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King William Emergency Ministries Annual Celebration of Song is Back



The Broadbudd Church/Hebron Campus Choir

By Gene Campbell

After a two-year absence due to COVID, the King William Emergency Ministries' (KWEM) Annual Celebration of Song returned to fill the air in Colosse Baptist Church's new fellowship hall with Christmas music. Choirs and soloists from nine area churches took turns singing favorite Christmas hymns to the delight of over 100 people in attendance. The Rev. Jeff Mills of Colosse Baptist Church opened the event and introduced each participant. A love offering was taken midway and \$4,631 was collected. All of the donations will go towards providing assistance to families with emergency needs during the coming year.

Please see Celebration of Song, continued on page 10.

The Elf Cottage Benefits the American Cancer Society



Shopping at the Elf Cottage (l-r) Mya Kibler, Remi Lee, Tina Layne and Sheri McKinney

Please see Full story on page 11.

*Photo:
My mother
Charlotte
Campbell posing
at the old
intersection of
Rt. 30 and Rt.
360 in the
1940s.
This is now the
intersection of
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A Road Runs Through It

By Gene Campbell

How many times during the course of a day do you travel or cross Rt. 360? Most of us can answer that question by saying 'at least once.' Rt. 360 is a primary highway running through King William and King & Queen County that has its beginnings in Danville and ends in Reedville, a 225-mile stretch across Virginia. It is easily the most traveled road in both counties and has been called the gateway to the Northern Neck. Have you ever wondered how people traveled to Richmond before Rt. 360? Before the Pamunkey River Bridge at Broadbudd Flats, there was a colonial river/port town

called Newcastle located in Hanover County just downriver from the current bridge. It was established by the Virginia General Assembly in 1740. Patrick Henry's father John Henry surveyed and laid out the town. Old Newcastle Road (Rt. 605) in King William leads to the site of the Town of Newcastle. Newcastle was a thriving river town just like Aylett was in colonial times. A 12 ft wide bridge was erected not long after the town was established.

Please see ROAD, continued on page 8.

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Congratulations Alvin!

Congratulations!

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Take care until next time...

Hannay Clark

I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.

Jimmy Dean



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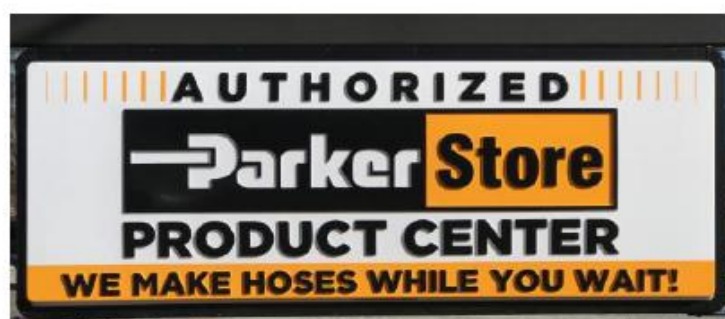


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Radar Ears

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

I learned early on to trust Pip's long ears. When she was young, I used to play a game and try to sneak up on her. It's almost impossible with those long ears. She doesn't miss a thing. It's like she has radar or something. Now whenever she stops and looks in a certain direction, I wait patiently and after a few minutes, out walks a deer or a dog or something. When I'm working around the pasture or barn, Pip is right there in the middle of whatever I'm doing. She thinks I need her help to fix or cleanup something. The other evening, I was cleaning up a little bit of hay and she stops and walks over to the fence and looks up the driveway through the woods. I stopped and listened but didn't hear a car or anything so I went back to work while she stood there at attention. Sure enough, after a couple of minutes, a chicken from up the road came walking out to visit me and Pip. Actually Pip gets all the visitors not me. I don't know how she heard that chicken



walking or clucking, but she knew something was coming. I guess it was one of those free ranging chickens. Here's a little joke about kids and chickens.

