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She Is an Inspiration to Us All



Ann Garner (center) surrounded by some of her former students.

Please see **FULL STORY** on page 2.

First Snow of the Season!



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What a difference a day makes. The temperatures over the weekend reached highs near 70 degrees. Then on Sunday night, the temperatures plummeted and the early morning rain turned to sleet and then to snow. That didn't keep us here at the Country Courier from getting into the office and getting the next edition off to the printer.

We wish all our readers a Happy New Year and hope y'all enjoy the snow!

Claiborne RTD All-Metro Player of the Year Robinson All-Metro First Team Defense



Running back Demond Claiborne #1 doing what he does best...leaving the opposition behind.

By Gene Campbell

The King William Cavalier football team picked up two more accolades over the weekend to add to their 'gotta believe' season. Running back Demond Claiborne was named the Richmond Times-Dispatch All-Metro Player of the Year and Quarterback/All Purpose Defensive Back Jayveon Robinson was named to the All-Metro First-Team Defense.

Please see **ONE-TWO PUNCH**, continued on page 4.

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Ann Garner, continued from front page

By Gene Campbell

Ann Garner is a very special person. The King William Ruritan Club honored Ann at its Annual Spouse's Night Dinner on December 14th with a plaque of appreciation. Ann retired in 2013 after 32½ years as secretary/attendance coordinator at King William High School. Many of the students attending school during those years referred to her as their 'second mom'. After retiring she continued her volunteerism and remained active in the community. Involved with Churches and organizations such as the American Cancer Society, Ann's smile and enthusiasm are contagious where ever she goes. She has volunteered countless hours of her time and still does at Memorial Regional Medical Center doing what she loves to do best... helping people. She was volunteer of the year at the hospital this year.

'Tis the season of giving and Ol' Santa Claus was on hand to present Ann with her plaque which is inscribed as follows "The King William Ruritan Club recognizes Ann Garner for her caring spirit, unwavering volunteerism, second mom to many and unselfish contributions to her community and friends."

She is an inspiration to us all". Ann embodies the spirit of the Ruritan club's motto... to make our community a better place in which to live and work.

THANK YOU Ann for all you do!



Santa presents Ann with her plaque of appreciation.

Publisher's Message



I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and a safe New Year's Eve. The new year is here and with it the ability to make it better than last year. Its time now to "Plan our work, and work our plan." Things are slowly getting better. Keep the faith, stay positive, and embrace the coming new year.

Take care until next time..

Danny Clark



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The Duck Hunter

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and that the New Year is a great year.

I have a good friend named Jim that loves to duck hunt. Jim says that the worst the weather is, the better the duck hunting. He said that he was hunting at a new place this year and wasn't seeing any birds, when finally one duck came flying by and he shoots but it falls across a fence on another persons property. He laid his gun down and climbs over the fence about to go retrieve his duck when an old farmer walks up and asks "What are you doing?" Jim said "I'm just getting my duck that I shot." The farmer said "This is my land so that's my duck." Jim said "No sir. I shot the duck over there but it fell over the fence here." The farmer said "I guess you need a lesson on property rights!" Jim said "What do you mean?" The farmer said "We're going to have to settle this dispute the old fashioned way. We'll take turns kicking each other in the privates until one of us gives



up. Since we're on my land, I get to go first." Now Jim thought of himself as a pretty tough guy and he didn't think the old farmer was too strong so he agreed. The old farmer goes first and kicks Jim between the legs so hard that it lifts him off the ground a couple feet in the air and he drops to the ground like a sack of potatoes. The pain was so bad that Jim can only hold himself and roll on the ground trying to catch his breath. After a few minutes, Jim gets to his feet and says "Now it's my turn!" The old farmer says "That's alright, I give up. You can have the bird."

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

One-Two Punch, continued from front page



Quarterback Jayveon Robinson #10 looking downfield for his receiver.

