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New Trail in King and Queen County



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Recently a new trail was built in Eastern King and Queen, off of Wares Church Road on a piece of land called the Clay Tract. It was an Eagle Scout project for Andrew Sweeney of BSA Troop 303. Andrew would like to thank the adults and scouts of BSA Troop 303 for taking time out of their schedules to assist with trail construction, with 16 volunteers putting in a combined 100 hours of labor. He would also like to thank Mr. Lewie Lawrence, a representative of the Middle Peninsula Planning District and the beneficiary of the project for his contribution of materials and time in planning the trail itself. The trail is approximately 1.5 miles long and circles Dragon Swamp. The trail is currently open for public use.



King William School Board Navigates Covid Masking Order



Jessica McLane tells the School Board the virus has less of a chance of hurting a healthy child than a lightning strike.

Please see full story on page 14.

King William Resident Partners with American Legion to Provide School Supplies to Students in Need



Crystal Madison and Mike Langford ready to collect school supplies.

By Amanda Walker

American Legion Post 314 hosted Crystal Madison on Saturday, August 28th for a school supply drive. Madison, a King William native from the Mattaponi Indian Tribe, has been putting together blessing boxes, and bags to help others in need. She started out about three years ago doing ministry work putting together bags of food for homeless people. Over the last three years she has come up with different ideas for blessing boxes and bags including food boxes, school supply bags, and now she is doing baby blessing bags for new parents. She was inspired to start blessing students with school supply bags this year after seeing a child in need of a backpack last year and others coming to school without any supplies. Madison says it is something that grows on her heart every day. Starting out, she tried to keep things secretive but has expanded to posting in Facebook groups to find recipients as she has found she is able to reach and help more people by doing so.

Please see **STUDENTS IN NEED**, continued on page 12.

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Mangohick VFD Skills Competition & 30th Anniversary



Come out on September 11th to watch the firefighter skills competition at Mangohick VFD.

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 The Mangohick Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a Firefighter Skills Competition that will be held on Saturday, September 11th at 11:00 am at their station located at 3493 King William Rd. This event is free for spectators and also participation is free for all those FIRE & RESCUE members. It will be held on the 20th Anniversary of 9-11 attacks on America and the 30th Anniversary of the Mangohick Volunteer Fire Department. The competition includes working as a team as well as working individually within a department. Trophies will be awarded for Best Individual Times, Best Team Times, and Furthest Department Travel. The event will have courses including Vehicle Extraction, Forced Entry, Advancing a hose line, Ladder Raise, Dummy Drag, Ladder Carry, Turnout Gear Drill, Target Knockdown with a Hand-line, Hose Rolling, and more. Food and Drinks will be available for purchase. For any questions please contact Mangohick VFD 804-994-9800 or email Melissa Morgan at mamacanbake@gmail.com.

Publisher's Message



This has been a very unsettling year for all of us. We have had to adapt to circumstances and situations seemingly beyond our control. We try to make the most of every day but at times it test our inner strength. Keeping a positive attitude and believing things will get better will get us through. Stay in touch with family and close friends, lend a helping hand when ever we can. There are better and happier days ahead. Prayer can make a difference in our lives. It has helped me in these trying times.

Take care until next time...

Danny 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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Two Words

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"



The more things that we can expose our animals to and help them to work through and accept, the better off we'll be. There are some things that only come up once or twice a year, like getting shots from the vet. I remember when Pip was young, I wanted her to be safe and accepting while getting vaccinated each year. The idea of sticking a thousand pound animal with a needle a few times didn't sound like much fun for either of us. So I had the bright idea of pinching her on the neck to simulate getting a shot. I started off easy and got harder until I got a slight reaction. She looked at me as if to say "What in the heck are you doing to me?" I immediately gave her a treat and praised her. We worked on that a few times each day until it was a regular routine for her. She got so good at it that I think she wanted me to pinch her more so she could get more treats.

I heard a story the other day about a guy that became a monk and the head of the monastery told him that he had to take a vow of silence, but once a year on his anniversary he could say two words. The first year

went by and the new monk was called in and asked what his two words were. He said "Food, Bad." The head monk said "Thanks, now go back to your work." The second year passed and he was called in again and asked for his two words. The monk said "Bed, Hard." The head monk thanked him and sent him back to work. The third year came around and he was called in again for his two words. The young monk said "I Quit!" The head monk said "I figured as much. You've done nothing but complain since you've been here!"