Two farm boys meet on a dusty old country road. One of them is carrying a big bag labeled Chickens. "Chickens, huh?" The older boy says. "Hey if i guess how many chickens you got in that bag, will you give me one?" The younger boy replied "heck, iffin you guess right, I'll give you all three of them."

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

Rob Wittman Reelected to an Eighth Term as First District Congressman



King William County Administrative Bldg (location of Courthouse Precinct District 2) on election day

By Gene Campbell

Since 2007 Republican Rob Wittman has been representing the First District of Virginia as its Congressman. On November 8th he easily won his eighth term to the US House of Representatives. Wittman garnered 56% of the vote in the First District while Democratic challenger Herb Jones took 43% and independent challenger David Foster 1%. The spread was much wider in King William as Wittman had 72% of the vote to Jones's 27% and Foster's 1%. Turnout in King William was a little over 50% as 7,504 of the approximately 14,000 registered voters came out to cast their vote. In the only other race on the ballot county-wise, Tina Glazebrook who ran unopposed was elected to fill the unexpired term of Circuit Court Clerk Patricia Norman Circuit who retired in February. In the Third District

(Aylett), Lindsey Catlett who ran unopposed was elected to fill the unexpired term of Stephen Tupponce on the School Board. The general election for both the Circuit Court Clerk and Third District School Board seat will be in November 2023.

The Board of Supervisors has set the date of March 7th, 2023, for a special election for Treasurer to fill the unexpired term of Treasurer Mary Sue Bancroft who resigned earlier this year. Her term expires on December 31st, 2023. The winner, if they would like to remain in office, will need to run again in the November 2023 general election. Two candidates have filed to run in the special election for Treasurer on March 7th, 2023. They are Abbi Carlton and Julie Mills. The deadline for filing to run for the March 7th, 2023 election is January 6th, 2023.

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Cavaliers Fall to Islanders in 2A Regional Championship



The agony of defeat. Coaches consoling Trenton Johnson and Kaleb Shelton

By Michael Commins
Photos by Gene Campbell

King William and Poquoson first met on the gridiron in 1958 with Poquoson claiming a 20 - 6 victory. 1970 - 1977 saw both teams compete as members of the Tidewater District with Poquoson winning

6 of the 8 games played with 1 tie. The two teams met for the third time since 2019 in Class 2A, Region A competition Friday night Nov 18 at Roger Brookes Field with the regional crown on the line.

King William jumped out to a 7 - 0 lead 40.9 seconds before halftime when Kaleb

Shelton scored from 3 yards out and Cameron LeBaron added the extra point. The score was set up by an errant snap on a Poquoson punt formation with 1:51 left in the half and recovered by the Cavaliers at the Poquoson 14-yard line. An earlier King William scoring opportunity in the first quarter was erased when Kaleb Shelton fumbled out of the Islander end zone for a touchback giving Poquoson the ball first and 10 from their own 20-yard line.

The third quarter saw Poquoson get on the board on a Chase Bullard 12-yard run at the 8:47 mark. Ethan Little's extra point tied the score at 7 - 7. The Cavaliers Cameron LeBaron missed on a 32-yard field goal opportunity at the 11:17 mark in the fourth quarter. The score remained tied until Islander quarterback Eli Tyndall connected with Ryen Ellis on a 27-yard touchdown pass with 5:33 to go in the game. Ethan Little's second point after put the Islanders ahead 14 - 7.

King William mounted one last offensive series but Kheleo Smith's interception of a Kaleb Shelton pass sealed the game and Region A Championship for Poquoson.

King William had 100 yards rushing on 34 attempts, 82 yards on 7 for 16 passing with 1 interception, and 9 first downs for the game. Kaleb Shelton led the Cavaliers with 18 carries for 63 yards and 1 touchdown. Tre Robinson had 5 receptions for 62 yards and 42 yards on 2 kickoff returns.



