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## King William County Administrator Resigns



County Administrator Bobbie Tassinari

By Gene Campbell

King William Board of Supervisors Chairman Travis Moskalski notified the administration and County staff by letter on February 8<sup>th</sup> that County Administrator Bobbie Tassinari had resigned the previous day. The letter also stated Steve Hudgins, County Operations Director, will be serving as the acting county administrator until a new administrator is hired. Mrs. Tassinari became upset with the former Commissioner of Revenue and a county supervisor when she learned information was withheld from her concerning errors in the 2021 tax reassessment. She felt she could no longer work in an environment where information was withheld from her.

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

## Remembering Nancy Clark



Nancy Clark and Latane Trice at dedication of the new Walkerton Bridge named for Latane.

Please see full story on page 10.

## “MISS LILLIAN” Cofounder of Mattaponi Volunteer Rescue Squad Dies



Lillian Jones and Curtis Mason, cofounders of Mattaponi Rescue Squad

Story by Florence Cooke

Pictures courtesy Mattaponi Rescue Squad

“MISS LILLIAN” Walker Jones of Mattaponi Volunteer Rescue Squad in Walkerton passed away on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at the age of 88. Everyone in the local areas of King William and King and Queen and hospital personnel in local Emergency Rooms knew “Miss Lillian”.

Lillian Jones and Curtis Mason were cofounders of Mattaponi Volunteer Rescue formed in 1994–1995. In responding to rescue calls, most of the time a smiling petite little woman named “Miss Lillian” was the EMT coming from the back of the unit and Curtis Mason was the driver.

Born and raised in Walkerton, Lillian attended Smith-Deal Massey Business School in Richmond. One of her first jobs was censoring movies for the Division of Motion Pictures. She worked for the State Corporation Commission for 32 years.

Please see **LILLIAN**, continued on page 8.

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Nelson Mandela

## Publisher's Message



I hope everyone made it through the ice storm ok and are looking for better days ahead. Sometimes we don't know what may be ahead. We must do the best we can each and every day and look for the sunshine we know is there.

Take care till next time.

*Hanny Clark*



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# A Doctor's Visit

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

Did the groundhog see his shadow? Are we going to have 6 more weeks of winter? It sure seems like it with the snow and ice we've been getting. We always need to be prepared for bad weather and make sure our animals have plenty of hay and water. The vet came out the other day for Pip's regular shots and I was thinking how wonderful it is that they make house calls. Regular doctors haven't made house calls for people in a long time. You have to wait so long to get in and see them. I thought of a story about a guy going to the doctor's office.

There was a guy named Bubba that stopped by the doctor's office and went in to the counter. The receptionist asked "So Bubba, what can I do for you?" He said "I've got shingles." She told him to have a seat and fill out some paperwork and someone would be with him shortly. After 20 minutes, a nurse's assistant came out and took him back and weighed him, checked his height, etc. and told him to have a seat in the examining room. Another 20 minutes



went by and a registered nurse came in and asked him "Bubba, what do you have?" He said "Shingles." The nurse took his pulse, blood pressure, temperature and told him to get undressed and sit on the examining table and the doctor would be with him shortly. After about 30 minutes, the doctor finally came in with his file and saw Bubba sitting on the table naked and asked him "Hi Bubba, what do you have?" Bubba said "Shingles." The doctor said "Well let's have a look. Where are they at?" Bubba said "In the back of my truck. I'm just the delivery driver."

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## Obituaries

### JACKSON



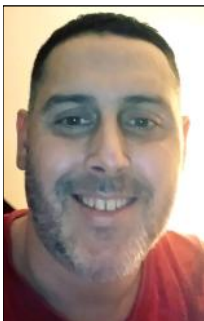
Anthony Lee Jackson was born 08/27/1972 and left us too soon on 01/02/2021. Anthony was born, raised and educated in King William county VA. His father, Alfred Jackson passed away suddenly before Anthony's birth so he was raised by his mother A.

Marie Johnson and his grandparents Paul and Mildred Johnson, who all have also preceded him in death. Anthony loved music, watching old wrestling matches, childhood dog Mickey, his current dog Diamond, good friends and was an excellent artist. He always had an ear to listen if you needed to talk. However his greatest love and proudest accomplishment in life was his only child Autumn. Constantly doting on her and bragging on his 2 grandsons, showing off pictures to everyone he came in contact with. Ant leaves to cherish his memory daughter Autumn (Byron), 2 grandsons Rowan and A.J., ex wife and friend Kim, best friend Matt, constant companion Diamond, close cousins Junior

Adams, Devin Harris, Clara Powell, Lynette Murray, Uncle Roy and many other friends. You will be missed greatly "Big Ant", rest easy.

Any cards or donations to help with cremation expenses should be sent to Autumn Thomas P.O. box 434, Aylett VA 23009. A small memorial service is being planned.

### BRINTLEY



Brintley, Brian Scott, 39, of Aylett passed away on February 4, 2021. He is survived by his parents, Barbara and Ray Brintley; sister, Michelle; loving and faithful dog, Abby; and many extended family members. A graveside service will be held at Washington Memorial Park at 11:00AM on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Online Condolences may be registered at [www.bennettfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bennettfuneralhomes.com).



### WALTON



Jessie Merle Walton, 90, of Mattaponi, VA, passed away February 5, 2020 at her home. She was born November 2, 1930 in King & Queen County to the late Joseph L. "Buddy" and Mattie Hurtt Walton. Jessie graduated as valedictorian from Pleasant Hill High School and later was appointed Justice of the Peace and Magistrate for the 9th Judicial District, a job she greatly enjoyed for 43 years before retiring as the last magistrate in Virginia working out of her home. Mrs. Walton loved people. She especially loved the officers she worked with through her magistrate work and the individuals who came through her doors. She was always a rule follower, but never a judgmental lady, so when the law required that she send someone to jail, she'd often cut them a slice of her homemade pound cake and share it with both the officer and the arrested individual before sending them out the door. It was her way of showing a little compassion to someone on what was probably not their best day. Mrs. Walton was a longtime marriage commissioner and a notary of public for the Commonwealth of Virginia. She performed countless wedding ceremonies for couples over the years, many of them in her lovely living room, and she was honored to perform the vows for all of her grandchildren's weddings. Jessie's walk with Jesus began early as she was raised in a Christian home and was a lifelong member of Old Church United Methodist. She was blessed to serve in many capacities in the church she loved, including as a pianist, adult Sunday school teacher, member of the United Methodist Women, church treasurer and was a certified lay speaker for the Rappahannock District.

