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12 Year Old National Archery Champion



Focusing his sight on the target, Hunter Carlton prepares to shoot one of the arrows that qualifies him for the head-to-head elimination round to become national champion.

By Tracey S. Carlton

King William County has its very own national archery champion, and he is only 12 years old. Charles "Hunter" Carlton, recently won the USA Archery JOAD (Junior Olympic Archery Development) Target Outdoor Nationals in Decatur, Alabama, held July 7th-10th. Known by his friends as Hunter, he won the championship for the Compound Bowmen Men Division, receiving a gold medal in the elimination match and silver in the qualifier match. This was his first national outdoor competition.

"I had never shot a national outdoor tournament. I was nervous when I was getting ready to shoot the last round for 1st place at nationals," Hunter said. "I prayed and shot."

Hunter, 12, lives in King William and has been shooting archery since 2019 when he first began competing with the King William 4-H Shooting Sports club. He has won numerous state and national awards, including 3rd place for 2021 USA Archery JOAD Target Indoor Nationals, and 1st places at state 4-H and Virginia Hunter Education Challenge competitions, as well as at local USA Archery shoots.

More than 720 archers from around the United States participated in the 2021 USA Archery JOAD Target Nationals and U.S. Team Trials for World Archery Championships and Junior Pan American Games held in Decatur. Hunter began training with USA Archery's Junior Olympic Archery Development program in February 2021. USA Archery is the national governing body for the Olympic sport of archery.

Please see **ARCHERY**, continued on page 10.

RV Burns Up in a Flaming Fireball at Tuckers



Mrs. Ruby Styles got out of her RV in the nick of time.

By Mikie Flynn

Smoke started appearing from the door of Mrs. Ruby Styles RV Wednesday morning around 8 am, down here on the York river at Tuckers Recreation Park, in Shacklefords. Ruby had noticed smoke coming up from her refrigerator.

Please see **BURN**, continued on page 10.

New Leadership Brings New Life to American Legion Post 314



Matt Davis, with helpers Sarah Rosso and Jacob Fisher collect donations to "Fill the Boot" for the American Legion.

By Amanda Walker

Under new leadership, American Legion Post 314 of Aylett is making big plans. Officers Mike Langford – Post Commander, W. Brian Hodges – 1st Vice Commander, Daniel Hunter – 2nd Vice Commander, Matt Davis – Financial Officer, Ray Carter – Adjutant, Ben Williams – Veteran Service Officer, and Bruce Buechele – Post Chaplain, were elected to their positions on May 27th.

The newly elected officers have jumped right into action, looking for ways to serve their fellow veterans and community.

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Belfield Inducted to Virginia Strength and Power Hall of Fame

In March 2021, Mechanicsville native Alvin Belfield was inducted in Virginia Strength and Power Hall of Fame, which is part of the National Strength and Power Hall Of Fame. Belfield has competed in every level of competition over the last 21 years from small local meets to multi day World competition.

Belfield said, "It was really nice getting recognized and nominated by some of the best lifters in the country.... Pretty cool, still not ready to just sit on my porch and look at the river. I plan to keep going."

CONGRATULATIONS ALVIN!



Belfield proudly showing his new ring.



Publisher's Message



Still some great summer days ahead, try to get out there and enjoy them, fall will be here before you know it.

Take care until next time.

Danny Clark



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A Tiny Cabin

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

When you have animals, you have to take extra precautions when a storm is coming. I remember one from awhile back. I went about putting everything away that could fly around in the wind and filled up a big water tank in the back of the truck in case of power outages. I usually leave Pip loose in the pastures to come and go rather than stalling her. The storm continued through the night. I couldn't do much in the dark except worry and wait. At first light, I went to check on Pip. I saw a few downed trees and some limbs that had broken off. I called for Pip and she came out from behind a downed tree chuckling and hawing at me. I know she was saying "Where have you been?" I checked her out from top to bottom and front to back. She was in good shape. You've heard the saying, when life gives you lemons, you make lemonade. Well Pip's saying is when you have downed trees, she will eat the leaves. She helped by doing her part in the clean up effort by eating the leaves off all the downed trees over the next week or so.

I'm reminded of a story about some rich city folks that came out to the



country after a big storm to survey the damage. They came upon the tiniest little cabin that they had ever seen in their life. The rich lady gets out and knocks on the door and says "Is anybody home?" A little boy's voice answers back "Yeah." The lady asks "Is your father in there?" The little boy says "No, Pa left just before Ma came in." The lady asks "Is your mother there?" The little boy says "No, Ma left just before I got here." The rich lady says "My goodness. Aren't you ever together as a family?" The little boy yells back through the door "Heck Yeah! But not in here, this is the outhouse!"

