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Local Ruritan Member Mike Morrison is National Ruritan President



National President Mike Morrison holding a copy of the Country Courier at the National Convention in Kingsport, Tennessee.

By Gene Campbell

For the first time since the King William Ruritan Club was chartered in 1938, a member of the club has become the National President of the organization. Local King William Ruritan club member Mike Morrison was installed as the 2023 National President last month at the National Convention in Kingsport, Tennessee. Ruritan Clubs are dedicated to improving communities and building a better America through fellowship, goodwill, and community service. Nationally there are over 1000 clubs consisting of over 20,000 members in 22 states in the USA.

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Cavaliers Commit During National Signing Day Ceremony



Pictured from L - R, Assistant Coach Maurice Newbill, Assistant Coach Michael Commins, Assistant Coach Howard Hill, Assistant Coach Marvin Carter, Tre Robinson, Kaleb Shelton, Head Football Coach Scott Moore, and Assistant Varsity and Head JV Coach Jamal Johnson

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Coming to America!



Hosts Lee and Susan Richards (top row) with exchange students Jule Schroether and Sofia Papadopoulos (bottom row).

By Gene Campbell

Would you travel halfway around the world to attend high school? Sofia Papadopoulos (from Rio De Janeiro in Brazil) and Jule Schroether (from Krefeld in Germany) are doing just that...living in Aylett and attending King William High School for the next five months. Lee and Susan Richards of Aylett have opened their home and allowed these two young girls to stay with them until the end of the school year. Lee and Susan are no strangers to hosting exchange students. You may remember my article from last year about a student from Brazil who lived with Lee and Susan while attending King William High School.

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Ye Olde Tavern



The Puller Tavern (far left) at the King William Courthouse Complex in the early 1920s Photo credit to Mrs. Lee Puller Banning.

By Gene Campbell

Most of you have traveled to or been by the King William County Courthouse in the past several months and witnessed an archaeological dig just beyond the old courthouse courtyard. The King William Historical Society commissioned The Fairfield Foundation to perform an archaeological dig of the area just east of the old courthouse where a tavern once stood. The group of archaeologists is finding some fascinating artifacts where a

tavern once existed. They usually perform digs on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month and the public is welcome to visit. King William County is the oldest courthouse in continuous use in the United States. The courthouse built in 1725 had a tavern nearby which was the custom for most courthouses in colonial times.

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Publisher's Message



I'm counting down the days until spring for you only 33, before March 20th. When we get a warm day in February it reminds us of the longer warmer days ahead. Before long the yard work will take center stage for a while. The changing seasons come and go as we travel through the circle of life. Take your time and make some special memories to look back on, remember, to stay in the moment, that is where life takes place.

Take care until next time...

Danny Clark



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Patience

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

With Springtime coming, I know a lot of people will be doing more with their horses and mules. Whether it's going to shows or trail riding, we need to remember to have patience with our animals. We are always in a hurry to get things done or get where we are going. Pip doesn't have the same concept of time as I do. She's always in the moment. I have to remind myself that Pip is on "mule time" and mule time is different than Allen time. We should slow down and enjoy every minute we spend with our animals. I know when Pip and I connect, I lose track of time all together. Having patience will help you and your animal get through stressful situations quicker and easier. I remember awhile back I was in the grocery store picking up a few things and I was behind a grandfather and his 3 year old grandson. I could tell the grandfather had his hands full. As we went up and down each aisle, the little boy was screaming for everything on the shelves they went by. I heard the grandfather say calmly "Easy William, we won't be in here long. Take it easy boy". In another aisle, I heard him say "It's okay William, just a couple of more minutes and we'll be out of here. Hang in there boy". In the checkout line, the little boy was throwing



items out of the cart and the granddad says again in a relaxed voice "William, William, relax buddy. Don't get upset. We'll be home in 5 minutes. Stay calm William". I was so impressed with his patience that I approached him outside as he was loading bags in his car. I said "Sir, it's none of my business but you were amazing. No matter how loud and disruptive your grandson got in there, you just stayed calm and kept saying that things would be okay. William is very lucky to have you as his grandfather". "Thanks," said the grandfather "but I'm William and that little brat is Kevin".

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

T.D. "Don" Lumpkin Candidate for Sheriff

My name is Donald Lumpkin, and I am a candidate for Sheriff of King William County. I am invested in serving and protecting my community. I was born and raised in King William County and reside in the community with my wife Amanda and family. I graduated from King William High School, class of 1993. After graduating high school, I served my country in the United States Army. I learned how to navigate and fly OH-58 scout helicopters at Fort Rucker, Alabama. I also attended the prestigious Air Assault School, graduating and receiving my team wings while stationed in Fort Rucker, Alabama. Then I was stationed with the 1/10 Air Calvary Unit in Fort Carson, Colorado. The military instilled in me duty, honor, and responsibility.



T.D. "Don" Lumpkin

I returned home to King William and started Lumpkin Towing & Auto Body. The towing company has been in business for the last 16 years and is currently operated by my oldest son. I have helped many citizens in their time of need, which has also developed relationships with the business and shop owners here in the county. Whether the citizen was having mechanical issues that left them stranded on the roadside or they were involved in a vehicle accident, I was able to assist. I have worked closely with the fire departments, helping with their training by donating wrecked vehicles and allowing them to practice and train using their equipment.

I have volunteered with the King William Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts for the last nine years as a role model and mentor for the next generation. I have also served on the security and safety team at our church. I only want the best for the community we live. I am very personable and approachable and want to continue this as Sheriff.

It is not a requirement for a Sheriff to have law enforcement experience, which I disagree with and believe it is necessary to do the job of a Sheriff. I am a certified

Law Enforcement Officer employed by the King William County Sheriff's Office serving our community. I also believe in working with all divisions of the communities and our surrounding areas, as teamwork is essential.

