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## West Point Appoints New Fire Chief



Fire Chief Spencer Cheatham, Town of West Point  
Photo Courtesy Spencer Cheatham

WEST POINT- The Town of West Point is pleased to announce the May 1 appointment of its first full-time fire chief, Spencer Cheatham. He will work with leaders from both the Town and the West Point Volunteer Fire Department (WPVFD) to continue the great service the fire department has rendered over the years and to find ways to improve the safety of the community for the future. Chief Cheatham is a lifelong resident of the Town of West Point and has volunteered with the WPVFD since 1995, serving in various roles including firefighter, EMT, captain, assistant chief and fire chief. He previously served in several positions with New Kent Fire-Rescue from 2004 to 2010, including firefighter/EMT, lieutenant, interim fire chief and battalion chief. In addition to his local service, Chief Cheatham has served as a program manager and subject matter expert with the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) since 2015. In those roles, he develops national programs which help volunteer and combination departments with their recruitment, retention and leadership issues and meets with individual departments to address their specific needs. Additionally, Chief Cheatham writes grants to secure federal funding and presents at state and national conferences on leadership, recruitment and retention. Chief Cheatham holds numerous certifications in fire, EMS, rescue and emergency management and has published 15 articles in various fire service publications.

Please see **FIRE CHIEF**, continued on page 14.

## Mattaponi Meet-Up



Elected Chief Lionel "Wise Spirit" Custalow blesses the circle.



Mickie James: "It is a shame it has taken us so long to come to this moment."

By Amanda Walker

The Three Rivers Libertarian party hosted the Spirit Crow group for their Mattaponi Meet-Up at Mangohick Volunteer Fire Department on May 14<sup>th</sup>, following the 1<sup>st</sup> District Libertarian Convention. Please see **MEET UP**, continued on page 7.

## Morning Brew in Kennington and Yard Sale Event



Amber (far right) with four of her seven original vendors, (left to right) Carol – Scentsy, Stephanie – Finer Feather, Wanda – Mary Kay, and Charlotte Pampered Chef. Please see full story on page 13.

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## King William Historical Museum Features Work of KWHS Students



WWII museum panel concepts designed by Mr. Lacy's students.

By Amanda Walker

The King William Historical Museum located at 227 Horse Landing Road is featuring a temporary exhibit showcasing the work of students in Patrick Lacy's History classes at KWHS. The exhibit consists of WWII museum panel concepts designed by Lacy's students covering the American Homefront, the War in the Pacific, The Holocaust, The Mukden Incident in Japan, the conflict between Italy and Ethiopia, the Anschluss in Germany, and The War in Europe.

Students partnered up in groups of two-to-four to create the panel concepts which

were hung in a hallway at KWHS to create a mock museum. Students then visited the mock museum and took a test on the content covered in the panels. Lacy says this was a successful assignment and he is expecting to expand on it in the years to come.

The King William Historical Museum is open from March through November on most Sundays from 1-5 pm. Folks can also schedule an appointment to visit by reaching out to Rebecca Townshend at 804-338-5738 or David Brown at 804-815-1066. Make sure to stop in soon to check out the students' work!

## Publisher's Message



There are only 7 days till June 1st. The summer is here and with it all the fun of summertime activities. You may be planning a much-needed vacation or working on that special project at home. Each new day can be filled with possibilities. Get out there and enjoy this amazing thing we call life.

Take care until next time...

*Hanny Clark*



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### Hot and Humid

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"



The weather lately has been pretty hot. With the temperatures and humidity in the upper 90's, Pip and I both can just stand in the shade and sweat. I guess it's just that time of year for it. It does create some things to be aware of. It's easy for your animal to get overheated. Make sure they have plenty of fresh water and a shady spot or a cover from the sun. Also, trying to get fly spray to stay on Pip and not get washed off by sweat or occasional rain. I did see some fly spray that says it is sweat and water-resistant. It reminds me of that hairspray women use called water-net or aqua-net or something. You know that kind that keeps their hair in place even in a hurricane. My Granddad use to tell me to be careful about getting something that soap and water won't wash off. I'll have to check into that new fly spray a little closer and may give it a try.

