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## **Local Heroes Helping Local Heroes**



KW Sheriffs Dept. with Big Mike and cook David Keeton

Story by Florence Cooke Pictures by Michele Story

On March 24, 2020, the Governor of Virginia enacted Executive Order #53 that directed all restaurants and bars to close their doors and only serve customers via delivery or curbside pick up. This has had a huge financial impact on local eateries. Although Another Round or 2 Bar and Grill (AR2) has been hit hard financially, it has not slowed down their philanthropic efforts.

Please see **HEROES**, on page 8.

## **Roma's Steps Up** to The Plate



School Board Chairperson Lindsay Robinson and Supt of Schools Dr. David White present a certificate of appreciation to Roma's owners Rosalia and Vito Gallina.

By Gene Campbell The King William County School Board recently recognized Roma Ristorante Italiano in Central Garage for their support of the local school system.

Twin Rivers Fronty, Inc.

Please see ROMA'S, continued on page 7.

## **Paranormal Rescue**



Contributed by Terry Osborne

The King William Fire and EMS Department received a generous donation from GhostStop.com. Normally a manufacturer of premier paranormal investigation equipment, GhostStop changed its focus to creating face shields for hospital personnel in Florida to help guard against COVID-19.

Please see **RESCUE**, on page 15.

## **Feeding Our Children**

#### Story by Florence Cooke

Pictures by Addie Johnson and Ellen K. Otey

When students started picking up their school packets at the end of March, seventeen year old Addie Johnson and a group of teenagers joined together to have a food drive for the students. The students put a lot of time into buying, packing the giving out the food. The community donated a total of \$1,400 in donations and the students distributed a little over 2,000 POUNDS of food. At another packet pickup on Wednesday, April 22, seven volunteers including Addie, gave out \$1,300 in food because of donations from people who wanted to help.

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Volunteers preparing for second food drive on April 22





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## KQPS Pre-K Registration Rescheduled

2020-2021 School Year Lawson-Marriott Elem Wed., May 20 9AM-4PM 1599 Newtown Rd. 804-769-3116 King & Queen Elem Thurs., May 21 9AM-4PM 24667 The Trail 804-785-5830

Your child must be 4 years old on or before September 30, 2020. We are also for the March registration dates will stay registering students who will be 3 years the same. A reminder letter of your old on or before September 30, 2020. appointment time will be sent home. However, the 3 year old program is contingent upon being awarded a state previously set-up an appointment time. A grant for funding.

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original birth certificate, child's

immunization records, child's most recent physical exam, proof of residency (utility bill, lease, mortgage statement) parent/ guardian picture ID, income verification -2019 W2, pay stubs for past 3 months, benefits statement, etc.

Appointment times that were scheduled Please contact the school if you did not school rep will meet you at your car to conduct registration.

## **Online Class for Mental Health Education**

Alliance on Mental Illness will be offering while maintaining their own well being. an online Family-to-Family Education Program beginning May 18 at 6:00 p.m. for have attended this program and have 8 weeks.

persons who care for or are related to Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) individuals affected with Bipolar Disorder, has added Family-to-Family to the National Major Depression, Schizophrenia, Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Schizoaffective Disorder, Panic Disorder, Practices. Obsessive/ Compulsive Disorder, Cooccurring Brain Disorders and Addictive registration is required. Interested persons Disorders, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder should call 804-684-1480 (leave a message) and Borderline Personality Disorder.

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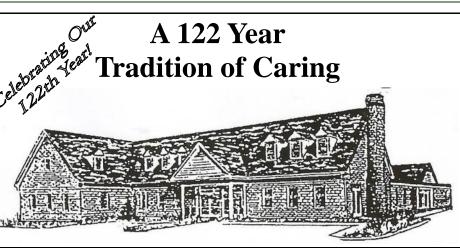
## **Publisher's Message**



I bet everyone has a story to tell during this trying time. I hope "some" positive things have been realized. Things are looking better but we are not done with the danger and efforts of this pandemic yet. Keep the course and use good judgment. Each day we are getting closer to this being a serious and sad time in the history of our world.

Stay hopeful and positive.

Hanny Clark



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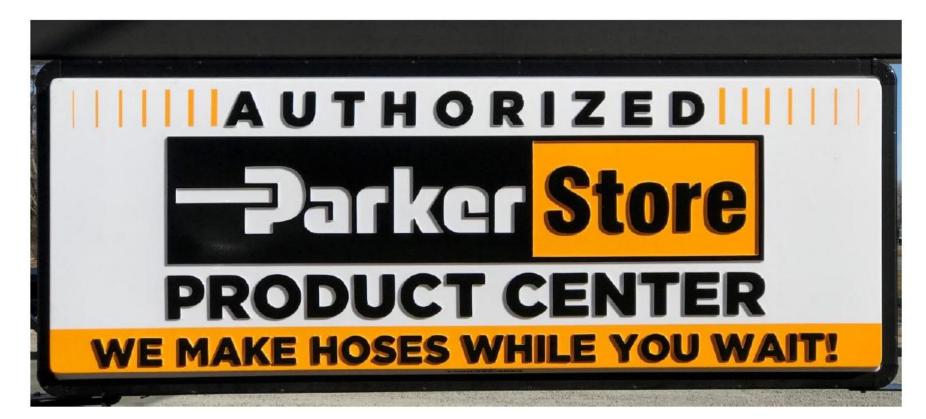
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## **Patience**

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

With Spring, I know a lot of people will be doing more with their horses and mules. Whether it's going to shows or trail riding, we need to remember to have patience with our animals. We are always in a hurry to get things done or get where we are going. Pip doesn't have the same concept of time as I do. She's always in the moment. I have to remind myself that Pip is on "mule time" and mule time is different than Allen time. We should slow down and enjoy every minute we spend with our animals. I know when Pip and I connect, I loose track of time all together. Having patience will help you and your animal get through stressful situations quicker and easier.

I remember awhile back I was in the grocery store picking up a few things and I was behind a grandfather and his 3 year old grandson. I could tell the grandfather had his hands full. As we went up and down each aisle, the little boy was screaming for everything on the shelves they went by. I heard the grandfather say calmly "Easy William, we won't be in here long. Take it easy boy". In another aisle, I heard him say "It's okay William, just a couple of more



minutes and we'll be out of here. Hang in there boy". In the checkout line, the little boy was throwing items out of the cart and the grandad says again in a relaxed voice "William, William, relax buddy. Don't get upset. We'll be home in 5 minutes. Stay calm William". I was so impressed with his patience that I approached him outside as he was loading bags in his car. I said "Sir, it's none of my business but you were amazing. No matter how loud and disruptive your grandson got in there, you just stayed calm and kept saying that things would be okay. William is very lucky to have you as his grandfather". "Thanks," said the grandfather "but I'm William and that little brat is Kevin".

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

services to reach home-bound patrons KING WILLIAM, With coronavirus-related disruption quickly becoming the new normal, librarians and staff members at the Pamunkey Regional Library have embraced innovation and discovered new ways to reach the community.