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aunt, cousin, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to many and an embodiment of God's love.

Christine was born in Madison, VA to Clarence L. Batten, Sr. and Sarah Elsie Yowell Batten in 1933.

She graduated from Madison County High School in 1952. Soon after, she married her high school sweetheart, our father, Jim, and began a long and loving marriage as a dairy farmer's wife, mother to her four children, devoted daughter to her aging mother, and went on to work for many years as a rural mail carrier. She always put others needs ahead of her own. We are glad she is at peace but she will be truly missed and live forever in our hearts.

She is predeceased by her parents Clarence and Elsie Batten; her brother, Clarence L. Batten, Jr.; and her husband, James L. Colvin, the absolute love of her

life. She is survived by her four children; Christine Yvonne C. Stone (John A. Stone, Jr.); Batten, of Steven A. Colvin; Sheila C. Bailey (S. Mechanicsville, Russell Bailey, Jr.); Christy C. Mason VA, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 3, 2021. She was 87 years old. Christine was a loving wife, mother, sister, aunt, cousin, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to many and an embodiment of God's love.

Funeral service will be on Friday, July 9 at 11AM, with a time for visitation with the family at 10AM at Sharon Baptist Church, 901 Sharon Rd., King William, VA 23086. Internment to immediately follow the service in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Sharon Baptist Church Building Fund or the East Hanover Volunteer Rescue Squad, Mechanicsville, VA.

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HASTINGS

Jack Hastings, 90 of New Kent, VA went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, July 1, 2021. Jack was born April 11, 1931 to the late M i n n i e Hastings in

(Tori), Renee McNiff (Stephen), Brian Hastings, Jack, Fox (Alison) and Jamie Fox (Justin) and his seven GREAT grandchildren, Justin Fox, Samantha & Kaylee Harris, Colton Ward, Briar Fox, Braiden Fox and Luke Burton. His Brother, Joe Hastings and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Friday, July 9, 2021 from 2 to 4 PM and 6 to 8 PM at B. W. White Funeral Home, 7837 Richmond Tappahannock Hwy., Aylett, where services will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, July 10th. The interment will follow at 1 PM at Hopewell Baptist Church, New Kent VA (5061 Hopewell Road).

In Lieu of flowers, charitable donations may be made to Hopewell Baptist Church, Building Fund. 5061 Hopewell Road, New Kent, VA 23124

North Carolina.

Jack retired from Philip Morris with over 30 years of service and served as a Deacon at Hopewell Baptist Church where he was a member for over 50 years. He loved the Lord and loved his family and loved to be surrounded by them.

Jack is preceded in death by his loving wife of 51 years, Phyllis Hastings, two brothers, Corbett Hastings, and Paul Workman, three sisters, Blanche Murray, Doris Solon, Vernie Houser and Daughter in law, Debbie Fox and Great Grandson, Kaleb Harris.

Those left to cherish his memory are his four children, Donald Fox (Tuyet), Wanda Glenn (Henry), Jimmy Fox, (Ruth), David Fox (Terrie) and Daughter in law – Eleanor Fox. His seven grandchildren Jason Fox (Dana), Sheila Harris (Kevin), Tracy Ward (Daniel), Chris Rowsey



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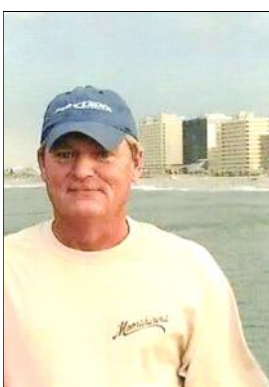
Obituaries, continued



LANE

Earl V. Lane, 82, of Ashland, died July 4, 2021. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Judy Osterud Lane; their sons and daughters-in-law, Allan and Rena Lane and Kevin and Amy Lane; their grandsons, Christian, Noah (Jackie), Adam

and Hayden Lane; his sisters and brother, Juanita Bryan (Ron), Joanne Harris, Laura Stanley (Bootsie) and Floyd Lane. Earl retired from Bank of America with 36 years of service. He was a lifetime member of Independence Christian Church, where he sang in the choir for 62 years and was an Elder Emeritus. Earl was an avid gardener and backyard chicken farmer. He cherished his role as a husband, father, grandfather and brother. The family received friends from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 7, at Independence Christian Church, and where a memorial service was held at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 8. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Independence Christian Church Cemetery Fund, 14023 Independence Road, Ashland, Va. 23005.