The one-two punch of Claiborne and Robinson combined for 85 touchdowns this season as they lead the Cavaliers to a 13-1 record and the State Class 2 Championship Title. The Wake Forest bound Claiborne finished his high school career with a stellar season compiling 2,946 yards rushing on 214 carries (an average of 13.7 yards per carry) and 47 touchdowns on the ground. Adding four receiving touchdowns through the air and one kickoff return, Claiborne finished the season with a total of 52 touchdowns, ranking him third on the VHSL all-time season list. His partner in playing havoc in their opponent's defense, quarterback, and all-purpose defensive back Jayveon Robinson, excelled on both sides

of the scrimmage line. On offense, Robinson threw for 1,125 yards (19 touchdowns) and ran for 1,122 yards (16 touchdowns). On defense, he had 81 tackles, six tackles for losses, and two interceptions for the season.

As I stated in my previous articles these young men along with other members of this championship team have been playing together since their days of King William Raider football. Beginning together in those early days under the guidance of their parents and coaches, they challenged and inspired each other. In doing so they became a championship team forever changing their lives. When we all help one another, everyone WINS. GO CAVS!

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Soaring fertilizer prices have farmers bracing for spring planting

CONTRIBUTED—As fertilizer costs continue to rise, farmers are working hard to plan and budget for the 2022 growing season.

Fertilizer is a necessity for farmers, allowing them to achieve the high yields needed to meet demand and keep their operations afloat. According to the American Farm Bureau Federation, fertilizer costs have risen as much as 300% in some areas—adding significant pressure to farmers' pocketbooks.

"It's just so outrageously high. It's pretty unreal," said Richard Kitchen, a Southampton County farmer and member of Virginia Farm Bureau Federation's Cotton Advisory Committee.

Kitchen grows cotton, peanuts, corn, soybeans and wheat at Plank Road Farms in Courtland. He said while he isn't using much fertilizer during the winter, he'll have to be strategic in the spring.

"It'll be a lot of sharpening the pencil and deciding what is going to be the best crop mix for the 2022 growing season," Kitchen said. "Maybe that means not growing as many acres of crops that require a lot of fertilizer."

AFBF explained that increased global demand; energy costs; increased prices of raw nutrients like nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium; supply chain disruptions; and trade duties are all contributing to sky-high prices.

Kitchen added that many farmers had stellar growing seasons with larger yields in 2021.

Combined with higher commodity prices, farmers were in a good position to make extra income—money that could be saved or reinvested back into the farm.

"Unfortunately, a lot of those profits are going to be diminished because you're already going to be spending this money just to buy fertilizer so we're able to farm next year," he lamented. "So where normally we'd be excited, it's knocking us back a notch."

In Westmoreland County, Sparky Crossman said high fertilizer prices are just another thing for farmers to contend with, alongside unpredictable weather, pests and other factors that come into play when growing crops.

"When commodity prices go up, fertilizer, seed and everything tend to follow," he explained. "It goes up quickly and stays there for a while, and it's a long time coming back until commodity prices start dropping again."

Crossman owns Laurel Springs Grain Corporation in Mount Holly, where he grows corn and grain on about 500 acres. He noted that corn requires the most nitrogen, and according to AFBF, nitrogen costs have risen over 159% compared to September 2020.

He said farmers will have to "tighten their belts."

Crossman added that he may reduce the amount of fertilizer he uses in 2022. "It probably wouldn't hurt me for a year or so, but if prices stay up there a long time, it would really hurt everyone. ... I don't like it, but what can we do?"

Lawson-Marriott Elementary School



Lawson-Marriott Elementary School closed for holiday break with winter performances for parents and staff members. Music teacher, Chelsea Farrell conducted students through some holiday favorites, as well as new holiday songs using musical instruments and singing.



We would like to acknowledge the Green Zone students for the month of October at King and Queen Elementary School. Green Zone students are chosen from each grade level using the criteria (but are not limited to) the following:

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Remembering Mike “Grassman” Thornton

By Gene Campbell

Known as ‘Grassman’ to members of McKendree United Methodist Church and a friend to all, Mike Thornton passed away suddenly on December 14th. A man of charm, wit and character, I got to know Mike when his wife Lurelia (better known as Snoots) and her daughters were caregivers (the BEST) for my



Mike and his Harley

parents. One day I asked Mike if he was interested in cutting the grass at McKendree Church and keeping the yard neat and trimmed. He said sure...and the rest, as they say, is history. Mike and his right-hand man, Dixie Chopper, kept McKendree looking like a golf course. He often did more than was necessary.