Tre Robinson stiff arms a Poquoson defender

Tre Robinson, C. J. Cosby, K. J. Washington, Nick Medlin, Trenton Johnson, R. J. Jenks, Mekhi Martin, Carter Hamilton, Wylie Johnson, and Derek Baker led the Cavalier defense. Robinson had an interception, Medlin had 2 fumble recoveries, Trenton Johnson and Hamilton had tackles for losses, Jenks recorded a sack, and Wylie Johnson recorded 5 solo tackles and 4 assisted tackles for the game.

King William closes the 2022 campaign with a record of 9 wins and 4 losses. We salute our seniors and thank them for their leadership, dedication, hard work, and effort throughout the season. We thank Cavalier Nation for their continued support each week throughout the season and to our cheerleaders coming out each week to keep the Cavalier Spirit alive and well. The coaching staff looks forward to getting started in January on the 2023 edition of King William Cavalier football. GO CAVS !

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Internet for All Initiative Coming to Pamunkey Reservation



Chief Gray (middle) with NTIA staff members. Left to right - Grace Kelly, Rebecca Seewald, Laura Spining, and Zahir Rasheed.

By Amanda Walker

On Thursday, November 17th, Chief Robert Gray of the Pamunkey Tribe along with Laura Spining of the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) made the announcement that 1Gbps/1Gbps fiber broadband service would soon be in place for all residents of the reservation. In addition to the forty-eight homes that will be served, nine anchor facilities on the reservation will be included in the project as well, including the museum, pottery school, community center, fish hatchery, and other buildings serving the tribe.

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King William Ruritans Donate to the Christmas Dreams Project



King William Ruritan Club Treasurer David Leake (left) presents a \$250 donation for the Christmas Dreams Project to Kathy and Jim Morrison.

By Gene Campbell

'Tis the season to be giving. The King William Ruritan Club recently donated \$250 to the Christmas Dreams Project sponsored by the King William County Social Services. The project provides Christmas wishes to area children from 0 to 18 years old in King William County and the Town of West Point. Through the generosity of organizations such as the Ruritan club plus many members of the community, this program promotes "adopt a child" to assist families using an application process. Churches and businesses sponsor "adopt a tree" and families and individuals ask for children to sponsor. Donations are used to supply the needs of applicants who are not

adopted. This year the program is serving 344 children in the community.

Since the chartering of the club in 1938, the club has donated thousands of dollars back to the local community. Ruritan National has close to 25,000 members across the United States providing support to over 900 communities. The club is thankful for the community's support at our fund-raising events! Please mark the date of Saturday, January 14th on your calendar for our Annual Brunswick Stew sale at the club facilities. To order your stew please contact any Ruritan member or call Troy Simons at 337-0325. Also, circle the date of Tuesday, April 13th for the club's 83rd Annual Fish Fry.

Road, continued from front page

It was the first bridge to span a tidal river in the original thirteen colonies. People would travel by horseback or buggy to Newcastle, cross the river and continue their journey to Richmond. A ferry also existed at Newcastle as well as one at Piping Tree (on the King William side of the river) a short distance downriver. As a side note, Newcastle as well as Hanover Town (some two miles upriver) were seriously considered by the Virginia General Assembly as the location of the new Virginia capital in the mid-18th century but Richmond was eventually selected. Newcastle suffered heavy damage during the Revolutionary War. This plus the gradual silting of the river which restricted the travel of boats upriver contributed to the decline of Newcastle. Shortly after the turn of the twentieth century, a railway called The Richmond and Rappahannock River Railway came into existence. The railway was chartered in 1912 and a track was built for passenger and industrial service from Richmond to the vicinity of Newcastle. It was the intention of the railway to continue a track across the river all the way to Tappahannock but plans stalled due to financial reasons. The tracks were abandoned in 1917. Latane Trice once told me as a boy he would cross the Pamunkey River at Piping Tree Ferry with his father and ride the train to Richmond. People tell me the old railroad bed can still be seen just behind the solar panels in Broadbudds Flats.

