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King William County Receives New Ambulance



NEW AMBULANCE ARRIVES... Officials inspect new ambulance (l to r) County Administrator Percy Ashcraft, Board of Supervisor Chairman Ed Moren, Fire Chief Stacy Reaves, and Battalion Chief Ron Brown.

By Gene Campbell

Back in the 1960s a group of King William citizens got together and decided the community needed an ambulance. Fast forward sixty years and on February 3rd the county took ownership of a new “state of the art” ambulance, bringing the total number of ambulances in the county to seven.

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

Lower King & Queen Fire offers Stew for Donations



Bud Swanson, Wylie Crowe, and Lt. Adam Russell, members of Lower King and Queen fire department offered Brunswick stew to the community for donations last Saturday at Nick's restaurant in Shackelfords. We appreciate the work and dedication all our fire fighters provide for our safety.



PHOTO BY PERCY ASHCRAFT

Tina Glazebrook being sworn in as Circuit Court Clerk by Judge B. Elliott Bondurant.

King William Circuit Court Clerk Patricia Norman Retires

By Amanda Walker

First elected in 2001, Circuit Court Clerk Patricia Norman retired on January 31st, 2022. Norman had worked in the Circuit Court Clerk's office as a Deputy Clerk for over 8 years prior to being elected. Her current term would not have expired until the beginning of 2024. King William County will hold a special election on November 8th to fulfill the remainder of the eight-year term. Chief Deputy Clerk Tina Glazebrook was sworn in by Judge B. Elliott Bondurant on February 1st, to serve as the Circuit Court Clerk for the interim period.

Glazebrook earned her Legal Assistant Certificate from the Braxton School of Business and started her legal career in the mid-nineties. She started out as a receptionist secretary and then moved into a paralegal role. Prior to becoming Deputy Clerk for King William Circuit Court in 2019, Glazebrook worked for Joynes and Bieber, and then Maloney, Parks, Clarke, and Nathanson. Glazebrook has said she intends to run in the November election and expressed that Norman has been wonderful to work for and has always been very helpful and mentoring.

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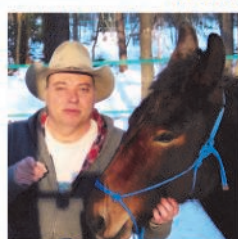
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Commissioner of Revenue Karena Funkhouser Visits the King William TEA Party



King William TEA Party Founder Bob Shannon with Commissioner of Revenue Karena Funkhouser

By Amanda Walker
The King William Tea Party hosted Commissioner of Revenue Karena Funkhouser at their February 10th meeting as their guest speaker. Prior to Funkhouser addressing the members, party founder Bob Shannon introduced guest Jessica McLane from the fifth district.
Please see **COMMISSIONER**, continued on page 11.

Publisher's Message



I hope everyone remembered to let their Valentine know special they are to them. Sometimes we take so much for granted. It's always a good idea to slow down and feel what is really important to us. Love is a powerful thing, we need to express it every opportunity we have.

Take care until next time...

Danny Clark



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Patience

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

With Springtime coming, I know a lot of people will be doing more with their horses and mules. Whether it's going to shows or trail riding, we need to remember to have patience with our animals. We are always in a hurry to get things done or get where we are going. Pip doesn't have the same concept of time as I do. She's always in the moment. I have to remind myself that Pip is on "mule time" and mule time is different than Allen time. We should slow down and enjoy every minute we spend with our animals. I know when Pip and I connect, I lose track of time all together. Having patience will help you and your animal get through stressful situations quicker and easier.

I remember awhile back I was in the grocery store picking up a few things and I was behind a grandfather and his 3 year old grandson. I could tell the grandfather had his hands full. As we went up and down each aisle, the little boy was screaming for everything on the shelves they went by. I heard the grandfather say calmly "Easy William, we won't be in here long. Take it easy boy". In another aisle, I heard him say "It's okay William, just a couple of more minutes and we'll be out of here.