Jessie was the secretary-treasurer of the Board of Directors and business manager of York Academy for 21 years. She was a past president of both the Woman's Club of King & Queen County and the President's Council of the Lee District Federation of Woman's Clubs. Through

all of her roles, she performed with excellence. The books she kept were balanced to the penny, and every detail was attended to.

Jessie had a great love for the Lord and her family. She was a devoted wife, loving mother and a doting "Grammy" to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a phenomenal cook and loved preparing home cooked meals for family gatherings, especially their Sunday evening family dinners. Her passion in life was her family. Nothing brought her more joy than being a wife, mother and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, John Moses Walton; two brothers, Joseph L. Walton, Jr. and Monroe Nelson Walton; and a great-granddaughter, Maren Eloise Norris.

Jessie is survived by two daughters and their husbands, Robyn and Chris Vincent of West Point, Beverly and Willard Norris, Jr. of Deltaville; six grandchildren and their spouses, Christopher and Jocelyn Vincent, Brad and Danielle Norris, Jonathan Norris, Benjamin and Amanda Vincent, Jessica and Chase Evans, and Ryan and Jeanne Norris; 12 great-grandchildren, Camryn and Cody Vincent, Ruby Kate, Molly and Lucy Vincent, June and Matilda Evans, Jon Daniel and Luke Norris, Ella and Matilyn Norris, and Jolie Norris; along with a sister-in-law, Lois Walton, whom she loved as a sister.

A graveside service was held 11 a.m. Monday, February 8th in Old Church United Methodist Church Cemetery, 25614 The Trail, Mattaponi, VA 23110. Memorials may be made to Old Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Joyce Goins, 145 Gregory Lane, Mattaponi, VA 23110. Tributes may be posted at [www.vincentfh.com](http://www.vincentfh.com).

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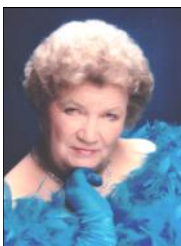
### JONES



Jones, Lillian Walker, 88, of Walkerton, passed away peacefully on February 9, 2021. She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Lucy Jones; brother, Robert Samuel Jones; and sister, Mary Lou Jones Borkey. She is survived by nieces Thelma Walker Jones Bailey (Buddy), Linda Jones Kocsis (Sewall), Anne J. Blake (deceased), and Pamela K. Borkey West (Donnie); great-nieces, and great-great nieces and nephews. Lillian graduated from Marriott High School in King & Queen County, Virginia, and attended Smith-Deal Massey Business School in Richmond, VA. Her first job was with the Division of Motion Pictures censoring movies. Lillian's first career was spent in Richmond working for the State Corporation Commission for 32 years. Known in her community fondly as "Miss Lillian" she spent her second career devoted to founding and working as an EMT on the Mattaponi Volunteer Rescue Squad. Lillian was a member of the Bruington Baptist Church where she played piano and organ for the church for most of her adult life. She also supported many others with her music for weddings and funerals throughout the area. She received numerous community service awards throughout her life for her

dedication to the people of King & Queen and King William counties. Lillian was a caring and giving person who will be dearly missed. A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16th in Bruington Baptist Church Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Bruington Baptist Church, 4784 The Trail, Bruington, VA 23023; or Mattaponi Volunteer Rescue Squad, In Memory of Lillian Jones, PO Box 15, Walkerton, VA 23177. Tributes may be posted at [www.vincentfh.com](http://www.vincentfh.com).

### DAVIS



Davis, Lillian F. "Foxy", departed this life February 1, 2021. She was preceded in death by her loving husband John M. Davis Jr. and her parents Clyde and Virgie Fox. She is survived by daughter, Kimberly Davis and son John M. Davis III, granddaughter, Kristen Lynn Davis, and 2 great grandchildren, Zaine Davis and Lilliah Davis. The family will receive friends from 2:00-4:00PM and 6:00-8:00PM on Friday, February 5th at B.W. White Funeral Home, Aylett Chapel on Rt. 360, where the funeral will be held at 2:00pm on Saturday, February 6th. Burial to follow at Salem Presbyterian Church.



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## “MISS LILLIAN” Cofounder of Mattaponi Volunteer Rescue Squad Dies



2017 Walkerton Day - Lillian Jones receiving a donation to the Mattaponi Rescue Squad from Garland Smith.

The two main passions of her life were her church and the rescue squad. Because she loved music, she became the Assistant Organist in 1952 and then was the Organist for over 60 years. Over the years she provided music for funerals and weddings. She was also the co-chairman of the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bruington Baptist Church in 1990; and was active in the church's music program, Sunday School, and Woman's Missionary Union. In life, Lillian did not like recognition, but was given many awards and certificates of appreciation. Below are some comments made out of love for MISS LILLIAN. Permission to use these quotes

have been obtained.

BRENDA HOLT SCHOOLS - "Lillian had a beautiful soul inside and out. She loved her church, community, and the many friends she made over the years. Her love for music was as grand as the many stages she played on. The dedication and community service she gave to the Mattaponi Volunteer Rescue Squad was a reflection of her character and devotion to the many lives she touched within the community. She will be greatly missed."

HATTIE SMITH - "Sorry to hear of Lillian's passing. She and I ran calls together for 16 years, during rain, sleet, snow, or sun. Lillian was dedicated to serving her community, compassionate to those needing care, and respectful to others. With the silencing of "Pager 648" may she rest peacefully in His arms forever. I will remember the many trips in Mattaponi 6. Farewell, my friend."

ELLEN K. OTEY - "Lillian Walker was truly an ANGEL among us. First and foremost, a strong devoted Christian who truly puts helping others ahead of her well-being. Giving herself to God's work by helping others and comforting them when they were in need. I remember when we took the First Responder and then EMT classes in Essex. She kept saying she couldn't do it, she couldn't do it but she did it better than anyone else in three counties. Her tireless devotion and love of people will be missed by so many. It was a great honor to learn from Lillian Walker,

run with her on calls, and love her."