AKERS

Akers, Thomas "Tom" Linwood, 56, of Tappahannock, VA went to be with the Lord on July 4, 2021. Just like he dealt with all experiences in life, he managed his illness with Strength and

Grace. He leaves behind his loving wife, Laurie Akers, two daughters, Mindy (Donovan) and Brittany (Mikie), four grandsons, Jayden, Dylan, Michael and Ryan. He is also survived by 2 sisters and 2 brothers. A Celebration of Tom's Life will be held at his home on Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 2:00 PM. B. W. White Funeral Home ~ Aylett is assisting the family.



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King William TEA Party Holds Q&A Session with Sheriff Walton



Sheriff Walton responds to questions from King William TEA Party members.

The King William TEA Party hosted a special guest, Sheriff Jeff Walton at their July 7th meeting. Walton shared concerns over the impacts of some of the new police reform bills will have on the county. Changes concerning Walton include the time period extension of emergency custody orders, changes in how overtime is paid, and changes in how mental health crisis calls are handled. The emergency custody order extension now allows health care providers up to eight hours to find mental health patients a bed at a facility.

While the order is in place, law enforcement must remain with the patient and are unable to assist with other calls. Overtime pay begins when an employee exceeds a 40-hour workweek, versus 171 hours in a 28-day timeframe. When receiving a mental health call, dispatchers must transfer the call to a 988 crisis call center and remain on the line for the duration of the call. Walton, while in favor of improvements for mental health crises, would like to see better thought out processes with less impact on staffing.

TEA Party members and Founder Bob Shannon questioned Walton on issues like budget increases for radio equipment, why the department purchased a satellite office on 360, and whether School Resource Officers are justified in the county. In response to an inquiry of why the radios used cost five thousand each, Walton explained the radios the county uses are dependent on Hanover because we are tied into their system. When asked why KWSO purchased a satellite office, Walton clarified his department did not purchase

the building. He was only asked if he could use the space. Since the existing office is "busting at the seams" and the purchased building is in the busiest area of the county, Walton said he could. Disagreeing with some KWTP members, Walton defended having School Resource Officers, stating it only takes one situation for us to wish we had had an officer on site.

The King William TEA Party will hold their next meeting at Ripley's Restaurant on July 22nd at 6:00 pm.

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American Legion Post 314, continued from front page

The Post building, located on route 360, needs maintenance and many renovations, as well as work around the property. Members of the Virginia Army National Guard will be visiting the post to assist with tree work, brush removal, painting, and other various projects from July 31st through August 4th. Another Round or 2 Bar and Grill, Route 30 BBQ & Grill, Big Mike's Grillin' and BBQ, and PRD Concessions have agreed to sponsor meals for the organization and their visitors while they are in town. The post plans to hold a Community Day this fall, featuring a bounce house, local food trucks, a viewing of The Sandlot, and a canned food drive benefiting CornerStone food bank. The date is to be determined.

Other plans in the pipeline include assisting with the King William Ruritan Club Fish Fry, participating in the West Point Crab Carnival, holding a Veteran's Day event, and holding an Oratorical Contest for local high school students. The contest is an American Legion program in which contestants give speeches on Americanism and the United States Constitution. Scholarships are awarded to winners at various levels. The officers will be hosting Amanda Gunter at their next meeting to discuss working with Hanover and King William Habitat for Humanity.

For questions about membership, building rentals, sponsoring meals for the VA National Guard projects, partnering with, or donating to American Legion Post 314, email alpost314@gmail.com or call (804) 769-2798.



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Archery, continued from front page



Taking the gold, Hunter Carlton stands center podium July 10 as the 2021 national champion for the Compound Bowmen Men Division at the JOAD Outdoor Target Nationals in Alabama. The event, July 7-10, brought more than 700 of the nation's best archers together to compete for the national title.

Hunter aims to compete on the international and national levels and dreams of owning his own archery training and equipment facility. "I want to go as far as I can with archery; I want to own my own bow shop and to own my own pig farm, just because I like pigs."

When not completing his homeschooling or shooting arrows in the backyard, Hunter enjoys bacon, fishing, and naturally hunting. He is a member of Rehoboth Baptist Fellowship Church and plays basketball in the winter. He practices nearly daily with his 9-year-old sister, Sierra, who also is an archery competition winner, taking 1st place at the 2021 Summer Shootout even shooting up an age class. "I give it all to God," Hunter said. "I try not to get frustrated when I am not shooting up to my standards. But I love to shoot. I don't why. I just do." Hunter says he doesn't know why he is good at archery but gives credit to all the help and support he receives.