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

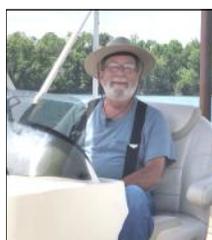
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BROWNING
Browning, Neil 71 of King William County, VA, went to that big fishing hole in the sky on Wednesday, August 11, 2021. He was preceded in death by his parents Virgil and Marie Browning, his devoted wife Judy, brothers, Duane & Phillip and sister, Vanessa Adkins. He is survived by a son, Keith Browning, daughter, Cara Schmidt and two grandsons, Collin and Preston Jenkins, his sisters, Elaine Robertson and Janice Boyce (Jerry); and many nieces, nephews and friends. Neil was a longtime member of Epworth United Methodist Church in Aylett, VA., and proudly served in the United States Air Force setting up radio communications in Vietnam. Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at Epworth United Methodist Church, 11 Epworth Rd, Aylett VA 23009, where the family will receive friends one hour prior. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the Epworth United Methodist Church.

CLARKE
Clarke, Milton Leroy, 89 of Aylett, VA; died May 28, 2021. B.W. White Funeral Home 7837 Richmond Tappahannock Hwy, in charge of arrangements

HOLMES
Arthur Boyd Holmes Jr. was born August 10, 1950. He passed away Tuesday, August 10, 2021. He was the husband of Carol Diane Byrd Holmes. The family received friends Saturday, August 14, 2021 at J.K. Redmond Funeral Home. The graveside service was held Sunday, August 15, 2021 at the Second Mount Olive Baptist Church, Little Plymouth.

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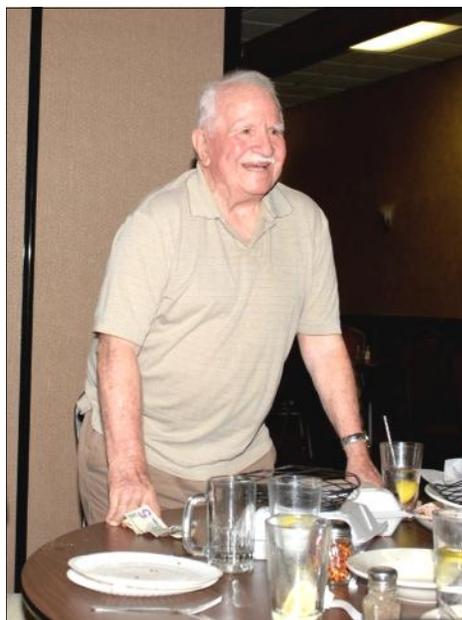


Wood, Glaspie Molean Slate of King William, VA, went home on August 19, 2021, surrounded by her family. She was preceded in death by her mother Pauline

Robertson, father James Slate, husband Ryland Wood, son Robert Wesley Creasey III, and her niece Rhonda Whitmore. She is survived by her daughter Barbara Maiden (Kenneth), grandchildren Frances Creasey (Adam), Rhonda Acosta (Angelo), Robert Creasey IV (Courtney), Amanda Piner, Tray "Puddin" Maiden, Courtney Harlow (Nathan), great grandchildren Taylor Gershowitz, Kyle Lynch, Zane Acosta, Logan Acosta, Molly, Ryan and Aiden Creasey, and also lifelong best friend, Frances Orloff. Molean was born in Patrick County, VA on September 19, 1939. Her most cherished memories were the summers she spent there hanging tobacco. Molean was very proud of her

work ethic. When she retired from Phillip Morris after 30 years, she had only missed 13 days. She spent her life doing for others. She and her husband were surrogate parents to so many. Her door was always open to anyone, and she was Nanny to everyone. She was strong, smart and a pistol. She was a staunch Republican, and loved to bend your ear over politics. Getting your education was so important to her. She always told us "do your lessons"! She leaves a big hole in many hearts, but the strength she taught us will lead the way. Molean made a selfless decision years ago to give a baby boy up for adoption. By God's Divine Grace, they found each other two years ago. She was able to get closure and get to know him. She was very thankful for that. The family will receive friends on Monday, Aug. 23, 2021 from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the B. W. White Funeral Home 7837 Richmond Tappahannock Hwy, Aylett. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home, 11:00 AM, Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2021. Interment will follow in Gethsemane Church of Christ Cemetery in Mechanicsville. In lieu of flowers, Molean requested donations be made to the Lower King and Queen Baptist Church, also known as Ware's Church, who recently lost their church to a fire, at P.O. Box 126 King and Queen C.H. VA 23085

Remembering T D Stuart



T D Stuart at his 90th birthday party.



T D Stuart and Charlie Longest raising the Ruritan flag at dedication of new flag pole at Dick Campbell's Cottage on the Mattaponi

By Gene Campbell

The King William Ruritan Club is mourning the loss of its most senior member, T D Stuart. A fatherly figure who would fit perfectly in a Norman Rockwell painting as a grandfather, T D was just as gracious as he was humble. He just turned 95 days before his passing on August 23rd. A proud Navy veteran who served in the Korean War, he once spoke at a Ruritan meeting soon after Memorial Day reminding us of the sacrifices our men and women in uniform make. You could hear a pin drop as he

told us the awesome price of freedom, justice, and democracy; things we sometimes take for granted. He had a way with words as he so eloquently spoke. Not originally from King William, T D and his wife Mary Ann moved here to retire and we are a better community because they did. He served the community as a member of the County Industrial Development Authority (now known as the Economic Development Authority).

