now in our world is scary but our continued support, customers, and staff are the joy and reason we do what we do. Everyone has shown support to, not only us, but our community is helping us all get through this challenging time and we are beyond thankful. We could not be more proud to be part of an amazing community as we are now. Thank you everyone for your amazing support. We need to remain united and help each other not only in a time of crisis but always."

Publisher's Message



How have you been doing under these trying times? I hope everyone is making the best of it. I've had plenty of time to catch up on all those projects here at home I've wanted to do. Hopefully we are moving toward a vaccine that will stop this virus. I want to thank our advertisers you see each issue along with our printer The Gloucester Gazette Journal our local postal service and the Country Courier staff working together to bring you your Country Courier newspaper. I will be so happy when I can write to you "Remember when we all went through the COVID-19 Pandemic?" Stay Positive, practice the recommended guidelines and wait it out. There is always hope. Be safe, we are all in this together, it will pass.

Hanny Clark



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

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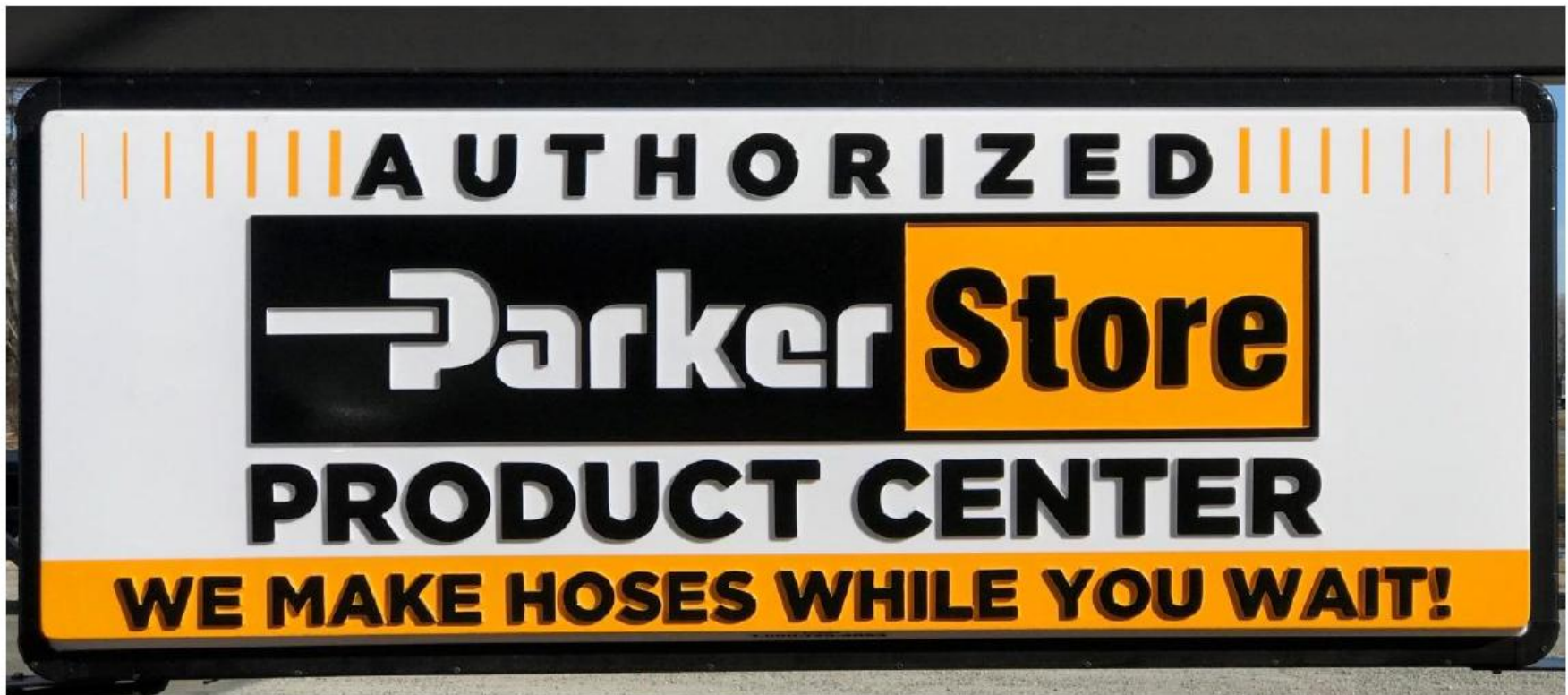
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By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