SHANE WHITE - "I could not express in words that would do Miss Lillian justice. I had the distinct pleasure and honor of being her night shift driver for a few years. I saw someone whose passion and caring for her community shown through beyond anyone else I have ever seen. She was the type of person you wanted around no matter what the situation. Her calm demeanor and heartfelt concern for anybody she came in contact with was something that was real. She was on shift seven days a week 24 hours a day because if a call went out anywhere in King William or King and Queen, she was there. She was a pioneer for many in this county and an angel of mercy for countless more. For such tiny stature, she left shoes so big no one person could possibly fill. She will be missed but hopefully, her legacy will go on for many years in people she has touched."

DIANE ATKINS - "Such a beautiful lady who took pride in her work, treated all as if you were her family, would do anything for whoever needed help if she could. Such a lovely lady. HEAVEN GAINED AN ANGEL."

BRUCE TAYLOR - "Miss Lillian was a TRUE TREASURE to our community and church."

FROM MATTAPONI VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD - "Lillian Jones, or as everyone knew her, Miss Lillian, was a staple in both the King and Queen and King William communities. She served with King William Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad and was a founding member of Mattaponi Volunteer Rescue Squad. She served her community for countless hours as an EMT, driver, mentor, and friend. I, Tammy Mason, had the pleasure of knowing Miss Lillian for over 30 years. She was a mentor when we were members at King William Volunteer Rescue Squad. Miss Lillian was well respected and loved by everyone. She will be missed by so many people. REST IN PEACE, MISS LILLIAN. WE HAVE THE WATCH FROM HERE."

## Obituaries, continued

### SHEPPARD



Thelma Burton Sheppard, 78 of Shacklefords, VA, passed away on February 8, 2021. She was preceded in death by her parents, Marion and Louise Burton; a sister,

Betty Philbates and a brother, Jack Burton. She is survived by her husband, Don Sheppard; son Jimmy Dean, stepson Tommy Sheppard (Lynne); three brothers, Buck Burton (Judy), John Burton (Margie), Mike Burton (Pam); two sisters, Martha Ellen Bivins, Ann Carter (Daulton); one brother-in-law, Floyd Philbates; one step-grandson, Matthew Sarvay; and many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 2pm at Old Church United Methodist Church cemetery, 25614 The Trail Mattaponi, VA 23110. Memorials may be made to the church.



## King William's ZONING affects you and your family

King William is reviewing and updating the County's Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan. To date, the self-interests of a vocal few have been the most loudly heard. While these voices are important to hear, they are not necessarily representative of the opinions of the broader County Resident population.

To ensure the most accurate representation, it is important that everyone respond to the Survey that was created by the County for completion by its Residents. The outcome of this survey affects you and your family - *every opinion counts*.

### You have until February 26, 2021, to be heard.

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1. Maintain the County's unique rural characteristics and promote Agriculture, Forestry, and Outdoor Sportsmanship;
2. Keep the County Financially Feasible - reduce (not eliminate) the number of starter homes built in the agricultural areas of the County and promote *thoughtful* residential development, which relieves pressure on County Schools and Real Estate Taxes for existing County Residents;
3. Provide a Realistic Commercial Development strategy; and, Promote beautiful primary thoroughfares and gateways in the County.

Within the following pages you will find facts to consider when completing the Resident Survey. County Residents can find the Survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KingWilliamOrdinances>. Complete the Survey on-line or call Sherry Graham at 804.769.4978 to obtain and return a paper copy to: King William County, 180 Horse Landing Road #4, King William, VA 23086.

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## Bancroft Elected King William County Treasurer

By Gene Campbell

There are some new faces at the county administration building. Mary Sue Bancroft easily defeated former District 5 Supervisor Bob Ehrhart in the February 2<sup>nd</sup> special election for County Treasurer. She replaces former Treasurer Harry Whitt who retired last fall. Bancroft garnered 869 votes to Ehrhart's 217 votes, prevailing in all seven polling precincts. In the Commissioner of Revenue (COR) race, West Point native Karena Funkhouser was elected filling the

unexpired term of Sally Pearson who resigned last November. Initially, Funkhouser had two opponents but they dropped out of the race in January. Running unopposed former District 4 Supervisor Terry Stone was elected to fill the District 4 seat on the School Board, filling the unexpired term of Lindsay Robinson who resigned last fall. Stone previously held this seat before becoming Supervisor. Voter turnout was very light as only 1,099 (8.2%) of the 13,305 registered voters in the county came out to vote.

## Nancy Clark, continued from front page

By Gene Campbell

On February 7<sup>th</sup> the community lost a good journalist and friend, Nancy Clark. Nancy cofounded the *Country Courier* in 1989 with her former husband Danny. Nancy got me started writing articles and taking pictures for the *Country Courier*. Many a time she called me and said, "Gene, have you taken any interesting pictures this week?" When I dropped off my articles and pictures at her office the night before the deadline, I remember seeing Nancy working on the layout of the paper, cutting and pasting articles and pictures. One of my first pictures she published was of a large copperhead snake my father had killed on the family farm. I showed it to Nancy and she said "I want to print this." That was news back then! I asked my father if it was ok with him to print the picture and he

said, "ok, but don't put my name in the paper."

Nancy was never at a loss for words and could write an article in a matter of minutes. Local sheriff deputies nicknamed her 'Lois Lane'. For those of you who remember Lois Lane on the Superman TV show, you know what I am talking about. She was always where the action was and the first one on the scene of every 'happening' in the community. She didn't mind getting out front and asking the tuff questions to get the scoop. She also, like me, loved taking pictures and we would team up some times to photo shoot a wedding.

Nancy was a kind-hearted soul, liked to talk, and had a giggle that was contagious. Rest in peace Nancy. I know you will keep all the angels in heaven busy with your stories.

## Lieutenant Governor candidate lights a fire in snowy King William

Mrs. Winsome Sears, vying for the Republican Party nomination in the Lieutenant Governor race in Virginia, brought her campaign themes of dignity, equal opportunity, Second Amendment rights, lower taxes, entrepreneurship, and educational choice to event attendees inside and outside Ripley's Family Restaurant.

