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Happy Thanksgiving!



McKendree United Methodist Church Donate Food Items to Sheriff's Department

By Gene Campbell

In these times of uncertainty and unrest across our nation one thing is for sure in King William County... our law enforcement personnel are always there for us in time of need. To show appreciation for all they do, members of McKendree United Methodist Church and several friends in the community recently gathered large boxes of

fruit and snacks and presented them to the Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Jeff Walton said McKendree was the first group in the community to honor his staff in such a unique way. The next time you see a police officer THANK THEM FOR THEIR SERVICE.....and that goes for military personnel too.



McKendree United Methodist Church members (left to right) Suzy Unruh, Libby Hadley, Donna Haynes and Pastor Betty Jo Sims (middle back row) present fruits and snacks to Officers Tim Hixenbaugh (far left) and Austin Campbell (far right).



The trailer in flames broke loose from the truck in Hanover county while traveling the wrong direction in the Eastbound lane. Photo by Megan Sibley

Fiery High Speed Chase

By Armistead Saffer

Around 6:00 pm on Tuesday, November 17th, Facebook was immediately filled with reports of a high-speed chase coming through our area. In the true spirit of 2020 events, the chase involved a truck dragging a trailer that had overturned and had caught on fire leaving a trail of sparks and small fires along the way. One person compared the scene to the movie *Back to the Future* when the DeLorean transported Marty McFly to 1955 leaving a trail of flames and sparks. The most popular video showed the chase passing by while playing "East Bound and Down", the theme song to the movie *Smokey and the Bandit*.

The chase started in Essex county and continued

westbound on RT-360 through King & Queen and King William and finally ended in Hanover when the truck ran out of tires and was riding on the rims and could go no farther.

According to the Virginia State Police, the 2006 GMC Envoy crossed over the median and was traveling westbound on the eastbound lanes of RT-360. The trailer broke free just past Pole Green Road. The driver, a 48-year-old man from North Carolina, was apprehended near Walnut Grove Road. The chase covered about 40 miles. Several cars and mailboxes were hit along the way, as well as a few small fires were started on the roadside. No injuries were reported other than the driver, and charges are pending.



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Jason Upshaw Does it All



Story by Florence Cooke
Picture courtesy Jason Upshaw

Jason Upshaw is a 38-year-old Walkerton resident who helps many Walkerton families and the local community with their lawn care needs, junk removal, painting, auto detail, gravel and dirt delivery, power washing, and delivering firewood.

When asked about doing an article on this young man, he was asked to make some notes on himself to save time. He responded with a well-written summary of his life and work history. His summary is the history of Jason Upshaw.

"My parents, Walker and Dora Ann Upshaw, always told me that if wanted some-

thing in life, I had to work hard for it. As a kid, I liked having my own money, so I would get off the bus at a lady's house and pull weeds, plant flowers, and do other household chores in order to get money in my pocket. I loved being outside and I would get on my dad's nerves always wanting to cut grass and help him paint around the house.

I learned a lot about cutting trees, driving a tractor, and working hard from my grandfather, Zander "Hoss" Weeden. There was never a dull moment tagging along behind him. He also gave me my first chew of tobacco.

Please see **JASON**, continued on page 14.

Publisher's Message



This Thanksgiving may be somewhat different from those in the past, but we can still give thanks for the many blessings we have in our lives. Reach out to those you love and care about, let them know you are thinking of them. From everyone here at the *Country Courier* have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

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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Leave "Pretty" on the Porch

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

That's what my Grandpa used to say about his hunting dogs. I guess he meant that he cared more about how good they were at hunting rather than how good they looked while doing it. I used to ask him about a certain dog and he would reply "That dog won't even chase a biscuit!" It's like the old saying that good looks will only get you so far.

The same thing could be said about horses and mules. A lot of old farmers cared more about how well an animal could pull a plow or wagon rather than their looks. We don't use them as much today to work because of modern technology, so most of our horses and mules are for pleasure only. We do have shows that can simulate how



well they perform at certain things like cutting cows out of a herd or their athletic ability at jumping or pulling.

I enjoy watching people show their animals and the amazing things they can do. Fall is a good time for trail riding and working with your animals to teach them new things. Enjoy the cooler days to come and stay safe.

Pip and I have so much to be thankful for this holiday season. We hope you have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

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

Special Election Set for February 2nd

By Gene Campbell

'Election' has certainly been the buzz word lately and King William County has one more election to conduct before returning to the normal election cycle we are accustomed to. A special election will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, to fill the vacant positions of County Treasurer, Commissioner of Revenue, and District Four (4) School Board member. With the retirement of long-time Treasurer Harry Whitt and the recent resignation of Commissioner of Revenue

Sally Pearson and School Board member Lindsay Robinson, a special election became necessary to fill these unexpired terms.

People interested in running for these positions need to contact the General Registrar's office at 804-769-4952 for more information and pick up election packets. All packets must be completed and returned by December 4, 2020, in order to get their names on the ballot. The winners of each position will fill that position through the end of the unexpired term of December 31, 2023.