Please see **T.D. Stuart**, continued on page 8.

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them on this achievement," says Ray Leonard, VP of Sales. About Virginia Farm Bureau Insurance: Founded in 1950, Virginia Farm Bureau Insurance is committed to meeting the insurance needs of the people, families, farms and small businesses of Virginia. When Virginians choose Farm Bureau Insurance for their auto, home, health and life insurance they become a member of Virginia Farm Bureau – an organization comprised of over 127,000 households throughout the Commonwealth whose vision is to create an environment where agriculture can prosper and improve the lives of all Virginians. For more information visit vafb.com.

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EXHIBIT A: Over 500 American citizens have been arrested after the Jan. 6 protests in DC. Many are suffering as political prisoners in a DC jail. One of them is a citizen in Wittman's own district. Credible evidence has surfaced showing the civil rights of these Patriots are being grossly violated: Held without specific charges; denied bail; often being kept in 23 hour a day isolation; denied visits from family and legal counsel; being beaten by Guards. One so-called "deplorable" has lost an eye from the beatings. defendingtherepublic.org

Why, Congressman Wittman, are you silent in the face of these blatantly unconstitutional outrages ?

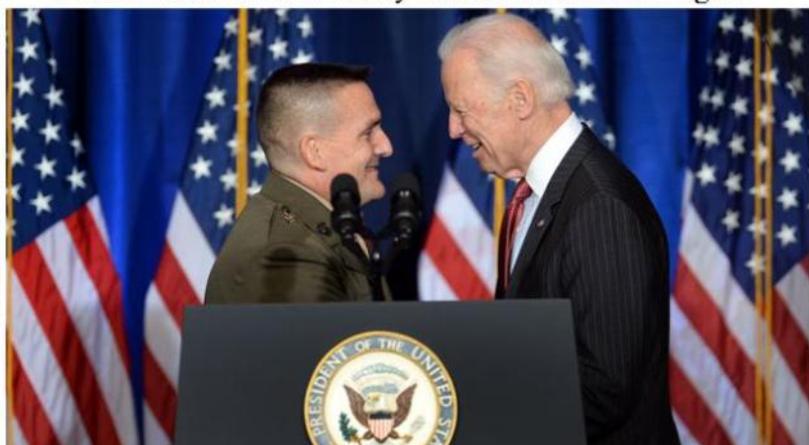


EXHIBIT B: In advance of the 2020 election, 22 retired Four Star Generals & Admirals violated the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) by voicing contempt for Donald Trump in their "National Security Leaders for Biden" letter. They haven't stopped since. democraticunderground.com/100214126819

As Commissioned Officers, their solemn oath to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States" did not expire when they retired. Representative Wittman took a nearly identical oath when sworn into office.

Article 88 of the UCMJ states "*Any commissioned officer who uses contemptuous words against the President, Vice President ... shall be punished as a court martial may direct.*"

Do you take your oath seriously? If so, then why -- as required by law -- has no Article 32 Investigation been launched ? And why has not a single current or retired General or Admiral been charged under Article 131 ?

Do your job on the Armed Services Committee
and initiate a formal investigation. Or are you willing to let these openly contemptuous military officers remain above the law ?



EXHIBIT C: At the Virginia Republicans May 8th Convention you made a face-to-face and witnessed promise to schedule a return visit to the King William T.E.A Party. Our follow up invitations, repeated over a dozen weeks, have been ignored.

Are you afraid to answer tough but fair questions?

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Mask or no mask- your statement was total hypocrisy

I am writing this letter after attending the last school board meeting for KWCPS. After they very statically had the open comment session before they announced how our children would migrate back to school after the Governor's latest update was very disheartening. As parents, we have questions and deserve answers- But, what was the most disturbing was out of all the school board members, superintendent, his secretary and school staff in attendance- only one person was wearing a mask inside the school building- When Mr. Tuppence was speaking on the migration back to school he "regrettably" had to inform us that mask were mandatory in the school buildings at all times except during physical education. He said he was asked earlier why he wasn't wearing a mask and his exact words were,

"I have been asked why I am not wearing a mask... well it's my choice and I feel safe not wearing one."