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There was an old farmer that was retiring and getting ready to sell his land. He knew that he had to get rid of all of his animals so he decided to go to each house around his little town and give an animal to each one. At the houses where the man was the boss, he gave them a horse. At the houses where the woman was the boss, he gave them a chicken. Word was spreading about the old farmer that was giving away his animals. He got toward the end of town and saw a couple out working in the yard. The old farmer walked up and asked "Who's the



boss around here?" The man said "I am!" The farmer said "I have a black horse and a brown horse. Which one would you like?" The man thought for a minute and said "The black horse." Then the man's wife spoke up and said "NO, no, no. We'll take the brown one!" So the old farmer looked at both of them and walked over and said "Here's your chicken!"

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

King William County Government Now Meeting Via the Internet

By Gene Campbell

We are definitely living in unprecedented times....but as they say in show business "The show must go on." King William County is conducting meetings via the app Zoom. Download and install the app Zoom. Then go to the county website kingwilliamcounty.us and click on the link posted. This will allow you to join the meeting and communicate if you so

desire. You can also visit kingwilliamcounty.us for a list of meetings. Upcoming meetings include a daylong budget session scheduled for 9:00 am on April 17th, regular Board of Supervisors meeting scheduled for 7:00 pm on April 27th and Planning Commission meeting scheduled for 7:00 pm on May 5th. Stay safe and be informed!

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Bay Aging Volunteers Step Up During the COVID-19 Pandemic



Carol Hamlett & John Koontz



Shirley Tomlin

Urbanna – As residents across the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck confront the COVID-19 pandemic, heartwarming stories about Bay Aging's volunteers are emerging. Social distancing is the new normal, exacerbating feelings of isolation that all of us, but especially homebound seniors, can experience. Yet, despite personal challenges, Bay Aging's Meals on Wheels volunteers are rising to the task during these difficult times.

Mathews resident Shirley Tomlin and her husband John Filichko had been a Meals on Wheels delivery team for years. "I truly love doing it," Ms. Tomlin said. "I've always loved older people and they are so glad to see you come by." When Filichko, a retired U.S. Army First Sergeant, died at age 90 on March 17th, Shirley decided to continue volunteering in his honor. "It's really nice when you have two people because my husband was so good with directions."

Tomlin decided to continue despite her husband's passing in part because of her admiration for the people who prepare and manage Meals on Wheels distribution in Mathews County. "I love going to Mathews High School to get the meals. The people that prepare the meals are remarkable. Laura Matthews [Bay Aging's Meals on Wheels Volunteer Coordinator in Mathews County] is marvelous. She makes you want to volunteer." When John Koontz, Vice Chairman of the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors, agreed to be a guest volunteer in support of Bay Aging's annual "March for Meals" campaign, he had no idea how meaningful the experience would be for him. He partnered with veteran Meals on Wheels volunteer Carol Hamlett, who Koontz described as "a great ambassador for the program." While accompanying Hamlett on deliveries the full

extent of the need came into focus. "Carol makes you search your soul and ask why I am not more like that," Koontz said. "The personal relationships that Carol has with them is really inspiring."

"In normal times, I'd like to volunteer and bring my children with me," Koontz said. "Volunteering for Meals on Wheels will teach my children that your community works only as well as the people in it."

For Jean Pierce, being a Meals on Wheels volunteer "got me out of a Coronavirus funk." Pierce is a real estate agent who started volunteering with Bay Aging in early March. "When the COVID-19 thing started a few weeks later, I kind of got in a funk. Then I was delivering some food to a lady and, as I was about to leave, she said, 'Thank you. I love you' and that snapped me out of my funk. I've been feeling good ever since. I've been inspired ever since."

