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Virginia State Parks set goal to reopen campgrounds May 22

Virginia State Parks are working toward a goal to reopen campgrounds for Memorial Day Weekend. The announcement to allow for the opening of campgrounds came Friday during Governor Northam's press conference as part of the state's phase one reopening strategy.

Governor Northam announced that while state parks continue to be open for day use, overnight facilities will open following a phased approach beginning with park campgrounds.

No new reservations will be accepted through May 13 and at this time all other overnight facilities will remain closed including cabins, lodges and group campgrounds.

All other reservations between now and May 22 have been canceled and refunds have been automatically distributed through our customer service center.

Restrooms and campground bathhouses will open beginning May 21. Other park facilities, including camp stores, museums, picnic shelters and visitor centers, will remain closed. "It's with an abundance of caution that we take this step toward becoming fully operational. The safety of our guests and staff remain our highest priority," said Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Director Clyde E. Cristman. "Thank you to our park visitors for continuing to adhere to social distancing guidelines and limiting group gatherings to 10 or fewer."

"This public health emergency has affected nearly every aspect of how we operate" said Virginia State Parks Director Melissa Baker. "While we work to safely navigate through the weeks ahead, we are happy to open more of our facilities to the public who will benefit from the increased access to the natural and historical resources the parks provide."

"It remains very important that guests check the individual park's website before their visit to get the latest park updates," Baker added.

For the most up-to-date information regarding available recreational opportunities at Virginia State Parks, visit www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/covid-19-update.

Jim Hall Store Closes



Jim Hall's Store sits at the crossroads of Rt. 30 and Rose Garden Rd.

Please see full story on page 13.

Drive Thru Birthday Celebration for James Heffler



James Heffler with six of his grandchildren left to right: Jaime Simpkins, Evan Williams, Lucy Williams, Rhonda Elliott, Dr. Lauren Anderson and front Alex Heffler (missing Travis Elliott, resides in Kodiak, Alaska)

Story by Florence Cooke Pictures by Heffler Family

On Saturday May 2, 2020, the family and friends of James Heffler gathered together to celebrate his 88th birthday on the lawn of his farm in St. Stephens Church.

Please see **HEFFLER**, on page 13.

Gwathmey Celebrates 99th Birthday with a Drive-by Birthday Party

Story by Florence Cooke

From 2 – 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, 2020, vehicles came and went down the lane of William Gwathmey's home in Walkerton to celebrate his special birthday by having a drive-by birthday party. His four children, nine grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren scattered across the United States and Canada wanted to celebrate his 99th birthday with a socially distant "drive-by birthday party" at his home.

The lifelong King and Queen resident has made a mark on his family and community. He served in the Corps of Cadets at Virginia Polytechnic Institute graduating with a degree in General Science. After graduation, he was deployed to France and Belgium to serve in World War II. As a Second Lieutenant, he was the infantry platoon leader of 38 soldiers who fought in the Battle of the Bulge. After returning home he served in the Army Reserves until retirement.

When he came home he married Jean Lovelace. They were married for 50 years until her death in 1999. He earned a master's degree in Education Supervision from the College of William and Mary.



William Gwathmey

Please see **GWATHMEY**, on page 12.

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King William Supervisors Approve FY 2020-21 Budget

By Gene Campbell

At its regular monthly meeting on April 27th (held virtually over Zoom) the King William County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the FY 2020-21 budget. For months the County Administrator and staff along with Supervisors had been working on the budget and were nearly ready to approve a \$27,182,641 million budget. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the potential economic uncertainty in the future, they decided to go back and make some moderate adjustments. The end result is a \$25,853,343 budget, a 4.89% decrease from the original budget, and a 1% increase over the FY 2019-20 budget. This approved budget does not include any merit raises for county employees, will limit its capital funding and only hire one Fire/EMS employee and one sheriff's deputy. Included in the budget is \$11,128,108 for the schools which is 43% of the total county budget and a 4.3% decrease from the previous school FY 2019-20 budget. The approved budget includes no funding for additional school programs, staff or raises at this time.

