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End of an Era



Bruington resident Michael Martin holding a Country Courier at the Post Office.

It is the end of an era. In mid-March of 2022 the general delivery service for the Bruington, Virginia post office has come to an end. It was possibly one of the few remaining general delivery services in the country, still functioning as it did decades earlier. It is unique because it harkens back to a time when patrons were known by their names and mail was hand delivered to each addressee over the counter.

So often, we may feel more like a number than an individual person, but general delivery came from the not so distant past when people felt like individuals. They were known by their names and greeted upon arrival with their mail, a smile, and conversation. It was the sort of human interaction that we inwardly yearn for in a world that is increasingly digital. It was one of the more quaint but admirable attributes that many rural post offices throughout the country shared with one another.

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St. Stephens Church Mail Carriers Retire After Over Four Decades of Service



Arlene Fortune getting ready to head out from St. Stephens Church Post Office for one of her last days as a Mail Carrier.

By Amanda Walker

Arlene Fortune and Marion Candia are both retiring from the St. Stephens Post Office this month after delivering mail for over forty years each. Candia was delivering mail one day in 1980 when she saw Fortune driving her then two-year-old daughter around her yard on her lawnmower.



Marion Candia at her retirement party thrown by Reitha O'Neal, Thelma Wilson, and Alfred Candia (Photo contributed by Marion)

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Play Ball



Hey guys, ready to play some ball?



Pitcher Molly Vincent tags the runner at home plate as mom and sis look on from the stands



Slugger AJ Wimmer swinging for the fences

By Gene Campbell- It was a beautiful evening Friday, March 25th as moms, dads, kids, friends, and family members began arriving for the Opening Day festivities of the King William Little League at the King William Recreation Park.

I can remember in recent years opening day activities being postponed or canceled due to weather...and Covid.

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Congratulations

Jackson Davis, son of Mike and Beth Davis from Richmond VA and grandson of Ray and Catherine Muire of Manquin, VA is a burgeoning sophomore at Virginia Tech and a member of The Corp of Cadets.

Jackson Davis received top honors recently and was recognized on The Deans' List & The Commandants List for Academic Excellence.

Jackson was also selected to the United States Air Force ROTC program as he continues his studies at Virginia Tech focusing on a career in Military Intelligence in The Air Force. Congratulations and God Speed Jackson Davis!



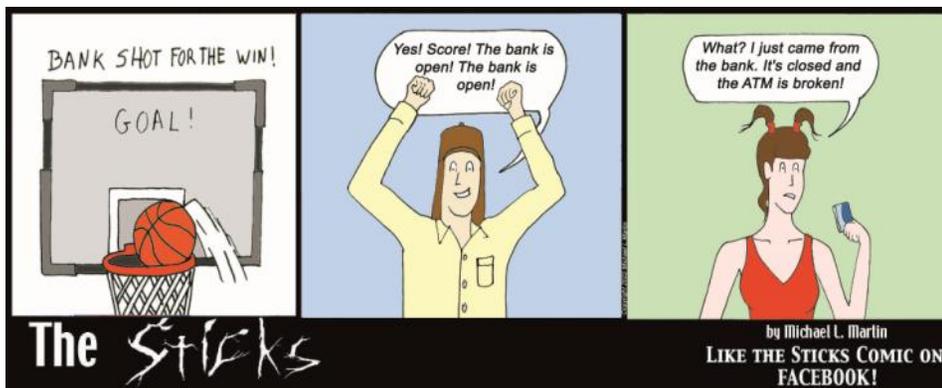
Publisher's Message



When we watch the news it seems everything we see and hear is bad. High gas prices and COVID are still a serious concern, and there are horrific things happening in Ukraine. Even with all this going on there are still good people, doing good things. These people are all around us. We can see the results of their efforts every day. Neighbors helping neighbors when needed, fire and rescue personnel giving of their time and resources when an emergency arises. The local sheriff's department working to keep us safe at all hours of the day and night. Yes, these are times that will demand more of our ability to press on. Let's not forget the ones who are working to make things better, after all, we are all in this together. Look for the good in every day.

Take care until next time.

Hanny Clark



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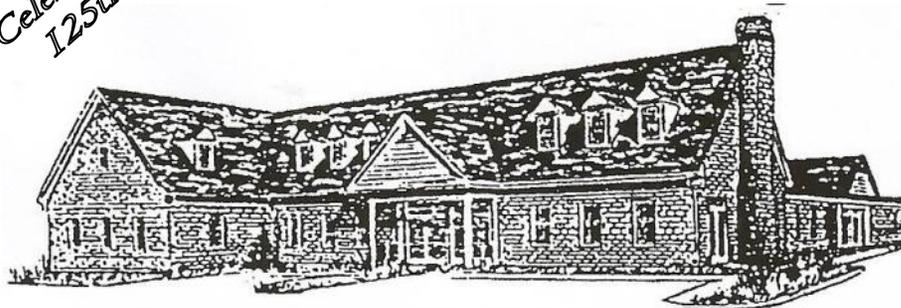
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Safety First

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

Dealing with animals always has an element of risk that we need to be aware of. When we were growing up, I hardly ever thought about safety. We would go visit my cousins who had a big farm and a bunch of animals. We would jump on the horses bareback and down through the woods we would ride hanging on to their mane until we fell off or got knocked off by a low hanging limb. Sometimes there would be 2 or 3 of us on one horse holding on to each other and the front one hanging on to the mane. We would be laughing and hollering and having a fun time until the horse got tired and dumped us off.

I remember that they had a billy goat that would get out sometimes. Once when he got out, my sister started hollering for my uncle that the goat was out. Well that old billy goat didn't like all that noise and started chasing us. We took off towards the house running and yelling. Their farmhouse had a big front porch. When we came around the corner, I jumped up on the porch to safety. My sister and cousin ran on by and up the front steps with that goat in hot pursuit. They headed inside and slammed



the screen door behind them thinking they were safe. That goat never slowed down. He went right up the steps and through the screen door and into the house after them.

Finally my Dad and Uncle caught the goat and got the screen off his horns and put him back in the pen outside. It took about an hour to clean and straighten the house up from everything that the goat tore up. The ride home that day was not much fun, but we still laugh about it today. Nowadays, I still like to have fun but I think about safety first. I guess that comes with age. Pip is pretty forgiving of me. If I do get caught up in the moment and mess up, she usually won't hold it against me or at least not for too long.

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

Congratulations to Retiring St. Stephens Church P.O. Mail Carriers



We would like to congratulate our mail carriers on their retirement and thank them for their many years of service.

