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The CornerStone Community Development Center Plans Expansion



The food program of 'The CornerStone Community Development Center', Aylett has seen an increasing number of families at the distribution sites since the beginning of the COVID pandemic. That coupled with the current rising costs of groceries because of inflation has made it apparent that an expansion of storage space is necessary to accommodate the increase in demand for food donations.

Since 2001, the food program has occupied the 625 sq. ft. old Aylett post office building which is at the intersection of West River Road and the Richmond Tappahannock Highway and has relied on additional 24x30 storage shed to help with the volume of food that is distributed. No less than 30,000 pounds of food is stored and distributed every month. Now it is evident that the storage space is not adequate to keep up with the demand.

The Board of 'The CornerStone Community Development Center' has proposed a 50x40 metal building to answer the need for more storage space.

Please see **CORNERSTONE**, continued on page 13.

Ashlee Foster Receives Scholarship from King William Ruritan Club



Left to right Tom Foster, GiGi Foster, Kitty Lewis, Tommy Foster, Jennifer Foster, Rick Foster, Ashlee Foster, Ruritan members Charlie Shaver and Tina Glazebrook. Please see Full Story on page 12.

National Night Out - Oh, What A Night



It doesn't get more American than a little boy with an American flag and a hot dog.



Go ahead... make me laugh says 2 year-old Conaway Hicks. Please see **NIGHT OUT**, on p. 13

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Danny Clark takes time to take in God's beautiful work.



Chip Wright at Irish Creek overlook.

Publisher's Message



A good friend of mine Chip Wright and I left last Friday on our Harley Davidson motorcycles for the Blue Ridge mountains. The weather was perfect for a three-day adventure. One of our destinations would be Natural Bridge. It is estimated to be 500 million years old. Thomas Jefferson wrote, "The most sublime of Nature's works." The view into the Shenandoah Valley from the many overlooks along the Alleghany Highlands is breathtaking. The quiet solitude of the mountains gives me a peace that is hard to describe. It is also very spiritual to me. We met and talked with many different folks, from bear hunters to college professors. I even met a young lady who lost her father in Vietnam. This touched me deeply. I returned home tired physically but much refreshed in my spirit. I will definitely go back again, maybe for the fall changing of the leaves.

Take care until next time...

Danny Clark



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Safety

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

There's this nice lady that I know that has always wanted to try horseback riding. She had never taken any lessons or even been on a horse before. She told me a story about her first riding experience.

One day she just decides to give it a try and jumps on this horse without any help and immediately the horse springs into action. It gallops along at a steady pace and she begins to bounce out of control in the saddle. She tries to grab hold of the horse's mane but loses her grip. She decides to try and wrap her arms around the horse's neck to keep from falling. The horse is steadily galloping as she comes out of the saddle and starts to slide down his side. Finally she leaps away from the horse to try and throw herself to safety. Unfortunately her foot has become entangled in the stirrup. She is now at the mercy of the horse's pounding hooves as her head is struck against the ground over and over. As her head is battered against the ground, she is mere



moments away from unconsciousness when to her great fortune the department store manager sees her and unplugs the ride.

I was just joking with you to get a point across that we all should think about safety when riding. Things can and will happen unexpectedly when dealing with animals. They can bump into you and knock you down or step on you. A good set of boots and a riding helmet can help with safety.

I would like to hear from you. Call me at 690-7870 or email Allen@TwinRiversRealty.com. See you on the trails.

King William Ruritan Club Holds 19th Annual Golf Tournament



First Place team (left to right) Seth Curry, Scoots Curry, Dylan Longest, and Mike Jenkins receive trophies from Ruritan member Troy Simons.

