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King William Cavaliers Honored for State Win at the January BoS Meeting



The VHSL State Class 2 Football Champion King William High School Cavaliers Photo by Gene Campbell

By Amanda Walker- Community members packed the January King William Board of Supervisors January regular meeting to honor the King William Cavaliers Varsity Football Team for their 2021 VHSL Class 2 State Championship win against Graham High School. County Administrator Percy Ashcraft announced the entrance of the team, coaches, and cheerleaders while attendees gave a standing ovation. This is the first state football championship win for the Cavaliers since 2000. District 2 Supervisor Travis Moskalski was on the team at the time. Moskalski read and presented Resolution 22-08 to the Cavaliers, commemorating their hard work, determination, and exceptional teamwork both on and off the field. Virginia House Delegate Scott Wyatt has also introduced a similar resolution at the state level – House Resolution No. 8.

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Tri-River Investment Group Sponsoring 'Art in Transit' 2022



Proceeds from 'Art in Transit' 2022 will benefit Bay Transit and the RAL Art Center

Bay Transit, the public transportation division of Bay Aging, and the RAL Art Center have received a \$1,500 sponsorship donation from Tri-River Investment Group of Davenport & Company LLC in support of the 'Art in Transit' 2022 contest and judged exhibition. While presenting their sponsorship check, Jay Black, Senior Vice President – Investments at Davenport & Company, noted, "Bay Transit and the RAL Art Center are doing great work to make our slice of the world a better place for us all. Bay Transit has been serving the region for more than 25 years. The RAL Art Center has been growing and supporting the art community for almost 73 years. Tri-River Investment Group views sponsorship of 'Art in Transit' 2022 as a wise investment in the region helping to grow the strength of individual communities and make the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula a better place."

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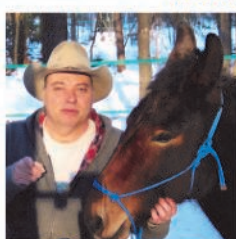
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One Man's Footsteps

By William Guy Townsend

As the Days Dwindle Down to a Precious Few

"A young pup was locked up in a bramble of briars and honeysuckle trembling all over on the scent of a grouse. - buried out of sight as the hunter, gun ready, eased forward, his eyes searching for the elusive bird. Suddenly the flutter of wings and a large grouse erupted from the bramble, wings beating furiously as it jumped into the air and started its flight up

the side of the mountain. Both hunter and pup were frozen in place as the bird soared above them.

At the crack of his trusty shotgun, feathers flew as the majestic bird flew to the ground. Immediately the young dog broke his "point" and rushed to pick up the downed bird." -Archibald Rutledge

What a great story, one of many in Rutledge's fine book. He was a native of the low country of South Carolina and its poet laureate.

Aylett Country Day School

Honor and Merit Roll

Mrs. Tara Garner, Head of School at Aylett Country Day School, is pleased to announce the names of students in grades four through eight who have shown outstanding academic achievement for the 2nd quarter of the 2021-22 school year.

Students earning Honor Roll status, all A's, for the 2nd quarter are: Grade 5: Cason Chilton, Chandler Eubank, Emma Fowler, Natalie Fulks, Morgan Jett, and Tinsley Yelinek Grade 6: Avery Boyle, Ainsley Davis, and Tripp Moncure Grade 7: Grace Gillions, Alisyn O'Bier, Addison Senters, and Natalie Wechsler Grade 8:

Ben Fulks, LeighAnn Matthews, and Christopher Rhoads

Merit Roll (A's and B's) students for the 2nd quarter are: Grade 5: Zach Austin, Aurora Cox, Abigail Earhart, Ava Funai, Kate Gillions, Mason Johnson, Grace Lam, and Grace Lam Grade 6: Tripp Atkins, Jhaaron Bundy, Beau Cleaton, Kodiak Cox, Brett Otey, Zoe Thrift, and Kelsey Wood Grade 7: Sterling Brooks, Evan Courtney, Garrett Dunn, Berkley Garner, Matthew Hundley, Addi Jones, Madison Lam, Evelyn Mills, and Grace Simons Grade 8: Gibson Farmer, Reed Farmer, and Makenzie Morgan.

Publisher's Message



These few warm days remind us of the much warmer days ahead. The first day of spring is 46 days away, March 20th.

Each day we are moving forward toward warmer and brighter days. Keep your faith strong and welcome the changing seasons in our lives.

Take care until next time....

