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T.E.A. Party hears Militia Presentation



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KW County residents Jeremy Hester, Executive Officer, and Daniel Winters, Commander, are founders of the King William County Militia. Both men are honorably discharged US Navy combat veterans.

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Top officers of the recently formed King William County Virginia Militia explained the group's mission and structure at King William TEA Party's latest meeting.

Speaking to Thursday evening's gathering at Ripleys Family Restaurant, militia commander Daniel Winters and executive officer Jeremy Hester, both US Navy veterans and county residents, emphasized the organization's foundation under the US Constitution and Virginia law.

"The Code of Virginia identifies the 'unorganized militia' as all able-bodied residents between 16 and 55 who are US citizens," Winters noted, "that's the basis for who we are and what we do."

Hester explained that one of their first actions was to meet with King William's Sheriffs Department to offer assistance if needed in certain situations.

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

Remembering Eugene Rivara

By Gene Campbell

Every day is a gift... live it as such. Eugene Rivara most certainly lived his life to the fullest. Community leaders have many different temperaments and styles. Eugene led by example, always smiling and passionate in everything he did. His tragic and untimely death on September 12th was a shock to us all.

I came to know Eugene through the Mattaponi and Pamunkey Rivers Association (MPRA). He served four years as its President and was currently serving on the Board as Chairman of its Legislative/River Issues Committee. His family was always present at MPRA events such as the Annual River Clean Up and River Summer Camp. His passion for the Mattaponi River was instrumental in keeping Newport News Waterworks from building the King William Reservoir. He attended and spoke at many of the public hearings during the 20-year battle to save the Mattaponi River. MPRA member Dawn Shank said, "Eugene was one of the most civic-minded people I've ever met." Congressman Rob Wittman recognized Eugene's commitment to the environment and appointed him to the First Congressional District Environmental Advisory Board.

Eugene was a familiar face at the King William County Board of Supervisors meetings speaking many times to the causes he believed in. He spoke in a gentle but firm manner on the issues.

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Eugene receiving a Resolution of Appreciation from the King William Board of Supervisors last year.

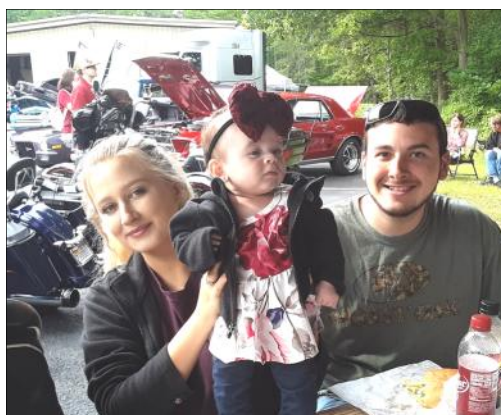
Mangohick Fire Department Hosts Community Day

By Florence Cooke

Mangohick Fire Department hosted its annual Community Day on Saturday, September 19th. The day was a perfect day for an event outside where there was something for everyone - a large car show, vendors selling their wares, a large silent auction, food from four food trucks, and swings and activities for the children.

Between 95 - 100 new and classic cars, pickups, a tractor trailer and a tow truck were on hand for the car show. One car group, Mopar with about 35 - 40 Dodge Chargers, had been to Williamsburg, Doswell and then to Mangohick. It is very interesting to walk around and talk to the owners of these vehicles and hear their car stories. Most of the owners sit together and compare notes. Andrea Jewell, a member of Mangohick stated, "This has been a wonderful day - beautiful weather, a large crowd bringing in vehicles for car show, vendors selling different items, a large silent auction, and many people from the community."

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Kelly & Jimmy with baby Kenslee Johns

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KQES First Month Back to School

Our first month back to school has been a success! KQES staff were so happy to open our doors to the students on September 8. Being able to see our students walk in the doors after almost 6 months made us all smile. We could see the smiles in our students' eyes as they saw their classmates and their new classrooms. The new school year may be different in comparison to last school year but here at KQES, we know we will have another phenomenal school year. Mrs. Donna Corleone
KQES Librarian Assistant



Publisher's Message



I know everyone is waiting for this COVID-19 to be long gone. It has shown me I have taken a lot for granted. For the past 14 years, Gail and I have gone to Carters Mountain to get apples for our annual APPLE CIDER DAY. Family and friends stop by for good food, hayrides, and fresh-pressed apple cider. We may cancel this year. I will greatly miss this family tradition. I enjoy taking some of the younger grandchildren to the Va. State Fair, that won't be happening this year; they too have decided to cancel due to COVID-19.

Be sure to vote, it is important now more than ever. We must vote in strong leaders who have the ability and strength to meet the coming challenges ahead. Choose the candidate that has the same vision you have for our country in the days ahead. We still live in the best nation in the world. All of us can do a little bit each day to make a better place for the community, and our country. The generations ahead deserve the best America we can leave them.

Gail Clark



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No State Fair

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

There is no State Fair this year because of the pandemic. I always like to go and see the mule and horse pulling. They are amazing animals. There is a lot of things to see like shows, music, and of course the rides.

They used to have a helicopter that for fifty dollars would take you up for a ride. I would always tell my wife "I sure would like to go for a ride in that helicopter." My wife would always say "That's too much money, fifty bucks is fifty bucks!" Every year was the same thing "No way, fifty bucks is fifty bucks!" Well one year the pilot overheard us and said "Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you up for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say a word, I won't charge you a penny! But if you say one word, it's fifty dollars!" My wife agreed, so we jumped in the helicopter and up we went. After a few minutes, the pilot started doing some trick maneuvers trying to get us to say something. I kept my mouth



closed tight. Then the pilot started rolling the helicopter on its side and almost upside down, but still not a word from me. When we finally landed, the pilot turned around and said "Allen, I did just about everything I could to get you to say something or yell out but you didn't. I'm impressed!" I told him "It was really hard to keep quiet. I almost said something when you turned us upside down and my wife fell out. But you know fifty bucks is fifty bucks!"

I'm just kidding with you.