In the early 1900s, the automobile came along, and with it building and maintaining roads became a necessity. The original Pamunkey and Aylett bridges were built in the 1920s with the road leading to the Pamunkey Bridge built around the same time Prestley Barn was constructed, 1925. During this time counties were responsible for building and maintaining their own roads. This put a financial burden on many counties and when their budgets ran out of money for the year, they had to wait till the next year to work and maintain the roads. This made road conditions treacherous at times, especially after rain (see picture). It was not uncommon for a trip to Richmond to take 15 hours. In 1932, the State took over the primary and secondary road systems, allowing counties to relinquish responsibility for building and maintaining roads in their respective counties. It was during this time the State worked with many counties including King William and King & Queen to build a 50-mile road from Richmond to Tappahannock. Its route through King William took its present-day course from



the muddy condition of Rt 360 in the 1920s



Rt 360 under construction in the 1920s (looking west towards Broadbudds Flats with Pamunkey River Bridge in foreground).

the Pamunkey River Bridge to Manquin then followed Rt 661 (Mt Pleasants Road) and Rt 662 (Sharon Road) as its route, tying back into Rt 360 at the end of Sharon Road. From there it followed its present-day route to Aylett. Not long after VDOT took over maintenance in the 1930s, Rt 360 was paved making it the first paved road in King William. In 1960 the stretch from the Pamunkey River to Manquin was four-laned; in 1966 the stretch from Manquin to Aylett was widened (by passing Rt 661 and 662); in 1968 the stretch from Aylett to Rt 14 was four-laned, and in 1970 the stretch from Rt 14 to Millers Tavern was four-laned.

I guess you could say Rt 360 is a lot like the 1950s TV program 'Route 66' ...making many memories along its way. If only Rt 360 could talk! For me traveling along Rt 360 brings back memories of riding my Honda S-90 trail bike to high school ... to spectating (not racing) the Saturday night drag races in Broadbudds Flats. Those were the days!

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Martin Won First Place in Art Show

Michael Martin won first place in the Small Works Show 2022 at Art Works for his color pencil drawing entitled The Station in Autumn. Judged by Diego Sanchez, the show was open to any miniature works of any media. Two other works by Michael were juried into the show, as well.

Michael Martin is an award-winning artist from King and Queen County. He studied locally under Mrs. Ettra Jackson and Ms. Wilhelmina Herren, before continuing his studies at Virginia Commonwealth University, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude and with University Honors from the Communication Arts and Design Department.

The Small Works Show will be open to the public in the Skylight Gallery at Art Works until January 20, 2023. Other works by Michael Martin and Brooke Dudonis Butler can be viewed at Studio 165 in Art Works or online at www.michaelmartinart.com. Art Works is located at 320 Hull Street in Richmond, Virginia.



Photo by Brooke Dudonis Butler

Michael Martin is pictured with his first-place drawing, *The Station in Autumn*.

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Celebration of Song, continued from front page



The Sharon Baptist Church Choir



Dr. Rev. Wilbert Talley of Third Union Baptist Church singing solo

King William Emergency Ministries’ when then King William County Social emergency assistance in the form of application requesting assistance. After the President Randy Shank thanked the crowd Services director Ben Owens approached paying electric/heating bills and providing performance, the crowd mingled and for their donations as he reminisced about him about the needs of many families in clothing among other things to families enjoyed refreshments. the beginnings of the organization in 1993 the community. KWEM provides and individuals who have filled out an

Internet, continued from page 7



Standing on the steps of the old Pamunkey schoolhouse where his grandmother once attended school, Chief Gray called it a “momentous day”. Gray has hoped to obtain high-speed internet coverage for the reservation for years, recalling several past near opportunities that did not work out. While no firm timeline is in place, Gray estimates the project will be completed within about a 2-year timeframe. The project is being funded by a \$500,000 grant awarded under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The grant will cover infrastructure placement and service to the fifty-seven locations for the next 5 years. The project will be completed with the coordinated efforts of NTIA, All Points Broadband, Dominion Energy, the Pamunkey Tribe, the King William County Administration, and the Fairfield Foundation. Chief Gray looks forward to bringing better educational opportunities, access to cultural opportunities, business opportunities, telemedicine, and an overall improvement of life to tribal members through the effort.