"God helps me and gives me strength," he said. "I have the right coaches, and my family and friends help me." Hunter thanks God first, his 4-H coach William Bush, from King William; his JOAD coach Alan Alfonso of Shooters Archery in Beaverdam; his parents, family, and friends.



Hunter waits to draw back his bow on the shooting line at the USA Archery Junior Olympic Outdoor Nationals in Alabama.

Burn, continued from front page



Harriet Williams



Fire seen coming from Ruby's RV

Ruby had noticed smoke coming up from her refrigerator. Just across the parking lot at Tuckers Marina, her boat tied up at the pier, a lady crabber, Harriet Williams, was packing out her morning catch, when she noticed smoke coming from the pretty silver RV. Harriet Williams became a hero that day, by getting grandma Ruby out in the nick of time. The RV went up and became a 4 alarm barn burner in no time flat. The King and Queen Fire departments came as swiftly as possible along with rescue and police and did a valiant job of containing the fire and preserving the adjacent RVs. James Kelly Tucker, who was one of the founders of the Shacklefords fire department, and owner

of Tuckers Recreation Park and Marina, was on the scene assisting. We are happy to say that Mrs. Styles, who is the grandmother of Kimberly Tucker, wife of the owner, is in good health and is being looked after by her loving extended family. It was an extremely intense fire but no service personnel was injured. And Although it was a total loss of home and property, they did recover some family mementos and photos, which is a blessing to the family. We appreciate all of you, who helped to save lives and property. And folks, especially during these hot months, check your home electronics, this could happen to anyone!

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Left to right - Deputy Craig Jorgensen, Chief Deputy - Rob Balderson, Sargent James Simmons, Deputy Barry Radden, former State Trooper Howard Cook, Sheriff John Charboneau, Investigator Brian Burr.

The King and Queen County Republican Party held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday July 6, 2021 at 6 pm at Nick's Restaurant. It was a special meeting to pay tribute to the King and Queen Sheriffs Department and State police. An appreciation presentation was made by Howard Cook, a former State Policeman. In his presentation Cook spoke of the dedication and the desire to help people a sheriff and his deputies must have to be effective. Cook said with the changing laws and greater scrutiny of policing actions policing has become more difficult and demanding. Cook stated only with the support of the public can law enforcement be successful. On behalf of the Sheriffs Department Sheriff Charboneau thanked the group for recognizing the King and Queen Sheriff Department. Charboneau said he was also grateful to the citizens of King and Queen County for their support. Bill Rilee, Chair of the King and Queen County Republican party, presented each officer with an American Flag lapel pin in recognition of their dedicated service to King and Queen County. The public is invited to the first Tuesday of the month regular meetings. For more information call Bill Rilee 804-512-1688.

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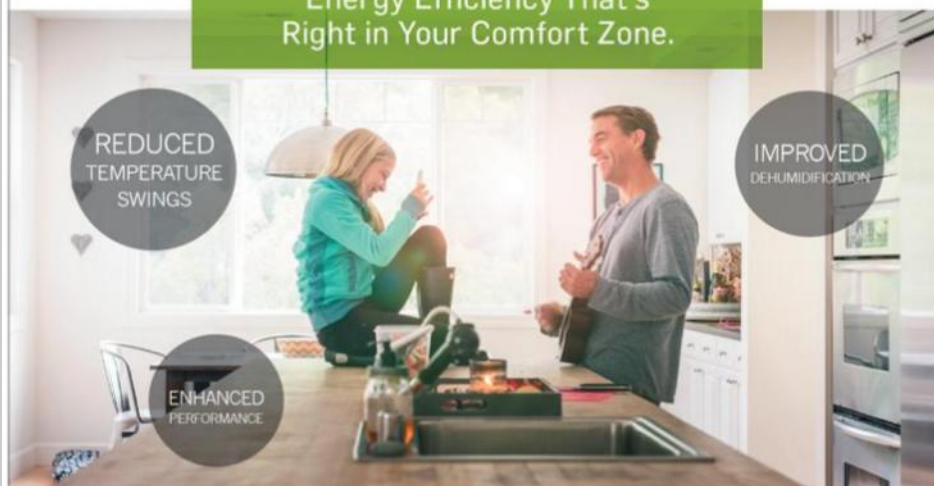
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Obituaries, continued



ATKINS

Atkins, Thomas Carter, 86, of Mechanicsville, VA went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, July 15, 2021. He is survived by his wife Barbara



