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## Remembering Margaret Moren



Margaret Moren

By Gene Campbell

Sixty-six years ago, Donald Moren's sister Tilly told him "I know a gal who is just right for you!" She introduced Donald to her coworker at C & P Telephone, Margaret Thompson. Their first date was in November 1956 when Donald took Margaret to the Corn, Soybean, and Pasture Club Dance in the King William Community Building. It was the beginning of the "greatest love story" this side of the Mississippi River. They married two years later and lived on their farm "Duane Farm" in upper King William County. They have been inseparable ever since. Margaret Moren passed away on December 29<sup>th</sup> at the age of 86. Caregiver Frannie Creasy said it so eloquently shortly after Margaret's passing, "I watched the greatest love story of all time take a pause. Miss Margaret was an angel on this earth." Margaret was an avid gardener.

Please see Remembering Margaret Moren, continued on page 12.

## King and Queen Sheriff Charboneau Retires



Newly elected Chairman of the Board Rusty Bailey presented the Resolution of Appreciation to retiring Sheriff John Charboneau

By Danny Clark

At the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 King and Queen board of Supervisors meeting, the members presented Sheriff J.R. Charboneau with a resolution of appreciation, in honor of his hard work and dedication to the citizens and county over the past 40 years. Sheriff Charboneau retired as Sheriff officially December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Former Captain, William R. Balderson with over 24 years service within the department has taken over the position as Sheriff.

Congratulations Sheriff Charboneau!



New King and Queen Sheriff William R. Balderson delivers his quarterly report to the board of Supervisors

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(left) Ace Phillips, Branch Manager; (right) Erika Lewis, Program Admin Specialist at Three Rivers Health District

Contributed by Ace Phillips

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## Publisher's Message



This is the time of year I start thinking about Spring. It will be here in 61 days, March 20th. We have been blessed with a mild winter so far. February can be somewhat unpredictable at times. Mother Nature does remind us, man does not have total control on all that happens here on Earth. Enjoy one day at a time and before you know it, Spring will be knocking at our door steps.

Take care until next time...

*Danny Clark*



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## The Duck Hunter

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

Happy New Year! I stopped making New Year's resolutions a long time ago but Pip hasn't learned yet. She told me that her resolution was to get me to spend more time with her. She already thinks that I should spend every waking minute with her. I was cutting up an old tree the other day with a chainsaw not 50 feet from her and she was pawing at the gate wanting to come help me. Every time I stopped and looked at her she would throw her head up and chuckle at me. I told her to quit pawing and she stood there nice and calm as long as I didn't make eye contact.

I have a good friend named Jim that loves to duck hunt. Jim says that the worst the weather is, the better the duck hunting. He said that he was hunting at a new place this year and wasn't seeing any birds, when finally one duck came by and he shoots but it falls across a fence on another farm. He laid his gun down and climbs over the fence about to go retrieve his duck when the farmer walks up and asks "What are you doing?" Jim said "I'm just getting my duck that I shot." The farmer said "This is my land so that's my duck." Jim said "No sir. I shot the duck over there but it fell over the fence here."

The farmer said "I guess you need a lesson on property rights!" Jim said "What do you mean?" The farmer said



"We're going to have to settle this dispute the old fashioned way. We'll take turns kicking each other in the privates until one of us gives up. Since we're on my land, I get to go first." Now Jim thought of himself as a pretty tough guy so he agrees. The farmer goes first and kicks Jim between the legs so hard that it lifts him into the air a couple of feet and he hits the ground like a sack of potatoes. The pain is so bad that Jim can only hold himself and roll around on the ground trying to catch his breath. After a few minutes, Jim finally gets to his feet and says "Now it's my turn!" The farmer says "That's alright, I give up. You can have the bird."

You can email me at [Allen@twinriversrealty.com](mailto:Allen@twinriversrealty.com) or call 690-7870. I'll see you on the trails.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

*Abbi has been in the office by herself since September...*

Hello, my name is Bonnie Alexander and I am a title examiner that lives in King & Queen County. You may be asking yourself why I would care about the special election in King William County for the Treasurer. I care because part of my job is checking taxes for my title searches. I spend more time communicating with the Treasurer's Office than the majority of the public.

With that being said, Abbi Carlton has proven herself to be intelligent, hardworking, respectful and professional. The Treasurer's Office can make part of my job difficult or simple. Abbi has made my job in the aspect of taxes simpler, however, not as easy as before the prior County Administrator changed the tax program to make it easier for the Finance Dept, but not the Treasurer's Office nor the public. This is no fault of Abbi's.