Pamunkey Regional Library offers new

"Our buildings may be closed to the public," said Tom Shepley, library director, 'but the library is still open for the public."

With three branches serving King William and King & Queen County, the Pamunkey Regional Library is responding to changes in the way people live, work and learn. "Our staff members connect daily with patrons who rely on us for a variety of reasons. We've been able to apply that experience to adapt rapidly to changing conditions," said Shepley.

In addition to curbside pickup, and expanded access to digital materials, Pamunkey Regional Library has added mobile hotspots to its lending library; hunt activity for families weary of life inside. enabling homebound students and remote employees to work from home.

in their cars outside local branches. "For branch and staff will put together a surprise many residents of King William and King & assortment that includes your favorite books, Queen, the library is one of the few places movies, magazines, and more," Ayala they can get access to reliable Internet. Rodriguez said. Patrons can sit in our parking lot and still have access while our buildings remain been positive. On Facebook, one patron closed," said Sussan Ayala Rodriguez, posted a picture of items received in a Cheer branch manager of the Upper King William Pack and wrote, "I was so worried we Branch.

The ability to print documents is an Thank you for being so kind and walking me essential service for patrons who are through the process to register [for a library suddenly working or studying at home and card] online. ...thank you for this wonderful don't have access to a printer. "Patrons can service during these scary times!" now email their documents to ask@pamunkeylibrary.org, then pick the says that the health and safety of its patrons printed materials up at their branch of and staff remains the highest priority. "I'm choice," said Ayala Rodriguez.

Shepley says that maintaining the personal communities for as long, and in as many connection between the library and its creative ways, as we possibly can. patrons is the foundation of everything the library does.

With daily comfort calls, staff members Regional Library continues to serve. check on patrons' well-being and remind book, We're Going on a Bear Hunt. Bear-more information, spotting has become a popular scavenger www.pamunkeylibrary.org



K&Q Branch Library

Cheer Packs are a popular new program that appeals to home-bound patrons of all ages. Library patrons can also be found working "Patrons are welcome to call their local

> Community response to the changes has wouldn't be able to take advantage of this ...

As the library continues to evolve, Shepley proud of the way our staff has come together New services and expanded access to during this unprecedented crisis. As a library materials are only a part of the initiative. family, we've committed to serving our

No one knows what the coming days will bring. For now, at least, the Pamunkey

All branches of the Pamunkey Regional them that the library continues to serve. Library remain closed to the public until Handmade signs bearing messages of hope further notice. Operating hours are Monday and encouragement decorate library through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and windows. At some branches, teddy bears Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (King & Queen peek out in honor of the popular picture Branch is closed Tuesday and Friday). For visit





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### Feeding Our Children, continued from front page



Addie says, "We will continue with food drives as long as donations come in. We want to give back to the community because many families in the community are struggling. I thank the community, the individuals, church groups, and businesses, that helped with this second food drive. Seeing how my peers and the community continue to come together to help others makes me very proud to live in King William. As long as donations continue to come in, we will continue sharing the food. For information please email addiejjj21@gmail.com."

The Nutrition Program is continuing to give Presbyterian Church. out lunches and breakfasts for any child under Volunteers of bus drivers and cafeteria locations on Tuesday and Thursday from 11 drive-thru. Broadus Church, Beulah Baptist Church, PROUD OF OUR VOLUNTEERS AND WE Mount Olive Baptist Church, and Brett Reed



SAY: THANK YOU



## 18 at Hamilton Holmes Middle School on workers transport the meals to the distribution Monday from 5 - 7 p.m. and six different sites by bus and give to parents through a a.m - 1 p.m.: Hamilton Holmes Middle THE COUNTRY COURIER AND CITIZENS School, McKendree Methodist Church, OF KING WILLIAM COUNTY ARE VERY

#### our Career Education class. This course is a non-paid internship focused on allowing

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students to gain work skills and experiences to help them transition from high school to career. Students benefit from this course regardless of their chosen career path, as throughout the school year, they rotate to four different experiences. This course is geared towards career readiness, soft skills, and the 5 C's of collaboration, critical thinking, communication, creative thinking, and citizenship. Students work with a local agency or community organization to practice work skills. This year our students have worked with the King and Queen Museum Tavern by doing research and setting up/ arranging displays, King and Queen Elementary School as teaching assistants, and around CHS with the Athletic Director, School Resource Officer, nurse, school counselor, AJROTC instructors, and in the library.

This year at Central High School (CHS) is

The King and Queen Middle School MakerSpace is about teaching and learning that is focused on student centered inquiry. This is not the project done at the *end* of a unit of learning, but the actual vehicle and purpose of the learning. Students practice their skills of collaboration and creativity in purely authentic ways. The instructional week is organized by themes: make a game or play game, construct or destruct, and opportunities to make a difference. Our SCA uses this time to discuss and organize events that impact the school community. This time and space has provided students with a voice and choice in their learning. Although they do have access to technology in the MakerSpace, students' more often choose creating with their hands. There is a lot to be said about the benefits of bringing your imagination to life! Last Spring 2019, Lawson-Marriott Elementary School (King and Queen County) adopted the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Big Day Pre-K Curriculum with the intent of full implementation for the 2019-2020 school year. Teachers received professional development from the publishing company this summer, and were provided time to materials/resources from this curriculum. explore all components of the program prior Students are motivated by the colorful and to the beginning of the year. The program is relevant books, as well as the interactive organized into eight themes, and introduces components. The data gathered this year an integrated learning experience that shows our preschool students' academic includes literacy, math, science, and the arts. performance is far surpassing expectation, The students in our VPI and ECSE classes are and feel confident this curriculum and its' developing not only academically, but thorough implementation is responsible for socially and emotionally as well, using the this amazing growth.



CHS student with Nurse McLamb



CHS students with Deputy Russell





## Letter to the Editor

#### Dear Editor,

I just wanted to share some good things happening here in our community!

As I have been developing my own and donated to many contacts here in the community as the new organizations. Parks and Recreation Manager, I have had Boards Association (VSBA) has a the pleasure of meeting some incredible program called the Business Honor Roll people. One of those individuals reached that recognize local businesses for their out to me with a message. Brian Blanck, valuable contributions and strong support the Nestle Purina plant manager wanted to of the schools. see if they could help out as soon as this presentation at the restaurant this past pandemic began. I was able to refer him to Friday, Superintendent of Schools Dr. our local human service organizations and David White and Board Chairman then he stepped up from there.

Purina Plant has been feeding their entire students, board members, administrators plant (300 meals) every day by purchasing and staff would like to express our sincere meals from the local restaurants here in appreciation for all that Roma's does for King William and surrounding areas. They the children of the community.' are truly keeping this community on the positive side of things by doing so. I just thought this is some good news that people would like to hear.

The plant also provided 2 very gracious donations to the local food banks.