As Sheriff of King William County, I want to help in the decisions that face our community's safety. My life experiences will allow me to make those critical decisions. As I am currently employed with the Sheriff's office, I can step in and do the job quickly and efficiently. I want to focus on the retention of the deputies employed and training so that they may better serve our community. I would like the Sheriff's office to have more communication and positive interactions with the citizens and their needs. I stand for community, integrity, and commitment. With your support, I look forward to serving you as the next Sheriff of King William County.

Sincerely,
T.D. "Don" Lumpkin

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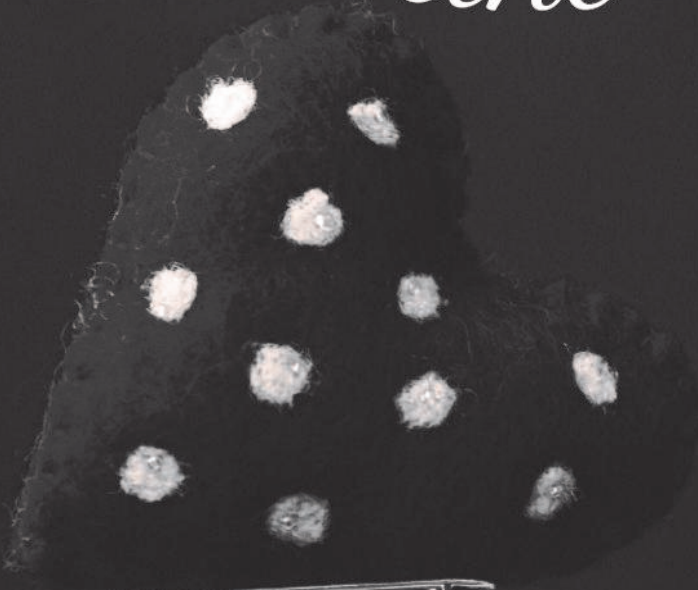
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Obituaries

PRINCE

Megan Belle Prince, age 19, born, January 12, 2004 in Kings and Queen, Virginia, passed away on February 6, 2023. Megan was a published author before she went to high school. She had a poem in a book of poems with other various distinguished students throughout the country. Megan attended Central High School where she was a cheerleader and captain of the cheer squad. She was a member of various school clubs like the Scholastic Bowl, a National Honor Society Member, The Theater Club, and the baseball team manager. She was a graduate of the Chesapeake Bay Governor's school and an attendee of Randolph Macon College. Megan was a first year sophomore due to her accelerated classes at the governor's school and would have started in the fall as a junior. She was planning on becoming a kindergarten teacher in King & Queen County because she loved the community and wanted to give back. Megan worked on the weekends as a waitress at Almost There Diner and she had a natural way with people and never met a stranger that she couldn't become friends with. She had an endearing and

infectious spirit that seemed to brighten a room and left everyone she met joyful. Megan loved animals especially her dog, Bear, and she loved all kinds of music and spending time with her family. Even though she was young, she touched so many people with her effervescent personality and her great humility. Megan was an exceptional youth and becoming an amazing young woman and no doubt would have been a force to be reckoned with. She is survived by her father Seth Prince, her mother, Tammy Prince, sister, Addison Halfhill, brother, Layton Prince, her brother in law Micah Halfhill, niece Mia and nephew Lee. She is also survived by both sets of grandparents Tommy and Linda Prince and Lewis and Sue McQuillen, Also surviving are numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and every person that she met and considered a friend.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at the Upper King & Queen Baptist Church, Newtown, VA. Interment followed in the church cemetery. Arrangement by the B. W. White Funeral Home, Aylett, VA 23009.

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Obituaries, continued



GREGGS
William Edward Greggs, 83, of West Point, VA went to be with the Lord and Savior Thursday, February 9, 2023. Edward retired as an instrumentation leadman from St. Laurent after 39 years of service. He was a member of Poroporone Baptist Church where he served on the building and grounds committee and cemetery committee. Edward enjoyed working with his hands, doing carpentry work and electrical work for his friends. He was an avid gardener who enjoyed the outdoors, a true NASCAR fan, and also enjoyed collecting antiques and visiting Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Edward was preceded in death by his wife Lena Mae Greggs, his parents William and Mary Greggs, a granddaughter Lindsey Greggs and a son-in-law James "Jimmy" Lippy.

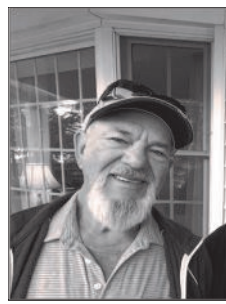
He is survived by his daughter Janice Lippy; sons Keith (Julie), Kevin (Cathy), and Paul (Tammy) Greggs; two sisters Doris Epperly and Judy Palmer (Glen); four grandchildren Benjamin, Trevor, Brendan and Caleb and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family would like to express their gratitude to At Home Care Hospice for the

loving care they gave to their father. A special thanks to Betty Lowney a long-time family friend.

A funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Friday, February 17th at Poroporone Baptist Church, 30071 The Trail, Shackelfords, VA 23156. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, February 16th at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th Street, West Point, VA 23181.

Memorials may be made to Poroporone Baptist Church Building Fund or the Cemetery Fund, PO Box 400, Shackelfords, VA 23156. Tributes may be posted at www.vincentfh.com.



CHASSE
Joseph Louis Chassé (78) of Aylett, Virginia and Nokomis, Florida and formerly, Waterboro, Maine passed away on February 2 after a brief battle with lung cancer. He is survived by his wife, Susan Sims Chassé, children Darlene Ash, Sheryl Chassé and Jason Chassé, son in law Brian Ash, daughter-in-law, Christine Chassé and grandchildren, Dominic Chassé, Logan Chassé, Perrin Ash and Parker Chassé, Grand Daughter-in-law Gabby Chassé, twelve siblings, numerous nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews as well as extended family members, Walter Bayne, Shannon Bayne, Keegan Bayne, Caroline Bayne, Scott Bayne, Adelynn Bayne and Nora Bayne.