What I find even more noteworthy is Abbi has been in the office by herself since September. She has only recently been able to hire one employee by the Board of Supervisors. This means she took your December payments, inputted payments, answered phone calls, answered questions and all the other myriad jobs for this office - ALONE. Do you know how many offices in the County have one employee? You should look that up and be surprised. I find it...interesting that the Office that collects the County money to pay the majority of the County salaries had one employee for 3 months when previously there were three (not including the Treasurer). She sacrificed her evenings/nights, weekends and holidays to make sure that all her duties were performed in a timely manner. In my opinion, she has proven unequivocally that she can do the job...and do it well.

If the other candidate were to win, will she be expected to run the Office with only one employee....(With no knowledge of how to do the job)? Or will the Board of Supervisors magically locate the money to fill the two other positions held previously? Just something to ponder.

Thank you for your time.  
Bonnie Alexander  
King & Queen

Dear Editor,

I would like to publicly commend Congressman Wittman for co-sponsoring and voting for the "Born Alive Abortion Survivors Act" (H. R. 26). Indeed, as stated in the Declaration of Independence, life is among the "unalienable rights" equally granted to all by their Creator and governments are instituted "to secure these rights." A new born child is a legal person and entitled to protection under the law. Trauma associated with one's birth does not alienate a person from the right to life or from the Constitutional right to the "due process" of the law. It is fitting that any health care practitioner present at the time of such traumatic birth be enjoined to "exercise the same degree of professional skill, care and diligence to preserve the life and health of the child as a reasonably diligent and conscientious health care practitioner would render to any other child born at the same gestational age" and then ensure that the child is taken to a hospital. Position well taken, Congressman. The bill now rests in the Senate.

William Peak  
King William County



### Letters to the Editor

We welcome signed letters to the editor. Each letter must carry the writers signature, full valid address, and daytime phone number. We reserve the right to edit for accuracy, brevity, clarity, legality, and taste. We do not guarantee that every letter received will be published. Letters reflect the opinions and positions of the writers and not *The Country Courier*.

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## Obituaries

### MOREN

Moren, Margaret Thompson, age 86, passed away peacefully at her home, "Duane Farm" in King William County, VA on December 29, 2022. Margaret was born to Elizabeth and Erman Thompson in Luray, VA and grew up in

Highland Springs, VA.

She is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 64 years Donald T. Moren.

Margaret worked as a secretary for C & P Telephone Company in 1956 when she met the love of her life Donald. She retired after 46 years of service working in the finance department for the King William County School Board.

She was an avid gardener and photographer. The family would like to say a special thank you to all of the wonderful caregivers that took care of Margaret the past several months.

Funeral services will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2023 at the B. W. White Funeral Home, 7837 Richmond Tappahannock Highway, Aylett, VA. The family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the day of the services.

Interment will be private.

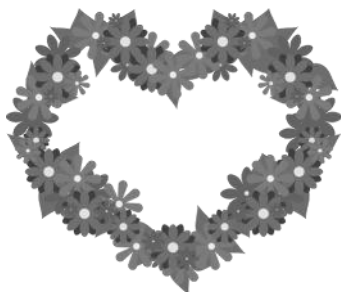
In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in her memory, to the Mangohick Vol. Fire Department, 3493 King William Road, Aylett, VA 23009



### HOWELL

David W. Howell gained his wings and joined his beloved wife, Diana on December 28, 2022. He leaves behind his sons Brian, his wife Tina, Ricky, his wife Aleks, his 4 cherished grandchildren

Ava, Alyssa, Benjamin and Max; his twin sister Beverly and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. David was the owner and operator of Fleetwood Motor Co. for more than 55 years. Funeral services will be held 3 pm on January 12, 2023 at New Highland Baptist Church, 9200 New Ashcake Rd. Mechanicsville, VA 23116 where the family will receive friends one hour prior to services. The interment to follow in Hanover Memorial Park. B.W. White Funeral Home, Aylett, Va., assisting the family.



### BELFIELD

Joyce Ann Belfield, 60, of West Point, VA went to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 1, 2023 after a long battle with cancer.

She is preceded in death by a son, George Alvin Belfield, II "Little Al."

Joyce is survived by a son Joshua L. Belfield and his wife Danielle, three grandchildren, Raylan, Tatum, and Judd. She is also survived by her mother Martha Wade and the father of her children and best friend, George Alvin Belfield "Big Al".