Hanny Clark



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A Doctor's Visit

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

Did the groundhog see his shadow? Are we going to have 6 more weeks of winter? It sure seems like it with the snow and ice we've been getting. We always need to be prepared for bad weather and make sure our animals have plenty of hay and water. The vet came out the other day for Pip's regular shots and I was thinking how wonderful it is that they make house calls. Regular doctors haven't made house calls for people in a long time. You have to wait so long to get in and see them. I thought of a story about a guy going to the doctor's office.

There was a guy named Bubba that stopped by the doctor's office and went in to the counter. The receptionist asked "So Bubba, what can I do for you?" He said "I've got shingles." She told him to have a seat and fill out some paperwork and someone would be with him shortly. After 20 minutes, a nurse's assistant came out and took him back and weighed him, checked his height, etc. and told him to have a seat in the examining room. Another 20 minutes went by and a registered



nurse came in and asked him "Bubba, what do have?" He said "Shingles." The nurse took his pulse, blood pressure, temperature and told him to get undressed and sit on the examining table and the doctor would be with him shortly. After about 30 minutes, the doctor finally came in with his file and saw Bubba sitting on the table naked and asked him "Hi Bubba, what do you have?" Bubba said "Shingles." The doctor said "Well let's have a look. Where are they at?" Bubba said "In the back of my truck. I'm just the delivery driver."

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

Remembering George Fleming

By Gene Campbell

I can't believe I am sitting here writing about George Fleming's passing. When my buddy Bryant Wilson told me about George, my first reaction was "please say it ain't so" then I asked, "did he die at Valeros or Bo - T o w n (Bojangles)?"

George was a regular, in fact, a charter member of the coffee gang that gathered in the morning at Valeros before COVID and now during COVID at both Bojangles and Valeros. George was the ambassador of the group. He would start out at Valeros in the morning, then travel down the street to Bo-Town. We all LOVED the guy! He looked and walked like Brer Bear from Jungle Book minus the club. Sometimes when kidding with him we would say "come here George and give me a hug."



George and Santa

George, smiling and clenching his fist at the same time, would have nothing to do with a hug saying "you better not touch me." If you shook hands with him, be prepared to have your hand squeezed hard because he didn't want to hold a 'wet dish rag'. But under all that hardness was a BIG TEADY BEAR with a SOFT HEART!

Please see **FLEMING**, continued on page 8.

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Conservation on the Ground



Changes at the District

As many of you may already know, Waring Baylor has transitioned into the position of Conservation Specialist. Waring attended Virginia Tech, graduating in 2014, where he majored in Crop and Soil Environmental Science and had a focus in Agroecology. He has experience on the farm as he helps his father, Bob Baylor, on their row crop operation raising corn and soybeans in Essex County. After being involved with education and outreach over the last five and a half years, Waring looks forward to his new role with Three Rivers SWCD. He is particularly looking forward to working with farmers in the Three Rivers District by helping them offset some of the costs associated with conservation; whether it be planting cover crops or precision nutrient management applications that will provide water quality benefits to the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Waring is an avid outdoorsman that enjoys hunting and fishing in his spare time in addition to spending time with his fiancé, family, and friends. You can reach Waring by email (warig.baylor@trswcd.org) or phone (804-443-2327 ext 4).

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A special THANK YOU to Lloyd Mundie for serving as Chairman for many years. It is spirit, drive and dedication like yours that has made the District what it is today!

Tri-River, continued from front page

"The 2022 edition of 'Art in Transit' will be bigger and better than ever," noted Bay Transit Director Ken Pollock. "Thanks to sponsors like Tri-River Investment Group, we will be awarding a total of \$1,500 in prize money to the first, second and third place entries as well as raising money for Bay Transit and RAL Art Center." Bay Transit is planning to earmark the donations generated by 'Art in Transit' 2022 to help fund a continuing education scholarship that will allow front-line employees at Bay Transit, such as bus drivers, mechanics, schedulers, and dispatchers, to take classes at Rappahannock Community College (RCC) or apply for the scholarship for a member of their family. "We see how hard our bus drivers and other front-line staff have to work," Pollock said. "Hopefully, scholarship assistance will help an employee or employee's family member to pursue educational opportunities that may have otherwise been out of reach."

Depending on how much money 'Art in Transit' 2022 raises, some funds may also be dedicated to support Bay Transit's "New Freedom" mobility management service. New Freedom is a transportation service providing seniors and individuals with disabilities the ability to attend medical appointments, shop, work and attend social and recreational events even for travel outside of Bay Transit's service area and/or service hours. Participants pay a nominal fee for each round trip. For round trips of fifty miles or less, there is a five-dollar fare. For round trip journeys greater than fifty miles the fare is only ten dollars. "For example, New Freedom transports Veterans to doctors' appointments at the VA Medical Centers in Richmond and Hampton," Pollock said. "We would love to be able to do more



New Freedom trips for people, so fund raising for this program is also a priority."

