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Santa Around Town – He is Everywhere!



Kings Grant Preschool at McKendree Church, please see full story on page 12.



Walkerton Christmas Parade Santa and his crew



Walkerton Christmas Parade Judges Award winner



Kiddie train at the Walkerton Christmas Parade



Beulah Baptist Church pastor Alex Rand

A New Era Begins at Beulah Baptist Church

By Gene Campbell

We are so fortunate to live in a rural setting such as King William County where local churches are the HEART of community life. My good friend and fellow classmate Sandra Poynter Kersey recently came to me and said “Gene, I want you to meet our new minister at Beulah Baptist Church.” It was an opportunity I was not going to pass up. I recently sat down with their new minister, Alex Rand. He is a young energetic gentleman, all of 27 years old, who took over the pastoral duties of the Church this fall. He has some big shoes to fill. Ed Shepard, Beulah’s former pastor for 38 years, recently retired and the good folks at Beulah have been looking for someone to lead their congregation.

Please see Beulah, continued on page 12.

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Jason Bruffey, Pastor Stevens Burrell, Pastor Douglas Riley, Stacy Johnson, Keegan Chapman, and Tal Ambrose

Rev. Stevens Burrell, Pastor of Gleaning Baptist Church in Gloucester, and Rev. Douglas Riley, resident of King William County and Pastor of Shepherdsville Baptist Church also located in Gloucester helped to spread some Christmas joy by donating brand new bicycles, backpacks, coats, hats, gloves, shoes, turkeys, hams, and canned goods to the children and families of King William County. The King William County Public Schools and the King William Social Services.

Publisher's Message



We all enjoy receiving beautifully wrapped presents on Christmas day. It's exciting wondering what could be inside. Someone took the time and expense to make sure there was something to open just for you. Let's consider what the Lord gave us on Christmas day. What a perfect gift, his own son Jesus Christ. This Christmas think about the gift given to all the world, after all, isn't that the true meaning of Christmas?

Take care until next time...

Hannay Clark



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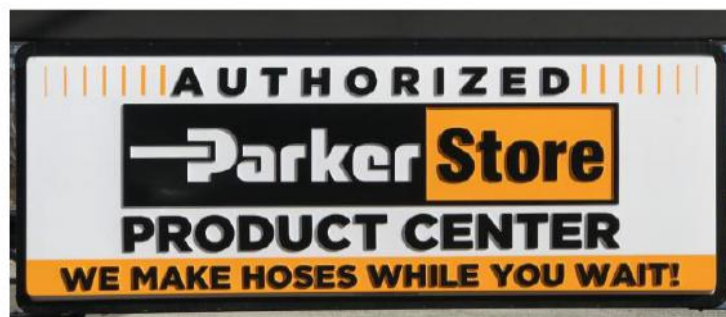


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By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

This time of year is special as we share gifts and dreams with our family and friends. Pip and I hope that everyone has a great holiday season and Santa Clause brings you everything that you wanted. I know that Pip wants some apples and treats for Christmas.

I wanted to share a new poem with you that a fellow horseman and animal lover wrote.



Mountain Dreams

*Mountain misty morn
Flowing streams of cheer
Moving on, times change
Strong and brave Mountaineer.*

*The sky is watching
For the marching winds
Curling tall grasses
Snow and rain to lend.*

*There's an old mill road
Out behind the shed
Christmas trees growing
Where the cows were fed.*

*A sawmill worker
Coming down the road
Hauling Christmas trees
Thirty to a load.*

*I'm proud of my mule
And his name is Nick
Doesn't pull any stunts
Pulling trees is his trick.*

*The spirit of a mule
'Tis to work, not play
Each day is the same
Don't get in his way!*

*A long winding road
May carry your dreams
Mountain to mountain
A thrill to be seen!*

By Bill Crowe
December 2022

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

King William School Superintendent Fired in a 3-2 Vote

Contributed by Jessica McLane

The Superintendent of King William County Public Schools, Dr. David White, was fired by the School Board in a 3-2 vote during the December 13th, 2022 regular meeting. Terry Stone, Kathy Morrison and Lindsey Catlett voted in favor of his removal, while Mark Lee and Chairman Veda Frazier opposed.

The community reacted with both shock and relief on social media, but many questioned the timing of the decision. "Why now?" many asked. As of this time, the Board has declined to comment on the reason, or give details surrounding the events leading up to the dismissal.

It wasn't until the last two meetings of 2022 that the King William School Board showed any indication that trouble was brewing. Those in attendance at the November meeting were stunned when it was abruptly adjourned after the closed session.

However as of March of 2022, the Board appeared to be fully satisfied with Dr.



Dr. White

White's performance, renewing his contract with a large raise, and adding benefits.

There has been no word from the Board if they intend to search for a new Superintendent in the coming weeks or months, but Assistant Superintendent Stacy Johnson will again take over the role of Interim Superintendent as she did before the 2016 hiring of White.