I would often stop by when he was ‘on the job’ and hand him a cup of ice-cold water (knowing he probably would have preferred a cold beer instead). Mike liked to talk, so we would often sit there in the cemetery discussing the latest news. We didn’t agree politically but that didn’t stop us from having a good discussion all the while respecting each other’s opinion. Mike would often say to me when it was time to cut the grass “I am going to visit my friends in the cemetery.” He could tell me all the names on the tombstones.

Mike was a good ole country boy, never met a stranger and as comfortable to be around as an old shoe. He had a laugh that was contagious... you just felt good being around Mike. We need more Mike Thorntons in this world. One thing for sure, God has the BEST grass cutter mowing for him now. I am sure Mike is keeping heaven’s lawn neat and trim.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

5th Supervisor Ed Moren insults King William citizens intellect.

In the recent edition of the *Country Courier* 5th District Supervisor Ed Moren made a statement that he knows isn't factual, and demonstrates this man isn't fit to serve in elective office. He knows that to state increasing high speed internet access to more citizens of King William comes with "zero costs to K.W taxpayers" is a falsehood. Moren then further comments on the modest 18 million dollar VATI grant. Credit this humble civil servant with apparently finding seed for a free money tree.

Oddly in the same edition of the *Country Courier* Steve Hudgins, the newly appointed Deputy County Administrator is credited with the County receiving 5.4 million in Virginia grant money to help defray the costs of expanding Broadband. Ask Supervisor Moren where this free money comes from. Then ask him just who will be responsible for repaying this grant money?

No one argues that more having access to this technology isn't beneficial. The technology is coming now at a breathtaking speed and was coming in any event, regardless of government advancing it. The King William T.E.A Party has steadfastly maintained all along

this was going to happen without involving tax dollars. Private companies stand to profit immensely by more people having access to the technology, so the profit motive was already moving this along very nicely. Besides there are issues that are not, nor should not fall under the domain of government involvement at any level. I have been living here since 1998 and have always had internet service, granted it was for the first decade dial up service and considerably slower, but I knew when I moved out here that was one of the trade offs moving to such a rural county.

Future generations are being buried under ever increasing amounts of debt as a result of this borrowing. The United States did not get to a point where we have 30 Trillion dollars of debt overnight....it was one bad decision after another. Sooner or later as Grandma used to say, the band is going to want to be paid.

Tragically the impact on our children and grandchildren is going to be profound. At every level of government, (including local) pretending that you can run an economy like it is a monopoly game has consequences.

Bob Shannon
King William

Dear Editor,

Response to Mr. Coyne

We appreciate the opportunity to further explain our previous article. Our group believes government should operate like a business where the customers and shareholders are the taxpayers. A successful business would focus on legitimate revenues, rely on data driven dashboards, justify investments with a business case, and provide clear communications to stakeholders.

Cost reductions can be realized in two ways, direct and indirect. Direct cost reductions are easy to measure but can be difficult to identify (topic of education aside for now). Few recommendations have generated consistent support. It is popular to say, "cut the budget", and that really comes down to cutting a service. Getting 17,000 people to agree on which services to cut is difficult. Many of us can recall a past supervisor pushing through a cut to the county refuse expense. This reduction resulted in one less day per week citizens can take trash to the dump. It cut the budget but created an inconvenience to citizens. An additional impact to surrounding property owners was the dumping of trash on their land by frustrated citizens and contractors who had no intention of taking their trash back home after finding the dump closed!

Indirect costs are more difficult to measure but can have many times the benefit. Transforming operations through process and operational improvements will help an organization do more at the same expense. This benefits the budget as the county grows or can lead to cost reductions in the unlikely event that the county does not grow. Areas of focus should include departmental handoffs, automation of manual processes and centralized reporting. Automating

departmental data and processes will save hours of labor and duplication between departments.