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

Talented Local Artists Make Music

Story by Florence Cooke

Two local singers and musicians, Cecky Ropelewski of Walkerton and Dave Montgomery of Glen Allen, have known each other since junior high school at Brookland Junior School when both were in Chorus. They are good friends who come and go into each other's lives.

One day Dave asked Cecky to go riding with him. When she asked where they were going, he told her he was taking her for an audition with the Richmond Symphony. She went to the University of Richmond and met Dr. Jim Erb who taught music at University of Richmond. He established and conducted the Richmond Symphony. Cecky was a member of the chorus for over 40 years.

She has sung and played music all of her life – in school, church, Richmond Symphony Chorus and CAFUR, (Chorus of Alumni and Friends of University of Richmond which is now disbanded).

About four years ago Cecky started writing music – something she had never done before. The words came to her one night coming home. When she got home she wrote the words and decided to submit it for a new Virginia State Song competition. Her friend Dave volunteered to record the song. By the time she got it recorded, the competition was over.

When Dave heard the song, he asked her if she wanted to write music with him. They decided to make an album of twelve



Dave Montgomery & Cecky Ropelewski original songs with the lyrics and the music written by the pair. Local artists who accompanied Cecky and Dave on the album are Kristi Reynolds of Aylett on the piano and Andrew Magruder from Tappahannock who played the violin. The album is called "It's About Time" by Autumn Road.

Autumn Road is the name Cecky and Dave decided they wanted to call themselves. The name comes from the couple coming and going in each other's lives but now are on the same road and making music together as they are in the autumn of their lives.

Cecky states, "Dave has opened doors for me throughout my life. We have never had a cross word between us and are enjoying new adventures whenever we are together."

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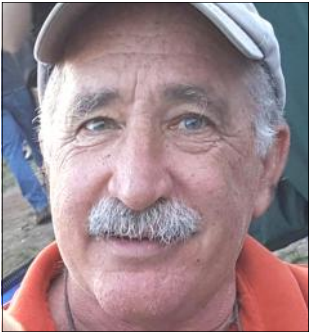
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Obituaries



RIVARA member and past president of the Mattaponi and Pamunkey Rivers Association, and a steadfast water protector with the Alliance to Save the Mattaponi over the two-decade long battle to stop the construction of a reservoir. He made a career of electrical and maintenance work and enjoyed the last few years of semi-retirement working in the pro shop at Queenfield golf course. Eugene's presence, heart, and love of music was immense. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Walkerton Community Fire Association, Virginia Public Media, or your local Sierra Club Chapter, or you may choose to continue his legacy of advocacy for youth and the environment through involvement in your local government and service to your community. Due to COVID, the church service will be private and a public celebration of life will be held later. The family would like to thank the community for the outpouring of support and King and Queen Emergency Services and the Walkerton Community Fire Association for their rapid response.

12th. Eugene was born and raised in Far Rockaway, New York, and is preceded in death by his parents Theresa & John, and brother-in-law Nick. He leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife Janet, daughters Kate, Cori, and Monica, son-in-law Christopher, two (almost three) grandchildren, along with siblings Louise, Rosemary, and John, brother-in-law Alan, best friend Nicky, a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins, as well as fellow river stewards and a beloved church family. Eugene was a devoted father who loved and served the community throughout the Middle Peninsula. He held positions on the King William County Planning Commission & Board of Supervisors, advisory boards for Parks and Recreation and the Department of Social Services, the vestry of St. David's Aylett and later St. Paul's Millers Tavern, and the Middle Peninsula Regional Planning Commission. Eugene coached and umpired Little League, was an active



NORMAN
N O R M A N , Joseph Henry, Jr., 85, of Mechanicsville, died peacefully at home surrounded by his family on September 15,

2020. He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy. He is survived by his sons, David (Susan), Gary (Stacia), Steve (Karol), and Rob; 10 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; brother, Dr. Robert Daniel Norman; and a very close family friend, Donnie Statzer. Joe devoted his life to his family, friends and community. He had a lifelong career as a professional structural engineer where he was one of the founding principals of Harris, Norman & Giles Consulting Engineers in Richmond, and president of Hanover Engineers. He served his community as a former member of the Hanover County Board of Supervisors, a Deacon at Mechanicsville Baptist Church, and as a mentor to many young men as a former Boy Scout Leader and Scoutmaster for Troop 544 in Mechanicsville. The family will receive friends on Sunday, September 20, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, and 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Mechanicsville Chapel of the Bennett Funeral Home, 8014 Lee Davis Rd., where a funeral service will be held on Monday, September 21, at 3:00pm. VIRTUAL ON-LINE SERVICE may be viewed at <https://tinyurl.com/y28ojbnh>. Interment will follow at Walnut Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cornerstone Food Bank, 8270 Richmond Tappahannock Hwy, Aylett, VA 23009, or to Feedmore, 1415 Rhoadmiller Street, Richmond, VA 23220. Online condolences may be registered at www.bennettfuneralhomes.com.



ULTHE
Uthe, Juanita G. Shannon of King William, went to be with her Savior and family on Sunday, August

30, 2020 from complications of Alzheimer's disease. Juanita was born on April 4, 1939 in Sharpsburg, PA., to Esther Kitzky and Paul Batory, and grew up in Linnesville, PA. Upon graduation she traveled the Mediterranean area before settling down in Ashtabula, Ohio. In the mid 80's she and her family moved south, first to North Carolina and Finally to King William, VA. Juanita worked in customer service most of her adult life with Time Warner Cable in Erie, PA., Time Life Books and Records in Richmond VA., and Captial One Credit Card also in Richmond. She also helped out with the family businesses in her spare time. Juanita is survived by her husband of 48 years, Thomas Uthe, sons Phillip Ross Shannon (Mary) of Dunnsville, VA., Sean Aaron Shannon (Monika) of Mechanicsville, VA., and Mark Paul Shannon of Philadelphia, PA., a daughter Coralee Laughner (Mark) of Erie, PA., step sons, Robert Thomas Uthe (Lisa) of Morrisville, NC., and Jeffrey Allen Uthe (Danielle) of Spring, TX., and her Cavalier Spaniel Charlie as well as nephew Curt Stetter (Sharon) of Phoenix and Bisbee, AZ. She is also survived by a very good friend Scott Regan (Grace) of Va. Beach, VA. Juanita has 13 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, no services will be held at this time. Her ashes will be interred in Edgewood Cemetery, Ashtabula, OH. Please make contributions to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America.