- Marion Candia- 45 years
- Arlene Fortune- 42 years
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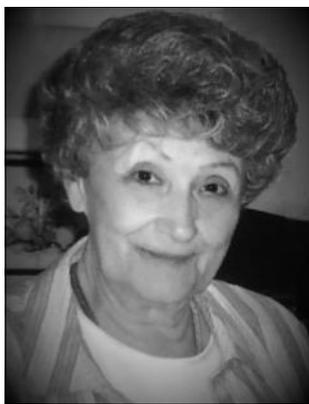


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Obituaries



STRONG The Coulter family would like to give a "special thanks" to Hospice of Virginia's Terri, Brittany and Dita for all the care, support and help which made it possible for us to keep Mom home, where she belonged. "My blessed A-Team", thank you so much, from the bottom of our hearts! Mom, Nana, Bonnie, you are so very much loved and cherished....'til we are together again someday... "Love you Sweetie Pie!" Tributes may be posted at www.vincentfh.com.

loved ones on Wednesday, March 16, 2022. She was an absolute precious, loving soul! A devoted daughter to her parents who preceded her in passing, Mike and Bess Hayes of Oxford, AL; a loving sister to Betty Sawyer of AL, who also preceded her; but most importantly she was the most wonderful, loving, devoted mother and friend that her children, family and loved ones could have ever been blessed with. She is "lovingly honored" by her children, Christopher Strong, Sandra Nixon, Teri and Chuck Coulter; seven grandkids, Brandy Tufford, Cory Strong, Jessica West, Jeremy Nixon, Sierra Nixon, Mindee Reed and last, but not least, Zachary Coulter (whom she was inseparably close to); five great-grandchildren; and her really close friends, whom she always considered family.



Millie, she was a proud Native American Indian member of the Eastern Chickahominy Tribe. She loved to crochet, bake, decorate cakes, and play Rummy at which she was very good, almost always winning. She loved to laugh and tease especially with her children and grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, 2 brothers and a sister. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Calvin Danny Custalow, Sr., her 4 children Angela Pitts (Burton), Diane Penley, Teresa Custalow-Hobbs (Brett), C. Danny Custalow, Jr. (Melissa), sister Anita May Roadcap, brother Marvin Bradby (Betty), 8 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, beloved friend Diane Carter (Michael), and many others. Visitation will be Monday, March 21, 6-8 PM at B.W. White Funeral Home on Rte 360 in Aylett, VA. The funeral will be held at the same location on Tuesday, March 22 at 1:00 PM, and followed by a brief graveside service on the Mattaponi Indian Reservation, of which her husband is a member. In lieu of flowers, donation can be made to the Chickahominy Indians Eastern Division at CIED.ORG.

JONES

JOHN FRANCIS JONES, Age 97, Died March 21st at Canterbury. The son of Samuel and Mary deSourdie Jones was born in Toronto, Canada, but raised in Pennsylvania. A graduate of Pennsylvania State University, he was employed by the Virginia State Department of Agriculture until he retired in 1983. He was wounded

twice in the European Theater of World War II, the first time on D-Day and the second time in the Hurtgen Forrest where he lost a leg. He received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star and other medals. In 1945 he met Caroline Gwathmey of Walter Reed Hospital and they were married for 62 years. He is survived by his daughter Bette Jones Albert, son Alfred Gwathmey and Savior, Jones of Canterbury, grandsons John Lee March 16, Albert and wife Stacy of Colorado Springs, CO and Temple Ferguson Albert and wife Jennifer of Alexandria, great grandchildren Brianna, John Temple, Jane, Peter and Andrew Albert, and brother Edward and wife Gloria of Leesburg, FL and numerous nieces and nephews. Mr. Jones was an active member of his community at Walkerton. He served as secretary of the Walkerton Fire Department for approximately fifty years, as treasurer of the King & Queen Historical Society for twenty-eight years, as weather recorder for the Walkerton Community from 1970 to 2005, as a member of the Planning Commission of the county and a member for the Electoral Board. He was a member of the King & Queen County Ruritan Club, the King & Queen County Museum Council and the Heart of Virginia Council of Scouts where he received the Beaver Award. He was a member of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church and a fourth degree Knight of Columbus.

The family would like to thank the caregivers who have taken good care of him, especially Diane Martin for her many years of faithful service. The family will receive friends at Canterbury, April 1st from 4 to 6 pm, and funeral services will be at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church April 2nd, 11:00 am, with internment following in the cemetery at Canterbury. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, 207 W. Euclid Blvd., West Point, VA 23181 or Walkerton Community Fire Association, Post Office box 85, Walkerton, VA 23177.

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GROGGIN thirty-eight years, then divorced. He is Edmund survived by his wife, Linda (Lynn) Pendleton Stewart. He is also survived by his (Penn) daughters, Crystal L. Solomon (Tony), Goggin III Christina L. Goggin (Matt Stafford), March 13, grandchildren Anya Stafford, Bentley 2022 Shane Joshua Shane, Kristin Blair, and Penn was Tyler Franklin Cheely. He was preceded born on in death by his Stepdaughter, Lori Kay. March 23, He is also survived by his son-in-law 1940 and Donny Kay (Rhonda) of Oregon and step grew up in grand-children Kent Stewart, Jake Lakeside, Stewart, Sean Stewart, and Chrislyn Kay plus three precious great grandchildren.

VA. He was just shy of 82 when he passed away peacefully to the golden streets. He was currently living in Aylett, VA. He attended Hermitage High School and was in the class of '58. He served in the U.S. Navy for 10 years. He retired from the Henrico County Sheriff's Office in 1998 as a Sergeant.

Penn's greatest love was riding his motorcycle for forty-four years. He often spoke of how he rode to all forty-nine states and across Canada. He said he tried to ride it to Hawaii, but his engine flooded out ten yards off the coast of San Diego. *(He always had a good story.)*

Penn was the co-owner of the Virginia Rocket Center in the early 70's and owner of "Penn's Ammo Outlet" in the 80's and 90's. He was President of Ratcliff Elementary PTA in 1980, a Second VP of the FOP #4 for several years and a Life Member of the Harley Davidson's Owner Group. He was instrumental in organizing the "Teddy Bear Motorcycle Ride", which supplied Emergency crews with Teddy Bears/stuffed animals for children in trauma. He was the Past Governor and Jr. Governor of the King William Loyal Order of the Moose, 2634, and obtained the degree of Fellowship, he was also a member of the American Legion 0347. For several years he played "Santa" for many local organizations.

