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Tappahannock Shoney's Honors Veterans at Annual Breakfast Bar



Over 72 veterans were served the Free Breakfast Bar on Veterans Day. R-L server Cammille Young and Manager Ron Beaty with local Veterans.

Shoney's in Tappahannock hosted Veterans Day on Friday, November 11th. U.S. Veterans and active duty military enjoyed a free all you can eat breakfast bar. Restaurant manager Ron Beaty said, "This is a way for us to say thank you to the men and women who have sacrificed so much for our country".

King William Ruritan Club Recognized at Chesapeake District Convention



District Governor Ralph Cantrell (left) gives community service awards to King William Ruritan members Bryant Wilson, Ronnie Moore and Gene Campbell

By Gene Campbell

King William Ruritan Club members Bryant Wilson, Ronnie Moore, and Gene Campbell, traveled to Williamsburg on November 11th and 12th to attend the 2022 Annual Ruritan Chesapeake District Convention.

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

Wildlife Food Plot Competition



Contributed article

Three Rivers SWCD sponsored a Wildlife Food Plot competition this year for local high school students 13 to 18 years of age. The program is not only used to attract wildlife but also provides the students with an opportunity to learn about conservation and wildlife.

Applications were submitted by September 30 and the plots were judged on criteria such as seed production, variety of seeds used, and location of plot. Bonus points were given for evidence of wildlife using the plots.

This year we had six entries from King William High School: Trenton Johnson, Patrick Upshaw, Emma Sparks, Tucker Townsend, Wylie Johnson and Spencer Lipscomb. All six participants planted soybeans, clover, rape, radishes, winter pea and rye grass that was donated by Lane Brooks of Simplot.

CONGRATULATIONS - This year's winners are: first place – Trenton Johnson and Wylie Johnson, second place – Tucker Townsend and Patrick Upshaw and third place – Emma Sparks and Spencer Lipscomb.

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In Time For Thanksgiving



Photo courtesy Wayne Greenwood

Daniel Shumate, V.P. with Bent Barrel Hunt Club, makes their annual donation to the Bruington Baptist Church Food Bank. Receiving the donation is Velma Wharton with Bruington's Food Pantry.



Publisher's Message



It's my hope everyone will have an opportunity to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal with family and friends. With all the negative effects we see each day it's important to take time out and give thanks for the positive things in our lives. The blessings are there if we just take the time to recall them. I hope you, your family, and your friends will have a blessed Thanksgiving and renewed hope for the days ahead.

Take care until next time.

Danny Clark



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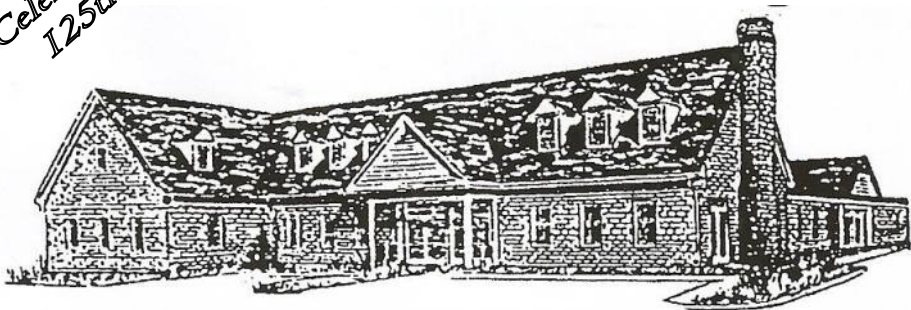
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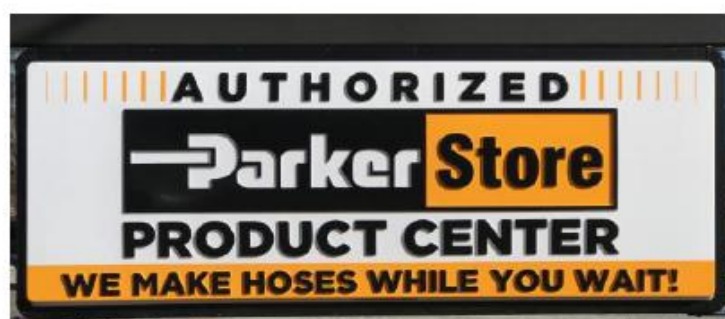


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By Allen Brintley and “Pip”

That’s what my Grandpa used to say about his hunting dogs. I guess he meant that he cared more about how good they were at hunting rather than how good they looked while doing it. I used to ask him about a certain dog and he would reply “That dog won’t even chase a biscuit!” It’s like the old saying that good looks will only get you so far.

