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Fire Destroys King William Home



Story by Florence Cooke
Pictures courtesy Walkerton Fire Department

A large two story house at 5667 Powhatan Trail was destroyed by fire on Wednesday, February 17, 2021. When fire units arrived around 10 a.m., they found heavy fire and smoke from the first floor extending into the second floor and the attic.

Units from Walkerton, King William, West Point and Mangohick battled the blaze until late afternoon. Water was shuttled from nearby Cohoke Mill Pond to fight the fire.

There were no injuries. An investigation is being done by the King William Fire Chief's Office.

King William Welcomes Route 30 BBQ & Grill



Ryan and Aaron Eilenfield, Owners of Route 30 BBQ & Grill

By Florence Cooke

Route 30 BBQ & Grill opened on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at the former home of Chillin & Grillin at 12134 King William Rd. The owners are Ryan Eilenfield, General Manager, and his brother Aaron, Chef. According to Ryan, there has been standing room only every night. Many people turned out for this new restaurant and remarks made on Facebook give excellent reviews. When asked why the brothers chose this location for their first restaurant, Ryan stated they liked the location and how the county has expanded and grown. They wanted to be a part of the community. Please see **BBQ**, continued on page 8.

Aylett Family Wellness Center Opening Soon

By Florence Cooke

For those traveling Route 360 curious about the old Aylett Medical Center, wait no more. The facility will reopen soon as Aylett Family Wellness Center.

The Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe purchased the building in 2020 and started a complete renovation and rebuild in September 2020. "It is with great honor and pride to announce the opening of the Aylett Family Wellness Center," says W. Frank Adams, Chief of the Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe.

"With health care being one of the most important concerns for the tribe, I think it is fitting that we have revived the old Aylett Medical Center, a facility that has served King William County for so many years." Chief Adams continues, "We plan to help King William become a better place to live by providing quality health care to all of its citizens."

According to Ryan Ristaino, Patriot Construction Project Manager, the original facility has been a gut job with only the external walls remaining. The state-of-the-art facility will have six exam rooms, an onsite lab and pharmacy, two bathrooms, a break room and a doctor's office. The outside area has a new well, septic system and HVAC. The entire parking area has been resurfaced.

Please see **WELLNESS CENTER**, continued on page 6.



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School Choice Advocate Challenges Education Establishment

Contributed KWTP

Speaking to the King William T.E.A. Party, Antione Green, a leader in a non-profit organization committed to education reform and community development, criticized the failings of too many of the nation's public schools and how powerful political forces are working against proven alternatives.

"Our government's role must be to empower its citizens and create opportunities for prosperity, abundance, and a great quality of life," he said, "by removing all barriers restricting economic and education freedom."

Notable among these barriers, he said, is denying parents vouchers that would help pay for their children to escape failing public schools.

Green, board president of the Richmond Urban Collective, was a driving force in establishing Richmond's Patrick Henry School of Science and Arts a thriving charter school that serves as a model for the growing school choice movement.

"The goal of our K12 schools should always be to create economically-free thinkers," Green said, "but it's not an easy fight against the public school establishment and Virginia has only eight in the entire state."

He noted that Jason Kamras, the superintendent of Richmond Public Schools, said he's "100% committed to ensuring that Richmond Public Schools remains a traditional public school system."



Photo credit: King William T.E.A. Party

Antione Green, a tireless promoter of parental choice in K-12 education, emphasized the need for citizens to confront political leaders who are "too often heavily influenced by campaign donations from teachers unions."

In concluding remarks, KWTP founder Bob Shannon encouraged attendees to work with school choice advocates.

"Every child we rescue from these failing models is a favorable step in the direction of ending a sad chapter in our education history," he said, "Education is the key."

(King William T.E.A. Party – Taxed Enough Already – regularly invites speakers presenting a wide variety of positions. kwteaparty.com)

Publisher's Message



Only 17 days till spring. With all the ice and cold weather we've had I know everyone is ready for a break. Hopefully we are turning the corner on the pandemic and moving toward a safer and more normal time. We have to take one day at a time. Things have a way of working out if we be more patient.

Take care until next time.

Hanny Clark



The Country Courier welcomes letters from our readers, which will be published with the writer's signature and county of residence. We accept calendar items at no charge for 50 words or less. The Country Courier reserves the right to edit letters and calendar items and print when space is available.

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Patience

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

With Spring, I know a lot of people will be doing more with their horses and mules. Whether it's going to shows or trail riding, we need to remember to have patience with our animals. We are always in a hurry to get things done or get where we are going. Pip doesn't have the same concept of time as I do. She's always in the moment. I have to remind myself that Pip is on "mule time" and mule time is different than Allen time. We should slow down and enjoy every minute we spend with our animals. I know when Pip and I connect, I lose track of time all together. Having patience will help you and your animal get through stressful situations quicker and easier. I remember awhile back I was in the grocery store picking up a few things and I was behind a grandfather and his 3 year old grandson. I could tell the grandfather had his hands full. As we went up and down each aisle, the little boy was screaming for everything on the shelves they went by. I heard the grandfather say calmly "Easy William, we won't be in here long. Take it easy boy". In another aisle, I heard him say "It's okay William, just a couple of more minutes and we'll be out of here. Hang in there boy". In the checkout line, the little boy was throwing items



out of the cart and the granddad says again in a relaxed voice "William, William, relax buddy. Don't get upset. We'll be home in 5 minutes. Stay calm William". I was so impressed with his patience that I approached him outside as he was loading bags in his car. I said "Sir, it's none of my business but you were amazing. No matter how loud and disruptive your grandson got in there, you just stayed calm and kept saying that things would be okay. William is very lucky to have you as his grandfather". "Thanks," said the grandfather "but I'm William and that little brat is Kevin".