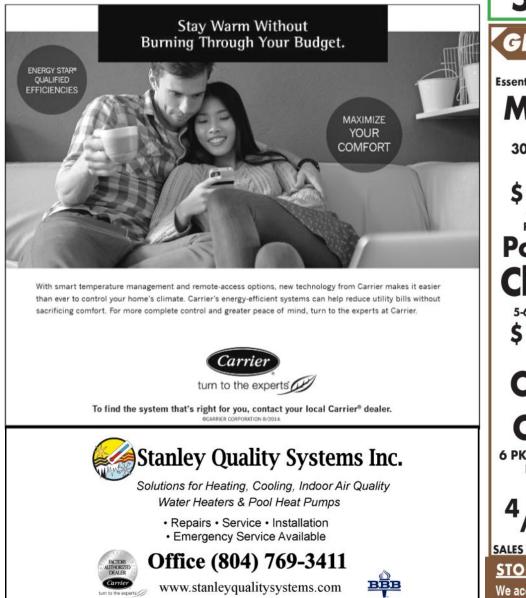
> Jennifer Leleux, Manager King William County Parks and Recreation

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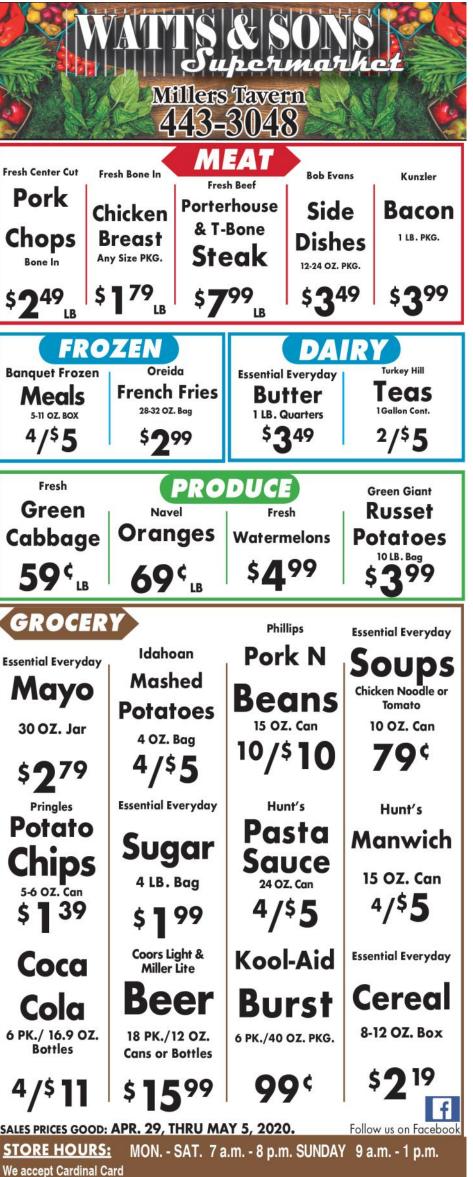
Roma's has hosted numerous 'Spirit Nights', provided meals for our athletes, school The Virginia School In making the Lindsay Robinson stated "The King I think it should be shared that the Nestle William County School System and its

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## **HEROES**, continued from front page

Story by Florence Cooke Pictures by Smith Family

Garland and Barbara Smith eloped in 1960. They renewed their vows at Colosse Baptist Church in 1985 with friends and family in attendance. This year the family wanted to celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a party but because of Covid-19, that did not happen.

The Smiths have been sheltered at home since March and were not able to celebrate Easter with the annual family Easter Egg Hunt, the family decided to do a drive-thru to celebrate the anniversary. In order to get the couple outside for the parade, their son, Lin Smith, provided them with their own private egg hunt. While the Smiths hunted for eggs, the family drove through their neighborhood with music and songs.



Garland and Barbara Smith

Barbara said, "I was so excited over the parade, I had a hard time closing my mouth and had a difficult time falling asleep that night." Lin and Barbara both stated, "The parade made us feel so special and loved."

**Drive Thru 60th Wedding Anniversary** 

The many members of the Smith family and all their friends express the thought: "The Smiths have been a true example of love and commitment to their family over the past 60 years. We wish them many more years of wedded bliss."



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loyal AR2 customer and First Responder for his mission accomplished. He also is blown Henrico County, approached owner Big away by the support of his loyal customers, Mike about donating and preparing food to local businesses and the community. His be delivered to First Responders in King customers have been extremely generous by William. Mr. Stone donated \$250 and asked ordering to go lunches and dinners on a regular if AR2 would match his donation. Big Mike agreed and asked the community to help the cause.

One man's request to support the local heroes of King William turned into regular customers and local businesses including Alberto's Tacos, Twin Rivers Realty and the restrictions are lifted. AR2 will be back Sure Shot Powder Coating, quickly donating their time and money.

Other businesses have volunteered to help by putting together raffles for customers who show receipts of purchase from AR2 in family, friends and all those who have King William and the Lakeside location. supported AR2 faithfully through this difficult Charles and Vicki Olin from Renegade Classics will be raffling a leather jacket. Defiant Customs owners Raymond and Aileen Gongaware will be giving a free oil change.

station #1, Mangohick Volunteer Fire Department. Along with feeding the local first responders, AR2 has offered free lunches on Saturday and Sunday to medical professionals able.

Big Mike expressed his sincere gratitude for

Kenny Ray Stone, King William resident, Kenny Ray Stone for choosing AR2 to help see basis, generously tipping his staff, and for local businesses choosing AR2 to prepare large orders for their companies.

Big Mike states, I am so sorry that we have had to cancel all events and fundraisers but rest assured that every event that benefits veterans and/or locals in need will be rescheduled once stronger than ever and will continue to feed, help and entertain the community. We will have a Grand Re-Opening event to welcome back our loyal customers, biker community, journey."

NOTE FROM MICHELE STORY, (Big Mike's sister):

I am absolutely amazed at what Mike So far AR2S, with the help of the King continues to do on a regular basis. He's a big William community, has raised over \$1,000 to gruff guy with the heart of a teddy bear. He's feed local first responders. Those who have always willing to lend a helping hand when benefited include King William Fire and EMS any one needs it. His biggest fear in all this has not been about his business suffering but Department, Walkerton Volunteer Fire about those who benefit from his fundraising Department and King William Sheriff's efforts that have been postponed will suffer longer. I am proud to call Big Mike my "Little brother.

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## 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day celebrated by MPRA



Amanda Brooks' first graders at Aylett Country Day School sort Crayola markers for reuse and recycling.

Please see FULL STORY, on page 15.





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## **Remembering Barnes Townsend**

By Gene Campbell

They say things come in threes. Three friends that I grew up with have recently passed. Dickie Pearson, Ronnie Barnett, and now Barnes Townsend. Like Dickie and Ronnie, I grew up with Barnes. We all grew up within a few miles of each other. 'As the crow flies' Barnes lived approximately two miles from me. Like me, Barnes grew up on a dairy farm. Although he was eight years older, I would visit his house many times playing 'stickball' with his brother Howard. His parents Hugh and Elizabeth were very fine and respected people. Barnes was a longtime member (38 years) of the King William Ruritan Club and was recently voted an honorary member. The last time I saw Barnes was just before Christmas. Bryant Wilson and I visited him at his home 'Riverside'. Although he was in declining health, his quick wit and contagious laughter had us all laughing within minutes of striking up a conversation. He was still the 'same ole Barnes.