The real estate tax rate will remain at \$0.86 per \$100 of fair market value and

the personal property tax will remain at \$3.65 per \$100 of assessed value. Supervisors hope the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic will not be severe and they can make changes to the budget as the economic fallout becomes better known. Once the re-assessment data are in towards the end of the calendar year, the BOS are tentatively planning a \$0.73 per \$100 of assessed value tax rate based on a possible 20% increase in property values since the last assessment was completed in 2014. This could change based on the final values assessed. This rate is in compliance with Virginia code based on what is currently known. The new rate would be implemented in January 2021 for the second half of the fiscal year.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be May 18th at 7pm. Meetings are conducted via the internet using the Zoom application. To get the URL, go to the county website kingwilliamcounty.us and click on the link posted for the BOS under "Upcoming Events". You can join with just a telephone only or join in the web conferencing virtual meetings with your computer. Stay safe!

I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life.

Abraham Lincoln

Publisher's Message



I know we all wish the COVID-19 was over and done with. It reminds me I may have taken too much for granted. I miss my children, Grandchildren and friends. Everything has changed. I have caught up on most of the projects I've always wanted to do here at home, that's a good thing. Stay in the moment use good judgment, things are looking better. Enjoy the warm weather; it will all work out in its own time. Thanks to all our local businesses that are working under difficult conditions to provide us with all the things we need. We appreciate you more than you know.

Take Care Until Next Time.

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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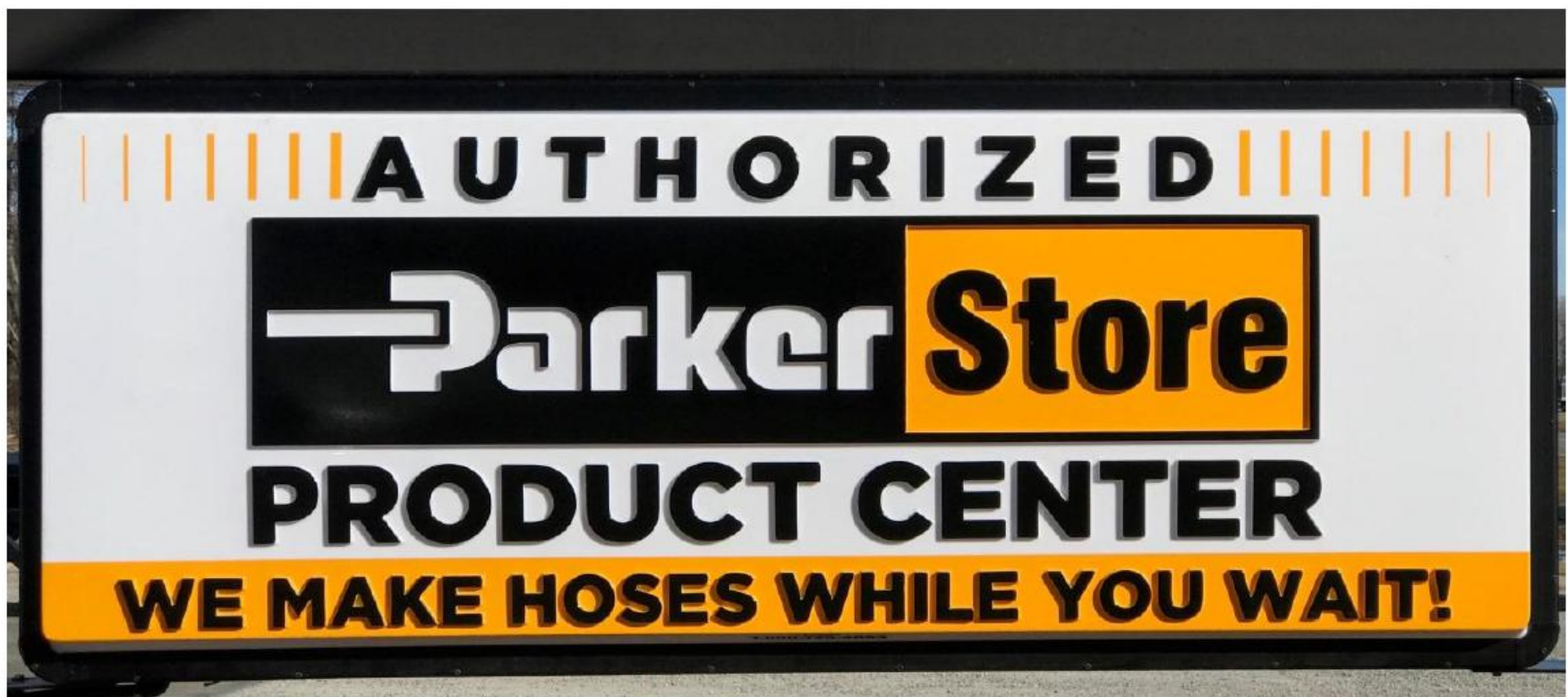
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Racing Mules

