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Merry Christmas!



Everyone Loves Santa on a Fire Truck



We live off Enfield Road and enjoyed seeing Santa pass by with a couple of dear friends from out of the area! We all need extra Christmas cheer this year and this sure sparked ours! Thank you MVFD!

Contributed by Kathy Talley

By Armistead Saffer

Everyone loves seeing Santa on a fire truck and this year is no exception. This longstanding tradition continues in 2020 with a few new changes. King William had several events including a privately organized Santa Run since some areas of the county were not going to be covered this season. You could also see King William's Station #1 Santa at drive through events at King William High School and Acquinton Elementary School.

The first event was on December 5th when kids of all ages had their pictures taken with Santa at the Mangohick Fire Department's Santa Meet & Greet.

Please see **SANTA**, continued on page 11.

Passion Community Church Hosts Carols, Candles and Cookies



Passion Community Church singers lead crowd in singing Christmas Carols

Story by Florence Cooke

Picture by Brett Otey

There was a great turnout for the rescheduled Carols, Candles and Cookies program on Friday, December 11th, starting at 6:30 p.m., hosted by Passion Community Church (PCC) in Aylett. The night was cold for this outdoor event, but everyone enjoyed hot chocolate, homemade cookies and warm fire from the fire pits while listening to Christmas carols and a short message from Pastor Brian Hughes.

This new church is one of seven campuses called Passion Community Church, or PCC, including locations in Powhatan, Midlothian, Farmville, Amelia, Fork Union and Aylett. The church also shares their message in the Nottoway Correctional Facility. It had started out offering a service to approximately 144 men, pre-COVID, and now it is broadcast every Sunday to over

1,700 inmates. Plans are in the works to start the same style service at a women's facility.

Each campus has a pastor and there are four teaching teams. The lead pastor is Brian Hughes who is pastor of all the churches, and Michael Hedrick is the Aylett Campus Pastor. The teaching teams, including Pastor Brian, rotate preaching the services and leadership duties.

The church came to King William because Pastor Brian is friends with some of the former members of Next Step Church and was asked to come to King William. The initial launch was Sunday, March 16, 2020, but, due to the pandemic, services actually started in person in June of this year.

Please see **PASSION CHURCH**, continued on page 14.

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Merry Christmas from the staff at Country Courier !



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Publisher's Message



I hope this message finds you well and ready for Santa to arrive. This Christmas will be different no doubt, but it can be full of love and the Christmas spirit. Something as major as a global Pandemic cannot change the love in our hearts for family and friends. With the vaccine coming there is hope ahead. One day at a time. The New Year will be here in 10 days. I hope for you and your family a Merry Christmas and a healthy and blessed New Year. If Santa doesn't bring you everything you wanted, I hope he brings you everything you need.

Danny Clark



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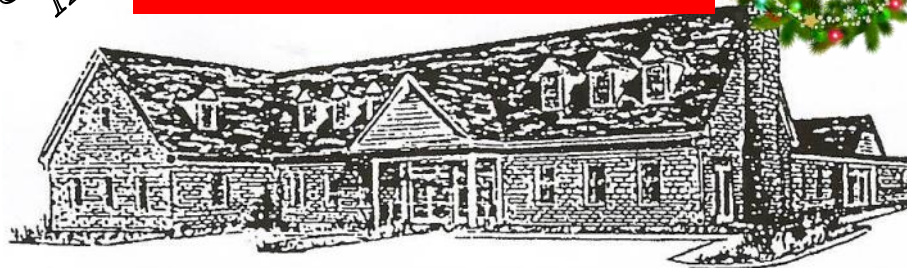
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By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

This time of year is special as we share gifts and dreams with our family and friends. Pip and I hope that everyone has a great holiday season and Santa Clause brings you everything that you wanted. I know that Pip wants some apples and treats for Christmas.

I wanted to share a poem with you that fellow horseman and animal lover wrote.

Happy Hoofin' Holiday

Happy Hoofin' Holiday is one of a kind....
Singing, dancing, hoping Santa's right on time!

Rudolph's bucking crazy, kicking dirt on the walls,
While Santa's running late, cleaning reindeer stalls.

Grandma's sewing Santa's shirt, making it look newer,
While his boots are looking bad from workin' in manure.

And wouldn't you know it, the sleigh is kinda broke,
Sort of bent in the middle, from that overload of Coke.

Mrs. Clause is on the phone, and supper's runnin' late,
Yes, Santa's in a huff, trying to meet the comin' date.