Photo: Chief Gray announces a \$500,000 grant has been awarded to the Pamunkey Reservation for high-speed internet infrastructure.



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Elf Cottage, continued from front page



Pictures by Corinne Jovel

The 6th Annual Elf Cottage setup at the Ruritan building

By Danny Clark

Even though the weather was cold and rainy last Friday and Saturday, the Elf Cottage at the King William Ruritan building was warm and inviting inside to all who came. Parents and grandparents brought their Children to shop for Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, teachers, and pets. Kathy Boyer Adams gave me a quick tour of the Elf Cottage. She also introduced me to all the friendly volunteer Elves. We visited the shopping room and then the wrapping room. Ginny Kemish said, "We have been busy and this is so

good for the children and parents." Head Elf, Kathy Holliday said, "This is our 6th year, and each year we've grown. We want to thank again all the businesses and sponsors for helping make this a special event. It's for a wonderful cause, all the proceeds will go to benefit the American Cancer Society." The Elf Cottage was decorated with all the Christmas scenes you could imagine. The children were so excited picking out that special gift for the people they love. The true spirit of Christmas could definitely be felt there.



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King William!*

December 12th-14th
Rain Dates December 17th & 18th



Santa will visit the
following areas:

Monday 12/12 – Central Garage
Tuesday 12/13 – Manquin
Wednesday 12/14 – Aylett

To see specific times, streets, and additional information please go to King
William Fire and EMS County Website

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
"Played or Saved"

I am sure most people have seen the movie "Sting" with Paul Newman and Robert Redford. The theme is a grifter is murdered after conning a runner for the head of a crime family. There are many sub-plots and surprises all based on an illusion.

The Covid19 (Sting) response could have been copied from the "Sting" script. Selling a vaccine that causes more harm than it prevents - makes one wonder why people line up to get it. Ask any of them about the research they did on the claims made by the Medical Bureaucrats before getting the Jab. (Go to the following web page and you can see from the various charts showing just how much information was left out of the informed consent form you received before being jabbed - <http://vaersanalysis.info>)

I pulled the following data from the CDC maintained VAERS data base on 11/23/22. (1,454,298 reports, 35,371 deaths, 62,620 Permanent Disability and 201,804 hospitalized). Website Info -

<https://wonder.cdc.gov/controller/datarequest/D8>

Per a Health & Human Services Study referenced in "The Real Anthony Fauci" (page 5) a book by Robert F. Kennedy Jr states "HHS's own studies indicate that VAERS may be understating vaccine injuries by over 99 percent."

On January 24, 2022 Senator Ron Johnson invited a group of world renowned doctors and medical experts to the U.S. Senate to provide a different perspective on the global pandemic response, the current state of knowledge of early and hospital treatment, vaccine efficacy and safety, what went right, what went wrong, what should be done now, and what needs to be addressed long term. A 38 minute video highlights the 5-hour discussion on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9jMONZMuS2U> and for the 5 hour version go to <https://rumble.com/vt62y6-covid-19-a-second-opinion.html>.

You may also want to call your health Insurance Provider and ask this question "If I take the Experimental Covid19 Vaccine, Boosters or drugs and have an adverse event – will you pay the resulting medical Bills, where can I find the reference in my policy and can I get a signed letter from someone in authority for my records?"

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the School Board of King William County will hold a Public Hearing on the 2023 - 24 Budget on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 6:00 pm at Hamilton Holmes Middle School prior to the regular School Board Meeting.