Braving a severe snowstorm on a round trip from her home community in Northern Virginia, the successful small business owner, United States Marine, former Delegate, and the first Republican to win a majority Black District since 1865 immediately found common ground with the audience.

"Like you, I am sick and tired of politicians forgetting who they work for," Sears said. "For far too long, our elected leaders in Richmond have disregarded our shared values for leftist policies that increase the size of government while decreasing our freedoms."

"Over 50 years ago, when I immigrated to America from Jamaica, I came as a young child with a vision of opportunity," Sears said. "Consequently, my American Dream became a reality for me and this country has enabled me to do great things for my family, community, and county. From serving in the United States Marine Corps to the Virginia House of Delegates to building my own small business, I have been truly blessed by Virginia."

"But opportunity and freedom are not the same as they were 50 years ago," she noted. "For too long, our Commonwealth has suffered under the abuses of Democrat leadership. Governor Northam and Lt. Governor Fairfax have eroded our most precious rights at every



Photo by King William T.E.A. Party

Winsome Sears makes a point in her presentation to the King William T.E.A. Party. "When I served in the House of Delegates, I wanted my constituents to know that whatever power I held derived from them. Therefore, I was to be their servant leader and only answerable to them."

<http://winsomesears.com>

possible turn by championing infanticide and assaulting our Second Amendment rights.

"Like so many other small business owners," she continued, "I've endured the unwarranted and unnecessarily aggressive shutdowns that have been sanctioned by this hypocritical administration. This assault on hardworking Virginians and our economy must end."

In keeping with COVID restrictions, patrons inside were joined virtually by others in their cars in the parking lot for a live radio broadcast in the manner of a "drive-in church."

(King William T.E.A. Party – Taxed Enough Already – does not endorse specific political candidates, but makes it a point to invite and host speakers presenting a wide variety of positions. [kwteaparty.com](http://kwteaparty.com))

## King William's "BRAND" affects you and your family

**ISSUE:** The Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan should extend the County "BRAND" - the County's unique rural assets including Forestry, Agriculture, and Outdoor Sportsmanship, so that these characteristics remain an overriding part of the County culture and the primary reason people choose to live here. 95% of new residential construction in the County is small lot and starter homes. Small lot and starter homes built in Agricultural areas are inconsistent with the County "BRAND."

**ONE SOLUTION:** If King William's heritage and "BRAND" are in fact Forestry, Agriculture, and Outdoor Sportsmanship, the Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan should ensure King William is developed in a manner that retains these special unique rural features and activities. Zoning should:

Support long-term continuation of Forestry and Agriculture in the County; and,

Expand land use policies to actively support land uses like hunting and fishing, agritourism, development of farmettes, homesteading, and equestrian uses on larger rural lots.

[King William is reviewing and updating its Zoning and Comprehensive Plan now. Zoning and the Comprehensive Plan are critically important to determining the County's future.](#)

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## Thank You to the Community

I write this with utmost appreciation and humbleness for the overwhelming support (79.69%) and confidence shown to me in the King William County Treasurer's race. There are so many to thank individually, but there just wouldn't be enough space in the paper to do that.

A huge thank you to the business owners and individuals where I placed my signs and allowed me to set up my meet and greets with my little travel trailer. I am so appreciative of those who took the time to come out to meet me (and my brother (thank you bro) and his dog). I felt this was the best way to respect the citizens' need for social distancing while also respecting those who are not in favor of strangers on their property.

To the individuals (you know who you are) that overwhelmed me with support on social media, I don't know if I'll ever be able to thank you enough. I was absolutely blown away by your immediate rallying behind me. And, even more so after I had an opportunity to meet you.

Not only did you support me, but you are also now my good friends. What an extra blessing for sure. I just have to say the Amanda's and the Brian's rock! As well as behind the scenes supporters (you also know who you are).

Let me make it very clear, you will not regret



the decision you made to overwhelmingly vote me in as your King William Treasurer. I'm beyond excited to bring the Treasurer's office to a level that every citizen can respect and be proud of. I'm especially looking forward to implementing better protocols and avenues to streamline some of the processes in the Treasurer's office. The amazing staff in the office (Abbi Carlton and Kim Lewis) have made my first days much less overwhelming than I had anticipated. They are the stars in the office no doubt! With their help, we will accomplish great things. Be on the lookout and we will do this again in 2023!

Humbly,  
Mary Sue Bancroft  
King William County Treasurer

## Tassinari, continued from front page

The 2021 reassessments have been embroiled in controversy with inconsistencies and errors since taxpayers received their reassessment notices last fall. Taxpayers began demanding the reassessments be redone. Mrs. Tassinari, who was finance director at the county before she was appointed county administrator in 2018, is the fifth county administrator to hold the position in the last seven years.

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## Run, Mason Run !



Mason carrying the American Flag while running the Wounded Warriors Carry Forward 5K

By Armistead Saffer

Pictures by Julie Mielke

10-year-old Mason Mielke has taken on running as his new passion. Mason has always been active in sports and when COVID hit and he started spending more time at home and is in the 4th grade at Acquinton Elementary. He

only attends school for two days and is virtual learning for three days at home.

Before the pandemic hit, Mason played football, basketball, and soccer. He was planning on playing baseball and then Covid hit. There's a quarter-mile running path in his yard. Weather conditions do not stop him. He'll run in the rain, heat, and humidity, and when it's cold. Nothing will stop him. For 2021, he's committed to running at least one mile each day and has logged over 200 miles since the beginning of the year.

Mason races against his best times and also participates in races, mostly virtual, that support causes he likes. Here are the events he's run in: Miles 4 My Community (10K),

Firecracker 4-Miler; Run For The Water (9 Miles) – supporting clean water for third world countries; Sea Turtle Exploration (42.3 Miles) – supporting sea turtle awareness; Yankees Virtually United 5K; 9.11K Never Forget Patriot's Day - supporting 9/11 memorial fund; Courage, Hope, Beauty 5K – supporting breast cancer organization; Brad Keselowski's Checkered Flag 5K – Supporting the organization to provide service dogs to PTSD patients; Operation Build Up 5K – supporting Operation Build Up (ran 3.1 miles on the road carrying the American Flag); Wounded Warrior Carry 5K – supporting Wounded Warrior Project (ran 3.1 miles carrying the American Flag ; Turkey Trot 5K; Reindeer Run 5K; Oh Fudge 5K – supporting Feed America; You'll Go Down in History 2020 – Supporting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; 12K (or his way 12Miles) of Christmas – supporting Toys for Tots; and a 100 mile run as a culmination of all of his other runs supporting St. Jude's.