BONGERS

Bongers, Barbara Lee, 75, of King William passed away peacefully July 12. Her warm smile & generous, kind, loving nature will be missed by all she knew. She is survived by her

loving husband John, 7 kitties, daughter Julie, son Louis, 5 grandchildren & 6 great-grandchildren. Services will be held Saturday, July 24 @ 11am at Colosse Baptist, 23945 King William Rd, West Point, 23181. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Regional Animal Shelter, P. O. Box 215, King William, 23086. B. W. White

Atkins; daughters Jean Atkins, Yvonne Eggleston (Butch), and Cathy Nault (Tim); six grandsons Anthony Dogoli, Christopher Dogoli (Ashley), Auther Eggleston (Kelly), Michael Eggleston, Tyler Barnette and Carter Barnette; 4 great-grandchildren AJ Dogoli, Witten Dogoli, Hunter and Avery Eggleston; his brother Herman M Atkins (Bonnie) and nephew Brandon (Madina). The family will receive friends on Tuesday, July 20 at 10am followed by the service at 11am. Graveside and reception to follow. All visitation and services will be held at Beulah Baptist Church, 4805 W River Road, Aylett, VA 23009. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Beulah Baptist Church, Aylett, VA BUILDING FUND or your local animal rescue.



Bickford named to Liberty University's Dean's List

Lydia Bickford, a 2019 graduate of King William High School, has been named to Liberty University's Dean's List for the 2020-2021 school year. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA since she began her online studies at Liberty in May of 2020. Lydia is on track to graduate in May of 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. Her family is very proud of her hard work and dedication.

Murray named to Longwood University's Dean's List

Chatham Murray, a 2020 graduate of St. Margaret's School, has been named to Longwood University's Dean's List for the 2020-2021 school year. Chatham will be transferring to Randolph Macon this fall where she will continue her studies towards her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. Her family is very proud of her dedication to become a physician assistant.



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King William Ruritans Honor Sheriff’s Dept.

By Gene Campbell
Picture courtesy King William Sheriff’s Office

The King William Sheriff’s Department and their families were guests of the King William Ruritan Club at their July dinner meeting. Our men and women in law enforcement are special people who are always there for us in our time of need. They put their lives in harm’s way every day to keep us safe. Our community is a much safer place in which to live and work because of their dedication. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE! The club also sends a BIG THANK YOU to several local businesses for their donations to make this happen. They are Hanover Knife, Computer Recycling, Twin Rivers Realty, Stanley’s Automotive, Fleetwood Motors, Rozelle’s Marine, JoJo’s Hunting & Fishing, and Andy’s Automotive.

The club is busy preparing for their 18th Annual Captain’s Choice Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 14th at Queenfield Golf Club. Tee-off is at 9 am. The entry fee is \$280 per team and you or your business can sponsor a hole for \$100. Cash prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams. Breakfast and lunch will be served too. Call 337-0325 for more information. On Saturday, September 18th the club will hold its 82nd Annual Fish Fry at the club facilities on Rt 30. Catfish and all the trimmings along with your favorite beverages will be served while you listen to the country music of the Shawn Fenner Band. Gates open at 3 pm with supper served from 5-6 pm (take-outs available). The festivities will end at 7 pm. Tickets are \$25 each and will not be sold at the gate. Call 363-1781 for tickets and more information or go to kingwilliamruritan.org. The club THANKS EVERYONE FOR THEIR SUPPORT!



King William Sheriff’s Department and their families.

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Nope! Nope! Drawing the line there. No testing for me. I am not getting near one of those!

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Portrait Reflections – Where Photography Comes to Life

By Florence Cooke
Photo by Portrait Reflections

Portrait Reflections is a unique photography studio located in Manquin owned by King William resident Christie Johnson. She has done photography for 22 years.

Christie stated, “I brought the fourth location of our business to King William because I like the neighborhood feel. Here in King William, I feel it is more laid back and our customers appreciate our one on one approach. It is a more personable experience where we get a chance to get to know our clients.”

Portrait Reflections offers pictures of newborns, children, high school seniors, families, brides and weddings, fashion, pageantry, pets, military, first responders, special events, dancers and dance recitals, musicians, sports teams, daycares, churches, and business functions. One of the nice things Portrait Reflections likes to offer is any first responders and military can come to have their portrait taken (in uniform) and receive a free 11 x 14 inch wall portrait all year round to thank them for their service. We are highly involved in supporting the men and women that serve our country.

Portrait Reflections has done international award-winning photography with competitions for many years. At one recent competition, Christie placed First Place in 27 categories out of 30 categories altogether on the whole East coast. Christie of Portrait Reflections is now on her way to compete at nationals yet again. Christie stated, “It’s like our Olympics.” Some of her clientele consists of Miss United States, Miss America, Playboy models, Sports Illustrated models, models for New York Fashion Week and other fashion events during the year, Fashion Designers, Government officials, just to name a few.