Penn was married to Linda Eggleston for

Penn said, "if I had known that I was going to live this long, I'd have taken better care of myself." "But boy, it has been a great ride." He also said, "You don't die from laughing, you die when you stop laughing". Penn and his family have asked in lieu of flowers make a donation to Moose Charities in Mooseheart, IL, and help a child. He asked that you don't forget to respect and support your Military and your emergency first responders, they are there for you! He'll see you on the other side, 'til then, "Keep the Rubber Side Down."

The family will receive friends 10 to 11 a.m. Monday, March 21, 2022, at the Atlee Chapel, Woody Funeral Home, 9271 Shady Grove Rd., Mechanicsville, where a funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. Interment at 2 p.m. at Virginia Veterans Cemetery - Amelia, 10300 Pridesville Rd., Amelia, Va. Online condolences at www.woodyfuneralhomeatlee.com.

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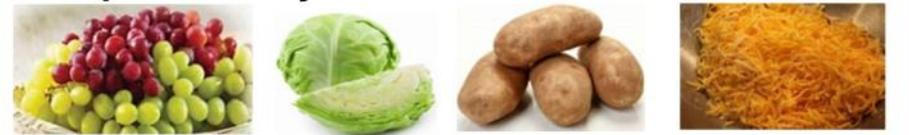
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TOWNSEND, and the Virginia Auctioneers Association, William Guy, and a member of the Virginia Agribusiness Council.

86, passed away March 23, 2022. He was a lifelong resident of King William County. The son of Guy O. and Sally Townsend, he graduated from Augusta Military Academy and then North Carolina State University with a degree in Animal Industry. He spent eight years as an Army Intelligence Reserve officer, discharged as Captain. While dairy farming, he opened a real estate/auction business and joined Ownby Auction and Realty as a sales manager. Active in civic community organizations, he was a founding member of the King William Rescue Squad, served on the King William Zoning Board and Planning Commission as well as President of the King William Ruritan Club, Forestry Club, Red Cross and The Hundred Bushel Corn Club. For 15 years, he was a member of the Bank of Essex Board of Directors. At the state level, he was President of the Friends of Agriculture

In later years, he wanted to return to the soil and ran Prestley Farm Nursery for 15 years, known for irises and daylilies. He and Emilie loved to travel, always looking for another adventure and making new friends. As long as he was able, fishing and hunting were top priorities. His book, *One Man's Footsteps*, a collection of essays about his life, was a visit with "the story teller."

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Emilie Laney Townsend; and a son, Guy Langdon Townsend; two sisters, Betty Rose Townsend Sexton (Tim) and Sally Townsend Hart; and a niece and nephews. A daughter, Jayne Yates Townsend, predeceased him. Known for his friendly, generous spirit and humor, he will be missed.

Graveside services will be held at McKendree Methodist Church, April 2, at 2 p.m. followed by a reception. Memorials may be made to Aylett Country Day School, P.O. Box 70, Millers Tavern, Va. 23115 or McKendree Methodist Church, P.O. Box 254, Manquin, Va. 23106. Tributes may be posted at www.vincentfh.com.

and the Virginia Auctioneers Association, William Guy, and a member of the Virginia Agribusiness Council.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Disregard for the posted 35 MPH speed limit

I am a resident of Walkerton, in King & Queen Co. I walk across the bridge over the Mattaponi every morning at sunrise even when the sun doesn't shine.

Of late, I have noticed a blatant disregard for the posted 35 MPH speed limit. Several people around here walk, walk with strollers, ride bikes, etc. Vehicles are turning into and coming out of Scott's Store and Kiddie Korner. We have the Mattaponi Volunteer Rescue Squad and the Walkerton Fire Department - both of which have to rely heavily on people obeying the speed limit in order to pullout in a timely manner. Need I mention all the vehicles with boats going to the ramps on either side of Walkerton Landing Road?

The 35 MPH signs are posted at least a mile before you get to Walkerton on Walkerton Landing Road and on Canterbury Road.

Please tell people to slow down BEFORE they get into Walkerton. Lives depend on it!

Signed,
Dena Henderson
Walkerton

Dear Editor,

This March, Bay Aging is celebrating a very special March for Meals honoring the 50th anniversary of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Program, the federal legislation that helps support programs like Meals on Wheels. Bay Aging's unique community make-up allows us to deliver a holistic approach to care. Not only are older adults receiving a meal, but they also see a friendly face to check up on their needs and provide much welcomed socialization. They also have the support of Bay Aging's staff to provide any other needed social, medical, or transportation supports and referrals. In fact, 99% of Bay Aging's meal recipients feel the program has improved their quality of life. Volunteers, who deliver so much more than a meal, ensure that older adults' inability to go to the grocery store doesn't mean they will go hungry.

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Who should attend? All children who will be five years old by September 30, 2022.

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- April 20 - 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- April 27 - 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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On the day of your appointment please have one adult bring your kindergarten student to Cool Spring Primary School. Please bring with you: Original Birth Certificate (Copies are not acceptable) Proof of Residency: At least one of the following must be provided: current original signed lease agreement, mortgage documentation, or deed of property.

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family attesting to the common living arrangement are required. The host family must then provide all residency documents..

At Least two: Virginia state drivers license or identification card, valid Virginia vehicle registration or vehicle title, current original water, gas or electric department invoice, state or federal tax return filed within 12 months with W-2 form(s) attached, current original tax assessment statement, current voter registration card or military ID current Virginia State Driver's License (Address on license must match address on proof of residency forms)

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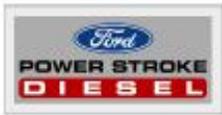


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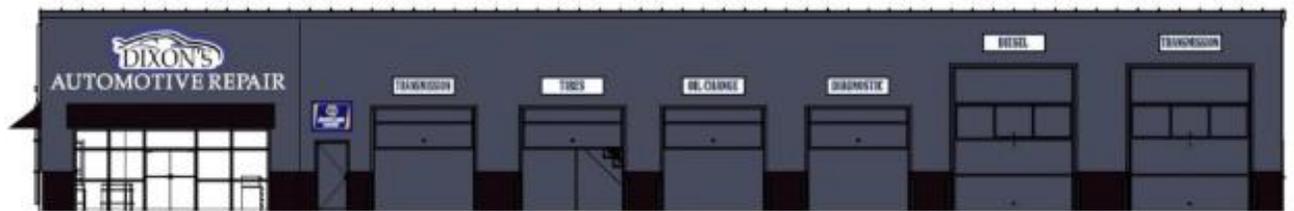
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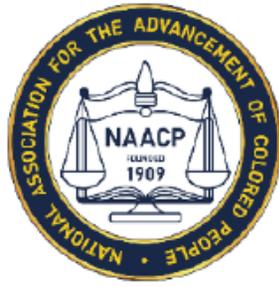
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NAACP

King William Virginia Branch

March 11, 2022

A letter from the King William Virginia Branch NAACP #7082,

The King William County Virginia Branch of the NAACP will not misallocate precious time nor resources dismantling ill-founded claims that inaccurately reflect what we stand for. We will, however, take this opportunity to invite citizens who live or work in King William to join our cause.