Hang in there boy". In the checkout line, the little boy was throwing items out of the cart and the granddad says again in a relaxed voice "William, William, relax buddy. Don't get upset. We'll be home in 5 minutes. Stay calm William". I was so impressed with his patience that I approached him outside as he was loading bags in his car. I said "Sir, it's none of my business but you were amazing. No matter how loud and disruptive your grandson got in there, you just stayed calm and kept saying that things would be okay. William is very lucky to have you as his grandfather". "Thanks," said the grandfather "but I'm William and that little brat is Kevin".

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

Virginia farmers reap record soybean yields

MECHANICSVILLE—Virginia crop production boomed in 2021, though few commodities fared better than the state's record-breaking soybean harvest.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service annual crop production report, Virginia soybean growers harvested an estimated 27.1 million bushels in 2021, up 15% from 2020. Harvested acreage also increased by 30,000 acres to 590,000 acres. The resulting yield of 46 bushels per acre was up four bushels from 2020, and eclipsed the state record of 44 bushels per acre, which was set in 2017.

A seed salesman by trade, Virginia Soybean Association President Tyler Franklin said his job allowed him to visit fields across the state and see the progress of last year's crop unfold firsthand.

He noted that, despite severe drought conditions delaying some plantings and hampering most of Virginia throughout the growing season, soybean production never waned, and generated unexpected results.

"Soybean yields surprised me with how good they were. I was expecting them to be 10 to 15 bushels lower than what they actually turned out to be," Franklin said.

"A lot of times, production tails off with later planting dates, but this year was very flat," he explained. "The yields started off strong, and they finished strong right across the board for full-season and double-crop beans, and that added to our abundant harvests."

In addition to favorable growth trends, Franklin said farmers' willingness to invest in soybeans in 2020 due to strong prices was a contributing factor to last year's record yields.

Franklin also noted the arrival of well-timed rainfall was invaluable to the soybean crop, a sentiment that was echoed by Southampton County farmer Lewis Everett.

"During the growing season we had rain that was timely, and the weather really fell in line to give us the opportunity to maximize our yield potential," said Everett, who also serves on the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Soybean and Feed Grains Advisory Committee. "Then, you couple that with an extremely favorable fall for harvest, that really helped us as well."

While Everett noted drought wasn't much of a factor in Southampton County, Halifax County grain grower Adam Davis said it was a much different story in Southside Virginia. Operating at a rainfall deficit between 10 to 15 inches lower than the 10-year average, Davis said improved genetics allowed him and other Southside farmers to turn a quality crop.

"Soybeans are able to handle a lot more stress than other crops—and even themselves—compared to what they used to be able to handle," said Davis, who also is vice president of the Virginia Soybean Association. "Fertility really helps some of that water-handling ability, and to be as dry as it was, we did OK. I'm very thankful for that."

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It's your outlook on life that counts. If you take yourself lightly and don't take yourself too seriously, pretty soon you can find the humor in our everyday lives. And sometimes it can be a lifesaver.

Betty White

King William Sheriff's Office Activity

January 1, 2022 – January 31, 2022

Calls for Service	889
Incident Reports	86
Traffic Summons	29
Warrants Served	45
Civil Papers Served	399

13B-Simple Assault	1
16.1-253.2-PROTECTIVE ORDER: VIOLATION	1
18.2-119.1-TRESPASS: POST UNAUTHORIZED: NO TRESPASS SIGNS	1
18.2-137-MONUMENT: INTENTIONAL DAMAGE, VALUE <\$1000	1
18.2-152.3-COMPUTER FRAUD: EMBEZZLE OR LARCENY <\$1000	1
18.2-178-OBTAIN MONEY BY FALSE PRETENSE, LARCENY>=\$1000	1
18.2-195.2-CREDIT CARD APPLICATION: FALSE STMT, FRAUD	1
18.2-266-DWI: 1ST OFFENSE	2
18.2-266-DWI: 2ND OFF W/IN 10Y, BAC .15-.20%	1
18.2-57.2-ASSAULT & BATTERY - FAMILY MEMBER	2
18.2-60-THREAT BY LETTER	1
18.2-61-RAPE: INTERCOURSE BY FORCE/THREAT/INTIMIDATION	1
18.2-67.4.2-SEXUAL ASSAULT OF CHILD 13-14	1
18.2-96-PETIT LARCENY: <\$1000 NOT FROM A PERSON	1
23F-Theft From Motor Vehicle	1
23H-All Other Larceny	3
26A-False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	1
26E-Wire Fraud	1
290-Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	4
90D-Driving Under the Influence	1
90F-Family Offenses, Nonviolent	6
90Z-All Other Offenses	3
ANIMBD-ANIMAL BITE DOG/CANINE	3
CHECKW-CHECK WELFARE OF SUBJECT	1
CIVILD-CIVIL DISTURBANCE/VERBAL DISPUTE	3
DOA-DEAD ON ARRIVAL/DECEASED PERSON	7
JUVI-JUVENILE ISSUE	1
MENTAL-MENTAL SUBJECT	2
MVAHR-MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT HIT AND RUN	1
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Poultry hobbyists, waterfowl hunters urged to take precautions to prevent avian influenza