Thank You

I would like to thank all the kind people who helped me out when I got stuck in the parking lot at the voting polls. From the very helpful people who tried to help me push it out to the couple who backed their truck up to my car and with the help of

another gentleman pulled me out. May God bless you all. You were certainly a true blessing to me.

Wendy Fleming
Aylett

Obituary

MUNDY

MUNDY, Lois Lipscomb, 90, of Aylett, Va., passed away Thursday, October 29, 2020. She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd T. Mundy of 63 years. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-

law, Tommy and Cathy Mundy; two grandsons, Larry, Kevin and his wife, Jaime Mundy; two great grandsons, Nathan and Nicholas Mundy; one sister, Grace W. Gammon (Carroll), all of Aylett. All services will be private.

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King William County Parks and Recreation

would like to announce the opening of the Community Center on December



Cameron Cooksey, Kayla Huffman, Allison Patterson, Brandon Walsh

14th! The Community Center will be open from 8:30a.m. to 6:00p.m. Monday – Friday at 7890 Richmond Tappahannock Highway Aylett, VA 23009. You will be able to enjoy a fresh cup of coffee, the latest copy of the newspapers, games, high-speed internet and printing capability (up to 10 pages).

Our free community event at the Park on Oct. 3rd was tons of fun!!! A huge thank you to the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources, the Virginia Department of Forestry, Back Country Hunters and Anglers, and the Mattaponi & Pamunkey River Association who came to share fun activities and demonstrations with the community.

Parks and Recreation has brought SOCCER back to the community. We wanted to offer something during these challenging times that would allow kids to participate in a sport without having to travel outside of the community. Thanks to all the volunteer coaches for sharing their time and knowledge of the sport! We are looking forward to

another soccer club in the spring of 2021. Our goal is to take all the skills and knowledge that the kids have learned from both the fall and spring club seasons and transition into a competitive soccer league in the fall of 2021.

October saw our two biggest events of the year so far, with Music and Movies in the Park being a huge success. Both Cody Spicer, originally from King William, and Alex Pierce gave the crowd a great performance under the fields bright lights. On the night before Halloween, families came out with their kids in costume to enjoy a movie outside under the stars. We greatly appreciate all of the community members who came out to enjoy a fun evening in our beautiful park. We are hopeful that in the coming year, we can host these same type of events on several occasions.



6-8 Age Group



4-5 Age Group

Dog Training Life Skill Classes are currently underway for all your furry friends!

Instructor: Ashley Yanez (PDT, CTDI, CGC Evaluator, CHWI)

"I've worked with dogs professionally for 16 years. In Aug 2019, I began a small business called Day of the Dog Training. My passion is to help people build strong trust and communication with their dogs as well as create a well behaved and confident companion. It is so exciting to finally have found a place to hold group classes right here in King William. I am very grateful for the Parks and Rec team for working with me. It is my hope that we can also begin to offer advanced classes such as tricks, canine good citizen, and agility in the near future."

-Ashley Yanez

Our outdoor events have featured plenty of local food trucks that we'd like to give an appreciative shout out to. Reggie's Grill (Free VADGWR event), Hungry Hungry Arrow (Music in the Park), and Hawk's BBQ (Movie in the Park). Thank you for coming out. Everyone enjoyed your delicious sweet treats!

IMPORTANT INFO:

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic and lack of facilities we will not be able to offer our regular Basketball league this year. We are hopeful that we will be able to offer them again in 2021-2022.

***We will soon be working on creating a distance marked walking trail at the park, for the community to enjoy!



Cody Spicer
King William, VA



Alex Pierce
West Point, VA

Below, you can find a list of upcoming events in our community:



Reindeer Run: December 5th

Join us at Cool Spring Primary School for our 5K Adult Run and our 1 Mile Kids Run before the winter holidays. The Run will begin at 8:00 am. Participants will receive a Reindeer Run t-shirt and a numbered bib. Also, the top three runners from each race will receive a medal for placing.

1 Mile Kids Run	\$20	Late Registration (December 1 st -)	\$25
Adult 5K Run	\$30	Late Registration (December 1 st -)	\$35

Wreath Class: December 9th

Our KW Florists would love for you and your friends to join them as they help show you how to make your very own holiday wreath to display upon your front door, your mantel, or even one of your windows.

First Session 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	\$75
Second Session 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	\$75

Starting in 2021, we are working toward offering some NEW programs/events: Pokémon Club, Basketball Camp, Story Time, Family Game Night, Book Club, Parents Night Out, Trivia Night, Easter Egg Hunt, Art Classes, Door Hanger Painting Classes, Cake Decorating, a Senior Valentine's Dance and much more!!!