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King William BOS February Regular Meeting

By Amanda Walker

In the King William BOS meeting on Monday February 22nd, retired Sheriff Deputy Captain James R. Nester, Jr. was honored by Sheriff Walton on behalf of the Board of Supervisors for 25 years of service. Captain Nester served from 1995 to 2020 and was the first King William officer to be certified as a Crime Prevention Specialist by the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Karena Funkhouser provided an update from the Commissioner of Revenue's office. They are currently processing business license and real estate tax relief applications which are due by March 1st. She and her staff are learning Vision software which has features that could be utilized to help correct errors on properties until the new assessment is finalized in 2023.

Mary Sue Bancroft provided an update from the Treasurer's office. Her office is currently working on reconciling the accounts, working through unposted property tax payments, and cross-training. The account reconciliations and unposted payments had not been addressed since September 30th of last year.

Karena Funkhouser and Mary Sue Bancroft mentioned to the board there had been confusion in how their positions would be compensated. The positions in the Treasurer and Commissioner of Revenue's offices are funded by the state

compensation board. Historically the county has also supplemented additional compensation for the Treasurer and CoR but is not currently doing so. Funkhouser requested clarification as to how these positions as well as new hires will be compensated. Bancroft asked that the board consider supplementing at the rate they had for the previous Treasurer and Commissioner of Revenue. The board agreed to have further discussion regarding the compensation and asked that they bring information from their respective associations for consideration.

Board of Zoning Appeals Chairman Benjamin Shumaker gave their 2020 annual report. Four members, Doris White, Michael Nolan, Krista Cole who was the 2020 secretary, and Chairman Shumaker, earned their Certification of Completion from the Virginia Boards of Zoning Appeals program. The board conducted seven regular meetings and one work session in 2020 resulting in the approval of four variance requests and one modified appeals determination.

Director of Financial Services Natasha Joranlien gave a summary of the Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Needs. Under her summary, \$1,050,950 would come from the General Fund to fund various needs in Fire and Rescue, Vehicle Replacement, Radio Replacement, Parks and Recreation, and the Juvenile Building.

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Obituaries

WYATT



Wyatt, Ruby Otto, 98, of Mechanicsville, gained her heavenly wings February 20, 2021. She was born May, 22, 1922 in King & Queen County to Leonard and

Mazie Otto. She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd H. Wyatt; brothers, Charles and John Otto; sisters, Elizabeth Otto, and Amelia Martin. She is survived by her daughter, Janice Wyatt Slayton; sons, Carl Wyatt and Len Wyatt (Thelma); 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. Ruby was hard working, creative, witty, and enjoyed spending time with her family. She loved flowers and working in her yard. Ruby loved to fish and would take every opportunity to go. She was a member of Monument Heights Baptist Church. The family will receive friends from 11:00AM to 12:00PM on Wednesday, February 24th at the Aylett Chapel of B.W. White Funeral Home, 7837 Richmond Tappahannock Hwy., where a funeral service will follow at 12:00pm. Interment will follow at Mattaponi Baptist Church Cemetery.

SHEPPARD



Don R. Sheppard, 80 of Shacklefords Va. Passed away on February 18th, 2021. He was preceded in death by his wife Thelma B. Sheppard, Parents Jay and Josephine Sheppard and sister, Linda Nixon. He is

survived by his son Tom Sheppard, wife Lynne and son Matthew, His stepson Jimmy Dean and his sister Kay Heller as well as many Nieces and Nephews. Visitation and Memorial service will be held at B.W. White funeral home, 20408 King William Rd, King William, VA on Tuesday February 23 with visitation at 11:00am, Service at 12pm and burial to follow at Old Church United Methodist Church Cemetery, 25614 The Trail Mattaponi, VA.



SUTTLES



Suttles, Lorraine Boyd "Rainey", 76, of Mechanicsville, VA went to be with the Lord, Sunday, February 21, 2021. She was preceded in death by her parents, Martha and Harvey Wright; a brother, David Wright; and a sister, Ann Marie

Wright. Rainey is survived by her beloved husband of 56 years, Bill Suttles; her devoted children, Carrie Alexander Suttles, Melanie Anne Sears (Brian), and Jonathan B. Suttles (Sarah); 2 beautiful grandchildren, Jackson and Lilah Suttles; 2 brothers, Robert "Bobby" Wright (Judi) and Thomas "Tommy" Wright (Jennifer); a sister-in-law, Christine Wright, and many nieces, nephews, and friends. Rainey was a devoted and loving, wife, mother and grandmother. She was infinitely proud of her children and the successful people they have grown to be. Nothing gave her greater joy than her time spent with her family, especially enjoying their vacation home at the beach. She was born in King William and loved walks in the woods, working in the dirt, and building things with her dad's old pine

wood. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy. She had a huge heart and a giving soul and will be greatly missed. The family will receive friends, Sunday, February 28, 2021, from 1 – 2 pm at Monaghan Funeral Home, 7300 Creighton Pkwy, Mechanicsville, VA 23111, where a memorial service will be held promptly at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

DAIGER

Daiger, Bernard Norman, 90, of Aylett, VA., passed away February 27, 2021. He is survived by his Son, Kenneth Daiger and daughter, Joan Whipple (Buddy) and granddaughters, Angela Corbin and Carrie Corbin (Nick) also a host of neices and nephews. He was a Korean War Veteran and a retired house painter. Services will be private. B. W. White Funeral Home assisting the family.