So I will copy the same letter Mr. Tuppence received in his email after the meeting on Wednesday as I still have not gotten a response from him and as a parent of a child that he is making decisions on the well being on, I deserve answers- regardless what district I reside in-

Good evening, Mr. Tuppence,

I felt the need to email you after tonight's meeting-

I am not in your district, but last year my child suffered from an awful skin infection from wearing a mask 8 hours a day, several days a week... all while engaging in GYM class- have you exercised in in a mask? I'd rather die! So I ended up taking my son to his doctor where he was diagnosed with a bacterial skin infection from the mask- was put on two types of antibiotics and still to this day has the

scar on his chin-

See pictures of what we dealt with- and trying to get to heal while having to still wear a mask-

But the real reason I'm contacting you is your comment tonight ... "I have been asked why I am not wearing a mask... well it's my choice and I feel safe not wearing one."

I as a parent feel my children are safe and that it is my choice as a parent to make the choice for mask or no mask- your statement was total hypocrisy.....

It's been a very stressful couple weeks tossing different ideas around with what will be best for our family- my kids love their friends and teachers but tomorrow I will be turning in the paperwork to pull my children from KWCPS - the only school they have known all because school board members don't want to fight the fight for these kids!

Could you imagine being a child and trying to learn to read from a teacher that you can only see the bridge of her nose and eyes..... the English language is the hardest language to learn and a mask makes it that much harder- as I'm sure you heard the 4th grade teacher's struggles in her testimony tonight-

So I am making a choice for my children- to take them out of an anxiety filled situation- setting them up for failure- as last year was a struggle... barely treading water to keep good grades (for the first time ever)-

My choice- my child -

I hope you have a good conscious about the decisions you have made for the families you serve, because most of those SB seats will have new faces sitting in them come next election-

Sincerely,
Abbi Carlton
King William

Please see Letters, continued on page 14.

T.D. Stuart, continued from page 6.

Joining the King William Ruritan Club in 1997, T D would volunteer to help in any way that he could at club activities. As club members prepared for the fish fry every year, T D was there early with his apron on breading the fish or preparing the bacon as members traded stories of the "good ole days". Club members always chuckled listening to "T D stories".

He was a regular in the mornings at the "corner" or coffee club (Valero's). Always smiling he would come in with his Navy hat on, get his coffee, pick up a paper and

buy a scratch lottery ticket. His easy-going style made him a natural fit with the other "regulars" as he sat down and contributed to the discussion on the "topic of the day". When he turned 80, I asked him how does it feel to be 80 years old. With a twinkle in his eye, he said "I don't know...I have never turned 80 before". The club honored him with a birthday cake when he turned 90. T D served his country, community, and Ruritan club with humility and respect. Job well done T D!

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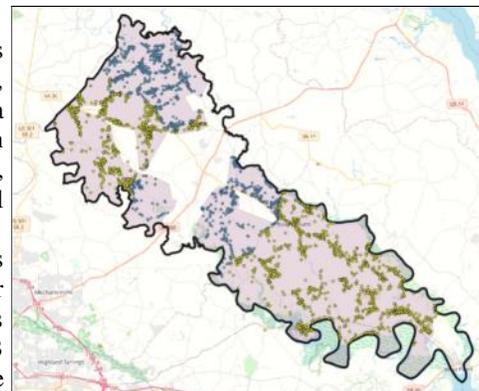
King William Board of Supervisors August Regular Meeting

By Amanda Walker

The King William Board of Supervisors held their Regular Meeting on Monday, August 23rd. Agenda items included a presentation from All Points Broadband, an update on the Real Estate Reassessment, and a request to adjust the Personal Property Tax due date.

Jimmy Carr, CEO of All Points Broadband updated the board on plans for expanding broadband internet access throughout the county. In August, APB completed a design to distribute fiber-to-the-home broadband to all unserved locations in King William, contingent on the county being awarded a VATI grant. They expect to have the network built and in place within 18 months. Installation fees are expected to be around \$199 which includes a 500-foot service drop. For the first 12 months, long drop charges will be waived, a savings of about \$1.20 a foot based on current prices. VATI grant awards will be announced in December. Unserved residents are encouraged to register their address and fill out the survey at fiber.allpointsbroadband.com.

King William County received one bid on their Reassessment RFP. The bid came in from Pearson Appraisal Service. The company is owned by Fred Person, husband of former Commissioner of Revenue Sally Pearson. Pearson will begin the reassessment this month and recommended the board stand up a Board of Assessors to assist with public relations since many property values will likely see an increase of around 50%. Per state code, the Board of



All Points Broadband proposed coverage map.

Assessors cannot be set up until July of 2022. The Supervisors will be having further discussion as they would like to have something in place earlier in the process. One potential option is creating an Advisory Board that will transition into the Board of Assessors when state code allows. Those that serve on a Board of Assessors would not be able to serve on the Board of Equalization for the same reassessment.

Treasurer Mary Sue Bancroft approached the board requesting to change the Personal Property Tax due date from December 5th to January 15th. The purpose of the change is to allow more time between the due date for the second half of Real Estate Taxes and Personal Property Taxes. Bancroft expects this will make it easier for residents to meet their tax obligations. The board agreed with moving forward to advertise the change via public notice and hold a public hearing.