The same thing could be said about horses and mules. A lot of old farmers cared more about how well an animal could pull a plow or wagon rather than their looks. We don’t use them as much today to work because of modern technology, so most of our horses and mules are for pleasure only. We do have shows that can simulate how well they perform at certain things like cutting cows out of a herd or their athletic ability at



jumping or pulling.

I enjoy watching people show their animals and the amazing things they can do. Fall is a good time for trail riding and working with your animals to teach them new things. Enjoy the cooler days and stay safe.

Pip and I have so much to be thankful for this holiday season. We hope you have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

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

HHMS Veterans Day Celebration



KWHS Air Force JROTC presents the colors.

By Amanda Walker

Hamilton Holmes middle school welcomed area Veterans and King William High School Air Force JROTC for their second annual Veterans Day Celebration. The event kicked off with folks enjoying coffee and snacks in the cafeteria while the JROTC students mingled with the Veterans, many of them taking the opportunity to ask questions about their time in the service. Following the welcome, KWHS JROTC led the Veterans on a march throughout the school. Students gathered outside their classrooms and could be heard throughout the school clapping and cheering on the Veterans as they walked the halls adorned with handwritten thank you notes.

The march ended back in the cafeteria where CSPS Kindergartener Piper Real led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Star-Spangled Banner sung by Ms. Reynolds’ chorus students. The HHMS Student Council Association had also put together a video reading of The Noble and the Brave: A Veterans Day Tribute by Joanna Fuchs which was

played for the group.

Keynote speaker and King William native Captain David Dartez took the stage to educate the students on the history of Veterans Day, explain to them why we thank our Veterans for their service, and also to serve as an example of the things a King William native can accomplish in life. Dartez graduated from Virginia Tech in 2001 with two Bachelor of Science degrees in Aerospace and Ocean Engineering, and a minor in Leadership studies. He began his military career in June 2001 at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL when he reported there for flight training. Since then, Dartez has moved coast to coast six times, accumulated over 3,200 flight hours, performed 750 carrier arrested landings, and has earned over a dozen medals, and numerous other service awards. Dartez also served as Commanding Officer of the “Fist of the Fleet,” a record-breaking ten-month combat deployment supporting operations around the globe. He said what you see in the Top Gun: Maverick movie is what he does.

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Old Rumford Academy and Your Fireplace

By Gene Campbell

What does your fireplace and Old Rumford Academy have in common? read on. Many of us have heard the name Rumford Academy all our lives. Near the intersection of Rt. 600 (West River Road) and Rt. 30, two miles east of Central Garage, there stood during the 1800s an academy named Rumford. It was a school of higher learning and large enough to accommodate forty to fifty students. Some boarded there. It no longer stands but I am told, stood somewhere behind Thomas Fox's home on Rt. 600. In colonial times education started with community schools known as "old field schools". These schools (usually one room) were built by the leading men of the neighborhood who employed a teacher and opened the doors to all boys and girls. From these schools arose classical schools or academies. One such academy was Rumford Academy built in 1804 by John Roane. Some say it is one of the oldest places of education in Virginia. John Roane lived not far from Rumford Academy at his family's estate "Uppowac." My mother's father, J. Roane Commins (my grandfather) was a descendant of the Roane family. She lived briefly during her childhood at John Roane's home "Uppowac." It still stands today! John Roane served in the Virginia House of Delegates and was a US Congressman. In those days it was not uncommon for the Legislature of Virginia (now called the General Assembly) to hold

lotteries to benefit academies or institutes of learning (sound familiar?). Such was the case with Rumford Academy. A lottery was authorized by the Legislature of Virginia in 1806 to raise \$4,200 for a library to benefit the Academy. Rumford Academy flourished for many years as a school for gentlemen's sons and was intended as a preparatory school for the College of William and Mary. Many distinguished alumni of the College of William and Mary received their early training at Rumford Academy.

John Roane named his academy for the notorious Benjamin Thompson or "Count Rumford" who was an American-born British physicist, prolific designer, and inventor. He achieved worldwide fame as a physicist during the 19th century and whose improved methods in heating (among other things) brought his name into prominence. Thompson was born in Massachusetts in 1753. When the Revolutionary War began, Thompson was opposed to the uprising. He served as Lt. Colonel of the Kings American Dragoons, part of the British Loyalist forces. His activities with the British were not well known at the time. After the end of the war, he moved or should I say "hightailed" it to London and later received a knighthood from King George III. He later moved to Bavaria and in 1791 was made a Count by the Holy Roman Empire deriving the name Rumford from Concord, New Hampshire (then called Rumford) where



Rumford Academy (photo courtesy of Matthew Barber)

he met his wife.