I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.
Jimmy Dean

Wellness Center, continued from front page

The tribe also paved the parking lot between the facility and their neighbor, the King William County Parks and Recreation Department.

When the facility opens, there will be a full staff covering an array of medical services. Testing at the onsite laboratory will provide patients with rapid results and enhanced care. The onsite pharmacy will serve clinic patients. In the future, the clinic will offer additional healthcare services, with a growing staff.

"The Indian tribe adopted this building because they wanted to give back to the community, and we are excited to offer this to the community," says Lance Johnson, clinic director. The tribe purchased this building to serve the entire community.

A grand opening event will be soon. Please visit the Aylett Family Wellness Center's Facebook page ([Facebook.com/aylettffam](https://www.facebook.com/aylettffam)) for more information.

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An Ordinance to Update the Schedule for the General Reassessment of Real Estate in King William County to a four-year period starting on January 1, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of King William County, Virginia, will hold a Public Hearing on March 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 180 Horse Landing Road, King William, Virginia, via Zoom to receive public comment and to consider the ordinance included below:

Sec. 70-45. - Four-year assessment and equalization cycle.

There shall be a general reassessment and equalization of assessments of all real property in the county on a four-year cycle, with the next such general reassessment being effective on January 1, 2023, and with subsequent general reassessments being effective every fourth year thereafter.

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Ordinance 9-20, effective on January 1, 2023, is hereby repealed and of no legal effect.

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Ordinance 21-17, effective on January 1, 2021, is hereby repealed and of no legal effect.

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All interested persons may appear and present their views at the above time and place. Attendance at this meeting is limited pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders on COVID-19. If a member of the public cannot attend, comments may be submitted by mail to 180 Horse Landing Road #4, King William, VA 23086; by fax to (804) 769-4964, or by email to countyadmin@kingwilliamcounty.us. Comments received by 12:00 noon on the day of the hearing will be distributed to Board members and made a part of the public record. A complete copy of the proposed ordinance may be viewed in the Office of the County Administrator at 180 Horse Landing Road, King William, VA, during regular business hours, Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or at www.kingwilliamcounty.us. Anyone needing assistance or accommodation under the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the County Administrator's Office at (804) 769-4927 or countyadmin@kingwilliamcounty.us.

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Scholarships Available for Local Students



West Point, VA – visual arts. Careers include studio art as well as others such as graphic design, fashion design, theater applications are currently being accepted for its three \$1,000 arts scholarships, available to local students from the areas of King William, New Kent, and King and Queen counties and the Town of West Point.

The C. Herbert Brown, Jr. Performing Arts Scholarship is designed to help graduating high school seniors who plan to pursue a career in the performing arts. Looking to teach music? Become a professional actor? Maybe a ballerina or dancer? Apply now for one of two (2) performing arts scholarships - one for music (instrumental or voice) and one for performing (dance or theatre).

The Andy Conklin Visual Arts Scholarship was established to assist graduating high school seniors who plan to pursue a career related to the

Arts Alive is proud to announce that applications are currently being accepted for its three \$1,000 arts scholarships, available to local students from the areas of King William, New Kent, and King and Queen counties and the Town of West Point.

All scholarships are in the amount of \$1,000 each and are merit based. Completed applications and all required information must be received by 5 PM on May 3, 2021. The recipients of these scholarships are eligible for the **Dr. Shirley Carter Olsson Recurring Scholarship**, an additional award of \$500, in the second year during their college career if they continue in their major. Applications are available through area high school guidance counselors or on the Arts Alive website at www.artsaliveinc.org.

Arts Alive is a non-profit organization devoted to promoting and stimulating an awareness and love of the arts. Incorporated in June 2003, Arts Alive, Inc. provides live performances, two summer camps, scholarships, art exhibits, and art workshops.

If you don't design your own life plan, chances are you'll fall into someone else's plan. And guess what they have planned for you? Not much.

Jim Rohn

BBQ, continued from front page

When the brothers took possession of the restaurant, they painted, made the waiting area larger, removed more tables to comply with COVID restrictions, and built the new sign inside the restaurant on one of the tables.

They have added a new smoker so that everything can be smoked and cooked on site. Homemade sides, barbecue sauce, and salad dressings will also be made on site. After the menu is set specials will be offered.

Aaron and Ryan have experience in food service. Ryan has been bar manager and bartender and Aaron has been a kitchen

manager. They combined their talents and decided to own a restaurant.