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Locally, Hanover and King William Habitat for Humanity operates a ReStore at Atlee Road and Rt. 301 in Mechanicsville. It has an ever-changing selection of new and gently used home improvement materials, furniture, appliances and more. Items that are donated to the ReStore get a second chance at life rather than being taken to a landfill. And for over 20 years, the environmentally conscious staff and volunteers have taken this to another level. With an all-volunteer crew, they collect aluminum cans to be recycled, along with broken or unsellable appliances. Those metals are turned into cash and all of the resulting funds go to building affordable homes and making critical repairs.

In Habitat's last fiscal year, the recycle program collected \$24,500 through their recyclables. Based on ReStore sales, they collectively eliminated 761,514 pounds from local landfills.

Hanover and King William Habitat is



currently in a grant competition where the Habitat affiliate who collects the most cans in weight wins \$10,000 from Novelis. Since June 1, they have collected 3960 pounds equating \$2022.65. Anyone wanting to help in this endeavor can drop their clean cans off at the front of the ReStore at Atlee Road and Route 301. Local King William businesses that would like to collect cans on Habitat's behalf, can contact the organization at 804-569-6108 x104 about the program.

The ReStore is not your ordinary thrift store. By reducing, reusing, and recycling, they are turning proceeds into strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter here locally. Keep supporting your local ReStore through donations, purchases, and even dropping off your recyclables.

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Three Rivers SWCD Honors Local Producers and Scholarships Recipients



(Left to right: Bill Henley, Benjamin Ellis, TRSWCD Director – Bruce Taylor, Bob Waring, TRSWCD Director – Robbie Longest)



(Left to right: Kathryn Bland, Ashley Upshaw, Arria Gross, Addie Johnson, and Langdon Townsend – Three Rivers SWCD Director)



(Left to right: Lloyd Mundie – Chairman, Michelle Bland, Robert Bland, Sarah Bland, and Kathryn Bland)



(Old Place Farm- the Johnson Family)

Contributed

On Tuesday, July 20th Three Rivers SWCD was finally able to host our Annual Awards Banquet at Nick's Spaghetti and Steak House in Shacklefords, Virginia. Three Rivers Directors presented MTG Partners LLC (David Taliaferro & Bill Henley), Brandon Farms (Rob & Bob Waring), and Benjamin Ellis, Inc. with Partnership Awards to recognize their help in promoting adult education through on-farm research, such as choosing various cover crop species and documenting how those cover species affect crop yields on their farms.

David Johnson with Old Place Farm was recognized for the 2019 Clean Water Farm Award and Robert T. Bland, Inc. was awarded the 2020 Clean Water Farm Award. Both Clean Water Farm recipients are recognized for their dedication to conserving natural resources and implementing no-till grain production, incorporating cover crops, and installing precision nutrient management applications to improve water quality and soil health.

Three Rivers 2021 scholarship recipients were also recognized at the banquet. The John F. Townsend Sr. recipient was Addie Johnson, a

King William High School graduate, who plans to prepare herself for an occupational therapy career at East Carolina University.

The Earl H. and Anna K. Longest Memorial recipient was Kathryn Bland, a Christopher Newport University student, who is working towards a career in elementary education.

The J. Franklin "Frankie" Townsend Jr. recipient was Ashley Upshaw, a King William High School graduate who plans to study

Agribusiness at Virginia Tech.

Three Rivers also helps promote the Larkin Hundley Memorial Endowment, which is administered by Colonial Farm Credit. This year Larkin's granddaughter, Arria Gross, was the recipient. Arria is attending the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

Three Rivers SWCD enjoys working with conservation minded growers, partners, and students throughout the year!

Correction

Correction to the Historic Church Fire article in the August 18th issue of the *Country Courier*. Greg Hunter with King & Queen Emergency services stated that the fire is still under investigation and arson has not been ruled out.

Students in Need, continued from front page

She has been able to network and partner with other people in the community and really enjoys seeing how different people and ministries are connected through helping each other. Madison's helpers, Mason and Madeline, help her fill lunch bags that she distributes to people in need.

an appliance drive for Hanover and King William Habitat for Humanity from 8 am until noon. They will be accepting stoves, dishwashers, washers, dryers, microwaves, refrigerators, freezers, HVAC units, and aluminum cans. Appliances do not have to be in working order.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Bob Ehrhart is a member of King William County's community. He is Mangohick's ex Board of Supervisor and lives in a house adjacent to my house. Our houses are separated by about 100 yards. And unfortunately we use a common gravel driveway.