Now Santa's got a plan, cause Rudolph's gone crazy,
Bringing in a substitute, a little mule named "Daisy".

Flyin' high over the moon, Daisy's ears do navigate!
While Santa's on the phone, orderin' up milk and cake.

Boys and girls be off to bed, for Santa's almost here,
Daisy's now circling earth, so dream of something dear.

By Bill Crowe

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

Bay Transit Driver Phyllis Smith to Retire

Lifelong Lancaster County resident will turn 80 on Christmas Day

(Urbanna, VA) – Bay Transit, the public transportation division of Bay Aging, won't be the same when longtime driver Phyllis Smith finishes her shift on December 15th. Ms. Smith, who started driving for Bay Transit on May 17th of 2006, will retire. "She will certainly be missed," observed Princess Wise, her supervisor. "Phyllis has such a positive outlook on life and that joy is evident in the way she interacts with customers and coworkers."

It seems as if Phyllis was born to drive. "As a youngster I used to drive my siblings to church. My dad always told me I would make a very good driver. Before coming to Bay Transit, I drove a school bus for Lancaster County Public Schools for fourteen years," she recalled. "I had to stop driving after my mom got sick. While taking care of my mom I started taking care of other people too and found that I really enjoyed helping other people. I'm a 'people person' so I found driving and caregiving to be very rewarding," Ms. Smith said.

Ms. Smith is also a proud member of the Mount Vernon Baptist Church in White Stone. "I love my church and I'm very active in it," Phyllis said. "You don't have to be in the church to serve the Lord. I have had conversations with people on the bus that have given them a whole new perspective. You can do a lot to help people by just listening and talking to them." With three children, nine grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren, Phyllis isn't worried about not having enough to do in retirement. "My daughter is a registered nurse at MCV and one of my sons works in IT at Omega Protein in Reedsville so they are nearby and can pop in anytime. My other son lives in Louisiana, but I talk to him all the time. I also enjoy gardening, exercising at the YMCA while listening to gospel music, bible study and the church choir."

Reflecting back on her tenure at Bay Transit, Phyllis noted, "It's been a great place to work. I've really enjoyed my time there. You'll meet some great coworkers and customers. I think anyone who goes to work there will be pleased."

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

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A few months ago I purchased a new iPhone. I put it in my truck center console and closed the top. As I was leaving the truck I heard something in my console.

I opened the console and saw 911 on the screen and I turned it off. It was just a second or two so I didn't think any more about it. A few minutes later a Deputy showed up at my office. He asked if everything was all right? I explained what had happened and told him I should have notified the dispatch. He said she called back several times and no answer. He was close by and was here in a short time. I feel bad about my false alarm, but I am grateful for their response.

So Thanks to the dispatcher and to the Deputy for their quick response.

Sincerely,
Bill Bohannon
Clancie Lumber Company, Inc.
King & Queen

Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

Amongst the Christmas decorations, where is the Christmas spirit in West Point?

On Sunday afternoon, December 7, I wanted to introduce Butch, my brother-in-law visiting from SC, to the quaint town of West Point. Because he likes antiques, we decided to stop. As we entered, I looked around before entering too far inside, and a white-haired gentleman behind the counter (with a mask under his nose) said that we needed to wear a mask to enter the store.

As I was telling him I have a medical condition and cannot wear one, my brother-in-law explained that he forgot his and did not bring it. At that point this man said that we could buy one and repeated that we couldn't enter without a mask. I repeated that I had a medical condition. My brother-in-law then asked how much the mask cost. The gentleman responded, "\$2.50". My brother-in-law thought that if it would have been \$1, he might have taken him up on the offer because in South Carolina, they're offered for free!

As Butch politely replied, "no thanks", and we turned to leave, the man said, "Come back when you have a mask on!" to which I replied, "that's OK", not being antagonistic. However, to my astonishment he blurted, "Or if you're one of those people who don't believe in wearing a mask, then I will see you at your funeral."

Not believing what I had just heard come

out of his mouth, I then turned back and said, "You may want to pull your mask up to cover your nose" because he was wearing his mask improperly and had his nose exposed.

This person needs to be informed that Executive Order 63 D(6) states under the Exemptions section: "The requirement to wear a face covering does not apply to following - Persons with health conditions that prohibit wearing a face covering. Nothing in this Order shall require the use of a face covering by any person for whom doing so would be contrary to his or her health or safety because of a medical condition."

In addition, he not only openly discriminated against someone with a medical condition, but was ugly, mean-spirited, and inappropriate about wishing death upon another human being. Instead of celebrating a season of life, he was wishing death.

