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## Cavs Win State Championship!



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Sage Ministry volunteers and American Legion Post 314 members pose with Santa.  
Photo contributed by Michelle Davis, owner of Anamachara Photography.

## American Legion Post 314 Holds Community Breakfast with Santa for Sage Ministries

By Amanda Walker

On Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> American Legion Post 314 hosted Sage Ministries and Santa for a community breakfast. Folks were asked to bring a donation of a toy, hats, socks, sleeping bags, or cash for breakfast. In addition to breakfast, folks were able to have their picture taken with Santa by Anamachara Photography free of charge. All donations, along with a check presented by the American Legion post, went to Sage Ministries.

Sage Ministries, founded by Barbara Cialone-Brown is in its third year of their "A Very Merry Christmas for All" campaign. The campaign adopts families and helps provide them with Christmas gifts. In addition to the Christmas campaign, the ministry facilitates weekly food distributions year-round. Barbara estimated the ministry distributes about 1,000 pounds of meat each week to families. Inspired by her father who was always helping people, Barbara is dedicated to sharing God's blessings with others along with her team of volunteers.

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## King William Ruritans Give Back to the Community



Ruritan President Mike Morrison (far left), Vice President Troy Simons (second from right) and Ruritan Charlie Shaver (far right) give out checks totaling over \$4,000 to representatives of the Sheriff's Dept, Mangohick Fire and Rescue, King William Fire and Rescue, Walkerton Community Fire Assoc, Dare Program, King William Emergency Ministries and Little League.

By Gene Campbell

The King William Ruritan Club's motto is to promote fellowship, goodwill, and community service. At the Club's Annual Spouse's Night Dinner, the club presented checks totaling over \$4,000 to the King William Sheriff's office, local fire departments/rescue squads, King William Emergency Ministries, and other non-profit organizations. Each year the club budgets monies to give back to the community and this year the club gave approximately \$10,000 to various

organizations including \$3,000 in scholarships to three local high school seniors to further their education. None of these donations would be possible without the continued support from our community at our fundraisers throughout the year. The club THANKS each of you! The club is now busy preparing for their next fundraiser, a Brunswick Stew sale on Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, at the club facilities on Route 30. See any Ruritan member to pre-order your quarts of stew.

## Publisher's Message



Hope everyone is ready to enjoy Christmas day. Along with the family gathering and exchange of beautiful wrapped presents, remember that it's a celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.. This is where the real PEACE and JOY will come from. Have a beautiful and blessed Christmas.

*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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### Happy Holidays

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

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

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

#### Happy Hoofin' Holiday

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

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

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

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

Mrs. Clause is on the phone, and supper's runnin' late,



Yes, Santa's in a huff, trying to meet the comin' date.

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

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

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

By Bill Crowe

You can email me at [Allen@TwinRiversRealty.com](mailto:Allen@TwinRiversRealty.com) or call me at 690-7870. I'll see you on the trails.

## Merry Christmas from the Country Courier



*Merry Christmas from the Country Courier  
Amanda Walker, Gail Clark, Santa (Gene Campbell), Armistead Saffer, Julie Minor and (not pictured) Danny Clark.*

### Farewell and Thank You!



*Diane Klausen, Melissa South, Armistead Ransone, Mary Ann Levere*

Mary Ann Levere, Secretary for the Board of Elections in King and Queen County is leaving her post. She recently finished her term and was a devoted board member and officer. Mary Ann served on the Board of Elections since 2016 and served two terms.

Prior to her service on the Board of Elections, she served as an officer of election at the Owenton Precinct, Newtown District. She is a committed member of her community and we want to thank her for her time and service to the county.

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## VFW Auxiliary Thanks Community



Members showing some donated items.

Members of the VFW Post 9501 Auxiliary offer many thanks for the generous donations given for the women veterans unit and other units at McGuire Medical Hospital. The much needed personal hygiene items, clothing items: tee-shirts, socks, and underclothing; playing cards, games, & Holiday cards; crafts items and snacks were given by many kind hearted people. Many thanks to Phyllis Mundy, Brenda Gray, Maria Byrd, Annette Pollard, Beverly, Kelley, Joy and Missy Harvey, Angelica Williams -Terry, Colleen Williams, Maxine

Hamlett, Mike & Donna Kline, Sandra Taylor, Gladys Hickman, Rosa Vessels, Loretta Waller, Ellett Powell, Audrey Cosby, Monica Cosby, Andrea Jones, Sheila Harold, Gwendolyn Parker, Carolyn Brown, and Frances Gwathmey. The estimated value of the items were \$700.00

Past Commander Fred Brown and Auxiliary President Carolyn Brown carried the donated items to McGuire on Friday, Oct. 10th. GREAT JOB COMMUNITY!! We are wishing Joy, Hope, Peace, Good Health, and