"We are very appreciative to Tri-River Investment Group for their support of the 'Art in Transit' competition this year," said RAL Art Center Executive Director Doug Mock. "Like Bay Transit, we plan to earmark funds raised from 'Art in Transit' 2022 for important causes. RAL Art Center wants to help make art accessible to low-income individuals in the area who might not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy the therapeutic benefits of art."

The "Call for Entries" to artists throughout the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula to participate in the 'Art in Transit' 2022 contest and judged exhibition was recently issued. The deadline for entries and art submissions to the RAL Art Center in Kilmarnock is April 18th between 10 AM and 12 PM. This year's award winners will be recognized at the 'Art in Transit' 2022 reception on Friday night, May 20th. The culmination of the reception will once again occur when a copy of the first-place entry is unveiled on the side of a Bay Transit bus.

To find out more and to download the entry form, please visit the RAL Art Center at www.RALartcenter.com or call RAL at (804) 436-9309. You can also download a copy of the Call for Entries form by visiting the Bay Transit website at www.BayTransit.org.

Letters to the Editor

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Letter to the Editor

VAGUE by Definition

Dictionaries define VAGUE: wandering, not clear, definite or distinct, ambiguous.

While applauding an admirable effort, “vague” would be a fair term to describe the letter from “the group” in the January 5th edition of the *Country Courier*. “Government should operate like a business”, “should focus on legitimate revenues”, “transforming operations through process and operational improvements”.

Long standing critics of government spending, specifically local government, have routinely listed areas of spending here in King William county that could be, and should be cut.

For example, local tax dollar contributions for the 4 public schools we have is a great starting point. The Board of Supervisors have consistently given the schools 4-5 million dollars annually more than the state requires? Why is that, and equally important, it is money well spent? Student count has remained virtually unchanged the last 10 years.

What has grown in the schools is the head count of Full Time employees and their salaries, particularly for non-teaching Administrators. King William county schools (and KW county government as well) have spent millions of dollars over the last decade on new computers, software programs, and hired additional IT personnel. So I am a bit puzzled as to the SPECIFICS regarding their comments transforming operations through process and operational improvements?

A Reduction of perhaps \$500,000 in local contributions would be an idea worthy of consideration or a starting point. One needs to recall that 86 cents out of every dollar the public schools spend goes to salaries, pensions and “Cadillac benefits” for employees no matter how many times they falsely claim “it’s for the kids”.

Look for a coming paid ad in the Country Courier that will detail rapidly expanding school budgets over the last decade, school salaries, and full time employment numbers. The numbers will shock you.

Also, King William contributes several hundred thousands of dollars annually to the Regional Animal Shelter...in spite of learning that this summer the shelter housed only about 12 stray dogs & cats. Four years ago, it was determined that converting this government boondoggle to a conventional pound would reduce the costs to about \$75,000 a year. Perhaps our esteemed group might let us know if this is what they mean by “government should operate like a business?” I know of no business that would spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to house a dozen strays when they could do it for \$75,000.

LEGITIMATE REVENUES...was perhaps the most thought provoking of their comments. “Better tracking of business license fees, and taxes from companies doing business in the county” Odd but no mention of the types of business EXEMPT from having to pay these fees.

Have the county’s millionaire Oligarchs got this “group” trying to turn the publics attention away from one of the largest revenue drains that exists? While late fees and quicker processing would bring in tiny amounts of revenue, compare this to the \$2 MILLION lost each year from their Land Use Tax Exemptions. Did you know about this? Dollar amounts for two items are mentioned without any corresponding basis for how they arrived at: \$200,000 related to better tracking of business license fees, and then again \$250,000 associated with “prompt processing of new permits for timely collection of taxes”. Where did these figures come from?

The ELEPHANT in the room they slyly duck is what has become a \$2 MILLION tax break in Land Use Tax Exemptions that sticks homeowners and small businesses with paying the tab. Only when this tax scheme is eliminated will there be serious discussions about cuts to county spending.

The quid quo pro unspoken agreement hasn’t changed—the Supervisors can spend whatever they want so long as the tax scheme mentioned above isn’t touched. No genuine possibility exists to cut spending until that program is scrapped, at which point the millionaire Oligarchs will have “skin in the game.” Shouldn’t this be what they mean by “legitimate revenues?”