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By Danny Clark

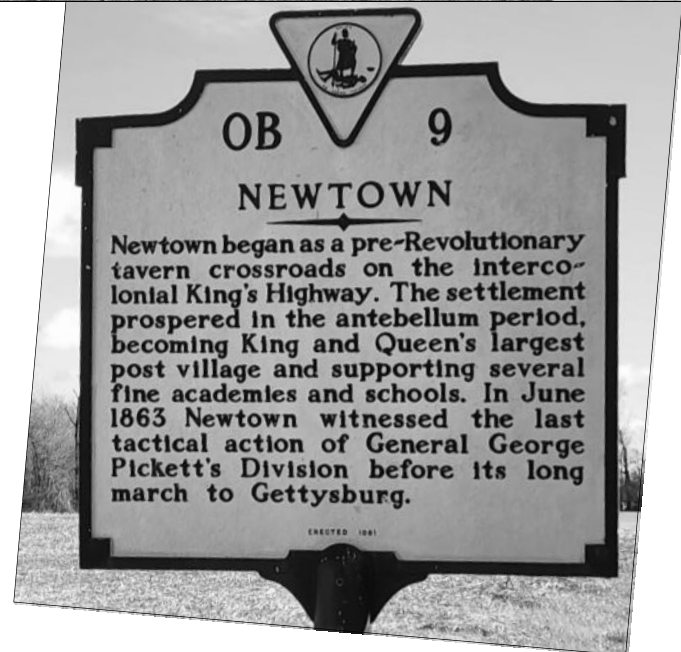
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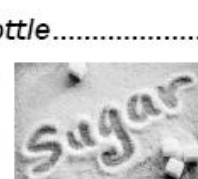
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Central High School would like to recognize Mrs. Jennifer Powell as its 2022-2023 Teacher of the Year. Currently, she teaches Government, AP Government, World History II and is our Social Studies Department Chair. She is loved and respected by her colleagues and students.

Congratulations, Mrs. Powell!



Jennifer Powell

Pet Adoption

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The judges were (not in order) Stacy Reaves, Chief for King William Fire Department and EMS, Dr. Carol B. Carter, Division Superintendent for King and Queen County Public Schools, and Tommy Upshaw from North Point Farm.



Spouse's Night Out



Ruritan club donations to (left to right) Sheriff Jeff Walton, Mangohick Fire Dept. Rep. Chuck Morgan, Walkerton Comm. Fire Assoc. Rep. Ashley Gladden, and King William Emergency Ministries Pres. Randy Shank

By Gene Campbell

All year long the King William Ruritan Club plans and conducts its fund-raising events spending many hours away from home. This leaves our spouses or significant others at home 'holding down the fort.' To show our appreciation for their support during the year, club members have an Annual Spouse's Night Dinner. On Tuesday, December 13th club members treated their spouses and significant others to a steak dinner with all the trimmings. It was also a night to recognize the club's Citizen of the Year and Ruritan of the Year and present

donations to some of the organizations the club supports during the year. Representatives of the Mangohick Fire Department, Walkerton Fire Department, King William Emergency Ministries, and King William Sheriff's Department were given checks totaling \$3,300. Overall, this past year the club has donated over \$15,000 back to the community. The highlight of the night was the awarding of the club's Citizen of the Year to Randy Cromer and Ruritan of the Year to Troy Simons. District Lt. Governor and club member Ronnie Moore installed the 2023 and present officers for the club.

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Christmas Traditions

By Gene Campbell

Christmas is almost here. We all have traditions that play out during the Christmas season. For me, I can remember being so excited I could hardly sleep on Christmas eve. My sisters and I would wake up (almost always before dawn) and come down the stairs peeking through the stairway banisters to see presents (we each had our own stack) in the living room highlighted by the lights on the Christmas tree. Later that day my father would put on his 'ole WW II Army sweater' filled with holes (he would jokingly say they were bullet holes), put on his red Christmas hat, and visit friends in the community. My mother would take us to see the Legendary Santa at Miller Rhoads and have lunch in the Tea Room with Santa and the Snow Queen. King William native Beverly Jane Hargrove Edwards was Snow Queen one year. When Wyatt came along, Suzanne and I took him to see the Legendary Santa too. My mother had a tradition of sending Christmas cards with pictures of my sisters and me. My mother would take pictures (quite the chore to get my three sisters and me to sit still) almost always before Thanksgiving in order to get the cards back in time to mail out before Christmas. Christmas cards debuted in 1843 in England and caught on in the US when the Hall Brothers (now Hallmark) created a folded card in 1915. A tradition in my father's family was to have oyster stew on Christmas Eve. Eating oysters on Christmas



My son Wyatt with the Legendary Santa

Eve originated with Irish immigrants. Eating meat, the evening before a religious holiday was prohibited, so they ate stew with milk, butter, pepper, and oysters.