The branch has opened the doors to its new office located at 694 Sharon Road, Suite K, King William, VA 23086; between the library and the laundromat. Our email address is info@naacpkwva.org. Our website address is www.naacpkwva.org. Anyone can be a part of the great work our branch is involved in. Folks can join right on our website. Services the center offers are listed on our website.

The NAACP or National Association for the Advancement of Colored People www.naacp.org, was established in 1909 and is America's oldest and largest civil rights organization. It was formed in New York City by white and black activists, partially in response to the ongoing violence against African Americans around the country. The NAACP has more than 2,200 branches and some half a million members worldwide.

The local King William County Virginia Branch of the NAACP has also been established since the early 1900s. Throughout the years, the branch has worked closely with the community to perpetuate improvements in the lives of King William citizens. In the interest of brevity, some noteworthy activities are the Mt. Olive Community home improvement project and collaborations with public transportation to expand to this area in an affordable way.

Today, the NAACP is focused on such issues as inequality in jobs, education, health care, and the criminal justice system, as well as protecting voting rights.

Our mission statement is to secure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights to eliminate race-based discrimination and ensure the health and well-being of all persons. Our vision statement is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights without discrimination based on race. Each letter of the acronym NAACP in our local branch's re-branded logo depicts a shade of skin tone which represents our emphasis on inclusivity of ALL races.

Though progressive, we do not have any agenda outside of what is published on our website. We look forward to continuing to help King William wherever and whenever given the opportunity.

Vernon Holmes, Jr., MBA
King William NAACP Branch President

KWHS Air Force JROTC Attends 2022 Military Ball



JROTC Cadets pay respects for fallen soldiers.



Madison, Kaitlyn, and Ava dancing at the Ball.

By Amanda Walker
Photos By Kleo Whitehead

The King William High School AFJROTC attended the 2022 Air Force Military Ball on March 19th. The ball was held at the Mechanicsville Moose Lodge. Over 100 cadets

and their dates from Lancaster, Deep Run, Atlee, Hanover, and King William High Schools came out for an evening of dinner, dancing, and celebrating service. Due to Covid, this is the first time since 2020 the cadets have been able to take part in the annual tradition.



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End of an Era, continued from front page

Today, Bruington's mail is dispersed through the St. Stephen's Church post office, a transition that came in the mid 1990's after Bruington's physical office was formally discontinued. Originally, Bruington's post office was a cinder block structure, with a bevy of open boxes hanging on the back wall and filled with the community's mail. The postmaster would simply grab the mail and hand it to the addressee upon entering the building, but never without a smile and warm greeting.

Michael Martin, one of the few remaining residents that had been using the general delivery service, had been receiving mail this way for 41 years. He recounts memories of walking to the old Bruington Post Office with his grandmother, Elise Minter, who would often sit in the lobby and converse with Bruington's last postmaster, Joyce Wittel. "Those were good times," he says, "you could get to know all of your neighbors and develop those deep meaningful relationships that build a strong community."

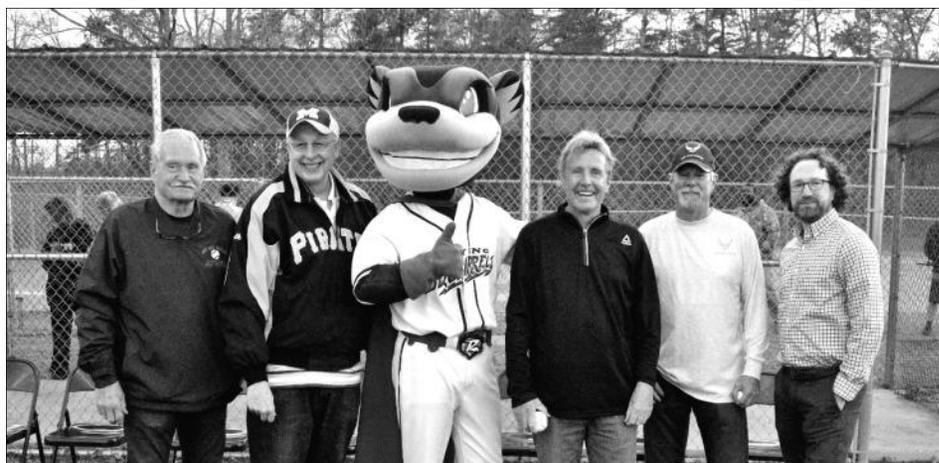
The historic Bruington community fought hard to preserve its postal identity when the postal service tried to formally discontinue the office in the mid 1990's. Citizens organized, eventually suing in Washington D.C. to preserve the identity of the Bruington community through the Bruington name and the 23023-zip code. The persistence of residents like Garnett

Palmer, Richard Gwathmey and Eileen Long many years ago have kept the community's identity alive and well.

Michael states, "I am glad that I have been able to experience receiving my mail through general delivery for all these years. It has been a part of my identity for my entire life. Sure, almost everyone I ever told my address to, would raise an eyebrow and inquire as to whether or not I was kidding, but after a quick explanation, they always got it. It represented a time when people knew you by name, and truly cared about you. It represented everything good about our society and the postal service at large. When you walk in and you are greeted warmly with a smile, somehow it makes getting the mail enjoyable, even if it is only bills and junk mail. I have gotten to meet some really amazing people over the years on the other side of that counter. They have always treated me with kindness and respect, whether it was at the original office in Bruington or the office in St. Stephens Church. I can safely say I have never felt like a number with the postal service. I have always felt like a person. I will savor the experience and fondly remember general delivery for the rest of my days."

As the sun sets on the era of the rural post office, exclusively using general delivery, we fondly remember not only the service, but the people who make the service so special.

Play Ball, continued from front page



County officials posing with Nutzy, the Flying Squirrels' mascot. (left to right) First District Supervisor Bill Hodges, County Administrator Percy Ashcraft, Nutzy, Fourth District Supervisor Stewart Garber, Fifth District Supervisor Ed Moren and Assistant County Administrator Steve Hudgins.

Not so Friday night. The Recreation Park was filled with the laughter of children as moms and dads proudly watched their children dressed in uniform march onto the ball field. Alison Fox did a wonderful job announcing each team and its members. Even Nutzy, the Richmond Flying Squirrels baseball team's mascot, was on hand entertaining the crowd.