12/1/2022

Amber Hutcherson, Clerk

HUNDLEY

John Edward Hundley, 63, of Aylett, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, November 24, 2022

He loved to fish, hunt, play pool and muscle cars. He was a person who always stayed busy.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Larkin O and Clara Martin Hundley, brothers, Robert Hundley and Richard Hundley and several half brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years Patty Hundley, sons, John Adam Hundley,

Obituary

Benjamin Edward Hundley, Joshua Evan Hundley half brother Larkin Hundley, and half sisters Susie Elsie and Patricia. He is also survived by a nephew Ricky Hundley, nieces, Kathryn Rowell, Samantha, Dawn, Angie and Hope and many close friends.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m., Monday, November 28, 2022 at the Indian View Baptist Church with interment to follow in the church cemetery.

Arrangement by the B.W. White Funeral Home.

Pet Adoption for Christmas!



"Annabelle" is a fabulous female Hound that's about 3 years old and weighs 40lbs. She came to the Shelter after she was found at someone's home. She's a happy and social girl who loves all people, dogs, and cats. She loves to run around with her dog pals in the play area! She is heartworm negative and started on monthly prevention.

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Department of Health Will Send Vaccine Related Voice/Text Messages

Contributed by Larry Hill VDH

Beginning Monday, November 28, residents aged 50+ in the Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Three Rivers, and Virginia Beach Health Districts will receive text or voice messages reminding them that they are eligible for the COVID-19 Bivalent Booster. Members of this population will only receive a message if records indicate they are eligible for, but have not yet received, a bivalent booster. The voice/text messages are just one more way VDH is reaching out to let Virginians know they can get a free bivalent booster at many locations, including health care providers, local pharmacies, and health departments around the state. Virginia Department of Health records

indicate you are eligible for a COVID-19 bivalent booster. Schedule an appointment at <https://vaccines.gov/> or call (877) 829-4682. Contact information from the resident's immunization record will determine whether they receive a text message (for mobile numbers) or a phone call (for landlines). Individuals do not need to wait for this notification to get a bivalent booster. If you have questions about your eligibility to receive a bivalent booster, or believe you have been contacted in error, please contact the VDH call center for a review of your record. Call 877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682, TTY users call 7-1-1). Assistance is available in English, Spanish, and more than 100 other languages.

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Clean Water Farm Award



The Clean Water Farm Award is presented in conjunction with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation to recognize producers who implement conservation practices to preserve water quality. The 2022 recipient of the Clean Water Farm Award is Randy D. Christian of the York River Watershed. The Christian family began farming by raising vegetables. At the time, the operation consisted of Randy’s father, Randy’s brother, and two mules that were used to work the farm. Randy and his brother both had two sons, all of whom wanted to farm. Randy’s father formed a partnership in 1992 while his brother and his two sons formed their own operation. In 1995, Randy’s father retired, leaving the operation to Randy and his sons, who began a complete grain farming operation. Randy’s brother and nephews continued to raise vegetables and began what is Pole Green Produce today. At one point, Randy and his boys raised hogs and had approximately 400 pigs at the peak of their operation. Today, Randy D. Christian and Sons operates on approximately 2700 acres between King William, New Kent, and Hanover counties. The operation functions as a row crop grain farm raising approximately 800 acres of small grain and 800 acres of corn each year. Randy’s son Brian plants and hauls while his son Philip combines and sprays. The Christians also have approximately 500 acres of timber, 225 of which are open. As part of an ongoing conservation effort, some acreage was purchased by the Civil War Trust. Additionally, over 400 acres are covered by a Resource Management Plan. Randy and his sons routinely utilize best management practices such as winter cover crops, no-till systems, grass buffers, and forested buffers. As part of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act, these buffers reduce runoff entering waterways. Approximately 10 acres have been taken out of production to help protect the Chickahominy River, in addition to Randy practicing water-quality minded efforts around the York River. The Christians utilize yield maps for precision agriculture and have been participants in the Whole Farm Approach since its pilot implementation in 2019. In addition to his work with Three Rivers, Randy also participates with Hanover-Caroline Soil & Water Conservation District, as well as Colonial Soil & Water Conservation District. Randy’s dedication and commitment to soil health and water quality has been superb, and we commend him for his ongoing efforts.