Be sure to follow us on Facebook and check out our county website for the most up to date information along with how to register for upcoming events!

www.kingwilliamrec.com

King & Queen Welcomes Dominion Women's Health

Story by Florence Cooke

King and Queen County is welcoming Dominion Women's Health in the former location of Drs. Gwathmey at 142 Smithfield Road in St. Stephens Church. The group relocated from Tappahannock to offer larger, private space to accommodate the needs of women of King and Queen and surrounding areas from ages 9 to 109. There are four offices in the Richmond area – Mechanicsville, Henrico (West End), Midlothian, and now in King and Queen.

A team of medical professionals is available from Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. One or two doctors, a nurse practitioner, nurses, lab

technicians, and front desk personnel are available every day.

According to Melissa Hitchcock, Assistant Practice Administrator, "We believe in preventative care as well as treatment of a variety of conditions: pregnancy including high risk, painful and heavy periods, menopause relief, fibroid, and endometriosis, as well as MonaLisa Touch treatments. We have a wide variety of spa services available such as facials, massage, injectables available at the Short Pump location. We are welcoming new and existing patients at this location."

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CDL holders previously were required to visit DMV in person each time to renew their credentials.

"We are continually looking for ways to assist our customers during these challenging times," said DMV Commissioner Richard D. Holcomb.

"The opportunity to renew online gives our commercial driving community a convenient service option and focus office appointment opportunities on transactions for customers who need in-person assistance."

Detailed information on CDL online renewal eligibility can be found here: <https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/drivers/#renewcdl.asp>. Customers who are not eligible to renew their CDL online will need to schedule an appointment at dmvNOW.com/appt to renew in person. visit dmvNOW.com/covid19.



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To The King William Community

I'm writing to thank the citizens of King William County for allowing me to serve them for the past 27 years. I served as a Senior Auditor for the State of Virginia for 7 years prior to becoming appointed Commissioner of the Revenue on January 1, 1994 so after a career of more than 34 years in Public Service, I have decided to retire as of February 1, 2021. I have enjoyed working for you, the citizens of King William County and I am grateful for the confidence and trust the voters have placed in myself by re-electing me as Commissioner of the Revenue in the past 8 elections. King William is a unique and close knit community and I hope it retains the beautiful rural nature and fine school systems that have served the citizens here so well for many years.

I feel like the pandemic has made many of us reflect on our lives and reevaluate and I have seen many more retirements posted in the news. There also seems to be so much more negativity in all levels of government and I do not want to be part of a hate culture. I don't feel like it is a healthy way to live and I have decided to focus my efforts on taking care of and spending time with my loved ones.

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to you and your staff for the great job you have done in keeping the reader of your paper informed of the events that are taking place in the communities within King William and King and Queen Counties. I have enclosed some pictures of the papers I have kept over the years for your enjoyment. Keep up the good work and may you have a happy holiday season.

Sally W. Pearson



Sally Payne

Incumbent announces candidacy for KW commissioner

King William Commissioner of the Revenue Sally Payne recently announced her candidacy for the November election. A certified public accountant, Payne has been serving the office since January 1, 1994.

Payne said, "I have the experience, knowledge and managerial skills need to help make the commissioner of the revenue's office of King William County one of the most efficient and best-managed assessment offices in Virginia."

"All classes of taxable property resources grew during my first year in office," Payne added.

Payne was appointed to office after the resignation of Bonnie Steffey.



Pictured above is Sally Payne (standing), King William County's new commissioner of the revenue. With her is Deputy Commissioner of the Revenue Virginia Rice, who has worked in the office for 14 years. Photo by William R. Perritt.

New KW Commissioner of the Revenue takes the helm and plans candidacy

By William R. Perritt
King William County's new Commissioner of the Revenue, Sally Payne, has been in office exactly a month now, and gives the impression that things are running smoothly. Payne was recently chosen by the Circuit Court to fill the unexpired term of Bonnie Steffey, who left the post after almost 16 years.

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KW board approves funding for VFDs

By William R. Perritt
Growing residential communities like those of Upper King William have the effect of straining services provided through tax money—police, schools, etc. The harder part of this impact, however, falls upon the shoulders of the volunteers who provide fire and rescue services.

It is with this thought that the King William Board of Supervisors decided during its last regular meeting to provide

Scenario wants to help dreams come true

By William R. Perritt
An old proverb says, "If you give a man a fish, he will eat for a day. If you teach a man to fish, he will eat for a lifetime."

It is upon such a philosophy that

KW struck by three incidents of gun violence Murder hits Venter neighbor

By William R. Perritt
Last Saturday night King William County experienced its first murder in almost four years as Gerald Alexander Washington, 22, of Rt. 2, Box 705, West Point, died of an apparent gunshot wound to the chest. Charged with the killing is Eugene Clayton Tyler, Jr., 21, of Rt. 2, Box 536, Aylett.
The murder marked the third incident of gun violence in little more than a week in King William. In two unrelated incidents the prior weekend, three people were wounded by gunfire in West Point.