There was a little old lady that heard a noise out front of her house one hot summer day. She looked out the front door to see a young boy had run a hay wagon in the

ditch and turned it over in her front yard. It was so hot, she called to him and said "Young man, take a break and come get something cool to drink." The little boy said "Thanks just the same, but I need to get this hay wagon upright or my Pa is going to be upset." She said "Nonsense. It's so hot outside, your Pa won't be upset if you take a few minutes and rest in the shade." The little boy said "Yes ma'am he will. My Pa will be very upset if I don't hurry and get this hay wagon back upright." The little old lady said "I don't understand. Where is your Pa?" The little boy said "Under the wagon!"

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

## Country Admin. Speaks to KW Ruritans

By Gene Campbell

Percy Ashcraft, the County Administrator for King William County, was the guest speaker at the May monthly meeting of the King William Ruritan Club. Since assuming the role of county administrator in December, Mr. Ashcraft has been busy addressing groups in the community. Mr. Ashcraft wants to keep the community informed and engaged. He has started a weekly email newsletter to keep everyone informed of events and activities in the county and the latest on governmental issues. "You will know what I know" and there is no hidden agenda. Topics such as broadband, real estate assessments, economic development, fire and EMS, the comprehensive plan, recreation and public safety were among the items Mr. Ashcraft discussed with the members. The club is busy preparing for National Night Out to be held on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the club facilities on Rt. 30 and the Club's Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. For more info on these and other Ruritan club activities, go to their website [kingwilliamruritan.org](http://kingwilliamruritan.org) and their Facebook page.



King William County Administrator Percy Ashcraft



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## Acquinton Church... Now and Then



*Acquinton Church in 2007 in disrepair.*



*Acquinton Church after renovations in 2010*

By Gene Campbell

We all have driven by Acquinton Church which sits at the intersection of Rt. 629 (Jacks Creek Road) and Rt. 618 (Acquinton Church Road) in the courthouse area of the county. Some of us remember the Church not looking as it does now. In fact, it was in a 'ruinous' condition with just the walls standing completely covered in brush and vines until 2008. Enter Carroll Lee Walker who made the King William Historical Society, owners of the Church, an offer they couldn't refuse. Carroll Lee said, "Deed the property over to me for one year and I

will renovate the Church and give it back to the Society." Carroll Lee and others did just that. I was at the dedication of the renovation on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Acquinton Church was one of four early colonial churches built in King William. It was known as the 'Upper Church of St. John's Parish' and it is believed a chapel was originally built on the site in 1690 acquiring its name from nearby Acquinton creek. In 1734 a rectangular church was built on the site with an addition or north wing added in 1755. Acquinton Church began as an Anglican Parish Church, a branch of the Church of England. After the

Revolutionary War other denominations became popular and the Anglicans (Episcopalians) abandoned the Church around 1800. Denominations such as the Baptists and the Methodists began to use the church for worship and meetings until the Civil War. The intersection where the church sat was a thriving place during these times. There was a blacksmith shop and general store owned by the Warner Edwards family. It was called Eddie's store and reportedly local men enlisted for the Civil War here. Not many years ago you could still see the roof and ruins of the old store across the road from the church in the woods. If you look to the right in the woods behind the church, you can see the remains of a house where the minister lived. After the Civil War hard times fell upon the South and the church became vacant. The Methodists bought the church

around 1870. They tore down the original 1734 structure and remodeled and extended the north wing. That is what you see today.

The last group to use the church was a German Baptist Brethren congregation led by Elder Benjamin Franklin Garber. The local Garber family are descendants of Elder Benjamin Garber. Some of the Garber family members are buried in the cemetery behind the church. With the death of Elder Benjamin Garber in 1923, the group dissolved and the church became vacant and fell into disrepair. In 1996 the Methodists deeded the church over to the King William Historical Society.

Were it not for the efforts of Carroll Lee Walker, Acquinton Church would have disappeared from the landscape of King William County. For that we are forever grateful.

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## Meet Up, continued from front page



Elected Assistant Chief Gloria "Moonlight" Custalow: "Our future will be determined by our walk together."

This is the first event put on by the Spirit Crow group and council since they held their election in March to elect new tribal leadership.