## The Thrill of the Hunt



Hunters regroup before the afternoon hunt

By Gene Campbell

For those of you who hunt, you don't think twice about getting up early in the morning, jumping into your truck, and riding off before dawn to your favorite deer stand. But for some hunters with disabilities, the routine is not that easy. Since 2000 a group of approximately 40 local hunters who belonged to the National Wildlife Turkey Federation (NWTf) decided to participate in the Wheeling Sportsman (an affiliate of the NWTf) annual deer hunt for disabled veterans and handicapped individuals. They wanted to give these individuals an opportunity to experience the "thrill of the hunt". For 21 years now they have organized a hunt that many call "the hunt of a lifetime". These men and women recently gathered in the early morning hours at the Watkins' family farm to enjoy an early morning breakfast prepared by King William Ruritan Club members & crew under the direction of the Bush boys, William & Stuart, before dispersing to the woods along with some local volunteer guides for a deer hunt. They regrouped midday for a delicious lunch again prepared by the

Bush boys & crew at Prestley Farm before the afternoon hunt began. A special THANKS to the following people for making this event a success: the Walker family, Prestley Park, John N. Mills Family Farm, Queenfield Golf course, Langdon Townsend, Campbell Va. Properties, Watkins Family Farm, Howard Townsend, DGIF, Monquin Creek Outfitters, Sportsman of Virginia, Green Top, Green Top Outfitters Program, Wheeling Sportsman, PVA of Richmond, Sport Stitch Chuck Boyle, Wetland Studies Bryce Miller, Virginia Outdoor Foundation, King William Ruritan Club, William Bush, Stuart Bush, Chris Simmons, Smokey Bottom BBQ Catering, King William Sheriff's office, Tommy & Cody Coleman Deer Processing, European Mounts, all the dog drivers and dog handlers and a special thank you for the music. These disabled hunters especially our veterans don't get many opportunities to hunt and anytime we can help them to enjoy the outdoors, the payback of smiles is PRICELESS! When you see a veteran, please THANK them for their service!

## Two Men Sentenced in Slaying of King William Boy

By Amanda Walker

On Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> Keith E. Hargrove and Charles E. Coleman III were sentenced in King William County Circuit Court for the January 2019 murder of 8-year-old Orlando Anderson Jr., aka "Scrappy". Both Hargrove and Coleman were found guilty in May of 2021 of first-degree murder and a slew of other charges stemming from a home invasion on Robin Lane. Both men will serve two life sentences each, one for first-degree murder and one for entering a dwelling with the intent to commit murder, rape, or robbery. For robbery of a residence with a gun – two counts each, and an additional charge of entering a dwelling with the intent to commit murder, rape, or

robbery they each received an additional ten years per charge. Both men also received three years per conviction of use of a firearm in the commission of a felony – two counts each. In addition, defendant Charles E. Coleman III who had known Anderson's family from an early age, also received a ten-year sentence for discharging a firearm in an occupied dwelling. It had been determined during the investigation the bullet that struck Anderson was fired from Coleman's gun. In total, Hargrove received two life sentences plus 36 years and Coleman received two life sentences plus 46 years. Both defendants will be under three years of supervised probation if released from prison.

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# Happy Holidays!



## Remembering Florence Edwards



*Florence at her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.*

By Gene Campbell

If you attended King William High School anytime over the past several decades, I am sure you ate some of Florence Edwards' rolls and fine cooking in the school cafeteria. But, oooh those rolls... they would melt in your mouth! For 44 years she cooked her famous rolls and prepared meals for students attending King William High School. She also cooked many a meal for the King William Ruritan Club when they met in the school cafeteria back in the 1970s and 1980s. Florence passed away in November of this

year. She would have turned 93 on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. She was a quiet lady with a BIG heart. I had the privilege of attending her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration in 2018. It was a glorious day as her family, friends, and community leaders gave testimonials and tributes to her. Florence was part of the greatest generation, a lady who worked hard and loved her family. Her daughter Cindy is carrying on her mother's legacy today. Florence, make sure you have some of your delicious rolls ready when we meet again in that big cafeteria in heaven.



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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

*These men are very weak*

In these very trying times that our country and King William county are going through, we the people look to our leaders for strength and strong leadership.

That is not what we got from Supervisors Stephen Greenwood and Travis Moskalski. Both gentlemen were invited to attend a regular meeting on the King William TEA Party. The topic that night was the New Real Estate Assessment, which will impact all county residents.

Neither man had the courtesy to reply to the invitation or the courage to face their constituents. They just did not show up!

These men are very weak. They do not deserve to be on our Board of Supervisors and should be voted out of office.

Phillip Rose Sr.  
King William

Dear Editor,

*2 Years Later and 2 Un-Kept Promises*

In November 2019, Ed Moren deceived voters and citizens of King William with two promises which remain unfulfilled.

Broadband for "all citizens" and  
Lower taxes.

The focus of this comment is the latter; however, I will say citizens in the FIFTH district are nowhere nearer to any promises he made regarding internet. He recently

announced his face book group "will be taken down later this month and information will be posted on the County website". This statement came IMMEDIATELY after he was challenged for hosting a private group which did not allow criticism consistent w/ the VA Supreme Court.

So that brings us to taxes. Moren clearly promised citizens to lower taxes but two years later not a SINGLE real estate or personal property tax has been lowered. If anything, his 2 votes to increase the operational budget demonstrate the opposite.

In addition and under a FOIA email dated 11/3/21, Ed Moren could not identify a single item which he suggested to cut or reduce with respect to taxes.