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

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I remember a story about this old farmer that got a young mule out of North Carolina to raise and use on the farm. The young mule grew up to be long and lean and built for speed. She was not like one of the regular field mules, so he taught her to ride. Everyone around knew about this mule as she was one of the prettiest mules in the county. They also knew she had a big heart and a big motor and could cover a lot of ground pretty fast. One day the old farmer was out on the road riding his mule and his neighbor pulled up in a pickup truck and wanted to see how fast that mule was. So the farmer got in the truck and told his neighbor to drive and his mule would follow along behind. The truck got up to about 25mph and the mule was right on the rear bumper hawking and making noises. The neighbor asked "What does that mean?" The



farmer said "She wants to go faster." So the guy pushed the speed to 35 and that mule stayed right there. He looked in the rear view and said "She has her ears laid back. What does that mean?" The farmer said "She wants more speed." The guy then got up to 45mph and looked in the mirror and the mule was hanging in there but she was breathing hard. The neighbor told the farmer "That sure is a fast mule but I'm worried because her tongue is hanging out." The old farmer asked "Which way is it hanging?" The neighbor looked in the rearview and said "It's hanging to the left. What does that mean?" The farmer said "Stay in this lane. She's signaling that she's about to pass!"

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The Gift Continues



A couple of years ago I wrote to your paper and told the wonderful story of Dawn's School of Dance. Fast forward now to the 30th anniversary of the studio. Right now that little white building should be full of life. There should be traffic jams in the parking lot, glitter all over the dressing room. Moms should be in a tizzy trying to hem costumes, get tickets and prepare for a busy Mother's Day weekend. Teachers should have butterflies in their stomachs making sure every last detail, turn and curtsy is nailed down for the 2 night performance. Disney trip plans should be in full swing.

This Wednesday would be rehearsal night at West Point high school, students would be rehearsing until 10 or 11 that night and be wiped out at school on Thursday, music still playing in their heads. This should be their time, their moment to shine.

To some of us Dawn's School of Dance has been our life for over a decade. For others this would be the first time they see their 3 year old on stage. Whichever the case our recital is very special to all of us and full of cherished moments. This would be when all the year's hard work and dedication pay off, where the talents learned and love of dance shines. The Monday after the final show should bring a full and thankful heart to a little blonde lady for another wonderful year. Instead our dance building sits empty and the parking lot is bare. No tickets handed out, no recital schedule posted in the window. Dancing on stage at Disney will not happen for our girls this year. For the students, moms and teachers, we don't quite know what to do with ourselves without all the special dance moments that this month

should bring. This should be the 30th year of dance, the overcrowded grand finale, the celebration of a tradition.

As we sit in wait please know that we may be down but we are not out. If being part of this studio has taught us anything it is how to keep going when things get tough. When you fall down or trip up you keep on dancing. Whether on stage or in every day life our students know to keep going. We have had to put off celebrating with Dawnie for right now but we are more than ballerinas and mom squads. We are a head strong and strong willed bunch. This was a setback and a time to trust in the Lord. His timing not ours. The building will be full again, the parking lot jammed, the studio rooms busy and loud. We will find a way to celebrate Dawn's School of Dance and the dedication it received this past year. In the mean time I promise you, over on Foley Road there sits a beautiful blonde lady who's heart is already full and thankful. Show or no show, she knows how to Praise Him in the storm and she is thankful all her many dance daughters and sons are staying safe and healthy. While we long for the days that should have been for our students this month, we are thankful for all that has been and all that will be. To the students, teachers and parents that worked so hard this year, thank you.

This fall when the leaves change and the air grows crisp, slow down as you ride by that little white building and glance over at all the busy chaos that so many of us love. It is a second home to many. It is where memories are made and thankful hearts live. It is where we lead by example.