Also, on hand to throw out the first pitch were First District Supervisor Bill Hodges, Fourth District Supervisor Stewart Garber, and Fifth District Supervisor Ed Moren. County Administrator Percy Ashcraft and Assistant

County Administrator Steve Hudgins were in attendance too. The King William High School Junior ROTC presented the colors as Robin Davis sang the National Anthem. On Saturday the games officially got underway. Many thanks to the parents, coaches, Little League volunteers, county officials, and sponsors for their continued support year after year. If you want to experience a very entertaining day and watch "kids, be kids" then do yourself a favor and go watch the games at the Recreation Park... you will have a BALL!

Retirees, continued from front page

Candia pulled into Fortune's driveway and asked her if she wanted a job, and thus began her 42-year career as a Mail Carrier in King and Queen County. Candia herself had been delivering since March of 1977.

Fortune, who was born and raised in King and Queen County, says she enjoyed getting out on the road and seeing people she has known all her life. In addition to delivering mail, Fortune used to enjoy helping elderly residents out along her route. She recalls one woman on her route from years back that preferred to keep to herself. Fortune would take care of small errands for her like picking up groceries or money orders so she would not have to leave her home, things she said mail carriers are not able to do anymore.

Reminiscing on one of her favorite memories from her time as a carrier Candia shared a story about a windy April

Fools' Day. As an April Fools' joke, she called then Postmaster Susiette Jackson and asked her to tell Fortune that because it was so windy, she needed to go back and take the mail out of the mailboxes and take it up to folks' homes instead. Candia laughed as she recalled Fortune's response, "Is Marion going to do it? Because if not, I'm not going to do it."

The biggest change in their work from when they began delivering to their retirement has been the volume. Both ladies said they used to finish their routes and be home by noon or one o'clock in the afternoon, now they do not get home until about six or seven in the evening, sometimes even later. They both look forward to relaxing and being able to take care of housework and yardwork in their retirement. "There's always something to be done," said Candia.

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Obituaries, continued



HARRIS

Deaconess Elizabeth Broaddus Harris, affectionately known as "Coonie, Pee Wee, Horsey, Boss, Lizzy, Ladybug, Baby Lizzy, and most

importantly, the Matriarch of our Family", entered her eternal rest peacefully on March 21, 2022. She was at home surrounded by her loving family. Elizabeth was born on April 27, 1927 to the late Charles Edward Broaddus, and the late Clara Bell Dungee Broaddus. She was the third child of five children. Elizabeth attended Canton School at the age of six. She loved school and only missed one day of school her entire life when she wanted to see the horse help make molasses. Elizabeth continued her education at King William Training School where she graduated in 1944 as the valedictorian of her class. She joined Zion Hill Baptist Church at an early age. Zion Hill was later renamed Trinity Baptist Church. Elizabeth was raised in the church and she raised all of her children and grandchildren in the church. She was strong in her faith and encouraged anyone she came into contact with to believe and trust in the Lord because He is willing and able to carry you through.

Elizabeth united with the late John Wylie Harris, and from that union came six children and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren. Elizabeth has always loved the sport of softball. She enjoyed playing ball with her grandkids and going to the ballpark to watch several of her grandchildren play softball. Elizabeth was very artistic and enjoyed helping her grandchildren with projects where she could add her creativity. She also enjoyed making ceramic figures, gardening, and teaching her grandchildren how to sew. Elizabeth was not a person you would often find in the kitchen, but when she cooked her famous dishes all the kids, grandkids, and sometimes church members were anxious to get to the finished product first. Her famous rice pudding was well known at Trinity Baptist Church, and when the rice pudding wasn't on the table,

there were many requests for it. May the Work I've Done Speak for Me: Prior to Elizabeth's illness, Elizabeth had a strong sense of responsibility. When no one was willing to take charge of a task, she did it and with a smile. She served as an officer and/or member, sponsor, and volunteer of various organizations. A list of her many jobs and responsibilities are as follow:

Drove the school bus for King William County Public Schools until 1998 when she retired after 34 years of service
Deaconess of Trinity Baptist Church
Honoree of the Elizabeth B. Harris Missionaries of Trinity Baptist Church
Trinity Baptist Church Youth Sponsor and served as the Youth Fellowship Chairperson for many years
Vacation Bible School volunteer and served as a teacher for the preschool and junior classes
Taught the Junior Sunday School Class for many years at Trinity Baptist Church
Served as the clerk of Trinity Baptist Church for 52 years
Missionary in the Area A-2 Women's Division
Member of the Middle King William Senior Center where she served as secretary for many years
Volunteered with the King William Training School/Hamilton-Holmes High School Alumni Association
Delivered Meals on Wheels
Active member of the NAACP for many years
Served on the May Day Committee
Served on the Broaddus Family Reunion Committee
Volunteered with the King William County Electoral Board to help promote African Americans to vote
Visited the sick and elderly to lend a helping hand and give a few encouraging words to uplift their spirits
Elizabeth was preceded in death by two brothers; William Broaddus and Thomas Broaddus, two sisters; Lucy White and Joan Broaddus, and one son-in-law; Bernard Parson. She leaves to cherish in her loving memories six children: Edward Broaddus, Sr.(Sharon) of Henrico, Va, Mervin Harris (Louise), Pamela Parson, Joan Lawson (Craig), John Harris (Marci), and William Harris (Charman) all of King William, Va; Grandchildren: Edward Broaddus, Jr., Damon Richardson (Kim), Brenda Robinson, Deidra Griffin-Harry, Ericka Johnson (Henry), Steven Broaddus (Amber), Charla Clements-Ragin (Glen), LaDawn Parson, Catrona Hill-Charity, Elrica Holmes (Jamie), Devin Harris, Craishawnda Lawson, Jonice Henley (John), Dawn Garner (Ryan), Kimberly Harris, and

Lamont Harris. Great Grandchildren: Jai Broaddus, Zen Broaddus, Jalen Richardson, Gabriel Richardson, Chakiera Logan, Morgan Harry, Jordan Harry, Darien Johnson, Aiden Johnson, Aminah Cowick, Isabella Broaddus, Eric Broaddus, Jr., Hunter Ragin, London Ragin, Jayson Nash, JaKayla Holmes, JaMorjae Holmes, Ah'Dezah Harris, Cherish King, Cherity King, Jakyre Henley, Jayla Henley, Brianna Branch, Brittney Branch, Vendre Garner, and Ryana Garner; Great-Great Grandchildren: Omari Carter and Michael Griffin, Jr.; One Sister-In-Law: Doris Harris of Pennsylvania, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends, her beloved stuffed animal she affectionately called "Monkey" or "Baby", and two special friends who always visited and came bearing gifts; Deaconess Marcella Nichols and Deacon Lionel Robinson.