Most recently (August and September 2021), he and the other Board Members (such as "Greenwood Gotta Go") voted to reduce the amount of personal property tax relief (PPTR) for vehicles. A lower PPTR – coupled with higher car values- results in higher payment to King William. The same value vehicle gets a 27.3% tax relief in King William; yet 45% relief in Prince William and 46.8% relief in VA Beach. The self-gifting Christmas theft in King William makes me say "Bah Humbug"!

Bob Ehrhart  
Mangohick; 5<sup>th</sup> District

## Christmas Dreams Come True for King William County Children



Left to right - Jim Morrison, Margaret Butler, Darlene Chamberlain, Kathy Morrison, and Crystal Hogge prepare to distribute gifts for local children.

By Amanda Walker

Throughout King William County and the Town of West Point businesses, families, and organizations worked together in a big way to ensure local children wake up to presents under the tree on Christmas morning. The Christmas Dreams team of volunteers partnered with Social Services to facilitate the collection of donations and distribution of gifts to families. Several businesses and organizations in the county placed Christmas trees in their locations with tags that included wish lists of children to be adopted for the program.

With the help of 24 individual families, nine churches, and twenty-five organizations and businesses the program was able to serve 279 children residing in the King William County and West Point Town limits this year. Parents were able to pick up presents at the King William Ruritan Club on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The program is fully supported by donations, and wish list items that are not received are purchased for the children using cash donations. In the words of Christmas Dreams team volunteer Kathy Morrison, "It's really a true community effort."

## Karena Funkhouser Explains Personal Property Tax Relief and Increased Used Vehicle Values

By Amanda Walker

During the December 13<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors work session, Commissioner of Revenue Karena Funkhouser gave an overview of personal property tax relief and the effects of Covid on used vehicle values. Approved by the General Assembly in 1998 and last capped at \$950 million for the entire state in 2005, the Personal Property Tax Relief Act provides tax relief for any passenger car, motorcycle, van, or truck weighing 7,500 pounds or less that is not used for business purposes. Tax relief is only applied to the first \$20,000 of a vehicle's value. In King William, the relief covers vehicles valued under \$1,000 in their entirety. Those who have a vehicle valued under \$1,000 you will not receive a personal property tax bill for it.

Since 2005, the relief amount received from the Commonwealth by King William County has annually been \$1.2 million. As the King William tax base grows, the amount is divided more thinly across taxpayers. The total value of

motorcycles, cars, trucks, and vans for the 2021 tax year is \$158,726,793, up \$20,720,320 from the 2020 tax year. By Virginia state statute 58.1-3524 C 2, the amount of relief given by the locality must match the amount received from the state as closely as possible. For this reason, the Board of Supervisors voted to reduce the relief rate from 35% down to 27.7% for 2021, to be more in line with the amount received per state law.

In addition to the tax base growing, residents also saw increases in their used vehicle values for the first time since 2007. As a result of manufacturing plant shutdowns and folks receiving relief funding due to Covid, supply went down while demand went up. Typically, new car lots across the country have a combined inventory of around three million, currently they are sitting below one million. Due to supply and demand, used vehicle values shot up on average of anywhere from 10% to 20% this year and are still on the rise.

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## Mattaponi Crime Solvers Annual Christmas Party



*Who stole the Sheriff's gift?*

By Amanda Walker

The Mattaponi Crime solvers, along with Sheriff Walton and Investigator Hamilton of KWSO, enjoyed lots of fun and laughter during a white elephant gift swap at their annual Christmas dinner held at the King William Ruritan Club on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Tom Newman... Looking Good at 95



*Tom, all smiles, surrounded by his family (right to left) son-in-law Lee, son Steven, Steven's girlfriend Irene, and daughter Susan.*

By Gene Campbell

In 1926 a brand-new Model T Ford cost \$390, gas was 23 cents a gallon, bread was 9 cents a loaf, and James Thomas (Tom) Newman was born in Aylett, Va. on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Fast forward 95 years and the average price of a car is \$45,000, gas is over \$3.00 a gallon, a loaf of bread is \$2.50 and Tom... well, he has aged like a fine wine, only getting better! Tom celebrated his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday with family and friends on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Lee Richards. Tom's son Steven, who lives in Atlanta, and his girlfriend Irene Vazquez were on hand for the occasion too. By the way, Susan and Lee's home, The Berkeley House, which dates back to pre-civil war days is where Tom was born. How is that for coming back to your roots!

Tom, the Mayor of Aylett, was looking dapper, smiling, reminiscing, telling stories, and well... just being Tom. Tom retired as an executive with EVB Bank (formally Southside Bank and now Primis Bank) after 73 years of service. The President of the bank told Tom as long as I am in charge, I want you on the payroll. Tom was a 'rainmaker', attracting customers to the bank. Tom conducted

business with a handshake which meant something in those days and sealed the deal. A friend of mine once told me when he asked Tom for a loan, Tom said "can you pay it back?" He told Tom yes and that was good enough for Tom. Tom cared about his customers. He once told a lady who needed a car to go pick one out and come back to him for the money. When she came back and told Tom the price, Tom called the dealer and told him he was charging her too much. The dealer reduced the price.