Joe is predeceased by first wife, Jacqueline (Perron) Chassé, parents Reginald and Yvonne (LaChance) Chassé and four siblings.

Joe was born in St. Rose, Québec in 1944 and immigrated to Southern Maine with his family in the early 1960's, where he met Jackie and they raised their family.

Most of Joe's career was spent in construction and carpentry. He also worked for many years at AMF/Reese Corporation. Joe was an avid snowmobiler

and could be found dragging trails in the Waterboro, Maine region after snowstorms. Following a move to Virginia in the early 1990's, Joe took up golf and continued playing until his health prevented him from doing so. He was able to accomplish the always elusive hole-in-one!

Upon retirement, Joe and his wife Susan enjoyed RV trips around the country and made many friends along the way. They settled into the snowbird routine and found a welcoming community in Nokomis, Florida. In his later years, Joe honed his carpentry skills, becoming an artisan, and was known for creating beautiful wooden bowls.

Joe will be missed by his family and the friends he made throughout his lifetime. A Celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, May 6 at 4:00PM at Bennett's Mechanicsville Chapel, 8014 Lee Davis Road, Mechanicsville, Virginia.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Tidewell Hospice for their compassion and assistance during Joe's final days. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to Tidewell Hospice (<https://tidewellhospice.org> 3550 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34239)

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Tavern, continued from page 2

You have to remember the only mode of travel in those days was horseback or buggy and travelers needed somewhere to stay overnight and eat when conducting business at the courthouse. George Washington was a regular visitor to the tavern on his trips from his home Mount Vernon to Williamsburg to attend the House of Burgesses. When he was courting his wife-to-be, Martha Dandridge Custis, I like to think (and I bet I am not far from the truth) George stopped at the tavern 'to get his courage up' before visiting Martha at her home in New Kent County.

Through the years the tavern was the site of many an event, namely cock fights, horse races, dances, fencing matches, and political dinners... just to name a few. At one such political dinner just before the start of the American Revolutionary War in 1775, it is said Colonial John Roane, who was an American officer, was in the tavern one night and threw a glass of wine at a Tory and his suspected British loyalist companion, missing his intended target the Tory and striking the loyalist. Roane cried out "Badly aimed, but damned will hit!" It's a small wonder the War did not start that night! After several owners, the tavern passed into the hands of the Gregory family in the early 1800s. During this time serious consideration was given to moving the county seat and courthouse to Rumford but Mrs. Ann Bickley Gregory petitioned the General Assembly asking "that her means of livelihood not be taken from her and her young children." It was said by Dr. Malcolm Harris, the author of two books on the

history of Old Plantations in King William and New Kent, "her tears may have been the means of saving the old courthouse and preserving it for future generations." An accidental fire destroyed the tavern in the late 1800s and it was not rebuilt.

Enter its successor a two-story white clapboard frame house built to the west of the courthouse just across Horse Landing Road from the old clerk's office. In the 1920s it was occupied by J. B. Magruder Puller, the county jailer, and his wife, Anne Overton Hill Puller. They served excellent country-style meals. Dances were held on occasions in the large dining area but accommodations were not available for overnight guests. Automobiles were starting to make the scene during these times. People could conduct business at the courthouse and return home the same day therefore taverns started disappearing from courthouses. The Puller Tavern was torn down sometime around 1950. Today Puller descendant, Cary Puller and his wife Cindy, reside in the two-story house on the side road across from the fire tower.

King William County is home to a lot of history and if the walls of the old courthouse complex could talk, they would tell some fascinating stories. I wonder if those walls would tell a story or two about our first president leaving on his horse after getting his 'courage up' at the tavern! Some of the information in this article was taken from Alonzo Thomas Dill's pamphlet, King William County Courthouse: A Memorial to Virginia Self-Government.

Hanover County's last remaining dairy farm to diversify operation with new creamery

Contributed by Farm Bureau

In a rapidly urbanizing area of Central Virginia, one dairy-farming family is taking the opportunity to tell their agriculture story and connect with consumers directly, by appealing to their palates.

Thomas E. Stanley & Sons Dairy, Hanover County's last remaining dairy, recently hosted a "Cow to Cone" class for Randolph-Macon College students.

"I thought it would be a good opportunity to get this generation out on a farm," said Missy Stanley, who led the class. "I gave them a dairy tour, we talked about the benefits of milk, and we ate ice cream. Many of them have never stepped foot on a farm, and they asked a lot of great questions."

Her husband's grandfather bought the dairy from an aunt in 1941. The family has operated it ever since.

"It's been a dream of ours to open a creamery for decades," Stanley continued. Beyond diversifying their farm operation, a creamery is an investment in the family's future. "Upcoming generations are probably less interested in running a traditional dairy farm but may be more interested in the creamery side of the business."

This foresight comes from years of economic hardship for family dairy farms. There were around 650 Grade A dairy farms in Virginia in 2017. Now 475 remain after many years of depressed prices forced closures.

The U.S. has lost more than half of its licensed dairy operations since 2003, down to 32,000 dairy operations, according to a 2020 U.S. Department of Agriculture report.

The Stanleys' value-added venture, called Farmview Creamery, will start with purchased ice cream mix but eventually will transition to on-site milk production. They were awarded a Southeast Dairy Business Innovation Initiative grant to fund a feasibility study, with application assistance from the Virginia Foundation for Agriculture, Innovation and Rural Sustainability.

"VA FAIRS helped me with the application," Stanley said. "I didn't even know where to get a feasibility study on a dairy, but they did, which has been so helpful."

Whitney Perkins, VA FAIRS assistant director, acknowledged it can be overwhelming to know where to begin when planning to diversify.

"But that's why VA FAIRS is here to help farmers start and expand into value-added, high-value agriculture enterprises—where they are in the driver's seat," she said. "There are abundant opportunities, but that often comes with a lot of overwhelming information. I see our role as helping to navigate this unfamiliar world and helping families breathe new life into their businesses."