A graveside funeral service will be held 10:00 A.M., Friday, January 6, 2023 at Gethsemane Church of Christ, 5146 Mechanicsville Turnpike, Mechanicsville, VA.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, January 5, 2023 from 6 to 8 P.M. at the B. W. White Funeral Home, 7837 Richmond Tappahannock Highway, Aylett, VA 23009

### SEMONES

Jeffrey Franklyn Semones, Jr., age 45 of West Point; VA, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, January 7, 2023.

He was a self employed carpenter and a member of Mechanicsville Christian Center.

He is preceded in death by his paternal grandmother Audrey Semones and his maternal grandparents Harold W. and Margaret S. Swingle.

He is survived by his wife Samantha G. Semones, two sons; Austin and Andrew Semones, his parents, Jeffery F. and Karen S. Semones. He is also survived by his sister, Lee S. McNamee and her husband Chris, and his paternal grandfather Dale E. Semones, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

The family received friends from 2 to 3 p.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at the B. W. White Funeral Home, 7837 Richmond Tappahannock Highway, Aylett, VA where services will be held at 3:00 P.M.

## Green Comet Will be Visible Soon

By Armistead Saffer

If you enjoy the starry night skies be sure not to miss comet C/2022 E3 (ZTF) that's passing by now. Currently, you'll need binoculars or a telescope to view the green object flying through space. It will be getting brighter and may be visible with the naked eye on February 2<sup>nd</sup> when it's closest to Earth. On February 11<sup>th</sup> it will pass by Mars.

To find the comet you may want to go to the website [stellarium-web.org](http://stellarium-web.org). There you can change the times and dates to see where the comet is positioned. It's best to be in a dark spot with little light pollution. Remember that although comets travel at a high rate of speed, they appear stationary in the sky unlike shooting stars that streak across the sky. Comet C/2022 E3 (ZTF) is currently in the North-East predawn sky below the Big Dipper. It's been 50,000 years since it last passed by Earth. In



Comet Neowise over Aylett on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

2020 Comet Neowise came through our solar system. Hopefully comet C/2022 E3 (ZTF) will be as good of a show. I'll be out trying to get a good picture of it.

If you get a picture the comet C/2022 E3 (ZTF), and would like to share it, please email us. Our email is:

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## Middle Peninsula Master Naturalists Chapter 2023 Member Installation



The new officers pictured from left are Luann Johnson, President, Tara Hart, Secretary, C.J. Sweet, Treasurer, and Hurricane Thompson, Vice President.

Members of the Middle Peninsula Master Naturalists Chapter recently met at Virginia Institute of Marine Science at Gloucester Point to celebrate the success of their many environmental activities that had taken place in the five Middle Peninsula Counties throughout the year. This was a holiday happening, a monthly meeting and the installation of the new officers for 2023. This young chapter is very active and growing in membership each year. Those interested in learning more about the training classes offered each year please go to [middlepeninsulamasternaturalists.com](http://middlepeninsulamasternaturalists.com) or email: [midpenmn@gmail.com](mailto:midpenmn@gmail.com).

And now we welcome the new year. Full of things that have never been.

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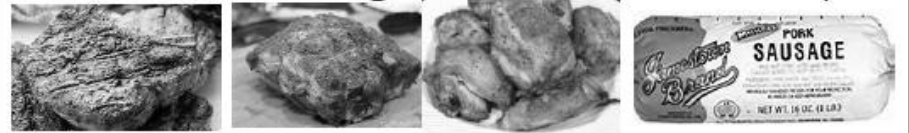


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## Letters to the Editor, continued

Dear Editor,

*"Mark Twain Said"*

Mark Twain is credited with saying "It is easier to fool someone than it is to convince them they were fooled."

*Country Courier* - Jan 4, 2023 - page 4 - "Chesapeake Bay Watershed Grants"

I read the article and as usual with all good cons - they have an element of truth in them.

The element of truth in this case would be the "information sharing in support of local, on-the-ground conservation and restoration efforts to restore the bay & its tributary rivers & streams." Something we all want.

This is the pretext they use to impose their "One Size fits all Agenda". In this case it is to advance the Green New Deal as the agenda model.

Further in the article you find these words.

The awards also include projects that support communities seeking to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion in the planning, design, and implementation of ecosystem restoration efforts across the Chesapeake Bay watershed that align with the NFWF's and EPA conservation goals.