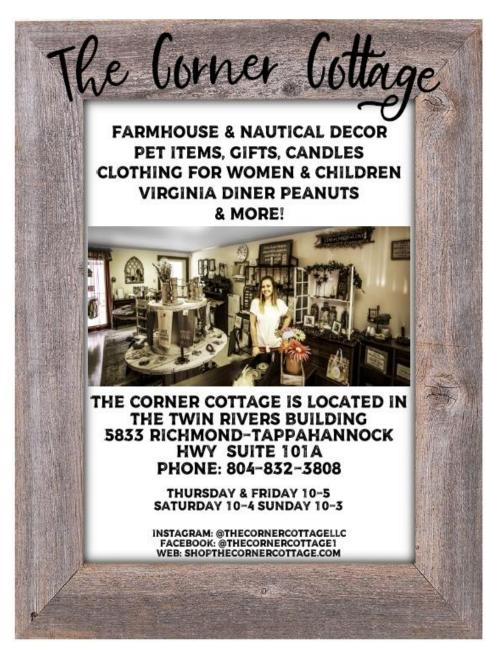
Barnes never met a stranger. In his prime, he was the club's top ticket salesman for fund- year. raising events, especially our annual fish decision till the December meeting.... that way fry. His salesmanship skills are legendary; he once sold a fish fry ticket in Canada on a hunting trip. Barnes was also very generous always finding some humor in a serious with donations to the club and the situation. Barnes was a member of the 1956 community. At several of our family shrimp King William High School State Basketball feast events Barnes paid for a clown to entertain the children.... he loved the 'little ones' or as his father would call them 'little man'. I remember at a Ruritan meeting many years ago the club had to make a controversial decision about something before the end of the



Barnes with his pride and joy

Barnes suggested we postpone the the opposing sides would not be mad at each other in the meantime. That was Barnes.... Championship team.... the only state basketball championship King William has won.

I'll bet you Barnes is at the pearly gates right now trying to sell a fish fry ticket to St Peter.



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## **Remembering Ronnie Barnett**

#### By Gene Campbell

Another childhood friend of mine, Ronnie Barnett, has passed. Ronnie grew up a few miles from me on Queenfield Farm but it was later in life that I really got to know Ronnie. Marrying Connie Reynolds of the legendary Reynolds family in Walkerton was the beginning of Ronnie's life as a member of the Walkerton Community Fire Association. Ronnie was a

dedicated firefighter and community Stephens Church.... and the one of L W man....and Walkerton is the better for it.

immediately called 911 and within the station. minutes Ronnie had Walkerton's top Ronnie was an avid coon hunter and he pumper 'ole # 5' at my backdoor. I can told me many a time he would come home see Ronnie now in 'ole #5' hitting the high from coon hunting around 3-4 am only to spots roaring up the field behind my go back out on a fire call. Ronnie was the house, jumping out when he came to a kind of person you wanted in a stop with just his pants and boots on... but community. He was folksy and down to no shirt. When the call came in Ronnie earth yet dedicated to a cause whether it literally had jumped out of bed into his was fighting fires, cooking Brunswick pants, boots, and into 'ole #5'. We loved stew or BBQ....all to help and better his to talk about that day!

by John Lane Mitchell leaving the manning God's fire department. pavement as it crossed Rt 360 at St.



All hail to Chief !!

Reynolds hollering "I ain't got no brakes" I have many fond memories of Ronnie. as he passed Ronnie going to a My favorite story occurred back in the fire. Ronnie said it was easy to find the 1990s when I had an electrical fire at my fire in the early days....just follow the home early one October morning. I water trail left by the first truck that left

community.

I also loved his other stories about going Ronnie, I am sure you and the other to fires....like the one of 'ole #5' driven Walkerton firefighters up in Heaven are



**CHS Military Ball** 

Jeremiah Morris, Supt. Dr. Carter, Katrina Wyatt, along with other cadets and community members' danced at the ball.



The Lockhart's (Madison and Olivia) put ingredients into the Grog Bowl.

#### By LTC Smith and MSG Dolan

School (CHS), Army Junior Reserve Officer hold the ball, the dinner menu, and the music Corps (JROTC) Military Ball was conducted playlist. Planning continued throughout the on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. It was held at the academic year with Cadets working together as The military ball provides an introduction for requirements. When the day arrived for the all Cadets enrolled in the program to event, Cadets assisted with the setup of the hall experience a formal social event. Some of the and the rehearsal of all activities. highlights of the ball include the toasting This year, the ball was an enormous success, ceremony, the Missing in Action (MIA) especially since it was the last opportunity for ceremony, the Senior Recognition, and the all Cadets to gather together before the start of Grog Bowl (an assortment of ingredients that the shutdown, due to the current restrictions. are sweet and high in sugar - strong enough to Several people assisted the Cadets in the keep all students hyped up for days) ceremony. planning and execution of the ball, in specific, Members of the School Board and the Ms. Julia Redd and Ms. Dora Green, from the Community were invited to attend as well.

by the Cadets. Commander, Cadet LTC Elissa Smith, the always, the program received fantastic support Battalion Executive Officer, Cadet Major Adia from the School Board Office and the Central

Major, Cadet CSM Arieana Love, the Cadets coordinated everything for the event. Planning The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual King and Queen Central High began with a decision on the venue, the date to Van Den Boogaard Center in West Point, VA. a team to solidify all the military ball

Edge Hill School Alumni Association, Ms. The event is designed, planned, and executed Davida McMillian, Mr. Stuart Thompson, and Led by the Battalion Mr. Tony Townes and his catering crew. As





## **Tony & George's Seafood & Italian Restaurant**

#### Staff prepares and delivers meals to residents of Winters Point senior apartments

(Urbanna) – On April 15<sup>th</sup>, the appreciative residents of Bay Aging's Winters Point senior apartments in West Point were treated to delicious home cooked meals donated by Tony & George's Seafood & Italian Restaurant. The meals were delivered by head waitress Carmen Mayfield, who has worked at Tony & George's for over fifteen years. Ms. Mayfield, clad in a protective mask and gloves, greeted residents with the enticing aroma of fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, a warm dinner roll and a homemade brownie for dessert. "The Winters Point residents gave us a card thanking us for our kindness. It was lovely seeing the appreciation on their faces,' Ms. Mayfield said. "During this time of crisis, President and CEO of Bay Aging. we wanted to do something for the people in Helping Neighbors program pairs community our community, so we chose to feed the seniors at the Winters Point apartments," added Tony those in need of assistance. "Bay Aging thanks Ashikis, co-owner of the restaurant.

many Bay Aging hopes to coordinate through incredible act of kindness," Vesley added. its new Helping Neighbors initiative. The goal Helping Neighbors fliers are being distributed economy by purchasing meals from area region. restaurants. Bay Aging is approaching specific For more information about Bay Aging's residents are received.