My father would cut down a cedar tree on the farm and my mother would decorate it with tinsel, large Christmas balls, and lights shaped like candles that bubbled. The Christmas tree first appeared in Germany in 1531. Christmas lights were the bright idea of Thomas Edison's friend Edward Johnson who strung bulbs around a Christmas tree in 1882.

Please see Christmas Traditions, continued on page 19.

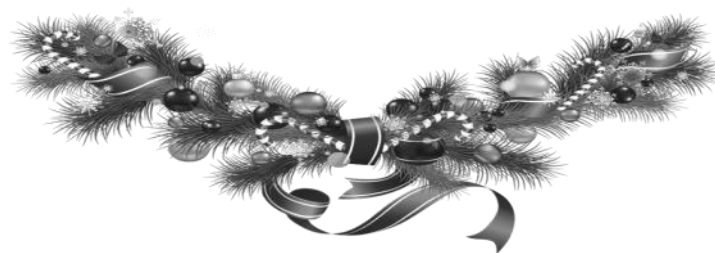
Central High School Alumni Class of 1972 Celebrates 50 Years



Standing back row left to right: Carolyn Garnett, Carl Brown, Lloyd Taylor, Hollis Morris, Jr., Michael Shackelford, Gladys Harvey Hickman, Maxcine Broaddus Campbell, Maria Taylor Carter, Barbara Dabney Harvey, Truman Wise, Gerald Muse, Reginald Holmes. Seated left to right: Doris Martin Johnson, Mary Baylor LaVere, Agnes Billups Jackson, Amy Blake Gordon, Theodora Pollard Winfield.

TOGETHER AGAIN! On Saturday, September 24th and December 10th, 2022; post invitations, numerous classmates of the 1972 Alumni Class of Central High School, King and Queen County Virginia, gathered on the school's campus to begin celebrating their milestone 50 Years Reunion with Progressive Fun Activities. Events began with fellowship and class pictures taken at the school's marquee. Seated classmate are holding the 1972 Yearbook.

Entertaining nostalgia "walk down memory lane," luncheons reflecting on the past and celebrating the future were held at restaurants in Williamsburg and Mechanicsville Virginia. A memorial period was dedicated to departed classmates. Including a donation supporting the American Heart Association made posthumously in memory of beloved initial alumni class organizer Mertene Roane. Events concluded with additional enjoyable activities. Special thanks is extended to the CHS Class '72 Reunion Planning Committee, King and Queen Central High School Principal, Ashley Reynolds, Photos By Nay, Photographer Jeanette Robinson, T-Shirts designed by Dragonfly Love Creations, KH Visions & More, Chey Nicole Creations, gifts donated by King & Queen CHS Alumni Association and the *Country Courier* newspaper. Go Royal Tigers!



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Kings Grant Preschool at McKindree Church

By Gene Campbell

Ole Santa Claus has been making his rounds the past two weeks, checking his list, visiting the children, and finding out who has been naughty and nice in preparation for the big night on Christmas Eve. He has been seen at the Mangohick Fire Department Annual Breakfast with Santa and the Annual Walkerton

Christmas Parade, riding on the local fire trucks at night, plus making an appearance at Kings Grant Preschool at McKendree United Methodist Church. Santa has been busy in both King William and King & Queen counties. Make sure you go to bed early on Christmas Eveand don't forget to leave some cookies and milk for Ole Santa! Ho Ho Ho!!



Santa welcoming guests at the Mangohick VFD Santa breakfast



Six month old Camden Watson (parents Tommy and Maggie Watson) with Santa



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Spouse's Night Out, continued



Citizen of the Year Randy Cromer (left) and Ruritan of the Year Troy Simons (right)

They are President Troy Simons, Vice President Ellen Otey, Secretary Ed Moren, Treasurer David Leake, Directors Chris White, Steve Sykes, Dennis Smith, and alternate director Gene Campbell. The club is forever grateful for the continued support of the community as we strive to make our community a better place to live and work. The club is busy planning its Annual Brunswick Stew Sale on Saturday, January 14th. For more info contact Troy Simons at 337-0325. Also, mark the date of Tuesday, April 11th on your calendar as the club will hold its 84th Annual Fish Fry featuring live music by Honky Tonk Heroes.