(Better known as "Do as I Say - Not as I Do" - There will be no appeal - if you think the agenda we are ramming down your throat is wrong.) This is why you clean your septic tank every 5 years even when the people who clean it say it is not necessary at this time. Think about it does

a family of 2 create the same need as a family of 5? Thank you, Chesapeake Bay act.

Don't believe everything you read - unless you verify it to be true - verifiable means - with you being able to question, bring your truth, receive answers from the original source that are sincere and the results are based on your conclusions of the facts.

Sincerely,  
Paul Jamerson  
King William

Dear Editor,

*Support Abbi Carlton for Treasurer*

I am supporting Abbi Carlton and ask citizens of King William to do the same. Mrs. Carlton has dutifully served under several treasurers and has the qualifications and mentorship from other counties to complete what she started in 2022. Despite after the Board of Supervisors transferred half a position (FTE) to another county department further limiting effectiveness of the Treasurer and withheld funds necessary to even have that Constitutional office open some days, Mrs. Carlton preserved and served taxpayers.

The previous county administrator sought to control the assessment process... now the Board and county administration want to control the treasurer's office by putting the "Fox (from finance) into the henhouse through an election.

The common denominators in all of this: A) complicit actions by the Board of Supervisors and B) control of the narrative/information back to citizens.

Bob Ehrhart,  
Mangohick 5<sup>th</sup> District

Dear Editor,

*Citizens of King William County*

I had the pleasure of visiting Abbi Carlton in the beginning of her tenure as acting Treasurer for King William County and can state that I wholeheartedly support Abbi Carlton as the Treasurer for King William County. Abbi is both knowledgeable and experienced in the process and requirements for the collection of property taxes, as well as the other duties entrusted to the treasurer. Abbi has been on the frontlines issuing the tax statements, handling taxpayer questions, and processing payments for more than three years. Her customer service skills are impeccable, going far above and beyond simply answering questions. Abbi's professionalism, common sense and desire to understand everything her position entails is an incredible bonus for the county citizens. Abbi will serve them well.

In conversations with Abbi I discovered an individual eager to step up to serve the citizens to the best of her ability. Abbi is also an excellent team player and more than willing to work as a partner with King

William County Administration, which also serves the citizenry of the county. As the treasurer for a locality, experience, ethics, and integrity are paramount qualities.

Rebecca R. Longnaker,  
CPA, MGT  
Treasurer,  
Chesterfield

Dear Editor,

*Dear King William Neighbors:*

It is my pleasure to enthusiastically support and endorse Treasurer Abbi Carlton in the March 7th Special Election for King William County Treasurer.

I had the pleasure of meeting and working with Treasurer Carlton when she assumed the role of Treasurer by operation of law after the former Treasurer resigned. Treasurer Carlton was placed in a terrible position of running the office with no staff and working with a Board of Supervisors who (at the time) were hostile to the treasurer's office.

Treasurer Carlton persevered. I have witnessed first hand as she has overcome obstacle after obstacle. She has been successful at negotiating with the Board to reinstate staff positions that were taken away under the former Treasurer - all while running the office by herself.

*Please see LTE, continued on page 12.*

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# Growing Up in the Community Building

By Gene Campbell

Life is meant to be filled with memories and some of my "firsts in life" took place in the Community Building that once stood on the grounds of King William High School. Many of us who attended King William High School in the 50s, 60s, and 70s have fond memories of events inside that building. My first dance, my first pantomime skit, my first 4-H Club speech.... all began in the Community Building. In the 1930s the Roosevelt Administration created the Public Works Administration (PWA), a large-scale public works construction agency, to build large-scale projects as part of the New Deal. These projects helped revive the economy in response to the Great Depression. The Community Building was one of those projects. B. W. White told me he knew a fellow who helped build the Community Building. He rode his mule to work every day at the beginning of the project and when the building was finished, he had saved enough money to trade in his mule for a car.

The Community Building was the 'place and center of activities' in King William. It

had a large auditorium with a stage and a cafeteria downstairs in the basement. School lunches were served every day in the basement and as you left you could buy an ice cream sandwich for a dime. Gladys Moore's shepherd's pie comes to mind every time I think of that cafeteria. I can hear chaperones Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Dabney of the Women's Club shouting out 'last dance' at the Saturday night sock hops in the auditorium. That was your cue to make sure you end the night with your favorite girl and ask her to ride with you to the Tastee-Freez. The local Women's Club sponsored the sock hops. I remember square dancing with Jo Anne Hallett in that auditorium. Do you remember Jo Anne??