It's very hard to comprehend the hearts of people these days. I walked away saddened and can only hope that he can experience the life and love of Jesus as we celebrate this season.

Sincerely,
Bill Landrum
King William

Dear Editor,

Is there anyone else out there that believes that Native Americans should NOT be overlooked for Biden-Harris positions within their administration? Just asking.

R. Volk
King William

Dear Editor,

I am writing in support of Mary Sue Bancroft for King William Treasurer. Mary Sue has been my friend and neighbor for 7 years and in that time frame, she has become someone I can put all my faith and trust in. Mary Sue has a gift for problem solving and can provide an idea or solution for any situation that arises. Mary Sue has a vast knowledge of finances and accounting (that is her job by the way) and is someone you can trust to do the right thing for her community. Mary Sue puts all her effort into making sure things are fair and honest. She is not a pushover, she can't be bought and she is a fighter. She will fight for you, for me, and for King William. I could not think of a better candidate than Mary Sue Bancroft to become our next King William County Treasurer. I trust Mary Sue with my life, our community finances and know she will do King William Proud.

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Letters to the Editor, continued

Dear Editor,

People are built to live in concert with others and our health suffers when social needs are not being met. Yet social isolation, or lack of social contact, is all too common. The coronavirus pandemic has made matters worse because we are asking older adults and people at-risk of becoming infected to distance themselves from others. And now that we are in the holiday season feelings of loneliness may become even more pronounced. Practice physical distancing but not social isolation.

Social isolation and desolation are known to have health risks and health care costs. The good news is that there are simple ways in which to alleviate these conditions. Friendly visits or phone calls and volunteering to deliver meals are easy and effective ways to let older adults in your community know they are not alone. Older adults should be encouraged to think beyond their usual circle of friends and family. Saying hello to the mail carrier or calling neighbors can add to a sense of being connected to others. Many houses of worship are now offering online services. Caregivers can help their loved one's access worship services for uplifting support. You can also encourage your family and friends to

phone, write notes or send cards to lift your loved one's spirits.

For many reasons, many older adults no longer drive. Bay Transit is a safe way for people to visit their doctor, go to the grocery store and take care of many of their other needs. You may have a family member, neighbor or friend who does not drive who would benefit greatly from learning how to use Bay Transit. Encouraging that person to schedule a ride and get the simple instructions on how to use public transportation, and even riding with them to boost their confidence, would be a wonderful gift! The freedom to do for oneself is priceless, and the buses are fully fitted with shields between seats, masks, free fares and other precautions to make it safe.

To become a volunteer to help brighten the life of someone in need, call Ken Rogers at 804.758.1260 x1314. Bay Transit can help you help someone you know become more independent by increasing their ability to safely be with other people, call the toll-free number 877.869.6046. There are many other services that can be contacted through 804.493.0238.

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Mangohick Fire Department Hosts Santa Meet and Greet



Jay and Jordenn LeMaster brought their children - Sayer, Zayne and two week old Ryder to see Santa at Mangohick Fire Department

Story by Florence Cooke
Picture by Will Reed

Mangohick Fire Department hosted a Santa Meet and Greet at the firehouse on Saturday morning, December 5th. According to Beck Haley, Fundraiser Committee Chairman, "We could not do the Santa Breakfast as we have for so many years. We wanted to do something so the children could come and meet Santa."

Everything was very well organized and followed all the necessary protocols. As you approach the entrance, a volunteer greeted you, took a temperature, everything was being sanitized, and masks were worn by everyone. Appointments had been scheduled so the families came and went without a crowd.

The Santa area was very Christmassy with a background of one of the department's fire trucks decorated. Santa sat beside the unit in his favorite chair. To watch the little ones telling Santa what they wanted for Christmas really gives a person the Christmas spirit.

Two of the photo opportunities missed by the writer was a little boy who came to see Santa, give him a big hug, and then run back to his mama and brought him his annual cookies and milk. The other was a darling little girl dressed in her red dress who ran up to Santa when she saw him, jumped up and gave him a great big hug. Priceless moments.

After seeing Santa, the families were escorted to the exit door by one of the volunteers.