John Roane was a fiery patriot and evidently did not know of Count Rumford's unsavory Tory activities during the American Revolutionary War, otherwise, he surely would not have named his academy Rumford. John Roane died at "Uppowac" in 1838. After the Civil War, Rumford Academy became a private residence and was owned for some years by a branch of the Abrams family. Robert Campbell's family (Elizabeth Barber's father) owned the property and sometime later the structure was torn down. John Owen Taylor's family (Terry, Donna, and Kay Taylor's grandfather) owned the

property next and the current owner is Thomas Fox's family. The area at one time had its own post office called Rumford.

An interesting side note about "The Count". Among Thompson's many inventions was the Rumford fireplace. In those days, fire was the only way to heat buildings and with indoor fires, you need a fireplace. Count Rumford set out to design a fireplace that was efficient and worked. In 1795 Count Rumford perfected his design of the fireplace. Today, the fireplace in your home is a variation of The Count's design. When you light a fire in your fireplace this winter, remember the Rumford connection!



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King William School Board Ends November Meeting Suddenly and Without Explanation

Contributed by Jessica McLane

After completing only one agenda item, the regular King William School Board meeting at Hamilton Holmes Middle School was brought to a shocking and sudden end on Tuesday, November 15th without an explanation to the public.

When the Board reopened the meeting from closed session around 7 pm, Terry Stone (4th District) made a motion to replace the next agenda item, Public Comment, with a Budget Amendment that was scheduled for much later in the meeting. The Board accepted, and the amount of \$798,985.25 was approved "as detailed" for HVAC work by Southern Air.

Chairwoman Veda Frazier then asked the Board if there were any other motions. To the audience's disbelief, Kathy Morrison (2nd District) moved that they adjourn the meeting, and this was seconded by Terry Stone.

Frazier adjourned the meeting, and at the sound of the gavel the Board quickly collected their belongings and rushed out of the building, not saying a word. Those in attendance were left in shock. "I expected them to go through the agenda," said Linda Benson, a community member attending the meeting. "If something happened, the public should have been given an explanation."

Meeting goers were left baffled, but

strange behavior exhibited by the Board that night suggested that issues behind the scenes may have caused the sudden exit. For instance, Mr. Lee (5th District) emerged from closed session long before the other Members, and when the remaining Members finally arrived, all appeared visibly distressed. Different body language before and after the closed session indicated a conflict occurred in private and likely caused the inability to continue the meeting before the public.

Ending a school board meeting without allowing public comment or completing the proposed agenda causes serious ethical concerns for many King William community members such as Linda Benson who was attending her first school board meeting in several years. "I would like to be informed," she said. "They're doing the statutory minimum, not informing the public...I wasted my time."

The Board was asked for comment, but at this time all have declined to make statements regarding their actions. Terry Stone did communicate via email that "Any rescheduled meeting would be posted to [the BoardDocs website] within the prescribed period of time," but did not make clear if the Board planned to hold a rescheduled meeting.

This story continues to be investigated and will be updated as details emerge.



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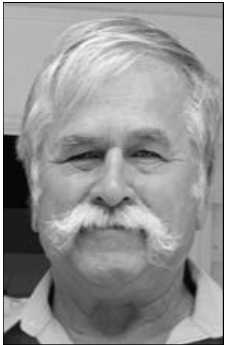
David was a kind, gentle and loving father, grandfather and great grandfather. He is survived by his wife of 59 years Linda, son, Keith, daughter Shelley Beck Whiteside (Kyle), grandchildren, Nicholas and Joshua Beck (Kayla); Brent, Bailey, and Brady Whiteside; great grandchildren, Ryan, Emily, Macee and Grayson Beck.

David owned Dave's Upholstery in Mechanicsville and upon retirement, he and Linda moved to Morattico, VA. He became a Park Ranger for Belle Isle State Park for 15 years.

A Memorial service will be held at Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Morattico on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 2:00 p.m..

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Riverside Hospice, 289 Hospital Road, Tappahannock, VA 22560.