The family received friends at B. W. White Funeral Home, White's Shop Chapel on Friday, March 25th from 5 to 8 p.m. The funeral services were held at Trinity Baptist Church in West Point, VA on Saturday, March 26th at 12:00 noon. Professional services were entrusted to B.W. White Funeral Home.

The family wishes to express their most sincere appreciation to everyone for all acts of kindness shown to them during the illness and passing of their loved one. May God continue to bless each of you and keep you in His care.

Animal Welfare Organizations Collaborate

to Reduce Community Cat Population in and King William & King & Queen Counties

King William, March 25, – Arlington-based Homeward Trails Animal Rescue is partnering with the Indian Rivers Humane Society and the Regional Animal Shelter for King William & King & Queen Counties to hold a joint Trap Neuter Return (TNR) event in King William, Virginia April 1-5. Volunteers with the participating organizations will transport the cats to Angels of Assisi, based in Roanoke, where they will be vaccinated and sterilized. The cats will be held and monitored before being released back to their outdoor home.

In April, Indian Rivers will be partnering with Homeward Trails to recruit and train cat and kitten foster volunteers, which are desperately needed in the coming months when most kittens are born. The dates and times will be posted on the Facebook pages of the Indian Rivers Humane Society and the Regional Animal Shelter.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Alice Burton of Homeward Trails at 703-855-9541 or email aliceb@homewardtrails.org.

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New items: 10 new Samsung 7" tablets, memory cards, smart watches, large selection of sterling silver jewelry, new pocket knives, cell phones, sound bars, speakers, lots of electronics, lots of gardening stuff. New jelly canning jars in cases to many things to list,

Used items: Large collection of costume jewelry, fishing poles, oars, lamps, linens, lots of house wares, plant stands, plants, clothes, pocketbooks, shoes, legos and too much to list.

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KING AND QUEEN COUNTY, VIRGINIA
Proposed Budget
For the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023

The County Administrator's recommended budget synopsis is prepared and published for informational and fiscal planning purposes only. The inclusion in the budget of any items does not constitute a commitment or obligation on the part of the Board of Supervisors of King and Queen County to appropriate any funds for that item or purpose. The budget has been presented on the basis of the estimates and requests submitted to the County Administrator by the officers and department heads of the County. There is no designation or allocation of any funds of King and Queen County for any purpose until there has been an appropriation for that purpose by the Board of Supervisors. The budget is for informational and fiscal planning purposes and will not be approved, adopted, or ratified by the Board of Supervisors at this public hearing.

The Board of Supervisors of King and Queen County will, on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the King and Queen County General District Courtroom located in the King and Queen County Courts and Administration Building, hold a public hearing for informational and fiscal planning purposes to consider the following proposed budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. The public hearing is held pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia, allowing the public to question and comment on the proposed budget. All citizens of the County have the right to attend and share their views thereon, subject to reasonable time limits as shall be determined by the Board of Supervisors. The draft budget document is available for review in the office of the County Administrator, 242 Allen's Circle, Suite L, King and Queen Court House, VA.

REVENUE ESTIMATES

	FY2022	FY2023
General Property Taxes	\$7,514,385	\$8,992,876
Other Local Taxes	\$ 714,561	\$768,000
Permits, Fees and Licenses	\$ 68,020	\$94,275
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 192,000	\$207,000
Use of Money and Property	\$ 445,890	\$347,890
Charges for Services	\$2,707,800	\$2,759,800
Miscellaneous	\$ 103,000	\$100,000
Recovered Costs	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Intergovernmental (State and Federal)	\$2,388,914	\$2,514,488
Use of Fund Balance	\$ 657,913	\$130,039
SUBTOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$14,792,483	\$15,917,368
County Capital Projects Fund	\$9,728,948	\$7,260,000
Social Services Fund	\$1,822,072	\$1,936,522
Comprehensive Services Act Fund	\$750,000	\$750,000
CSA Administrative Fund	\$16,378	\$16,378
School Fund	\$11,913,616	\$13,030,128
School Cafeteria Fund	\$377,632	\$400,043
School Capital Projects Fund	\$ 1,100,000	\$1,100,000
Court Security Fund	\$65,208	\$71,000
Landfill Contingency Fund	\$150,000	\$165,000
E-Summons Fund	\$15,000	\$15,000
Less Interfund Transfer	(\$5,129,725)	(\$5,215,655)
SUBTOTAL OTHER FUNDS	\$20,659,130	\$19,528,416
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$35,601,612	\$35,445,784

EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES

	FY2022	FY2023
General Government Administration	\$1,786,152	\$1,814,700
Judicial Administration	\$635,656	\$676,765
Public Safety	\$5,409,302	\$6,193,208
Public Works	\$843,572	\$1,004,742
Health & Welfare	\$151,253	\$171,645
Education (Community College)	\$6,420	\$6,420
Parks, Recreation & Cultural	\$192,835	\$222,835
Community Development	\$362,566	\$367,950
Transfer to Social Services	\$487,400	\$508,330
Transfer to CSA Fund	\$240,000	\$240,000
Transfer to CSA Administration Fund	\$5,149	\$5,149
Transfer to School Fund	\$4,297,176	\$4,297,176
Transfer to School Capital Projects Fund	\$100,000	\$ 0
Transfer to Landfill Contingency	\$150,000	\$165,000
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Authorized by Thomas J. Swartzwelder, County Administrator

Mattaponi Women Vote on Tribal Matters for the First Time in Over a Century

By Amanda Walker
 Photos Contributed by Ginger Ragan



Danyale Johnson casts the first in-person vote.

Following months of protests and the resulting court dates, a group of Mattaponi tribal members held an election on Saturday, March 26th for chief and tribal council positions, as well as the adoption of a Constitution and By-laws. The "Spirit Crow" group was organized in 2021, with a goal of transparent tribal government that grants equal voting rights to all tribal citizens. According to the group, the current Virginia state recognized leadership is self-appointed and has not stood for election before tribal members.

For over a century, Mattaponi women have not had the right to vote on tribal matters despite the tribe historically having women chiefs, and the 1677 treaty governing Virginia's relationship with the tribe bearing the signature of Chief Cockacoeske. Current tribal leadership under Chief Mark "Falling Star" Custalow has indicated changes would be made to allow women to vote and has now proposed a new Constitution. Dissatisfied with the proposed Constitution, the Spirit Crow group has expressed that it leaves too many avenues open for tribal council to choose their voters, limit fair and equal voting rights, and discriminate in membership enrollment.