By Gene Campbell

Billy Graham once said, "the only time my prayers are never answered is on the golf course." The King William Ruritan Club got its prayer "for cooler weather" answered on Friday, August 12th when their 19th Annual Captain's Choice Golf Tournament got underway. The past several days of hot and humid weather turned into a very comfortable 80-degree and less humid day as the 29 teams signed up to play began arriving at Queenfield Golf Club. Teams of all sizes, shapes, and years of experience (one team had two players who had never played golf before) began registering and 'chowing down' on a hot dog before the 1 pm shotgun tee-off. They say you can really find out a man's character when you play golf with him. One thing is for sure, everyone will be hungry when they finish the 18 holes of golf. Not to worry, the Ruritan members had a delicious chicken and BBQ dinner waiting for the teams at the club pavilion as they came off the golf course. First

place went to the team of Mike Jenkins, Scoots Curry, Seth Curry, and Dylan Longest shooting 16 under. One stroke back was the second-place team of Derek Webb, Drew Throckmorton, Brad Cochran, and Matt Cinhi shooting 15 under. The third-place team consisted of Jackson Murray, Glenn Murray, Troy Murray, and Brandon Lumpkin shooting 14 under. MANY THANKS go out to the teams and hole sponsors.... some who were first-time teams and sponsors and some who have supported the club year after year. As always the club will donate some of the proceeds from the tournament back to the community in the form of scholarships to high school students, donations to charitable organizations, and local fire/recuse squads. Also, many thanks go out to the Ruritan members for their efforts in making the event a SUCCESS, especially Troy Simons and Dennis Smith who organized and led the efforts to obtain the teams and sponsors.

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Saint Paul Baptist Church Installs Rev. Kim C. Bullock as Pastor



Pastor Kim C. Bullock, Saint Paul Baptist Church in Aylett

By Melissa P. Hauser

Saint Paul Baptist Church in Aylett invites everyone to rejoice in the installation of Rev. Kim C. Bullock as our new Pastor.

On Sunday, May 22, 2022 the Saint Paul Baptist Church congregation and celebrants from numerous churches in the wider community gathered in the Sanctuary to install Rev. Bullock as the spiritual leader of Saint Paul Baptist Church.

Pastor Emeritus Robert D. Brown gave the Charge to the Pastor Elect, "Bless you as you come to where I stood...Stay with God, wherever He leads you, you can follow Him."

Providence Baptist Church Pastor Rev. Dr. Evans C. White, Jr. gave the Call to Worship, and Bishop Todd Winston, Pastor of Greenwood Baptist Church in Ashland delivered the Installation Message, saying, "Whatever you do in word or deed, do it in a spirit of love."

Rev. Dr. John T. Boyd, Jr., Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in West Point, delivered the Charge to the Congregation. Elder Cory Kelley, Temple of Judah in Richmond, offered the Prayer of Dedication and a Special Selection.

Other Clergy, Deacons and Trustees from Saint Paul and the wider community

were Installation Service leaders including Saint Paul Chair of Diaconate Jim Hauser, Deacon James Brown, Deacon Kermit Gwathmey, Deacon Sandra Taylor, Deacon Fred D. Brown, and Chair of Trustees Steve Brown.

Joyous musical selections were provided by Rev. James Lewis with Saint Paul's Baptist Church in Richmond.

Deacon Sandra Taylor welcomed new First Lady Ivy Bullock and the entire Bullock family.

Greetings from the Pamunkey Baptist Association (PBA) were given by PBA Moderator Rev. Dr. Boyd of King William.

Following the Service, the Saint Paul Deaconess Ministry, led by Chair Rosa Vessels and Vice Chair Brenda Pollard, served the Repast for all congregants.

Reflecting upon this milestone in the life of Saint Paul Baptist Church, Deacon Fred D. Brown offered Jeremiah 3:15 as a foundational Scripture for Pastor Bullock's Installation: "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." (KJV)

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Round Two of Farmers Market & Family Fun Night Set for August 19th