On some of the walls at Portrait Reflections, you can find beautiful portraits of the current Miss America that also lives in Virginia, Miss United States, Miss Virginia, and other local and national pageant queens, the VCU Gold Rush Dancers, Digital Designs from competitions that Portrait Reflections have been involved in. We ask that high school seniors not miss out on having their portraits taken in time for yearbooks.

Each month a different charity is recognized by Portrait Reflections. During the months of July and August Portrait



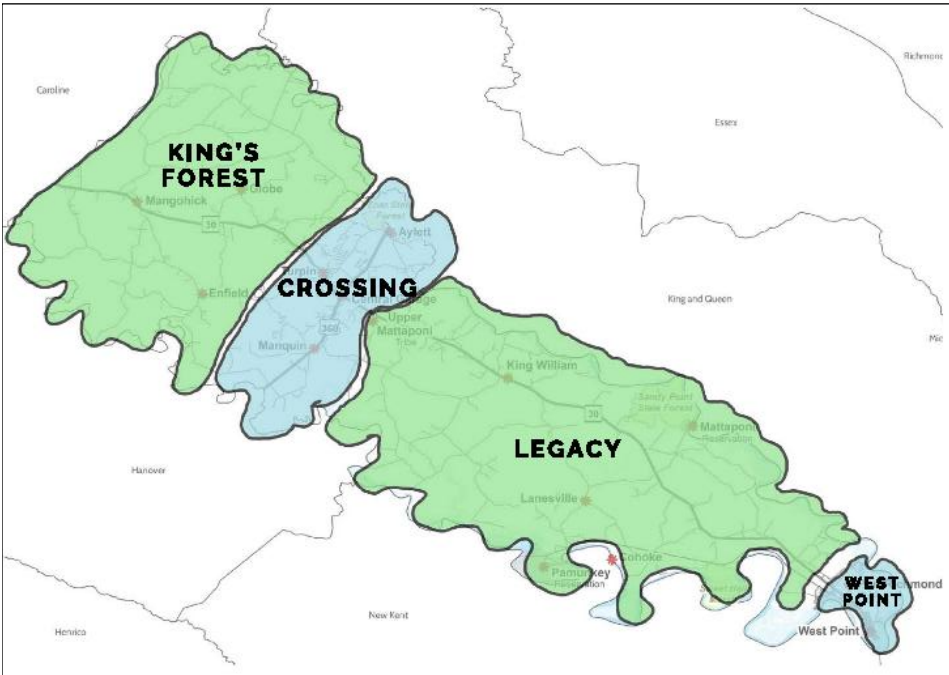
Reflections will be collecting for a local drug/alcohol addiction program is being recognized. They ask the community to get involved in donating the following items: (ALL ITEMS must be in original packaging unopened) toiletries – soap, shampoo, toothpaste, shaving cream, etc.; all sizes adult socks; and twin bed size bedding (blankets, sheets, pillowcases, etc.) Please drop off the items at the studio location. The staff at Portrait Reflections like to lend a helping hand with charity events and are glad to get involved whenever they can.

To see so many locals on the walls alongside so many famous people is such a rewarding experience. As the writer was leaving, a family from Henrico was coming in for their appointment. They couldn’t rave enough about Christie from Portrait Reflections. On the very next day, the same family was bringing in their four-day-old grandbaby for its first portraits.

Jennifer Welborn, a former Ms. District of Columbia, stated, “Portrait Reflections is the only studio I will ever go to. Christie is a fantastic photographer and we wouldn’t trust our memories with anyone else. Christie treats all of her clients like family, she gets to know everyone and we see why she has so many repeat clients that travel from all over the world to come for her photography.”

Portrait Reflections is located at 109 Commons Park Circle, Suite D, in Manquin (in the same shopping center as The Fix Thrift Store, NAPA, Another Round or 2, and JoJo’s to name a few). For information or questions, please call 804-920-5019 or visit its website at portraitreflections.net.

Blueprint 2041 - King William’s 20-Year Plan



King William County segmented into four areas based on character.

By Amanda Walker

King William County has been working with Hill Studio on the county’s new Comprehensive Plan. Hill Studio consultants, met with county employees, district Supervisors, EDA members, and Planning Commissioners last week before presenting in an Open House on Wednesday, July 14th. During the presentation, they shared county statistics, survey results, preliminary suggestions for the plan, and had an open dialogue with residents.