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Morrison, continued from front page

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2023 Ruritan National President
 Mike Morrison

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Malik Holmes Signs Division 1 Scholarship



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 King & Queen Central's Malik Holmes signs a Division 1 scholarship with VMI. Malik is the all time leader in yardage at King & Queen, all time leader in passing, all time leader in passing TDs, all time player of the year 2021, and first team all state as a Junior and Senior (2021-2022). Malik earned a full athletic scholarship. Malik was the district player of the year for 2022, region defensive leader in scoring.

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Ceremony, continued from front page



Tre Robinson with family members (LEFT) and Kaleb Shelton with family members (RIGHT)

By Michael Commins

Family, faculty, teammates, classmates, administration, and coaches gathered on February 2nd to witness Cavalier footballers Tre Robinson and Kaleb Shelton sign their letters of intent to continue their education and gridiron careers at the collegiate level.

The duo will be going to "Almost Heaven" this fall -- Tre to West Virginia State University in Institute, WV, and Kaleb to Concord University in Athens, WV. The programs compete in the NCAA Division 2 Mountain East Conference.

Robinson accounted for 1539 yards of offense in 2022, 719 yards on 79 carries, 369 yards on 25 receptions, 248 yards on punt returns, and 170 yards on kickoff returns. He accounted for 7 touchdowns rushing, 4 touchdown receptions, 2 punt returns for touchdowns, and also threw for 1 touchdown covering 33 yards.

Shelton led the Cavaliers in rushing with 1283 yards on 158 carries, 33 punt return yards, 163 kickoff return yards, and completed 44 of 121 passes for 565 yards. He tallied 17 rushing touchdowns and threw for 5 additional for the season. Robinson and Shelton were also stalwarts on the defensive side with Tre snaring 7 interceptions, returning 3 for touchdowns, and Kaleb hauling in 1 interception for the

season.

Post-season honors included Tre being selected First Team All Tidewater District Defensive Back, Wide Receiver, and Punt Returner, First Team 2A All Region "A" Defensive Back, Wide Receiver, and Punt Returner, and Second Team 2A All-State Defensive Back and Wide Receiver. Tre also was chosen as the Tidewater District Defensive Player of the Year.

Kaleb garnered First Team All Tidewater District Offensive All Purpose and Defensive Back awards and First Team 2A All Region "A" Offensive All Purpose and Second Team 2A All Region "A" Defensive Back.

Robinson and Shelton also represented King William High in the annual Big River Rivalry game in December as they were selected to the victorious North squad. The annual event matches high school senior players from "north" of the James River against their counterparts from "south" of the James River.

All of King William is proud of these young men and their accomplishments. Tre will continue to wear the Black and Gold as a "Yellow Jacket" at West Virginia State while Kaleb will sport the Maroon and Gray as a "Mountain Lion" at Concord.



As Treasurer, I would like to increase our investments. Currently, the County invests less than 1% of our budget. Proper investments will capitalize on dividends the County does not currently receive.

I would work towards attaining a credit rating for the County. A positive credit rating would allow the County to borrow money at lower interest rates and increase our integrity in grant applications.

I will expand office hours during peak demand to accommodate citizen access. This can be done at no additional cost by staggering employee hours. I would also welcome the opportunity to work with the team at Edmunds, the County's ERP system, to make the online payment portal more streamlined and user friendly.

I continue to expand my knowledge through current enrollment with the Virginia Government Finance Officers Association GNAC Certification. This program is endorsed by the VA Treasurer's Association and includes training in disciplines of finance such as cash management, debt, internal controls, and Virginia law.

Through the course of my career in King William, I have received my certified Virginia Contracting Associate and am the fiscal agent for the Community Policy and Management Team. I have a thorough understanding of the creation and implementation of the County's annual budget, receiving the revenue, tracking the expenditures, and the reconciliation of those accounts on a monthly and annual basis.

I would love to use what I have learned in the private and public sector to help better the Treasurer's Office for the citizens of King William County. This is why I request your support in the upcoming special election on March 7, 2023.



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Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor,
 "Thank You"

I was listening to the mass distributor of misinformation better known as the news and heard something I thought might even be true. It seems a lot of the citizens have received a higher-than-normal electric bill this January. The explanation given by the news – "It was colder this month than last" this half-truth left out what really happened.

My January 2022 bill showed I used 1807 kilowatt hours and my January 2023 bill showed I used 1683 hours – 124 kilowatt hours less in 2023 at a cost of \$40.26 more than last year's bill.

When the Democrats controlled the state at all levels - they pushed through an environmentalist agenda that required the electric utilities to buy all alternative energy from whomever produced it. The cost to produce that energy is more than what it costs for the Utility to produce their own energy and hence one reason for the higher electric bill.

Another reason is the utility is limited on the profit they make by the State Corporation Commission Division of Public Utility: For an example I will use a 10% profit margin - if I purchased X amount of electricity for \$100.00 - \$10 is profit - \$90 is expense. If the utility becomes efficient and cuts the price of that same amount of electricity to \$50 - it makes \$5 profit with \$45 expense. If we increase the expenses and sell the same amount of electricity for \$200 then they make \$20 profit with \$180 expense, and everything gets passed to the customer as agreed to by the State Corporation Commission Division of Public Utility.

I think you can see why the utility has a vested interest in increasing expenses as opposed to becoming efficient. One reason why they embraced ESG and implemented their DEI (Diversity Equity and Inclusion) programs - the costs they can pass on to

their customers.

Now say "Thank You" to all those who made your electric bill higher this year.

Want to file a complaint? Than go to <https://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Electric-Company-Complaint-Form>

Sincerely,
 Paul Jamerson
 King William

Dear Editor,

To the Citizens of King William County

I served on the King William County Board of Supervisors for twenty-eight years. I know the importance of an experienced and knowledgeable Treasurer. Abbi Carlton is the person most qualified for this position. She has over three years' experience in the Treasurer's office and has been the interim Treasurer since early fall. The Board of Supervisors and the County Administrator must also believe Abbi has the knowledge and ability to do the job because they cut her staff when she took over. However, even with a skeleton staff (at times by herself), Abbi got out all of the 2022 tax bills on time!