Buddy and Ginger Rice of Olde Footpath Farm

By Gene Campbell

The Farmers Market and Family Fun Night are back with its second event this Friday, August 19th at the King William High School parking lot from 4 – 7 pm. The inaugural event on July 22nd was very well received by the community. Most of the 22 initial vendors and 11 county departments/community resources will be back on August 19th plus more vendors have signed up to participate. Vendors such as locally grown produce, homemade items such as soap & personal products, meat & cheese, honey, canned goods, homemade clothing, homemade baked goods, antiques, crocheted clothing and toys, fresh herbs & flowers, local artists, and jewelry vendors will be back. In addition to these vendors, there will be

painted & refinished furniture & home décor, handmade press-on nails, meal solutions & seasoning packets/jars, and dog & cat bandanas. More kids' activities are planned and two food trucks will be selling food. Come on out and bring the family for an evening of fun while you stroll through the booths and tents set up in the parking lot. Portable toilets will be in the parking lot. Colonial Farm Credit has partnered with the EDA in providing signage, bottled water, and reusable shopping bags. The signage is designed and produced by local business Justin Spurlock Designs. Do your shopping in beautiful King William County. Come early and spend the afternoon not only supporting your local businesses but mingling and getting to know your neighbors. The EDA hopes to continue with the Farmers Market and Family Fun Night in the future.



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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

When school districts across the country closed in March 2020 due to the global pandemic, many questioned the effect it would have on the social, emotional, and academic development of students. During a traditional summer, students experience learning loss and teachers work throughout the year to meet learning goals established for students. With an abrupt close in 2020 followed by a hybrid year in 2020-2021, parents, teachers and communities were not surprised by decreased test scores. The Virginia Department of Education explained, "Pass rates reflect disruptions to instruction caused by the pandemic, decreased participation in state assessment programs, pandemic-related declines in enrollment, fewer retakes, and more flexible "opt-out" provisions for parents concerned about community spread of COVID-19".

As school opened last year with an anticipated return to normalcy, it was quickly realized that the pandemic still presented challenges. King William County Public Schools should be commended for its student achievement on the 2021-2022 SOL tests. While it is true that accountability standards now include a combined rate (students meeting state standards but also those who demonstrate significant progress towards meeting state standards), students within KWCPs demonstrated not only increased pass rates over the previous year but exceeded pre-

pandemic levels based on preliminary data in many categories. In an effort to ensure equal comparisons among data sets, KWCPs disaggregated data to show pass rates before the combined rate was included. This creates an apples-to-apples comparison. Students demonstrated tremendous improvement over the previous year and 2019 the year before the pandemic hit. This speaks to the hard work and dedication of our leadership, teachers, staff and students.

While arguments can exist for and against the new accountability standards, KWCPs is analyzing student data through a multifocal lens. Making data informed decisions drive the educational process. The Virginia Standards of Learning tests measure student performance on Virginia's curriculum standards. The curriculum framework utilized to create and assess subjects in the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) have different proficiency levels set by the National Assessment Governing Board. This would also not be an apples-to-apples comparison. Again, I applaud the efforts made by the KWCPs staff in educating our children.

Mark P. Lee
Board Member
5th District (Mangohick)
King William County Public School

King & Queen Republican's Citizen of the Year



Pictured left to right are Keith Hodges 98 District House of Delegate Member, Harvey Morgan Former 98 District House of Delegates Member, Jimmy Mantis accepting the award, and Bill Rilee Chair of the King and Queen County Republican Party.

Contributed Article

The King and Queen County Republican Party recognized Jimmy Mantis, owner of Nick's Spaghetti and Steak House, for his community service as "Citizen of the Year" at the July 5th monthly meeting. Mantis supports many activities and groups in King and Queen County financially and with the events at his restaurant. Some of these are the Lower King and Queen Volunteer Fire - EMS,

The Cancer Society, and Alzheimer's Association. Mantis was presented with a plaque that read "THE KING AND QUEEN COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY PRESENTS THIS AWARD TO JIMMY MANTIS, NICK'S SPAGHETTI AND STEAK HOUSE, FOR HIS MANY OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY OVER THE YEARS JUNE 5, 2022".