For Example: automating the flow of building permits and zoning information into the commissioner's system will allow more timely revenue collection of new construction.

Untapped revenue streams can make the county money without costing taxpayers a dime even if they require additional resource capacity to perform. Some of us have been promoting more focused capacity in the COR office in order to:

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Finally, we believe King William's growth needs to be balanced to be successful. With nearly all growth being residential, it's far from balanced. For decades we have been known to be "difficult to do business with". Contractors complain that King William County frequently takes twice as long as surrounding counties to process requests. Operational transformation requires a new "tone" be established on how businesses (and taxpayers) are served. We need to incentivize and encourage businesses that we want, while being fair and supportive with the ones operating here.

These are just a few examples of topics that have been discussed and we welcome the open discussion of these and other ideas.

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This year's conference will include updates on corn, soybean, and small grain production in the topic areas of fertility, hybrid/variety selection, pest management, and market updates from Virginia Tech extension specialists and partnering agency representatives.

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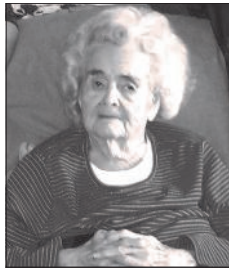
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In trying to find a wonderfully profound and inspirational New Year's message, I realized that most carry the belief of a set moment in time for reflection and correction., A once in every 365 day opportunity to say goodbye ,start again, right a wrong or change direction.

January 1st is merely a change in a calendar page, My greatest wish for you today and every day is that you realize that every moment in life is a gift and a new opportunity. That admitting a mistake is a sign of growth not weakness as is accepting that admission. That you strive to be the best you that you can be and be proud of your accomplishments but also recognize those of others even if different from your own. That you remember that we are each who we are because of both positive and negative influences, opportunities and experiences in our lives. All things in life are not choices but many are an opportunity to be on the giving or receiving end of kindness, and Grace.

We ALL have something to offer and the ability to inspire by action or example, every minute of every day of 2022! ❤️

Obituaries



GLAZEBROOK

Minnie Samuel Glazebrook, age 97 of King William County, VA died peacefully at her home on Friday, December 17, 2021.

She was preceded in death by her husband Richard K. Glazebrook, son-in-law, Wilson Overstreet and Bobby Mitchell, grandchildren, Stephen and Tina Overstreet, parents Willie and Lucille Samuel, six sisters and a brother.

She is survived by daughters, Jerline Overstreet and Cathy Mitchell, sons; Richard (Bubba) and wife Kathy and Ernest Glazebrook, 9 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandsons. Also surviving are devoted caregivers, Georgia Owen and granddaughter Julie Glazebrook, dear friend Sue Mundy and a lifelong friend Janie Edwards.

Funeral services will be held on Monday December 20, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Colosse Baptist Church, 23945 King William Rd., West Point, VA Viewing will be 1 hour prior to services at the church.. Interment will follow in the Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Young @ Heart of Colosse Baptist Church.



FOGG

Fogg, Anna Rowe, departed this life peacefully surrounded by her family on Wednesday, December 29, 2021. She was preceded in death

by her husband of 54 years, Thomas Wilton Fogg. She is survived by her devoted and loving daughters, Terri Fogg Allen and Brenda Lee Fogg (Matt); grandson, Matthew Thomas Allen (Kaitlyn); granddaughter, Megan Lynne Allen (Ryan); and her special great-granddaughter, Anabelle Rose Maxfield. Anna was a lifetime member of Upper King & Queen Baptist Church and very active in the WMU. She will be fondly remembered by many as "Nanny." She loved watching baseball, playing checkers, cooking and traveling. But most of all, she loved spending time with her family and friends. The family will receive friends at the B. W. White Funeral Home, Aylett, Friday, January 7, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Her funeral service will be held at Upper King & Queen Baptist Church on Saturday, January 8, at 2 p.m. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Upper King & Queen Baptist or Shepherds United Methodist Church Cemetery Funds, or the Sparta Volunteer Fire Department.