Many organizations in the community met in the auditorium. The Ruritan Club was one of them. I was the entertainment one night at one of those meetings. I pantomimed songs such as Ahab the Arab, Bony Moronie, and Purple People Eater (my sister Lisa was the purple people eater). One Ruritan member, Puller Pollard, told my father, "Dick, I didn't know your boy could sing like that!" I participated in many 4-H Club public speaking contests on the stage. Both my

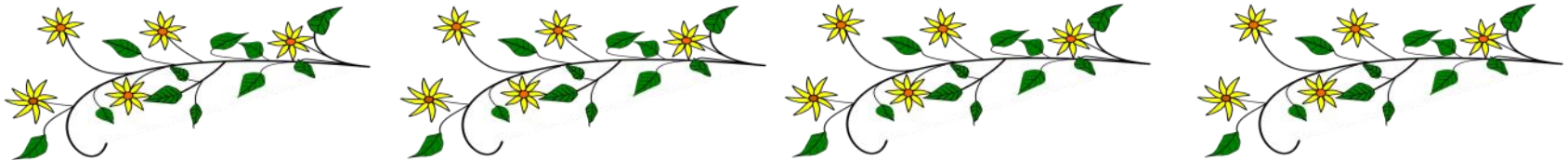


The Community Building...the center of activities during the 1950s, 60s and 70s.

Junior and Senior Proms were held in the auditorium. Piano and dance recitals were common events there too along with community meetings. I remember my mother and father attending community dances in the building. One such occasion was the Annual Walkerton Fire Department Ball. Everyone dressed up and danced to live music performed by Dean Greer and the Centuries from West Point.

The highlight of the evening was the crowning of the Queen.

Yes, I grew up spending many hours and making many memories in that white clapboard building. Sadly, the Community Building was torn down along with the old high school in the late 1970s to make way for a new school. It is called progress and 'movin on', but the memories never change.





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## Ruritans Start the New Year with Their Annual Brunswick Stew Sale



Club members (right to left) Patricia Evans, Chris White and Steve Mitchell stirring up a good time!

By Gene Campbell

As the sun rays started appearing over the horizon on Saturday morning January 14<sup>th</sup>, King William Ruritan members were already busy preparing 150 gallons of Brunswick stew at the club's facilities on Rt 30. Under the watchful eye of club member and stew master William Bush, 625 quarts were ready for distribution by 1 pm. Many hands make for less work. Stew committee chairman and Club President Troy Simons was grateful for the club members who volunteered their time both Friday and Saturday preparing and distributing the stew. Proceeds from this

annual fundraiser and others during the year are donated to back to the community in the form of donations to the local fire and rescue organizations, the sheriff's department, scholarships to local students, and many other charitable organizations. The Club's next fundraiser is their 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Fish Fry on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. This year's event will feature live music by Honky Tonk Heroes. Tickets are \$30 each and are now available from any Ruritan member or call 690-1861 for more information. As always, the club extends its MANY THANKS to the members of our community who support us year after year.



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## Letters to the Editor, continued

The dedication to the Citizens of King William from Treasurer Carlton is tremendous. She has worked long hours, well into the night, to make sure her duties are fulfilled. Her customer service skills are phenomenal. This too, I have observed in person in her office.

Lastly, Treasurer Carlton truly understands the office of the Treasurer. She knows that she works directly for the Citizens of King William – not the Board of Supervisors. This separation of powers was included in the Virginia Constitution so that those fulfilling the most important of duties at the local level are held accountable directly by those in which they serve.

I am confident, without reservation, in Treasurer Carlton's ability to run and continue to improve upon the King William Treasurer's office. She is, and will continue to be a great asset to the County.

I urge you to vote for Treasurer Abbi Carlton in the March 7th Special Election for King William Treasurer.

**Dear Editor,**  
*Vote for Abbi Carlton*

If I were a resident of King William County, I would not hesitate to vote for Abbi Norman Carlton for Treasurer in the upcoming special election. How do I know Abbi to know I would vote for her? I am the Treasurer for Lancaster County and have worked closely with Abbi since 2020. She has a passion for the office and compassion for the citizens.

Her passion translates to doing things right the first time. She has a thirst for knowledge to do the best job possible for the County and its citizens.