For information on meetings contact Bill Rilee at 804-512-1688

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- Flu

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- Flu

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Obituaries

BARLOW

Robert (Bobby) O. Barlow, 88, of St. Stephens Church, VA., passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 6, 2022. He was affectionately known as "Fender Bender" by close friends. He was preceded in death by his wife; Nancy Elizabeth Barlow father; Walter Maston Barlow, mother; Ruby Maude Barlow and brothers; Paul Weston and Warren Eugene Barlow. He is survived by his daughter; Kathy Gladden of Walkerton, Va., son; Keith Barlow (Sheila) of Milford, Va., brother; Thomas Walter Barlow of Glen Allen, Va. and 3 grand-children; Ashley Gladden of Walkerton, VA., Robert Barlow, Technical SGT of USAF and Rachel Barlow of Milford Va. He was employed by Lawrence Dodge for 35+ years. Funeral Services will be held at 9:00 A.M on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at B.W. White Funeral Home in Aylett, Va. with Interment in Signal Hill Memorial Park in Hanover, Va. The family will receive friends from 2-4 P.M on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at B.W White Funeral Home in Aylett, Va.



SIMPKINS

Marie Longest, 94, of St. Stephens Church, Virginia, passed away peacefully, on August 9, 2022, at The Living Green Assisted Living. One of eight children, Marie was born on May 9, 1928, to Floyd and Olive Longest of St. Stephens Church, Virginia. Marie was raised in King and Queen County and graduated from Marriott High School. Marie was a lifetime member of St. Stephens Baptist Church, where she was active in the WMU. Marie was preceded in death by her husband; James Willie Simpkins, her parents; Floyd and Olive Longest, brothers; Williard, David and Melvin Longest, sisters; Geneva Bowen, Dorothy Caravati and Lula Kelly. Marie was a loving mother, a devoted grandmother and a cherished friend. She is survived by her children; Patricia Anne Simpkins, Linda Jane Roberts (David) and James Lawrence Simpkins (Cindy), grandchildren; James Travis Roberts (Sarah) of Norfolk, Va., Lauren S. Anderson (Charlie) of Alexandria, Va., Nathan Walker Roberts of Asheboro, NC., Jamie Lee Simpkins of Richmond Va., 4 great-grandchildren and one brother; Edmond Longest (Carol), as well as a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. Family and Friends will gather at St. Stephens Baptist Church, St. Stephens Va., on Sunday, August 14, 2022, for visitation at 2PM, immediately followed by a funeral service at 3PM. Interment will follow at St. Stephens Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Stephens Baptist Church building fund.

Celebration of Life



Heather Nicole Gulasky, 34 went to be with the Lord August 8, 2022

Dennis Gulasky, father and Helen Gulasky, stepmom will be holding a celebration of life on August 27, 2022 from 4 pm to 7pm for family and friends. Location will be 23054 King William Rd. West Point, VA 23181.

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By Gene Campbell

County Administrator Percy Ashcraft is getting pretty good at announcing state championship teams to the Board of Supervisors and King William County is getting pretty good at producing them. After recognizing the King William High School Group 2 State Champion Varsity Football team in January, the board recognized and presented a resolution to the King William Little League State Champion 8–10 year-old Minor Girls Softball Team at their work session on August 8th. Supervisors Ed Moren, Stewart Garber, and Bill Hodges were on hand as Percy announced the team’s entrance while family and friends in attendance applauded. These girls, some of whom had never played softball before the season started, made their mark in the District 15 and State Tournaments. They never lost a game and never trailed in any game, winning three games and outscoring their opponents 39 -1 in District 15 play and winning six games (four of them shutouts) and outscoring their opponents 49 – 4 in State play. My sincere apology to team member Makenzie Seal for inadvertently leaving her name out of the article in the last edition. She played an integral part in the team’s success and I understand she made the last out in the championship game! CONGRATULATIONS to the team, coaches, and family for a season to remember!




Makenzie Seal holding the resolution.



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This is an addition to the article in last issue, August 3, to include the names.