RICHMOND— A strain of highly pathogenic avian influenza has been detected in North America for the first time since 2016. The U.S. Department of Agriculture confirmed HPAI in wild waterfowl in Virginia on Jan. 26, following detection in the Carolinas.

While Virginia's commercial poultry growers routinely implement high levels of biosecurity, smaller-scale poultry producers and hobbyists are urged to step up their biosecurity practices as well.

While the virus poses little risk to humans, it is easily transmitted from wild birds to domestic poultry if flock owners don't take action to keep their birds safe.

A recent biosecurity alert from the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services said that confirmed cases of avian flu were found in two hunter-harvested wild migratory waterfowl in Henrico County. While the detection of HPAI in migrating waterfowl is not unexpected, outbreaks can be disastrous to Virginia's largest agricultural sector, resulting in total flock depopulations.

Wild birds like ducks or geese can be infected with HPAI without appearing sick. Just a small amount of fecal material carried on a human's boot can harm poultry in large-scale commercial operations and small backyard flocks.

Keeping your flock safe and preventing HPAI's spread comes down to good common sense, said Robert Mills of Pittsylvania County, who raises chickens for Perdue and chairs the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Poultry Advisory Committee.

Mills said it's wise to limit guests from any area where poultry live, including backyard chicken coops.

"Hang out in the cabin, come to the shop, but don't go near the poultry house," he advised.

"And stay away from any type of waterfowl."

Waterfowl droppings can be tracked from any area where game birds congregate, like ponds, golf courses and parking lots. Those who hunt or encounter waterfowl should avoid poultry areas if possible. If going near a flock, they should clean and disinfect equipment, clothing and shoes to remove feces, feathers and litter. Disease agents can survive for months inside those organic materials.

"One little problem can become a big problem real quick," Mills said.

Tony Banks, VFBF senior assistant director of agriculture, development and innovation, said once avian flu is identified in poultry, quarantines, additional disease monitoring and heightened sanitation go into effect. In some cases, growers will avoid public encounters with others in the industry altogether.

He recalled a different, low pathogenic avian influenza that caused significant losses for Virginia poultry owners in 2002, affecting over 140 farms before disease spread could be controlled.

"Virginia's poultry industry lost millions of dollars in sales and were shut out of export markets," Banks said. "This outbreak led to increased emphasis among the USDA and states to conduct avian influenza surveillance and monitoring, which continues today."

Virginia poultry owners should report unusual poultry illnesses or deaths to the state veterinarian's office at 804-692-0601 or vastatevet@vdacs.virginia.gov, or through the USDA's toll-free number, 866-536-7593. Learn more flock biosecurity tips at USDA's Defend the Flock Resource Center, at bit.ly/3AJm8FX. Guidance for waterfowl hunters can be reviewed at bit.ly/3GIQUG6.