Mason stated, "I just felt like doing something that wasn't sitting around doing nothing. I wanted to make a difference. I ran for causes that meant something. This year I wanted to do something more. More than just 100 miles. Challenge myself to do more and show the world that people are having a hard time right now. So I can run to support people in need it is a little something I can do."

Until things get back to normal, Mason will continue to run. He hopes to beat his personal best of 6:23 for a mile and 22:42 for a 5K. He's currently signed up for several runs and likes to support St. Jude's and Wounded Warriors and veterans. In the meantime, he'll just keep running his daily mile.

## Fundraiser for 4 Year Old Cancer Survivor



Brady gives a 'thumbs up' approval at his fundraiser at PRD Concessions



Brady being held by his dad CJ Johnson with Paul (left) owner of PRD Concessions

Story by Florence Cooke

Pictures courtesy of the Johnson family and PRD Concessions

On Saturday, February 6, 2021, Paul R. Diana with PRD Concessions, held a fundraiser at his food trailer at the intersection of Routes 360 and 30 for four-year-old Brady Johnson who is childhood cancer survivor.

According to Brady's aunt, Ashley Johnson, Brady was taken to the emergency room in March 2020 with an intense headache that induced vomiting. After several episodes of vomiting, an MRI was done and a mass was seen that was identified as medulloblastoma, one of the most common forms of childhood cancer. Surgery was quickly scheduled at VCU. After the tissue was removed, the child endured three rounds of chemotherapy followed by three stem cell transplants. After January 2021 Brady received his award for finishing treatment.

His post-treatment MRI looks clear. He is now back home playing with his toys and enjoying his home. Soon he will begin physical, occupational, and speech therapy. The brave little boy is determined to learn, motivated to be independent, and still smiling his biggest smile.

Brady's grandmother, Cathi Hurt Alexander, contacted Mr. Diana about doing a fundraiser for Brady to help with medical expenses. Mr. Diana has been doing fundraisers with his food trailer for over a year. He quickly agreed to sell Brunswick

stew, which is a great way to help those in need.

His aunt states, "Brady was so excited to have a fundraiser all about him, loved that Nutzy, the mascot for the Flying Squirrels, wanted to come to meet him, and even helped hand out stews to some of his supporters."

Paul Diana states, "In the few years we have been in business, I have been trying to do fundraisers as much as I can to help others. Our first fundraiser was for Lt. Brad Clark, who was killed on 295 a few years ago during the hurricane. At that point, I knew there was more to life than just trying to make money for myself.

After all expenses, we donated \$1,905 on the food side. Cash donations given were \$2,181, totaling \$4,086. My landlord, Howard Townsend, out of the blue wrote a huge check making the bulk of the donation. I really enjoyed doing this fundraiser for the family. I am thankful that Cathi Hurt Alexander contacted us to do this for the family."

Ms. Johnson stated for the family, "We cannot wait to give back to PRD Concessions and this wonderful community that's supported us during the most trying time we will hopefully every experience."

If you'd like to make a donation the family has two GoFundMe accounts. To help with Brady's medical bills: [gofund.me/2fe486c7](https://gofund.me/2fe486c7) or to help with general living expenses: [gofund.me/4323b61c](https://gofund.me/4323b61c)

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

If the King William Tea Party (TP) is the self-proclaimed political "Watch Dogs" how did they miss the former Treasurer failing to collect delinquent real-estate taxes? How did they not see the Commissioner of the Revenue's (COR) short-coming? Both the COR and Treasurer are elected officials, and are able to respond to their accusations, unlike county employees.

The county employees are restricted from responding to the "TP" accusations because of Administrative Policy AP16-1. Thus in a nutshell, AP16-1 this places county employees as soft targets. According to the Macmillan Dictionary, "Someone or something that is very easy to attack or criticize" is the definition of a "soft target".

You may be asking how the TP would know about this policy AP16-1. Because AP16-1 was created in 2016 to placate the two TP Board of Supervisor members to avoid terminating a County employee. Even though the County employee was request by the then County Administrator to write an article clarifying some deceptive information being spouted by the TP guys.

My perspective after serving 20.6 years as active duty US Army and supporting all branches of the military; Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard and DOD

civilians for another additional 23 years, I only know of select groups that attack soft targets. That would be bullies, cowards and terrorists.

Quote:

*"You're either part of the solution or you're part of the problem."*  
(Eldridge Cleaver)

S.N.Tassinari  
SFC/E-7 USA  
Retired

Dear Editor,

My wife and I are so happy Bubba's Shrimp Shack has opened a location in Tappahannock. They have awesome shrimp and fish sandwiches on homemade bread along with seafood baskets, fried shrimp and seafood by the pound. I recommend anyone who enjoys good seafood to make a stop at Bubba's Shrimp Shack in Tappahannock. The selection, Quantity and Quality is fantastic! I have been in the seafood business many years. It's well worth the ride to Bubba's Shrimp Shack in Tappahannock. Be sure to ask for "Bubba Sauce".

Calvin McGuire  
St. Stephens Church

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to express my gratitude to Mary Sue Bancroft and my fellow King William residents. Mary Sue is leaving behind a company she's been with for 18 years, that clearly values her, to come clean up a giant mess left by the previous Treasurer.

She has shown so much enthusiasm for wanting to help this county and so much willingness to jump into the weeds and do the work to get all of this sorted out. Throughout her campaign her priorities have been clear. She has been readily available to meet and hear the concerns of each and every resident as well as answer any questions they've had. She maintained respect for our privacy and accommodated everyone's level of concern for Covid and the restrictions in place. She did all of this as a first time campaigner under the microscope of a veteran campaigner actively looking for her to make any wrong move.

She has already made sacrifices for our county simply because she wants to help and she knows she can. I just know she is going to do great things and I look forward to seeing the Treasurer's office in a different and much brighter light!

Thank you so much Mary Sue and King William voters for being part of the change this county so desperately needs!