LUNCEFORD

Josephine R. Lunceford, 84, of Aylett, VA passed away December 17, 2021. She worked for The Life Insurance Company of Virginia and retired from King

William School System where she was a teacher's assistant for 25 years. Josephine was known as "Auntie" to everyone especially the fifty plus children she babysat. She was a lifetime member of Epworth United Methodist Church and was very active in the mission's ministry. She was preceded in death by her parents, Douglas and Inez Reed, brothers William, Richard, Winston and B.D. Reed; her former husband Joe Lunceford and a daughter Teresa Jackson.

Josephine is survived by her loving and devoted daughters, Sharon Carter (George) and Karen Lunceford; two grandchildren Russ Carter (Shawn), Travis Carter (Karen); five great grandchildren; a sister Gertrude Pitts (Bobby); brothers Pat Reed (Barbara), Woodrow Reed (Doris), Leroy Reed (Mary); sisters in law Carol and Judy Reed; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 21st at Epworth United Methodist Church, 11 Epworth Road, Aylett, VA 23009 with family receiving friends an hour prior to the service. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th Street, West Point, VA 23181.

Memorials may be made to the Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU or American Cancer Society. Tributes may be posted at www.vincentfh.com.

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BATES

Joan Elaine Bates, 60, of Aylett, Va, passed away on December 17, 2021. She was preceded in death

by her father, Roy G Bates; and mother, Joyce S Bates. She is survived by her best friend, Claire Hébert; brothers, Edwin Bates and David Bates (Jane); nieces, Jennifer Bates, Sarah Barry (Mark); their children, Aiden and Keslyn; nephew, Jefferson Bates.

Joan Bates passed away peacefully in her home with her best friend Claire at her bedside. Joan had been under hospice care. She was an avid gardener, quilter, and lover of animals, especially her cat Sophia. She was also skilled at crafts and a talented piano player and singer. Joan was a trusted employee at Crestar Bank and in the shipping industries, where her jobs required independent work and attention to detail. She grew up in Richmond and was a member of Jahnke Road Baptist Church. The family will receive friends 11am to 1pm, December 28, 2021 at Bliley's-Chippenham, a graveside service will follow at Maury cemetery at 2pm. Memorial contributions may be made to the SPCA.

TAYLOR

Taylor, Marjorie Ann, "Margie" 79, of Tappahannock, passed away on Thursday, December 23, 2021. She was preceded in death by her husband, Woody Taylor; and her son, Chip Farmer. She is survived by her brother, Eugene Hileman (Louise), four children, Mike Taylor (Sandy), Shari Watson (Andy), Robin Paine (Thomas), and Julie Carneal (Chris); seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren; and best friend Jeannie Loser. "Margie" graduated from Highland Springs High School in 1960 and was a member of Tappahannock Memorial UMC. The family will receive friends from 1:00pm to 2:00pm on Thursday, December 30th, at the Mechanicsville Chapel of the Bennett Funeral Home, 8014 Lee Davis Rd., where a funeral service will be held at 2:00pm. Interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Online condolences may be registered at www.bennettfuneralhomes.com.

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Obituaries, continued



WILLIAMS

Rodney Dale Williams, 57, of Newtown, went to be with the Lord on Friday, December 24, 2021.

Rodney was a member of the Upper King and Queen Baptist

Church, a member of the Mattaponi Dive Team, the Upper King and Queen Fire Department and employed with Ball Logging Co.

Rodney seemed to enjoy life to the fullest whether he was in top of a tree doing a pruning job, diving or just repairing things.

He is survived by his wife Juanita "Jay" Williams, his son Philip Williams, his mother, Phyllis Williams, sister Stephanie Turner and husband James R., brother, Anthony Williams, and wife Virginia "Jenny". He is also survived by two nephews Matthew and Jonthan Turner, one niece, Abby Williams and his uncle Ray Brooks.

He was preceded in death by his father Philip John "Billy" Williams.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 P.M. on Friday, December 31, 2021 at the B. W. White Funeral Home, Aylett, VA.