"The best people to help their communities are www.bayaging.org or Bay Aging's Facebook those within them," said Kathy Vesley, page. For those without access to the internet,



The volunteers, such as Tony & George's, with Ashikis, Carmen Mayfield, and Tony The meal deliveries were among the first of everybody at Tony & George's for this

of Helping Neighbors is to support seniors, and to all Meals on Wheels clients as a first step to those with underlying health conditions, to stay build awareness for this initiative. The fliers in their homes and be safe throughout the are also being shared with the faith Coronavirus outbreak. Additionally, Helping community, civic organizations, area radio Neighbors is structured to support the local stations and other stakeholders throughout the

restaurants as requests for assistance from area services, including Helping Neighbors, please visit the Bay Aging website at



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## Welcome to the EDA Corner

The King William County Economic Development Authority encourages the expansion of existing businesses and works to attract new and growing enterprises to provide opportunities for the County's citizens.

#### King William County Economic Development Authority 2020 SMALL BUSINESS COVID-19 EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE Grant program

On March 23, 2020, Governor Ralph Northam issued Executive Order 53 that banned crowds of more than 10 people; closed recreation, entertainment, and personal care businesses; and limited restaurants to offering takeout and delivery services only. In furtherance of Executive Order 53, Governor Northam issued Executive Order 55, requiring all individuals to stay at home except for essential travel. On April 15, 2020, Governor Northam announced he would be extending business closings until May 8th. These measures will continue to cause an adverse economic impact on our state and local economy.

The King William County EDA has approved a grant program as emergency assistance to our local businesses.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to read through these documents thoroughly to become familiar with the program resources and requirements before applying. KW EDA members are available to assist and answer questions any time during the process.

COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Grants are a one-time cash operating expense grant up to \$3,000.00. Grants are limited. They will be awarded based on merit and in the EDA's sole discretion.

For more information contact: Joyce Wolfe, Member, King William Economic Development Authority (804) 382-6378 To submit a grant application E-mail to: jwolfe@kingwilliamcounty.us

Business Eligibility:

Have between 1 and 10 FTEs (An FTE is the hours worked by one employee on a full-time basis. Used to convert the hours worked by several part-time employees into the hours worked by full-time employees. On an annual basis, an FTE is considered to be 2,080 hours, which is calculated as: 8 hours per day x 5 work days per week.)

ELIGIBILITY

Industries

- Retail
- · Food Service & Accommodation
- Arts, Entertainment & Recreation
- Manufacturing
- · Repair & Maintenance, including Auto
- Communications
- · Personal and Laundry Services
- Non-Profit Entities in the Above Categories with one of the following designations (501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) or 501(c)(7)

Must be physically located in King William County and hold a current business license in King William County; if multiple locations - headquarters must be in King William.

Must be registered to do business in the Commonwealth of Virginia Must be in good tax standing with the Commonwealth of Virginia and King William County

- Must be in good standing with the Department of Labor and Industry
- Must certify to negative impact of emergency
- Types of Businesses NOT eligible:

 Related to gambling or gaming activities
 Related to the purveyance of "adult" (i.e., pornographic, lewd, prurient, obscene) activities, services, products or materials (including nude or semi-nude performances or the sale of sexual aids or devices)

- · Any activity not in conformance with local zoning ordinance
- · Illegal under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia

#### DOCUMENTATION

The CEO of the business must certify that the business: 1. Has been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 Executive Order 53 (e.g., has been temporarily shut down, has been required to reduce hours, has had at least a 20% drop in revenue, has been materially impacted by employees who cannot

work due to the outbreak, or has a supply chain that has materially been disrupted and therefore slowed firm-level production).

2. Will make a best effort not to furlough or lay off any individuals from the time of application through six months after the end of the declared state of emergency. Businesses that have already furloughed or laid off workers must make a besteffort pledge to re-hire those workers as soon as possible. Any material breach of its best efforts certification may result in the KWEDA seeking repayment of the arant

3. Has a material financial need that cannot be overcome without the grant of emergency relief funds at this time (e.g., does not have significant cash reserves that can support the business during this period of economic disruption)



THE COUNTRY COURIER

## **Obituary**

PITTS, Ernest Wayne, 70, of Aylett, Va., Simpkins (Hilliary) and Mark D. died peacefully on Sunday, March 29, Simpkins; numerous nieces and nephews. 2020. His father, Ernest Bray Pitts; and Ernest was a man of many talents and brother, Donald Ray Pitts, preceded him enjoyed life to the fullest - whether in death. He is survived by his wife, hunting, farming or "his" projects. He will Anita; his daughter and son-in-law, Leslie be missed by all who knew him. A and Adam Taylor; his granddaughters, Celebration of Life service will be Hayden Taylor and Evalee Taylor; his announced at a later date. In lieu of mother, Louise Davis Pitts; his brothers, flowers, contributions may be made to Robert G. Pitts (Terry), James L. Pitts Sharon Baptist Church, 901 Sharon Road, (Mary); his sister, Deborah P. Blake King William, Va. 23086. (Robert); brothers-in-law, Eugene M.

## **Two Killed in Single Vehicle Crash**

(Saturday), at 8:31 p.m., the Virginia State It is unknown at this time if Belton was Police responded to a single vehicle crash wearing his seat belt. A passenger with two confirmed fatalities southbound identified as Logan A. Jenks, 21, of Route 30, .3 miles north of Globe Road.

The trooper's preliminary investigation belt and was partially ejected from the reveals that a 2007 Toyota Tacoma driven vehicle. Unfortunately, both Belton and by Jared C. Belton, 23, of Mechanicsville, Jenks succumbed to their injuries and died VA. was traveling southbound on Route at the scene. 30, lost control, and crossed the Speed is being considered as one of the northbound lanes of traveling. The vehicle factors into the cause of the crash. then ran off road left, striking an embankment, overturning, striking two

KING WILLIAM - On April 25, trees, and then caught on fire.

Ashland, VA. was not wearing his seat

The crash remains under investigation.

### King William County Voter Registration & Elections **Primary Election** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 POLLS OPEN 6 a.m. - 7 p.m. WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT

**Dual Primary:** 

Republican Party Ballot: U.S. Senate Democratic Party Ballot: U.S House of Representatives 1<sup>st</sup>

#### **Congressional District** A PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED TO VOTE

Please verify your voter registration, polling place and VALID Photo ID Before Election Day! elections.virginia.gov

#### VOTER REGISTRATION

Tuesday, May 26, 2020: Last day to register to vote or change your voter registration information for this election.