Coaches- Chris Wilson, Steve Walton, John Seal

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Scholarship, continued from front page

By Gene Campbell

The youth of today are our future leaders of tomorrow. The King William Ruritan Club believes in supporting our youth and since its chartering in 1938 has given over \$175,000 in scholarships to local high school seniors to further their education. At the club's August monthly meeting the Social Development committee awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to King William High School Senior Ashlee Foster. Ashlee was joined by her family at the dinner meeting and accepted the \$1,000 check from Social Development Chairman Charlie Shaver and committee member Tina Glazebrook. Ashlee will be attending Emory and Henry College this fall majoring in exercise science and kinesiology. She excelled in sports at King William playing on the

girls' softball team (she was team captain), volleyball, and basketball teams. She was voted the best athlete in the Tidewater District this year. Not only did she excel on the athletic field, but she also excelled in the academic field as well. She was a member of the National Honor Society and DECA, a marketing and business organization. Ashlee's father, mother, and brother (Rick, Jennifer, and Tommy Foster), as well as her grandparents (Tom and GiGi Foster), were in attendance along with Kitty Lewis. Her grandfather, Tom Foster, is no stranger to the Ruritan organization. Tom is a member of the Atlee Ruritan Club in Hanover and has served in many leadership roles in the Ruritan Chesapeake District and Ruritan National.

Pet Adoption

"Stormy" is a big handsome NEUTERED male cat that's about 5-6 years old and weighs 14lbs! He was surrendered to the Shelter because his owner could no longer care for him. He's a quiet guy who enjoys long walks on the beach... just kidding.... he enjoys napping.

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The Mammy House



The Mammy House circa 1722 on Commins Road.

By Gene Campbell

We have all passed by the little white brick house sitting at the intersection of Venter Road and Commins Road and wondered about its history. The structure is called the Mammy House. When I was growing up my grandmother, Katie Commins (I called her Amy), lived across the road in the first white frame house on the right as you travel down Commins Road. In fact, Commins Road is named after her and the house still stands today. According to the Library of Congress, the Mammy House was built in 1722. I do not remember anyone living in the Mammy House but I remember my mother telling me an African American woman lived in the house when she was growing up. Everyone called her 'Miss Aunt Lizzy Brown' and she was a midwife. My mother said 'Aunt Lizzy' never married and lived by herself and helped deliver babies. Back in those days doctors were scarce and couldn't get to expecting mothers in time to deliver their babies, therefore mid-wives were needed. I have heard my mother say many a time "Aunt Lizzy was always sitting on the front step of the Mammy House in a clean and neat dress starched to perfection." In those days African American women were trusted to help housewives do house chores and they were loved like family, giving them the name 'Aunt' even though they were not



Midwife Miss Lizzy Brown sitting in front of the Mammy House in 1935 - picture by Francis Johnston

kin.

Venter Road was old Rt 30 back then and the main road to Norfolk. During World War II sailors would travel by bus back to Norfolk on Sunday afternoons after a weekend furlough. My mother and her sister (in their teens at the time) liked to dress up like movie stars after Church on Sunday afternoons and would take pictures of each other for entertainment. They would often walk up to the Mammy House and wave to the sailors returning to Norfolk. Of course, the sailors were thrilled to see two young ladies waving at them. I will have to say my mother and her sister were some 'real lookers back in the day.'



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Night Out, continued from front page



Mattaponi Crime Solvers recruiting new members.

By Gene Campbell

After a two-year absence because of COVID, the King William Ruritan Club and the Sheriff's Department teamed up to bring back the National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2nd at the Ruritan facilities located on Rt 30. Approximately 250 people came out to meet local law enforcement officers and mix and mingle with their fellow neighbors. The local sheriff's department and state police as well as fire and EMS personnel set up booths/displays discussing crime-fighting tips and answering any questions anyone had. Also, several local businesses such as Virginia Farm Bureau, Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, Twin Rivers Realty,

and other organizations such as the Mattaponi Crime Solvers were on hand to display and give out some of their marketing items. Kids ran from booth to booth displaying their 'kiddie' hardhats as they screamed with delight sitting in the fire trucks and squad cars. Everyone got a hot dog, chips and a drink 'served up' by the Ruritan members. A med flight helicopter was en route to the event twice to be on display but they got emergency calls and therefore had to cancel. Our law enforcement and fire/EMS personnel are always ready to help us in our time of need and for that WE ARE GRATEFUL. The Ruritan club and sheriff's department hope to have the event again next year, on the first Tuesday in August.