Funeral services will be held at 12 noon, on Saturday, January 1, 2022 at the Upper King and Queen Baptist Church, Newtown, VA. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Upper King and Queen Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 40, Newtown, VA 23126 or the Upper King and Queen Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 5, Newtown, VA 23126.



JONES

George Henry Jones, 84, of Ruther Glen departed this life on December 22 in a Richmond hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Joan Jones of Ruther Glen, a daughter, Donna

Lumpkin of Oklahoma, three sons: Derrick Jones of Ruther Glen, George P. Jones of Baltimore, MD and Jonathan Jones of Varina. The viewing will be held on Thursday, December 30 from 3-5 p.m. at Washington Funeral Home, 1404 Tappahannock Blvd., Tappahannock. The graveside funeral service will be held on Friday, December 31 at 12 noon at Gethsemane Baptist Church, 1890 Dunluce Rd., King William. Online condolences can be made to washingtonfh.com.

To continue to help slow the spread of Covid-19 we are still requesting that everyone wear a mask or face covering and social distance for the service



DRAKE

William Gary Drake, 71, of King William passed away peacefully in his home. Bill loved hunting and fishing along with spending time with his grandson, Justin. He

was preceded in death by his wife, Connie. Bill is survived by his daughter, Crystal Fox (Roy); his son, Gary Drake (Beth); and his grandchildren, Justin Fox, Hunter Drake, Anthony, Allison, and Courtney McGehee.

Vincent Funeral Home. Tributes may be posted at www.vincentfh.com.



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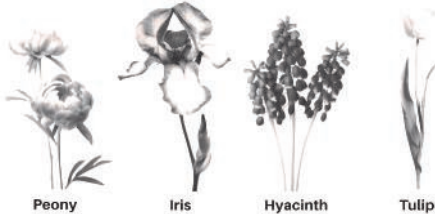
Etta Hill was born November 5, 1937 in Alberta, VA, Brunswick County to French Lucy and Kenneth Short on a tobacco farm. She was the oldest of three girls living on a

tobacco farm, she knew what hard work was at an early age. Etta seldom complained about the hard work.

Etta married Lawrence Hill in Bethel Methodist Church in 1958 and came to King William to live. This was two weeks after receiving her RN in nursing from Johnston Willis Hospital School of nursing on Kensington Avenue in Richmond, VA. Her first and only place of employment began in 1958 at family practice office in West Point with Dr. Malcolm Harris and Dr. William Hosfield and later Dr. Richard Hosfield. She followed the office around to three different offices in West Point for 48 1/2 years working under the physicians. In 1975 and 1976, she attended the Family Nurse Practitioner Program at MCV-VCU. She then functioned as a Nurse Practitioner until her retirement in 2005. Etta and Lawrence had two sons Lawrence Earl Hill and Howard Christopher Hill (Shannon); three grandchildren Meredith, Peyton and Casey Hill (Sara).

Etta was devoted to her family, husband,

children, grandchildren, sisters Jean S. Turner (Hal) and Agnes S. Word (Charlie), a sister-in-law Nora R. Cardwell, and many nieces and nephews. A special thanks to her caregivers that she loved like family Dot, R.T., Cynthia and Billy. She was a humble, positive contentious and fun person. Etta joined Jerusalem Christian Church to be with Lawrence when she came to King William to live. She enjoyed her church and was happy to serve in any way she could. Etta held many offices in the church and Missionary Society and served as treasurer of Sunday school. She loved the Lord and people and they were an important part of her life. She knew God came first and other things would follow in life if you worked at them. She was often called by patients, neighbors and friends to help in ways she could and was glad to do it. She liked to cook and take food to shut ins. Also, phone calls were made to shut ins and people who had lost a love one and wrote lots of notes to people. She liked to plan things in life and she liked things to be right, but she found early in life things did not always go like that. A funeral service WAS held 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th Street, West Point, VA 23181. Memorials may be made to Jerusalem Christian Church Cemetery Fund, %Kim Lipscomb, 833 Horse Landing Road, King William, VA 23086. Tributes maybe posted at www.vincentfh.com.