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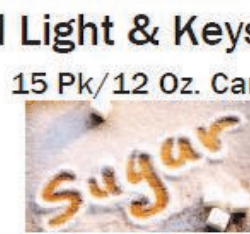
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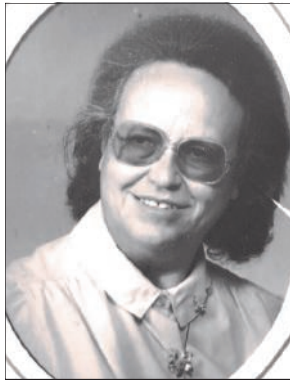
Obituaries



PORCH

Porch, Gail Yates – 68 of Mechanicsville, VA went to be with the Lord, Monday, January 31, 2022. She was preceded in death by her parents, James (Leroy) and June Yates. She is survived by her beloved husband of

50 years, Michael R. Porch, Sr.; two children, Michael R. Porch, Jr. (Kelley) and Lisa Porch Redmon (Shawn); five grandchildren, Hunter (Ciara), Mason and Mackenzie Porch, Alyssa Grinnan (Dylan), and Dylan Redmon; brothers, Kilroy (Ann) and David (Kim) Yates; and several nieces and nephews. Gail loved the water, especially the beach. She enjoyed playing bingo, camping, and spending time at Malden Hill Venue, but her greatest love was her time spent with her grandchildren. The family will receive friends from 4 – 7 pm, Sunday, February 6, 2022, at Monaghan Funeral Home, 7300 Creighton Pkwy., Mechanicsville, VA 23111, where a funeral service will be held at 11 am, Monday, February 7, 2022. Interment will follow at Beulah Presbyterian Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation at helpfightRA.org.



SPROUSE

Sprouse, Joyce “Nancy” 86, of Charles City County Va., went to be our Lord March 9, 2020. She was preceded by her husband Bernard Sprouse Sr., and her son

Charles Lane Jr. She is survived by her daughter Joyce Jackson and son in law Dennis Jackson, son Christopher Lane, also 7 grandchildren and 8 Great grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 3:00pm, October 23, 2021 at the Mechanicsville Chapel of Bennett Funeral Home 8014 Lee Davis Rd., Mechanicsville Va. 23111. B. W. White Funeral Home assisting the family. PLEASE no flowers, make donations to ACCA Shriner’s Center 1712 Bellevue Ave. Richmond, Va. 23227



HAYES

Hayes, Julian “Pedy”, 68 of St. Stephens Church, VA, passed from this earth to his eternal home in heaven on January 20, 2022. He was preceded in death by his

father, John W. Hayes, Sr. and brother Jesse Hayes. Pedy is survived by his loving wife of nearly 46 years, Kathy Minter Hayes, two sons: Chris Hayes (Chawanta) and Chad Hayes (Logan), a daughter, Ashley Hayes Schools (Ben), and five grandchildren, who adored their PaPa: Presleigh, Aubree, Blair, Knox and Dalton. He is also survived by his mother, Sally Mary Hayes, nine siblings: Jean Paulk (Donald), John Hayes, Jr. (Mai), James Hayes (Diana), Jerry Hayes (Darlene), Jackie Haggblom (George), Janice Toner (Tom), Joseph Hayes (Tina), Janet Corcoran (Chris), and Jeff Hayes and three sisters-in-law: Bonnie Otto (Monroe), Karen Matthews (Craig) and Amy Newby and lots of nieces and nephews. Pedy was a devoted family man, who loved spending time with his wife, his children and their spouses. He enjoyed watching football and NASCAR racing, working in his garden; but most of all he loved playing with his grandchildren. He will be extremely missed by his family.

Julian, as he was known by his colleagues, loved his country for which he served in the United States Air Force and Air National Guard. He was a dedicated employee for the U.S. Postal Service for 28 years and for Southern States Cooperative for 10 years. The family received friends on Sunday, January 23, 2022 at Marks-Bristow Funeral Home in Tappahannock, VA, where the chapel service was also held. Interment followed at Shepherds United Methodist Church in St. Stephens Church.



WALSH

Patricia Engel Walsh, 65, of Aylett, Virginia passed away on Saturday, January 29, 2022. Patty graduated from Galway Central High School in 1974 in Galway, New York. She

was a devoted and loving mother. Patty and her husband Ralph moved to Manquin, Virginia with their three youngest children in 1985. Ralph and Patty started their own construction and remodeling business where they helped make other people’s dreams come true for 20+ years. She was not afraid of getting her hands dirty. Patty worked right alongside her husband building and remodeling homes, and every now and then an airplane hanger. Patty loved the color red and all major holidays, especially Christmas. When she was not working or taking care of her children, you could find her outside planting and tending to her flowers. She will be missed by so many people.