Impact statement on reservoir public hearing is scheduled

By William R. Perritt
A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will be officially issued this Friday on the proposed Cohoke Reservoir in King William, though the document has already found its way to certain quarters (including this newspaper). The report is being released by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,

which is charged for construction, river intake structures. The statement impacts of the Mattaponi River area, the Co

improvements were made. As the construction project proceeded, the prophecy of traffic problems seemed to fulfill itself. Local and State Police had

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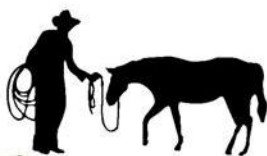
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Nester Retires from King William Sheriff's Department

Story by Florence Cooke
Picture courtesy King William Sheriff's Department

On December 2nd, Chief Deputy James Robbie Nester, Jr. will retire from the King William County Sheriff's Office. He served the King William Community for the past 25 years.

He began his career in law enforcement as a Special Police Officer at Richmond Memorial Hospital in 1991. Two years later he moved to the Richmond City Sheriff's Office as a deputy in the Quarter Master Section of the jail.

In 1995 he became a deputy in King William County at the Town of West Point. While there he remembers walking around the town and building relationships with the community and the local businesses. At the King William Sheriff's Office he has served in many roles: Deputy, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and finally as the Chief Deputy (or Captain as many know him).

Robbie has been married for 18 years and has one son. In his retirement, he plans to spend time with his family and support his son in athletics.

He says, "I have served our community and will miss the many relationships that



Chief Deputy James Nester Retires from King William Sheriff's Department



have been built over the past years. A big thank you to the citizens of King William for their support over the last 25 years."

Sheriff Jeff Walton stated, "Robbie has served as my Chief Deputy for nearly 15 years. He has been my right-hand man and has helped guide the department to where we are today. I will miss him but wish him well in this new chapter of his life."

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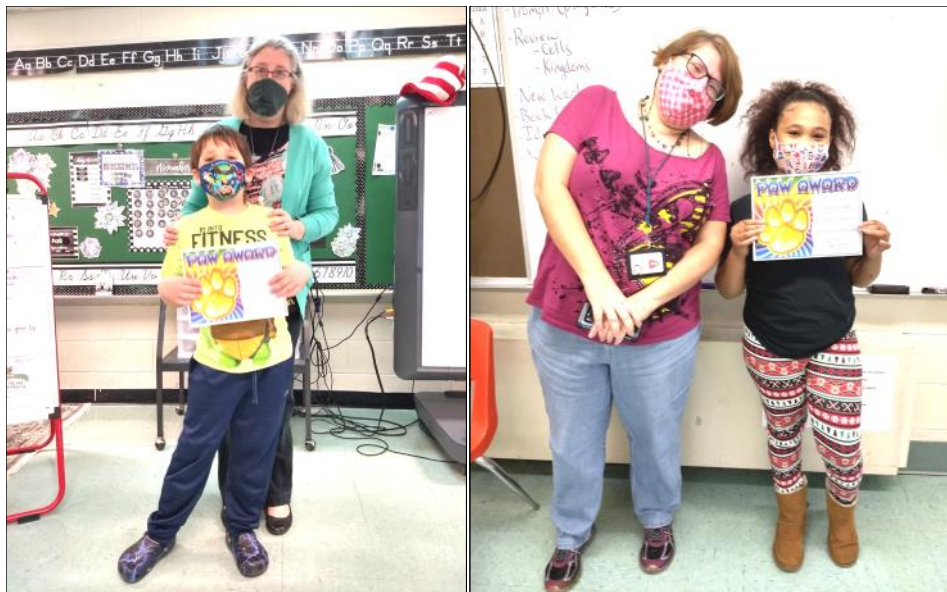

September Student of the Month



Congratulations to Nick Martin, our September Student of the Month at Central HS!



LMES Honors Outstanding Students



Zachary Jenkins and Natasha Young

Lawson Marriott Elementary School celebrated students who demonstrated admirable character traits and academic achievement during the first grading period with the Student of the Quarter Award. Students distinguished with this honor include:

Carol Merales-Gonzalez: Pre-K
Alayna Holmes: Kindergarten
River Jenkins: First Grade

Ava Waller: Second Grade
Makayla Richardson: Second Grade
Chase Johnson: Third Grade
Stephen Hayes: Fourth Grade
Zachary Jenkins: Fourth Grade
Natasha Young: Fifth Grade
Aniyah Carter: Sixth Grade
Jayvaughan Nelson: Seventh Grade
Additionally, Zachary Jenkins and Natasha Young were chosen as the school-wide Students of the Quarter.

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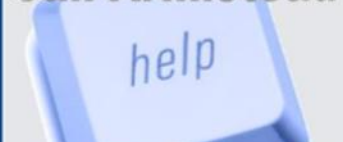
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King & Queen Schools

King and Queen County Public Schools are currently requiring all students to wear masks so the new mandates to required children age 5 and older does not impact King and Queen County Public Schools. We already have this mandate in place. Our health and mitigation plan developed over the summer was aligned so we do not have more than 25 students to-

gether in classrooms, cafeteria settings, buses or recess. With our hybrid and remote learning plans, we have accounted for small gatherings with six feet of social distancing and required masks. With the upcoming winter sports, we will be working on a plan for limiting the spectators to 25 individuals."