Find the King William Ruritan Club online at KingWilliamRuritan.org and [Facebook.com/KingWilliamRuritan](https://www.facebook.com/KingWilliamRuritan)



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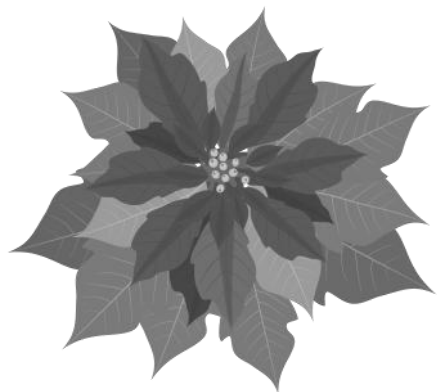
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Obituaries

SHORTT

Carolyn 83, of Mechanicsville, passed peacefully at her home, on December 5, 2022, after a long battle with cancer. She is preceded in death by her brothers, Edward and Charles Crew; lifelong friend, Betsy Davis; and her grandson, Aaron Shortt. She is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, Wayne "Butch" Shortt; sons Gary (Debbie) and Rick (Kimberlee); grandchildren, Lindsey and Emmett; and niece, Terry Cooper (Steve). Online condolences can be left at www.monghanfunerals.com.



LEISE

Siegfried "Siggi", 80, of Manquin, went to be with the Lord Friday, December 9, 2022. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gunther and Emma Leise Strunk; daughter, Lisa Ann Downey; and grandson, Logan Jenks. Siggi is survived by his wife, Rita Ann Leise; children, Britta Sigrid Leise, Erik Siegfried Leise (Heather), and Doug Jenks (Karen); Dawn Waters; son-in-law, Charles Downey; grandchildren, Kenny, Ashleigh (Ryan), Samantha (John), Nelson, Hunter (Gabi), Kirsten, Elizabeth, Seth, Laura, and Van; as well as numerous great grandchildren. He was co-owner of Hanover Machine and Tool. Siggi's passions were his church, family, hockey, and golf. Family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Mechanicsville Chapel of the Bennett Funeral Home, 8014 Lee-Davis Rd. Services will be held 12 noon Friday, December 16, 2022 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Mechanicsville Ward. Interment will follow in Signal Hill Memorial Park.



TAYLOR

Heaven gained a special angel when Eva Lee Bryant Taylor, born November 17, 1924, passed to her heavenly home on December 16, 2022 at the age of 98. She was reunited with her predeceased family who welcomed her with open arms, loving husband of 61 years James Alton Taylor; parents, Lindsey Bolling (Papa) Bryant and Eva Lee (Big Mama) Davis Bryant; brothers and sisters Bertha, Ada, Percy, Ginny, Woodrow, Irving, Hattie, Mary and Bolling. Eva Lee is survived by her three loving sons and their wives Garry Alton and Debbie, Bruce Glen and Robin, Wallace Bryant and Darlene; five grandsons and wives David and Amanda, James and Nita, Travis and Kelly, Adam and Leslie, and Daniel; six great-grandchildren Abby, Weston, Hayden, Colton, Evalee, and Ellie Wayne; and her sister Pauline Ferguson. Eva Lee dedicated her life to her church and family. She also shared 41 years with her work family at C & O Railroad. After retirement she enjoyed spending time with



friends bowling and doing needlework. Her love for cooking was a delicious art that was perfection with every meal prepared and shared with many in the community. The family will receive friends at the Mechanicsville Chapel of Bennett Funeral Home December 21, 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Funeral Services will be held at Bruington Baptist Church on December 22, 10:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bruington Baptist Church, 4784 The Trail, Bruington, 23023.