Her compassion for the citizens is evident in her customer service. She treats every individual with respect and takes any amount of time someone needs.

It is for these reasons that I am supporting Abbi Norman Carlton for Treasurer of King William County. The citizens would be well served to do the same.

Bonnie J Dickson, MGT  
Treasurer, Lancaster County

Very Truly,  
Charles H. Evelyn, III  
Treasurer, New Kent VA  
Member, Board of Directors -  
Treasurers' Association of  
Virginia

*"If you can run one business well,  
you can run any business well".*  
Alan Bleasdale

## Remembering Margaret Moren, continued

She tended to the 'garden in the yard' while Donald 'tended to the fields on the farm.' After working as a secretary for C & P Telephone, Margaret worked in the finance department of the King William County School Board retiring in 2013 after 46 years of service. My Aunt Jeanne Blake (my mother's sister) worked alongside Margaret for many of those years.

The Moren family are lifelong friends of my family. They have held their family reunions at my home on the Mattaponi River for the past several years. Like me, Margaret was a shutterbug, always had her camera in hand angling for those 'Kodak moments.' At one of those reunions, she took a picture of my father and me. The next year she gave me a framed copy. I treasure that picture and have it on my desk today. Margaret shared with me a picture taken at a reunion many years ago at Duane Farm. In the picture, Donald's siblings (he had seven) are posing with

their spouses. The first thing I noticed in the picture is Donald and Margaret holding hands.... a testament and shining example of the love they had for each other. On the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary in 2018, I asked Margaret and Donald what was the secret to a happy marriage. Without hesitation they both responded, "work together, respect one another, and always communicate with one another."

Sweet, compassionate, and kind-hearted are just some of the words that come to mind when describing Margaret. She had a way of making you feel special. When you were in the presence of Margaret you felt so at ease. Her smile was contagious and she genuinely cared about you. As the minister said at her funeral, "you may not always remember what people do for you or say to you.... but you always remember how people treated you." I will always remember Margaret Moren.



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Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup>: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
*County Offices are closed Monday February 20th for a Holiday*  
(March 4, 2023, is the last day qualified voters can vote an in-  
person absentee ballot at the Voter Registration & Elections Office)  
Please see County Website for details about early voting:  
[Kingwilliamcounty.us](http://Kingwilliamcounty.us)

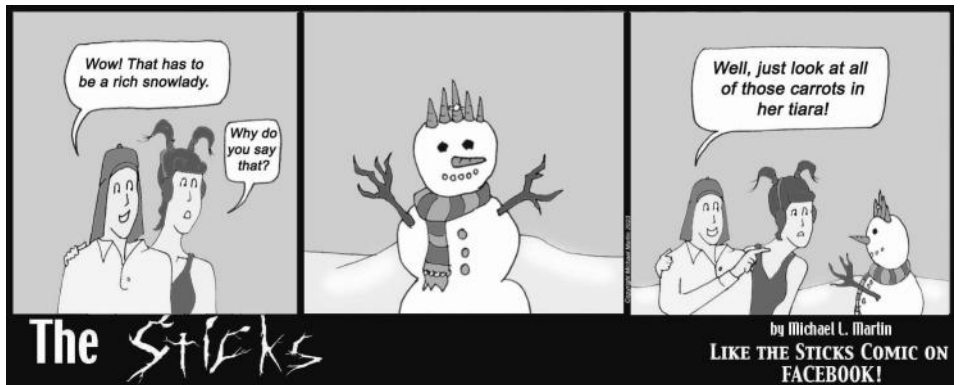
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Tuesday, March 7, 2023: Election Day ALL BY MAIL voted  
ballots must be returned or post marked by Tuesday  
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**Congratulations!**

Mihaughany C. Redd, an English major at the University of Mary Washington, has advanced to the Presidents list (straight A's) for the Fall 2022 semester. Mihaughany has also started her journey as a writing consultant at the University's Writing Center.

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The King and Queen County Board of Supervisors has set the following matter for public hearing on Monday, January 23, 2023, beginning at 6:00 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, Second Floor Conference Room, King and Queen Court House, Virginia:

Encumber real property located on State Route 33 identified as Tax Map Number 1623-135X-165A for the purpose of securing a federal grant relating to the development of the property.