Revenues to King William county will begin to be squeezed when the Supervisors run through the remaining \$6 MILLION from overtaxing and hoarded in the Unassigned Reserve Fund. My calculations suggest they will squander that this budget year, since they have already squandered the \$ MILLIONS the Fed’s sent in various “Covid relief dollars”

With no growth in King William of any significance, the only wallets at risk are the usual suspects--homeowners and small businesses. Rest assured all of this will surface next year when the new 40-50 % increases in real estate assessments hit homeowners at the same time the Board of Supervisors has run out of money.

Maybe the “Group” might take a stab in their next letter at explaining why real estate taxes next door in King & Queen are some 37% lower than here? That would be an interesting read.

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Remembering George Fleming

George was a man who spoke his mind. One of the coffee regulars, William Bush, said "if you did a good job, George would tell you so... if you did a lousy job, George would tell you so." Coffee regular John Hamel told me about the time George wanted to go shoe shopping. They went into the shoe store and George asked to be fitted for a shoe. After learning his size, they left. John asked George why he left without purchasing any shoes. George said, "I just wanted to know my shoe size." Another coffee regular, Dennis Smith, told me George asked him to do something for him, which he did. George proceeded to pay me but I wasn't going to take any money so George gave me his pocket knife. Dennis carries the pocket knife with him today. A couple of years ago I was getting ready to leave Valeros to make my Santa rounds and George asked if he could ride along. I said sure and told him he could be Rudolph. We got into my TR-6 (Rudolph the Red-Nosed Triumph) with the top down and off we went spreading some Christmas cheer! He got a kick out of that day and I was glad he tagged along. I could go on and on with George stories.

George was an electrician and a darn good one too! That was his profession in life. Wilson Cross, a good friend and former neighbor of George, told me he remembers having some water pump

problems in the middle of the night. His pump would not cut off and he was afraid it would burn up. Wilson called George who lived across the street around 2:30 in the morning and asked him if he would come over. Within minutes Wilson looked out his window and saw George in his shorts, t-shirt, and work belt strapped around his waist walking up to his driveway. You could always count on George!

George was a PROUD VETERAN serving as a Petty Officer Second Class MM in the Navy on the USS Wallace Lind DD 703 from 1954 to 1960. He was a PROUD AMERICAN and supported ALL veterans. He recently gave me a box of small confederate flags to put on the graves of Civil War veterans in the McKendree United Methodist Church cemetery. Jeff Dykes and I put flags on the graves of all veterans in the cemetery every Memorial Day. I didn't have any more confederate flags and George told me "Don't you put a Yankee flag on a confederate soldier's grave!"

George, until we ALL meet again (Gerry Gravatt will be looking for his hug) the coffee gang SALUTES YOU!!



Pet Food Pantry



The Regional Animal Shelter has established a Pet Food Pantry to help pet owning residents of King William and King & Queen Counties during the current economic situation. This program is designed to help owners affected by financial loss feed their pets so they can remain with their families who love them, instead of having to surrender their companions due to the inability to feed them.

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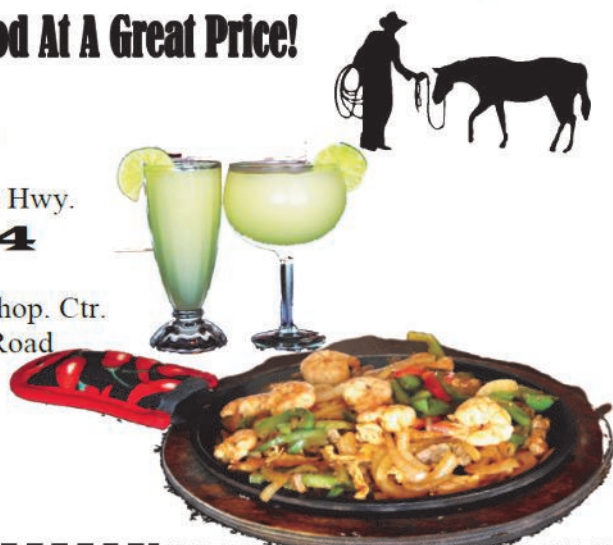
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Supervisor Travis Moskalski, who was a member of the last state champion team in 2000, reads the resolution to the team. Photo by Gene Campbell

Following the unanimous passage of Resolution 22-08 business continued as normal. Commissioner of Revenue Karena Funkhouser gave an update from her office. Land Books for 2019-2021 have been published on the county website on the Commissioner's page. Funkhouser expressed to the board that she continues to face issues with Edmunds software, creating an abundance of manual entry work for her staff. The board asked the county administration to set up a meeting with the Vendor to discuss the issues. Finance Director Natasha Joranlien also gave an update from her office as well as her comments on Edmunds software. Edmunds is working well for her office and Joranlien credits the issues the CoR and Treasurer's offices are facing in part to the growing pains of having new officers in place. Where Joranlien was able to easily compare the previously used software to

Edmunds and verbalize what she needed, the new officers did not have the knowledge of the old software to be able to do so.