(Voter registration applications sent by mail, fax or online must be received in the Voter Registration & Elections Office on or before the deadline)

### **IN-PERSON (Curbside ONLY) ABSENTEE VOTING** 180 Horse Landing Road, King William VA

Mon-Fri, May 8th- June 20th: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 20th: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

County Offices are closed Monday May 25th for a Holiday (June 20, 2020 is the last day gualified voters can vote an in-person absentee ballot at the Voter Registration & Elections Office) Please see County Website for details about Curbside ONLY voting: Kingwilliamcounty.us

#### ABSENTEE VOTING BY MAIL

Tuesday June 16, 2020: Last day for qualified voters to request an absentee ballot by mail, online or fax. Applications must be received in the Voter Registration & Elections Office by 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, 2020: Election Day ALL Absentee voted ballots must be returned to the Voter Registration & Elections Office by 7 p.m. to be counted.

> King William County Voter Registration & Elections Office Alison W. Fox, Director of Elections/General Registrar 180 Horse Landing Road #1, King William, VA 23086 telephone (804) 769-4952 fax (804) 769-4920 email: gregistrar@kingwilliamcounty.us

**King and Queen Public Schools** 

we will continue to partner with our families to familiarize students as much as possible with go and other helpful resources. King and The packets may include notes, explanations, Queen County Public Schools (KQCPS) instruction, literature and/or web resources that packets which will include learning activities comprehension and/or learning. Instructional distribution of new instructional learning beyond the minimum learning expectation. packets.

Nutrition Team will continue our meal Instructional packets are due on May 28, 2020. distribution program. Meals will be distributed on Mondays and Thursdays from 11:00 High School. Specific directions will be a.m. until noon at the designated locations and communicated the week of May 18<sup>th</sup>. continue through June 11, 2020. Locations are the Lower King and Queen Fire Department, will hold "office hours" each day from 11:00 King and Queen Elementary, Central High a.m. until 1:00 p.m. During these hours, Upper King and Queen Fire Department.

teachers will have virtual office hours from clicking on the Staff Directory link. 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Monday through

Personal Belongings Pick-Up: Student distancing practices. distributed at each school on Thursday, April packets on April 23, 2020. 23, 2020 from 11am- 12pm and 4:00pmonly be available for pick up at your student's respective school.

23rd, KQCPS will provide instructional continue to follow CDC social distancing and learning packets which will include extension personal hygiene protocols. The safety and opportunities to re-emphasize competencies students will need to be successful at the next monitored. Please call or email your child's level/course. Packets will be distributed at each school with any questions. school on Thursday, April 23, 2020 from 11am Division Offices: Main office operating hours -12pm and 4:00pm-7:00pm. Please note that will be 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Monday, instructional packets will only be available for pick up at your student's respective school. An of the Stay At Home Order which was issued update with packet return information will be provided during the week of May 18th. that time we will also share information on the email or telephone. Staff and administrators return of library books and textbooks. **Elementary Packets:** 

Options - Each grade level teacher has created Communication: During the prolonged four, one week long, modules covering each closure, the division will continue to rely on content area (ELA, Math, Science, and History). Activities or projects were designed means of communication. We will also post to promote thinking, learning and information on the division's Facebook page inquiry. Specific attention was made to and website. Please do not hesitate to reach include resources and materials that are out to your school administrator for schoolfamiliar for students. Extension activities are specific questions via email or to me included to expose students to new content, a (ccarter@kqps.net) for division concerns. We type of "see if you can ...." option for students will share any changes and updates as quickly that may be ready to explore content that has as possible. not yet been taught.

#### High School Packets:

The instructional packets will include review providing continuity of learning for our materials and may include new material/new students. Please call me if you have any learning as appropriate for the individual class. questions at (804) 239-6127.

As we transition into continuity of learning, The goal of the instructional material is to provide at-home learning materials, meals-to- material that may be needed in the next class. teachers have developed instructional learning may be necessary in order to facilitate student through May 22, 2020. Continuity of learning packets may include enrichment and/or will resume on April 23, 2020 with the extension assignments that will extend learning Students are encouraged to complete all Meal Distribution: The KQPS School assignments to the best of their ability.

There will be a drop off location at Central

If students have specific questions, teachers School, Lawson-Marriott Elementary and the students will be able to ask questions by using email. Teacher email addresses are located on Virtual Office Hours for Teachers: All the KQPS web page under the CHS tab and by

\*NOTE: During distribution, families will Friday. Teachers may be reached via email drive up and remain in the car while staff during these hours. Hours may vary based on locates items and packets. The items will be an individual student's needs. Teachers will brought to your car. We ask that everyone share with their students and families how to **remain in their car to assist us with** arrange a contact outside of this timeframe. **following CDC guidelines and social** 

belongings have been packed up and are ready Grading: Reports cards for grades K-12 will for distribution. Personal belongings will be be issued with the instructional learning

School Buildings: All KQPS school buildings 7:00pm. Please note personal belongings will will remain closed to the public. Office hours for essential personnel will be observed Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 Instructional Activities: Beginning April a.m. - 2:00 p.m. All essential personnel will health of all staff members will continue to be

Wednesday, and Thursday during the duration by Governor Northam to run through June 10. At 2020. Please continue to communicate through will respond as quickly as possible. Please note the King and Queen County Courthouse is **Instructional Packets with Extension** closed to the public until further notice.

the School Messenger system as our principle

Thank you for your continued support and patience as we continue to work through



## Earth Day celebrated by MPRA



Cadet Preston Garrison and tablemates enjoyed their formal dinner.

By Dawn Shank, MPRA president

On April 22, 1970, the first Earth Day was organized nationwide to bring awareness to Day School, sent photos of paper animal pollution and environmental causes. The collages. "We have made a major effort at summer before, astronauts took a picture of the school to reuse and recycle this year. Amanda earth from space. That photo changed a lot of Brooks' first-grade class collected dried up people's perspectives. In my hometown of markers and sorted them by color. The art Martinsville, VA, dyes from textile mills were classes took them apart and soaked the sponges dumped into the Smith River. When our art inside to create useful watercolors. We send class drew outside, we blew soot from the the outside plastic marker parts to Crayola to furniture factories off our sketchbooks. A river be reused." Several interesting entries were caught fire in Ohio. People were reading created as an art homework assignment, Rachael Carson's book, Silent Spring. The including a toilet paper roll mermaid, painted environmental movement was born.

I was a freshman in college that first Earth stream and measuring oxygen in the water. I art teacher Julie Carter. joined the Ecology Club.

Here I am now, celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day as president of the Mattaponi & Pamunkey Rivers Association. homework after schools were closed. Most For more than 25 years, MPRA has students didn't have access to the computer coordinated River Stewardship Day to collect graphics software at home, so they created trash from local rivers and streams and educate posters instead with a theme of keeping our citizens about the value of the rivers to the rivers clean and emailed them to their teacher. environment. In celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Earth Day, the organization invited citizens to pick up and re-use recyclable items and other litter and re-purpose it into fun, engaging art in the Trash to Art project. Winners were to be www.mpra.org. We will resume the Trash to displayed at libraries and art festivals in May. Art project when school starts, but we wanted Like most other plans, the COVID-19 to recognize the students and schools on Earth pandemic altered that.

MPRA was working with local school art art teachers proposed that students create art at visit home and sent us photos of what students were <u>matpamrivers@gmail.com</u>. working on before schools closed and some

If you have lost or

found a pet, please

that were completed at home.