Tom is one of the 'coffee gang' regulars who met at Valero's in the mornings before the pandemic hit. Nowadays some of the regulars visit Tom at his home especially his 'coffee mate', David Poore. Tom looks amazing for someone 95 years old! A doctor looking at Tom's medical chart one day and seeing the name Newman asked him if he was related to Paul Newman. Tom smiled and said no... I don't have his money but I got his good looks! As the celebration was winding down Tom said he would prefer his next birthday party to be his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party. If I make it to then, you may have to prop me up! Not only will we prop you up Tom, but we will also be dancing on the tables! We wish you all the BEST Tom!

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Many have inquired as to the origin and organization behind this unique labor of love. It was actually born out of a walk down memory lane. After sisters Tammy Boyer and Kathy Boyer Adams realized that a brooch that their mother still has come from a grade school Christmas shop. The Boyers have all been heavily involved in fundraising efforts for The ACS/ Relay for Life for many years and a lightbulb went on! What if they could do something similar as a fundraiser for this worthy cause.

The sisters made some calls and social media

posts and set a meeting date. A group of like-minded community members and friends showed up and by the end of the evening, THE CHRISTMAS ELF COTTAGE was born! So, our conception must be attributed to Phyllis Boyer for like many of us Moms, cherishes every sweet memory of her children. She has also been a huge supporter and one of our cutest elves!

The Organizers/ Planners/ Late night brainstormers/ Decorators/Crafters/ Donators/ Clearance Rack Shoppers/ Round the Clock Elves are Tammy Boyer, Kathy Boyer Adams, Ellen Otey, and Kathy Holliday but we could not do it without all of the love and support of our understanding families, Local Business Sponsors, Businesses and organizations that have so generously donated the venues. Wonderful donations of funds, gifts and volunteering (elves, wrappers, food servers) from so many amazing community members and of course the families that support us by bringing their sweet children to shop and share the experience with us!

Please see **ELF COTTAGE**, continued on page 13.

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### Elf Cottage, continued

We are already planning next year's event. If you would like more information on donating or volunteering or just want to see more photos, please visit our Facebook page: [facebook.com/christmaselfcottage](https://facebook.com/christmaselfcottage) or contact Tammy (804) 647-6940, Kathy A., Ellen or Kathy H.(804) 310-8707

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Every Blessing in the New Year!



Shopper with his personal Elf ready for Christmas Morning

### Claiborne signed with Wake Forest



Demond Claiborne, a 5-10, 180 pound running back from King William, has signed with Wake Forest. Claiborne is rated as a 4-star prospect and the 22nd RB in the 2022 class.



Claiborne decided to sign with Wake Forest over competing offers from Virginia, Michigan, Vanderbilt, Virginia Tech, and West Virginia, amongst others. On the season Claiborne has racked up 2,920 yards on 211 carries, accounting for 47 touchdowns on the ground alone and 52 in total. He's had no less than 208 yards in any of the five playoff games, culminating with a masterful performance in the state championship going for 309

total yards and 4 touchdowns accounted for. There was a bit of drama leading up to this one as Claiborne spread the word that he was going to push his signing back to February and check out the likes of UVA, Virginia Tech, and Penn State out more, but an impromptu visit from the coaching staff and a good night's sleep got him to sign December 15th and solidify his commitment to Wake Forest.

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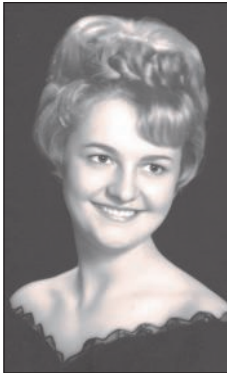
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Obituaries



**DIANE WILSON** home 409 Dardis Drive in Burlington on Diane Wilson, 74, of Friday, December 10, 2021 from 4pm until 7pm. [www.danielsfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.danielsfamilyfuneral.com)

**CLARK**  
Brian Eugene Clark, 53, of Aylett passed away at his family home after a long courageous battle with cancer on Monday, December 13, 2021. He managed the sawmill at O'Malley's Lumber Company and was known for his hard work. Brian loved camping, the Dallas Cowboys, mustangs, cooking and more than anything, his family. Brian leaves behind his wife of 30½ years, Lois Clark of Aylett; his daughters, Brandi (Landon), Tiffany and Samantha Clark of Aylett; two brothers, Daniel Clark of Louisiana and Glenn (Amy) Clark of Ophelia; and one sister, Brenda Wood of Ophelia. He is preceded in death by his parents, Clara A. Clark and Marshall G. Clark; and brother, Wesley Clark. A celebration of life will be held at noon on Saturday, January 8, 2022 at Edgewater United Methodist Church in Tidwells, Virginia. The family would like to thank Dr. Kumar Abhishek's office, the Hanover Outpatient Infusion Center and the Bon Secours Hospice team for all of their help as well as the countless others who sent cards, food, visited and helped with Brian's care. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Edgewater United Methodist Church: c/o Yvonne Minor, 1441 Nomini Grove Road, Warsaw, VA 22572; or the American Cancer Society.