Jennifer Beck, who manages Bay Aging's Meals on Wheels program, noted, "We have enrolled clients from our Adult Day Care Centers, and people all across the region. We want to reiterate that our neighbors who are experiencing food insecurity during these difficult times can call us at 1-800-493-0238 to enroll." Bay Aging also offers a *Community Volunteer and Request for Assistance* link on both the Bay Aging website and Facebook page to connect interested volunteers with neighbors in need of assistance. Bay Aging will only share contact information among those volunteering to provide services to those who are requesting services.

The best way to get updates about Bay Aging's services is to visit the Bay Aging website at www.bayaging.org or Facebook page. For those without access to the internet, please call Bay Aging at 1-800-493-0238.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It's budget time again in King William County.

Due to the coronavirus, businesses are closing their employees no longer have jobs and our investments are taking a beating. In addition to this gloom we will see new higher assessed values placed on our homes.

It is time for our Board of Supervisors to rein in some proposed spending. The taxpayers do not need the added burden of adding new employees to out payrolls and a 3% pay raise. Mr. Moren campaigned on lowering taxes. Let us see if he can convince his friends on the board to do likewise.

We all have a wish list but now is not the time for the Board of Supervisors to grant so many wishes.

Sincerely,
Rose Marie Berberich
Manquin

Dear Editor,

Can you PLEASE issue an update on the internet that was supposed to be installed in Newtown, on Newtown road? Please include that the initial article that stated installation would begin in DECEMBER 2019 did NOT occur, and even the response from ABB that installation would begin in March, STILL has not begun. I think its definitely time to let the people know, who live and work in this area, that ABB has no idea, or intent to install internet services to the people that live and work in this community. They have shifted all focus to King William, and forgotten the people

whose bright orange eyesores (underground fiber utility poles) they've "graciously" planted in the yards along our "scenic route" homes.

Thanks,
A sub-par resident to King William.
Jason Walsh
King & Queen

Dear Editor,

King William's Government couldn't be bothered

Did you miss the Board of Supervisors internet video conference on April 6th that replaced the legally required in-person public comment meeting for KW's taxes and budget?

We almost missed it because Aylett District Supervisor Stephen Greenwood, BoS Chairperson, didn't bother to answer repeated requests from the King William T.E.A. Party for information on how public attendance was to be handled in light of statewide COVID-19 restrictions.

Beginning on March 26th -- many days in advance of the meeting that was noted in the last two issues of COUNTRY COURIER -- we emailed this simple question to Greenwood and copied all Board members as well as our esteemed County Administrator:

Several follow up emails were sent and direct phone calls reached only voicemail with no one bothering to take a moment to respond to the emails or return the calls.

This astonishing level of arrogance begs the question: Were all five Supervisors and the County Administrator too busy to answer a simple question or were they hoping KWTP wouldn't alert county taxpayers?

A last minute check of the county website on the morning of the 6th revealed a new notice that "attendance" at the meeting was restricted to those who could use a special computer video app or dial in by phone.

This tactic worked quite well for the officials because the pathetic 16 minute video conference that evening was "attended" by only eleven persons; 5 supervisors, 2 administrators and 4 anonymous viewers.

The only public comments noted were two from KWTP supporters, previously emailed to the Administrator. Nobody viewing the online proceedings spoke up.

See this farce for yourselves in a *YouTube* video that's also posted at kingwilliamcounty.us

KWTP has repeatedly warned county taxpayers that with the loss of Supervisors Ehrhart and Hansen, the last shreds of transparency and accountability would be sadly absent in this newly-installed Board of Supervisors.

Hold on to your wallets because the county's 2020-21 taxes and spending are on track to hit hard. Particularly with the expected 20% increase in real estate assessments.