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Santa & Mrs. Claus Spotted in a Jeep

By Armistead Saffer
Picture courtesy Shannon Gulasky

Have you seen Santa and Mrs. Claus in their Jeep? Shannon and Bill Gulasky have been traveling around King William spreading Christmas cheer in their decorated Jeep dressed as Santa and Mrs. Claus. The couple lives in Mangohick and Bill is a lifelong resident of King William and a graduate of King William High School. It all started when a coworker thought that Bill looked like Santa and had a suit made for him for a photo session. Shannon suggested that the suit not go to waste, so they decided to decorate their Jeep and ride around the area dressed in their Christmas attire.

Locally they've been to Kennington, Marle Hill, and Central Garage. They have also been to Hanover, Chesterfield and Henrico visiting family and friends.

Shannon stated, "This has been a rotten year for everyone and so we decided to decorate the Jeep and drive around spreading Christmas cheer."

Thanks to people like Bill and Shannon for bringing joy to many people this Christmas season.



Santa & Mrs. Claus in their Jeep



Bruington Members Honored for Service



Velma Wharton presents James Croxton with a clock in honor of the years of service given to Bruington Baptist Church.



Brooke and Pam Gwathmey stand with their award for outstanding service to the community.

On Sunday, December the 6th Bruington Baptist Church honored several of its members for outstanding service to the church and the community. Brooke and Pam Gwathmey received an award for their dedication to the community through the medicine, and James Croxton received an award for his dedication and years of service to Bruington Baptist Church.

Brooke Gwathmey and Pam Gwathmey received an award of appreciation for their care and dedicated service to the community over the past 25 years. Brooke graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Medicine in 1985, and Pam from Virginia Commonwealth University's School of

Medicine in 1984. Both specialized in family medicine and have served as doctors in King and Queen County, where they opened their family practice. They have recently retired.

James Croxton was awarded a clock in appreciation of the many hours of service he has dedicated to Bruington Baptist Church. James has served as a trustee, deacon, Sunday school superintendent, finance committee chairman, baptismal committee member, and as the church historian. James has been an active and instrumental worker in the Bruington for over 50 years. For his outstanding service he was also awarded a key to the church.

Merry Christmas!

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Santa, continued from front page

Then on the following Sunday, Mangohick VFD had their annual Santa Run covering the northern parts of the county. This year they had a Santa Tracker site so you could know when Santa was in your area. There was a lot of excitement and anticipation to see Santa. The next few Santa runs were organized by a private group of over twenty ex Station 1 volunteers. They created Santa Run 2020 and got to use a donated fire engine. "We created this event to bring some type of normalcy, joy, and hope to our community during current uncertain times... and a special Thank You to the community for all the donations and support provided to the volunteer organizations over the years," stated one of the members. The Santa Run 2020 members would like to thank Bobcat of Richmond, Backyard Playground, Minson Power LLC, Call Armistead Computer Services, and all the family, friends, and neighbors throughout the community who donated Christmas lights and decorations, trailer, vehicles, generators, etc. Santa Run 2020 was out on three nights covering the different neighborhoods. The last event was going to the schools and doing a drive by to see Santa. King William's Station 1 was at Acquinton School and King William High School. At the time this article went to press the event hadn't happened, so we have no pictures.



Five-year-old Mckenleigh and Autumn were ecstatic to see Santa and the parade in Parkwood Subdivision. They were mesmerized by the truck. They waited all day for it and were jumping and dancing when they came into our cul de sac. I'm so happy the volunteers kept the Christmas magic alive!!! Contributed by Erin Schools

The annual tradition continues. The Santa on a Fire Truck was a success in 2020. Mangohick has been doing Santa Runs since 1993. This year Station #1 started a new event with the Santa Drive Thru at the schools, and a group of volunteers started their own Santa Run. Thanks to all of the local fire departments and private citizens that made these events possible. Social media was buzzing with pictures of Santa and families thanking the people involved for making these great events happen. Merry Christmas and let's continue these great traditions next year!

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Armed Robbery at Dick's Country Store



Anyone having information about this crime is asked to contact Mattaponi Crime Solvers anonymously at (804) 769-3000 or Captain M. T. Hamm with the King William County Sheriff's Office at (804) 769-4206 or (804) 769-0999.