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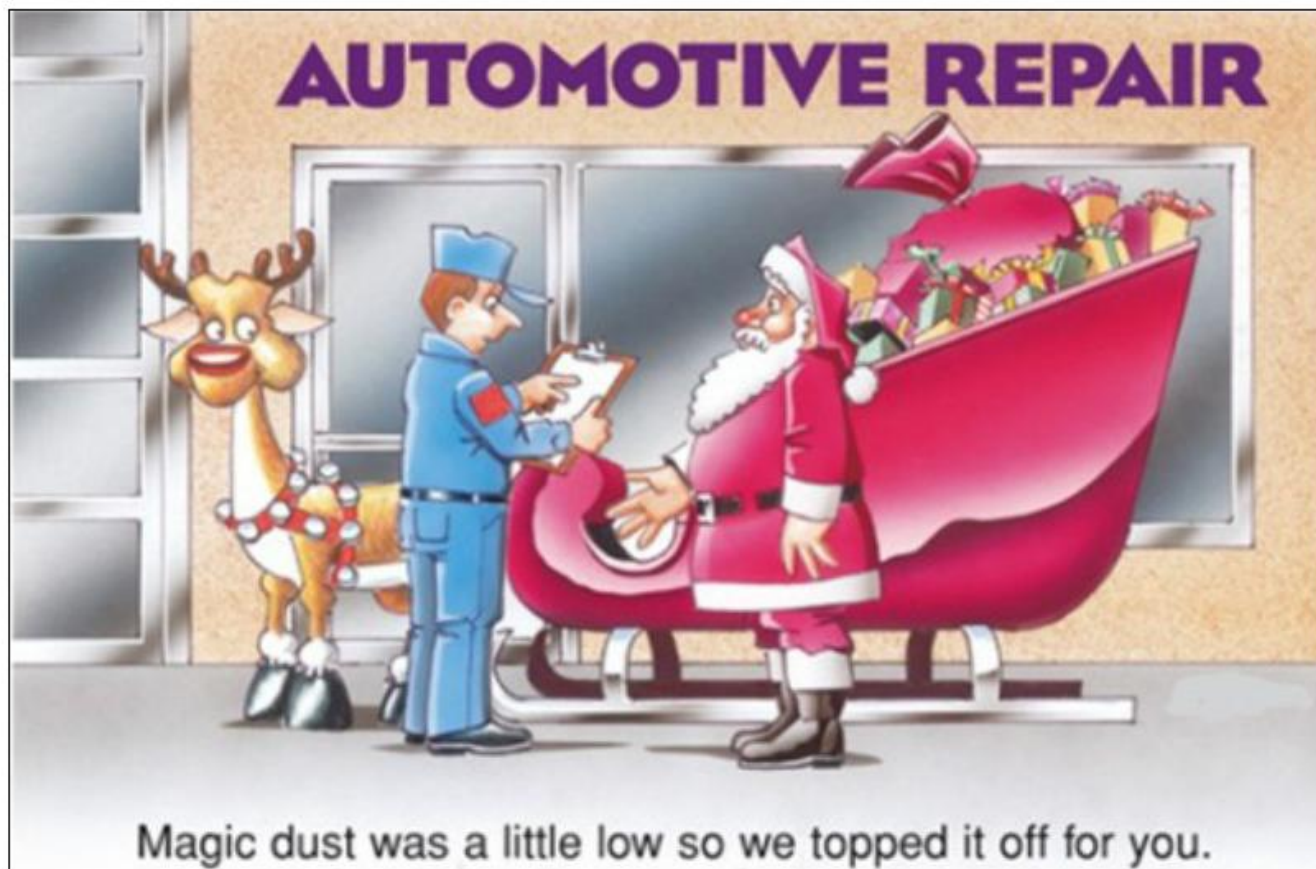
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King & Queen Farm Bureau Annual Convention

Howard Hill and Bill Henley of King and Queen County were among 254 delegates who helped formulate legislative policies during the 2022 Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Annual Convention and Meeting of Voting Delegates.

King and Queen County Farm Bureau representatives attended the convention, which was held November 28 through December 1 in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. The voting delegates adopted policy positions to guide Farm Bureau's legislative direction during the 2023 Virginia General Assembly. Issues that were addressed included opposing legislation that would prohibit the proper use of EPA-approved pesticides and legislation that would further inhibit farmers' ability to sustain a stable



workforce; and supporting funding for best management practices and technical assistance to implement them.

King and Queen County Farm Bureau is one of 88 county Farm Bureaus in the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation.



Beulah, continued from front page

Alex is originally from Charleston, South Carolina. He attended the College of Charleston and obtained his undergraduate degree in Psychology. After Charleston, he attended Liberty University in Lynchburg and received two master's degrees, a Master of Christian Thought and a Master of Divinity and Pastoral Counseling. Alex's goal in life was to be a minister and while at Liberty he did some counseling work and pulpit supply (substitute preaching). It was during this time he met his best friend and future wife, Logan. After attending Liberty, Alex and Logan traveled to North Carolina where Alex accepted a position as an associate church health pastor and continued his pulpit supply work.

While residing in North Carolina, Alex's good friend Tyson Banks, who is the youth pastor at Broadus Baptist Church (Pole Green Road), told him Beulah was looking for a pastor. After Tyson told them about the position, they gave it much thought and prayer. Alex and Logan wanted to settle down and set some roots. Alex decided to send his resume to the search committee at Beulah. Upon receiving Alex's resume, the search committee wanted to hear Alex, so Tyson arranged for Alex to speak at Broadus. After hearing Alex, the search committee extended an invitation to him to speak at Beulah. On a Sunday in July Alex preached his first sermon at Beulah. The congregation unanimously liked what they saw and heard and asked Alex to be their new pastor. Alex started his pastoral duties

on August 1st. I asked Alex about his first impressions of King William County and Beulah Baptist Church. He responded by saying "King William has a beautiful and refreshing countryside." He went on to say "Beulah is an impressive church where tradition has stood the test of time." Church member Claude "Boogie" Thomas showed me the back roads of King William; Robbie Moran gave me a history of the church dating back to 1812; Buddy and Ginger Rice invited me into their home and fed me 'some good ole home cooking'; and Robert and Pat Stephens gave me some delicious farm fresh eggs. Exclaimed Alex "The congregation at Beulah has a reverence for God that is contagious!" Alex has already become good friends with Pastor James at Sharon Baptist Church. Alex's parents, Sarah and Ari, gave their approval of Beulah when they visited in September. When Alex's parents were leaving after their visit, they told John and Sandra Kersey they could be Alex and Logan's surrogate parents. John and Sandra were so thrilled to be his Virginia parents because the Holy Spirit really did send him to Beulah.