Sincerely,  
Amanda Walker  
Aylett

Dear Editor,

We live in Black Walnut Estates and have a very steep driveway. We usually park at the top of the hill when snow is predicted to be able to get in and out, but this time failed to do so and found ourselves stranded on a snowy Friday morning with an ice storm on its way. Imagine our surprise when we heard a tractor in our driveway with a neighbor plowing it.

As we thanked him, he only stopped long enough to smile and say "You always park at the top of the hill and I never get to help you and now this time I can." He then waved and went on to the next neighbor to help. We do not know who this "Good Samaritan" is, but we want him to know how much we appreciate his kindness.

It is really nice to see during these troubling times that being there for others is still "The King William Way".

Thank you!  
Leslee & John Breeden

### KING WILLIAM'S FINANCIAL STRENGTH *affects you and your family*

**Issue:** King William's Real Estate Tax is one of the highest in Virginia. Approximately 85% of King William's municipal revenue comes from Real Estate Taxes. The top three municipal revenue sources in King William are:

Forestry & Timber related businesses;  
Mining related businesses; and,  
Agriculture

Forestry, Agriculture, and Mining don't require much in the way of County services – they are net Tax Generators for the County.

The pressure to increase Real Estate Taxes on existing County Residents is largely driven by new residential development. There is no balance – historically, 95% of new residential construction in King William County is small lot and starter homes. In King William, these homes often consume more County services than they generate in tax revenue - \$1.18 to \$1.40 of County budget dollars is spent for every tax \$1.00 generated. If one farm (net Tax Generator) is subdivided to build many homes (multiple net Tax Consumers), it hurts existing County Residents - your taxes go up.

**One Solution:** If King William's Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan specified larger lots (which are more valuable) in areas of the County where Forestry, Agriculture, and Outdoor Sportsmanship are prevalent, it would:

Support the County's "Brand" and,  
Simultaneously increase the market value of homes built in those areas. More valuable new housing stock on larger lots would be more budget-neutral to County Finance and Schools and, therefore, less likely to trigger increases in Real Estate Taxes on existing County Residents.

King William is reviewing and updating its Zoning and Comprehensive Plan now. Zoning and the Comprehensive Plan are critically important to determining the County's future.

**Residents have until February 26, 2021, to be heard.** County Residents can find the Survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KingWilliamOrdinances>. Complete the survey online or call Sherry Graham at 804.769.4978 to obtain and return a paper copy to: King William County, 180 Horse Landing Road #4, King William, VA 23086.

### KING WILLIAM COUNTY WILL HOLD A VIRTUAL MEETING ON CHANGES TO THE ZONING AND SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE FEBRUARY 24, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M.

(CONTINUED FROM THE JANUARY 28<sup>th</sup> MEETING)

A copy of the draft ordinance is available in the Planning Office, the Library and on the County's Planning & Zoning Department webpage:

<http://www.kingwilliamcounty.us/384/Zoning-Ordinance>

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# REALISTIC COMMERCIAL STRATEGY

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**Issue:** An increase in residential development in King William does not translate into an automatic expansion of the County's Commercial Tax Base to offset Residential tax deficits.

The County's geographic location, configuration, and lack of interstate connectivity (to 295, 64 or 95), preclude a robust Commercial Tax Base similar to Hanover's - new housing in King William has not expanded, and will not expand, King William's Commercial Tax Base similarly. For example, the commercial development behind JoJo's failed around 2007, and it's still failing after almost 15 years, despite all the new homes built in King William since 2007 - while Commercial Real Estate during the same time frame exploded in Mechanicsville.

Superior Commercial and Retail development will always locate in areas where local vehicle traffic counts, residential property values, and residential income levels are highest. Hanover County will continue to have an inherent advantage over King William in attracting Commercial development.

**One Solution:** The existing Comprehensive Plan appears to be influenced more by idealistic commercial land speculation (and Land Planning). The current Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan do not realistically consider King William's unique transportation, geographic, and socioeconomic circumstances.

County Residents use Route 30 and Route 600 as their Primary County Thoroughfares (30 and 600 are oriented lengthwise within the County). County Resident traffic patterns should be considered in the County's Commercial Land Planning and the Comprehensive Plan should convey King William's "BRAND" on Gateway Throughfares like Route 360.

Tractor Supply recognized County Resident traffic patterns and chose to locate on Route 30. In so doing, Tractor Supply avoided higher site acquisition costs, higher site development costs, and limited right-in/right-out access associated with a location on Route 360. Their location on Route 30 was less expensive, making it easier for them to achieve a profit and justify the King William store. King William Residents benefited - Residents have a new place to shop, Residents can access Tractor Supply's parking lot traveling in either direction on 30, and Residents don't have to deal with "through traffic" and the divide on 360.

The Comprehensive Plan should be adjusted to:

- Convey King William's "BRAND" on Gateway Throughfares like Route 360; and,
- Recognize King William's unique Transportation, Geographic, and Socioeconomic constraints and opportunities. Sharon Road and Route 30 have currently unrecognized opportunities.

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All Points Broadband, Dominion Energy and King William County Announce Agreement and Grant Funding for Phase 1 of Fiber-to-the-Home Broadband Plan RICHMOND, Va. - All Points Broadband, Dominion Energy, and King William County announced today that All Points has received \$1.5 million in federal funding to support construction of the first phase of All Points' planned fiber-to-the-home network in King William, and that they have entered into a related Memorandum of Understanding to deliver broadband access to currently unserved locations in the County. "Today's announcement is another milestone in our ongoing effort to help extend broadband access to unserved Virginians," said Ed Baine, president of Dominion Energy Virginia. "We are committed to improving the quality of life and economic prosperity in the communities we serve and are excited to add another County and more unserved areas to our growing partnership with All Points." "Last September, King William engaged All Points as its broadband deployment partner with a mandate to make real progress," said Jimmy Carr, CEO

of All Points. "In less than 5 months we have developed network plans and secured federal funding to extend fiber-to-the-home broadband to the 900 homes and businesses in the first phase of our plan for King William. Over the next few months we plan to engage additional partners to help expand our project footprint." "Ensuring that all of our citizens have access to high quality broadband is a critical priority for King William County," said District 5 Supervisor Ed Moren, who is also Chairman of the King William Internet Connectivity Initiative. "We are elated that our work with All Points is moving us closer to universal broadband and thankful for Dominion Energy Virginia's support for this important project. Our hard work and perseverance is beginning to pay off." Under the agreement, All Points and Dominion Energy will work together to finalize a network plan to be submitted to the State Corporation Commission for approval. King William residents should visit [fiber.allpointsbroadband.com](http://fiber.allpointsbroadband.com) to determine whether they are in the project's first phase and to register for future updates.