Because we live in a free society, all residents enjoy the right to express their opinion. Just recently, Ehrhart has decided that he disagrees with the way POTUS manages our country. Fine! That's allowed. And in many ways I agree. And there are many ways to express your opinion. Ehrhart has decided that a big flag that says "F--- Joe Biden" located on our common driveway and adjacent to our public county road is his CRUDE and juvenile method of expression. I am a grandparent and I get the question from my grandchildren "What does "F--- mean?" And there are school children that ride a bus on our county road where it is visible to them. The flag greatly offends my wife and me. Its presence stains my family and me. Apparently my family and others who pass by deserve no consideration from Ehrhart. Ehrhart, I am told, manages a Facebook site where he states rules are to be followed such as courteousness, civil language, etc. He must consider himself a politician (a useless one) where you are allowed make rules but don't follow them yourself. Not

even God is allowed that.

I am publicly asking Ehrhart to find a more creative way to express his views and TAKE DOWN HIS FLAG. Join the greater King William community, where our neighbors are our friends and always deserve our courtesy. The world beyond our community is viscous and cruel. We need to support each other!

Bill Hughes,
Mangohick

Dear Editor,

Bob Ehrhart has recently placed a very rude flag at the end of our shared driveway. When I protested to Bob about the language and that I did not want people to think it might be my flag, he suggested that I let everyone know that it was his personal opinion and not mine. Bob, of course, has a right to express his dislike of our president. However I find his use of vulgar language inappropriate. His words should not be assumed to be speaking for the citizens of King William County who have a better standard of behavior.

Betty Jane Martin
King William

Covid Masking Order, continued



King William County School Board at the August 17th meeting.



Nearly 60 residents filled the HHMS cafeteria for the August 17th meeting.

By Amanda Walker

Parents, residents, and school system employees packed the King William School Board meeting on August 17th to discuss mask mandates for the 2021-2022 school year. Several attendees, including former 5th District Supervisor Bob Ehrhart, and Acquinton Elementary School Teacher Kaitlyn Watson spoke in public comment urging the School Board members not to require masks. No public comments were made by the audience in favor of requiring them.

Parents asserted that masks should be optional, citing concerns over allergic reactions, lack of oxygen, infections, safety due to young students being unable to identify adults, and speech and learning impairments. In an emotional plea to the board, Watson expressed that speaking in a mask all day is miserable and students in her previous Kindergarten classes struggled with learning letter sounds and articulation as they were unable to see her mouth movements. Several of the speakers pointed out four of the five board members were unmasked for the meeting, and stated they are ineffective against stopping the transmission of Covid.

Following public comment, Superintendent Dr. David White outlined the mitigation strategy which includes universal masking indoors, no masking required outside, students maintaining three feet distance in classrooms when feasible, continued cleanings, masking on busses, and limiting non-essential visitors to the schools. Vaccinated students would not have to quarantine after an exposure provided both students were properly wearing masks. Unvaccinated students would quarantine for 14 which can be shortened to ten days if asymptomatic, or seven days with a negative PCR or antigen test performed on or after the fifth day. As schools are unable to inquire about Covid vaccine status, students are

assumed to be unvaccinated unless the information is volunteered.

School Board Chairman Steven Tupponce expressed to attendees that while he agrees with them, after speaking with county legal he cannot put his family or the school system at risk of being fined if they do not uphold the order by the state Health Commissioner mandating masks for K-12. After several outbursts from the audience, Tupponce informed attendees they would be removed if they continued. Most filed out of the meeting on their own before Tupponce finished speaking. Terry Stone – 4th District, Kathy Morrison – 2nd District, and Tupponce – 3rd District indicated they agreed with masks being optional but were not okay with risking educational funds to go against the order. While Veda Frazier – Member At-Large, did not speak strongly for or against masks, she stated she wants to see all our money go to giving children the best education we can.

In a Special Called meeting on August 24th, the school board voted 4-1, with Mark Lee – 5th District as the nay vote, to send a letter to Governor Northam, Lieutenant Governor Fairfax, Speaker Filler-Corn, and Attorney General Herring. The letter references Article VIII, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia which states "the supervision of schools in each school division shall be vested in a school board" and contends that they believe Senate Bill 1303 to be unconstitutional. The letter requests the bill be revised immediately and that the Board of Health modify or rescind the mask requirement as it only applies to the K-12 setting which is not appropriate for a public health emergency. The school board will be meeting in another Special Called meeting on September 1st at 6 pm to discuss religious exemption accommodations that previously were not being considered per Dr. White at the August 17th meeting.

KING WILLIAM COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE KING WILLIAM COUNTY ZONING AND SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. and the Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 27, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room at 180 Horse Landing Road and via Zoom to consider changes to the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance.