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Obituaries



TOWNSEND, H. Frazier, Robert Frazier, Lisa Robinson and Barnes Jr., 78, of Manquin, Va., passed away on April 25, 2020. He was born on July 19, 1941, to the late Hugh and Elizabeth Townsend Jr. of Manquin, Va. He was preceded by his sisters, Kay T. Tatum and Antoinette T. Baker. Barnes is survived by his wife of 53 years, Bertha Gatewood Townsend; two sons, Hugh B. Townsend III (Lisa) and Greg Townsend (Johanna); three grandchildren, Hugh B. IV, Nicole and Jackson. He is also survived by a sister, Jane T. Lewis; and a brother, Howard A. Townsend; and many nieces and nephews. Barnes graduated from Virginia Tech in 1966, and was the owner of Riverside Dairy Farm. He was a member of Rehoboth Baptist Fellowship in King William and a member of King William Ruritan Club.

FRAZIER

Floyd "Richard" Frazier born 10/23/1940, died peacefully in his wife's arms on April 13, 2020 at his home in Aylett, VA after a lengthy terminal illness. Richard was the loving husband of Dori Frazier and the patriarch of the clan which included 5 children, Jeffery Frazier, Mark

Frazier, Robert Frazier, Lisa Robinson and Morgan Jade; 13 grandchildren and 11 great children. He was one of 11 children and is survived by his brothers Mike Frazier and John Patterson and sister Joyce Whitmer and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Richard served in the US Army and had a lengthy and successful career in Law Enforcement and retired from his position as the Assistant Superintendent of the Central Virginia Regional Jail, Orange Virginia in 2000. Richard was born and raised and loved the Blue Ridge mountains. He had a keen love for knowledge about his ancestors who came from there. He loved horses and at one time had six at his home "up country" on Tanner's Ridge in Page County, Virginia. After retirement he worked as a trail guide for the Shenandoah National Park. He often reminded all his family and particularly those who settled in the "flat lands" "to "remember where you came from". Richard loved carving and made beautiful walking canes for family members. He enjoyed working the land, working out at the gym and old-time country music. Richard aka Dad, Papa and Pops, was a simple man who believed strongly in the Bible and loved God, his wife and family. He was loved and will be missed.



RIELING
Sheryl Ruzi Rieling
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May 3, 2020
A Heart that never hardened and a touch that

never hurt
Sheryl Ruzi Rieling passed away on May 3, 2020 after a long illness. Born in Brooklyn, New York, she became a twenty year resident of King William County. She was active in the community, serving for several years as an EMT in Company 1 and as Captain in 2004. She also taught tap dancing at Dawn's School of Dance for 5 years. She is survived by her husband of 34 years, David and her children, Daniel and Rebecca. The family would like to thank the members of the Rescue Squads for their heroic efforts trying to save her life. Because of the current health crisis the family is unable to receive visitors.



The family requests that anyone so desiring make a contribution in Sheryl's name to the American Diabetes Association.

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By Aemistead Saffer

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VFW Memorial Program Cancelled

The VFW Post 9501- Central Garage in Aylett has cancelled the annual Memorial Program scheduled for May 24, 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic. This program will be held May, 2021. Anyone who has a family member inscribed on the VFW Monument may visit or leave flowers on Memorial Day!!

Special awards are given during our annual Memorial Program. Due to the cancellation,

monetary awards will be mailed to (VOD) Voice of Democracy winner William Argabright, senior at King William High School, Patriot's Pen winner Savanna Davis, sixth grade at King & Queen Elementary School and Teacher Recognition Kelly Harvey, Special Education 5-7 grades at King & Queen Elementary School. STAY HEALTHY EVERYONE!!

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MUZZLED and BEATEN DOWN by VIRUS 'PRECAUTIONS' KW's TAX- PAYERS ALSO GOT...



National Debt is \$25 TRILLION,
America's economy is
devastated and 25 MILLION
Americans have lost jobs.
Plenty of these lost in KW too....

But on April 27th with no live public comments and hardly any
discussion in a 45 minute internet meeting accessible only to
the tiny percentage of citizens with a special computer/phone
app or call-in number, all five of KW County's Supervisors
happily rubber stamped the Administrator's bloated
\$25.6 MILLION FY2021
Budget 'recommendations.'

So, how bad is the damage?

While congratulating themselves for 'courageously rejecting' the
previously proposed \$2 MILLION additional spending, they just couldn't
seem to find any existing budget items to cut !

Not only is there not a single job cut, furlough or layoff for KW's
hundreds of county and school employees, but two more full time
employees were added !

While millions of Americans lose health insurance, KW's taxpayers are
picking up 70% or more of the bill for county employees !

While 401K retirement funds have been slaughtered, county employee
pensions are fat and safe !