CORNERSTONE, continued from front page

This building would free up some of the space in the original food storage space and allow for the expansion of services in the years to come. Permission and county permits are the planned next step before going ahead with the planned building. 'The CornerStone Community Development Center' has received a grant of \$6000 from the Rappahannock Electric Cooperative which will go towards purchasing this building but donations

from other sources will be needed to fund this project. The building itself will be expected to cost about \$30,000.

Donations to of 'The CornerStone Community Development Center' a 501(c)(3) are tax deductible. Checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 68, Aylett, VA 23009. Call 804 769 2996 or email theccdc@gmail.com to make contact with 'The CornerStone Community Development Center'.

Homeschooling Gains Popularity in King William



Inside school house



School house and playground

Contributed by Jessica McLane

The Coronavirus pandemic was hard for everyone, but especially for children and parents. With school buildings closed indefinitely, children were forced to complete coursework from home. Parents had to juggle work and helping their kids navigate online learning. Some even had to quit their job.

Though the experience wasn't easy, a surprising thing happened - many parents chose to stay at home even after schools opened. In fact, Virginia saw a remarkable 56% increase in homeschooling during the 2021 school year. Nearly 60,000 school-aged children did not return to public schools and another 5,828 chose in-state private school.

King William also saw a significant 50% increase in homeschooling in 2021 that remained largely the same for 2022. There are currently 195 homeschooled students only slightly down from the previous year's record of 234.

So why have so many families called it quits on public school?

One King William parent Michelle Price, mother of three and former elementary school teacher, admitted the decision not to send her children to public school was mainly due to the pandemic. "It started opening my eyes. I started doing more research and being more intentional about the decisions I was making" she explained.

As an educator for Henrico County, Michelle was forced to teach virtually over her objection to masks and the Covid vaccine, but as time passed, she also

disagreed with things being taught, especially lessons that put emphasis on race and sexual content. "Maybe you don't want your kid to know any of that?" she said.

She also taught for Caroline County where she saw a rapid decline in student behavior and a failure of administrators to address discipline. "A kid could hit me, and then get to go to the office and get a sucker and an iPad. Nothing was being done."

So, it was after the birth of her third child last year that Michelle decided to quit public school teaching for good and homeschool her children. With her teaching experience and supplies, she had faith she could do it.

Her husband, a King William business owner, built an outbuilding in their backyard that became a one-room schoolhouse and added a new playground. A few months later, she decided to open a day school for a few other students and provide educational activities such as centers. "I wanted my children to have a community" she said of welcoming the additional students.

While Michelle's passion is for younger grades, especially preschool, she supports the home-educating community in King William and has organized a social media group on Facebook called "Homeschoolers of King William." When asked what the secret to her success was, she said "My husband. We're going to make it work no matter what."

For more information on homeschooling in Virginia, visit the Home Educators Association of Virginia www.heav.org



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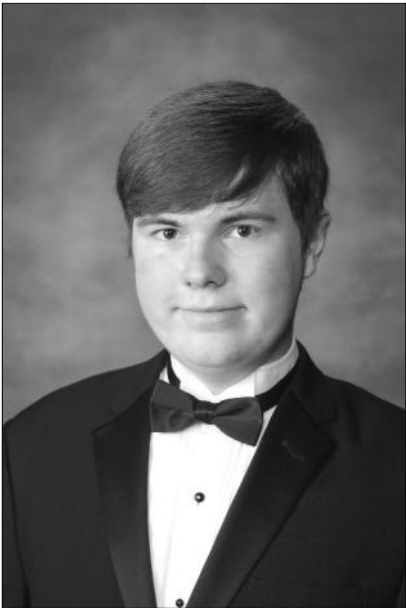


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Thanks to everyone who attended the 6th Annual Reed Strong Show. There were approximately 210 cars and 800-1000 spectators this year. Huge thanks to all the sponsors and the support of Mangohick VFD. We look forward to seeing y'all at the 7th Annual Reed Strong Car Show in August 2023.