Patty is preceded in death by her husband Ralph Walsh, her son Bobby Carden, and her beloved parents William and Margaret Engel. She is survived by her children, Cressandra Layne (Tony), Eddie Walsh (Karen), Amanda Johnson, Lisa Gallo, Debbie Delgado, and Ralphie Walsh Jr.; a brother Johnny Osuch; and a sister, Charlene Schwab. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, and 5 nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Friday, February 4, 2022 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Mechanicsville Chapel of the Bennett Funeral Home, 8014 Lee-Davis Rd. Funeral services with burial beside her beloved Ralph will be held in Amsterdam, N.Y.



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Obituaries, continued

JOHNSON

Peggy Sue Smith Johnson, 64, of Aylett, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, January 25, 2022

She was a maintenance person for the Hanover County School System.

As a young girl she was a member of Rock Springs Baptist Church and later in life she supported the Christian Fellowship. She loved to cook and help other in the community.

She is survived by her husband, Nathaniel Johnson, sons, Tyrie Rondel Smith, Nathaniel Junior Smith and her mother, Joyce Elizabeth Smith.

She is also survived by five grandchildren, two brothers, Calvin Smith, David Smith, two sisters, Denise Elizabeth Smith and Shirlene Smith.

She is preceded in death by her father, James Robert Smith, brother James Robert Smith, Jr. and two sisters, Rose Marie Smith and Sandy Smith Hill.

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 4, 2022 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the B. W. White Funeral Home, Aylett. Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 5, 2022 at the funeral home.



Va. 23106.

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

SHELTON

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

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. 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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KING WILLIAM COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022 7:00 P.M.



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King William County officials will host a public meeting on Thursday, March 10th at 7:00 p.m.

The public meeting will present a draft version of the King William County Comprehensive Plan.

King William County officials and the County Planning Commission started updating the long-range Comprehensive Plan for the County in January 2021. The updated Plan, branded Blueprint 2041, provides guidance for public investment and facilities, as well as valuable information, trends, and recommended policies and direction for making informed public decisions and managing future growth and land development. The Plan considers existing conditions, challenges, and future needs for the County over the next 20 years and looks at diverse topics including economic development, utilities, public safety, education, environment, historic properties, recreation, transportation, housing, and land use. At the public meeting, our planning consultant, Hill Studio, will go over the plan content and welcome citizen input.

The Blueprint 2041 King William Comprehensive Plan Survey remains open for public comments and can be accessed on the County website.

Copies of the Draft Blueprint 2014 King William County Comprehensive Plan can also be found on the County website or viewed in the Planning Department or the King William County and West Point Public Libraries.



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Ambulance, continued from front page

Three of those ambulances are at Station 1 in Aylett. Fire Chief, Stacy Reaves, says the ambulance has many new features such as new directional safety lighting for safety on roadway incidents and parking on the street during incidents, a command center to control light, climate, and safety items from the cab and/or the patient compartment, an improved patient restraint system, new seat belt safety system for all occupants in the cab and patient compartment, a head strike point safety system to absorb energy to decrease injuries to providers during a crash. It also has extra sound protection from outside noise to make the ride quieter so the crew can communicate with the patient better and it has a new body mounting system to stabilize the ride and provide for safer handling while driving.

Reaves said the new ambulance will be stocked with the most modern medical equipment available to King William County Fire and EMS. This will ensure the highest quality of care and will improve patient outcomes. Officials in the county work hand in hand with the Fire and EMS Department to provide the best possible care for the citizens of our community during our time of need and we are indeed fortunate to have this "state of the art" equipment.



BACK IN THE DAY....In 1980 Rev John Penny of the KW Fire and Rescue (far right) receives a donation from (r to l) KWHS FFA President Marvin Lumpkin, FFA member Douglas Johnson and KWHS shop teacher H. L. Mays.



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Commissioner of Revenue Karena Funkhouser, continued



Jessica McLane – “If we can’t come together for anything else, let’s come together for our children.”

McLane introduced herself to the group as a mother and conservative and expressed concerns that we are not doing enough for our school system. Sharing her disappointment that School Board candidates for most districts in the county have run unopposed for nineteen years, McLane said she intends to run for the fifth district seat in 2023.