The brothers are planning an open house, hopefully in March depending on COVID restrictions, with lots of balloons and possibly an old car. Aaron and Ryan state, "We look forward to meeting the community and making a success with our business. Please come by and enjoy some of our homemade food. Our hours are 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. and closed on Tuesdays."

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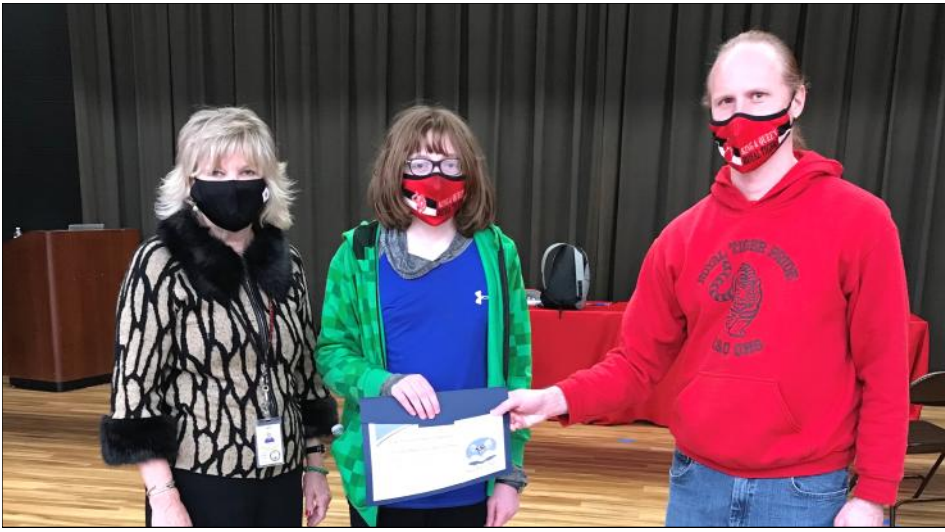
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LMES Super Spellers



Lawson-Marriott Elementary Superintendent), Allison Jordan School's William Bowers was the winner of King and Queen County Public School's Division Level Round of the Scripps National Spelling Bee. School Principal) served as judges.

After winning their respective grade level competitions, Bowers, a seventh-grader, and other top spellers from LMES participated in a socially-distant, mask-wearing division spelling bee on February 11th at Central High School. CHS Health & PE Instructor Mike Hancock served as the official pronouncer while Dr. Lane, Jillian Smith, Molly Trudeau, Carol Carter (Division and Zoe Woods.

Bowers won the competition by correctly spelling the word, "nocturnal." He will advance to the next round of competition. Other top spellers from LMES included Aniyah Carter, Kamora Hill, Kaydence Hill, Allie Jones, Amaya Jones, Maddie Klontzaris, McKenzie Lane, Jillian Smith, Molly Trudeau, and Zoe Woods.

REC Seeks Partners for Expanded Broadband Services (continued)

Below is a follow up to the REC Seeks Partners for Expanded Broadband Services article in the Feb 3 edition.

Rappahannock Electric Cooperative (REC) had to abandon its efforts to participate in the Federal Communications Commission Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) auction to receive funding for a \$600 million broadband construction project approved by its Board of Directors that would allow REC, through an affiliated company, to become a retail broadband service provider. Those efforts had to be abandoned when a landowner in Culpepper County filed a federal lawsuit against REC in an attempt to challenge the constitutionality of a recently passed state law. Virginia code 55.1-306.1 allows utilities to use existing easements to install fiber optic cable for non-electric system use such as providing broadband services. The inability for REC to use its existing rights-of-ways (easements) would dramatically impact the planned broadband project's financial feasibility and REC's ability to complete a fiber buildout within the FCC's required timeframe. This federal lawsuit illustrates the need for policymakers and courts to provide clarification of the laws and policies needed in order for cooperatives and others to be able to facilitate solutions that will bridge the digital divide.

As a result of the financial risk of the lawsuit and scheduling risks associated with the auction, REC withdrew participation in the auction and is no longer moving forward with the plans approved in the fall by the Board of Directors. The lawsuit presented a setback to REC's plans, but our commitment to bringing

broadband to our rural communities remains strong. Despite having to abandon plans to directly provide broadband, REC continues to build an 820-mile, 130 end-point Fiber Utility Network across its service territory to improve the capabilities and security of its electric grid. While electricity, reliability and sustainability are that project's primary purpose, it can be used as part of a solution to provide broadband service to the communities we serve through partnerships.

In March 2020, REC contacted each of the localities it serves by sending two separate letters seeking commitments for partnerships in each community to develop a broadband solution. Following REC's community correspondence in early 2020, some counties responded positively, pledging financial support in bringing broadband access to their communities. While REC is committed to assisting with broadband access to all of its unserved or underserved members, current efforts to partner with broadband providers are focused on the communities where there is demonstrated local support.

REC's Board of Directors is disappointed by the setback to REC's broadband goals presented by the federal lawsuit. Although we are unable to provide broadband retail services directly as initially planned because of the uncertainty created by the lawsuit, we are now accelerating our efforts to partner with third parties and localities, as well as to prepare our system for the expansion of rural broadband through our fiber utility network. Rest assured REC is actively pursuing broadband for its members.