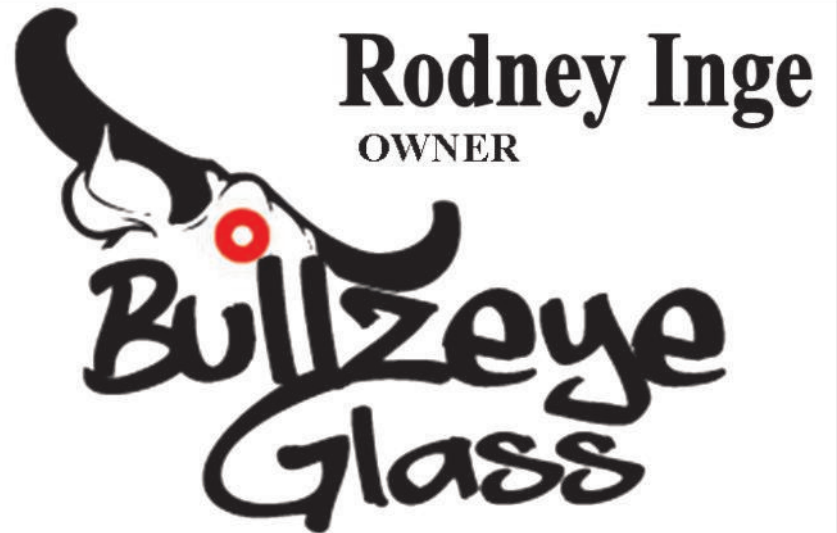
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Christian Fellowship Ministries

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, VA, King and Queen County. Please see the Bruington Baptist Church Facebook page for weekly sermons and updates as we are temporarily suspending our in-person worship services and ministries due to Covid-19.

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 Colosseum 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.

West Point Christian Church

290 West Euclid Blvd. West Point. 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

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Applicants must submit a Statement of Interest not to exceed 300 words, 125 signatures from registered voters of District 3, and a resume to the Clerk, King William County School Board at 18548 King William Road, King William, VA 23086 no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 24, 2022. You may also send the information requested to the Clerk, ahutcherson@kwcps.k12.va.us.

The School Board anticipates interviewing applicants in a closed meeting on January 25 and or 27, 2022, and will receive citizen comments about the appointment on January 18, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., at the King William County School Board Office/school, 18548 King William Road, King William, VA 23086.



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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

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Girl Scout Troop 1132

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DCSE Contact Information: 1-800-468-8894

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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 16 & up Call 804-843-3244 or visit the library at 721 Main Street for more information.

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.

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King William Community Watch

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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.

The CornerStone Community Development

Center Food Distribution - (11235 West River Road, Aylett) Saturdays (January 8, 15, 23, 30) - 9.30 a.m. to noon. Food distribution at WestPoint and Doswell on Wednesday, January 12 at noon. The Lily Field Clothing Shed Open on Saturdays. Please do not drop off donations outside the building. Kindly call ahead to schedule a donation drop off.

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

Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic - (8270 Richmond Tappahannock Hwy., Aylett)

January 8, 9.30 a.m. to Noon - Pfizer and Moderna - First, Second and Booster doses. Please call ahead- 804 769 2996 or email theccdc@gmail.com \$10 Dinner deal on Thursday, January 13 at 6p.m. (CrabCake sandwich with potato salad, coleslaw & soda) Order ahead: Call 804 769 2996/ Email - theccdc@gmail.com Pick up: 8270 Richmond Tappahannock Hwy., Aylett. Proceeds to benefit Food and Free Health Clinic Programs. The CornerStone Community Development Center is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization. Donations are tax exempt. Address: P.O. Box 68, Aylett, Virginia 23009

KAY LAWSON FEATURED IN ARTS

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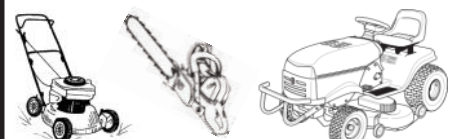
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