A copy of the draft Zoning Ordinance is available for public review during regular business hours in the Planning Department located at 180 Horse Landing Road and at the public library. The draft can also be viewed online at kingwilliamcounty.us. All interested persons may appear and present their views in person or via Zoom. 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 email to sgraham@kingwilliamcounty.us or by calling 804-769-4980. Comments received by 12:00 noon on the day of the hearing will be distributed to the Commission and Board Members and made a part of the public record. Anyone needing assistance or accommodations under the provisions of the American with Disabilities Act should contact the Office of Community Development at (804)769-4978 or sgraham@kingwilliamcounty.us.

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FFA Wins Big at State Convention



FFA members attending State Convention were: (Left to Right) Samantha McInteer, Patrick Upshaw, Trenton Johnson, Ty Stone, Kaleb Jimmo, Pearson Lipscomb, Davis Unser, and Adam Worley displaying his State plaque for Vegetable Production

Contributed

The King William FFA competed in the State FFA Convention competitions in person at Rockingham County Fairgrounds on June 23, 2021. The convention which is usually a four day event on the campus of VA Tech was a three day virtual event with an one day in person competitions day.

The FFA competed in Jr. AG Mechanics and SR. AG Mechanics at the one day event. The junior team consisted of the following members: Samantha McInteer, Patrick Upshaw, Davis Unser, and Ty Stone. The team did outstanding by placing 2nd overall out of 10 teams across the state. The members placing were: Patrick 5th, Samantha 7th, Ty 11th, and Davis 15th out of 40 contestants. The SR AG Mechanics team did great placing 9th overall

out of 20 teams across the state. The team consisted of the following members: Trenton Johnson, Kaleb Jimmo, Adam Worley, and Pearson Lipscomb. Members placing individually were: Kaleb Jimmo 17th, Trenton Johnson 26th, Adam Worley 36th, and Pearson Lipscomb 43rd out of 75 contestants.

The chapter also won awards taking a Gold rating in Public Relations, a Superior Chapter plaque, and a plaque for Central Area Forestry/Wildlife award. Adam Worley received a State Proficiency in Vegetable Production at a special dinner banquet on June 23rd. His state winning application will now advance to Nationals for competition. The group was chaperoned by their FFA advisor Howard Hill and Marketing teacher Rylee Lankford.

Upcoming Training Class for Virginia Master Naturalists



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The Middle Peninsula Chapter of Virginia Master Naturalists (VMN) will be conducting a training class for new members starting the beginning of 2022. The classes will run from February through May. The classroom instruction will be virtual and in-person outdoor field training will also be included.

Interested Middle Peninsula residents are encouraged to go on-line to the Middle Peninsula Virginia Master Naturalist website at

middlepeninsulamasternaturalists.com, to learn more about the organization and the VMN training. At that time, please provide your name and e-mail address and you will be contacted regarding the application process. Applications will be accepted through mid September. Through community outreach of volunteer education, citizen science and stewardship, VMN helps Virginians conserve and manage natural resources and public lands. Come join us.

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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. 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, 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.

Christ Community Church

We are currently meeting in the sanctuary at Beulah Church—1539 Lewis B. Puller Memorial Hwy. east, (SR 33E, Saluda Va. 23149 PH: (804) 370-5035 Starting 15 Aug., we will be commencing Sunday morning service at 0930. All are invited to join Family, Friends and Neighbors to come and

worship our Lord together. We are Christ Community Church, where Christ is the center of our community!

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GriefShare Support Group Thursday nights beginning September 23, 6:30pm (13 weeks) Call 804-769-1038 or go to colossebaptistchurch.com for more information and registration.

Kingdom of God

Living Water Ministry

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

Lower King and Queen Baptist Church

Sunday, August 8, at 204 Timber Branch Road, Mascot, 23108 is having their Homecoming Services at 11AM. All are invited to attend and the lunch will be catered. We will have a special guest speaker, Mr. Russell Williams and special music by Mr. Brian Ashley and family.

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.

Mt. Sinai Baptist Church

Aylett, will be virtually celebrating our annual Homecoming and Revival services. Join us via teleconference by dialing 978-990-5394 and enter access code 3733620#. Homecoming service will be Sunday, September 12, at 11am. Pastor Rev. Dr. Charlene Gresham will deliver the Holy Word. Dr. Tony Hobbs will render musical selections. Nightly Revival Services at 7pm Tuesday-Thursday (9/14/21-9/16/21). Doors of MSBC swing on the hinges of love. "How Can We Stand Erect in God's Word When Our Brothers and Sisters are Down?" Theme for Homecoming and Revival services taken from Romans 8:31.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church

5141 Dunbrooke Rd. will be hosting a Flea Market August 28 from 8am to 1pm for spots call 405-6647, come browse, baked goods. Proceeds benefit The Haven.