Outstanding Stewardship Award



The Outstanding Stewardship Award is presented to stewards of the land who are conscious in their efforts to maintain and improve soil health and water quality. Mr. Kevin Norman of T.O. Longest & Sons, LLC is the 2022 recipient of the Outstanding Stewardship Award for the Three Rivers district. Kevin had a passion for farming from a very young age and credits his grandfather, a self-proclaimed “hobby farmer,” for instilling in him his strong work ethic. Kevin graduated from Rappahannock Community College with a degree in electrical engineering and began a career at the West Rock paper mill in West Point prior to joining the T. O. Longest & Sons, LLC operation full time in 2013. T.O. Longest & Sons, LLC currently works approximately 3,900 acres of land in King and Queen County and is primarily a row crop operation. Their first grain bins were installed in 2016 and at present day they are currently have a 12,000 bushel wet bin and a total 95,000 bushel capacity in dry bins. Kevin practices no-till farming and is a proponent of the benefits of cover crops. He maintains buffer strips and strives to improve the land her works. Kevin looks forward to utilizing more precision agriculture such as variable rate fertilizer and seeding based applications in the future. Kevin is happily married to his best friend, Janet, and they have two girls together.

Dawn's School of Dance presents Annual Christmas Show



Dawn's School of Dance will present their 17th annual production of "O'Night Divine" on Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 p.m. at the Robinson-Olson Auditorium of West Point High School.

Now one of our community's cherished holiday traditions, this show walks the audience through the story of Christ's birth through dancing, acting and singing. This year's performance will begin with a family stranded in an airport trying to get to a family gathering for Christmas. Through delays and cancellations, they will seek out and discover the true meaning of Christmas.

Tickets are \$5, and additional donations will be accepted as any profit will be donated to the Christmas Dreams Organization and King William Emergency Ministries. Audience members may also browse the silent auction in the lobby, where Christmas gift baskets will be auctioned off to support the DSD Competition Dance Team. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the DSD Studio during rehearsals (see dawnsschoolofdance.net for rehearsal dates and times) or at the door.

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CHRISTIAN

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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!

Christ Fellowship Ministries

304 W. Chinquapin Road King William, 23086 Pastor Mary P. Edwards. Email cfm23086@yahoo.com Secretary: Julie Peters 804-510-8022 www.corinthchristianchurchkw.net 9153 Dabney's Mill Rd Manquin 23106

Jerusalem Christian Church

We invite you to worship with us in person service. Adult Sunday School at 10:00 am and Sunday Service at 11:00. Minister Joshua Lewis, 1902 Powhatan Trail, King William.

Smyrna Christian Church

Come worship our Lord, Jesus Christ with us inside on Sundays at 10am, or join us live on Facebook or view later on our website: www.smyrnacc.org. 3655 Powcan Rd, Bruington

The Way Christian Church

Christmas Luncheon & Santa visit! Dec. 18, Bring your kids and come worship with us, starting at 10am. Upper K&Q Ruritan 186 Walnut Spring Rd. St. Stephens Ch. 23148.

West Point Christian Church

290 West Euclid Blvd. West Point. Pastor Matt Cox P.O. Box 800 804-843-3185 westpointchristian.com

BAPTIST

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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 Facebook Broadus Church Hebron Campus web www.broaduschurch.org Fall Schedule: Sunday Worship 9:30, Sunday School for all ages 10:30 Tuesdays 6:00 PM Youth Mid-week,

6:15 Ladies Bible Study, Wednesday 6:00 Mid-week Bible Study. Feeding Ministry: 2nd Monday of each month from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. For furniture or firewood ministry please call 804-779-2700 ask for Pastor Jeff Poythress.