Alice Sheley, art teacher at Aylett Country rocks and elephants made from milk jugs.

I was a freshman in college that first Earth "The students were very excited about the Day. I was deeply concerned about what was Trash to Art project," said Julie Carter, art happening to the earth. I spent that day with teacher for the elementary schools in King & other students at the University of North Queen County. Fifth graders made masks made Carolina at Greensboro picking up trash from a from recycled cardboard." said King & Queen

> Ms. Hysong's graphic arts classes at Hamilton-Holmes Middle School in King William participated in the contest as In celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day, we are posting a virtual art show of student work on our Mattaponi & Pamunkey Rivers Association Facebook page and at Day for helping us celebrate.

The Mattaponi and Pamunkey Rivers teachers on the project. We provided funds to Association is an all-volunteer, non-profit schools for Trash to Art classroom activities. organization that strives to protect and educate Many teachers had activities underway when people about the natural and cultural resources schools were closed. We plan to renew the of the Mattaponi and Pamunkey Rivers. For contest when schools reopen. But, some of the more information about MPRA's activities, www.mpra.org or email us at



**RESCUE**, continued from front page

William Fire and EMS was both a fellow County and the Town of West Point. paranormal investigator and a volunteer Featured are representatives from King first responder, GhostStop.com donated a William Fire and EMS, Mangohick case of the face shields shipping them to Volunteer Fire and EMS, King William the member in King William County. County Sheriff's Office, West Point Fire Having received the abundance of PPE, and Rescue, and the West Point Police King William Fire and EMS Chief Laura Department. Virginia State Police Area 3 Nunnally and the member thought it were also included but not pictured. Thank appropriate to share their good fortune. you to GhostStop.com for your help in KWFR and the member, Terry Osborne, keeping our first responders safe during distributed the donation between all first this crisis.

Upon realizing that a member of King responder agencies serving King William

Art resides in the quality of doing, process is not magic.

#### **Charles Eames**



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## Church Calendar

Attention Churches! Please send your notices cupboard first Saturdays. Rev. Fred www.tewcwestpoint.net Aylett" including sermons during the as you start services back up. Thank you! Skaggs 804-347-7285. Third Union Baptist Church pandemic "To Know Christ Jesus and **Colosse Baptist Church** Church Services via teleconferencing to Make Christ Known" 11291 West 769-2729, someone will return your on Sunday mornings at 10:30AM. You River Road, Aylett VA (Beside the **CHRISTIAN** can join our Church Service by Public Boat Landing) Featuring The **Corinth Christian Church** call. dialing: 1-480-297-0773 Access code Rev. T. Gustavo Mansella All Are www.corinthchristianchurchkw.net **Crossroads Mission Center** 9153 Dabney's Mill Rd Manquin 694-K Sharon Rd, King William is; 3406642# We look forward to you Welcome!! All Sundays - 11 AM beside the Library joining us. We also encourage you to Eucharist Service First Sunday of the <u>The Fix Ministry</u> Kingdom of God submit your tithes, offerings or Month - Youth Focus/Potluck After 4465 Mount Olive Cohoke Road, King Living Water Ministry donations online via our website St. John's Episcopal Church William. Call for additional Pastor Leo Reed 1438 Manfield Road, at www.thirdunionbaptistchurch.com o 916 Main St. West Point, 804-843information (804) 774-5319 Manquin 23106. Sunday's at 12:15 r you can mail checks payable to Third 4594 welcome. PM. Union Baptist Church to TUBC PO St. Paul's Millers Tavern Box 74, King William, VA 23086. 7924 Richmond Highway. 443-2341 Broadus Baptist Church Hebron Mattaponi Baptist Church (Circa early 1700s) Thank you & May God Bless you. www.stpaulsmillerstavern.org 3407 King William Rd Aylett, 779- Mount Olive Baptist Church Upper King & Queen Baptist St. James Presbyterian Church 2700 Facebook Broadus Church on Cohokoe Rd.in King William (The church next to K.W. Courthouse) Church 1693 Bradley Farm Road Rev. Wade 411 Courthouse Lane. Rev. Dr. John b n call or email Crystal L Carter (804) r 0 Wilkins - Pastor 804 769-8534 Campus www.broaduschurch.org 832 1308 Turner Cartercrystal463@gmail. Com **METHODIST ORTHODOX Bruington Baptist Church** 4784 The Trail, Bruington, King and New Life Community Church McKendree United Methodist Holy Trinity Orthodox Church 694-K Sharon Road King William Queen County. 10 a.m. Sunday school; 109 Commons Park Cir, Ste. J. Church 11 a.m. Worship Service with Manquin 23106 4347 Manfield Road, Manquin, Pastor (8 0 4)9 2 5 Communion on first Sundays; 9:00 Olivet Baptist Church Betty Jо S i m s . 5888www.holytrinityorthodox.net a.m. Deacons meet on first Sundays/ pastor Terry Morrison www.Mckendree23106.org NON DENOMINATION WOM meets third Sundays/ Providence Baptist Church **EPISCOPAL** Women in the Word Community Fellowship breakfast fourth Sundays/ 4570 Dorrell Road, Aylett, **Immanuel Episcopal Church Bible Study!** Breakfast prepared by men fifth Pastor White (804) 240-1982. 190 Allen's Circle King & Queen (396 Newtown Road, St. Stephens Sundays; 11 a.m. children's church Sharon Baptist Church Court House. For information on a Church Email Melissa Rice at fifth Sundays/children and youth 901 Sharon Road across from King particular Sunday, call 804-785-2122 mrsmelissarice@aol.com. mission groups meet third Sundays; 6 William High School. Office hours St. David's Episcopal Church, Aylett p.m. Adult Bible study Wednesdays 9am-2pm Tue - Fri. 769-2320. 804-496-1002 stdavidsaylett.church followed by 7 p.m. choir practice; 10 The Edge Worship Centre Like us on our new Facebook page a.m. until noon community clothes 460 14th St. West Point. at "St David's Episcopal Church,

### 'Virginia History Trails' Mobile App Shares 400 Years of Virginia History

~ 2019 Commemoration, American Evolution's award-winning mobile app connects Virginia travelers from home ~

RICHMOND, Va., April 24, 2020-While people are social distancing and staying at home, Virginia residents and history lovers can easily access 400 years and more to engage in inclusive and of Virginia history through the Virginia authentic historical narratives throughout History Trails mobile application.

Curated by the Library of Virginia and Virginia Humanities, the Virginia History Trails app contains more than 400 stories and more than 200 historic places. While the Excellence in Immersive Experience travelers are unable to experience many of award from the Media Excellence Awards these Virginia sites in person, the Virginia in 2019. History Trails app offers access to hundreds of stories chronicling Virginia's necessary digital storytelling tool for well-known, under-told and unknown sharing Virginia's history accurately and history.