SNIEGON



Joseph Edward Sniegon, 76, of Aylett, VA passed away on November 4, 2022. He graduated from West Point High School and attended Virginia Tech where he received a bachelor's degree in Forestry. Eddie is a United States Veteran

and served 4 years in the Army. In his free time, Eddie enjoyed hunting and spending time with his family. Eddie was the son of the late Adolph and Annie M. Sniegon. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Iva Mae Sniegon, and his sisters Frances Ruark, and Virginia A. Sniegon.

He is survived by his stepson Shaun Ivan O'Donnell (Marcia) of Yorktown, VA, stepdaughter Ann Marie Peatross (Michael) of Aylett, VA, siblings Rose Lovelace (William) of Annapolis, MD, John Sniegon (Joanne) of Englewood, FL, and Marvin Adolph Sniegon of Mechanicsville, VA. Eddie is also survived by 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren, as well as many other family members. A funeral service was held on November 10. Tributes may be posted at www.vincentfh.com.

Average Price for a Thanksgiving Meal in Virginia is \$73.91

Farm Bureau - In a year when inflation has driven up prices of nearly all consumer goods, the price of a Thanksgiving meal also is trending upward.

According to an informal survey conducted by the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, the average cost to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving meal for 10 adults is \$73.91, or \$7.39 per person.

The survey's menu consists of turkey, ham, stuffing, sweet potatoes, russet potatoes, rolls, carrots, celery, cranberries, green beans, peas, milk and pumpkin pie with whipped cream.

A meal without ham, russet potatoes and green beans costs \$57.63, or \$5.76 per person.

This year's statewide average increased by \$10.25—16.1%—from the 2021 average of \$63.66 for a 10-person meal. Prices reported by volunteer shoppers around the state do not reflect discounts from promotional sales or coupons, and survey data was collected before most major sales took place.

The survey data was relatively consistent with current Consumer Price Index trends, which reveal shoppers are seeing a 12.4% increase in the cost for food-at-home purchases versus this time last year.

"Virginia's farmers continue to work diligently throughout the year to put food on our tables, which is no small feat considering the challenges they've faced over the last several years," said Elijah Griles, VFBF commodity specialist.

"Most of us don't think of farmers while we're at the grocery store, but farmers also feel the effects of rising costs at home," he continued. "This year, much like every year, Virginia farmers really deserve our thanks for honoring their commitment to produce safe and reliable food for Virginia, the United States and the rest of the world."

This is the 19th year Virginia Farm Bureau has conducted the survey, which is based on an annual survey organized by American Farm Bureau Federation. Volunteer shoppers checked prices online and in person at 28 grocery stores throughout the state.

The VFBF survey showed the average cost of a 16-pound turkey was \$28.09, or \$1.76 per pound. This represents a 12.1% increase in price versus the 2021 average of \$1.57 per pound.

In all, Farm Bureau discovered the average price for a 4-pound bone-in ham was \$10.24; a gallon of whole milk was \$3.67; frozen

peas, \$1.60; frozen green beans, \$1.67; three pounds of sweet potatoes, \$3.12; a 5-pound bag of russet potatoes, \$4.37; fresh celery, \$1.81; fresh carrots, \$1.06; two pie shells, \$3.33; whipping cream, \$2.26; canned pumpkin pie filling, \$3.68; fresh cranberries, \$2.28; stuffing mix, \$3.13; and a dozen dinner rolls, \$3.62.

All items increased in price versus 2021 values except for cranberries, which were found to be 2 cents cheaper this year.

The locality with the highest average cost for a traditional Thanksgiving meal was Henrico County at \$90.51. The locality with the lowest average cost was Carroll County at \$55.79 for a 10-person meal.

With costs rising so sharply this year, farming organizations such as AFBF and VFBF recognize the average price for a traditional Thanksgiving meal may be prohibitive for some families.

"We never want to see anyone struggling to afford meals, much less during the holiday season," said VFBF President Wayne F. Pryor. "As we come together to celebrate Virginia's agricultural bounty at Thanksgiving, let's not forget about our neighbors in need."

"Farmers are as committed to serving their communities as they are to producing food for a growing global population, and many Virginia producers donate fresh foods to their local food banks and other hunger-relief organizations," Pryor added. "I'm hopeful many other generous Virginians will follow their example."

Nationally, American Farm Bureau Federation's survey found the average cost of a Thanksgiving meal for 10 was \$64.05, a 20% increase from \$53.31 in 2021. The basic AFBF survey does not include ham, russet potatoes and green beans. With these items included in the AFBF findings, the national average cost for a traditional meal was \$81.30, 10% higher than the cost in Virginia.