The event was focused on preserving Mattaponi Indigenous culture, introducing the elected Chief and council, and celebrating the determination of the group in their fight for fair and equal representation in the Mattaponi tribal government. WWE 10-time world champion and daughter of elected councilwoman Sandra "Skywater" Custalow, Mickie-James introduced the March elected tribal Chief and council. Mickie-James and the elected council educated those in attendance on the fight of the Spirit Crow group for tribal leadership that is elected by all members of the tribe, as well as a constitution that allows all tribal members a voice in their government. According to the group, what was once a matriarchal tribe no longer allows women a voice in tribal matters or even those that do not live on the reservation despite size constraints disallowing all members to live on the reservation. They also allege a tribal election had not been held in decades prior to their March 26<sup>th</sup> election.

Prior to the event, Three Rivers Libertarian Party leadership received an email from Lois Custalow Carter, sister of Chief Mark "Falling Star" Custalow, with a document attached asserting the Spirit Crow group is a disgruntled group of tribal members that are misrepresenting themselves as tribal government. The document listed the tribal government as Mark T. Custalow – Chief, B. Leon Custalow – Assistant Chief, Otho N. Custalow – Council Member, Jack Custalow –

Council Member, Michael A "Tony" Waldrop – Council Member, B. Leon "Lee" Custalow II – Council Member, Malcolm T. Custalow – Council Member, Brandon G. Custalow – Council Member, and Richard W. "Ricky" McGowan – Council Member. The Spirit Crow group has reached out to Secretary of the Commonwealth Kay Coles James to discuss their election with her but has received no response.

In addition to educating folks on the plight of the Spirit Crow group, their elected members and supporters from the Monacan and Chickahominy tribes performed tribal dances, pottery demonstrations, and flint demonstrations. Sisters Raven "Brightwater" Custalow and Nikomis "White Feather" Custalow an organization they founded together, the Eastern Woodlands Revitalization Project, highlighting classes they have held to teach and help preserve their cultural traditions. Raven, Nikomis, and their grandmother and pottery maker Christine "Rippling Water" Custalow previously used the community center on the reservation as a resource for preserving these traditions but due to backlash from the tribal government are no longer able to. The group calls for corrupt tribal leaders and those at the state or federal level entrusted with their care to be held accountable.

If you would like to learn more about the Spirit Crow group and their upcoming events, you can visit [mattaponitribe.org](http://mattaponitribe.org) or find them on Facebook by searching for "Mattaponi Voice."

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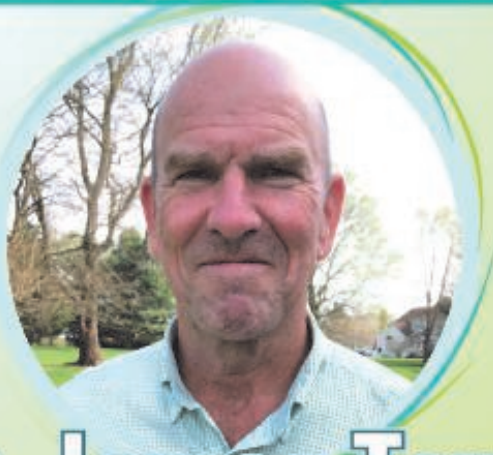
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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I believe Mark Lee (School Board 5<sup>th</sup> District) owes his constituents an explanation concerning why he's choosing to no longer wear a mask on school property despite his strong opposition to mask choice for the 2021-2022 school year.

He made it very clear that choice was unacceptable when it came to masks, refusing to allow any religious exemptions and standing his ground at school board meetings. He once even lost his temper after being challenged by concerned parents in attendance. Yet, now that he's given the choice, he chooses not to wear one.

Mr. Lee also expressed strong disagreement with the Board over a letter they drafted to Governor Northam challenging the constitutionality of the mask mandate. He was the only member not to sign it.

Superintendent Dr. White shared Mr. Lee's belief that masks should be mandatory but also chooses not to wear one. This is especially angering because Dr. White took such an aggressive, totalitarian stance in upholding the policy

this year. In addition to intimidating the community by increasing police presence at meetings to enforce masks, he issued "No Trespassing" orders to parents who challenged him and continually referred to the CDC and "The Science" as the ultimate authority on the matter.

Yet, the CDC *still recommends* universal mask use for the indoor K-12 School setting – so why aren't they still wearing one?

If Mark Lee, Dr. White, and any other school leader believed so strongly in a mask back then, they should still believe in it now. Instead, they took the masks off at the first opportunity hoping we wouldn't notice the hypocrisy. Well, this mother does.