Virginia sites in person, the Virginia Commemoration, American Evolution™. History Trails app's intuitive interface allows users to create their own profiles and "check in" at sites or share updates using the hashtag #VAHistoryTrails to History Trails app demonstrates how earn badges. Users can immerse technology can enhance engagement with themselves in a themed trail that winds important historical knowledge and across the Commonwealth or employ the information," said Rita McClenny, app's GPS feature to find nearby President and CEO of Virginia Tourism historical sites and immediately transform Corporation. "Virginia's history is their surroundings into a live history America's history and the app is one of

## experience.

overseen by the Virginia Tourism The Virginia History Trails app is Corporation, was first released in May available for download in the Apple Store 2018 as a legacy project of the 2019 Commemoration, American Evolution<sup>™</sup>, allowing travelers, history lovers, families 400 years of Virginia's history. Since its launch, the app has won the Gold Award for Best New Mobile App of August 2018 from the Best Mobile App Awards and

"The Virginia History Trails app is a inclusively," said Kathy Spangler, When travelers are able to visit these Executive Director of the 2019 This app provides easy access to Virginia's rich history for all to enjoy."

"The 2019 Commemoration's Virginia

the ways to engage with Virginia history and Google Play, via the American The Virginia History Trails app, now during this time and for years to come." Evolution website.



## Community Calendar

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these 8306 King William Road, Aylett meetings are not running on schedule. Please check with the desired organization.

#### **Girl Scout Troop 4217**

Poroporone Church, lower K&O Email \$7 Dinner Deal wyatt.amyl@gmail.com or kelly.mago vero@yahoo.com

#### VFW and Auxiliary 8356

lower King William/West Point. VFW Post Commander

(vfw8356@gmail.com) or Auxiliary President

(kelly.magovero@yahoo.com) for membership and/or information.

#### **DCSE Service Point Assistance**

DCSE Contact Information: 1-800-468 -8894

#### **Afternoon Off for Caregivers!**

804-769-0001. Sponsored by United The CornerStone Food Program -Methodist Women, McKendree UMC, Food distribution schedule for the 4347 Manfield Road, Manguin.

#### **<u>Girl Scout Troop 1132</u>**

Building.

KW Children First Lions Club

Crossroads Mission Center located 11 a.m.to 1 p.m. (CSFP boxes for at 694 K Sharon Road, King William. Upper King William Active Lifestyle Saturdays from 9.30 a.m. to Noon Center

American Legion Post 314 Post 314 Bldg. Aylett 6250 Richmond- The Lily Field Clothing Shed is open Tapp. Hwy. Rt. 360. Freedom is NOT by appointment only. No clothing

Free.

(Crab cake sandwich with choice of side & soda) on Thursday, May 14 at 6 The CornerStone Community p.m. (Drive through only) Order **Development Center** is a 501(c)(3)ahead: Call 804 769 2996/ Email - non profit organization. Donations are theccdc@gmail.com. Pick up at 8270 tax exempt. Tappahannock Richmond Aylett.

Proceeds to benefit Food and Free Health Clinic Programs. CornerStone VFW Post 9501 Community Development Center is a VFW Post & Auxiliary Central P.O. Box 68, Aylett, Virginia 23009 month of May.

Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Mattaponi Vol. Rescue Squad May 5, May 12, May 19, May 26 (for families with children) Fourth Wednesday (May 27) from seniors who have qualified) on May 2, May 9, May 16, May 23,

"The Regional Animal Shelter has healthy dogs, puppies, cats and kittens available for adoption like those seen here. For more information, please call 804-769-4983. 20201 King William Rd. King William, VA 23086.'



May 30

donations can be received until June 14. Thank you.

Hwy., Mailing Address: P.O. Box 68, Aylett, Virginia 23009.

501(c)(3) non profit organization. Garage. Commander James Brown 804 Donations are tax exempt. Address: -337-7029 for Post membership and F. registering students for the 2020-21 Gwathmey 994-2947 for Auxiliary Preschool program. membership.

W Rec P<u>ark</u> K KingWilliamRec.com.

#### Mattaponi Crime Solvers

S 0 1 v e r S contact: KOKWSolvers@aol.com. Three Rivers SWCD Board of website www.chadhaynesgolf.org. **Directors Meetings** 

**Good Homes Needed For Good Pets** Regional Animal Shelter, 20201 King William Road, King William 804-769www.petfinder.com email: 4983. animalshelter@kingwilliamcounty.us King William T.E.A. Party Facebook and kwteaparty.com **Southern States** 485 Sharon Rd. King William, 23086 AWANAS 769.2320 **King William Democrats** Call Betsy Donoghue at 804-513-2546 with questions. King and Queen County Public Schools 2020 Chad Haynes Scholarship **Fund Tournament** Cancelled, if you have already paid, you will receive a refund. We would serving King & Queen, King William, really appreciate if you would make a and town of West Point Tip line:(804) donation, as we are still going to give 769-3000 For more info on the Crime scholarship(s) in Chad's memory. This , was all done with an abundance of

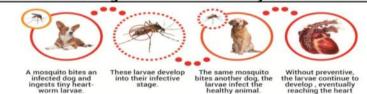
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#### **May 10**

Mother's Day in the United States is an annual holiday celebrated on the second Sunday in May. Mother's Day recognizes mothers, motherhood and maternal bonds in general, as well as the positive contributions that they make to society.

Our Communities Dogs are at HIGH RISK of Heartworm Disease!



3 out of every 5 dogs that move into the adoption program at Regional Animal Shelter test positive for Heartworm Disease. This s a catastrophe for these dogs, who are otherwise healthy and behaviorally sound and would make wonderful additions to family. The tragedy is that Heartworm Disease is totally preventable with a simple once monthly tablet, which their former guardian failed to provide.

Once a dog is infected. Heartworm Disease is treatable however, may be risky for some dogs and the treatment is expensive. requiring veterinary intervention. Few people look to adopt a dog that will cost a considerable amount of money from the start to treat for heartworm disease.

Mosquitoes transmit heartworm disease and this effects dogs in all 50 states. Our area is especially high risk for this disease as we have relatively mild winters, and mosquitoes thrive in the rivers, creeks, lakes and swamps year round

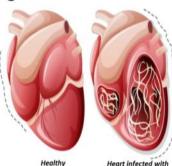
Adult heartworms can reach lengths of 6 to 14 inches, and take up residency in the right side of the heart and in the adjacent large blood vessels, impairing the circulation of blood, which can result in serious damage to a dog's heart, lungs, liver, and kidneys,

An infected dog may show few signs at first, but as the heartworms grow and mature, they cause increasing damage. The only way to detect heartworm disease is through a simple blood test performed by your veterinarian



Any dog can get Heartworm Disease, whether it is a dog that stays outside all the time, or a dog that only goes outside for elimination, it only takes one guick "bite" from a mosquito to nfect your dog with this deadly disease

To ensure dogs are protected against Heartworm Disease, the Regional Animal Shelter pleads with dog guardians to contact your veterinarian to provide the simple blood test to rule out the presence of Heartworm, and provide the extremely effective once a month prevention



## Classifieds

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