We need a dedicated, knowledgeable and experienced person as Treasurer of King William County.

Please vote for **ABBI NORMAN CARLTON** for Treasurer on March 7.

Thank you.
 Tom Redd

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*.

Dear Editor

With a critical election for the Treasurer for King William County approaching on March 7th I read with great concern the two campaign ads in the February 2nd issue of the Country Courier. The ad for the current acting treasurer featured six endorsements from Treasurers from other Counties who have little if any knowledge of the issues with that office resulting from issues with the previous treasurer who resigned amid controversy after less than two years in office. In addition to those "endorsements", Treasurer Carleton's only comment was the statement that "I am the ONLY qualified candidate running for the Treasurer's office."

In sharp contrast, the opposing candidate Julie Kelley Mills, in the same issue of the Courier provided a brief look at her family and her life on the farm and then details of her four year employment in the County's Finance Office, rising to the position of Deputy Director of Finance with oversight of the Finance Department staff and daily operation of the department. She also cited her rigorous and successful efforts to receive training through the Virginia Government Finance Officers Association.

My wife and I are frequent attendee's at the Board of Supervisors meetings and have witnessed presentations to the Board by each of these candidates. We have found Ms. Mills, in her presentations to be articulate, well prepared and knowledgeable of the subject matter being presented with an understanding of the function of local government. In addition, Ms. Mills has displayed her professionalism, understanding of her position and her ability to work with the

Board, the County Administrator and other Department heads and staff in the performance of her duties.

Ms. Carleton, on the other hand, in meetings with the Board, has followed the lead of her predecessor, by attempting to shift blame for her shortcomings to others, including the Board and the Administration.

In a post on social media this past week, Ms. Carleton stated, "I have also provided assistance and training to other departments including the Finance Department, to help with daily functions of their daily tasks." I would pose that this is the responsibility of the various Department heads through training and not a function of the Treasurer.

She also stated "As Treasurer, it is my responsibility to look out for the financial well-being of the County." I believe this is also the function of the Board and the Administration and not the function of the Treasurer.

This County is in need of an individual who has displayed professionalism in the conduct of their office, who has shown a willingness and ability to work with others, who understands the function of County Government and the relationship with the Constitutional Offices.

Julie Kelley Mills possesses these qualities and, when elected, will quickly and efficiently fulfill the duties and responsibilities of Treasurer of King William County. Julie Kelley Mills **IS** the **MOST** qualified candidate for the office of Treasurer.

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Aylett Country Day School Honor and Merit Roll

Mrs. Tara Garner, Head of School at Aylett Country Day School, is pleased to announce the names of students in grades five through eight who have shown outstanding academic achievement for the 2nd quarter of the 2022-23 school year.

Students earning Honor Roll status, all A's, for the 2nd quarter are:

Grade 5: Megan Copeland, Annabelle Dameron, Blake Kosek, Bryce Matthews, and Hudson Warren

Grade 6: Emma Fowler, Natalie Fulks, and Dina Nicolai

Grade 7: Ainsley Davis

Grade 8: Grace Gillions, Addi Jones, Madison Lam, Alisyn O'Bier, and Natalie Wechsler

Merit Roll (A's and B's) students for the

2nd quarter are:

Grade 5: Chesley Brooks, Ashleigh Dilworth, Gracie Fisher, Cayson Holmes, Hadleigh Keeton, Chatham Moncure, Owen Rowe, Carter Smith, and Eli Wise

Grade 6: Cason Chilton, Aurora Cox, Abigail Earhart, Chandler Eubank, Kate Gillions, Mason Johnson, Grace Lam, and Tinsley Yelinek

Grade 7: Avery Boyle, Kodiak Cox, Tripp Moncure, Zoe Thrift, George Underwood, and Kelsey Wood

Grade 8: Sterling Brooks, Evan Courtney, Berkeley Garner, Matthew Hundley, Jasmine Kelly, Evelyn Mills, Addison Senters, and Grace Simons

Dodge for Donations

They are hosting a students vs. teachers Dodgeball tournament on March 1 to raise money for the community organization, Thrive Virginia. The students came up with an idea to have other students write essays about charitable organizations in the community. Once the essays were submitted, a group of teachers judged the essays and selected the winner. The organization which was the topic of the winning essay was selected as the recipient of the money to be raised. The students then wrote emails to local businesses soliciting donations to pay for the tournament and anything over the costs will go to the charity.

The big event, named Dodge for Donations, will take place at 6pm on March 1 in the high school gym. Tickets are \$5 each and all proceeds go to the charity. The freshman, sophomores, juniors, and seniors will each take on a group of teachers and progress to a winner. Howard Hill is refereeing the tournament. Sydney Roscoe and Samantha McInteer have spearheaded this project and have been working through the planning, the logistics, approvals and soliciting donations. Elizabeth Welshonce and Kim Tupponce are the Service Learning class teachers supporting and guiding them.

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Students, continued from front page

It's all part of the International Student Program (ISP) that coordinates matching students abroad with families in the USA. I asked Sofia and Jule to describe their host parents. Both without hesitation said, "AMAZING!"

I recently sat down with these two 'lively' girls at the Richards home to chat and get some first impressions they have of King William and the USA. They arrived last month and the first thing that got their attention was the size of everything. "Everything is so BIG in the USA...the people are bigger and the food is served in bigger portions and more of it...and it's cheaper!" said Jule. They also were impressed with "Junior and Bubba" at the high school. In case you don't know Junior and Bubba, they are two cows cared for by the FFA kids. "We were really surprised to see cows at school!" exclaimed the girls. Jule enjoys band class and plays the saxophone. She likes to draw and has already designed a cover for a book. She also loves field hockey and plays for her high school team back home. With her organizational skills, Jule hopes to be an event planner someday. Sofia is a 'shutterbug' and enjoys photography. She also likes to dance and has been taking

dancing lessons for the past three years. Her specialty is modern jazz. Sofia wants to be an architect someday or own a business. Both of them are on the track team at King William and they saw their first basketball game at King William last month. Lee and Susan have been taking them places and showing them the American way of doing things.