Roger Cryan, chief economist for AFBF, noted "general inflation slashing the purchasing power of consumers" contributed heavily to the increase in the cost of Thanksgiving dinners.

Turkey prices were up 21% nationally to \$28.96 for a 16-pound bird, or \$1.81 per pound, about 4% higher than prices recorded in Virginia. Overall, the item with the largest price increase was the 14-ounce bag of cubed stuffing mix, which rose from \$2.29 in 2021 to \$3.88 this year, a 69% jump.

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The King and Queen Office of Elections is saying goodbye to a long time board member, Mr. J. Armistead Ransone. Mr. Ransone has served on the board since 2013. We are thankful for his service and dedication over the years and wish him well!

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.
Henry Van Dyke

Ruritan, continued from front page



Ruritan National Director Roger Davis (left) installing King William Ruritan member Ronnie Moore (right) as Chesapeake District Lt. Governor

At the convention, the club was awarded five gold awards (the highest attainable) for their work in the community. Since its chartering in 1938, the King William Ruritan Club has been dedicated to improving the local community and building a better America through fellowship, goodwill, and community service. The five gold awards came in the areas of Community Engagement, Citizenship & Patriotism, Environment, Public Service, and Social Development. This past year the club gave over \$12,000 back to the community in the form of donations to local fire and rescue squads, scholarships to local graduating seniors, sponsoring and supporting Little League teams, boy scouts, girl scouts, the local high school football team, 4-H club, Sheriff's Department, KW Emergency Ministries, Haiti Missions and building handicap ramps. Also, at the convention club member Ronnie Moore was elected Lt. Governor of the Chesapeake District for 2023. MANY THANKS go to the citizens of the community for their continued support at our fundraisers throughout the year!! The club is busy preparing for its Annual Brunswick Stew sale on Saturday, January 14th, 2023, at the club facilities on Rt 30. For more information, please contact Troy Simons at 337-0325. Also, save the date of Tuesday, April 11th, 2023, for the club's 84th Annual Fish Fry!



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Scholarship Recipients



Pictured to the left is Kathryn Bland, a graduate student at Christopher Newport University working towards a career in Elementary Education. Pictured with Kathryn are her parents, Robert & Michelle Bland.

Three Rivers SWCD Academic
Scholarship recipients were also
recognized during the Banquet.

John F. Townsend, Sr. Scholarship
Ashlee Powell

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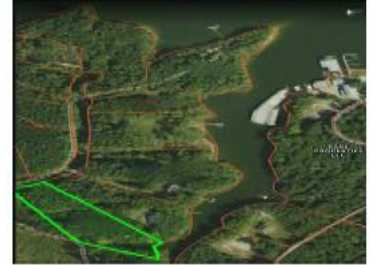
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New Central High School Assistant Principal



Mack Harvey

Mr. Harvey then attended Central High School (CHS) and graduated in 2002. After graduation, Mr. Harvey attended and graduated from Virginia State University in 2007 with a Bachelor's of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies and a minor in Elementary Education (K-6). Mr. Harvey continued his educational journey at Grand Canyon University to receive his Master of Education in Educational Administration Leadership in 2016. He has taught in elementary for 10 years (3 years as a 1st grade teacher, two years in 2nd grade, three years in 3rd grade, and one year as a 4th and 5th grade teacher). He then transitioned outside of the classroom by joining the Math and Science Innovation Center as a K-6 Math and Physical

Science Educator, followed by Math Coach, and the past 2 years as an Instructional Coach.

Outside of the classroom, Mr. Harvey continues to commit his time to his students. He has coached football, baseball, softball and spear-headed a run club. Outside of school, Mr. Harvey loves to spend time with his wife, LaToya and their 3 children, Mackenzie, Mackari, and Shanghai Mackiya and his fourth furry child, Maxx Harvey. Other hobbies include staying active, reading, and watching his favorite teams - Washington Commanders and the Atlanta Braves. Two quotes he loves to refer back to are:

1) "Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I'll understand." Chinese proverb.

2) "In here, we believe that all kids can. There is no such thing as these kids can't." Author Unknown.

Mr. Harvey is excited about taking his career to the next level by coming full circle as an Assistant Principal at his alma mater, Central High School.