Following introductions, Funkhouser took the floor to discuss tax matters, and what Land Use looks like in King William. Funkhouser took office February 8th of 2021, the day after County Administrator Bobbie Tassinari resigned

and three days before the Board of Supervisors voted to toss the county real estate assessment, reverting property values to their 2015 values. Funkhouser explained that the county Real Estate ratio is 67%, the lowest in the state due to property values being seven years old. The Real Estate Ratio is the sum of assessed property values divided by the actual sale values of properties.

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Va. goat numbers increase alongside growing demand

BLACKSBURG—Goat meat and other goat-derived products are growing in popularity in the U.S., and as the market emerges, Virginia farmers have positioned themselves to help meet that demand.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service sheep and goat inventory report, Virginia's goat supply increased by 3% despite national inventory decreasing by 1%.

Virginia-raised dairy, meat and other goats were estimated at 46,200 head as of Jan. 1, up from 44,800 head at the start of 2021. The year-over-year inventory increase was the first since 2020.

"The increase in goats is consistent with what we've seen over the last several years," said Dr. Scott Greiner, a Virginia Tech professor and Virginia Cooperative Extension beef and sheep specialist.

"Goats are in high demand for the ethnic market, and based on Virginia's location and close proximity to large metropolitan areas, prices have been excellent," he added. "I think [the data] we're seeing is the result of that."

In addition to their growing market presence, Greiner noted goats thrive in Virginia's climate and excel in small farm settings, and both factors have contributed to their popularity among farmers.

Montgomery County farmer Chuck

Shorter has raised meat goats for over 40 years and agreed that market prices have been among the best he's ever seen.

Shorter, who also raised sheep until the late '90s, noted goats also are attractive to farmers because they typically have less trouble with parasites and predators than sheep.

"In one of the last years I raised sheep, coyotes killed 50 lambs, and you can't afford that," said Shorter, who also serves on the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Livestock Advisory Committee. "Of course, farmers have made lots of progress and USDA's Wildlife Services has been a tremendous help with predators across the board, but we've still got work to do with parasite control in sheep."

The NASS report also indicated Virginia's sheep and lamb inventory was at 72,000 head, an 8% decrease from 2021.

Augusta County sheep farmer Leo Tammi suggested the decrease reflects national trends, but said it can be difficult to get an accurate inventory as farmers regularly enter and exit the industry.

Despite the news of the decrease, which offset a 7% increase in 2021, Tammi was encouraged about the future of sheep farming in Virginia.

"I think current prices will strengthen the sheep industry in the near future, and that's something to look forward to," he said.

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Because the county must tax public service corporations based on the Real Estate ratio, and state educational funds are distributed based on the ratio as well, the low ratio has cost the county hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The issue will not be resolved until the ratio is recalculated following the current property reassessment. The low ratio also contributes to King William having a higher Real Estate tax rate of .89/\$100 which misrepresents the taxes residents actually pay as they are paying on the older and on average much lower values. With a more accurate property assessment, the tax rate would likely fall somewhere more in the ballpark of .58-.65/\$100.

As local TEA Party members are typically known to be in opposition of Land Use programs, Funkhouser was

questioned on the statistics and impacts of Land Use on local tax revenues. King William consists of 11,601 parcels totaling 175,322 acres. Of those, 848 parcels with a combined total acreage of 89,237 are currently in Land Use. 22,703 acres of that land is also in Conservation easements. Resident Zachary Coyne asked Funkhouser what the difference would be in tax revenue if King William did not participate in Land Use. Funkhouser is unable to determine the value currently but expects to be able to at a later date. Following the current reassessment, county leadership intends to create an in-house assessor's office which will allow property values to be updated in a timelier fashion, a decision the TEA Party founder said he supports.

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King and Queen Elementary School



left to right, third grader Bailey High, fourth grader Gemma Holland, fifth grader Laylani Forbes, and sixth grader Khianna Holmes.

King and Queen Elementary School is proud to recognize the students who earned the highest Lexile gains in Achieve 3000 for 3rd-6th grades. These students demonstrated the highest reading growth for their grade level during the month of January. From left to right, third grader Bailey High, fourth grader Gemma Holland, fifth grader Laylani Forbes, and sixth grader Khianna Holmes.