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PARSON

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She is survived by two daughters: Dolores Lipscomb and Ethel Williams both of King & Queen Courthouse.

The graveside service was held on Saturday, September 19 at Zion Baptist Church, 615 Zion Church Rd., King & Queen Courthouse. Rev. Marcus Hickman, Eulogist. Online condolences can be made to washingtonfh.com.

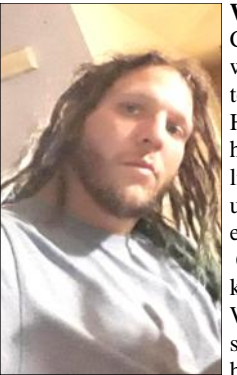
He leaves to cherish his memories his biological parents Cassie(Donnie)Warriner and Ray Walker. Four sons Christian, Kendall, Hunter and Houstyn. Three sisters: Krystin Eddy, Morgan Warriner-Gibbs and Alexia Walker. Six Brothers: Dale Hartman, Matthew Eddy, Blake and Jody Warriner, Dylan and Jackson Walker. One Aunt Nancy Johnson. One Uncle Frankie Hartman. One Niece Olivia Hartman, Devoted Cousins: Jennifer, Tammy and Bubbie. Also A Devoted Friend Laura Rogers and a host of many other family and friends. "Rest Easy Our Gentle Green Giant" WE LOVE YOU

GRAN



Kurt Edward Gran, 77, of Quinton, VA went to be with the Lord September 26, 2020 at his home. Kurt is survived by his wife of 55 years, Doris; son, Kurt E. Gran (Tracy); daughter, Marnie Creech (Kevin); four grandchildren, Victoria,

Joseph (Kylee), Hunter and Kensington; great-grandson, Grayson; and two step-grandchildren. The family will receive friends 12-4 PM, Saturday, October 10th at the American Legion Post #175, 8700 Bell Creek Rd., Mechanicsville, VA 23116. Tributes may be posted at www.vincentfh.com.



WALKER

Christopher Ray Walker was born April 21, 1989 to Aaron and Sherry Hartman (whom raised him). He departed this life September 19, 2020 unexpectedly at the early age of 31.

Chris as he was well known as attended King William County public schools. Chris always had a contagious smile on his face. He was a jack of all trades willing to help anyone he came in contact with regardless of how big or small the job was. He also loved working on cars, fishing, hunting, and spending time with his children, family and friends.



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Recognition at September School Board Meeting

At the September, 2020 School Board meeting, Emma Hundley, Director of Budget & Finance, recognized Pam Pate, Bookkeeper/Secretary for King and Queen Elementary School, for having no findings in the School Activity Fund Audit.

Pictured also are Shante Harvey, current principal at KQES (left), Pam Pate (center) and Allison Jordan (right), previous principal at KQES and she is now the Executive Director of Student Support



Emma Hundley & Pam Pate



Shante Harvey, current principal at KQES (left), Pam Pate (center) and Allison Jordan (right)



Mali Klausen graduated from Central High School with the class of 2020. Her awarded scholarships were: Edge Hill Alumni Association: \$1000, Colonial Farm Credit: \$2000, and Virginia Baptist Foundation (Salem Baptist Church) \$2500 Mali is taking classes at J. Sargeant Reynolds in the General Studies program.

REC Cares: Community Gives Continue



Rappahannock Electric Cooperative (REC) Area Branch of the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank; Winchester Rescue Mission; Front Royal CCAP; and the Boys and Girls Club of Madison.

“The coronavirus pandemic has impacted every aspect of people’s lives,” said Brian Wolfe, senior public relations specialist. “These community gives will help organizations that are facing a higher demand for emergency services, clothing, food and child-care needs.”

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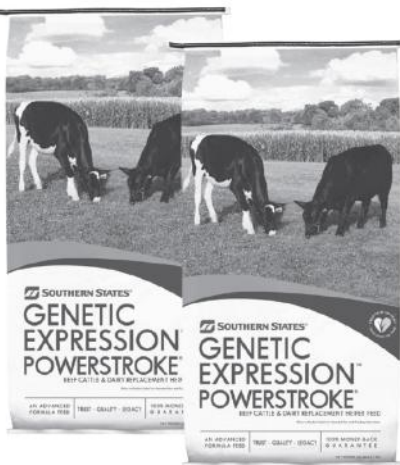
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In the article published by the Tidewater Review on Friday, September 11th, it was written: "Pearson's refusal to participate in the audit comes nearly six weeks after she declined to take part in the county's reassessment process, during which it was revealed that hundreds of properties weren't being taxed, that prompted County Administrator to initiate the performance audit of Pearson's office."

I would like to correct these misrepresentations one at a time.

"Hundreds of properties weren't being taxed"

It is a complete falsehood to state that "hundreds of properties weren't being taxed." In fact, these properties are considered "bundled tax parcels." Bundled parcels are multiple tax parcels that are administratively combined on one account, assessed as one large parcel, and collectively receive one tax bill for all acreage. These parcels were bundled during the 2015 Reassessment by an employee of the Finance Department. During that time there were NO inappropriately untaxed parcels. They were either taxed in a bundle, or were beneficiaries of tax-exempt status. These parcels were unbundled into separate parcels during the recent 2021 Reassessment by the County Administrator's assistant during an internal software conversion process. Moving forward, this unbundling will result in each of these tax parcels becoming taxed separately. Had I been involved in the reassessment process this year, and notified of the properties in question by the County Administrator, these issues could have been discussed and addressed in advance rather than Ms. Tassinari calling for an audit of my office at a \$17,500 expense to the taxpayers of this County.

"Pearson's refusal to participate in the audit."