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Local Artist Collaborates with Essex Museum

Contributed

Local artist, Michael Martin has created a series of original artworks for The Essex County Museum Gift Shop in Tappahannock, Virginia. The collection of small works includes St. John's Church, Beale Memorial Church, The Essex Courthouse, The Ritchie House, Scots Arms Tavern, The Roane-Wright Tribble House, The Customs House, The Henley House, and the Old Clerk's Office. The original miniature watercolors bring to life many of the historic structures that have played a vital role in Tappahannock's past.

Michael Martin is a local artist from King and Queen County. Michael's love of the arts began in the King and Queen County School system, where he was influenced by inspiring teachers, Wilhelmina Herren and Ettra Jackson. He studied art at Virginia Commonwealth University, where received his Bachelor of Fine Arts, graduating Magna Cum Laude and with University Honors in 2002. Michael has created many works that capture the distinct character and history of the Middle Peninsula. His art can be found at many historic sites throughout Virginia.

The works created by Michael for the Essex County Museum can be viewed and purchased at the Museum or online through their website. The Essex County Museum's mission is to preserve the



heritage and history of Essex County, to stimulate, to educate, and inspire. More information regarding the Essex County Museum can be found at www.essexmuseum.org. The museum is located at 218 Water Lane in Tappahannock, Virginia. More information regarding Michael and his art can be found at www.michaelmartinart.com.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
The Mirror Test

Thank you for the public service of printing in the February 17th edition the very revealing letter from the perpetually angry husband of KW's top administrator, who we know recently "resigned" after many disturbing revelations in the wake of the county's \$140,000 real estate assessments debacle.

He closes his toxic screed by nastily insulting the unpaid, volunteer, patriotic watchdogs of KWTP as "bullies, cowards and terrorists."

We suggest he take a close look in the mirror.

Robert "Sarge" Bruce,
Secretary, King William
T.E.A. Party
Aylett

Dear Editor,
K.W Board of Supervisors have choices on the upcoming budget

Local government has choices in every budget, politicians simply have an ingrained disposition towards increasing spending, loathe to cut a dime. It begins with understanding the impact of votes from an ever growing public sector, to include the schools, and the extended families of those employed in county government. After all these folk's bread is buttered by larger budgets, and their extended family often recognizes that bigger is better. In any of the 5 districts here in King William the voting block of public entities is now large enough to secure

a seat on the Board by simply stating you*"support good schools, public safety etc etc"....code language that communicates as a Supervisor you will keep shoveling out other peoples money for these distinct well defined groups.* Appease these folks and you are almost guaranteeing you will be elected. Tax Payers be damned.

The downturn in the economy (and lost revenues) beg the question , why not freeze spending, like score of citizens have had to do. Should they address this budget on the spending side ? Of course they should. Already the requests for MORE MONEY is pouring in. Does Jeff Walton need to buy more shiny cars, or should we look to other rural counties where the Sheriff's deputies are driving 14 year old Crown Victoria's, still serviceable

The King William T.E.A Party website has posted in recent weeks a way out for the Board if they choose to apply a sharpened pencil to the SPENDING side of the ledger.

Start with eliminating every new position the departed County Administrator added since January 1, 2020. Why should government be growing when the rest of King William is implementing cuts and reductions ? How many local citizens have lost their jobs, how many small businesses have suffered economic hardship. Get rid of the bloated payroll simply moving staffing back to levels before this Pandemic hit. A good fiscally prudent start.

I have been watching for years the mismanagement and waste in the County's 4 schools. Our group has highlighted the lies they have told the tax payers, and we have

documented them. Even Supervisor Stephen Greenwood commented just months ago *" the schools need to spend what they are allocated , and no more "* during a discussion with former Treasurer Harry Whitt who told the board *" I dispensed the money as the requests came in from the schools "* We audited the Treasurers and C.O.R office....it is the schools that should be audited in my opinion.

Put the schools back on Category spending, where they have to submit actual budgets for 7 -8 categories, and then required to come back to the BOS for approval if they want to spend above the budgeted limits. The public would be well served to ask recently elected School Board Rep. Terry Stone (and former 4th District Sup.) when were the schools taken off this fiscally disciplined regimen..... by whom and why ?

Spending can and should be cut. Maybe Sup. Ed Moren can come up with those promised *"lower taxes "* he promised when he was running for office ?

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

BOS, continued

An additional \$150,000 would come from the EMS Recovery Fund for Fire and Rescue. \$6,761,328 would be funded by Utility Bond for Water Projects identified in the Master Utility Plan. An additional \$617,000 would fund other repairs and renovations at the various county sites. This summary is informational and does not require action from the board at present time. The board requested the finance department research and present "plan B's" as well.

During the Supervisors' Comments period Stuart Garber and Stephen Greenwood expressed a desire for each district to be represented in the Planning Commission. Ed Moren thanked residents from districts four and five for picking up litter in recent weeks. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be a Work Session on Monday, March 8th at 7:00 pm online via Zoom.

You can view King William BOS meetings on YouTube, just search for 'King William County'. For upcoming meetings visit the county's website: kingwilliamcounty.us for meeting dates and Zoom meeting ID's and passcodes.