I believe they should be ashamed to "show their face."

Jessica McLane  
Aylett  
Find me on Facebook at King  
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Unmasked

Dear Editor,

"CRT – DEI – Difference?"

Universities, colleges, and corporations in the last couple of years have decided to go "WOKE". One buzz word that has been used is "Systemic Racism". The one thing all the "Woke" have in common is: there is no verification that the new management style they have moved to has any popular support from alumni, donors, or stockholders. These are the people who have been taken for granted, and it is assumed they will just sit down and shut up.

I have some suggestions that may just catch their attention and possibly convince them to revisit this flawed management style.

First - Write the university or college you wish to wake up and simply say "the past contribution I used to make to you will now go to a source of education that does not practice CRT, DEI or whatever new name they choose to give it".

Second – The Corporation that has stockholders (the true owners of the corporation) have been left out of this major management style decision making process. The stockholders cannot only lose the value of their shares, but the corporation can also go bankrupt with this bad decision. (A Forbes Articles "5 Reasons Diversity And Inclusion Fails" by Glenn Llopis give the reasons why this is a bad decision. <https://www.forbes.com/sites/glennllopis/2017/01/16/5-reasons-diversity-and-inclusion-fails/?sh=1bd4c7ce50df>)

The very least that should be done is to have a non-binding proxy vote on this management style change to see what level of stockholders' support exists if any: 1. Allow a stockholder proposal for a

proxy vote to address the issue; 2. Vote against ratifying any of the directors on the proxy at the annual meeting if there is no other way to express your viewpoint. This is a vote of no confidence. You can also submit a complaint to the SCC.

One such corporation - Rappahannock Electric Cooperative - has their Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Plan posted online. (<https://myrec.coop/sites/default/files/documents/DEI%20Plan%20Final.pdf>) I suggest you go there, read through it and decide if you think it is just reworded CRT. To my knowledge this corporation has not reached out to see if their position is supported by their shareholders/members. As a sideline, Judge Joseph J. Ellis denied a petition seeking greater transparency in the operations of Rappahannock Electric Cooperative's board of directors in Dec 2021.

In addition, one local educational institution, Reynold's Community College, has an "Equity Through Action" webpage ([https://www.reynolds.edu/who\\_we\\_are/equity-through-action/equity-through-action.aspx](https://www.reynolds.edu/who_we_are/equity-through-action/equity-through-action.aspx)). Professor of Geology Dr. Karen Layou was busy this spring. She taught classes, coordinated the Honors program, and participated in URGE - Unlearning Racism in Geoscience, a national geoscience initiative. If you watch this 16 minute video you will understand the problem. Be sure to check out the URGE website - their values say it all. (<https://urge.org/about/mission-and-values>).

Sincerely,  
Paul Jamerson  
King William

## Obituary

Lewis Henry Holmes, was born January 29, 1948, in Saint Stephens Church, VA. He entered eternal rest on May 9, 2020, at the Community Hospice House. services will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at 1<sup>st</sup> Mt. Olive Baptist Church. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday May 20, 2022, at the B.W. White Funeral Home, Aylett, VA

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## Kennington, continued from front page



Left to right – Ann Perdue, Theresa and Brad Sturgis, and Martha Rickard enjoying great laughs and even better company while hosting their yard sales.

By Amanda Walker

Kennington subdivision hosted Morning Brew in Kennington on Saturday, May 14th, in conjunction with their community yard sale. Folks were able to shop not only from a wide variety of vendors at the Kennington Clubhouse but from the garages of residents as well. Coffee, hot chocolate, muffins, fruit, biscotti, and more were also available for purchase in the Clubhouse. The event also featured raffles, games, contests, and a silent auction. Proceeds benefited the King William High School Marching Band.

Amber White, of Aylett, organized the vendor and coffee bar portion of the event. White has been organizing similar events since October of 2020, aimed at supporting small business owners. The first one she held which was also in Kennington, had seven vendors. She has

since coordinated events with as many as sixty-five or more vendors. Vendors on-site in Kennington included Scentsy, Pampered Chef, Color Street Nails, Mary Kay, Young Living, 360 Good Times – dance video recording, LP Quilts and Things – custom handmade quilts by Linda and Pat, Living with Grace – handmade farmhouse style gifts by Debbie and Michael, Fly By Night Designs – unique 3D printed jewelry and trinkets, Finer Feather – custom handmade wire wrapped jewelry, Salty Blonde Girl Designs – glasses and handmade clay jewelry, and more.