Sincerely, Robert "Sarge" Bruce
District 3, Aylett

Letters to the Editor

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Ruritan Fish Fry Postponed Again

By Gene Campbell

Due to the Governor's 'Stay at Home till June 10th Order', the Annual King William Ruritan Fish Fry has been moved again from June 6th to Tuesday, September 15th.

If you have already bought your ticket it will be honored at the gate. Hopefully life will be back to normal by September 15th and we can come together to celebrate the club's 81st fish fry.

Tickets are available at Atlantic Union Bank, SoNa Bank, Essex Bank, 360 Hardware, West Store and Van Walker's Exxon. You can also call 363-1781 or go to kingwilliamruritan.org for more info and purchase a ticket. The club wishes to thank everyone for their support during these unprecedented times.

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Letters to the Editor, continued

Dear Editor,

Economic Pain Abounds.....unless

Citizens of King William County already harmed by the current virus related issue need to sit up, pay attention and then do their job as citizens and stop relying on that mythical "someone else" to do it on their behalf.

The Board and the County Administrator have this ridiculous notion that reducing what was a planned budget increase of over 3 million to a little over 1 million in new spending isn't going to cut it. I suggested to Supervisor Ed Moren to sharpen his pencil and do some cutting to non-essential staffing both at county government and the 4 schools. When former Supervisor Tom Redd (West Point) stated in frustration "we can't control Mr. Shannon what the schools do with the money after we give it to them, my response was very simple.....Mr. Redd, then give them less". A few facts for some background

An estimated 20 million Americans are being furloughed , small businesses being shuttered, many perhaps permanently and just what is local governments reaction..."we will only spend 1 million more, not the 3+ million increase we had planned on"

At last months Budget Town Hall we learned that hundreds of stray dogs irresponsibly bred were now the responsibility of tax payers to feed shelter and provide Vet treatment. The costs of this wasn't stated but it was 100-150 dogs that were abandoned. A government function? I went through the drive through at Bojangles yesterday and when I was exiting I came across the FREE TAXI service , and noted that the Bay Transit Van had a driver and 1 passenger in the vehicle. In a crisis

situation is this a prudent use of your tax dollars---I say it isn't. Providing a ride to Bojangles is not a government function ?

King William next year faces some daunting challenges. Sales tax, Food Beverage revenue is certain to decline as will the BPOL taxes. Aid from Virginia will fall as the Governor has ordered a hiring freeze and instructed Agency/ Department heads to begin searching their own budgets for further reductions. Localities are also certain to receive some more bad news in the name of required V.R.S contributions, given the dismal equity market performances. Ironic isn't it as citizens are opening their 401K statements and being stunned, they will be asked to cough up some more of their hard earned dough to bail out their public sector brethren's pensions .

It is time for the Board of Supervisors and the County Administrator to "get real" as the kids say and recognize that non-essential applies to them as well. A ratio of 1 Full Time employee for every 5 students in our 4 schools is ridiculous. King William schools have some 10 fewer students than they did in 2010.....yet have hired an additional 39 FT employees.

The County Administrator has literally assured home owners their real estate tax bill will be higher---do the math for yourself. If assessments have risen 20% at a rate of .73 your real estate tax bill will be higher. Just what you need to hear after you've opened your 401K statement.

Bob Shannon
King William T.E.A Party
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The Corner Cottage Boutique Store



Owner Ashley Thornsberry at The Corner Cottage

The Corner Cottage, a new local boutique store, opened mid-March and has an assortment of items, such as farmhouse decor, clothes for women and children, candles, Swig cups, outdoor items, pet items, Virginia Diner peanuts, Jams, and Jewelry. Owner and new entrepreneur, Ashley Thornsberry, invites all of the community to come by and to especially support your local small-town business. The Corner Cottage is located in the corner of the Twin Rivers Building (next door to the old Midway Pizza that burned down years ago) at the corner of Venter Road and RT-360.

Ashley grew up in the area and has recently moved to Aylett. She says, "Owning a boutique has always been my dream and I was ready to turn that dream into a reality. I am starting off small to build my name up and hopefully in the future I will be bigger! I thought King William could benefit from a new go-to boutique/gift shop in the area for those last-minute gifts or simply to use some

retail therapy. I look forward to meeting everyone in my community and getting to know each one of you."