Looking ahead, the Board of Supervisors gave the go-ahead to proceed with a special election on November 8th to fill the position of the Circuit Court Clerk. Tina T. Glazebrook will be serving in the position during the interim. The board tabled a decision for a referendum vote on the November 8th ballot to decide whether to prohibit marijuana retail stores in the county. The board will decide on the referendum following the 2022 General Assembly session.

You can view King William BoS meetings on YouTube, just search for 'King William County'. For upcoming meetings visit the county's website: kingwilliamcounty.us for meeting dates or to register to attend virtually.

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Obituaries



LEWIS
Lewis, Bryson McRae, 21, of Hanover, passed away on January 10, 2022. He is preceded in death by his great-grandparents,

Malden Hill Venue located at 234 West River Rd. Aylett, Virginia. For anyone wanting to make a donation, they can visit any Wells Fargo Bank branch and deposit money into the savings account for his daughter, Charlotte Fay Lewis donation fund.

FLEMING

George W. Fleming (84) of King William went home to be with the Lord Jan. 18, 2022. He is survived by his loving wife Wendy of 50 years, and son Brian Charles. Also four grandchildren, Faith (Matt), Samantha (Justin), Brian (Kristen), and Taylor. Nine great grandchildren, Alaina, Brianna, Mitch, Mattie, Paxton, Remey, Kennedy Grace, Forrest and Brooks. George was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He loved his family and friends very much. He was a Navy Veteran and worked for Stat of VA for 35 years. In lieu of flowers please consider making donation to the Cornerstone Church, P.O. Box 121, Aylett VA 23009.



Phyllis & Melvin Tomes & Christine McKnight. Bryson is survived by his daughter, Charlotte; her mother, Fallon Moore; his girlfriend, Marissa Valentino; his parents, Kelly Nix (Brian Robins) & McRae Lewis (Kelly); his brother, Justin; step-sisters, Morgan Robins, and Kaitlin and Kallie Moore; his great-grandfather, Harold McKnight; grandparents, Dickie & Delores Nix, Harold & Cathy Lewis, Danny & Louise McRoberts, and Terry & Richard Meador; his uncle, Cleve Nix (Holly); cousins, Jill, Marlie & Evan; and his uncle Stuart Nix (Stephanie) and their children and grandchildren. Bryson was an amazing young man that loved life and lived it to the fullest! He was a son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin and most of all a loving father. He loved baseball, hunting, fishing, golf, mud bogs, the Dallas Cowboys and ice-cold beer. He never met a stranger and always wanted to be there for his family and friends no matter what. A celebration of life will be held January 29, 2022, at 1:00 pm at



SHELTON

Thomas (Hun) Shelton and wife Juanita (Steele) Shelton of Manquin, VA were called home to the glory land within three days of one another. Both were born

again Christians saved by God's amazing grace and shared their love of Christ with others during their 64 years of marriage. They were members of the McKendree United Methodist Church of King William County.

Thomas passed away on January 9, 2022, at the age of 89, surrounded by his loving wife and sister-in-law's. He leaves behind many nieces and nephews with a special bond with Jose Smith and Michelle Hunt. He was born in Jewell Ridge, VA and throughout his life he worked multiple professions in Richlands, VA and Richmond, VA. He was a United States Navy veteran and a 50 year member of the Richlands Masonic Lodge #318. He loved working with his hands and tinkering with many projects. He loved blue grass music, fishing and watching football.

Juanita passed away on January 12, 2022, at the age of 84 with her sisters by her side. She leaves behind her six sisters: Floreta Kitts, Almeta Robertson, Linda Thrumond, Carol Kitts, Monica Lenker and Teresa Smith and brother-in-law Joseph Smith and many nieces and nephews. She was born in Richlands, VA and worked in retail in that area and worked in procurement offices in Richmond, VA. She has an eye for interior decorating, and she also possessed a spirit of caring with a deep trust in the Lord during trying circumstances. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Shriners Children's Hospital. The family will hold a memorial service at a later time.