Alex and Logan reside in Aylett. Logan works as a veterinarian technician at Better Meds for Pets in Mechanicsville. Alex's mission for Beulah Baptist Church is to be a church that glorifies God by not compromising God's word. The church doors open every Sunday at 9:45 am for Sunday School and worship service starts at 11 am. All are invited to attend

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NOTICE OF DELINQUENT TAXES AND JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

On January 15, 2023, or as soon thereafter as may be effected, actions will be commenced under the authority of Virginia Code §58.1-3965, *et seq.*, to begin proceedings to sell the following parcel of real estate for the payment of King William County delinquent real estate taxes:

Name	Tax Map No.	TACS No.
ALBERTA LOUISE OF TEMPLE ESTATE	25-24	707136
ANN MICHELLE WILLIAMS	7-30	706945
ANNIE BRANIC	10-23A	707068
ANNIE CARLTON FARY	69-A2-88-1248	706954
ARCHIE T TAYLOR	30-43A	706941
BONNIE SUE FARMER	19-9F	707006
BONNIE SUE FARMER	27-B-2-C-34	707006
C & G CLEARING CO	69-A2-1-21-1864	803011
C F CARTER JR	63-A4-6-6-1	707070
CARRIE ROBINSON	15-1	707041
CAZANDRA RICHARDSON	44-102	707061
CHARLES HENRY ROANE EST	51-13	806167
CONTEL OF VIRGINIA INCORPORATED	13-19	707053
CORNELIUS MOORE ESTATE	44-71	809967
DARRELL NELSON	30-A-1-4	803553
DEUTSCHE NAT TRUST CO	52-59A	707000
EARL T GRESHAM ET ALS	13-21A	706993
ENRIE RUFFIN	27-4A	707119
EUGENE WASHINGTON ESTATE	35-26	707014
FAY W CARTER	69-A2-95-1458	707149
FRANCES PAVEY BALDERSON PARKER LIFE now owned by W F Parker III	31-17F	803551
GEORGE A WASHINGTON JR	27-31	707148
GEORGE S BRANCH JR ET ALS	52-50	803547
HATTIE WALKER	29-28A	707085
HERMAN H SCHUTT III	22-C-2-A-18	809964
ISABELL BUTLER	37-2C	706971
JAMES DUSON ESTATE	44-109	707026
JESSE W CUSTALOW	69-A1-26-330	706916
JESSE W CUSTALOW	69-A1-26-325A	706916
JOHN JANOSKY EST	63-A3-5-315	707103
JOHN W KING ET ALS	27-3	707088
JOSEPH STEWART GRESHAM SR ESTATE	44-18C	706956
KATE F KIAH	22-75	706958
KIMBERLY MAY WILSON	69-A1-51-710	707042
LAURA A HOWARD	44-39	707039
LAURA A SMITH ESTATE	69-A1-62-874	707152
LAURA FLETCHER	44-38	707047
LOREN TRACY PRICE	63-A9-3-14	838727
LOREN TRACY PRICE	63-A9-6-5	838728
LOUISE BERKLEY	20-7I	707137
LUCILLE S YOUNG	69-A1-62-868A	707154
LUCY GAINES	45-36	706978
LUVINIA MOORE	45-60	707089
M W TAYLOR	19-55A	706984
MAJOR GARLICK	51-14	707128
MARY A TORRENCE formerly owned by Shelia Banks	44-107	707031
MELISSA E ROSS	30-28A	707049
MICHAEL A WEEDEN	44-2-3	707054
MILDRED C PARKS	69-A3-65-928	706935
NICOLE RINDAHL	6-4-12A	707076
OCTAVIA MITCHELL	30-A-1-9	707009
RANDOLPH L RODGERS	22-D-1-14	707105
SALLIE ANDERSON	11-7B	707034
SAMUEL VAUGHAN EST	28-13	706963
SONYA GAINES	44-129C	707117
STEVEN HUTCHINS	69-A3-1-63-2350	706995
US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	31-16C	707163
VAN H SMITH ESTATE	69-A1-62-871	707151
VIOLA ROANE BROWN	44-91B	706953
W E REID	69-A1-34-446A	707018
W F PARKER III	37-47	707040
WADE C BOWLER	20-7	707143
WILLIAM BUTLER	27-35	707104
WILLIAM H HARRIS	63-A4-6-5-9	707045
WILLIAM HARRIS ESTATE	43-16	809965
WILLIAM L ANDERSON	38-39L	707057
WILLIAM L ANDERSON	38-37	707057

Properties subject to delinquent real estate taxes may be redeemed by paying all accumulated taxes, penalties, interest, costs and fees. Payments should be made payable to **County of King William** and mailed to **Taxing Authority Consulting Services PC, Post Office Box 31800, Henrico, Virginia, 23294-1800**. Interested bidders and inquiries regarding the above-listed property should be directed to TACS at (804) 545-2500, taxsales@taxva.com or www.taxva.com or by mail to:

John A. Rife, Esq.
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King William Sheriff's Office Activity November 1, 2022 – November 30, 2022

Calls for Service	912
Incident Reports	67
Traffic Summons	96
Warrants Served	37
Civil Papers Served	366

UCR Code	Count
11A-Forcible Rape	1
16.1-253.2-PROTECTIVE ORDER: 2ND VIOL W/IN 5 YRS	1
18.2-119-TRESPASS: AFTER BEING FORBIDDEN TO DO SO	1
18.2-137-MONUMENT: INTENTIONAL DAMAGE, VALUE >=\$1000	2
18.2-178-OBTAIN MONEY BY FALSE PRETENSE, LARCENY>=\$1000	1
18.2-370-INDECENT LIBERTIES: W/CHILD <15Y	1
18.2-370.1-INDECENT LIBERTIES: W/CHILD BY PARENT/ETC	1
18.2-371.2-CIVIL; PURCH/POSS NICOTINE <21	1
18.2-386.1-NONCONSENT: FILM/VIDEOTAPE UNDERESSED MINOR	1
18.2-57.2-ASSAULT & BATTERY - FAMILY MEMBER	2
18.2-60.3-STALKING: REASONABLE FEAR OF DEATH/ASSAULT/ETC	1
18.2-60.5-UNAUTHORIZED USE OF ELECTRONIC TRACKING DEVICE	1
18.2-95-GRAND LARCENY: FIREARM, NOT FROM A PERSON	1
18.2-96-PETIT LARCENY: <\$1000 NOT FROM A PERSON	1
23H-All Other Larceny	1
250-Counterfeiting/Forgery	1
290-Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	3
46.2-896-ACCIDENT: DRIVER NOT REPT, UNATT PROP DAMAG<\$250	1
90F-Family Offenses, Nonviolent	5
90Z-All Other Offenses	6
ANIMBD-ANIMAL BITE - DOG / CANINE	3
ANIMBF-ANIMAL BITE - CAT / FELINE	1
CHILD-CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT/ENDANGERMENT COMPLAINT	2
CIVILD-CIVIL DISTURBANCE/VERBAL DISPUTE	5
CIVILI-CIVIL ISSUE	1
FOUND-FOUND PROPERTY	1
JUVI-JUVENILE ISSUE	2
LOST-LOST PROPERTY	1
MENTAL-MENTAL SUBJECT	1
SUICIT-SUICIDE THREATENED	1
WARR-WARRANT SERVICE	8
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Classes on Mental Health

The Mid-Tidewater affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness is once again offering the Family-to-Family Education Program. Established over 20 years ago, Family-to-Family has helped more than 300,000 family members of people living with mental illness. The U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) has added Family-to-Family to the National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices. This free 8-session ONLINE course for family members is taught by other family members who have received intensive training for its presentation.

Class topics include: Current information about schizophrenia, major depression, bipolar disorder (manic depression), panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, borderline personality disorder, and co-occurring brain disorders and addictive disorders. Up-to-date information about medications, side effects, and strategies for medication adherence. Current research related to the biology of brain disorders and evidence-based treatments to promote recovery. Gaining empathy by understanding the subjective, lived experience of a person with mental illness. Problem solving, listening, and communication techniques. Acquiring strategies for handling mental health crises and relapse. Focusing on care for the caregiver: coping with worry, stress, and emotional overload. Information on advocacy initiatives designed to improve and expand mental health services. The classes will be held ONLINE on Tuesdays starting January 10 at 6:00 p.m. for 8 weeks. There is no charge for this program, but registration is required.

To register or for more information: preferably e-mail namimidtidewater@gmail.com or call 804-684-1480 (must leave a message for call back).



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One of the most beneficial things you can do to start your garden off right is to perform a soil test. The Virginia Tech Soil Testing Lab can provide specific fertilizer recommendations to help you grow your best garden. Virginia Cooperative Extension has kits available to help you collect a sample and send it to the Soil Testing Lab. These kits include a box for the sample and a form for you to fill out to provide the lab information about what you plan to grow. The Soil Testing Lab charges \$10 to perform the analysis and provide a custom-tailored fertilizer recommendation. By having the test done



now, you will have plenty of time to apply any recommended fertilizer and have your garden soil ready for spring planting.

To get started with your soil test, come visit us at the King William & King and Queen County Extension Office located at 180 Horse Landing Rd King William VA, 23086 or give us a call at 804-769-4955.