Those interested in reaching White about vendor opportunities or organizing events can contact her business Bee ENspired Events with Amber at [amberseventing2@yahoo.com](mailto:amberseventing2@yahoo.com).

## Memorial Day– Monday, May 30

The Memorial Day holiday weekend is typically a great reason for people to kickstart their summer with a backyard BBQ, a trip to the beach or a day at the park.

Americans from coast to coast will especially relish some downtime and relaxation this year after struggling in recent times with the coronavirus pandemic, higher crime, economic challenges and very high prices — including

for food and for gas — to name just a few issues.

Yet no matter what we do this Memorial Day weekend and on Memorial Day itself, the holiday offers a chance for the solemn remembrance of those who served our country and are no longer here on Earth with us but who are forever in our hearts.

## Bears in King William

My husband and I moved to King and Queen County in 1993. We bought our house in King William in 1995. This is the first bear that I've seen in the wild. I think that my husband is part cat. He set up an elaborate bird feeding station so that he can watch the birds from the living room and the computer room. My husband and I were very surprised to see the bear on Monday evening! I think that my husband would have been upset that the bear dismantled his bird feeding station and tore up the bird feeders if the bear hadn't been so amazing to observe.

I called 911 because I thought that citizens should be made aware (if they didn't know that bears were around) that they are here! The on-duty officer said that there had been another report of a bear in the Kennington subdivision and he responded to that call, but the lady did not get a picture of the bear. He said that bears are territorial and that their territory can be up to around a fifty mile radius. From my house in Walkerton, Kennington's no more than 10 miles from my house, so he thought that it could possibly be the same bear.

The bear showed up at my house just as the sun was setting. By the time the officer arrived, it was dark. He walked into my fenced in back yard, and we walked to the bottom of my yard. We heard the bear go over the fence. He shined his flashlight up into the trees. He thought that he saw a couple pairs of eyes, so he said that it's possible that there are a couple of bears. My house backs up to the woods and a creek, so the bear is probably content to live there.



This black bear was seen on Walkerton Rd. in King William county

We took in our bird feeders and will not put them outside again until the fall. Although the bear was exciting to see, we do not want to encourage it. I'm now checking the backyard before I let my dog go outside to do her business. I'm also checking for the bear before I let my son go outside to jump on the trampoline.

Sincerely,  
Sheila Barnett  
King William

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## King and Queen Branch Library in the Spotlight!



Branch Manager Ace Phillips (left) and Youth Public Services Specialist Naomi Downing show a couple of popular selections. Not pictured are Associate Cheryl Nelson and Associate Kathy Hayes.

By Melissa Patrick Hauser

If you're looking for a place for learning and activities for the whole family, visit the King & Queen Branch Library at 396 Newtown Road in St. Stephens Church.

The King & Queen Branch Library serves as a center of community life in King & Queen. As a member of the Pamunkey Regional Library System, the library is available to residents of King & Queen, King William, Hanover and Goochland. Any resident of Virginia can obtain a library card free of charge if you live, work or attend school in one of these counties, or if you have a library card at any public library in Virginia.

We recently asked Ace Phillips, Manager of the King & Queen Branch, to spotlight the Library's services.

CC: In addition to books and DVDs, what services does the K&Q Library offer?

We offer a meeting room for up to 50 people, computers, WiFi, copy/printing/faxing/scanning, also test proctoring. We also offer a number of online resources like our digital library which consists of ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, tv shows, comics, and critically-acclaimed films. Also, we get a great deal of enjoyment helping with technology problems...We're constantly helping to troubleshoot laptop/tablet problems and helping people navigate computers and internet.

Another great service is a benefit

specialist from Social Services meets in our meeting room the 1st and 3rd Wednesday every month to better assist people of the community.

CC: What are some programs for Spring and Summer?

Outdoor Storytime starts back up April-June! We're starting our monthly book club in June, and a monthly chess club. Summer reading also starts in June where patrons can read books and win prizes!

CC: What are some additional services you'd like our readers to know about?

One popular service that appeals to all ages is our Mobile Hotspot lending service. Online services for adults include "JobNow" which allows you to connect with a live certified career coach. "Universal Class" gives you access to over 600 courses ranging from finance and computer training to "Do it Yourself" courses.