Cameron Quinn served as the Chief Election Official for the election held at Hamilton Holmes Middle School. Quinn has previously held the positions of Fairfax County Registrar and the head of the Virginia Board of Elections. She currently serves as an election security advisor. Sue Dietrich and Joan Bishop served under Quinn as Election Officers.

Of the one hundred people that have enrolled in tribal membership with the Spirit Crow

group, sixty-four qualified to vote in time for the election. A total of forty-one members voted with two voting by mail, thirteen voting in person, and twenty-six voting online. Mail-in and in-person votes were certified by the election officers, while online votes were certified by a third party and sent to the election officers prior to opening the polls. The certified results state Lionel "Wise Spirit" Custalow was elected as Chief, Gloria "Moonlight" Custalow was elected as Assistant Chief, and Travis "Wind Walker" Custalow, Tracy "Rose Eagle" Custalow, Sandra "Skywater" Custalow, Dennis "Red Hawk" Custalow, Connie "Crow Woman" Jackowski-Custalow, Jody "Bear" Custalow, Raven "Brightwater" Custalow, Steven "Two-Warriors" Custalow, and Shane "Standing Bear" Custalow were elected as members of the Council. All forty-one voters voted to approve the proposed Constitution and By-laws.

Chief Mark Custalow did not respond for comment. Supporters of Chief Mark Custalow and Council have indicated on social media they do not recognize the actions of the Spirit Crow group as legitimate.

KING AND QUEEN COUNTY, VIRGINIA
NOTICE OF PROPOSED LOCAL TAX RATES

Pursuant to Section 58.1-3007 of the Code of Virginia, the Board of Supervisors of King and Queen County will, on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the King and Queen County General District Courtroom located in the King and Queen County Courts and Administration Building, hold a public hearing to consider the following proposed local tax rates for the calendar year 2022. All citizens of the County have the right to attend the hearing and share their views about the proposed tax rates subject to reasonable time limits as determined by the Board of Supervisors.

KING AND QUEEN COUNTY CALENDAR YEAR 2022
TAX CLASSIFICATIONS AND PROPOSED RATES

Per \$100 of Assessed Value

Real Estate:	\$0.55 (.02 Increase)
Aircraft:	\$1.58 (No Increase)
Personal Property:	\$3.94 (No Increase)
Machinery and Tools:	\$1.10 (No Increase)
Merchant's Capital:	\$0.65 (No Increase)
Manufactured Homes:	\$0.55 (.02 Increase)
Farm Machinery & Livestock:	\$1.10 (No Increase)
Public Service Corporations:	\$0.55 (.02 Increase)

The PPTRA rate for calendar year 2022 is set at 35.5% that will be applied as a credit for qualifying vehicles.

Authorized by Thomas J. Swartzwelder, County Administrator

What You Didn't Know About the King William County Courthouse



The courthouse in the 1920s. My grandfather (Dr. Hawes Campbell) 1926 Model T Doctors Coupe in the foreground with the Puller Tavern in the background.

By Gene Campbell

We all know that our courthouse is the oldest courthouse in continuous use in the United States but I will bet you didn't know some other interesting facts about the courthouse. King William County became the 24th county in existence in Virginia on April 11th, 1702. The 320th anniversary of the founding of the county is a little over two weeks away. The county is named for the English Monarch King William III who died from a fall off a horse just 23 days before the establishment of the county. King William County was carved out of the Pamunkey Neck section of New Kent County. In those days as counties were established and settlers moved westward there was a need to have a "courthouse" to conduct business such as recording land transactions, collecting taxes, probating wills, settling claims, and holding elections. A simple dwelling or private house was used for a courthouse back then and

records show Henry Fox and Richard Littlepage gave a two-acre tract of land to the newly formed county with a simple framed house on it. That house stood where the present courthouse is located. Some twenty-two years later records described the framed dwelling in "ruinous condition" almost assuredly from the wear and tear it experienced as a courthouse. A new courthouse was needed and sometime around 1725, the existing courthouse was built. The exact date is unknown because of the burning of the clerk's office in 1885 in which a lot of records were destroyed.

Not only was the business of the county conducted at the courthouse but elections were carried out there as well. In colonial times the only elections held were for a member of the House of Burgesses. The House of Burgesses was the elected representative element of the Virginia General Assembly, the legislative body of the colony of Virginia. Each county

was allowed to send two burgesses to the House which met in Williamsburg. Voters did not have to register to vote but in order to vote, they were required to own a modest amount of property, namely 50 acres of land or 25 acres of land with a house at least twelve feet square on it. Slaves, women, convicts, and Indians were not allowed to vote. On the day of the election voters came to the courthouse and stood before the sheriff declaring in a loud voice for everyone to hear who they supported. Each candidate had a "writer" who kept a running total of the votes and at any hour the writer would declare who was ahead. The sheriff would decide when to close the polls making sure every voter had an opportunity to vote and then declare the winner. Candidates often would have large bowls of punch at the courthouse to influence the undecided, a practice called "swilling the planters with bumbo (strong punch)". Can you imagine if that tradition was still prevalent today?

Transportation in those days was by horseback or horse and buggy and it sometimes took days to reach the courthouse, therefore a tavern or ordinary was a common sight near a courthouse. It was essential to get a good meal and stay overnight while conducting business at the courthouse. King William Courthouse had a tavern from its beginning and it is said George Washington was a regular guest while traveling to Williamsburg to attend the House of Burgesses or visiting his wife's relatives in New Kent. Over the years more than one tavern was erected in the courthouse area with the last one, the Puller Tavern, taken down around 1950. The King William Historical Society currently has an archeological team digging and uncovering artifacts in an area just east of the



King William County Courthouse as it looks today.

courthouse where the first tavern stood.

Entertainment was often offered to guests at the tavern. Cockfights and horse races were often held at or near the tavern. Classes in dancing such as the minuet were offered at the courthouse and it is said permission was given to hold fencing classes inside the courthouse.

Sometime around 1840, a brick wall was erected around the courthouse green to keep livestock out. In 1983-84 the courthouse was remodeled in an effort to restore its original 18th century appearance. I remember Gordon Maynard who lived across the river from me owned the construction company performing the work. The King William Historical Society has a museum in the old clerk's office and will soon be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 -5 pm. Take time to visit the museum.... you will not be disappointed. I would like to give credit to Alonzo Thomas Dill's book *King William County Courthouse - A Memorial to Virginia Self-Government* for a lot of this information.

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, Petersburg National Battlefield.