Like all teenagers, the girls love the social life. Just a few weeks ago Susan and Lee took the girls to Short Pump Town Center to pick out prom dresses. Both girls are very excited about attending the Prom this spring!

With the advances in technology today, the world is fast becoming our backyard. The more we learn about each other, the more we understand each other and hopefully, the world will be a better place because of it. We are indeed fortunate to have programs like the International Student Program and families like the Richards! If you are interested in hosting an exchange student contact Welby Fairlie, the Southeastern Virginia coordinator for the International Student Program, at 757-566-7271 or email her at southeast@iseusa.org.

My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style.

Maya Angelou

Thieves Targeting Easy-to-Access Rural Properties

Contributed by VA Farm Bureau

Rural Virginia residents face some of the same crime problems as people in cities and suburbs, and preventing theft can be a challenge in the country.

Palmer Clifford, a corporal with the Goochland County Sheriff's Office, said unlike urban neighbors, farmers and other rural landowners have a lot more acres to protect.

"You're talking three or even more, upwards of a hundred (acres)," Clifford said in an episode of Real Virginia, the weekly television show produced by Virginia Farm Bureau. "There's nothing else around, so people can access (the property) coming off an adjacent property on one side. Sometimes they can park on the roadway and just enter through a field or wooded area."

He added that even when areas are fenced, thieves still can find a way in. "If they're trying to steal something and they've already got it in mind, they're going to go after it," Clifford noted.

In Amelia County, Kerry Harding experienced this firsthand when people trespassed on his property and stole a catalytic converter from one of his farm trucks.

"My son, who was hunting, came up on two guys at the back of our barn stealing some parts from us," Harding recalled. "He called me, and we eventually found them as they were fleeing on four-wheelers." The father and son followed the two men and called the police. Eventually, two suspects were arrested. Harding said the thieves took equipment and caused about \$12,000 worth of damage. The theft also cost him time away from the farm to testify in court. In nearby Nottoway County, farmer Bo Toth

had both an all-terrain vehicle and a pickup truck, worth a total of \$15,000, stolen. The truck was taken while abandoned on a rural road with a flat tire. The ATV was parked near a grain bin on his farm property, and the next morning it was gone.

Toth said he's also had someone attempt to take a catalytic converter out of a pickup truck that was parked near a cattle pasture. There are several different legal classifications for trespassing, but entering someone's property without permission is a Class 1 misdemeanor under Virginia law. Someone convicted of that crime could face 12 months in jail and up to a \$2,500 fine. If someone steals \$1,000 worth of property like a vehicle or equipment, with the intent to sell it, that's considered grand larceny. If convicted of this felony, they face between two and 20 years in prison.

Virginia State Police and security experts say laws help, but the best defense is for rural residents to take steps to reduce the crime of opportunity, like locking buildings and vehicles.

Clifford said some rural landowners have a false sense of security, so they leave their doors unlocked. However, they shouldn't. "Take the keys out of the tractor, put a lock on the trailer hitch." He also suggested installing solar-powered lights or motion-sensor lights. And if you're out of town, ask neighbors to keep an eye on the property. Harding and Toth agreed that landowners should step up their own security to reduce theft in the countryside.

"You just have to be aware, especially if you store equipment away from your farm, you just have to check on it," Harding said. Toth concurred. "You have to be more vigilant," he said.

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18.2-137-MONUMENT: INTENTIONAL DAMAGE, VALUE >=\$1000	1
18.2-152.3-COMPUTER FRAUD: EMBEZZLE OR LARCENY >=\$1000	1
18.2-250-DRUGS: POSSESS SCH I OR II	1
18.2-279-UNLAWFULLY SHOOT OR THROW MISSILE AT OCC. BLDG	1
18.2-371.2-CIVIL: PURCH/POSS NICOTINE <21	2
18.2-460-OBSTRUCT/RESIST: W/ THREATS/FORCE	1
18.2-51-MALICIOUS WOUNDING	1
18.2-56.1-FIREARM: RECKLESS HANDLING	2
18.2-57-ASSAULT: (MISDEMEANOR)	2
18.2-57-ASSAULT: ON LAW ENF/JUDGE/DOC/FIRE/EMERG PERSON	1
18.2-57.2-ASSAULT & BATTERY - FAMILY MEMBER	4
18.2-95-GRAND LARCENY: AUTO THEFT	1
18.2-96-PETIT LARCENY: <\$1000 NOT FROM A PERSON	1
22.1-254-RELEASE FROM MANDATORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	1
23F-Theft From Motor Vehicle	1
23H-All Other Larceny	1
26A-False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	2
26B-Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine Fraud	1
26F-IDENTITY THEFT	1
290-Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	3
90F-Family Offenses, Nonviolent	4
90Z-All Other Offenses	3
ANIMBD-ANIMAL BITE - DOG / CANINE	6
ANIMBF-ANIMAL BITE - CAT / FELINE	1
CIVIL-CIVIL ISSUE	1
JUVI-JUVENILE ISSUE	1
MENTAL-MENTAL SUBJECT	1
WARR-WARRANT SERVICE	8
** TOTAL **	72

HELP WANTED

King & Queen County Voter Registration & Elections Office is accepting applications for a part-time Deputy Registrar. Position is typically 2-3 days a week; additional days may be required preceding an election. Flexibility needed for work schedule. Employee will assist General Registrar with voter registration and all other election related duties as assigned. Interested applicants can obtain a full job description, qualifications, and application online at kingandqueenco.net, by calling 804-785-5980 or email dklausen@kingandqueenco.net. Applications accepted until position is filled. High school diploma or equivalency preferred.