CC: We know these are highlights, so what thoughts would you like to leave with our readers?

I'd like to highlight we're here to help in any way we can. If we personally can't help, we'll find the resources that will. Also, if you come into King & Queen and don't find what you're looking for, there's a great chance that one of our other branches has it and can be delivered to our branch for pickup. We look forward to meeting all *Country Courier* readers and community members!

## Congratulations Belfield!



On May 21<sup>st</sup> Al Belfield went to USPA South Carolina States meet in Columbia. Belfield went 2 for 3- 402,430, and missed at 451. He won the Open and Masters Raw bench, the 2nd biggest bench in the meet!

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## Fire Chief, continued from front page

He has also served as an adjunct instructor with the Virginia Department of Fire Programs and participates on local advisory committees. Among his many accomplishments, Chief Cheatham has secured over \$4.5 million in federal grant funding resulting in aid to departments locally and nationwide as well as developed a course on volunteer administrative leadership which won two Brandon Hall Excellence in Education Awards. Chief Cheatham holds an undergraduate degree from George Mason University. Chief Cheatham and his wife Carolyn, a nurse and volunteer with the West Point Volunteer Fire Department, raised their son Jake, a Petty Officer in the United States Navy, in West Point. Chief Cheatham “truly loves the Town of West Point” and has been “honored to serve the community” nearly all his adult life. When asked about his new role, Chief Cheatham states, “I’m excited about taking on this role because the department has provided so many things for my family and me. I joined, and almost overnight, truly found my lifelong passion. It provided a career for me through the training I received and allowed me to grow in the fire service not just here, but wherever I went. I’ve learned so much from the many great members of our fire department, including how to act during emergencies as well as in life. As for what I want to accomplish, I would like to grow a robust volunteer group that can supplement our part-time, paid personnel. That staffing model is perfect for West Point, but it doesn’t work

without the help of skilled and dedicated volunteers. This ‘West Point model’ is unique to the area and we know it can provide an increased level of safety to the public.” “We are excited to have Spencer serve as our new fire chief,” said John Edwards, West Point Town Manager. “The Town has been very fortunate to have enjoyed the outstanding service from the West Point Volunteer Fire Department over the last century and we are hopeful that by hiring the Town’s first full-time fire chief to assume much of the administrative burden, we can help the volunteers to continue to thrive and provide the high level of professional service to which the Town is accustomed. Spencer is the right person to build on the traditions of the West Point Volunteer Fire Department and lead the firefighting efforts in West Point into a successful future.” About the WPVFD The West Point Volunteer Fire Department proudly serves the communities of West Point, King William, New Kent, and King and Queen. The department was organized in 1904 as a result of a devastating fire the previous year. Since then, the department has become one of the most respected, cutting-edge departments in the region. The department has been recognized with numerous awards throughout its history, demonstrating the dedication of its members to the community. To learn more about the WPVFD, visit <https://www.wpvfr.com/>.



## Pet Adoption

"Foster" is a cute male Mountain Cur that's about 3 years old and weighs 30lbs. He was surrendered to the Shelter because his owner could no longer care for him. He's a sweet and happy boy that would love a large yard to play in!

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## National Electrical Safety Month

May is National Electrical Safety Month, and Rappahannock Electric Cooperative (REC) reminds you that now is a great time to look around your home and check for potential safety hazards. “Remember, every electrical device has a purpose and a service lifespan,” said John Medved, Director of Safety, Compliance and Security Services at REC. “While we can extend their operations with maintenance and care, they are not designed to last or work forever.” REC recommends the following periodic inspections: **Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCI)** Outdoor outlets or those in potentially damp locations in a kitchen, bathroom or laundry room often include GFCI features. They are designed to sense abnormal current flows, breaking the circuit to prevent potential electric shocks from devices plugged into the outlets. The average GFCI outlet is designed to last about 10 years, but in areas prone to electrical storms or power surges, they can wear out in five years or less. Check them frequently by pressing the red test button. Make sure you hit the black reset button when you are done. Contact a licensed electrician to replace any **f a i l i n g   G F C I   o u t l e t s .** **Loose or Damaged Outlets or Switches** Unstable electrical outlets or wall switches with signs of heat damage or discoloration can offer early warnings of potential shock or electrical fire hazards. Loose connections can allow electrical current arcing. If you see these warning signs, contact an electrician. **Surge Protectors** Power strips with surge protectors help safeguard expensive equipment such as televisions, home entertainment systems and computer components from power spikes. Some surge protectors include indicator lights