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Adia Woods and Gloria Custalow

Adia Woods, A student at Central high school in King and Queen county recently completed her course in Cosmetology at Hair Fashions Salon and Beauty academy, located in Aylett. Adia participated in Central's Technology Program offered at the school. Adia will complete her state board exam on Monday, Feb. 14th.

Good luck and Congratulations Adia!

If you are interested in a career in Cosmetology contact Gloria at Hair Fashions Beauty Academy.

Growth Assessments at King and Queen Elementary

The 2021-2022 school year is bringing new opportunities to see what strengths and what areas for growth are needed in math and reading using the new Virginia Growth Assessments (VGA). Bills HB2027 and SB1357 were passed in the spring of 2021 offering the opportunity for districts around the state to show growth in both reading and math. This year, students in grades 3-8 will take these assessments in the fall and conclude with the yearly Standards of Learning Assessments in tested subjects in the spring. These assessments will be used in the state's accreditation process to determine growth within the district and accreditation. King and Queen Elementary has been preparing the students for this new assessment by giving them hands-on practice with the software

and teaching them about the computer adaptive test situation. The online computer adaptive tests will be about half as long as the spring SOL tests but will still adjust the questions based on your child's answers and will measure content knowledge from the Standards of Learning. This assessment will be provided to all students throughout the division in an in-person setting. Students will receive a numbered score for the fall assessment. There are no "passing" or "failing" outcomes for the VGA. The results will help school staff plan for the needs of the students. The testing window is from September 13-24 within the school building. Please contact the King and Queen Elementary School Testing Coordinator with any questions.

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Lawson Marriott Elementary School



Lawson-Marriott Elementary School is proud to recognize the students who earned the highest Lexile gains for each grade level during the month of January in Achieve 3000, a program used to support and track reading growth. From left to right, fourth grader Ashlynn Carlton, fifth grader Johnae Brown, and sixth grader Maleah Hill. Third grade representative Tristan Johnson was not present for the photograph.

The following students have been recognized for making the honor roll for the second quarter at Lawson Marriott Elementary School: Lilly Jones, Brody Anderson, Kamora Hill, Maleah Hill, Howard, Prentis Harvey, Roryanna Fogg, Avarie Mundy, Given Johnson, Logan Haston, Jonathan Dix, Carol Merales, Kainen Johnson, Jassiah Washington, Dixie Brandon, Dawayne Friday, Dusty Hixenbaugh, Carson Shifflett, Demonte Washington, Willow Bass, Londyn Draper, Clara Gibbs, Amelia Gibson, Joyce Hudson, Michael Klontzaris, Melody Randall, Zamaya Jones, Case Mundy, Jesus Ceballos-Garibay, Kaydence Hill, Landon Hill, Kamora Stubbs, Kelani Viloria, Ava Waller, Andrew Bowers, Brody Jones, Isabella Monroe, Jessie Walton, Emme Brimmer, Mckenzie Lane, Johnae Brown, Jillian Smith, Zoe Woods, Shania Morris, Jaylen Anderson, Kamora Hill, Maleah Hill, Leah LaRochelle, and Jaeden Weeden.

The following students have been recognized for making the Principal's List, earning all A's for the second quarter at Lawson Marriott Elementary School: Tennille Dabney, Damien Dean, Jaymee Walton, Ethan Woods, Layla Finney, Gwyneth Breunig, Maci Klontzaris, Ky'Mani Robinson, Kamera Hill, Jameke Foster, Allie Jones, Lauren Howard, Amaya Jones, Makayla Draper, and Daveah Moses.

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Notice of Intended Disposition

Notice is here given in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 43 CFR §10.6(c), of the intent to transfer custody of Native American human remains in the control of the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, George Washington Birthplace National Historic Site.

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.

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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

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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.

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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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West Point Branch Library

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

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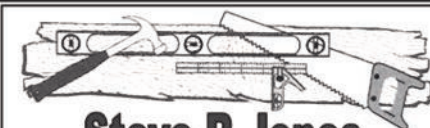
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