King William Starting Over on 2021 Tax Reassessments

By Gene Campbell

During a special meeting convened over Zoom on February 10th, the King William County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to terminate the 2021 tax reassessments and dissolve the recently appointed Board of Equalization. The 2021 tax reassessments have been embroiled in controversy since taxpayers received their reassessments notices in September of last year. Some taxpayers also complained of inconsistencies and significant variances in values assessed. The company hired to do the reassessments, Bright Minds of Roanoke Virginia, allegedly did not comply with their contractual obligations. Steven Chastang, CEO of Bright Minds, has also resigned from the position of County Assessor.

Approximately 100 people "zoomed" into the Feb 10th meeting and seven spoke during the public comment period. All seven said they would like to see the county throw out the 2021 reassessments and start over. They also said they would like to see the Commissioner of Revenue (COR) take over maintaining the property values. Newly elected Commissioner of Revenue Karena Funkhouser was provided an opportunity to speak and acknowledged she agreed the COR should be responsible for County assessments and was willing to take on the formidable task. Options remain on the table on whether the assessments will be in-house or sourced outside. With the decision to invalidate the new data collected, the county will revert back to the 2015 reassessment data to collect tax revenues for the 2021-2022 budget. The new tax reassessments are now scheduled to be completed by January 1, 2023.



It's KW School Budget Time Again ! That puts the new School Board on the Hot Seat



Why are they hiding behind masks? COVID ? Or maybe – in view of a \$2 MILLION hole anticipated in county revenue – what they're about to do in demanding even more taxpayer money this year "for the children" ?

Terry Stone is now back on the School Board. Was she the one who previously got the School Budget off "Category Spending" that required specific accountability instead of shuffling money around on a whim?

Harry Whitt (KW's former Treasurer) would just "follow protocol" and hand over extra money to the schools whenever requested.

Stephen Greenwood, Board of Supervisors, finally woke up to this saying, "...the schools need to learn to spend what they are allocated and no more."

The annual Joint Budget Meeting of the School Board and Supervisors is scheduled for 6:30 PM on March 11th only on Zoom

Tune in at <https://kingwilliamcounty.us/Calendar.aspx?EID=411> and ask :

What's the objection to holding the Superintendent to "Category Spending" ?
Why does a system with no student growth and only four schools need a ridiculously overpaid Superintendent and Assistant?

Since teachers will get targeted raises automatically, where else can expenses be cut?

What happened to last year's leftover money?

Is it unfair to call the mismanagement of KW Schools

"fiscally and morally reprehensible"?

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Press Release from Chief Haley- 02/25

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Two firefighters were transported to VCI Medical Center for evaluation and have been released. Both are back home resting. Two other firefighters were not injured during the incident.

King William Sheriff's Office is investigating the cause of the accident at

this time. We are working with insurance to determine the status of the fire engine.

We would like to thank Woody's Towing, Woody's Garage, Broyles Towing, and Bob Alley Towing for their immediate emergent response to the incident.

Auction on April 17th

On Wednesday, February 24th, Mangohick Volunteer Fire Department was involved in an accident. We are so happy to report that our members involved are doing well.

In order to replace the fire truck that was involved, we will be hosting an auction on April 17th. The money raised will offset the cost of a new fire engine that isn't covered by insurance.

Donations for the auction are needed. Donated items to be auctioned off are now being accepted at the Mangohick Volunteer Fire Department you may call the station at 804-994-9800 or please call Will Reed 804-658-7184 for pick up or for a drop-off. Receipts can be provided for tax purposes.

We hope to see everyone at the auction on Saturday, April 17th, at 1:00 pm rain or shine at the Mangohick VDF on RT-30.

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Bay Transit's New Safety Manager Builds on a Legacy of Success



James Winger plans to continue Bay Transit's unwavering commitment to safety

(Urbanna, VA) – Bay Transit, the public transportation division of Bay Aging, is all about safety. Bay Transit's newest Safety Manager, James Winger, intends to build on the unwavering commitment to safety that his predecessor, Allen Slade, brought to the job in 2018. When Mr. Slade retires in March, Winger will have been working alongside Slade for over a month. "It really is nice to have had the opportunity to work with Allen before he leaves," Winger said.

While a student at James Madison University, Winger started driving a bus for Harrisonburg Transit. After graduating, Winger stayed on with Harrisonburg Transit for nearly ten years, transitioning from driver to dispatcher and then safety and training manager. In 2017 he moved to Colorado. After three years serving as safety and training manager at Steamboat Springs Transit in Colorado, Winger decided to move back to Virginia. "I spent three winters in the Rockies, but when it snowed on Labor Day I said, 'Maybe this isn't for me' and decided to move back to Virginia."

Fortuitously, Winger learned about the safety manager opportunity at Bay Transit through a former Harrisonburg Transit colleague who now works for the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation. "I was thrilled to come on board and very impressed with Bay Transit," Winger said. "Bay Transit's driver training is very thorough especially for drivers who are not required to have their Commercial Driver's License (CDL). There's a lot more to it than just successfully piloting your vehicle down the road. Bay Transit's bus operators really care about, and get to know, our passengers. Well trained bus operators are real assets to the people we serve."