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by Petersburg National Battlefield officials in consultation with representatives of the Chickahominy Indian Tribe; Chickahominy Indian Tribe – Eastern Division; Catawba Indian Nation; Citizen Potawatomi Nation; and Pamunkey Indian Tribe.

In February 2007, human remains inadvertently discovered during bluff stabilization work at Petersburg National Battlefield and were recovered by a National Park Service archeologist. Park officials consulted with the Virginia Council of Indians to be advised on the proper treatment and care for the remains and their potential for reburial. In 2017, the following Indian Tribes became federally acknowledged: Chickahominy Indian Tribe; Chickahominy Indian Tribe – Eastern Division; and Pamunkey Indian Tribe.

Officials of Petersburg National Battlefield 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 the historical context, geographic location, and archeological characterization of the site. Funerary objects associated with the burial pit included dog bones.

Officials of Petersburg National Battlefield 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 cultural affiliation study of Petersburg National Battlefield 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 Lewis H. Rogers Jr., Superintendent, Petersburg National Battlefield, 1539 Hickory Hill Road, Petersburg VA, 23803 phone 804 732-3571 ext. 105 (o), email Lewis_Rogers@nps.gov, before April 9th, 2022. Disposition of the human remains to the Pamunkey Indian Tribe may proceed after that date if no additional claimants come forward.



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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, King & Queen Co. Please join us at our Bible Study on Sundays at 10a.m. with Worship Service following at 11 a.m. Face coverings recommended for those who are unvaccinated and social distancing recommendations observed. Community Clothes Cupboard open first Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon starting April 2. See the Bruington Baptist Church Facebook page for updates.

Christ Community Church:

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Kingdom of God

Living Water Ministry

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Lower King & Queen Baptist Church

204 Timber Branch Rd., Mascot, 23108 (temporarily meeting at a different location) Pastor Terry Morrison preaches straight from the Bible. Until our church is rebuilt we are holding our Sunday Services at: The Woman's Club House 208 Allen's Circle King and Queen C.H., 23085. Directions or questions, 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.

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Olivet Baptist Church Easter Services

- April 17

7:00 - Sunrise Service - 2070 Clifton Lane 8:00 - Breakfast - Church Fellowship Hall 9:00 - Sunday School for all ages 10:00 - Easter Worship Service - Specker, Eddie Heath, Director, Mid - Tidewater Baptist Association

Poroporone Baptist Church

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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

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

Rock Spring Baptist Church

on Manfield Road in Manquin, Pastor Pagie Hancock. Worship with us in person every Sunday morning for Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. and Morning Service at 10:15 a.m. Come join us for a Yard and Bake Sale with Treasures and Treats on Saturday, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm April 2nd.

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

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Third Union Baptist Church

Saturday, April 23 Banquet for Pastor, Rev. Dr. Wilbert D. Talley's 50th Anniversary at Claude G. Perkins Living and Learning Center located Va Union Uni. 6 PM. Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. James E. Victor, Jr. Ticket \$50.00, make Checks/Money Orders payable to & mail to Third Union Baptist Church, Attn: Pastors 50th Anniversary Committee, P.O. Box 74, K.W., VA 23086. Purchase ticket before April 3. Sunday, April 24th @ 10:30am via Zoom. Guest Preacher Rev. Leo Whitaker. Ref. I Thessalonians 1:3 & I Corinthians 15:58. Computer: Meeting ID: 937 282 5797 Passcode: 172021 or via phone by dialing 1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown) Meeting ID: 937 282 5797 Passcode: 172021 Questions, Email Angela Stewart @ adstewart@thirdunionbaptistchurch.com

Union Hope Baptist Church

K.W. 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

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Community Calendar

King & Queen Branch Library

In-Person Programs Outdoor

Family Storytime Thursdays, April 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30am - 11:00am

Knitting Workshop Wednesday, April 13, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Ages 18 & up.

Earth Day Nature Art Thursday, April 21, 6:00 - 7:00pm For ages 12-18. Call 804-769-1623 or visit the library at 396 Newtown Road for more information.

Upper King William Branch Library

In-Person Programs

Naturalization Trivia Tuesday, April 5, 4:30 - 5:00pm For ages 13 & up.

Genealogy 101 Tuesday, April 19, 1:00 - 2:00pm For ages 18 and up. Call 804-769-3731 or visit the library at 694-J Sharon Road for more information.

West Point Branch Library

In-Person Programs Storytime at the Park Fridays, April 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 - 11:00am

Mid Day Movie Matinee Thursday, April 14, Noon- 2:00 p.m. Ages 16 & up.

Movie Night Thursday, April 21, 5:30 - 7:45 p.m. Ages 16 & up

Game Night Tuesday, April 26, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Ages 18 & up.

Maximizing Social Security Monday, April 25, 6:00 - 7:30pm Ages 18 and up.

Take & Make: Healthy Choice Bingo Pickup starts Monday, April 4 Ages 3 & up Call 804-843-3244 or visit the library at 721 Main Street for more information.

VFW Post 9501 The VFW Post located on 7712 King William Road, Aylett, is seeking new members. The veterans meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00PM. Call VFW Commander, James Brown for information and membership application (804-337-7029). Auxiliary Membership, please call Frances Gwathmey, Senior-Vice (804-994-2947) or Carolyn Brown, President (804-769-2496).

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.

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King William Community Watch

Interested in a community watch? Call Lisa Mayville at 804-551-3267 or, email: lisamayville@atlantib.net. Any crime please call King William Sheriff Office at 804-769-0999 or kwso@kingwilliamcounty.us

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

King William T.E.A. Party

Our twice-monthly in-person meetings have resumed on the second and fourth Thursdays each month. Info at kwteaparty.com and Facebook Come for the fellowship of

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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. or email theccdc@gmail.com

Three Rivers SWCD Board of Directors' Meetings

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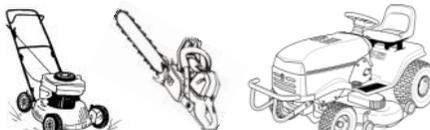
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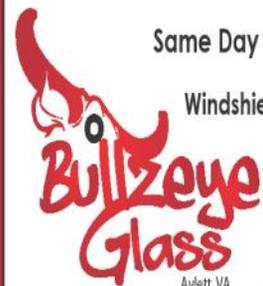
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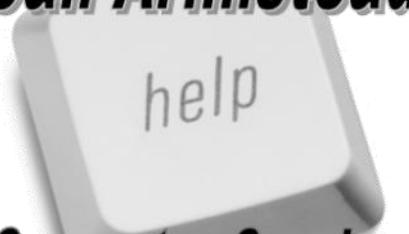
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