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



## K&Q Historical Society to Hear Dawn Shank Speak

Contributed by Page McLemore

Dawn Chapell Shank is an activist! Her activities are well known to many members of our community through art classes, MPRA River Camp, story time at the library, and much more. She will speak to the K&Q County Historical Society and guests about her recently published book entitled River Stone, a story which appeals to readers of all ages. It is a time-travelling story based on real locations in the county, peopled by fictional characters. The idea for her story derives in part from previous Society programs which showed how the past is revealed through archeology. Some of those actual artifacts can be found in current exhibits in the Courthouse Tavern Museum.

The Historical Society meeting will be held on Sunday, January 22, 2023 in the K&Q County Administration Building. Members and the public are invited to attend. The program will begin at 3:00

p.m. in the courtroom and refreshments served afterward in the Tavern Museum across the road from the Administration Building which is located on Allen's Circle, King & Queen Courthouse, VA, 23085.

Dawn's work as volunteer docent has familiarized her with the variety of materials available to researchers in the archives of the Historical Society and the exhibits in the Tavern. Volunteer docents welcome visits from everyone who has an interest in the history of the county, its people and places. The Museum will not have regular hours for the 2023 winter season but docents are available to open upon request. Use the Contact Us page on the Museum website [www.kingandqueenmuseum.org](http://www.kingandqueenmuseum.org) to make an appointment to visit. The website contains much information about both the Society and its Tavern Museum. The spring re-opening date will be posted there once it has been scheduled.

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## Rural Veterinary Shortages Put U.S. Food System at Risk, Report Says

Contributed by Farm Bureau—As student debt outpaces earnings in rural areas, fewer up-and-coming veterinarians are compelled to work with farm animals.

The U.S. is facing an alarming shortfall of veterinarians to treat livestock and poultry in rural areas. That has consequences for public health, food safety and economic growth in agricultural communities, according to a new report commissioned by Farm Journal Foundation.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has designated more than 500 U.S. counties—including some in Virginia—as having shortages of food animal veterinarians.

"A lack of large animal veterinarians is very much a concern for our members," said Stefanie Taillon, senior assistant director of Virginia Farm Bureau Federation governmental relations. "Among other initiatives aimed at addressing this issue over the years, Farm Bureau works with the state veterinarian to nominate counties to fill Virginia's allocated USDA-designated rural shortage areas."

In 2022, those counties were Albemarle, Amherst, Bedford, Campbell, Fluvanna, Louisa and Nelson.

Only about 3%-4% of new veterinary school graduates currently pursue livestock and poultry practice areas. The report said shortages stem from several factors, including soaring education debt that has outpaced potential earnings in rural locales. This drew veterinarians to companion animal practices in non-rural areas where incomes often are higher.

Dr. Amanda Weakley-Scott, a large animal veterinarian in Central Virginia, has been chipping away at her student loan debt since graduating from Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine in 2014.

"My college classmates working with small animals are making double or almost triple what I am," she said. "But we all came out of school with the same debt load."

Weakley-Scott lived frugally in school. Now other agribusiness ventures pad her family's income as they repay the debt. And they're not looking for loan forgiveness.

"I'm more than happy to pay for my education," she said. "I fully understood what I was doing when I took out the loans. But paying up to 9.5% interest is what's killing some of us."

VFBF policy supports programs and incentives that help recruit and retain large animal veterinarians in rural Virginia, like the USDA's Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program, which awards funds to practitioners who cover rural areas.

"What we need in food animal medicine is someone to be there with boots on the ground, looking at the animals directly," Weakley-Scott added.

The decline in food animal veterinarians heightens risks for food safety, disease outbreaks and decreasing rural economic growth, said report author Clinton Neill of Cornell University.

"In essence, veterinarians protect the whole of the human and animal population," he said. "So, it is critical that we have a strong pipeline of practitioners to work in rural areas."

# Wind Vineyards

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**Wednesday, JANUARY 18:** WINE DOWN LINE DANCING CLASS 5:30-8PM Preregister \$5/person

**Thursday, JANUARY 19:** BINGO! \$5 per card

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**-WINE GLASS PAINTING PARTY:** Oysters and Blue Crab Preregister \$40/person.

**Saturday, JANUARY 21:** OYSTER ROAST, PAID RESERVATION REQUIRED, Live Music 2-5pm with Kelly Tice Wright.

**Sunday, JANUARY 22:** Live Music with Dakota Kensity 2-5pm

**Thursday, JANUARY 26:** TRIVIA 6-8PM! Pre-Register your team!

**Friday, JANUARY 27:** KARAOKE 5:30-8PM -APPRECIATION FRIDAY 20% OFF open in house drinks and 10% bottles to go for MOMS!