**DIANE WILSON** was born in East Troy, WI on March 5, 1947. Her early life was spent on the family farm in East Troy and Burlington and she graduated from St. Mary Catholic School. She was married to Bob Wilson, and following marriage, they resided in East Troy. Later in life Diane returned and lived in Burlington. Diane worked as a manager for Community Bank of Elkhorn, WI and other banks. She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in East Troy and enjoyed gardening, cooking, maintaining her home and raising her 5 children. Diane is survived by her children, Timothy Robert, Michelle Marie (Steve), William Lester (Dede), Robert John and Matthew George; and grandchildren, Matthew Robert, Kasmira Mary, Libby Delilah, Ellie Rose and Chase William, and her cat Sabrina. She was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents, Lester and Margaret Shepherd. The family would like to thank Aurora Burlington Hospital and Aurora West Allis Hospital for providing excellent medical care, along with neighbor Tracy and Dr. Gander. Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Saturday December 11, 2021 at Noon at St. Peter's Catholic Church in East Troy, WI. (1981 Beulah Ave. East Troy, WI). Relatives and friends can visit with the family at Diane's

Continued from front page

By Gene Campbell  
You Gotta Believe! The King William Cavaliers believed all season they were the best team in Class 2 high school football. On Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> in Salem City Stadium, they proved it as they defeated the G-Men from Graham High School 48-21 to claim the Class 2 state football championship. "It doesn't get any better than this" exclaimed Coach Scott Moore! In a season that started with a 13-6 loss to Goochland, the Cavaliers (13-1) tore through their next 13 opponents beating them by an average of 30 points. With the game barely six minutes old running back Demond Claiborne sprinted down the sidelines 77 yards for the first of his four touchdowns. As he pulled away from the G-Men defenders down the sidelines, the King William fans had a good feeling it was going to be a Cavalier day! However, the G-Men quickly responded with a touchdown to make it 8-7. With a little over a minute left in the first quarter Cavs quarterback, Jayveon Robinson connected with Claiborne for a 56-yard touchdown and his second touchdown increased the Cav's lead to 14-7. Not to be outdone the G-Men's big man Xayvion Turner-Bradshaw (No 8) scored his second TD to tie the game 14-14 with 7 minutes remaining in the half. The Cavs wasted no time getting back on the scoreboard again as Claiborne scored his third touchdown, a 19-yard run, putting the Cavs in the lead for good 22-14 and dimming the G-Men's hopes of a comeback. On the following kickoff defensive back Charles Watkins recovered a fumble and five plays later Cav's quarterback Jayveon Robinson scored his first touchdown to increase the lead to 28-14. The G-Men did, however, score one more time before the half ended which would turn out to be their last score of the game. The Cavs went into the locker room a 28-14 lead. After the break, it was all King William with the Cavalier defense shutting down the highly touted G-Men's offense holding them to just 47 yards and two first downs in the second half. The Cavaliers continued their explosive offense in the second half as Claiborne, Robinson, and wide receiver Kavontay Hayes each scored touchdowns to complete their "gotta believe" season. The Cavaliers amassed 502 total yards (337 rushing and 170 passing) for the game. Demond Claiborne who signed with ACC's Wake Forest University on Dec 15, finished



How sweet it is...Demond Claiborne kisses the championship trophy

the game with 244 yards rushing, caught three passes for 105 yards, and scored four touchdowns. The Tidewater District and Group 2A Regional Player of the year scored 52 touchdowns for the season ranking him third on the all-time Virginia High School League single-season list. Quarterback Jayveon Robinson completed 7 of 13 passes for 170 yards, rushed for 93 yards, and scored two touchdowns. Wide receiver Kavontay Hayes scored the last touchdown of the game. King William had a huge and enthusiast group of fans cheering the team as they witnessed the Cavaliers winning their second state football title (the first one was in 2000). As Assistant Superintendent of Schools Stacy Johnson said after seeing a picture of the crowd "I love everything about this picture... commUNITY". After the awarding of the trophies at mid-field, the team got an unexpected surprise as they witnessed Assistant Coach Chris Roberts getting down on one knee and proposing to his finance Sarah Marrs....she said YES! Many of the members of this team have been playing together since their days of King William Raider football. The group has grown up together and with the guidance of their parents and coaches have become a CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM! It is never too early to teach a kid the skills of a sport and good sportsmanship. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KING WILLIAM CAVALIERS!! You have made all of us VERY PROUD to be citizens of King William County. GO CAVS!!

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## Letters to the Editor, continued

**Dear Editor**

*2021 has been a Rough Year*

I think we can all agree 2021 has been a really rough year. People who have lived here in King William for a year or so have an understanding that the county had some operational failures. I believe that the right person in the County Administrator's (CA) role can correct some of the recent failures. I am rooting for the new CA's success, particularly if it proves the value of what may be a substantial increase in pay and benefits deemed necessary to lure him away from Caroline County.

With that being said I was hoping this group can provide more insight for a couple of statements from their contribution. Can you all provide any details on what the planned new improvements are? With those new plans, what spending will be reduced? Do you all have any suggestions on what spending can be reduced? I think it is necessary for this group to provide these details because cutting spending will meet pushback.