that flicker to warn you when they’ve stopped working as designed, but many do not. If your electrical system takes a major hit, or if you don’t remember when you bought your surge protector, replacement may be the best option. **Extension Cords** With a growing number of electrical devices connecting your family to the electricity you get from REC, having enough outlets can be challenging. Remember, extension cords are designed for temporary, occasional or periodic use. If an extension cord gets noticeably warm when in use, it could be undersized for the intended use. If it shows any signs of frayed, cracked or heat-damaged insulation, it should be replaced. If the grounding prong is missing, crimped or loose, a grounded cord will not provide the needed protection. And always make sure that extension cords used in outdoor or potentially damp locations are rated for exterior use. “Electricity is a necessity for modern living, and REC is committed to providing safe, reliable and affordable power to all of our members,” added Casey Hollins, Managing Director – Communications and Public Relations. “We hope you’ll keep these electrical safety tips in mind so that you can note any potential hazards *before* damage occurs.” REC provides electric service to over 170,000 connections in parts of 22 Virginia counties. With its general office in Fredericksburg, Va., the Cooperative operates and maintains more than 17,000 miles of power lines through its service area, which ranges from the Blue Ridge Mountains to the tidal waters of the Chesapeake Bay. For more information about REC, please visit [www.myrec.coop](http://www.myrec.coop). Follow REC on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube.

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### Christian Fellowship Ministries

304 W. Chinguapin 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. See the Bruington Baptist Church Facebook page for updates.

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### Kingdom of God Living Water Ministry

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

### Lower King & Queen Baptist Church

204 Timber Branch Rd., Mascot, 23108 (temporarily meeting at different location) Pastor Terry Morrison preaches straight from the Bible. Until our church is rebuilt we are holding 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 as you are.

### Mattaponi Baptist Church

Worship in person Sunday at 11a.m. Children from pre-K & up invited to participate in Children's Church during worship service, experience their own Bible lesson and enjoy snacks and fellowship. During Daylight Saving Time, we meet in person the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month for in-depth Bible study. All services live on Zoom at: http://bit.ly/MBCLIVE (Meeting ID: 871 964 216). Announcements on Facebook: @MattaponiBaptistChurchVa. 5 miles north of King & Queen Court House, Rt.14 at: 13466 The Trail, King and Queen Court House, 23085. Questions contact Pastor Stephen Rountree (tel. 804-514-5715).

### Olivet Baptist Church

25338 The Trail Mattaponi, 23110 Welcome! Worship with us every Sunday morning 10:00 - Sunday School - Bible study for all ages 11:00 - Traditional worship service enhanced through beautiful Christian music.

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School LIVE on facebook Sun. afternoons. Wed: Bible Study In Person & LIVE 7pm. includes Bible Study for kids k-5th grade. Like our FACEBOOK page to see our Services & Events: Facebook.com/PoroporoneBaptistChurch 30071 The Trail, Shackelfords Next to Post Office Rt. 33 & 14

### Providence Baptist Church

570 Dorrell Road, Aylett, Pastor White (804) 240-1982. Family and Friends Day May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Camp Hanover in Mechanicsville, from 10am-4pm. Games and activities for all ages. Please contact: Tammy Upshaw (804) 370-2849, Nicole Epps (804)332-2062, Cassandra Johnson-Daniels (804)616-0286 if you plan to attend.

### Rock Spring Baptist Church

1434 Manfield Road, Aylett. Rev. Pagie Hancock, Pastor. Sunday School 9:15am and Morning Worship Service 10:15am. Ushers Ministry sponsoring a School Supply Drive-Thru at King William HS Saturday, June 25 from 10am to 2pm. (rain date Saturday, July 2). To benefit William Fox Elem. of Richmond (due to the recent fire). All area churches & friends asked to participate. Many thanks in advance for donations & contributions. Information contact: Wanda Johnson 804-517-7843 or wandajohnson2131@yahoo.com. 6th Anniversary of Pastor Pagie Hancock will be the 4th Sunday, June 26 at 10:15 a.m. during Morning Worship Service.