King William - The King William County Sheriff's Office is seeking assistance in locating unknown individuals involved in the armed robbery of Dick's Country Store on Saturday, December 12, 2020. The unknown male armed with a shotgun at the close of business. The male demanded money and after obtaining an undisclosed amount, left the store area on foot. The unknown individual was described as a male wearing a light colored hooded type sweatshirt. The initial investigation revealed that the owners of the store were approached by an

KW Ruritans Serving up Brunswick Stew Order Yours Now



Ruritan members preparing their delicious Brunswick stew

By Gene Campbell
It has been a tough year for all of us. The King William Ruritan Club canceled all of its fund-raising projects because of the pandemic. They are, however, planning a Brunswick Stew sale on Saturday, January 16th at the club facilities on Rt 30. You must pre-order your stew. Pre-order sales will be taken on January 2nd and 9th from 11 am to 2 pm at the club facilities and the Twin Rivers Realty Bldg. on Rt. 360. Quarts are \$8 each and can be picked up (drive-thru) after 3 pm at the club facilities on January 16th. You can also pre-order your stew by contacting any Ruritan member or calling Ellen Otey 241-4314 or David Leake 512-8751. The club will be following CDC guidelines. Help support the club so they can continue to donate to our local fire and rescue departments, nonprofit organizations, needy families and offer scholarships to local students to further their educations. We strive to promote fellowship, goodwill, and community service and during these trying times, we all need to come together and support each other. Also, mark the date of April 13th on your calendar as we hope to see everyone at our Annual Fish Fry. The club THANKS each of you for your SUPPORT! Stay safe!



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Obituaries

BAYLOR



Ralph Baylor, 78, of Walkerton Funeral Home, Tappahannock. Online condolences can be made to life on washingtonfh.com.

December 2 at the Hanover Health & Rehabilitation Center in Mechanicsville. He is survived

Union Hope Baptist Church. Rev. Dr. Connie Gardner, interim pastor. Services of comfort entrusted to Washington

BROACHE, Daphne Brooks, of St. Stephens Church, Va., went to be with the Lord on Sunday, November 29, 2020. She was preceded in death by her husband, John W. Broache Jr.; two sons, John Jr. and Daniel Glenn Broache; and a grandson, Brent Andrew Alexander. She is survived by her daughter, Myrna T. Alexander (Brent); two grandsons, Kevin A. Alexander and Zachery Amory. She is also survived by a sister, Betty Ann Tillery (Woody); two brothers, Larry Brooks and Wade Brooks (Pat); and we mustn't forget her loving fur babies, Fluffy, Cheetah and Chloe. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a walk-through visitation will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2020, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Aylett Chapel of B.W. White Funeral Home, 7837 Richmond Tappahannock Hwy., Aylett, Va., where services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, December 4, 2020, with interment at St. Stephens Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Stephens Baptist Church, 251 The Trail, St. Stephens Church, Va. 23148 (please remember face mask and social distancing are required).

Mattie Broaddus of St. Stephens Church, nephews: Harvey Mercer Sr. of Walkerton, George Baylor of New Jersey, Robert Baylor Sr. and Garry Baylor both of Chesterfield, Conrad Braxton of Tappahannock, Michael Baylor of Richmond and Carl Ruff of North Carolina; nieces: Linda and Shirley Mercer of Walkerton, Lisa and Sherrie Winston of Henrico and Carol Ruff of Matthews and a host of great nieces, great nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

The viewing was on Friday, December 11 from 4-6 p.m. at Washington Funeral Home, Tappahannock. The graveside funeral service was held on Saturday, December 12 at 11 a.m. at New Morning Star Baptist Church, Walkerton. Rev. Dr. Sylvia Berry, Pastor.

MUSE



Squire Lee Muse, 78, of Reston departed this life at his residence.

He is survived by three sisters: Lillian Muse of Plainfield, NJ, Edith Davis of New Brunswick, NJ and Gladys Monroe of Phoenix, AZ and two brothers:

George Muse of Plainfield, NJ and Carl Muse (Pandora) of Richmond, VA.

The graveside funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 19 at 2 p.m. at



Letters to the Editor, continued

Dear Editor,

Stop The Inside Game

In February, there will be a special election for the Commissioner of the Revenue and Treasurer.

For the office of the Commissioner, there is a newcomer and a couple familiar last names.

For the Treasurer, there is a newcomer and yours truly.

For discerning residents, there certainly seems to be an "inside game" within the courthouse complex. Case in point – the real estate reassessment process and paying the vendor for contract obligations not fulfilled! Rest assured the Board of Supervisors will public notice a real estate tax increase in April 2021.

Unless you elected candidates who support transparency and not after their own personal gain, you are part of their inside game.... For over a decade, I have fought to expose government frolicking and spending antics.

Robert Ehrhart
Candidate for Treasurer,
King William



Dear Editor,

I am a friend of Mary Sue Bancroft who is running for Treasurer of King William County. We have been friends for the last 10 years and I could not think of a better more qualified person for the job. Our family will be voting for Mary Sue Bancroft in the February special election.