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COUNTY OF KING AND QUEEN

Real Estate Tax Exemption for Certain Elderly and Disabled Persons

Applications must be filed by April 1, 2023

To qualify; income from all sources may not exceed \$35,000 and capital assets, excluding the dwelling you live in and 2 acres of land, may not exceed \$60,000. For more information or an appointment, call the office of the Commissioner of Revenue at (804) 785-5976 or (804) 769-5002. Applications can also be found online at www.kingandqueenco.net under the Commissioner of Revenue's page.

Please contact this office to confirm receipt of your application if using any filing method other than in person. The application must be received in our office no later than April 1, 2023.

Kelly N. Lumpkin
Commissioner of Revenue
King and Queen County

Tri-River Investment Group Sponsoring Art in Transit Again in 2023

Contributed by Bay Ageing— Bay Transit, the public transportation division of Bay Aging, and the RAL Art Center have received a \$1,500 sponsorship donation from Tri-River Investment Group of



Davenport & Company LLC in support of the Art in Transit 2023 contest and judged exhibition. This is the second year that the Tri-River Investment Group has sponsored Art in Transit. While presenting their sponsorship check, Jay Black, Senior Vice President – Investments at Davenport & Company, noted, “Bay Transit and the RAL Art Center continue doing great work to make our slice of the world a better place for us all. Bay Transit has been serving the region for more than 25 years. The RAL Art Center has been growing and supporting the art community for almost 73 years. Tri-River Investment Group views sponsorship of Art in Transit as a wise investment in the region and that is why we are involved again. Bay Transit and the RAL Art Center are helping to grow the strength of individual communities and make the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula a better place to live, work and play.”

Bay Transit Director Ken Pollock stated, “Thanks to sponsors like Tri-River Investment Group, Bay Transit is once again offering a continuing education scholarship that will allow front-line employees at Bay Transit, such as bus drivers, mechanics, schedulers, and dispatchers, to take classes at Rappahannock Community College (RCC) or apply for the scholarship for a member of their family. “We see how hard our bus drivers and other front-line staff have to work,” Pollock said. “Scholarship assistance that helps an employee, or employee’s family member, provides Bay Transit with a powerful employee recruitment and retention tool that ensures we continue to provide the highest levels of customer service despite an industry wide shortage of drivers.”

Pollock added that the remainder of Bay Transit’s Art in Transit revenues will be used to support their popular New Freedom program. New Freedom is a transportation

service providing seniors and individuals with disabilities the ability to attend medical appointments, shop, work and attend social and recreational events even for travel outside of Bay Transit’s service area and/or service hours. Participants pay a nominal fee for each round trip. For round trips of fifty miles or less, there is a five-dollar fare. For round trip journeys greater than fifty miles the fare is only ten dollars. “For example, New Freedom transports Veterans to doctors’ appointments at the VA Medical Centers in Richmond and Hampton,” Pollock said. “We would love to be able to do more New Freedom trips for people, so fund raising for this program is also a priority.” He added that, despite higher fuel and driver costs, the fees charged for New Freedom rides have been the same for over five years. “This program is extremely popular and serves a critical need so we are very thankful to use some of our Art in Transit proceeds to help fund it.”

The “Call for Entries” to artists throughout the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula to participate in the Art in Transit 2023 contest and judged exhibition was issued last month. The deadline for entries and art submissions to the RAL Art Center in Kilmarnock is April 30th or May 1st between 10 AM and 12 PM. This year’s award winners will be recognized at the Art in Transit 2023 reception at the RAL Art Center on Friday evening, May 19th, from 5 to 7 PM. The culmination of the reception will once again occur when a copy of the first-place entry is unveiled on the side of a Bay Transit bus.

To find out more and to download the entry form, please visit the RAL Art Center at www.RALartcenter.com or call RAL at (804) 436-9309. You can also download a copy of the Call for Entries form by visiting the Bay Transit website at www.BayTransit.org.

Three Rivers Soil and Water Conservation District Scholarship Opportunities

Three Rivers Soil & Water Conservation District is offering three scholarships for students within Essex, King & Queen and King William Counties. The Earl H. and Anna K. Longest Memorial Scholarship is open to King & Queen residents while the John F. Townsend, Sr. Memorial Scholarship is open to King William residents. The J. Franklin “Frankie” Townsend, Jr. Memorial Scholarship is open to students residing in Essex, King & Queen or King William Counties. All of the scholarships are valued at \$1,000 each and are eligible to high school seniors or currently enrolled college students. The applicants should be pursuing a degree in agriculture/natural resources or come from a farming background. These scholarships are due by March 1st and should be sent to Three Rivers SWCD, 772 Richmond Beach Road, Tappahannock, VA 22560. Those interested should visit our website at www.trswcd.org/academic-scholarships or email Anne Davis at anne.davis@trswcd.org to receive an application. Three Rivers Soil & Water Conservation District also helps promote the Larkin Hundley Memorial Endowment, which is administered by Colonial Farm Credit and is valued at \$2,000. The criteria for this scholarship is an Essex County resident with an



agriculture background or pursuing agriculture, forestry or environmental science degree. More information on this scholarship can be found at www.colonialfarmcredit.com.

Three Rivers SWCD is also promoting the VASWCD scholarship that can be found at www.vaswcd.org/student-scholarships. Four winners will be awarded for the VASWCD scholarship from the state of Virginia and all scholarship applications must be sent to Three Rivers SWCD by April 1st. All other scholarships listed above are due by March 1st!

If you have any questions regarding these scholarships feel free to call Anne Davis at (804)443-2327, extension 4.

King William County Public Schools

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Preschool Screenings

At Cool Spring Primary School
7301 Acquinton Church Road, King William VA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15TH FROM 9 AM - 7 PM

&

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Who Should Attend?
All children who will be four years old by September 30, 2023. Children are selected on the basis of one or more of the following “at-risk” factors: parent’s level of education, family income, number of people living in the household, single family or both parent household, and performance on the screening assessment.
**If your child qualifies for the Head Start program, they will not be considered for our VPI program.*

What to expect?
Each child will be screened on basic developmental skills. School staff will be available throughout the day to conduct screenings. Parents will receive information regarding the preschool programs offered at King William County Public Schools. Once the screenings have been completed and reviewed by school personnel, parents/guardians of children eligible for enrollment will be notified by mail by the end of May.