JV Cavs Tame JV Royal Tigers 38 – 6

By Michael Commins

Le'Mon Wallace took the opening kickoff back 85 yards for a touchdown and Javon Lewis led a potent King William ground and air attack as the JV Cavaliers defeated the JV Royal Tigers of King & Queen Central 38 – 6 on November 2nd. Lewis had 6 rushes for 107 yards and 2 touchdowns and completed 3 of 4 passes for 88 yards and another score, a 28-yard pass to Owen Oliva with 5:47 left in the third quarter. Cooper Wolfe added 5 points after a touchdown and a 38-yard field goal and L. J. Epps added a rushing touchdown for the JV Cavaliers. The offensive line of Brody Hite, Henri Gaston, Ethan Hall, Taejon Nichols, Tyler Oakes, and Kolton Jimmo opened running lanes and provided protection for the offense throughout the entire game. The JV Cavalier defense was led by Taejon Nichols with 6 tackles, 5 for losses, and a caused fumble by the JV Royal Tiger offense, Brody Hite with 4 tackles, 2 for

losses, 3 assists, 1 fumble caused, and 1 fumble recovery, Kolton Jimmo with 2 tackles, 1 for a loss, and 4 assists, and Tyler Oakes with 4 tackles, 2 for losses. Ethan Small added a fumble recovery, an interception, 1 pass defended, and 2 assists. Others contributing were Casey Coburn, Javon Lewis, Matthew McNeal, L J Epps, and Ben Fuls.

The JV Cavaliers end their 2022 season with a record of 5 wins and 3 losses. The canceled West Point game may be considered a forfeit by the Pointers per VHSL rules and if so, would raise the King William win total to 6. The coaching staff is PROUD of these young men for their hard work and effort, on the playing field as well as in the classroom, and look forward to the 2023 season. A core group of 16 returning players from the 2022 roster plus the rising eighth graders competing for playing time will make for another exciting season of Cavalier JV football next autumn. GO CAVS!!

Find the facts behind your holiday meal

Contributed by Farm Bureau

If you've ever sat down to a Thanksgiving meal and wondered where all that deliciousness came from, now you can find out.

The American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture breaks it down for you in a blog called "How did that get on my Thanksgiving Day plate?". The AFBFA's mission is to build awareness, understanding and a positive public perception of agriculture through education.

From the star of the meal—turkey—to

cranberries, potatoes and pumpkin pie, the blog offers fun and educational facts about the sources of each food.

For example, pumpkins are part of the squash family. And squash was part of the Three Sisters, a combination of corn, beans and squash that were planted together by Native Americans. The stalks of the corn supported the beans; the beans added nitrogen back to the soil; and the squash spread across the ground, blocking sunlight from weeds.

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King William Defeats Bruton 49 – 7 in First Round of Playoffs



Cavalier running back Kaleb Shelton #3 dodging Panther defenders en route to one of his four touchdowns



Cavalier receiver Caron Washington #20 pulling down one of his two interceptions

By Michael Commins and Gene Campbell
Kaleb Shelton was a force to be ‘reckoned with’ as he rushed 11 times for 289 yards and 4 touchdowns as the King William Cavaliers opened defense of its 2021 VHSL Group 2A State Football Title with a convincing 49 – 7 win over the Panthers of Bruton High School Nov 10 at Roger Brooks Field. Shelton scored on runs of 28, 32, 18, and 86 yards as the Cavalier offensive rolled up 471 rushing yards on 30 carries. Tre Robinson had 107 yards on 8 carries, scoring from 24 and 42 yards out racking up 2 touchdowns. Joe Isaac rushed for 60 yards on 6 carries and opened the Cavalier scoring with a 1-yard touchdown run just 42 seconds into the game. The Panthers answered with a 73-yard touchdown run with 9:30 left in the

first quarter tying the game at 7 – 7. This was their only score of the night. The second quarter was ALL Cavaliers as Kaleb Shelton scored two touchdowns and Tre Robinson scored his first touchdown of the night sending the Cavs into the locker room with a comfortable 28 – 7 lead. King William opened the second half with Kaleb Shelton scoring his third touchdown on an 18-yard scamper with 8:05 remaining in the third quarter and Tre Robinson followed with his second touchdown with 1:07 remaining in the quarter. The fourth quarter saw reserves getting some playing time. Kaleb Shelton ended the Cavalier scoring on the night with an 86-yard run and his fourth touchdown. Cavalier kicker Cameron LeBaron had a perfect 7 for 7 on extra

points.
The Cavalier defense was led by Wylie Johnson with 7 tackles and Caron Washington with 1 tackle and 2 interceptions. Tre Robinson and Jahmari Dupree-Wade each had interceptions with Tre recording 3 tackles and a QB hurry. K. J. Washington had 6 tackles and a pass defended, R. J. Jenks 3 tackles and a pass defended, Nick Medlin 3 tackles and a pass defended, Mekhi Martin 5 tackles and 1 assist, Derek Baker 5 tackles and 1 tackle for a loss of 4 yards, and Marcus Washington with 3 tackles.
The Cavaliers will host the Greenville County Eagles at Roger Brooks Field Friday, November 18th in the second round of the playoffs. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 pm. Come out and support the Cavs as they continue their march to the State Group 2A title. GO CAVS!!