Evie Slone of Hill Studio informed residents that King William is projected to reach a population of over 20,000 by 2040. There are 4,014 jobs in the county with 18% of them being in manufacturing. 87.5% of residents commute outside the county to work. According to their findings, the King William market leaked 170.8 million last year, showing there is a demand in the county for goods and services. This demand is expected to grow by 13.5% in the next 5 years.

Hill Studio President and Landscape Architect, David Hill shared ideas and visions relating to the aesthetics of the

county. He divided the county into four segments by character and suggested creating welcoming “gateways” at the county lines on route 360. Through sketches, he showed how landscaping and controlled signage can help preserve the rural feel of the county, while also allowing for developments that could help improve the tax base. Hill suggested creating an “urban node” in the Central Garage area and creating a six-acre “village” with mixed-use buildings in front of the courthouse. Another entrance from route 30, a mountain biking facility, and a camping area were additional amenities that could be added to the King William Recreational Park.

Hill Studio and county representatives have asked that residents please be sure to fill out the Comprehensive Plan survey. The survey can be found by going to kingwilliamcounty.us and clicking on “Comprehensive Plan Citizen Survey Link” in the alert bar at the top of the page. The July 14th presentation can be viewed at kingwilliamcounty.us/273/Comprehensive-Plan.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
Everybody works for Somebody

Thursday night, July 8, the King William Tea Party hosted Sheriff Walton. The Sheriff answered questions regarding payroll, radios, resource officers, arming teachers (not happening), and the sub-station. At one point, the Sheriff began his explanation of the situation with the phrase, "in the old days". Well things change, and when more people get involved, these changes usually cost more money. He explained how his communications are dependent on Hanover County and the work orders he must respond to from Washington, Richmond, the Board of Supervisors and the Court House. That is a lot of orders. The Sheriff explained who was responsible for the demands and the extra money each of these demands cost in one of the best stand up presentations made by any public official. It is too bad the program was not video-taped. To those who expected a confrontation, and did not attend, they missed a fine civics lesson.

William Starin
Aylett

Dear Editor,
Fair and Balanced ?

The King William T.E.A. Party (Taxed Enough Already) appreciates the Country Courier for sending a reporter to cover our recent meeting featuring KW County Sheriff Jeff Walton's courageous appearance before our group of activist citizens who are dedicated "Watchdogs on Government."

While Walton was strongly challenged on a number of issues – most notably the very steep increase in the department's budget in recent years – he was given ample time to respond and the back and forth was both frank and cordial.

It is our understanding that the news report will appear in this issue (July 21st).

We hope that all of CC's readers will find the reporter's coverage to be factual, fair and balanced.

Sincerely, Robert "Sarge" Bruce
KWTP Secretary
Aylett

Letters to the Editor

We welcome signed letters to the editor. Each letter must carry the writers signature, full valid address, and daytime phone number. We reserve the right to edit for accuracy, brevity, clarity, legality, and taste. We do not guarantee that every letter received will be published. Letters reflect the opinions and positions of the writers and not *The Country Courier*.

Welcome Reverend Okello



Reverend Fred Ouma Okello has been appointed to the Middlesex Charge to serve Forest Chapel and Old Church United Methodist churches. Pastor Okello, his wife, Carren, and their children were welcomed to our church ministries on July 4, 2021.

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BAPTIST

Bethany Baptist Church Homecoming Service Sunday - August 1st @ 10AM DRIVE UP SERVICE Revival Service will be on ZOOM Each Wednesday in August @ 7PM

Beulah Baptist Church

Worship with us in sanctuary OR drive-in at 10 AM following updated Covid guidelines. Adult Sunday School at 9:00 AM; Youth Grades 7-12 will meet under the pavilion. View Pastor Shepard's sermons via link to YouTube at www.beulahbaptistva.org/. Like us on Facebook also. Beulah is located at 4805 West River Road near intersection at Dorrell Road.

Broadus Church Hebron Campus

Summer Schedule Worship Service is Sunday at 9:30 AM followed by Sunday School for all ages at 10:30. Tuesday Nights at 6:00 we have Youth Bible Study and Ladies Bible Study. Wednesday Nights Christian Support Group. We have an ongoing furniture ministry, firewood ministry and the 2nd Monday of each month we have food distribution at 6:30. Open to all KW county residents and students in King and Queen. Check us out on Facebook, Broadus Church Hebron Campus, our worship services are on FB live. We are located at 3407 King William Rd Aylett VA 23009. Phone 779-2700. Website broaduschurch.org

Bruington Baptist Church

4784 The Trail, Bruington, VA, King and Queen County. 10 a.m. Sunday school; 11 a.m. Worship Service with Communion on first Sundays; 9 a.m. Deacons meet on first Sundays; 9 a.m. WOM meets third Sundays; 6 p.m. Adult Bible study Wednesdays followed by 7 p.m. choir practice; 10 a.m. until noon community clothes cupboard first Saturdays. Please wear a face covering if not fully vaccinated for

COVID-19. Rev. Fred Skaggs 804-347-7285.