While real estate values are dropping now, the county's new assessments
are reportedly coming in at an increase of 20-30% !

This means a double gut punch is coming because there's no cut in the
already outrageous 86 cents per \$100 real estate tax !

(Didn't new Supv. Ed Moren campaign on a promise to "cut taxes" ?)

Don't be fooled by empty talk about lowering the Real Estate tax rate
sometime in the near future. Even at 73 cents per \$100, you'll still be
paying more because of the inflated reassessments!

Not surprisingly, the Supervisors didn't see fit to eliminate the sweet Land
Use Tax Exemption deal gleefully enjoyed by that special group of KW's
\$ MILLIONAIRE "Farmers." So homeowners and businesses have to pick
up the tax slack !

Last but not least, pay close attention to the Budget report
from the Tidewater Review:

*While the county has adjusted its budget to match the projected
economic downfall, the board assured citizens that the budget is a
guide and it can be revised if the projected effect is not so severe.*

And what Supervisor William Hodges blurted out:

*"Hopefully the budget will turn around and will be able to do
the thing we really wanted to."*

King William T.E.A. Party's unpaid, volunteer

WATCHDOGS have been warning you – THIS MEANS

TAX, TAX, TAX and SPEND, SPEND, SPEND !

Read this Budget travesty for yourselves on KWC's official website
kingwilliamcounty.us Click Government, Board of Supervisors, Agenda

Packets, April 27th. Scroll down to page 105 and follow along.

If you have a strong stomach, watch the Budget Meeting on YouTube

If we can't even cut taxes and spending in King William

there's no hope for America

King William T.E.A. Party's OPERATION WATCHDOG
volunteers paid for this public service warning.

What are YOU doing to help ? www.kwteaparty.com

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

*Like Members of Congress K.W Board Of
Supervisors Engage in Self- Dealing*

A month ago news reports were abuzz with
stories of members of Congress selling
portions of their stock portfolios using
information that was not yet public regarding
the spread of the Corona Virus. This has
always been a reason why the U.S Congress
has a public confidence rating somewhere
between admitted felons and the ones not
caught yet. Is this happening right here in our
own back yard ? You be the judge.

I reviewed the 195 pages posted on the King
William County website as it relates to
Monday nights (April 27, 2020) budget
meeting. You can find it under the tab " BOS
Agenda Packet". This document deals with this
current budget that was voted on Monday
night.

In the course of the review, about halfway
through the document I came across the
following

----THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER AS WE
MOVE FORWARD IN THE BUDGET
PROCESS----

The second Bullet point under this heading
reads as follows :

Reassessment is underway and residential
assessment values are anticipated to increase
by 20%, land values remaining level,
commercial assessment values are expected to
increase between 5—10%

In the Land Use Tax Exemption program an
acre of land in Agricultural use is taxed at
\$1500, an acre in Forestry at \$612. This is the
dollar value in use since 2015. A very
important point to understand is this

These values can only be adjusted in the year
of a new assessment, so by passing on Monday
night without any adjustment in these values,
any opportunity to adjust these rates are lost for
at a minimum 3-4 more years since King
William County does not do annual
assessments .

Who buys this notion that residential real
estate assessed values have gone up 20%,
commercial values from 5-10%-----yet
land values have remained level ?

Why is this relevant? Two of the current
Supervisors have land they own in the Land
Use Tax Exemption program. Another has land
in the program owned by his family.
Connecting the dots yet Spanky? This might
explain what Supervisor Ed Moren meant
when he pledged on his campaign signs last
fall ----LOWER TAXES (for the select few).

If you own a home in King William next
January when you get tagged with an even
higher real estate tax bill just know
.....Moren wasn't referring to you.

Bob Shannon

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

Letters to the Editor

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National Safe Boating Week

To say 2020 has been a strange year would be an understatement. The weather cannot make up its mind, the kids are on summer break, ALREADY, a trip to the grocery store is now a scavenger hunt, the Corona Virus has us all concerned and worried and we all have extra time on our hands. Along with all the 'honey do' tasks we are doing there is also time to prepare your boat for the season.

Now is the time to 'take the time' and check all of your PPE (personal protective equipment – where have we heard that before?) Are your life jackets in good shape, are your flares in date, do all of your lights, horn, etc. work properly, are your lines clean and usable? What other equipment do you have that needs to be in working order? You have time on your hands so take the time to ensure all is correct. We may not be able to do all the shopping we want but all the equipment we need is available on line.