AYLETT COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

HONOR and MERIT ROLL

Mrs. Tara Garner, Head of School at Aylett Country Day School, is pleased to announce the names of students in grades four through eight who have shown outstanding academic achievement for the 1st quarter of the 2020-21 school year.

Students earning Honor Roll status, all A's, for the 1st quarter are:

Grade 6:
Grace Gillions, Matthew Hundley, and Alisyn O'Bier

Grade 7: Ben Fulks and Christopher Rhoads

Grade 8: Bailee Beasley, Addie Kosek, Lillian Marchese, and Stephen Welch

Merit Roll (A's and B's) students for the 1st quarter are:

Grade 5: Avery Boyle, Jhaaron Bundy, Kodiak Cox, Ainsley Davis, Mary-Michael Lawrence, Tripp Moncure, Zoe Thrift, and Kelsey Wood

Grade 6: Kate Austin, Adalae Donaldson, Garrett Dunn, Berkeley Garner, Addi Jones, Jasmine Kelly, Madison Lam, and Mia Tignor

Grade 7: Gibson Farmer, Reed Farmer, LeighAnn Matthews, Makenzie Morgan, and Caroline Schoolar

Grade 8: Wyatt Ambrose, Jackson Garner, Megan Grant, Emily Stanaway, Noah Thompson, and Ethan White

Good friends, good books and a sleepy conscience:
this is the ideal life.

Mark Twain

Mary Sue Bancroft Announces Run for Treasurer

My name is Mary Sue Bancroft. I'm a 24 year resident of KW and I want to be on the ballot for the February 2, 2021 special election for Treasurer of the county. As most may know Harry Whitt retired and his position is open. I've been an 18 year employee of a consulting engineering company in Richmond and prior to that I was an Officer in Executive Services at SunTrust Bank. My areas of expertise are managing all accounting aspects, Accounts Receivables, Accounts Payable, payroll, federal and state tax filings, annual audits, lease negotiations, benefit administrator and reconciliation of all accounts. I feel my years in these areas qualifies me for the Treasurer position. I can bring a great deal of improvement to the county Treasurers office and hope you'll give me an opportunity to provide that to our community.

In order to be on the ballot I need to submit petitioners signatures by December 4. Therefore, I will be going door to door later this week and the weekend with hopes of obtaining the required number of signatures. I would greatly appreciate your support in my efforts to become the next Treasurer of King William County.

For Facebook members, I also belong to the King William Happenings page as well as the King William Community page where you will also find my