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PORTER

Porter, Diane Lynette, 63, of St. Stephens Church, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, January 15, 2022. She was a person who

loved spending time on the beach and working in her flower garden. The most important thing in her life was her family, especially her grandchildren. She was the widow of Edward Porter Jr.; and her companion, David Gray. She also was a former preschool teacher. She is survived by her children, Hollie Fisher (Joshua), Dusty Porter, Heather Porter; grandchildren, Austin Fisher, Dallas and Logan Porter and Demonte Washington Jr. She is also survived by a brother, Milton Walton Jr. (Crystal). She was preceded in death by her parents, Milton J. and Anne Lynette Pohlig Walton. A visitation will be held on Sunday, January 23, 2022 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the B. W. White Funeral Home, Aylett. A Celebration of Life will be held at 3 p.m. after the visitation.

MARTIN

Martin, Melvin V., Sr., The Lord took another angel home, Melvin V. Martin Sr., 81, of Bruington, on Tuesday, January 18, 2022. He was a member of Bruington Baptist Church, the widower of Mildred S. Martin and a plumber for Martin Plumbing and Heating. He is survived by his children, Wanda Gibson (David), Boa Martin (Rebecca), Penny Gibson (Mike), Angie Gammon, Millie Martin, Dean Martin (Amber) and Rebel Hoffman (Karen). He is also survived by 18 grandchildren, 19 great-great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter; his sisters, Audrey Howard (Charles), Nita Villanger (Mark); and a nephew, Jason Tomlin. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

A Memorial Service will be held on Sat. Feb. 19, 2022 at 3:00 pm at McKendree United Methodist Church, 4737 Manfield Rd. Manquin, Va. 23106.

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Obituaries



REED

George F. (Pat) Reed, Sr. 88, of Aylett, departed this life on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 with his loved ones by his side. Pat was preceded in death by his parents

As a Korean War Veteran, Pat served his country at Kansas and Louisiana bases. He was an active member of Epworth Church. A visitation will be held from 12 to 2 p.m. on Friday, January 28, at Epworth United Methodist Church, Aylett, VA, followed by funeral services and interment. In lieu of flowers please consider donations to Epworth United Methodist Church, 11 Epworth Road, Aylett, VA 23009 B. W. White Funeral Home, Aylett, VA is in charge of the arrangements.

Douglas and Inez Reed, siblings, William, Richard, Winston, B.D. Reed and Josephine Lunceford.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Barbara Barden Reed; his children, Pat (Steve) Dalton, Debbie (Donald) Latham, Robin (John) Massei, Franky (Bettina) Reed, and Matt (Kazan) Reed, eleven grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren, many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Over the years, Pat and Barbara welcomed many children in their home, including their beloved bonus daughter, Denise (Mike) Sumski and her family. In addition, Pat is survived by his siblings Gertie Pitts, Leroy Reed, and Woodrow Reed. Pat spent his life working in the lumber business with his family's sawmill business followed by 32 years 9 months as a shipping and receiving supervisor at Ruffin and Payne, Inc.

Pet Adoption



"Sugar Boo" is a beautiful female Beagle mix that's about 2 years old and weighs 20lbs. She came to the Shelter after she was found at someone's home. She is a very sweet girl that loves to snuggle and gets along great with other pets. Regional Animal Shelter Phone: 804-769-4983 facebook.com/RegionalAnimalShelter

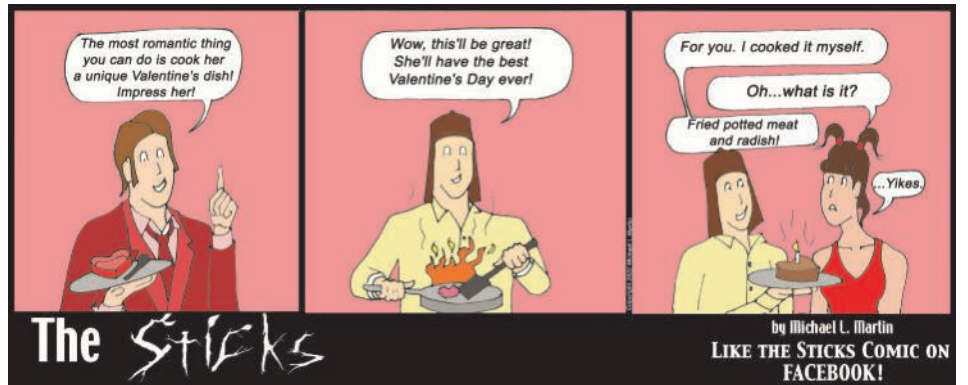
Sheriffs Deputy Involved in Vehicle Accident