Every year the office of the Commissioner of the Revenue is appropriately subjected to two external audits: one led by King William County contracted auditors and another by the Commonwealth of Virginia Auditor of Public Accounts. In 26 years and over 50 audits that I have served as Commissioner, my office has never received significant criticism. This includes the most recent audits this fiscal year in 2019 and June 2020. In a break from precedent, Ms. Tassinari ordered a third audit in the fiscal year to investigate the aforementioned "hundreds of untaxed parcels." I did not "refuse" to participate, but rather felt that it was a poor use of taxpayer dollars to finance an unnecessary audit in the middle of our office implementing a software conversion to a newer system that will address problems that we have had with our legacy system.

"She declined to take part in the county's reassessment process."

Every six years the county's reassessment is contracted to a third party to avoid internal bias and provide the taxpayers of King William County with a fair and equitable tax valuation of their property. This reassessment is coordinated by the County Administrator's office and not by the office of the Commissioner of the Revenue. However, in every prior reassessment, as a courtesy, the Commissioner's office met monthly with the appraiser to make sure everything for the completion of the reassessment was on track. This year's reassessment was different in that a deputy was hired from the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office to specifically work under the County Administrator as the main liaison between the county and the third-party assessor. This difference meant that the liaison took primary responsibility of the reassessment office and that I had less involvement than usual. When this deputy left on maternity leave two weeks prior to the reassessment completion, Ms. Tassinari had not backfilled the position or made any efforts to bring me up to speed on the progress of the reassessment. It is not clear to me why she behaved in this manner.

Tassinari was also upset that I refused to certify the assessor's values once they were submitted, but I have never done this in a reassessment for a specific reason. As Commissioner, I should not interfere with the work that the outside contractor is performing for the County Board of Supervisors. For example, if I were to enter the contracted assessor's file and change data and a discrepancy in values occurred it would be unclear whether a tax value was assessed by the County's contracted company, BrightMinds or if it was altered by myself. These are concerns that need to be handled after the reassessment to avoid confusion and a "he-said she-said" situation. I can be backed up on this by other commissioners and by assessors. I explained this to Tassinari, but she defaulted to accusing me of not participating.

In summary, I am extremely concerned by a recent lack of professionalism from the County Administrator, Bobbie Tassinari. Rather than even once discussing these concerns in a professional meeting like responsible government officials, I am troubled that I have been tried publicly and deemed guilty until proven innocent. I am disheartened about the precedent this sets for anyone who chooses to run for a constitutional office in King William County. Why should anyone want to participate in a government where they are open to the same kind of public attacks if they run afoul of the County Administrator? As a result of these publicly disseminated pieces of misinformation, many King William residents have lost sufficient faith in their government to the extent that they don't trust the Commissioner's office to honestly manage their taxes. Other communities across the state are watching the situation in King William and we don't look like the County I have known and loved for so many years.

Sincerely,
Sally W. Pearson, CPA, MCOR
Commissioner of the Revenue, King William County

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

For most of my life I have stayed away from political discussions, concerned that I might alienate people on whom I depended for my livelihood. Now that this is no longer a concern I would like to take a position in our upcoming election.

I have been caring for uninsured patients in the Cornerstone Free Clinic for the past decade and a half and have seen the impact on our patients with the passing of the Affordable Care Act and subsequently on the expansion of Medicaid in our state. Many people for whom we had been providing care have been able to get insurance coverage. This has been life changing for them. They have no worries about being seen by a healthcare provider when they need to and they are not threatened by economic ruin if they have an emergency, or God forbid, end up in the hospital.

We need to have a representative in Congress who wants to shore up the Affordable Care Act, not someone who has voted 42 times to abolish it like Mr. Wittman has done.

I have listened to a talk given by Qasim Rashid, read some of his writings, heard what he had to say when in the debate with Mr. Wittman, and I have come away very impressed with him. Not only is he concerned about preserving the insurance coverage for so many people at this very crucial time, but he actually believes the

scientists about the effects of climate change. Mr. Wittman may claim to have some background in science but he definitely does not show it. He just doggedly votes along party lines.

I know whom I want to represent me in the next Congress. Maybe we will finally get the accessible broadband that Mr. Wittman has been promising us for years.

Yours truly,
A.,W. Lewis, III, M.D.
Bruington, King and Queen

Dear Editor,

I have been wanting for some time to write a letter of appreciation for law enforcement. It has to be the hardest and least appreciated job ever. Please do not defund but consider raising their pay. I am really happy to live in King William County where I know I can depend on the police.

You recently had a letter disagreeing with John Kersey's letter. It's okay to disagree but is it necessary to say he is untrustworthy or that what he says is a falsehood. The "daily moment of silence" in schools only proves that God has been taken out of the classroom. The letter that was written by John Kersey in support of President Donald Trump was spot on. If VP Biden is elected, I fear what is in store

for this wonderful country of ours.

Right now the radical people in this country are in the process of erasing history. We need to learn from history not eradicate or change it. I was born at MCV in Richmond, but I do not want to go into Richmond now. All statues have been defaced by vandals and removed by a mayor who simply wanted to move them. You cannot appease a mob, they only come back for more. How racist could this country be when the people elected Barack Obama to the presidency twice. Please keep our country and this president in your prayers. God bless the USA.

Sincerely,
Evelyn Pearce
King William

Dear Editor,

Deferring judgment until both sides are heard

I would like to express my concern regarding recent negative press of the Commissioner of the Revenue's office. My mother, Sally Pearson, has been the victim of a one-sided assault that has launched accusations regarding complex issues without evidence or opportunity for rebuttal. Sally has been reelected by King William's voters six times due to years of satisfactory service. The recent scrutinization of the commissioner's office seems to have made some people in King William forget this. Don't we owe it to our Commissioner's office to equally hear

its statements regarding these accusations?

Let us not forget that Sally Pearson moved to King William to serve as the Commissioner and went on to proudly raise her two children here in the public school systems, attend church in the community, and participate in numerous organizations in King William. Yet local media seems to be largely focused on providing a platform for the vocal minority - an administrator who recently moved to King William from Texas, as well as one disgruntled citizen who lost against her in last year's election. I have always been proud of the strength of the community in King William, and the shared experiences that we have. It is simultaneously good to both welcome new community members and to regularly audit our local officials' offices. But we should not forget to hear the voice of someone who has proudly served and strengthened our small community for so many years.