Colosse Baptist Church

Join us for worship on Sundays. 9:45am Sunday School for all ages 11am Worship in both the sanctuary where mask required and in the Multi-Purpose room. 7 pm Wednesday bible study

Kingdom of God

Living Water Ministry

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

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Mattaponi Baptist Church

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on Wednesdays.

Providence Baptist Church

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

Rehoboth Baptist Fellowship

Monday, July 19th, @ 11am Memorial Service to Celebrate the Life and Mourn the Passing of H. Barnes Townsend, Jr. Please save the date and make plans to join us!

Rock Spring Baptist Church

Hospitality team will be sponsoring a dinner fundraiser on July 30th, 11am to 6pm. Entrees include Chicken, Fish and Smothered dinners w/2 sides, roll and dessert. Ticket cost \$12. Please contact Tammy Upshaw (804) 370-2849 for more details and tickets.

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. We will also be starting our AWANAS program when school starts and run the entire year. Call the church for more info. Office Hours: 9am to 2pm Tuesday through Friday, 769-2320 or sharonbc@verizon.net

Smyrna Christian Church

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The Edge Worship Centre

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The Fix Ministry

We are meeting on Saturday nights, 5:30pm, at the Broadus Church Hebron Campus at 3407 King William Road. Potluck dinners are the first Saturday night of each month, and will follow the service. Any questions, please call 774-5319

Third Union Baptist Church

We will not hold services at the church until further notice. We 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. PO Box 74, King William, 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 at 4347 Manfield Road, Manquin is having in person worship every Sunday morning at 9:30 am. No mask required if vaccinated. (Masks available if you need one). Sunday School follows 10:45 -11:30. Weekly Bible Study. Pastor Betty Jo Sims.

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St. John's Episcopal Church

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Community Calendar

Pamunkey Regional Library Virtual Programs on Zoom

For more information or if you have a special physical or communication need, please contact ask@pamunkeylibrary.org. 804-769-3731. **Eyes of the Wild: Zanimal Show!** Saturday, July 24, 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

CoderDojo Workshop Saturday, July 31, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Ages 8 & up. **On Demand Videos Poetry Break** Premieres Wednesday, July 21. **Genealogy 101** Premieres Thursday, July 22.

Getting Buggy with It! Premieres Friday, July 23 Grades PreK-5. **Take & Makes VFW Post 9501**

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American Legion Post 314: 6250 Richmond-Tappahannock Highway, Aylett, VA 23009. 804-769-2798. Monthly Meeting occurs every second Tuesday of the month. We ask that all members be within the Post and seated by 5:55pm. Meeting will begin promptly at 6 pm. Our mission is to enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military, and our communities by our devotion to mutual helpfulness. We are kicking off our membership drive for 2021-2022. We invite all veterans to join us as a member of American Legion Post 314. We would also like to invite all spouses, mothers, sisters, and direct adopted female descendant of members of The American Legion. We have established an American Legion Auxiliary at Post 314 and are actively seeking members to join us.

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King William Parks and Recreation

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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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Regional Animal Shelter, 20201 King William Road, King William 804-769-4983. www.petfinder.com email: animalshelter@kingwilliamcounty.us

Southern States

485 Sharon Rd. King William, 23086

King William T.E.A. Party

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

Bay Aging

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Helping The Homeless will no longer be at King William High School.

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Interested in a community watch call Lisa Mayville at 804-551-3267 or email: lisamayville@atlanticbb.net Any crime please call King William Sheriff Office at 804-769-0999

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Food Distribution - (*11235 West River Road, Aylett)

*Saturdays (August 7, 14, 21, 28) - 9 a.m. to noon.

*CSFP distribution for Seniors who qualify on Fourth Wednesday, August 25 at 11 a.m. *MOBILE Pantry - August 4 at 11 a.m.

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(Please note that there will no food distribution at Aylett on Wednesdays)

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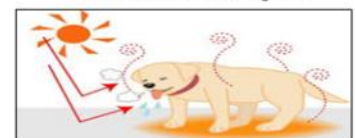
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