PRESS RELEASE

King William Sheriff's Office
January 19, 2022

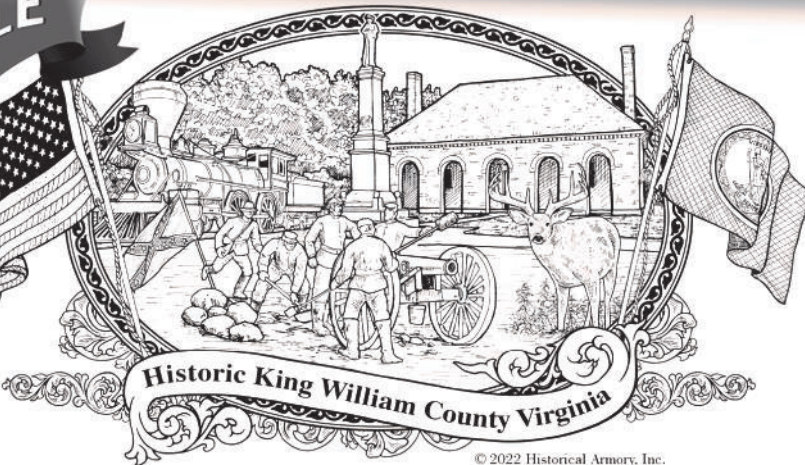
A King William County Sheriff's Deputy was involved in an accident on West River Rd. at Smokey Rd. Tuesday evening while responding to an emergency call. The deputy was maneuvering around several vehicles that yielded to his emergency lights and siren, when another vehicle came out of Smokey Rd. causing the Deputy's vehicle to strike that vehicle as well that had stopped.

One person was transported by ambulance to the hospital. The Virginia State Police is investigating the accident.



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A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by George Washington Birthplace National Monument officials in consultation with representatives of the Delaware Nation, Delaware Tribe of Indians, Pamunkey Indian Tribe, Rappahannock Indian Tribe, and the Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe.

On January 5, 2007, human remains were removed by a National Park Service archeologist from site 44WM0185, Westmoreland County, VA due to animal disturbance and ongoing erosion. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

Officials of George Washington Birthplace National Historic Site have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR §10.2 (d)(1), the human remains described above represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry based on detailed osteological examination, historical context, geographic location, and archeological characterization of the site.

Officials of George Washington Birthplace National Historic Site have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR §10.6 (a), custody of the human remains shall be with the Pamunkey Indian Tribe. The basis for the cultural affiliation determination, pursuant to 43 CFR §10.14 (c), is an ethnographic overview and assessment conducted by the National Park Service that demonstrates a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the human remains and that present-day Indian tribe.

Representatives of any other Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization that wishes to claim ownership or control of the human remains should contact Melissa Cobern, Superintendent, George Washington Birthplace National Monument, 1732 Popes Creek Road, Colonial Beach, VA 22443 phone 804-224-1732 x 224, email melissa_cobern@nps.gov, before March 18th, 2022. Disposition of the human remains to the Pamunkey Indian Tribe may proceed after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

George Washington Birthplace National Monument is responsible for notifying the Delaware Nation, Delaware Tribe of Indians, Pamunkey Indian Tribe, Rappahannock Indian Tribe, and the Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe that this notice has been published.

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 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.

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 Colossee 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

KW. No in-person Worship Services in the month of February. Teleconference Sunday Worship Services 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m., Monday and Friday Prayer 7:00 a.m. Phone: (774) 220-4000, PIN#57187 Facebook: Union Hope Baptist Church, King William, Virginia

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

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.

St. John's Episcopal Church

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PRESBYTERIAN

St. James Presbyterian Church

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Women in the Word Community Bible Study!

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



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

Mattaponi Vol. Rescue Squad Building.

DCSE Service Point Assistance

DCSE Contact Information: 1-800-468-8894

Afternoon Off for Caregivers!

804-769-0001. Sponsored by United Methodist Women, McKendree UMC, 4347 Manfield Road, Manquin. Upper King William Active Lifestyle Center 8306 King William Road, Aylett

King & Queen Branch Library

Knitting Workshop Wednesday, Feb. 9, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Ages 18 & up. Get FIT While You Sit! Thursday, Feb. 24, 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

Hybrid Programs (In-Person & Virtual) Love is Respect Tuesday, Feb. 22, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Call 804-769-3731 or visit the library at 694-J Sharon Road for more information.