## Three Rivers Health District COVID 19 Update

The only changes to this weekly report will reflect new information. Most of the information (especially concerning the vaccination effort) remains the same, and will remain in the report.

**Pandemic status:** New case numbers continue to drop. Case numbers across the states continue to drop, the new case count in the US is about 120,000 per day. 46/50 states report improving trends. Virginia has improved, new case rate at to 3478/day 7day average.

Three Rivers is around 70 new cases/day. Our hospital systems remain fully capable and are not in danger of being overwhelmed. Vaccination Program Update: Expect major delays. This vaccination program will take many months, we expect it may be many weeks before everyone currently eligible and signed up can get an appointment.

Three Rivers Health District is in phase 1b. For details of vaccination phases, please visit this website: <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/covid-19-vaccine/#phase1b>

Current vaccines require 2 doses several weeks apart. This slows everything down.

There is a severe national vaccine shortage; we are getting less than 25% of the vaccine we are capable of administering every week. This

is the current major limiting factor. We have been told to expect this to continue to last at least several weeks. The Three Rivers Health District, the hospital systems, physician practices, pharmacies, and free clinics are engaged in the vaccination effort. Local EMS personnel are also engaged. When we get more vaccine, we can move faster. Large vaccination events are planned at the state level when more vaccine becomes available. It may be weeks or longer before vaccination appointments become available for those who have registered for a vaccination.

How to sign up for a vaccination appointment -People eligible for COVID 19 vaccination in phase 1b seeking a vaccination appointment can contact their health care providers for initial consultation. Any eligible people who cannot receive vaccination through their health care system, or anyone with a COVID 19 related question, should call our Middle Peninsula COVID 19 resource center at 804-824-2733, or toll free at 888-202-5208, Monday through Friday 8:30 - 4:30. Northern Neck residents should call the Northern Neck Resource Center at 888-1204-5357, Monday through Friday 8:30 - 4:30.

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## Bay Transit Colleagues and Customers Say Goodbye to Jane Wyatt

**Wyatt retires after nearly seventeen years with Bay Transit**

(Urbanna) — Bay Transit, the public transportation division of Bay Aging, has been in operation across the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula for almost 25 years. Jane Wyatt, who started working for Bay Transit in July of 2004, remembers those early days well. “My daughter came home from church saying she’d heard Bay Transit needed an employee in Tappahannock, but they had to be at work at 5 AM,” Ms. Wyatt recalled. After retiring from the state, commuting to and from Richmond for fifteen years at the Department of Motor Vehicles and another twenty years with the Virginia Department of Information Technology (now VITA), Wyatt was “used to getting up early every day.”

Wyatt came out of retirement and joined the fledgling transit system as a dispatcher. “There were two of us working as dispatchers and Pat Sanders (now Bay Transit’s Operations Manager) was our supervisor. We worked in a three-room office above the movie theater in Tappahannock. It was great and I couldn’t have asked for a better boss than Pat,” Wyatt recollected. “Pat is somebody you can talk to. If you have a problem with work, she’ll work it out with you. Pat allowed me to work in many different capacities and I enjoyed trying different jobs.”

In 2010, Bay Transit opened their new facilities in Warsaw adding more employees including drivers, dispatchers, schedulers, administrative, and maintenance staff. “I learned to use RouteMatch, our web-based scheduling system, started working with the New Freedom program providing transportation beyond Bay Transit’s core service area, and much more,” said Wyatt. Eventually Ms. Wyatt transitioned into the administrative side of the business which included giving presentations to senior centers, civic groups, student groups at Rappahannock Community College and other community organizations to encourage people to ride the bus. “I’d take a driver with me to these presentations and



we’d give people a free ride on the bus and show them how to buy bus tickets. Once people learned how easy and convenient it was, they were excited about riding on Bay Transit.”

Raising awareness about Bay Transit is one of many aspects of the job in which Jane takes great pride. “I love being out in the community. For some people Bay Transit is their only means of getting to school, work, or the doctor. I will always remember the special needs passenger that I went see in Northumberland County to help him get oriented with riding the bus. He wanted to see his mother in Westmoreland County so we’d bring him up to Warsaw every Friday and he’d transfer to a Westmoreland bus so he could visit his mother. It made him so happy and helped him to live more independently,” she said.

Ms. Wyatt will start the newest chapter in her life later this month and she has much to look forward to. “I plan to spend a lot of time taking care of my new great grandson, Grayson, who was born in December. It’s going to be fun,” Wyatt said. Still, Jane feels her retirement will be somewhat bittersweet. “I almost cried the day I told Pat (Sanders) I was planning to retire. I would recommend Bay Transit to anyone. It really is a great place to work.”

For information about employment at Bay Transit call or email Pat Sanders today at (804) 250-2019 ext.1114 or psanders@bayaging.org.

## Public Service Announcement

ONLINE HELP FOR FAMILIES OF PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS The Mid-Tidewater Affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness will offer Family-to-Family Online starting March 4. Family-to-Family consists of 8 classes for persons who care for or are related to individuals affected with Bipolar Disorder, Major Depression, Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective Disorder, Panic Disorder, Obsessive/ Compulsive Disorder, Co-occurring Brain Disorders and Addictive Disorders, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Borderline Personality Disorder.

Classes are structured to help family members to understand and to provide support while maintaining their own well-being. Participants receive current information about mental illness,

medications, and research on effective treatments, strategies for medication adherence, appropriate ways to deal with crises and relapse among other topics.

Worldwide over 300,000 family members have attended this program and have found it informative and extremely helpful.

Classes will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays starting March 4.