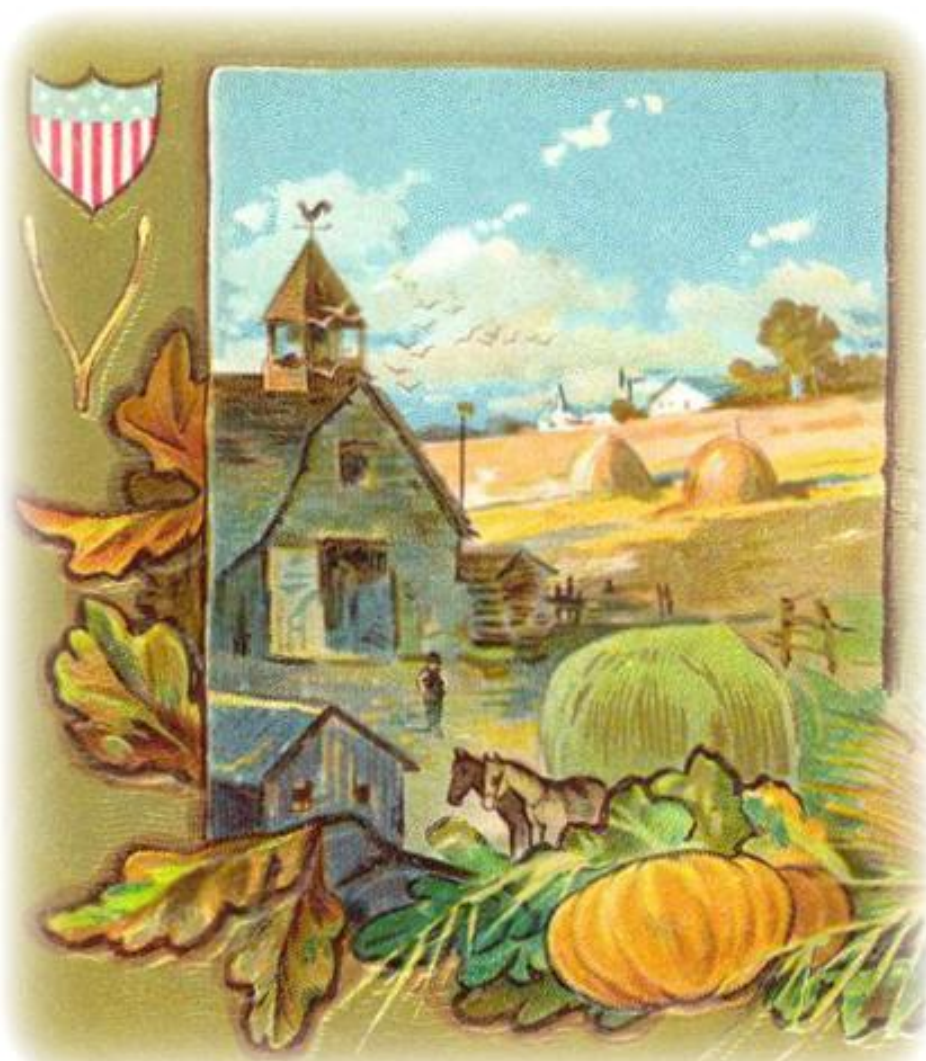


Mary Sue Bancroft

announcement. Those who know me are encouraged to provide positive comments there. I am grateful for the encouraging comments thus far.

I am happy to discuss my objectives with anyone who inquires. Feel free to send an email to me at msbancroft4kwtreasurer@gmail.com

Thank you,
Mary Sue Bancroft





Pet Adoption

"Pepper" is a nice male mixed breed that's about 9 years old and weighs 75lbs. He was surrendered to the Shelter because his owner is moving and can't take him along. He's a calm guy that loves treats and walks well on a leash!

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JASON, continued from page 2.

My uncle Charles Weeden owned a sawmill where I learned to hack lumber and run the Planing mill. I always admired his determination and success.

As a teenager, I went to work for Carroll Lee Walker. He taught me so much just watching him and our talks when we would ride around looking at land. One of my greatest memories was Walker asking me, "What do you want to do when you get out of school, son?" My answer was to have my own business and buy land like him. He told me "that's a good thing; they don't make any more land."

My dad, grandfather, Uncle Charles, and Carroll Lee were great role models who taught me that hard work and good manners are the secrets to success. One day I hope to be a man that these four men will be proud of. I always joke with my mom, telling her "I'm gonna get to be a wheel someday. I'm gonna be somebody."

My dream business started part-time while I was working long hours at a full-time job for a farming operation. After a few years, I wanted to put all my energy into my business full time. Five years ago I started "Jason Does It All, LLC" and then it has grown more than I ever imagined. I take great pride in my work and I love the opportunity to meet the lawn care needs of my hometown of Walkerton. I enjoy looking at the bridge and river while on my lawnmower cutting the hillsides and taking a break to get a delicious lunch from Scott's Store.

Things have not always been easy. There have been obstacles and bumps in the road but I've learned that my parents were right – determination and hard work pay off. Thanks to my clients for their continued business and a big thanks to my parents who have always been my rock for encouragement. Most of all the greatest thanks to God for my many blessings."

KW Real Estate Assessments Exposed !



Left to right-King William, Virginia, November 12th, 2020. Volunteer citizen-activists Ray Carter, Jr. (left) and Fred Krauss have dug deeply into all aspects of the county's latest round of badly flawed real estate assessments. Credit: KWTP photo

CONTRIBUTED King William, November 12th

Speaking Thursday evening to a gathering of King William T.E.A. Party supporters, local activists Fred Krauss and Ray Carter presented facts and figures challenging the conduct of the county's new real estate assessments and validity of the wildly inconsistent data used to grossly inflate the "value" of many properties while drastically lowering others.

Krauss, a previous member of King William's Board of Equalization who owns several properties, pointed to some homeowners being hit with increases of 40% or more while some of the county's biggest businesses got a big gift.

"The paper mill's assessment dropped by nearly \$8 million and the kitty litter plant got a million dollar break," he said.

Citing figures just released by the Commissioner of Revenue, Krauss said "this leaves a tax receipt deficit of more than \$7.5 million that will have to be made up by regular homeowners and businesses."

Carter, who recently retired in King William after his career in the US Army including extensive contract oversight experience, cited violations of contract requirements and

Virginia law by Brightminds, the Roanoke-based assessment company.

"The County appears to not be holding Brightminds to contractual obligations and to the standards set forth in Virginia Code Title 58.1 regarding notification of assessment and providing written justifications as to property assessment increases," he said. "Also, failure to provide printed documents afforded to property owners in accordance with the code."

In discussion that followed, some attendees criticized conclusions by the Board of Supervisors in their November 5th special meeting, saying it looks like Brightminds is getting a pass. This leaves many residential and commercial property owners hit with unjustified assessments while at the same time having to pick up the bill for shoddy performance.

County taxpayers who would like to appeal their assessments face an uphill struggle, Krauss said. "The process seems intentionally difficult and the chances of success are small for most people."