Poroporone Baptist Church

We are currently offering the following Services: Sundays: 9am Worship Service in the Sanctuary and LIVE on our Facebook page! 11am Worship Service on Facebook

Only (Rebroadcast of our 9am Service) Bible Study is In Person & LIVE 7pm on Wednesdays. LIKE our Facebook page: FaceBook.com/PoroporoneBaptistChurch

Providence Baptist Church

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

Rock Spring Baptist Church

Homecoming Service on Sunday, August 8, 2021. Prayer and Praise will begin at 11:15am and Morning Worship at 11:30am, this will be our only service. Our Revival Service will be Monday, August 9 -Wednesday, August 11 at 7pm with Pastor Alex Butler (Monday), Pastor Diana Cary, and Minister Jonathan Daniels (Wednesday). Masks are required for all services.

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

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The Fix Ministry

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Third Union Baptist Church

Virtual Homecoming Service on Sunday, August 15, 10:30am, with the preached word by Pastor, Rev. Dr. Wilbert D. Talley. The theme is "Celebrating God's Goodness", Psalms 145:8-9 & Nahum 1:7. Join the Service via Zoom Meeting ID: 937 282 5797 Passcode: 172021 or via phone by dialing +1 301 715 8592 US Meeting ID: 937 282 5797 Passcode: 172021. You can also submit your Tithes, offering & Gifts online or by mail to: PO Box 74 King William, Va 23086. If you have any questions, call 804-769-3123 or thirdunionbaptistchurch.com

Union Hope Baptist Church

King William, is open for in-person Sunday Morning Worship Services. Services start at 10:15 a.m.

Teleconference option: Phone: (774) 220-4000, PIN #57187. in-person Annual Homecoming Service Sunday, August 15th at 10:15 a.m. CDC guidelines will be followed. Teleconference option: Phone: (774) 220-4000 PIN #57187 <https://unionhopekingwilliam.org/>

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.

EPISCOPAL

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American Legion Post 314:

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VFW Post 9501

VFW Post & Auxiliary Central Garage. Commander James Brown 804-337-7029 for Post membership and F. Gwathmey 994-2947 for Auxiliary membership.

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Three Rivers SWCD Board of Directors Meetings

The Three Rivers Soil & Water Conservation District will hold their

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King William T.E.A. Party

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Brett Reed Memorial Ch. Offering a beginners clinic Sept. 11. ages 12 and under 9am to 11am. Ages 13-15 12pm to 2pm Sept. 18 ages 12 and under 9am to 11am ages 13-15 12pm to 2pm. Limit 24 participants. For more info & register go to venomvb.com. Located at 29680 King William Rd. West Point 23181.

VFW Post 9501 Audio Essay

High school students from King William may participate in the Veterans (VOD) Voice of Democracy Patriotic Audio Essay Competition. The theme for the essay

“America: Where do we go from here?” To enter, the student must record an original 3 – 5 minute audio essay (CD), submit the recording, typed essay and completed entry form to VFW Post 9501 for judging by October 31, 2021. To get an entry form or additional information, call (804) 994-2947 or (804) 337-7029.

VFW Post 9501 Patriot's Pen Essay

This essay is open to 6th – 8th grade students. The essay theme: “How Can I Be A Good American?” The essay length: 300 – 400 typed-written words. Student must write their own essay. The typed essay, and completed entry form must be submitted to VFW Post 9501 for judging by October 31, 2021. Call (804) 994-2947 or (804) 337-7029 to get an entry form or additional information.

Craft Show & Sale

Saturday, Oct. 2 at Another Round or 2 109 Commons Park Cir Suite L, Manquin, VA 23106. 7am set up. Craft show from 8am to 1pm. Benefits go to Mangohick F.D. looking for vendors, call Pat 804-997-5220.

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The CornerStone Free Health Clinic - (8270 Richmond Tappahannock Hwy., Aylett) No walk in appointments. Please register to receive an appointment.

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Email theccdc@gmail.com or call 804 769 2996 for more information. The CornerStone Community Development Center is a 501(c)3 organization. Monetary donations are tax deductible.

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King William Democrats

Please join us for an outdoor event on Saturday, September 11th, Noon - 2:00 PM at the King William County Rec Park, 330 King William Park Rd. Meet Stan Scott, candidate for Virginia's 97th District. **P i c n i c l u n c h** provided! Email kwdeems@gmail.com or call 804-513-2546 with questions.



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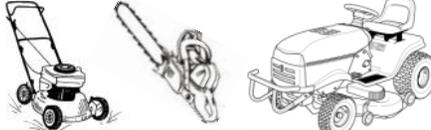
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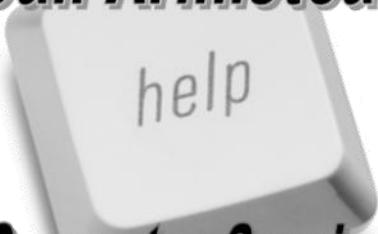
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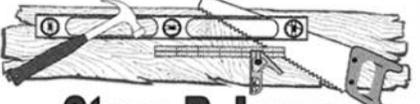
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