The Corner Cottage is conveniently located in Suite 101A (located on the right front corner of the building) at 5833 Richmond-Tappahannock Hwy. in Aylett. As of now, hours are Thursday.- Friday 10:00 am-5:00 pm; Saturday. 10:00 am-4:00 pm and Sunday 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Due to Covid-19, The Corner Cottage is offering curbside service and will also ship if anyone is interested. You can follow The Corner Cottage on social media to keep up with the newest inventory on Instagram: @Thecornercottage1 and on Facebook: @Thecornercottage1. Phone: 804-832-3808.

Ashley's final statement, "I just want to thank everyone in the community for the love and support we are receiving during this difficult time."



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PEARSON, continued from front page

He was a faithful member rarely missing a Sunday. If one of us missed a Ruritan meeting or Church on Sunday we would check on each other. I called and checked on him a few days before he suddenly passed away making sure he was weathering the 'virus storm'.

In the 1950's my father started a tradition visiting friends and neighbors on someday we will meet again. I will be Christmas day wearing his old 'well worn' army sweater complete with 'bullet holes' as he called them. I joined him on those visits in the 1970's. As time passed so did many of my father's friends and neighbors. When my father passed away in 2015, I continued the tradition wearing his 'old army sweater'. Dickie was the last survivor of those visits. Dickie, wearing daddy's 'old army sweater'.

HELPING HANDS, continued from front page

Ms. Clouse stated, "I have purchased a large amount for supplies on my own but and not be so sedentary. I have had my children involved, cutting material, and can always use donations since this is an ironing. I have been working from ongoing project. I have so enjoyed doing morning until late at night. It truly has this in keeping my spirits up after my been a family function."



Pet Adoption

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Rescuing boat of Calvin Samuel

Story by Florence Cooke

For King William resident Shannon Samuel Saturday, April 11th, was a normal Saturday but it would become a day she will never forget. Her husband Calvin had gone fishing with his buddy at the Pamunkey Indian Reservation. At about 5:15 p.m. she got a phone call that would change her life.

Calvin's boat had overturned and he was in the water for about an hour. He couldn't swim because he has a prosthesis. His friend floated to shore to get help. Vernon Dennis, who lives nearby, and his son-in-law, Dr. Will Dameron, brought him to shore and the West Point Rescue Squad assisted. He was on the verge of having hypothermia but is okay.

On Sunday Shannon shared an end to the story. She wants to especially give thanks to Vernon Dennis and Dr. Dameron for rescuing Calvin and later dumping all the water from Calvin's boat and drying the boat out.

Others who helped on Sunday to get the boat to shore were Robbie Powell, Ronnie Gathercole, Sr., Ronnie Gathercole, Jr., and William Glazebrook.

Shannon and Calvin thank all the good friends and neighbors that made Calvin's story turn out in a good way. Shannon says, "God is good and I thank Him that it turned out the way it did." Calvin says, "Thank you to everyone. I learned two lessons from this event: (1) don't go fishing on a windy day, and (2) wear your life jacket."

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Because of the health risks presented by Covid 19, as identified by the CDC and VDH, the assembly restrictions in place by Order of the Governor, and the State and Local State's of Emergency, this meeting may be held electronically. If so, Notice and dial in information for public participation will be posted at the King and Queen Courts and Administration Building as well as on the County website, www.kingandqueenco.net or you may call 804 785 5975.

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Authorized by Thomas J. Swartzwelder, County Administrator

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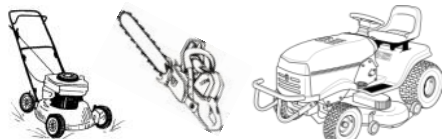
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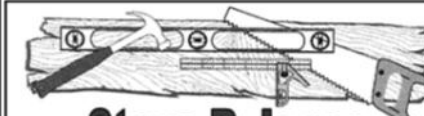
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