Winger feels there is much to appreciate about the work that Allen Slade did during his tenure as Safety Manager. First and foremost is the herculean effort that went into helping lead Bay Transit's response to COVID-19. "As an essential service, it was imperative that Bay Transit never stopped operating," Slade noted. "We implemented a myriad of safety protocols to ensure our drivers and passengers would be safe. The plexiglass partitions around the bus drivers and in between passenger seats were critical on our buses which don't have back doors. Passengers can only board from the front so every one of them must pass by the driver as they board. We suspended fare collection for the same reason," Slade recalled. Slade also spearheaded the adoption of a computer-based pre-trip vehicle safety inspection system called "TransitCheck" where drivers use tablets to inspect their buses efficiently and consistently before each shift. Impressed with TransitCheck, Winger noted, "It's convenient for the drivers and reminds them of what you have to check every morning. All the safety protocols that Bay Transit has in place definitely makes you feel better being on the bus."

Winger's short term goals at Bay Transit are continuity and building upon the work of his predecessors. His longer-term goals include wanting everyone in the community to know someone whose had a good experience riding on Bay Transit. "As more and more people ride the bus, I want them to be happy that Bay Transit provides an important service to the community and share their feelings with a friend or colleague," he said.

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Letters to the Editor, continued

Dear Editor,
What's a Sheeple?

It's not hard to figure out! Just look around you. They are everywhere! *Sheeple are Americans who DO & believe what they are told to do and not think for themselves. The Sheeple are the ones who don't even bother to fact-check. The Sheeple are the mask wearers.* They are the Americans who in another day would be called cowards. The old term fits well. Some mask-wearers Sheeples are veterans, mind you, who faced the bullets of enemies but now hide behind a mask that they think protects them. Shame! The mask wearing Moms have allowed the destruction of their children's education and socialization by not having a backbone to oppose what school board liars have decreed. Hard working grown men bow the knee to little store clerks who demand they put on their mask. I've never seen so many Americans that have thrown away their First Amendment rights, allowed a yellow stripe to be on their backs and go timidly into a store. Why have these men and women allowed themselves to be led around like little puppy dogs in every area of their lifestyle? In Harbor Freight for example, the little employees think themselves to be law enforcement clerks. Costco has its own MES; Mask Enforcement Staff. Those who have perpetuated the lie are the most brazen liars of any generation, the Democrats. Who in their right mind would believe Northam? A man, mainly a beast, who champions the murder of babies without hesitation, but almost sobs when he says that he's so concerned about citizens getting the flu. Northam is the prolific liar in this State. The most corrupt and blatant liar of the day is Biden, his Jamaican Harlot vice president and just about every Democrat politician in the swamp. Who in their right mind would believe Fuhrer Fauci? These people have sown this country with the seed of fear, people believing that without the mask they were going to die. Biden and Harris are the most vicious proponents of the death of thousands of healthy babies every week. Don't believe anything Biden says in his fake sympathy to those who did die of the Chinese flu.

He's tearing the Constitution to shreds every day with his EO's, and witch Piglosi and anti Semite Schumer are elated! The worthless Republicans are silent as lambs as they are torn apart. BTW, who told you that by wearing the mask that you will NOT die? Who told you that you will NOT get sick? Who told you that every person regardless of where you are will contaminate you so you'll get sick? They were Democrats. You have seen and read enough in the last 4 years that should convince anyone with half a brain that the Democrats are serial liars! They lie incessantly and without conscience. This frenzied rush to get the vaccine will prove to be yet another lie. Think before you take it. You can't give it back. The Democrats, both citizens and politicians in this County lie; the Governor lies; the Democrats in the State lie; the Democrats in the Nation lie! The school board will lie! Who in all that is called righteous would believe anything that a Democrat, a politician or a civilian, spew out? Because you did believe them, you wear the mask! They don't care one iota about your health! They are Marxists! They are Socialists! Are you afraid to die or get sick? Do you not know that you WILL die or get sick anyway? And if you aren't prepared to die, AT ANY TIME, mask or no mask, you better take stock of your soul because it will die and that's a damning thing! A brave man on March 23, 1775 was fed up with the Sheeple in his day. Give me Liberty or give me Death, he said. Patrick Henry was a real Man, totally unlike some 6 foot, 220 pound, pretend man with a little pink mask on his bearded face. If you are a Patriotic American man, woman or young person willing to take a little abuse, trash the mask! In sentence 5 above is the definition of Sheeple; **Sheeple are Americans who do and believe what they are told to do and do not think for themselves.** We have been lied to! I will NOT be a Sheeple. Be an American man! Be an American woman! Sheeple have no nationality. Be a coward no longer!

Respectfully
Wayne Owens
King William

Dear Editor,

Thank You to the citizens of King William who supported my candidacy for Commissioner of the Revenue. Since I was sworn in February 8th, the County Administrator resigned and the Board canceled the re-assessment – an interesting 1st week. I am grateful to the kindness and understanding shown to me by the citizens as I start my service as Commissioner.

My intention is to have a respectful and cordial relationship with the Board. The sensational headlines published in an article written by Emily Holter in the Tidewater Review on February 23, 2021 infers a conflict that does not exist. The article does not report accurately what I said to the Board of Supervisors on February 22nd and requires additional information for proper context and understanding.