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Drivers: Slow Down for Deer!

Submitted by Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources

Autumn is here and along with colorful leaves, crisp air and shorter days, deer are on the move. Fall is the breeding season for deer, so deer will be more active over the next couple of months than at any other time of the year.

Motorists will also be driving more often in the dark, increasing the likelihood of encountering a deer on the road. Colliding with a deer can cause considerable damage to the animal, people and property.

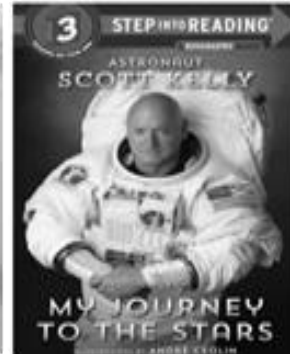
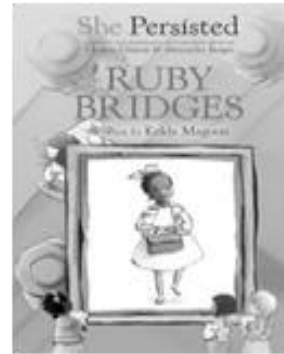
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- **Slow down** and be attentive, particularly at night (from dusk to dawn). If you see one deer, watch out for others.
- Deer habitually travel the same areas. Use caution when you see **deer crossing signs** installed in these areas by the Virginia Department of Transportation.

- Apply brakes, even stop if necessary, to avoid hitting a deer, but **never swerve** out of the lane to miss a deer. A collision with another vehicle, tree or other object is likely to be more serious than hitting a deer.
- **Always wear a seat belt!** Even if a collision is unavoidable, you are more likely to avoid injury or death if you are wearing a seat belt.
- If you hit or kill a deer or bear while driving, immediately report the accident to a Conservation Police Officer or other law enforcement officer in the county or city where the accident occurred.
- If you kill a deer or bear while driving, you may keep it for your own use if you report the accident to a law enforcement officer where the accident occurred and the officer views the animal and gives you a possession certificate.

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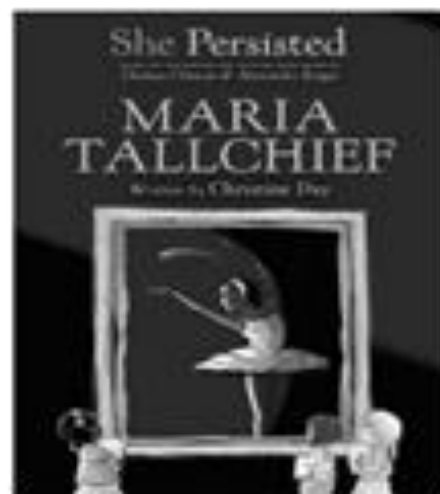


VFW Post 9501 Auxiliary and Little Free Library # 57300 Stewart Colleen Williams are presenting a free book give away at the Post on December 10, 2022 from 1:00p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Each child who attends will receive a choice of one new free book to keep and enjoy from approximately 300 plus new books, while supplies last. Children of all ages may participate and must be accompanied by an adult. As we approach the holiday season, we wish to give the gift of reading to as many children as we can.

Adults who attend may consider making a donation to the Post Buddy Poppy fund

which helps to spread cheer to our Veterans who need to be remembered with an expression of love and caring at special times such as holidays.

The Little Free Library is available to encourage children to read: Take A Book, Share A Book, Return A Book! New books will be added to the unit from time to time. Community members may place gently used books in the unit to share. Due to Flu and Covid infections rising, please consider wearing a mask to protect our Veterans and the many children who will attend.



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Thanksgiving: Did you know?

The most widely known early Thanksgiving is that of the Pilgrims in Plymouth, Massachusetts, who shared an autumn harvest feast with the Wampanoag Native Americans in 1621. This feast, which lasted for three days, is considered the "first" Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. However, there were other recorded ceremonies of thanks on these lands. In 1565, Spanish explorers and the local Timucua people of St. Augustine, Florida, celebrated a mass of thanksgiving. In 1619, British settlers proclaimed a day of thanksgiving when they reached a site known as Berkeley Hundred on the banks of Virginia's James River.