Another statement I think this group should provide more clarity on is "the right improvements in county operations could... increase tax revenues without increasing taxes." What is the plan to increase tax revenues without raising taxes? Everyone sees that corner of Route 360 and Route 30 being empty, so I hope the answer is not "significantly increase business revenues". If that is the answer then every reader of the Courier should be skeptical. Do you all

suggest we look into tax laws and exemptions? Revising or all together removing the Land Use Tax Exemption would hold more feet to the fire. That's just one example, I was hoping this group could provide their suggestions.

I look forward to reading the responses in the next issue and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,  
Zachary Coyne  
King William

**Dear Editor,**

*Broadband Expansion in King William*

Over the past 2 years, our engagements with Atlantic Broadband have resulted in several thousand homes and businesses connected to fiber broadband (at zero cost to KW taxpayers) and we're waiting to hear of further expansion plans. And have you heard about the modest ~\$18M VATI grant we received on December 13th which will extend fiber-to-the-home to an additional 2,236 homes and businesses in KW in the coming years? Make sure All Points Broadband knows of your interest and take the time to fill out their survey at: [fiber.allpointsbroadband.com](http://fiber.allpointsbroadband.com) if you haven't already done so.

Ed Moren  
District 5  
Board of Supervisor

## Another Round or 2 Bar and Grill Holds Fundraiser for Sage Ministries



*Bobby and Julie Coleman pose with Santa at Another Round or 2 Bar and Grill*



*AR2 owner Mike Rodriguez and Sage Ministries founder Barbara Cialone-Brown pose with Santa.*

By Amanda Walker

Families packed Another Round or 2 Bar and Grill on Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> for a Christmas Celebration with Santa. On the menu was all you can eat pasta for \$10 which included a picture with Santa for children under sixteen. Those over sixteen could purchase a picture with Santa for an additional \$5. Folks could

also buy raffle tickets to win lots of great prizes. Children enjoyed dancing and singing karaoke while hanging out with the big guy in red before he takes off this Christmas Eve to deliver their presents. 100% of the proceeds from pasta sales, Santa picture sales, and raffle ticket sales went to Sage Ministries.

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**CUP21-04, & SP21-09, Virginia Sand & Stone Property Company I –** Requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit (272.05 acres of a 528.06-acre parcel) & a Level 3 Site Plan for the purpose of mining (170 acres of a 528.06-acre parcel) for sand & gravel mining, located on County Tax Map Parcel No. 1632-78R-673. The site location is off of State Route 628, Spring Cottage Road, in the Newtown Magisterial District, and located across the road from 3251 Spring Cottage Road.

A complete copy of the application may be reviewed in the Office of the Zoning Administrator, King & Queen County Courts and Administration Building, King & Queen Court House, Virginia, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Interested parties may attend this hearing and express their opinions.

# Happy Holidays!

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# Church Calendar



## CHRISTIAN

### Christ Community Church

We are currently meeting Sunday morning in the sanctuary at Beulah Church - 1539 Lewis B Puller Memorial Hwy. east, (SR 33E, Saluda 23149) PH: (804) 370-5035 Service starts 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!

### Christian Fellowship Ministries

304 W. Chinquapin Road King William, 23086 Pastor Mary P. Edwards. Email cfm23086@yahoo.com Secretary: Julie Peters 804-510-8022 www.corinthchristianchurchkw.net 9153 Dabney's Mill Rd Manquin 23106

### Jerusalem Christian Church

We invite you to worship with us in person service. Adult Sunday School at 10:00 am and Sunday Service at 11:00. Minister Joshua Lewis, 1902 Powhatan Trail, King William.

### Smyrna Christian Church

Come worship our Lord, Jesus Christ with us inside on Sundays at 10am, or join us live on Facebook or view later on our website: www.smyrnacc.org. 3655 Powcan Rd, Bruington

### **BAPTIST**

### Beulah Baptist Church

Worship with us in sanctuary OR drive-in at 11 AM following updated Covid guidelines. Adult Sunday School at 9:45 AM; meeting inside. Pre K thru 3yrs, Elem 4-6, Middle 7-8, HS 9-12 Youth/college. View 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

3407 King William Rd Aylett Ph 779-2700 www.broaduschurch.org FB Broadus Church Hebron Campus Fall Schedule: Sunday Worship 9:30 Sunday School for all ages 10:30 Tuesday Night 6:00 Ladies and Youth Bible Study. Wednesday 6:00 Support Group Food Giveaway 2nd Monday 6:30-8:30 The Fix Ministry Worship Saturday at 5:30 We hope you will join us as we worship and serve our Risen Savior.

### Bruington Baptist Church

4784 The Trail, Bruington, King and Queen County. Please join us at our Worship Service Sundays at 11 a.m. Face coverings required and social distancing recommendations observed. Rev. Fred Skaggs 804-347-7285. Clothes Cubbard 1st Sat. every month from 10-12.

### Colosse Baptist Church

Annual craft bazaar November 13th 9-1 Lots of vendors and food for sale.

### Kingdom of God

### Living Water Ministry

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

### Lower King & Queen Baptist Church

204 Timber Branch Rd., Mascot, 23108 (temporarily meeting at a different location - please see info. below) Pastor Terry Morrison preaches straight from the Bible. Until our church is rebuilt from the fire on August 13th of this year, we are holding our Sunday Services at: The Woman's Club House 208 Allen's Circle King and Queen C.H., 23085 If you need directions or have any questions, please call or text Pastor Terry at (804) 925-5699. Sunday Schedule: 10am Sunday School for Adults and Children of all Ages 11am Worship Service ~All are welcome, come just as you are.