Recently I have crossed the Rappahannock River at Tappahannock and I always visually

inspect the boats anchored near the bridge. I have seen at least a dozen boats out already but not one person in a life jacket. Everyone has been bundled up in coats and hats but no life jackets. That water is still cold and anyone falling overboard is in danger of not surviving. It may take 60 seconds to put on a life jacket that will save your life. That sounds like a good investment to me.

This time of year the USCG Auxiliary is usually teaching boating classes and inspecting boats but with the Pandemic we are on total stand down. As soon as the government allows us to resume our duties we will but until then you need to put forth that extra efforts to be sure all is safe.

I have always thought National Safe Boating WEEK was a misnomer. We should be boating safely at all times. Please be safe whenever you are on the water.

Ed Gray USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 3-10 Callao, Va.

Garden Club of the Middle Peninsula takes Local Students to Conservation Legislative Day



Each year members of the Garden Club of the Middle Peninsula (GCMP), along with over 125 other environmental organizations, attend Conservation Lobby Day in Richmond during the General Assembly session to ensure a strong conservation voice is heard. Members participate in pre-session webinars as a review of statewide environmental concerns. On legislative day, attendees hear State-level speakers, learn about current conservation-related bills, and follow-up with meetings with state legislators to discuss this important upcoming policy and legislation.

This year GCMP sponsored two students and one teacher from St. Margaret's School in Tappahannock to attend the event with them. As a charitable and educational organization, GCMP continually seeks to involve and promote educational opportunities for all local students. Along with GCMP members, students Chloe Fridley and Rebeca Meberg, as well as their teacher, Leslie Newman, attended meetings, reviewed important bills and spoke

with Delegates/Senators and/or their Legislative Aides regarding issues about which they were passionate. The students were enthusiastic and poised, posing tough questions to their local representatives, who were delighted to have this next generation involved. All agreed that with regard to Civics education there is no substitute for active involvement.

GCMP President, Anne Glubiak, commented that, "It was so forward-thinking of Head of School Cathy Sgroi to allow these students to take a school day to have such an important experience. They were able to take back to their government classes what it was like to go from meeting to meeting, be an actual part of the state-level legislative process, and address those who actually represent them. This is an opportunity to see that the inner workings of the General Assembly are so much more than a chapter in a textbook. It makes our Government process come alive, and they need to know how it works. We hope other students will be interested in the future."







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Church Calendar

Attention Churches! Please send your notices as you start services back up. Thank you!

CHRISTIAN

Corinth Christian Church

www.corinthchristianchurchkw.net
9153 Dabney's Mill Rd Manquin 23106

The Fix Ministry

4465 Mount Olive Cohoke Road, King William. Call for additional information (804) 774-5319

BAPTIST

Broadus Baptist Church Hebron Campus

3407 King William Rd Aylett, 779-2700
Facebook Broadus Church Hebron Campus www.broaduschurch.org

Bruington Baptist Church

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

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Mattaponi Baptist Church

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on Cohokoe Rd.in King William call or email Crystal L Carter (804)832 1308 Cartercrystal463@gmail. Com

New Life Community Church

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Olivet Baptist Church

pastor Terry Morrison

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

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901 Sharon Road across from King William High School. Office hours 9am-2pm Tue – Fri. 769-2320.

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www.tewcwestpoint.net

Third Union Baptist Church

Church Services via teleconferencing on Sunday mornings at 10:30AM. You can join our Church Service by dialing: 1-480-297-0773 Access code is; 3406642# We look forward to you joining us. We also encourage you to submit your tithes, offerings or donations online via our website at www.thirdunionbaptistchurch.com or you can mail checks payable to Third Union Baptist Church to TUBC PO Box 74, King William, VA 23086. Thank you & May God Bless you.

Upper King & Queen Baptist Church

1693 Bradley Farm Road Rev. Wade Wilkins - Pastor 804 769-8534

METHODIST

McKendree United Methodist Church

4347 Manfield Road, Manquin, Pastor Betty Jo Sims. www.Mckendree23106.org

EPISCOPAL

Immanuel Episcopal Church

190 Allen's Circle King & Queen Court House. For information on a particular Sunday, call 804-785-2122

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804-496-1002 stdavidsaylett.church

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St. John's Episcopal Church

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St. Paul's Millers Tavern

7924 Richmond Highway. 443-2341 www.stpaulsmillerstavern.org

St. James Presbyterian Church

(The church next to K.W. Courthouse) 411 Courthouse Lane. Rev. Dr. John Turner

ORTHODOX

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

694-K Sharon Road King William (804) 925-5888www.holytrinityorthodox.net

NON DENOMINATION

Women in the Word Community Bible Study!