King William T.E.A. Party has additional information on the current Assessment process and how to appeal at www.kwteaparty.com and Facebook

Rappahannock Tribe

New Job Postings: October 30, 2020

Closing Dates: November 15th, 2020

The Full-time positions hours would be Monday through Friday from 9-5, with no benefits.
The Part-Time position would be 20 hours per week with no benefits.

Executive Assistant's Position: Full-Time

Job Duties: This person would report to the Chief and be her primary source of support. Responsible for arranging meetings, travel, keeping up with her schedule, answering inquiries, letters, phone, providing support for the accounting department including account reconciliation's and reporting as well as Human Resource functions, Special Projects and duties as assigned. A high level of technical knowledge is desired.

Housing Project Manager: Part-Time

Job Duties: This person will report to the Housing Manager and be responsible for the overall completion of housing rehabilitation. These duties will include taking bids and following procurement guidelines, overseeing construction crews, scheduling projects, monitoring construction progress and quality of work, securing permits and monitoring budgets for project finances. Housing Project Manager will ensure safe working conditions on sites, follow OSHA guidelines and make sure contractors are secured and paid on time.

Financial Manager: Full-Time

Job Duties: Must have a Bachelors Degree in accounting and at least 5 years, experience as a full charge bookkeeper at the management level. Proficiency in technology and current software applications such as QuickBooks, a must. Responsible for overall accuracy of the general ledger, journal entries, account reconciliations, payroll, taxes and reporting.

Response: Please email resumes to the Chairman at: chiefannerich@aol.com.
Or mail to: Attn: Personnel Committee, 5036 Indian Neck Rd., Indian Neck, VA 23148

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King and Queen County School Board



The resolution was read and they were presented with gifts and certificates.

At the October School Board meeting, King and Queen Elementary School; Principal and Queen County School Board honored and recognized the principals and assistant principal. Pictured in the photo (left to right; Principal Rob Wright, Lawson Marriott Elementary School; Principal Shante Harvey, King and Queen Elementary School; Principal David Copsmith, Central High School, and Assistant Principal Ashley Reynolds, Central High School. All of our administrators are EDUCATIONAL ROCKSTARS!!!

Begin to be now what you will be hereafter.

William James

KING WILLIAM COUNTY NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS: KING WILLIAM COUNTY TREASURER KING WILLIAM COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE KING WILLIAM COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD – DISTRICT 4

A SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON **FEBRUARY 2, 2021** TO FILL THE VACANT POSITIONS LISTED ABOVE. THOSE INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR THE POSITIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE KING WILLIAM COUNTY GENERAL REGISTRAR'S OFFICE AT 804-769-4952 FOR MORE INFORMATION. PACKETS MAY BE PICKED UP FROM THE GENERAL REGISTRAR'S OFFICE. ALL PACKETS MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED **NO LATER** THAN **DECEMBER 4, 2020** TO BE INCLUDED ON THE BALLOT.

THE **TREASURER** AND THE **COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE** POSITIONS ARE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS ELECTED BY THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY. THE SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE TO FILL THE POSITIONS THROUGH THE END OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF **DECEMBER 31, 2023**.

THE **KING WILLIAM COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD – DISTRICT 4** POSITION WILL BE TO FILL THE POSITION THROUGH THE END OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF **DECEMBER 31, 2023**.



Left Mr. Copsmith being presented a t-shirt stating Principal? I prefer Educational Rockstar.

Notice of Public Hearing King and Queen County Board of Supervisors

Pursuant to Section 15.2-2507 of the Code of Virginia the King and Queen County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at their regular monthly meeting scheduled for Monday, December 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the King and Queen County Courts and Administration Building, General District Courtroom, King and Queen Court House, Virginia for the purpose of the following amendments to the FY2020-2021 adopted Budget:

- **Budget Amendment – Purchase of Rescue Squad building by County and purchase of Fire Truck** – To amend the County Capital Project Budget in the amount of \$500,000 to assist Lower King and Queen Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department (the “Department”) with the purchase of a new fire engine. Of this amount, \$309,500 represents the purchase price of the Shacklefords Volunteer Fire and Rescue building and grounds (250 Bohannon Park) that the County purchased from the Department. The remaining \$190,500 will be in the form of a secured loan to the Department.

Pursuant to Section 15.2-1508 of the Code of Virginia the King and Queen County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at their regular monthly meeting scheduled for Monday, December 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the King and Queen County Courts and Administration Building, General District Courtroom, King and Queen Court House, Virginia for the purpose of adopting an ordinance for the following action:

- **One-time Bonuses to Law Enforcement Officers** – The Virginia Compensation Board approved a onetime \$500 bonus to be paid to all Compensation Board funded law enforcement officers effective December 1, 2020. The Sheriff currently has 14 law enforcement positions, seven are funded by the Compensation Board and seven are funded either by the County or by grants. The total cost of the bonus for all 14 positions, including applicable payroll taxes, is \$7,535.50. Compensation Board funding will cover \$3,767.75 and the local cost for non-Compensation Board positions is \$3,767.75.