King & Queen County Historical Society Awards Scholarships



Aidan Imsande



Keyera Harvey

Each year the King & Queen County Historical Society offers a \$2000 scholarship to each of two new graduates of King & Queen Central High School for their first year in a college, university, or technical school. The Historical Society is proud to announce the 2022 recipients, Aidan Imsande and Keyera Harvey. Aidan Imsande will attend Rappahannock Community College and pursue studies toward a degree in engineering. Keyera Harvey will attend Norfolk State University and pursue a degree in exercise science in preparation for a role in athletic training and physical therapy.

Redd Made Dean's List

Romans 8:28
"And we know that all things work together for the good of them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose."
Mihaughany C. Redd, rising Junior at University of Mary Washington, made the Dean's List for the Spring Semester 2022. Mihaughany is a 2020 graduate of Central High School, one of the covid-courageous whose academic achievements were interrupted by this ongoing pandemic. Redd has bravely overcome many challenges and remained steadfast in her education aspirations. As she returns to campus this Fall, she will begin training as a Writing Center consultant at UMW. Keep it moving, Mihaughany! We are so very proud of you for every accomplishment.
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Notice is hereby given that Virginia Electric and Power Company (VMRC #2022-1169) has applied for a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to install an aerial fiber cable across a 51-foot section of Herrick Creek adjacent to Euclid Boulevard in the Town of West Point.

Send comments/inquiries within 15 days to: Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg 96, Hampton, VA 23651 or jpa.permits@mrc.virginia.gov.

Welcome Back from K&Q School Board



Stevensville District, Howard Hill - St. Stephens Church District, Harwood Hall - Shanghai District, Shannon Amos - Buena Vista District, and Celestine Gaines - Newtown District.

Eagle Scout Project



Contributed by K&Q Schools

Michael Knoeller, King William student, completed his Eagle Scout project by building a pavilion for Lawson Marriott Elementary School in King and Queen County. Michael will be attending Old Dominion University this fall majoring in Engineering.

Pictured in the photo are Mr. & Mrs. Knoeller, proud parents, Dr. Carter, Michael, Celestine Gaines, School Board chair, and Principal Kazee.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Virginia Electric and Power Company (VMRC #2022-1195) has applied for a permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to install one (1) aerial fiber cable to existing transmission poles across a 79-foot section of Cohoke Mill Creek adjacent to W Rose Garden Road in King William County. Send comments/inquiries within 15 days to: Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Bldg 96, Hampton, VA 23651 or jpa.permits@mrc.virginia.gov.



Church Calendar

CHRISTIAN

Christ Community Church

We are currently meeting Sunday morning in the sanctuary at Beulah Church - 1539 Lewis B Puller Memorial Hwy. east, (SR 33E, Saluda 23149) PH: (804) 370-5035 Service starts at 0930. All are invited to join Family, Friends and Neighbors to come and worship our Lord together. We are Christ Community Church, where Christ is the center of our community!

Christian Fellowship Ministries

304 W. 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 and Queen County. Please join us at our Bible Study on Sundays at 10 a.m. with Worship Service following at 11 a.m. Face coverings required and social distancing recommendations observed. Community Clothes Cupboard open first Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon.

Contact us at 804-769-3246.

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Colosse Baptist Church

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Indian View Baptist Church

Pastor Paul McDaniel 13349 King William Road, King William Come worship with us on Sundays at 11:00 AM All Are Welcome!!

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).