Katie Payne
King William

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Ethan Davis with his winning photo "Misty Mattaponi"

Lindsay Fogg Thompson would like to share some news about her son, Ethan Davis. Ethan is a 10th grade student at King William High School and recently entered a youth photography contest for the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Out of 270 applicants, Ethan's photo, "Misty Mattaponi" was selected as the winner. He now qualifies to enter the national competition in December 2020. Ethan used the time during the spring school closure to teach himself about photography.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Section 15.2-2204 of the Code of Virginia, on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., the King & Queen County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing in the General District Courtroom, of the King & Queen Courts and Administration Building, King & Queen Court House, Virginia, to consider the following:

A. 15.2-2316.6-15.2-2316.9- Siting of solar facilities

Consideration of a Siting Agreement which sets forth certain contractual terms between the applicant and the County including the decommissioning of the facility and the financial compensation to be paid to the County by the applicant once the facility has commenced commercial operations. The compensation includes \$4,000,000.00 to be used for providing fiber based broadband services to the County and an annual payment for the life of the facility. An approval of the Siting Agreement shall deem that the facility is substantially in accord with the Comprehensive Plan.

B. 15.2-2232(H) - Legal status of plan (APPEAL)

An appeal from a determination by the Planning Commission that this facility is not substantially in accord with the comprehensive plan. "A solar facility subject to subsection A shall be deemed to be substantially in accord with the comprehensive plan if (i) such proposed solar facility is located in a zoning district that allows such solar facilities by right or (ii) such proposed solar facility is designed to serve the electricity or thermal needs of the property upon which such facility is located, or will be owned or operated by an eligible customer-generator or eligible agricultural customer-generator under § 56-594 or by a small agricultural generator under § 56-594.2. All other solar facilities shall be reviewed for substantial accord with the comprehensive plan in accordance with this section. However, a locality may allow for a substantial accord review for such solar facilities to be advertised and approved concurrently in a public hearing process with a rezoning, special exception, or other approval process." NOTE: If the Siting Agreement is approved, this facility shall be deemed to be substantially in accord with the Comprehensive Plan.

C. CUP18-01 and SP18-04 – Open Road Renewables – Walnut Solar I, LLC

The applicant originally requested a 110 MW utility scale solar energy facility, now requests a 149.9 MW utility scale solar energy facility with no increase to the facility footprint. The subject properties are located south of Lewis B Puller Memorial Highway, north of Taylorsville Road, east of Pear Tree Avenue, and east of York River Road, consisting of approximately of 1,698 acres, in the Buena Vista Magisterial District, County Tax Map Numbers 1623-134R-650, 1623-134R-650D, 1623-134R-199, 1623-65L-222, 1623-134R-653, 1623-134R-637A, 1623-134R-637C, 1623-134R-653A, 1623-134R-637B, 1623-134R-637, 1623-134R-638, 1623-134R-639, 1623-134R-649, 1623-134R-649A1, 1623-134R-183C, 1623-134R-454, 1623-134L-454B, 1623-134R-649A, and 1623-134R-637D.

A copy of the above mentioned proposal may be reviewed in the Office of the Zoning Administrator, King & Queen County Courts and Administration Building, King & Queen Court House, Virginia, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Letters to the Editor, continued from page 12

Dear Editor,
The Great Pretenders

I know some of you remember The Platters and their big hit, *The Great Pretender*...

“Oh-oh, yes I'm the great pretender
Adrift in a world of my own
I've played the game but to my real shame
You've left me to grieve all alone.”

Some recently departed pretenders are McCain, Cummings, and Lewis. You know the old adage – death and taxes. McCain seemed to be consumed with himself; Cummings and Lewis with hate for our president and anything conservative.

The has-been pretenders, such as the Clintons, Gore, Kasich, Kerry, Powell, and other washed-ups, try to hang on to any shred of relevance, and humiliated themselves on national TV at the recent hate-fest, that is, the Democrat convention. These, and others like them, never stood for anything, but took positions based on which way the political and cultural winds blew.

The halls of congress are full of pretenders from both parties, some more glaring than others. I suspect they end up as in the song – alone. Think about it – other than to gain a political favor, who wants to hang around arrogance, self-worship, lying, deception, and corruption?!

There are the distasteful, empty suit, run of the mill pretenders like Clyburn, Durbin, Nadler, Romney, Schiff, Schumer, and their kind. They are hypocrites, and worse, but may not have achieved the level of evil held by some of their cohorts.

Then there are the consummately corrupt, self-serving, cultivated pretenders like Brennan, Clapper, Comey, Holder, Obama, Rice, and their ilk. These were willing to conspire and break any law in order to serve themselves, not the American citizens. They had the gall to pretend to be patriots!

Having heard Ted Wheeler’s, Mayor of

Portland OR, 8/30/20, speech after the previous night’s homicide, we must include this miserable excuse for a public servant. He rattled off a litany of false accusations on President Trump before shifting total blame for his city’s lawlessness and anarchy, to our president. What a pitiful, feckless, little man pretending to care about his city.

But there’s a special case, the queen mother of pretenders – the scarfed, shameless speaker of the House, Pelosi.

She orchestrated an elaborate, showy, so-called homage to George Floyd, where she and comrades wore special shawls and kneeled in silence. They either didn’t know or didn’t care that their pandering, hypocrisy, and fake appeasement would be obvious to most people.

She pretends to be an authentic Catholic, but supports abortion and vile Planned Parenthood which markets dissected baby parts.

She pretends to care about the safety of Americans, but agrees with radicals to defund police, while she has private security and lives behind secure walls.

She pretends morality, integrity, and religiosity with carefully chosen words like “prayer,” all the while, ever pursuing her amoral agenda that’s decidedly destructive for America.

Aren’t we ordinary folks thankful for the blessings that come from being real!