**Saturday, JANUARY 28:** Live music with Chris Adams 2-5pm BINGO 6-8pm or when 8 rounds are complete.

**Sunday, JANUARY 29:** Live music with Danny Kensity 2-5pm

**Thursday, February 2:** BINGO! \$5 per card

**Friday, FEBRUARY 3:** Cork Trivet making class 6.8pm

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**Saturday, February 4:** Live Music with Carter Freeman 2-5pm

**Sunday, February 5:** Live Music with David Lege 2-5pm

**Thursday, February 9:** TRIVIA 6-8PM! Pre-Register your team!

**Friday, February 10:** Valentine's Paint and Sip, 6-8pm \$35 Preregistration required

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**Saturday, February 11:** Valentine's Dinner at the Winery! Paid Reservations required! Live music by Jim Davidson during dinner.

**Sunday, February 12:** Live Music by Dakota Kensity 2-5pm

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# 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

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### West Point Christian Church

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

## BAPTIST

### Beulah Baptist Church

Worship with us in sanctuary OR drive -in at 11 AM following updated Covid guidelines. Adult Sunday School at 9:45 AM; meeting inside. Pre K thru 3yrs, Elem 4-6, Middle 7-8, HS 9-12 Youth/college. View sermons via link to YouTube at www.beulahbaptistva.org/. Like us on Facebook also. Beulah is located at 4805 West River Road near intersection at Dorrell Road.

### Broadus Church Hebron Campus

3407 King William Rd, Aylett 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. Community Clothes Cupboard open first Saturdays from 10a.m. until noon. Contact us at 804-769-3246.

### 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

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### Poroporone Baptist Church

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### Providence Baptist Church

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

### Rock Spring Baptist Church

Sunday School 9:15 am Morning Worship 10:15am. 'In Memory Of' program on Jan 29th, 2023 at 3pm. This program is to honor those who labored tirelessly and have gone on to Glory. There will be a concert featuring the gospel group 'Men on a Mission Plus One'. The program is to benefit the building fund. Please join us in celebrating our loved ones. Contact Wanda Johnson at 1-804-517-7843 or wandajohnson2131@yahoo.com.4134 Manfield Rd. Manquin. Pastor Pagie Hancock.

### 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

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.

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### Immanuel Episcopal Church

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# Community Calendar

## King and Queen Literary Union

First Meeting of 2023 Monday, January 23rd at 7:00 pm by conference call. The number to call is 1 425-436-6343 access code 2646811#. The first Literary Union Session of 2023 will be held on January 29th at 10:00 am at Escobrook Baptist Church. We are asking all officers, committee chairs, and Sunday School leaders or Supervisors to attend.

**King & Queen Branch Library**  
**Family Storytime** Thursdays, Jan. 19, & 26, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. **King and Queen Book Club** Thursday, Jan. 19, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. **K&Q Chess Club** Thursday, Jan. 26, 6:00 - 7:00pm All ages. Call 804-769-1623 or visit the library at 396 Newtown Road for more information.

**Upper KW Branch Library**  
**Family Storytime** Wednesdays, Jan. 18, & 25, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. **UKW Book Club** Monday, Jan. 23, 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. Ages 18 & up. Call 804-769-3731 or visit the library at 694-J Sharon Road for more information.

## **West Point Branch Library**

**Family Storytime** Fridays, Jan. 20, & 27, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. **Stay and Play** Fridays, Jan. 20, & 27 11:00 a.m. - noon Ages 0-5 w/parents and caregivers. **Lunch at the Library** Wednesday, Jan. 18, Noon - 1:00pm Ages 18 & up. **Lego Challenge** Friday, Jan. 20, 4:00 - 5:00pm Grades K-5. **Conquering Clutter** Monday, Jan. 23, 6:00 - 7:30pm Kathy Johnson, professional home organizer. **Teen Time!** Friday, Jan. 27, 4:00 - 5:00pm Ages 12-18. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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**King William Democrats**  
 Meet on Saturday, January 28 at the Upper King William Library from 10:30 am to Noon. The candidates for KW Treasurer will speak. For a Zoom link, please email kwdems@gmail.com or call 804-513-2546.

**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**  
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**DCSE Service Point Assistance**  
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 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 8 0 4 - 5 2 5 - 8 8 3 8 or email: rbostic@kingwilliamcounty.us

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