### 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 Revival services. Join us via teleconference by dialing 978-990-5394 and enter access code 3733620#. Doors of MSBC swing on the hinges of love.

### Poroporone Baptist Church

We are currently offering the following Services: Sundays: 9am Worship Service in the Sanctuary and LIVE on our Facebook page 10:15am In person Sunday School Sunday School LIVE is on facebook on Sunday afternoons Bible Study is In Person & LIVE 7pm on Wednesdays This includes a Bible Study for kids k-5th grade Like our FACEBOOK page to see our Services & Events: www.Facebook.com/PoroporoneBaptistChurch

### Providence Baptist Church

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

### Sharon Baptist Church

Sunday School at 9 am; Morning Worship at 10:15 am, Worship available inside the church or in your car. Bible Study on Sunday at 6:00 pm Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 10:00am Youth Group & Awanas on Wednesdays at 7pm. For more info, call the church office. Office hours: 9am - to 2pm Tuesday through Friday 804-769-2320 or email us at sharonbc@verizon.net

### The Edge Worship Centre

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

### The Fix Ministry

We are meeting on Saturday nights, 5:30pm, at Colosse Baptist Church located at 23945 King William Road, West Point. Potluck dinners are the first Saturday night of each month, and will follow the service. Any questions, please call 774-5319.

### Union Hope Baptist Church

King William on Sundays for in-person Prayer and Praise Service -10:15 a.m. Morning Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. CDC guidelines will be followed. Teleconference option: Phone: (774) 220-4000, PIN #57187 See Facebook: Union Hope Baptist Church, King William, Virginia for other services dates and times.

### Upper King & Queen Baptist Church

1693 Bradley Farm Road invites you to worship with us at 11:00 A.M. on Sunday. Sunday School @10:00 A.M. Bible Study and Prayer at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday. Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Service at 3 P.M.. **West Point Christian Church** 290 West Euclid

Blvd. West Point. Please come worship with us and celebrate Christmas Advent each Sunday in December 11AM Service Christmas Eve Service 5PM

Pastor Matt Cox West Point Christian Church West Point 290 West Euclid Blvd. P.O. Box 800 804-843-3185 westpointchristian.com

### **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**

### Immanuel Episcopal Church

190 Allen's Circle King & Queen Court House. For information on a particular Sunday call 804-785-2122

### St. David's Episcopal Church

Aylett "To Know Christ Jesus and to Make Christ Known" 11291 West River Road, Aylett VA (Beside the Public Boat Landing) 804-496-1002 Vicar Rev. T. Gustavo Mansella All Are Welcome! All Sundays - 11 AM Eucharist Service First Sunday of the Month - Youth Focus/Potluck After Fourth Sunday of the Month - Healing Service Like us on our new Facebook page at "St David's Episcopal Church, Aylett" including sermons during the pandemic. Christmas Eve Service/Carols 5:30 pm 24 Dec 2021

### St. John's Episcopal Church

916 Main St. West Point, 804-843-4594 welcome.

### St. Paul's Millers Tavern

7924 Richmond Highway. 443-2341 www.stpaulsmillerstavern.org

### **PRESBYTERIAN**

### St. James Presbyterian Church

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

### **ORTHODOX**

### Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

694-K Sharon Road King William (804) 925-5888 www.holytrinityorthodox.net

### **LUTHERAN**

### **NON DENOMINATION**

### Women in the Word Community Bible Study!

396 Newtown Road, St. Stephens Church Email Melissa Rice at mrsmelissarice@aol.com.

## Steve Hudgins Appointed Deputy County Administrator

King William County's County Administrator, Percy Ashcraft, has announced that, effective immediately, Steve Hudgins has been appointed as the County's Deputy County Administrator.

Mr. Hudgins has worked with King William County since September 2014, starting as a Plans Reviewer II and later becoming Director of Operations & Building Official. Most recently, he served as Interim County Administrator for almost 10 months.

"I am very pleased to make this appointment," Mr. Ashcraft said. "Steve has been part of all the major projects County Government is tackling right now. His leadership was critical in leading operations during the interim period."

Ashcraft also emphasized that "Steve has broad knowledge of every aspect within our government. He has worked hard to learn how to apply that knowledge toward the successful completion of programs and projects."

Mr. Hudgins played a key role in applying for and securing a \$5.4 million state broadband grant which was announced by Governor Northam on December 13<sup>th</sup>. This grant will be the catalyst for expansion of fiber-to-home broadband throughout King William County. Mr. Hudgins was also integral in facilitating Nestle Purina's \$182 million investment expanding operations in the County, as announced by the governor in June. Nestle's expansion will enlarge King William's tax base and guarantee jobs in the County for years to come.

Mr. Hudgins earned bachelor's and master's degrees in architecture from Virginia Tech and was also valedictorian of his class at Mathews High School. He and his family reside in King William County.