Gary Hulsey

Letter to Editor; Dahlonga Nugget; September 9, 2020; "My view of the 'Great Pretenders' - Submitted to *Country Courier* Letter to Editor by Wayne Owens

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King William Parks and Recreation
Upcoming Programs/events!

Fitness Classes – Cardio, Core and More and Early Morning Blast - Starting November
Soccer Club - Starting the week of September 21,
Dog Park Training Class- Start Date TBA
VADGIF Community Day- FREE EVENT – October 3, 2020 - 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m.
Music in the Park-October 17, – 6:00-9:00p.m.
Movie in the Park- October 30, – 6:30-8:30p.m. – Kids Halloween Movie 8:30-10:30p.m. Adult Halloween Movie
Floral Centerpiece Class (Partnered

with King William Florist) - November 2020
Floral Wreath Making Class (Partnered with King William Florist) - December 2020
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Dear Editor,
Concerns about Islam

I read the entire Qur’an, the holy scripture of Islam, trying to determine whether Muslims practice a religion of peace. The Qur’an is broken down into the sura, which are like chapters. Below are chapter and verse references from the Abdel Haleem version of the Qur’an. He is an Islamic professor in London.

Violence

8:17 (on battling disbelievers) “It was not you who killed them but God.” Is it peaceful to fight disbelievers and kill them and blame God for killing?

5:33 “Those who wage war against God and his messenger (Muhammad) and strive to spread corruption in the land should be punished by death, crucifixion, the amputation of an alternate hand and foot, or banishment from the land.” Is this a tolerant way to treat people who believe something different than you? Is it peaceful to brand someone different as a spreader of corruption and then kill them? 47:4 – 5 “He will not let the deeds of those who are killed for his cause come to nothing. He will guide them and put their hearts at rest; he will admit them into the Garden.” What did the 9/11 terrorists expect when they served God’s commands of violence?

Women’s rights

4:34 “If you fear high handedness from your wives, remind them, then ignore them when you go to bed, then hit them. If they obey you, you have no right to act against them.” Would you be scared for your daughter to marry a Muslim? What if she disagreed enough to disobey?

Prejudice

I counted 132 times that the Qur’an condemns disbelievers to hell. Is this

evidence of tolerance of people who are different?

48:28-9 “It was he who sent his messenger, with guidance and the religion of truth, to show that it is above all religions. God suffices as a witness: Muhammad is the messenger of God.” Is it not prejudiced to believe that you are above all other religions.

9:29 “Fight those people of the book (Bible) who do not believe in God and the last day, who do not forbid what God and his messenger have forbidden, who do not obey the rule of justice, until they pay the tax promptly and agree to submit.” Is it prejudiced to attack others who practice different religion? Is it peaceful to force them to pay a tax and submit because they are different?

Kidnapping and ransom

7:4 “When you meet the disbelievers in battle, strike them on the neck, and once they are defeated, bind captives firmly – later you can release them as a grace or for ransom.” Do we understand why Muslims of Hezbollah kidnapped Americans for ransom in Lebanon, or why Islamic Somalians pirated ships for ransom, or why Filipino Muslims take captives for ransom?

Recite

27:92 “I am commanded to recite the Qur’an.” If Muslims are reciting passages like those above, is it any wonder that some of them turn to violence? Perhaps we should be concerned about the violence of the Scripture of Islam. Rather than electing Muslims to public office, we should engage them in conversation over whether Scripture that teaches violence is acceptable. Or does it get people like those on 9/11, Yazidis, and others killed?

Respectfully submitted,
Ben Munford
Aylett

Aylett Toy for Tots

‘Aylett Toy for Tots’ Christmas Campaign
The classic toy collection drive has just begun! The aim of this campaign is to collect and distribute toys and gifts to children in King and Queen, King William, WestPoint, New Kent, Essex and surrounding counties. Toys donated locally are distributed locally. ‘Aylett Toys for Tots’ is the local coordinating organization for the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program and covers ten counties where there is no reserve unit. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is a 73-year national charitable program that provides happiness and hope to children during each Christmas holiday season. The toys, books and other gifts collected and distributed by the Marines offer these children confidence and a positive memory for a lifetime and such experiences help children become responsible citizens and caring members of their community. Last year the Marine Corps fulfilled the holiday hopes and dreams of 7 million less fortunate children in over 800 communities nationwide. Since 1947 over 265 mil-



lion children have been assisted. Join in and help share the ‘Joy of Christmas’ to children in need. □ Donations can be made online: <https://aylett-va.toysfortots.org/localcoordinator-sites/lco-sites/local-donate.aspx> □ Checks may be written to ‘Toys for Tots’ and mailed to ‘Aylett Toys for Tots’, P.O. Box 68, Aylett, VA 23009. □ New toys can be dropped off at ‘The CornerStone Community Development Center’ in Aylett. For families requesting a toy, an online application is available and the last date to request a toy for a child is December 9th . Last year, 5290 toys were distributed to 2103 children. It all started with one handmade doll in 1947. ‘Aylett Toys for Tots’, Christmas Campaign 2020 Telephone: 804 885 0035 / Email: aylett.va.t4t@gmail.com Website: <https://aylett-va.toysfortots.org>

Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney

On September 16, 2020, Travis Shearer Farmer, 48, was sentenced to 7 years of active incarceration after being convicted of numerous domestic violence related offenses. Previously, on July 1, 2020, Mr. Farmer plead guilty to two felony charges of violating a protective order, third offense. On that same date he was tried and convicted of three misdemeanors: assault and battery of a family or household member, destruction of property, and destroying a phone to prevent a call to 911. A PreSentence Report was ordered, and the matter was continued to the September 16 hearing in the Circuit Court of King William County. The Court sentenced Mr. Farmer to 5 years in prison, with 2 years of active incarceration on each of the two felony charges and 12 months active incarceration on each of the three misdemeanors. He was also ordered to have no contact of any sort with the victim in the case. The evidence presented to the Court by Commonwealth's Attorney Matthew Kite showed that on January 5, 2020, Mr. Farmer attacked a girlfriend by grabbing her by the hair and slamming her head against a wall. Mr. Farmer also punched the victim several times in the head and pulled her by the hair down a hallway. During the incident, Mr. Farmer destroyed the victim's phone in order to prevent her from calling 911. The victim went to a neighbor's home to call for help. Mr. Farmer left the residence before law enforcement arrived, but he was apprehended by West Point Police a short time later. As a result of the assault and battery charge, a Protective Order was entered prohibiting Mr. Farmer from any contact with the victim. While incarcerated awaiting trial for the assault and battery and related charges, Mr. Farmer on at least two occasions directed his ex-wife to contact the victim and relay messages telling her "not to come to court." Mr. Farmer was previously convicted in 2011 of two misdemeanor offenses of violation of protective orders, and in 2012 of a felony violation of protective order. A probation violation in the felony matter is forthcoming. Commonwealth's Attorney Matthew Kite had the following statement: "We are glad that the victim in this matter had the strength to call law enforcement after she was assaulted, and then to stay with the case despite Mr. Farmer's attempts to silence her. Mr. Farmer has shown by his actions in this case, as well by his track history, that a lengthy incarceration sentence is justified and appropriate."

Militia, continued from front page

"We're purely defensive, prepared and trained to help local and state law enforcement authorities," Hester said.

Winters said that membership has grown to several dozen local residents, mostly US military veterans, and newcomers are invited. Veterans are strongly encouraged to join, but no experience is necessary. "All prospects are carefully screened, he said, and we enforce a strict code of conduct."

The group's information handout has a formal Statement of Purpose:

"King William County, VA Militia's purpose is to protect and defend the United States and our Constitutional form of Government; to protect and promote the well-being of the citizens of King William County, and surrounding

areas; to assist our community with any natural or man-made disasters; as well as to provide back-up assistance to state and local law enforcement agencies, including King William Sheriff's Department and Virginia State Police."

For more information on volunteering, email KW1stbattalion@gmail.com

DISCLAIMER: In the interests of hearing from a wide variety of individuals and groups, King William T.E.A. Party (Taxed Enough Already) takes no position on those invited to present information. See www.kwteaparty.com and Facebook . Email the Secretary at RBRUCEPIX@aol.com if you would like to be considered for a speaking slot at one of our regular meetings.

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Community Day, continued from front page



1942 Willys



People lined up for the vendors.



This is a fundraiser that Mangohick Fire Department does for the community to enjoy. Instead of our department serving food this year, we asked local food trucks to come so we can support local businesses. We want the community to come and enjoy themselves.

A big "thank you" to the many members who turned out to help, the vendors, the people who gave items for the silent auction, and the community for their continued support. This is our way of giving back to the community. THANK YOU COMMUNITY FOR SUPPORTING THE MANGOICK FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

Church Calendar

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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

Beulah Baptist Church

invites you to worship with us at 10 AM each Sunday. Choose to worship in the sanctuary (abiding by state guide lines) or drive-in. View Pastor Shepards' sermons via link to YouTube at www.beulahbaptistva.org/ Beulah is located at 4805 West River Road near Dorrell Road intersection.

Bruington Baptist Church

4784 The Trail, Bruington, King and Queen County. Abbreviated Worship Service Sundays 11 a.m. Face coverings required and social distancing recommendations observed. No hymnals or bulletins in use. Sanctuary sanitized before and after service. Rev. Fred Skaggs 804-347-7285.

Broadus Church Hebron Campus

Sunday 9:00AM Drive-In Service, Sunday School for teens and adults at 10:15. Children Sunday School on-line at www.broadus church.org, e-mail us for activity kits. Our fall groups begin on Sept 22nd, on Tuesday Nights at 6:30 Women's Study "Breaking Free" and Wednesdays at 6:30 we will offer a "Christian Recovery Group" Come join us as we grow closer to God and build up one another in spirit and in truth. You can follow us on Facebook Broadus Church Hebron Campus or join us in person at 3407 King William Road Aylett 23009, phone 779-2700.

Colosse Baptist Church

769-2729, someone will return your call.

Crossroads Mission Center

694-K Sharon Rd, King William beside the Library

Kingdom of God

Living Water Ministry

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

Mattaponi Baptist Church

Mattaponi Baptist Church (Circa 1700s). welcomes everyone to hear the music ministry and the teachings from God's word by our new minister, Rev. Stephen Rountree. Worship services at 11am or virtually by visiting https://zoom.us/j/871964216. Be sure to "like" our Facebook page listed under Mattaponi Baptist Church to learn all the great things God is doing for our church including Bible Study.

Mount Olive Baptist Church

on Cohokoe Rd. in King William

New Life Community Church

109 Commons Park Cir, Ste. J. Manquin 23106

Olivet Baptist Church

Pastor Terry Morrison

Poroporone Baptist Church

We are currently offering the following Sunday Services: 9am Worship Service in the Sanctuary 11am Worship Service in the Sanctuary and LIVE on our Facebook page! **We are following Social Distancing guidelines including cleaning the Sanctuary after every Service.* Bible Study is LIVE 7pm on Wednesdays. Please join us at: www.Facebook.com/PoroporoneBaptistChurch for our LIVE services, for any changes to our schedule, upcoming Events & more!

Providence Baptist Church

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

Rock Spring Baptist Church

We will be selling Steak & Grilled Chicken Dinners on Saturday, October 3, from 4:00pm – 7:00pm. Dinners include Steak or Grilled Chicken,

Baked Potato, Green Beans, Roll, and a Dessert. Dinners will be prepared by Billy Robinson. Come out and join us at 4134 Manfield Rd, Aylett, VA 23009. To purchase tickets, please contact one of the following members: Micheal Eggleston (804) 769-0189, Latesha Brown (804) 366-8310, Cassandra Johnson (804) 616-0286 or Tammy Upshaw (804) 370-2849. Curbside Pickup Only!!!

Sharon Baptist Church

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

The Edge Worship Centre

460 14th St. West Point.