I never requested a salary increase or mentioned my qualifications. This can be verified by reviewing the video of the meeting from the County website. I did not echo anything said by the Honorable Ms. Bancroft since I spoke first. To state “requesting raises” is overly simplistic and does not accurately represent the situation. The State Compensation Board sets minimum salaries for all Constitutional Officers and their staff. The article fails to acknowledge that the Board of Supervisors, by annual budget

appropriation, supplements the minimum salaries. I properly asked why the current supplement to the positions of Commissioner of the Revenue and Treasurer were eliminated by the former County Administrator. The supplements are reflected in respective salaries of the constitutional officers and their employees. Those salaries do not change from year to year unless specifically increased by any annual salary adjustment approved by the Board of Supervisors and applicable to all employees. Similarly, such salaries of the Officers and their staff should not be reduced except by express action of the Board of Supervisors.

I was not asking for a raise but requesting why there was no notice by the former County Administrator to either newly elected officer that their County supplement was eliminated and no explanation regarding how such decision was made and how it effects other personnel of the respective offices. I was asking the Board to review the decision of the former County Administrator as such decision was not consistent with budget management, personnel policies and practices and other administrative procedures.

Thank you for your consideration.
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The Fix Ministry

We have outgrown our existing facility so until we can build a larger Worship Center, we are meeting at Indian View 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 23009 ph 804-779-2700 website 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 each month from 6:30-8:30. The following day Food distribution at Winter's Point. Used furniture giveaways 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.

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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.

Smyrna Christian Church

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460 14th St. West Point. www.tewcwestpoint.net

Third Union Baptist Church

In response to the recommendations of the Center of Disease Control and Prevention and various mandates placed on us due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not hold services at the church until further notice. We will now have Church Services via teleconferencing and virtually via ZOOM on Sunday mornings at 10:30AM. You can join our Church Service by Computer or by phone: The Meeting ID is 937 282 5797 The Passcode is 172021 The Dial in number is 1-301-715-8592 We look forward to you joining us. We also

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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

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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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Atlee Virtual Book Club Wednesday, March 10, 11:00 a.m. - noon at <https://pamunkeylibrary.libcal.com/event/7438285>

Werewolf for Teens Friday, March 12, 4:45 – 5:45 p.m. Ages 11-18. <https://pamunkeylibrary.libcal.com/event/7541153>

UKW Virtual Book Club Saturday, March 13, 11:00 a.m. - noon <https://pamunkeylibrary.libcal.com/event/7547067>

Kids' Lego Club Friday, March 19 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Grades K-5. **Teen Trivia Night** Tuesday, March 23, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Grades 7 & up. at <https://pamunkeylibrary.libcal.com/event/7541876>

Ashland Museum History Talk Thursday, March 25, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at <https://pamunkeylibrary.libcal.com/event/7438285>

CoderDojo Workshop Saturday, March 27, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Ages 8 & up. <https://pamunkeylibrary.libcal.com/event/7535862>

On Demand Videos **How-to for Social Media** Premieres Thursday, March 4 – March 25 <https://www.youtube.com/user/pamunkeylibrary>

Storytime for Grownups Premieres Wednesday, March 10 to <https://www.youtube.com/user/pamunkeylibrary>

Kitchen Close-ups: Peanut Butter Energy Balls Premieres Friday, March 5 Ages 3 & up with adult. **Edible Gardening** Premieres Wednesday, March 17 Ages 3 & up w/adult

Poetry Break Premieres Wednesday, March 17 **Take & Make: Learn Your Zodiac** Premiere and pickup starting on Friday, March 19 at 10:00 a.m. Ages 12 & up. **Day in the Life: Archaeologist** Premieres Monday, March 22 All ages. **Cooking Class: Global Feast** Premieres Thursday, March 25 Ages 12 & up w/adult. **Take & Makes Paper Clovers**

Pickup starting on Monday, March 1 at 10:00 a.m. **Dissecting Owl Pellets** Pickup starting on Monday, March 1 at 10:00 a.m. Ages 6 and up with adult. **Kids Virtual Escape Room** March 1-14 Ages 8 & up. **Friday Arts & Crafts** Pickup starting on Friday, March 5 at 10:00 a.m. **Poetry Contest** March 15 – April 9 Enter at <https://tinyurl.com/prlpoetrycontest>

Categories for all ages! **How to Make Paper Flowers** Premiere and pickup

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KW Children First Lions Club

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

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Upper King William Active Lifestyle Center

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King William Parks and Recreation

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Mattaponi Crime Solvers

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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.

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

Bay Aging

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The CornerStone Food Program

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Join King William Democrats

and neighboring counties on Tuesday, March 9th at 7:00 PM to meet candidates running for Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and Districts 97 & 98 Virginia General Assembly. Events to be held every two weeks. Go to @GloDemsInfo or call Betsy Donoghue at 804.513.2546 with questions.



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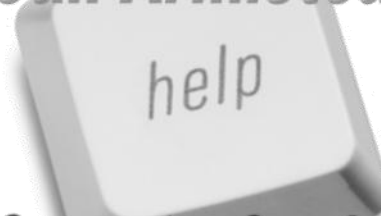
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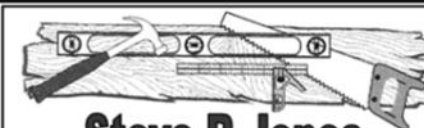
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