Sincerely,

Donald and Amanda Lumpkin

Dear Editor,

To the Residents of King William County:

This letter is give King William some insight into the best candidate for King William Treasurer for the special election being held on February 2, 2021. As you know, the King William Treasurer resigned, and the position will be filled via this special Election. So get out there and vote.

Who to vote for? Mary Sue Bancroft, hands down.

I've known Mary Sue Bancroft for 15+ years; and feel as though I know her character and capabilities well. She has been directly involved with the financial industry for more than 20 years:

Letters, continued on page 14.

Welcome to the EDA Corner

CARES Relief Fund & Grant Programs

The Board of Supervisors approved a CARES Relief funded local business support program. Funds are available for businesses that have been impacted by COVID-19. Information is available on the County website, <https://kingwilliamcounty.us/392/CARES-Relief-Fund-Program>, or on the County web page in the left-hand block "CARES Relief Fund Program". Funds will be distributed on a reimbursement basis with supporting invoices and receipts supplied by the businesses.

In addition, the Economic Development Authority, is providing grants to local businesses as part of their COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Grant Program. Information can be found at <https://kingwilliamcounty.us/DocumentCenter/View/335/2020-COVID-19-Grant-Program-Application>.

The Governor has launched a Rebuild! VA program with awards up to \$10,000 for small businesses. The information can be found on this program at <https://kingwilliamcounty.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=28>. Each of these programs provides financial support to local businesses in varying ways. County staff will be mailing information on all programs to local businesses starting next week. Staff will also be visiting brick and mortar establishments to provide information and we will be posting it on the County website and social media. Please help us get the word out.

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Letters to the Editor, continued

-18 years in her current position managing the accounts, deposits, billing, finances, banking, credit lines, payroll, benefits, taxes, and RECEIVABLES; and anything else involving financial matters for a firm in the local area.

-Prior to the aforementioned, Mary Sue was an Officer with SunTrust Bank at their Headquarters location; as well as other bank positions.

She was born and raised in Hanover, and has been a resident of King William since 1996. Not only does she know this area well, but she has seen first hand how it has transformed over the past 20+ years.

We all have our own wishes and perspectives on growth (or not) in this County. When it comes to the King William County Treasurer, the MOST important thing this position needs to focus on is that the County's finances are sound, verified, and the County can be ahead of the pace of the Community's needs. I feel as though Mary Sue's character and track record can back her desires to ensure that this county has 100% transparency when it comes to finances, tax collection, balancing the books, and ensuring the 'money isn't funny'. In all seriousness, that was NOT the case with the prior team in place. Mary Sue has the technical

acumen, training, and experience to ensure that the systems, software, and beyond are up to date, understood by all users including herself; FULLY tracked and balanced, and the ethics regarding such would be the first tenet of her official position. THIS is how she would serve the Citizens of King William going forward.

I place my full confidence in her candidacy for this role, and she has earned my vote. Mary Sue is one of the strongest people I have ever met. She does not back down from a challenge. She also does not make waves for the sake of creating turmoil. If a change needs to be made, she will state her case, establish and execute upon associated goals, and deliver what is best for the needs of the community; in partnership with the KW County Citizens and their Elected Government Officials.

Ensure you vote. Make arrangements to vote early, or allow yourself time to vote on February 2nd 2021.

And when you DO vote, cast your ballot for Mary Sue Bancroft.

Respectfully,
Brian Tillet
King William Citizen

Passion Church, continued from front page

The funds for these start-up churches is provided in part by the Baptist General Association. According to Pastor Brian the motto of the church is, "We are very focused on reaching people who don't go to church. So many people in our modern society feel that church is no longer relevant." Over half of the attendees to these churches have not been to church before.

Pastors Brian and Michael agree that, "We go wherever God tells us to move. Nothing stays the same. We bring in young people and train them to be Christians and leaders with authority. So the church's legacy is not what you do; it's what you leave and grow spiritually."

For more information, visit PCC online at pccwired.net.

King William Commissioner of the Revenue Retiring

Story by Florence Cooke

Picture courtesy Sally Pearson

After 27 years as King William County Commissioner of Revenue, Sally Pearson is retiring as of February 1, 2021.

Sally has been employed by the Virginia Retirement System for 34 years. For seven years she worked in Richmond in the Department of Audit of Public Accounts. She came to King William to do audits and liked the thought of a more rural setting. Her husband and two girls, Jessica and Katie, moved with her to King William.