Registration is required for this FREE 8 week Family to Family course. Call 804-684-1480 (voice mail only) or email namimidtidewater@gmail.com

For more information on Family-to-Family

<https://nami.org/Support-Education/Mental-Health-Education/NAMI-Family-to-Family>



## Pet Adoption

"LuLu" is a fabulous female Beagle that's about 6-7 years old and weighs about 45lbs. She came to the Shelter after she was found at someone's home. She is a sweet and social lady that seems to get along with everyone she meets.



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## Church Calendar

### CHRISTIAN

#### Christian Fellowship Ministries

304 W. Chinquapin Road King William,  
23086 Pastor Mary P.

Edwards.Email cfm23086@yahoo.com  
Secretary: Julie Peters 804-510-8022

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

#### Jerusalem Christian Church

Jerusalem Christian Church 1902  
Powhatan Trail King William

#### 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/](http://www.beulahbaptistva.org/) Beulah is located at 4805 West River Road near Dorrell Road intersection.

#### Broadus Church Hebron Campus

3407 King William Rd Aylett VA  
23009 ph 804779-2700 website <http://>

[www.broaduschurch.org](http://www.broaduschurch.org) Sunday  
Worship at 9:30 in person following  
covid guidelines, drive-in and Facebook  
Live. Sunday School 10:30 for adults  
and teens. Women's Bible Study  
Sundays at 3:00 Support group  
Wednesday at 6:00. If you are going  
through difficult times we are here for  
you. Food Ministry open to residents  
of King William County on the 2nd  
Monday of each Month from 6:30 -8:30.  
The following day Food distribution at  
Winter's Point. We also have used  
furniture giveaways please call the  
church office and firewood to those in  
need. Please call the church office. If  
you are looking for a church that loves  
God, loves each other and loves the  
community around us come check us  
out.

#### 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

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 and LIVE on our  
Facebook page! 11am Worship Service  
on Facebook Only (Rebroadcast of our  
9am Service) \*We are following Social  
Distancing guidelines including leaning  
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

Sunday School at 9am; Morning  
Worship at 10am; Youth Group  
Wednesdays at 7pm. Worship available  
inside the church or in your car. Our  
address is 901 Sharon Road across from  
King William High School. Office  
Hours: 9am to 2pm Tuesday through  
Friday, 769 - 2320  
or [sharonbc@verizon.net](mailto:sharonbc@verizon.net).

#### The Edge Worship Centre

460 14th St. West Point.  
[www.tewcwestpoint.net](http://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](http://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. 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.stpaulsmillerstavern.org)

#### St. James Presbyterian Church

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

### ORTHODOX

#### Holy Trinity Orthodox

#### Church

694-K Sharon Road King William (804)  
925-5888 [www.holytrinityorthodox.net](http://www.holytrinityorthodox.net)

### LUTHERAN

### NON DENOMINATION

#### Women in the Word Community

#### Bible Study!

(396 Newtown Road, St. Stephens  
Church Email Melissa Rice at  
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# Community Calendar

## Pamunkey Regional Library

### Virtual Programs on Zoom

#### Understanding IRS-related Scams

Thursday, Feb. 18, 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

<https://pamunkeylibrary.libcal.com/event/7439142>

#### Kids' Lego Club

Friday, Feb. 19, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

#### Grades K-5. Meet Agriberry CSA

Saturday, Feb. 20, 11:00 a.m. - noon

#### Understanding COVID 19-related Scams

Thursday, Feb. 25, 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

#### CoderDojo Workshop

Saturday, Feb. 27, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Ages 13-19. **T-shirt Tote Bag**

Premieres Friday, Feb. 26 Grades 6-12.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/pamunkeylibrary>

#### Friday Arts & Crafts

Pickup starting on Friday, Feb.

19 at 10:00 a.m.

#### 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

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#### 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.

#### DCSE Service Point Assistance

DCSE Contact Information: 1-800-468-

-8894

#### Afternoon Off for Caregivers!

804-769-0001. Sponsored by United

Methodist Women, McKendree UMC,

4347 Manfield Road, Manquin.

#### Upper King William Active Lifestyle

##### Center

8306 King William Road, Aylett

#### King William Parks and Recreation

For more info visit King William

County Parks and Recreation @

[www.kingwilliamrec.com](http://www.kingwilliamrec.com)

#### Mattaponi Crime Solvers

serving King & Queen, King William,

and town of West Point Tip line:(804)

769-3000 For more info on the Crime

Solvers, contact:

KQKWSolvers@aol.com.

#### Three Rivers SWCD Board of

##### Directors Meetings

The Three Rivers Soil & Water

Conservation District will hold their

monthly Board of Directors meetings

on the third Tuesday of each month. If

you would like to attend, contact the

office at (804)443-2327, ext. 4 for

meeting place and time. The public is

invited.

#### Good Homes Needed For Good Pets

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William Road, King William 804-769-

4983. [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) email:

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#### Southern States

485 Sharon Rd. King William, 23086

#### King William T.E.A. Party

Our twice-monthly in-person meetings

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Thursdays each month. Info

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KWTP's meetings are open to all

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#### Bay Aging

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week (Monday and Wednesday) at

4pm to seniors in St Stephens Church

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#### Food Program

Wednesdays, February 17, 24 - Food

Distribution from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 24 - CSFP

distribution to seniors who qualify 11

a.m. to 1p.m. Saturdays, February 20,

27 - Food distribution from 9.30 a.m.

to noon.

#### The CornerStone Free Clinic

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No: 804 769 2996 /

Email: [theccdc@gmail.com](mailto:theccdc@gmail.com)

#### Join King William Democrats

and neighboring counties on Tuesday,

February 23rd at 8:00 PM to meet

candidates running for Governor, Lt.

Governor, Attorney General, and

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with questions.



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*Phone: (804)-769-4983*

*20201 King William Rd. King William, VA 23086*

*[animalshelter@kingwilliamcounty.us](mailto:animalshelter@kingwilliamcounty.us)*

*[www.kingwilliamcounty.us/ras](http://www.kingwilliamcounty.us/ras)*

*[www.facebook.com/regionalanimalshelter](https://www.facebook.com/regionalanimalshelter)*



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Application for watercraft registration/title will be made in accordance with section 29.1-733.25 of the Code of Virginia if this watercraft is not claimed and removed within 30 days of first publication of this notice. Please contact the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries with questions.



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