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

Service in sanctuary at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday with social distancing and masks. 1693 Bradley Farm Road Rev. Wade Wilkins - Pastor 804 769-8534

METHODIST

McKendree United Methodist Church

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Pick up between 4 and 7 PM at 4347 Manfield Rd., Aylett, VA. Proceeds benefit McKendree's Building Fund.

EPISCOPAL

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Upcoming Virtual Programs at Pamunkey Regional Library

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Thursday, October 1- Saturday, October 31 Ages 18 & up. We're looking for your work for a virtual art exhibit! Send photo/scan of your choice, along with name to ask@pamunkeylibrary.org, subject: Artober Art Exhibit. We'll display it on our website at <https://tinyurl.com/prladults> and on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/PamunkeyLibrary> through the month of October.

Genetic Genealogy
Thursday, October 8 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Ages 18 & up Registration is required at <https://pamunkeylibrary.libcal.com/event/7126718>. This program is hosted virtually through Zoom, and the meeting link will be sent to the email registered 1 day before the event occurs. Mechanicsville Branch Library at 804-559-0654. **Atlee Virtual Book Club** Wednesday, October 7, 11:00 a.m. - noon Ages 18 & up Stop by the Atlee Branch Library to pick up a copy curbside or at the circulation desk or download it from hoopla in our Digital Library (<https://tinyurl.com/prldigilib>). Registration is required at <https://pamunkeylibrary.libcal.com/event/7099827>. Atlee Branch at 804-559-0654.

DIY Spa Day

Saturday, October 10 Ages: 12 & up. YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/pamunkeylibrary> or visit www.tinyurl.com/prlteen to watch the video. Panel Discussion for New Homeschoolers Monday, October 12, Ages 18 & up. Registration is required at <https://pamunkeylibrary.libcal.com/event/7126856>. Mechanicsville Branch at 804-559-0654. **STEAM** Tuesday, October 13, all day Ages: 6 & up Starting Oct. 13, go to our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/pamunkeylibrary> or visit www.tinyurl.com/prlchildrens to watch the video. Mechanicsville Branch Library at 804-559-0654. Backyard Citizen Science Thursday, October 15, all day Ages 18 & up. Starting Oct. 15, go to our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/pamunkeylibrary> or visit <https://tinyurl.com/prladults> to watch the video. Ashland Branch Library at 804-798-4072. Family Trivia Night Friday, October 16, 4:45 - 5:45 p.m. Grades K-5 Registration is required at <https://pamunkeylibrary.libcal.com/event/7102081>. Cochrane Rockville Branch Library at 804-749-3146. **STEAM- 21 Elephants** Tuesday, October 20, all day Ages 6 & up .

Starting, Oct. 20, go to our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/pamunkeylibrary> or visit www.tinyurl.com/prlchildrens to watch the video. Goochland Branch at 804-556-4774. Author Chat with Donna Russo Morin Thursday, October 22, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Ages 18 & up Facebook Live (<https://www.facebook.com/PamunkeyLibrary/live/>) ask@pamunkeylibrary.org Kids' Lego Club Friday, October 23, 3:30 - 4:30pm

Grades K-5 Registration required at <https://pamunkeylibrary.libcal.com/event/7100857> ask@pamunkeylibrary.org or call the Atlee Branch Library at 804-559-0654. Wizard of Oz with Bright Star Touring Theater Saturday, October 24, all day . Starting Oct. 24, go to our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/pamunkeylibrary> or visit www.tinyurl.com/prlchildrens to watch the video. Terrifying Teen Tales Thursday, October 29, all day Ages 12 & up Starting Oct. 29, go to our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/pamunkeylibrary> or visit www.tinyurl.com/prlteens to watch the video. West Point Branch Library at 804-843-3244.

Thursday, October 29, all day

Ages 12 & up Starting Oct. 29, go to our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/pamunkeylibrary> or visit www.tinyurl.com/prlteens to watch the video. West Point Branch Library at 804-843-3244.

Girl Scout Troop 4217

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

VFW and Auxiliary 8356

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

VFW Post 9501

VFW Post & Auxiliary Central Garage. Commander James Brown 804-337-7029 for Post membership and F. Gwathmey 994-2947 for Auxiliary membership.

American Legion Post 314

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KW Children First Lions Club

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Girl Scout Troop 1132

Mattaponi Vol. Rescue Squad Building.

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Mattaponi Crime Solvers

serving King & Queen, King William, and town of West Point Tip line:(804) 769-3000 For more info on the Crime Solvers, contact: KQKWSolvers@aol.com.

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King William T.E.A. Party

Our twice-monthly in-person meetings have resumed on the second and fourth Thursdays each month. Info at kwteaparty.com and Facebook Come for the fellowship of patriots and the latest on what's happening at local, state and national levels. KWTP's meetings are open to all citizens of good will.

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King William Democrats

Rashid, Warner and Biden yard signs are in! Be sure you're registered and the correct address is on file. Deadline is October 13th. Early Voting is open at the Registrar's Office! Requested absentee ballots were mailed on 9/18; you can mail it back or drop it off at the Registrar's Office. Go to www.kwdemocrats.org or email kwdems@gmail.com for help.

King and Queen Democratic Committee Meeting

Dayspring Farm, 942 Buena Vista Rd, Cologne Thursday October 1 at 6 pm. All who are interested in electing Democratic candidates in this fall's election are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held in an open area of the barn, weather permitting, and all are asked to follow the recommended health precautions including wearing face masks and social distancing. For more information contact Charlie and Miriam Maloney at 804-785-9401, dayspringfarm@aol.com.

Upper King & Queen Ruritan

BBQ take out Saturday from 4-6 pm.

Kennington Community - Saturday, October 3rd 8am - 2pm wide neighborhood yard sale - Rain or Shine. Route 360 - One mile east of Central Garage stoplight.

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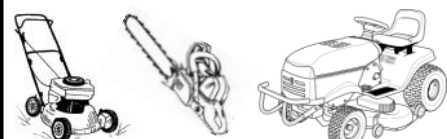


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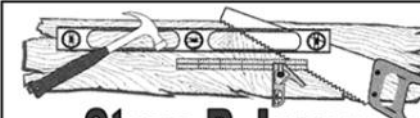
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