She was appointed on January 1, 1994, by a Circuit Court Judge to fill the unexpired term of Commissioner of Revenue Bonnie Steffey. She ran for the job and won re-election in November 1994. She has run and won re-election eight times.

According to Mrs. Pearson, "the duties of the Commissioner of the Revenue are often misunderstood. The COR does not make the laws for the County and much like the sheriff, the Commissioner is charged with enforcing the codes the Board of Supervisors adopts. The COR does not perform reassessments – this is a function of the Board of Supervisors and County Administration. The COR is charged with creating a real estate tax book using the values that were set during reassessment. The COR does not collect taxes or assess penalties and interest. All of the duties of the COR are codified in the Code of Virginia and must be strictly adhered to.

During Commissioner Pearson's term, the Board of Supervisors adopted the real estate tax relief program, the business license tax, the meal tax, the disabled veteran relief program for real estate and personal property as well as many other programs that are administered by the COR.

The County has grown in revenue and services during the 27 years served by the Commissioner and the COR Office still



Sally Pearson

has the same number of employees as were in place on January 1, 1994 when Pearson took the helm.

It is Mrs. Pearson's sincerest hope that the next Commissioner of the Revenue for King William County will have the support of the Board of Supervisors and the County Administrator so that they can perform the important duties of the position with the most effectiveness. There will be lots of new challenges since the County will be implementing two new systems in the coming months."

Sally states, "I am looking forward to spending time with my loved ones, especially my four year old granddaughter. I now can spend more time in working with local organizations – my church, the Ruritans, King William Historical Society and the Garden Club Middle Peninsula. I will continue playing golf and doing taxes.

I really appreciate the support of all the voters in King William County over the years and have enjoyed working with you. King William County is a wonderful place to work and raise a family"



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Story by Florence Cooke

Picture courtesy Laurie Knight

In the current environment that our country is struggling with, everyone's life has changed – schools, jobs, health, and economy. Uncertainty is in everyone's lives. Our economy is hurting with businesses closing because of restrictions. Local businesses are suffering. People are trying to buy locally to help their community. In particular local restaurants need the help of the community to stay in business.

Groceries Plus, a local delivery service owned by Laurie Knight, currently works closely with local businesses to assist with basic needs - pick up and deliver groceries, medicine, meals from local restaurants, and transportation needs.

Halterman's and Groceries Plus have partnered to eliminate stress at this time of the year. To relieve Christmas stress, the partners are offering services of delivering catered meals to families or the loved ones that you won't be able to share the holidays with.

Groceries Plus and Halterman's currently are serving King William, King and Queen, West Point, Essex, and Old Church.

Halterman's and Groceries Plus have brought back their famous ultimate family seafood packs – the mini seafood pack which can easily feed 1 -2 and or the family pack that will generously serve 4 – 6 people. For example the family pack includes one pound of fish, one pound of shrimp, a half pound of clams or oysters, twenty hush puppies and a pound of cole slaw with free delivery. For details please call Halterman's at 769-3999.

Groceries Plus has a new user friendly website – groceriesplus45.com This explains in detail what customers need to do and how to order local deliveries easily. The enhanced features include push button access: ability to local restaurants for speedy service. For details for delivery service please call 804-912-0291.

Both partners, Halterman's and Groceries Plus, have appreciated the support of the community in 2020 and hope for a better 2021.



Laurie Knight of Groceries Plus picking up a Halterman's order from Kali and Logan Halterman

Happy Birthday Tom!



By Gene Campbell

Tom Newman, the Mayor of Aylett, turned 94 on December 22nd. We all aspire to live a long and productive life and to gracefully grow old. Tom is certainly doing this. He is as sharp and witty as he has ever been. In normal times Tom would be at the corner (Valero's) in the mornings drinking coffee and shooting the breeze with 'the coffee gang' but the pandemic

has changed that. Some of the coffee guys have been visiting Tom at his home. I visited him one morning last week and he was at the door waiting for me. He told me he really misses the comradery. As we entered the house, he was quick to show me his new recliner. "Look at this" he said as he sat in the chair and pushed a button. Smiling the whole time, the back of the recliner slowly moved up and forward making it easier for him to get out. "I got a good deal on this" he exclaimed! Tom is a Navy veteran and proudly served on the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt aircraft carrier during WW



Looking sharp at 94!