All citizens of the County have the right to attend and share their views thereon, subject to reasonable time limits as shall be determined by the Board of Supervisors. Information pertaining to the proposed budget amendment and ordinance are available in the County Administrator's Office in the King and Queen County Courts and Administration Building, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 P.M.

Thomas J. Swartzwelder
County Administrator

Church Calendar

CHRISTIAN

Christian Fellowship Ministries

304 W. Chinquapin Road King William, VA 23086 Pastor Mary P. Edwards
Email: cfm23086@yahoo.com
Secretary: Julie Peters 804-510-8022

Corinth Christian Church

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

The Fix Ministry

We have outgrown our existing facility so until we can build a larger Worship Center, we are meeting at Indianview Baptist Church, 13349 King William Road on Saturday evenings. Potluck dinner at 5:30 followed by a service. Any questions, please call 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.

Broadus Church Hebron Campus

3407 King William Rd Aylett. Sunday School for Adult and Youth at 10:45. children's Sunday School on-line at www.broadus church.org. Tues at 6:00 PM we have midweek Youth & Women's Bible study and Wednesdays at 6:30 we have a Christian recovery & support group. Second Monday from 6:30-8:30 we have a community food pantry open to residents of King William Co and to families of students in King & Queen Co Schools with referrals from their Principal..

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.

Colosse Baptist Church

Colosse Baptist Church

Invites the community to church service in the new Media Room at 9:30 a.m. with social distancing and masks. Sunday School from 10:45 – 11:30 for ages 4 and up. Children's church held on second and fourth Sundays for ages 4 and up. Please call for information at 769 – 2729 and someone will return the 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

(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 Pastor Donald A Moss Sr.

New Life Community Church

109 Commons Park Cir, Ste. J. Manquin 23106

Olivet Baptist Church

Pastor Terry Morrison

POROPORONE BAPTIST CHURCH

Come Join Us at Poroporone! 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.

Providence Baptist Church

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

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, 23086.

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

McKendree UMC is having "in person" worship service every Sunday morning beginning at 9:30am. Social distancing and wearing a mask is being practiced (masks will be available if you do not have one). Betty Jo Sims, Pastor 4347 Manfield Road (Rt 605) Manquin. 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

St. David's Episcopal Church, Aylett

804-496-1002 stdavidsaylett.church Like us on our new Facebook page at "St David's Episcopal Church, Aylett" including sermons during the pandemic "To Know Christ Jesus and to Make Christ Known" 11291 West River Road, Aylett (Beside the Public Boat Landing) Featuring The Rev. T. Gustavo Mansella All Are Welcome! All Sundays - 11 AM Eucharist Service First Sunday of the Month - Youth Focus/Potluck After

St. John's Episcopal Church

916 Main St. West Point, 804-843-4594 welcome.

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 (8 0 4) 9 2 5 - 5 8 8 8
www.holytrinityorthodox.net

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



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We will reopen Saturday 11/28/20 with normal business hours.



Community Calendar

Virtual Programs at Pamunkey Regional Library

UKW Virtual Book Club

Saturday, December 12, 11:00 a.m. - noon

Call 804-769-3731 or visit the library for title information. Go to <https://pamunkeylibrary.libcal.com/event/7268722> to register. **Kids' Lego Club** Friday, December 18, 2020, 3:30 - 4:30pm Grades K-5. Registration required at <https://pamunkeylibrary.libcal.com/event/7280039>. This virtual program is hosted through Zoom. **On Demand Videos Learn Holiday Origami for Teens** Premieres Friday, December 4

Ages 12 & up. **DIY Hovercrafts** Premieres Saturday, December 5

Ages 12 & up. **Cross Stitch 101**

Premieres Saturday, December 5

Ages 18 & up. Patterns will be available to download. go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/pamunkeylibrary> or <https://tinyurl.com/prladults> to see the videos. For more information or if you have a special physical or communication need, please contact ask@pamunkeylibrary.org.

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.co) 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

Post 314 Bldg. Aylett 6250 Richmond-Tapp. Hwy. Rt. 360. Freedom is NOT Free.

KW Children First Lions Club

Crossroads Mission Center located at 694 K Sharon Road, King William.

Girl Scout Troop 1132

Mattaponi Vol. Rescue Squad Building.

AWANAS

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DCSE Service Point Assistance

DCSE Contact Information: 1-800-468-8894

Afternoon Off for Caregivers!

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Upper King William Active Lifestyle Center

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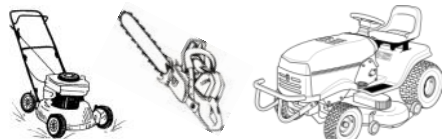
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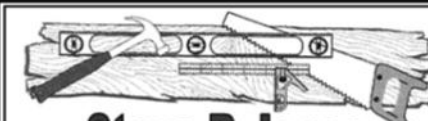
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