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 11a.m. Face coverings optional. Choir Practice Tuesdays at 6:30pm. and Community Clothes Cupboard open first Saturdays from 10a.m. until noon. Contact us at 804-769-3246.

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Colosse Baptist Church

join us Sunday morning for one of our two services. 8:30 for more contemporary worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 for more traditional worship.

Indian View Baptist Church

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 (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 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.

Oak Grove Baptist Church

located at 46 Towingque Farm Road, Hanover will be celebrating the 11th Anniversary Celebration of our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Raymond L. Palmer, Sr. on Sunday, November 20th at

11:00 a.m. speaker- Rev. Gina Cannon, GWC Ministries, Richmond. Covid-19, everyone wear a mask or face covering, practice social distancing. Peace and blessings from Oak Grove Baptist Church where the light of the world always shines.

Olivet Baptist Church

25338 The Trail, Mattaponi. Begin the Christmas Season as we worship through scripture, readings and song. Celebrating God's gift to us, Jesus Christ.

Poroporone Baptist Church

Sundays: 9am Worship Service in the Sanctuary and LIVE on our Facebook page. Followed by 10:15am In person Sunday School. (Sunday School also LIVE is on facebook on Sunday afternoons) Wednesdays: Bible Study is In Person & Live 7pm This includes a Bible Study for kids k-5th grade. Like our FB page to see our Services & Events: Facebook.com/PoroporoneBaptistChurch 30071 The Trail, Shackelfords, Va. Next to Shackelfords Post Office Rt 33 & 14

Providence Baptist Church

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

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.

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.

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.

Wayland Baptist Church

10809 The Trail Stevensville

METHODIST

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McKendree United Methodist Church

4347 Manfield Rd., Manquin, 23106. Sunday worship 9:30 AM in person and on Facebook Live, followed by fellowship time and Sunday School. Minister Libby Hadley. http://www.mckendree23106.org, mckendree23106@gmail.com.

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) Vicar Rev. T. Gustavo Mansella All Are Welcome! All Sundays - 11 AM Eucharist Service First Sunday of the Month - Potluck after church Third Sunday of the month - Healing Service Christmas Services: 24 Dec 5 pm - Candlelight Service of Carols and Lessons 25 Dec 11 am - Christmas Sunday Eucharist. Like us on Facebook at "St David's Episcopal Church, Aylett" including all sermons.

St. John's Episcopal Church

916 Main St. West Point, 804-843-4594 welcome.

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Community Calendar

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Upper KW Branch Library

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

West Point Branch Library

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

The veterans of VFW Post located on 7712 King William Road, Aylett will have their monthly meetings the 2nd Thursday at 5:00PM. Call Post Commander Herbert "Tim" Johnson for membership or information 804-769-1862. VFW Auxiliary meets in-person and virtual at 12:00 noon on the 2nd Thursday. Call Gladys Hickman, President at 804-330-9925 or Carolyn Brown, Senior-Vice 804-769-2496 for membership or more information.

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.

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 happening at local, state and national levels. KWTP's meetings are open to all citizens of good will.

KW Children First Lions Club

Crossroads Mission Center located at 694 K Sharon Road, King William.

Girl Scout Troop 1132

Mattaponi Vol. Rescue Squad Building.

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KW Parks and Recreation

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

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KW Community Watch

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CornerStone Community Development Center, Aylett

Food Distribution 11235 West River Road Mobile Pantry on Wed, Dec 7, 11am. - 1pm. Sat Dec 10, 17, 23 not 24, 31 9.30 am. - 11.30am. Fri Dec 23, 11am. - 2pm.

The Lily Field Clothing Shed

11235 West River Road Open Saturdays. Do not drop off donations. Call to schedule drop off

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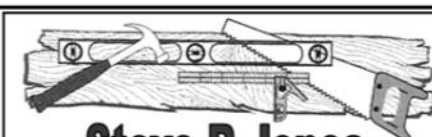


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