II. President Harry Truman once visited the carrier.

Retired from the banking business, Tom is an icon in the community having served 47 years as an executive at Southside Bank (now called SoNa Bank). His wife Martha passed away last year but his daughter Susan who is a nurse lives nearby in the house Tom grew up in. She stops by every day after work and checks on him. His son Steven who is an airline pilot lives in Georgia and visits when he can. Tom, you are an amazing man!

We wish you all the BEST and look forward to your 100th birthday!!

The Ballot is Set For Special Election on February 2nd

By Gene Campbell

And they are off and running! Candidates vying for the three positions in the upcoming King William County special election on February 2, 2021 have filed their paperwork and have been certified by the General Registrar's office. Candidates for the office of :

Commissioner of the Revenue

- Karen L. Funkhouser
- Douglas D. Riley
- Olivia S. Lawrence

Treasurer

- Mary Sue Bancroft
- R. W. Ehrhart

School Board Fourth District

- Terry Sims Stone

Please take the time and go to the polls on February 2nd and vote for your candidate of choice.

Reprinted with names corrected

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Corinth Christian Church

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

Jerusalem Christian Church

Stay in your car Christmas Eve Service - 5:00 December 24th Jerusalem Christian Church 1902 Powhatan Trail King William Va. If rain or snow, it will be cancelled. Live nativity, service will be broadcasted on your car FM radio. 89.7

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

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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

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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

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Providence Baptist Church

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Sharon Baptist Church

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

The Edge Worship Centre

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www.tewcwestpoint.net

Third Union Baptist Church

In response to CDC due to COVID-19, we will not hold services at church. We now have Church Services via teleconferencing and virtually via ZOOM Sunday mornings at 10:30AM. Join our Church Service by dialing: 1-301-715-8592, The Meeting ID is 937 282 5797 and the Passcode is 969675. 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.

Upper King & Queen Baptist Church

Sunday School will begin at 10:00 A.M. followed by WORSHIP Service at 11:00 A.M. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 3:00 P.M. Due to Covid 19, masks and social distancing will be practiced until further notice. Rev. Wade Wilkins- Pastor. 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

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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

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Community Calendar



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Introducing Native Plants to Your Garden Saturday, Jan. 9, 11:00 a.m. - noon. Registration is required at <https://pamunkeylibrary.libcal.com/event/7333961>.

Atlee Virtual Book Club

Wednesday, Jan. 13, 11:00 a.m. - noon Registration is required at <https://pamunkeylibrary.libcal.com/event/7342301>.

Kids' Lego Club

Friday, Jan. 22, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Grades K-5. Registration required at <https://pamunkeylibrary.libcal.com/event/7336663>.

Virtual Teen Cat Cafe

Tuesday, Jan. 26, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Ages 11-18. Registration is required at <https://pamunkeylibrary.libcal.com/event/7336636>.

CoderDojo Workshop

Saturday, Jan. 30, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Ages 13-19. Go to <https://pamunkeylibrary.libcal.com/> to fill out a survey form to sign up.

On Demand Videos Storytime for Grown-ups

Premieres Wednesday, Jan. 13 Ages 18 & up. go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/pamunkeylibrary> or <https://tinyurl.com/prladults> to see the video.

Scarf Wearing Workshop

Premieres Saturday, Jan. 16 Ages 18 & up. go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/pamunkeylibrary> or <https://tinyurl.com/prladults> to see the video.

Day in the Life: Librarians

Premieres Monday, Jan. 18. All ages. go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/pamunkeylibrary> or <https://tinyurl.com/prlchildrens> to see the video.

Bullet Journaling

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Jack & the Beanstalk

Premieres Thursday, Jan. 28 Ages 5 - 10. go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/pamunkeylibrary> or <https://tinyurl.com/prlchildrens>

tinyurl.com/prlchildrens to see our read-along video and find out how to grow your own beans.

register at <https://pamunkeylibrary.libcal.com/event/7342532> to reserve your Seed Swap Day kit, to be picked up on Jan. 30 at the Mechanicsville Branch Library.

Take & Makes

Take & Make: Coding Ciphers

Pickup on Wednesday, Jan. 20 Grades K-5. coding cipher kit at the Mechanicsville Branch Library at 7461 Sherwood Crossing Place on Wednesday, Jan. 20 from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Friday Arts & Crafts

Pickup on Friday, Jan. 22 stop by the Mechanicsville Branch Library at 7461 Sherwood Crossing Place to pick up your kit

National Seed Swap Day

Saturday Jan. 30 For more information or if you have a special physical or communication need, please contact ask@pamunkeylibrary.org.

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.

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Bay Aging

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The CornerStone Food Program:

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