Christmas Traditions, continued

My mother would also send me to the woods to get some running cedar for decorations. Running cedar is a creeping green vine that runs along the ground. You don't see people decorating with running cedar anymore. Have you ever seen an ornamental pickle on a Christmas tree? Some people place one on their tree. On Christmas morning the first person to find the pickle would receive an extra present from Santa. The oldest Christmas tradition is said to be caroling. My church as well as others in the area still do some caroling. Another tradition we have all found ourselves 'under' at Christmas parties is kissing under the mistletoe. Started in ancient Greece, a young lady caught under the mistletoe could not refuse to give a kiss. This supposedly increased her chances of getting married. I can remember shooting down mistletoe from the tops of trees in my younger years.

The tradition of hanging stockings over the fireplace dates back to fourth-century Turkey. According to legend three poor girls hung their stockings to dry over the fireplace on Christmas Eve. Ole Saint Nick threw three bags of gold coins down their chimney and they landed in their stockings. Today Santa puts small gifts or fruit in the stockings. Fruitcakes have always been a staple during Christmas. My good friend Charlie Longest who recently passed made fruitcakes and gave them as presents during Christmas. In

England, fruitcakes were served at weddings and it was customary for unmarried wedding guests to put a slice of fruitcake under their pillow at night so they could dream of the person they would eventually marry.

One of the oldest and most popular Christmas poems ever, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, was written in the early 19th century and first published in 1823. Its original title was A Visit from St. Nicholas.

I have written my own short version:

*'Twas the week before Christmas,
When all through the Country Courier office;
Deadlines were looming, Julie and Armistead
were typing away,
While Amanda and Gene were bringing the
news their way;
When out in the parking lot, Danny and Gail
in their SUVs did appear,
In hopes that Santa Claus would soon arrive
with his eight reindeer;
A wonderful gathering it was and full of good
cheer,
Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!*

Thank you for 11 Great Years

On January 1st, 2023, Stanley's Shop on Sharon Road will be closing, and William will be changing his business model.

He, and the entire staff at Stanley's Shop, want to thank the community for eleven great years in our brick-and-mortar location, and we want you to know that we will miss seeing you at the shop.

Don't worry, William will continue to serve the repair needs of the community in creative and even more expanded ways. We will keep you posted, and feel free to reach out to our new phone number at any time.

We will continue to service your needs at the shop through December.



KING AND QUEEN COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The King and Queen County Board of Supervisors has set the following matters for public hearing on Monday, January 9, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters may be heard, in the King and Queen Courts and Administrative Building located at 242 Allen's Circle, General District Court Room, King and Queen Court House, Virginia:

Amend Chapter 18, Elections, of the Code of the County of King and Queen, Virginia, to relocate the following precincts: (1) relocate the Court House precinct from Central High School to Room 124 at the King and Queen County Courts and Administrative Building, (2) relocate the Old Mill precinct from the King and Queen Elementary School to the Poroporne Baptist Church, and (3) relocate the Central Absentee Precinct from Room 124 at the King and Queen County Courts and Administrative Building to the King and Queen County Circuit Court conference room.

Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance may be reviewed in the Office of the County Administrator, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Interested parties are encouraged to attend the hearing and express their views. Any person requiring assistance or accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing is asked to contact the county administrator's office at 804-785-5975 in advance of the hearing.

Vivian R. Seay
County Administrator

Church Calendar

CHRISTIAN

Attention Churches: We do not keep announcements. Please send your updates accordingly.

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. 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

Meeting at 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 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 Towinque 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

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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, Shacklefords, Va. Next to Shacklefords 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. Sunday School 9:15am Morning Worship 10:15am. Services will be held on Sunday Dec 25th Christmas Day and Sunday Jan 1st New Year's Day. Join Rock Spring and the Usher's Ministry in Partnership with "The Moments of Hope Outreach Ministry" of Hanover and area Churches of King William while Feeding and Serving Meals to the Homeless on Sat. Jan. 14th on Chamberland, Ave. in Richmond 10 am - 2pm. Volunteers are needed. Contact Wanda Johnson at 1-804-517-7843 or wanda.johnson2131@yahoo.com.

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

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

Attention Churches: We do not keep announcements. Please send your updates accordingly.

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

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Community Calendar

King & Queen Branch Library

K&Q Chess Club Thursday, Dec. 22, 6:00 - 7:00pm Ages 18 & up. 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 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.

DCSE Service Point Assistance

DCSE Contact Information: 1-800-468-8894

KW Parks and Recreation

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

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KW Community Watch

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

isamayville@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

CornerStone Community Development Center, Aylett

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

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The CornerStone Free Health Clinic

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King William County is hosting a blood drive for the Red Cross on Tuesday, January 17 at the Parks and Recreation Building at 7890 Richmond Tappahannock Highway from 10:00am – 3:00pm. Walk-ins are welcome or you may make an appointment at redcrossblood.org This will be our 2nd blood drive and we are hoping we will have enough community support to host one quarterly. There is always a need for blood in our area. What other gift can a person donate, at no cost to them, and truly save a life?



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