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Providence Baptist Church

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Sharon Baptist Church

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Union Hope Baptist Church, KW. In-person Annual Homecoming Services, Sunday, August 21, 2022 at 10:15 a.m. For additional details follow us on our Facebook page: Union Hope Baptist Church, King William, Virginia

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Community Calendar

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360 Hardware Farm & Chicken Swap Event

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King & Queen Branch Library

Outdoor Family Storytime at the King & Queen Branch Library Thursdays, August 18, & 25, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. King and Queen Book Club Thursday, August 18, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. King & Queen Chess Club Thursday, August 25, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Call 804-769-1623 or visit the library at 396 Newtown Road for more information.

Upper KW Branch Library

Call 804-769-3731 or visit the library at 694-J Sharon Road for more information.

West Point Branch Library

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).

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KW Children First Lions Club

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Girl Scout Troop 1132

Mattaponi Vol. Rescue Squad Building.

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Interested in a community watch? Call Lisa Mayville at 804-551-3267 or email: lisamayville@atlanticbb.net. Any crime please call King William Sheriff Office at 804-769-0999 or kwso@kingwilliamcounty.us Crime tips call Robin Bostic with King William Victim/Witness Program at 804-525-8838 or email: rbostic@kingwilliamcounty.us

KW T.E.A. Party

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TheCornerStone Community Development Center, Aylett.

Food Distribution 11235 West River Road) Saturdays (August 20, 27) - 9.30 a.m. to noon. The Lily Field Clothing Shed - (11235 West River Road, Aylett) Open on Saturdays. 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. Mailing address: P.O. Box 68, Aylett, Virginia 23009. Call 804-769-2996 or Email theccdc@gmail.com

KW 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

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.

King William Democrats

Join King William Democrats on Saturday, August 20, at TWO LOCATIONS:

either West Point Library or Upper King William Library, from 10:30 to noon. Candidate Herb Jones will speak at the West Point Library at 712 Main Street. Post Card Writing at both locations! Call 804-513-2546 for the Zoom link.



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18.2-57.2-ASSAULT & BATTERY - FAMILY MEMBER	4
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18.2-96-PETIT LARCENY: <\$1000 NOT FROM A PERSON	4
23F-Theft From Motor Vehicle	4
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250-Counterfeiting/Forgery	1
26B-Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine Fraud	1
290-Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	1
3.2-6504-ANIMAL: ABANDONMENT OF ANIMALS	1
46.2-617-TITLE: SELL VEH W/O HAVING TITLE	1
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46.2-852-RECK DR: GENERALLY, ENDANGER LIFE/LIMB/PROPERTY	1
90F-Family Offenses, Nonviolent	6
90I-Runaway	1
90J-Trespass of Real Property	1
90Z-All Other Offenses	3
99VCC999.072-SEXUAL ASSAULT-FELONY - TYPE NOT CLEAR	1
ANIMBD-ANIMAL BITE DOG/CANINE	2
ANIMBF-ANIMAL BITE - FELINE / CAT	2
CIVILD-CIVIL DISTUBANCE/VERBAL DISPUTE	2
DOA-DEAD ON ARRIVAL/DECEASED PERSON	1
FOUND-FOUND PROPERTY	2
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SUIC-SUICIDE	2
SUIC-T-SUICIDE THREATENED	2
WARR-WARRANT SERVICE	6
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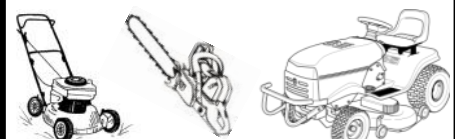
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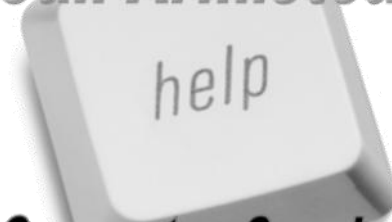
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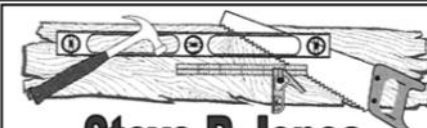


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