(396 Newtown Road, St. Stephens Church E mail Melissa Rice at mrsmelissarice@aol.com.

GWATHMEY,

Continued from front page



Vehicles came and went down the lane of William Gwathmey's home in Walkerton to celebrate his special birthday

He has worked as a farmer, teacher, school principal, postmaster, and forest fire warden. Mr. Gwathmey is the last surviving charter member of the Upper King and Queen Ruritan Club and is still an active member. He previously served as the president of the King and Queen Farm Bureau. As a member of Bruington Baptist Church, he has served as a deacon, trustee, Sunday School teacher, moderator of the Mid-Tidewater Baptist Association and a member of the Virginia Baptist Board. He and Jean traveled to Tanzania, Hungary and Costa Rica on missionary building trips.

After the party, the family stated, "We want to thank everyone who came to share our father's special birthday party. Seeing the fifty eight vehicles, including a fire truck from Walkerton Fire Department, coming down our lane made our father very happy."

*Thanks to the Gwathmey family for personal information.

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 1st 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 qualified 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

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Tuesday, June 23, 2020

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WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT

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VOTER REGISTRATION

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Community Calendar

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

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Poroporone Church, lower K&Q Email wyatt.amyl@gmail.com or kelly.magovero@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.

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King William Democrats

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King and Queen County Public Schools

registering students for the 2020-21 Preschool program.

Heffler, continued from front page

Due to the virus and no gatherings of more than ten, the family decided to surprise Mr. Heffler with a party on the lawn with a big sign in the yard that said, "Honk, Honk it's my birthday" along with colorful balloons.

Mr. Heffler is well known throughout the surrounding area by "Junior," "Noonie," or "Juney." He was born in 1932 to James and Lucy Heffler at the Carter Homeplace nearby. He has one sister, Bernice Gay Wilson. In 1959 he married the love of his life, Joyce Shackelford, who passed away in November 2006. The couple had five children, Jerry Heffler, Cindy Simpkins, Dorothy Elliott, Donna Higgason and Carol Williams, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Since he was 11 years old, Mr. Heffler always had a yard full of cows, horses, pigs, chickens and goats. In his 30's he worked for the State Highway Department building bridges. During his 40's he started dealing livestock at local markets, delivering newspapers and truck

farming vegetables at the Richmond Farmers Market. His family stated his passion has always been for animals and he was a true livestock dealer at heart.

"Rarely can I go anywhere that people don't know my grandfather," says his granddaughter Rhonda Elliott. "You must be Noonie Heffler's" " is a weekly statement heard on her trips throughout the area nursing and providing home care to patients.

All afternoon the street was busy with a trail of cars and trucks honking to celebrate the community staple that has a story to tell anyone that will listen.

The family states, "It takes a lot to stop a family tradition of birthday celebrations even in a time of crisis. Six feet apart, sitting in lawn chairs, eating birthday cupcakes and waving at the greetings from the street. The family wants to thank everyone who came to share in this special day with our father and grandfather."

Jim Hall's Store, continued from front page

Story by Florence Cooke

The small country store known as Jim Hall's Store at the intersection of Route 30 and Rose Garden Road is now closed. Jim Hall often thought of retiring but he kept hanging in there until the Corona 19 virus and then he decided he needed a vacation.

Before the large grocery stores sprang up, each rural community had its own general store. At these stores could be found groceries, shoes, hardware, kerosene and gas, yard tools, household goods like curtains and dishes. These stores could also be the local Post Office.

In most of these stores the front door opened into the middle of the store. On either side of the doors were large counters made of wide boards

and behind the counters were large shelves going to the ceiling. In the back of the store was a large wood or coal stove that heated the whole building. This was the social hub of the community since this was the gathering place of the men to discuss life events.

This store was built in the 30's. Hilda's family, Clyde and Tolie Paul, ran the store for 20 years. When the Halls inherited the store, it was named Jim Hall's Crossroads and they ran it for 44 years. The store was noted for its delicious barbecue, steamed crabs and slab bacon.

Hilda stated, "The store still wants to operate so maybe someone else would like 44 great years."




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