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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

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For starters, they paid with a mask mandate... and quarantining, testing, isolating, and shutting down programs and activities. In fact, submitting to CDC orders was the main requirement for funding. There was much more, but ultimately our children's happiness, health, and education were sacrificed for a federal bribe.

Yet parents were consistently told the Board's "hands were tied," and "they had no choice" in the matter. This was false. Their hands were largely tied because they (and the state) chose to take funding. Approximately 26 states and countless small towns said "NO" to federal Covid money during the pandemic which gave them the freedom to do what they felt was right

for schools - not what the government commanded. And their outcomes were significantly better for it.

I'm asking our School Board to return the latest installment of ESSER III money. Stop the cycle of relying on costly hand-outs now, and put the interests of our children before dollar signs. "Untie your hands" so you can serve King William students instead of the commandments of the Federal Government.

Jessica McLane
Aylett



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor

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Broadus Church Hebron Campus

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Mattaponi Baptist Church

Worship in person Sunday at 11a.m. Children from pre-K & up invited to Children's Church during worship service, Bible lesson, snacks, fellowship. Daylight Saving Time, meet in person, second & fourth Wed of month in-depth Bible study. All services live on Zoom at: http://bit.ly/MBCLIVE (Meeting ID: 871 964 216). Announcements on Facebook: @MattaponiBaptistChurchVa. 5 mi n of K&Q CH Rt.14: 13466 The Trail, King and Queen Court House, 23085. Pastor Stephen Rountree 804-514-5715.

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The Rock Spring Baptist Church

4134 Manfield Rd. Manquin, Pastor Pagie Hancock. Join us on Sundays for Sunday School at 9:15 am and Morning Worship at 10:15 am. Bible Study is held Weekly on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm via Conference Call, Dial:1-605-468-9715 and Access Code: 318691.The 145th Church Anniversary will be Sunday; November 20, at 10:15 am with Pastor Hancock as the Speaker. All are invited!

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

Union Hope Baptist Church

King William: Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 a.m. (In-person and Teleconference) Teleconference option: Phone: (774) 220-4000, PIN 57187 Follow us on Facebook: Union Hope Baptist Church, King William, Virginia.

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The Edge Worship Centre

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Holiday Craft & Gift Market

Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 am - 2 pm, behind Dragon Run Brewing, 1401 Centerville Rd, Shacklefords; near intersection of routes 14 & 33. Hosted by the Woman's Club of King & Queen County. Hope to see you there!

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December 8, Colosse Baptist Ch. 23945 King William Rd. West Point, 23181. colossebaptistchurch.com/griefshare.

King & Queen Branch Library

Family Storytime Thursday, Dec. 1, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. **Stuffed Animal** Wednesday, Dec. 7 (All Day) Pickup begins at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8 **Sharpie Mug** Monday, Dec. 12, 2:00 - 3:00pm Ages 18 & up.

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King and Queen Book Club Thursday, Dec. 15, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. **K&Q Chess Club** Thursday, Dec. 22, 6:00 - 7:00pm

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Upper KW Branch Library

Elf on the Shelf Hunt Thursday, Dec. 1 - 15 (during library hours) Ages 3-11.

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West Point Branch Library

Family Storytime Friday, Dec. 2, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. **Stay and Play** Friday, Dec. 2, 11:00 a.m. - noon Ages 0-5 w/parents and caregivers. **Gingerbread Houses** Saturday, Dec. 3, 11:00 a.m. - noon Ages 5 - 12. Registration required at <https://pamunkeylibrary.libcal.com/event/9352819>. **Holiday Crafternoon** Friday, Dec. 9, 3:00 - 4:00pm Ages 18 and up. Call 804-843-3244 or visit the library at 721 Main Street for more information.

VFW Post 9501

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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.

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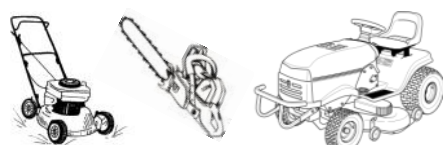
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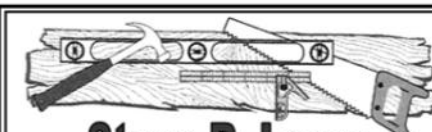
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