### Sharon Baptist Church

Regular services: 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

K.W. Teleconference Sunday Worship Services 10:30a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:30p.m. Monday and Friday Prayer 7a.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

4347 Manfield Rd., Manquin. Weekly in person and Facebook Live worship every Sunday morning at 9:30, followed by fellowship time & Sunday School 10:45 – 11:30. Tuesdays – Art group from 1-3 PM, Wednesday Bible Study, 10 AM. Pastor Betty Jo Sims. Visit www.mckendree23106.org or our McKendree King William Facebook page for more information.

## EPISCOPAL

### Immanuel Episcopal Church

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

### St. David's Episcopal Church

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

### St. John's Episcopal Church

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# Community Calendar

## Annual Upper Mattaponi Powwow

Join us for our 33rd Annual Pow Wow, Memorial Day Weekend, held at Tribal Grounds in King William. Sat. 10am. Sun. 11am. 769-0041. facebook.com/uppermattaponitribe. 13476 King William Rd. see ad on page 8!

## Rescue Me Spring Fling

Mattaponi Volunteer Rescue Squad. May 28, from 12:00 to 6:00. Vendors, games, beer garden, food, and a lot of fun!! See ad on page 9!

## Lower King & Queen Fire-EMS

Fundraiser Buffet Breakfast at Nick's Rest. Shacklefords. 7A-10A, Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. ALL YOU CAN EAT. Proceeds go to support the Fire Department. Bluegrass Family Day & Fly In held at the airport in Mattaponi on Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>. Funds raised to support the Fire Dept. Event includes food, airplane rides (for a small fee), great music, children's activities, custom car show, sky diving demonstrations, vendor and crafts, aircraft and fire truck displays. Gates open at 9:30. Donation based admission.

## King & Queen Branch Library

**Outdoor Family Storytime** Thursdays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

**Summer Reading Kickoff Tie-Dye Popsicle Party** Saturday, June 4, 11:00am - noon All ages welcome. **King and Queen Book Club** Monday, June 20, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. **King & Queen Chess Club** Monday, June 27, 6:00 - 7:00pm Call 804-769-1623 or visit the library at 396 Newtown Road for more information.

## Upper KW Branch Library

**Gyotaku Fish Printing** Tuesday, June 21, 3:00 - 4:30pm Ages 12-18. **Celebrate Your Favorite Books** Saturday, June 25, 11:00am - noon 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

**Storytime at the Park** Fridays, June 17 & 24, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. **Science in the Park** Saturday, June 11, 11:00 a.m. - noon Ages 5-11 **Gyotaku Fish Printing** Tuesday, June 14, 6:00 - 7:30pm Ages 16+. **Medicare Basics** Monday, June 27, 6:00 - 7:30pm Ages 18 and 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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## DCSE Service Point Assistance

DCSE Contact Information: 1-800-468-8894

## KW Parks and Recreation

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

## Good Homes Needed For Good Pets

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## KW Community Watch

Interested in a community watch? Call Lisa Mayville at 804-551-3267 or

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## KW T.E.A. Party

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

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## KW Republican Committee

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## Three Rivers SWCD Board of Directors' Meetings

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

## The CornerStone Community Development Center

Aylett. Food Distribution 11235 West River Road, Aylett Mobile Pantry (June 1) - 11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Saturdays (June 4, 11, 18, 25) - 9.30 a.m. to noon. Food distribution at WestPoint and Doswell on Wed, June 9.

**The Lily Field Clothing Shed** 11235 West River Road, Aylett Open on Saturdays. Please do not drop off donations outside the building. Kindly call ahead to schedule a donation drop off or drop off at the clothing shed on Wednesday mornings before 9 a.m.

**The CornerStone Free Health Clinic** 8270 Richmond Tappahannock Hwy., Aylett No walk in appointments. Register to receive an appointment. Covid-19

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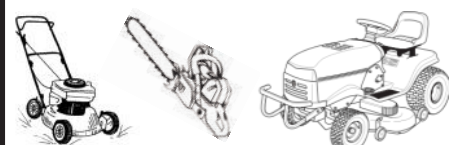
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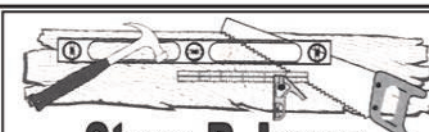
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