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# Community Calendar

## American Legion Post 314:

6250 Richmond-Tappahannock Highway, Aylett, 23009. 804-769-2798. Monthly Meeting occurs every second 2nd Thursday of the month. We ask that all members be within the Post and seated by 5:55pm. Meeting will begin promptly at 6 pm. We have established American Legion Auxiliary at Post 314 and are seeking members to join us. If you have any questions, please contact W. Brian Hodges, Post 314 1st Vice Commander, at 804-332-3937 or wmbrianhodges@gmail.com.

## KW Children First Lions Club

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

## Girl Scout Troop 1132

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## Afternoon Off for Caregivers!

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## King & Queen Branch Library

### In-Person Programs Knitting Workshop

Wednesday, January 12, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30

p.m. Ages 18 & up. **Grow Your Own**

### Microgreens Thursday, January 27, 11:00 a.m.

- noon Call 804-769-1623 or visit the library at 396 Newtown Road for more information.

## Upper King William Branch Library

### In-Person Programs Medicaid 101 Saturday,

Jan. 8, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. **UKW Book Club**

Monday, Jan. 24, 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. **Personalize It!** Tuesday, Jan. 25, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. For ages

12-18. Call 804-769-3731 or visit the library at 694-J Sharon Road for more information.

## West Point Branch Library

### In-Person Programs No or Know Nutrition

Wednesday, Jan. 5, 6:30- 7:30pm **Mid Day**

**Movie Matinee** Thursday, Jan. 13, Noon- 2:00

p.m. Ages 16 & up. **Movie Night** Thursday,

Jan. 20, 5:30 - 7:45 p.m. Ages 16 & up **Game**

**Night** Tuesday, Jan. 25, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Ages

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## King William Parks and Recreation

For more info visit King William County Parks and Recreation @ www.kingwilliamrec.com

## Three Rivers SWCD Board of Directors

### Meetings

The Three Rivers Soil & Water Conservation District will hold their monthly Board of Directors meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. If you would like to attend, contact the office at (804)443-2327, ext. 4 for meeting place and time. The public is invited.

## Good Homes Needed For Good Pets

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## Bay Aging

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## King William Community Watch

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 or kwso@kingwilliamcounty.us Any crime tips call Robin Bostic with the King William Victim/Witness Program at 804-525-8838 or email: rbostic@kingwilliamcounty.us

## 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.

## King William County Republican Committee

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at the Upper King William Library Meeting room. Please join us and find us on Facebook @king.william.gop! Yard signs are available daily at 115 Commerce Park Dr, Suite G Manquin.

## The King and Queen County Democratic Committee

will meet January 13th at 6:00 P.M. on Dayspring Farm, 942 Buena Vista Rd., Cologne, VA. 23181. This is an important meeting as we accept members and elect officers for the next two years. We will begin making plans for ways to support local, state, and national representatives who advance quality education, health care, housing, and equal access to resources for all King and Queen residents. As citizens, we must each take responsibility to ensure that civil discourse and thoughtful decision making characterizes our political life by getting personally involved in whatever ways we can. Consider joining us on

January 13th at 6:00 P.M. to share your concerns, hopes, and solutions for improving our King and Queen community.

## Three Rivers Libertarian Party

Annual Convention, Jan. 8 from 12 to 2pm. Roma's Italian Restaurant 114 W. Broadus Ave. Bowling Green. Info Celeste Garrett 804-921-3799.

## King William Democrats

King William Democrats support our teachers and students! Join us Tuesday, January 11th at the Upper King William Branch Library from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Bring school supplies to donate to KW teachers and students! We will also form our 2022 Committee and hold Officer Elections. Call 804-513-2546 with questions.



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## Notice of Public Hearing King and Queen County Board of Supervisors

Pursuant to Section 15.2-2507 of the Code of Virginia the King and Queen County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at their regular monthly meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the King and Queen County Courts and Administration Building, General District Courtroom, King and Queen Court House, Virginia for the purpose of the following amendments to the FY2021-2022 adopted Budget:

**Budget Amendment –Fire Truck and Equipment/Lower Fire Department – This is a reappropriation of fund from FY2021 that were not expended. \$500,000 of this amendment to the County Capital Project Budget is to assist Lower King and Queen Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department (the “Department”) with the purchase of a new fire engine. Of this amount, \$309,500 represents the purchase price of the Shacklefords Volunteer Fire and Rescue building and grounds (250 Bohannon Park) that the County purchased from the Department. The remaining \$190,500 will be in the form of a secured loan to the Department. An additional \$70,000 is for the purchase response equipment to be owned by the county and placed into service on the vehicle.**

**Budget Amendment – Central High School Track Restoration – This amendment includes restoration of current track as well as drainage improvements and addition of new facilities for track and field events. Estimated project cost \$460,000**

**Budget Amendment – ARPA/CSLFRF Funding in the amount of \$682,262 – These funds were received by the County as part of the American Rescue Plan Act. Once appropriated the Board will determine appropriate and eligible projects based on the requirements set forth in the Act/**

All citizens of the County have the right to attend and share their views thereon, subject to reasonable time limits as shall be determined by the Board of Supervisors. Information pertaining to the proposed budget amendment is available in the County Administrator's Office in the King and Queen County Courts and Administration Building, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 P.M.

Thomas J. Swartzwelder  
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