What to bring?

- Your Child
- Original Birth Certificate (Copies are not accepted)
- A completed physical examination form dated between 8/21/22 and 8/21/23 must be on file before your child starts.
- Proof of family income: original source documents such as 3 consecutive employee pay stubs/earnings notices, income tax returns, employer W-2 forms, or public assistance program payment documentation.
- Current driver’s license / Valid ID
- Proof of Residency: House contract, lease agreement, rent receipt, mortgage statement, tax assessment
- At least one form of identification: current vehicle registration, vehicle title, current voter registration card, military ID, current tax assessment, state or federal tax return filed within 12 months with W-2 attached, or current gas / water / electric bill.
- In the case of families living with other families, a notarized statement from the host family attesting to the common living arrangement will be required.
- **Accurate residency and income information is vital. Falsifying information is a misdemeanor and may lead to prosecution**

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For more information, contact Pastor Search Committee Chair at (804) 370-1375.

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

Join us Sunday at 10am at Upper K&Q Ruritan Club, 186 Walnut Spring Rd. St. Stephens Ch. 23148. Pastor Charlie Ryan. Look for signs showing *The Way!*.

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 K&Q 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 Friends Meeting

is located at 942 Buena Vista RD. Shackelfords 23156. Join us in-person and via Zoom for Quaker Worship in silent meeting at 10:00 A.M. and worship sharing/discussion at 11:00. Every first Sunday we have a business meeting at 11:00. On third Sunday we join together for a potluck lunch at 12:00 noon. For more information contact 804-785-9401.

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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Olivet Baptist Church

25338 The Trail (Rt. 14) Mattaponi, 23110. Join us for traditional worship services 10am Sunday School Bible Studies for children and adults of all ages. 11am Worship Service each Sunday morning. A place to be with God!

Poroporone Baptist Church

New Hours: (Effective February 5th, 2023)

Sunday School - 9:30am Worship Service - 10:30am Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:30pm We invite you to join us!

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. 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

Third Union Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. Wilbert D. Talley & Third Union Ch, located at 452 Walkerton Road in King William County, invites everyone to worship with us for our Annual Family & Friends Day on Sunday, February 19, at 10:30am either in person, on Zoom: Meeting ID: 937 282 5797 Passcode: 172021 or via phone by dialing: 1 301 715 8592 Meeting ID: 937 282 5797 Passcode: 172021. The Guest Preacher will be Rev. Cora Harvey Armstrong. The theme is "Family and Friends: One in Faith, One in Love, and all in God! Ephesians 3:19-20. We look forward to having you worship with us. Questions, call 804-769-3123 or visit www.thirdunionbaptistchurch.com.

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.

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.

Upper K&Q 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

Zion Baptist Church

King and Queen Courthouse, 615 Zion Church Road, King and Queen Courthouse, VA 23085. Mailing Address: P. O. Box 82. Worship Service (in-house), Each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Virginia "BeeBee" Harvey Young, Pastor.

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.

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 - 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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PRESBYTERIAN

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Women in the Word Community Bible Study!

396 Newtown Road, St. Stephens Church Email Melissa Rice at mrsmelissarice@aol.com.

Community Calendar

King & Queen Branch Library

Family Storytime Thursdays, Feb. 16, & 23, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. **Black Rebellion in Early America** Wednesday, Feb. 15, 5:00 - 6:00pm Ages 18 & up.

King and Queen Book Club Thursday, Feb. 16, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

K&Q Chess Thursday, Feb. 23, 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 at Wednesdays, Feb. 15, & 22, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

After School Hangout at the Upper King William Branch Library Thursday, Feb. 23, 3:45 - 5:00pm Ages 12-18. Call 804-769-3731 or visit the library at 694-J Sharon Road for more information.

West Point Branch Library

Family Storytime Fridays, Feb. 17, & 24, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. ages 0-5 and their caregivers. **Stay and Play** Fridays, Feb. 17, & 24, 11:00 a.m. - noon Ages 0-5 w/parents and caregivers. **Will It Go?** Friday, Feb. 17, 4:00 - 5:00pm Grades K-5. 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

King William Democrats

Join us to hear dynamic speaker, Reverend Dr. John T. Boyd Jr. speak about Voting Rights as we

celebrate Black History Month. Participants will write postcards to our Virginia legislators about current voting rights legislation. Saturday, February 18 at 10:30 am at Upper King William Library. Call 804-513-2546 for Zoom link.

Alzheimer's Awareness Meeting

A representative from The Greater Richmond Chapter Alzheimer's Association will be at the Upper King William Senior Citizens' Center, 8306 King William Road, Aylett, 23009 on Tuesday, March 14, at 11:00 a.m., to provide information on Alzheimer's awareness. Information will be provided on early warning signs and early stages of Alzheimer's, when we should be tested for Alzheimer's, how to prevent Alzheimer's, information on support for caregivers and assistance for family members of Alzheimer's patients. All residents of K.W. County and surrounding areas are invited to attend.

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.

VA Master Cattlemen Online Course

Virginia Cooperative Extension will be offering the Virginia Master Cattlemen program online Spring 2023. Online classes will be held weekly on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m., starting March 2 and concluding April 13. To register, use the link <https://tinyurl.com/vamastercattlemans23>. Registration deadline is February 25. For additional information please contact the King William & King and Queen County Extension Office at 804-769-4955.

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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Southern States

485 Sharon Rd. King William, 23086 769-3100.

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

The Lily Field Clothing Shed

11235 West River Road Open Saturdays. Do not drop off donations. Call to schedule drop off or drop off at the clothing shed on Wed. mornings before 9am.

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