West Point Branch Library

In-Person Programs

Love Your Heart Sharpie Mug Monday, February 7, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Jewelry Makerspace** Saturday, Feb. 12, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. For ages 12-18 Mid Day Movie Matinee Thursday, Feb. 10, Noon-2:00 p.m. Ages 16 & up. Movie Night Thursday, Feb. 17, 5:30 - 7:45 p.m. Ages 16 & up. Game Night Tuesday, Feb. 22, 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.

Good Homes Needed For Good Pets

Regional Animal Shelter, 20201 King William Road, King William 8 0 4 - 7 6 9 - 4 9 8 3 . www.petfinder.com email: animalshelter@kingwilliamcounty.us

Southern States

485 Sharon Rd. King William, 23086 769-3100.

Bay Aging

In desperate need of volunteers to deliver restaurant meals two days a week (Monday and Wednesday) at 4pm to seniors in St Stephens Church and K&Q Courthouse! Contact Lauren on 804.516.6309 for more information!

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

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Program at 804-525-8838 or

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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 CornerStone Community Development Center

Food Distribution - 11235 West River Road, Aylett * Mobile Pantry on February 2, 11a.m to noon.* Saturdays February 5, 12, 19, 26 - 9.30a.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. Call ahead to schedule. 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 February 12, 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, February 10 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) nonprofit organization. Donations are tax exempt. Address: P.O. Box 68, Aylett, Virginia 23009

West Point Knights of Columbus

Fish Dinner on Friday, Feb. 11. the dinner will include flounder, hush puppies, cole slaw and baked beans and dessert. Dinning in will be from 5pm to 8pm. Take out will be from 4pm to 8pm. Adults \$12.50 per dinner. Children 10 & under \$6 per dinner. For tickets contact 804-785-2325, 513-9799, 370-5341.

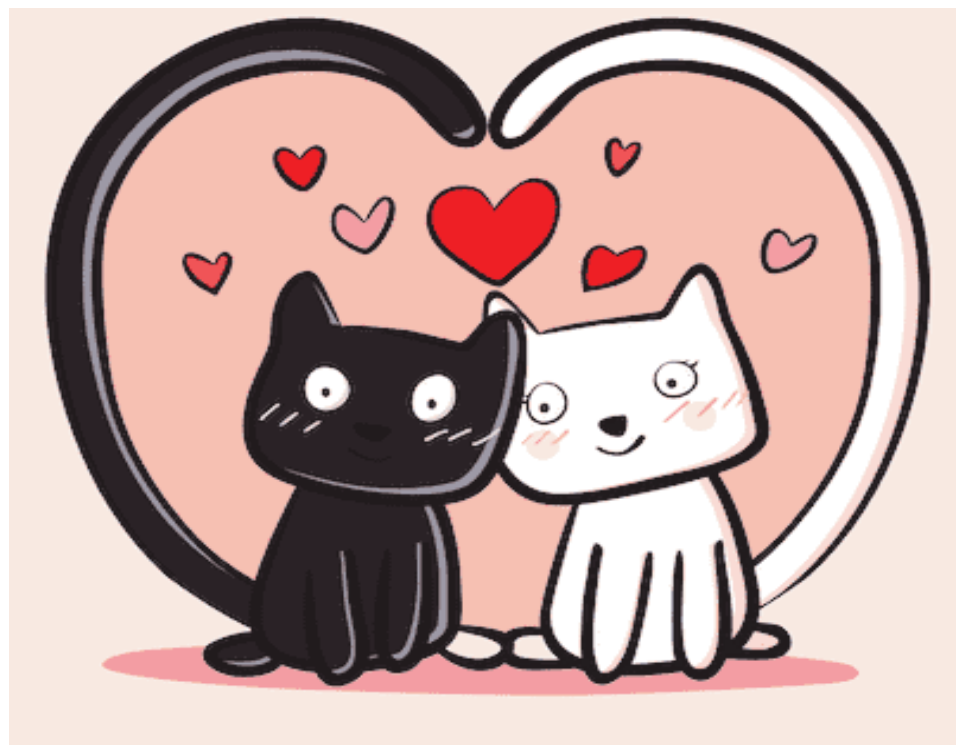
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Mangohick Volunteer Fire

Department Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, February 12th, 4-7 pm. Located 3493 King William Rd Aylett VA 23009. This is a ToGo Dinner. It is 10 dollars a meal and the meal includes Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Dessert. If you would like to preorder please call Mangohick VFD 804-994-9800. Look forward to seeing everyone then!



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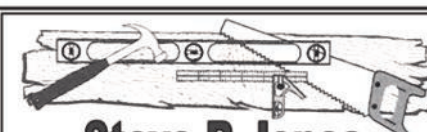
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