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King & Queen Dept. of Emergency Services Receives Pet Oxygen Masks

Contributed by Laura Heller

March 16, 2023 (King and Queen Court House, VA) – King and Queen County Department of Emergency Services has received a no-cost grant from Invisible Fence Brand to help reduce the number of pets killed or injured in house fires. It is estimated that between 40,000 to 150,000 pets die in fires each year.

Invisible Fence Brand of Richmond donated three pet oxygen mask kits to the King and Queen County Department of Emergency Services through its Project Breathe Program. The specialized pet oxygen mask kits allow dogs and cats to be resuscitated, if found in a burning home. The Project Breathe Program has donated over 8,000 kits to fire and emergency medical service departments throughout the U.S. and Canada.

At the scene of a residential fire, once first responders have ensured human life is safe, attention often turns to pets in the home. Rescue personnel want to help resuscitate pets, but have not always had the proper equipment to do so. Previously, emergency personnel have tried adapting human oxygen masks to fit animals, but human masks don't fit properly on the nose of dogs and cats, thus not providing the necessary supply of oxygen. The mission of Project Breathe is to provide local fire and emergency departments the specialized equipment needed to do so.

The plastic, cup-shaped animal resuscitation masks, which come in three sizes, were originally developed for use by veterinarians.

Please see **PET MASKS**, continued on page 14.

Remembering William Gwathmey

Bu Gene Campbell

King & Queen County and the Va Tech Hokie Nation have lost one of its most beloved citizens and oldest alumnae members. Just two months shy of his 102nd birthday, William "Bill" Gwathmey passed away peacefully on March 14th. William was a proud Va Tech graduate and a fellow member of the Tideneck Chapter of the Va Tech Alumni Association. His trademark smile and quiet demeanor made lasting impressions on everyone he encountered. Present at all the annual winter dinners at Lowery's in Tappahannock and summer crab feasts, William was always proud of the fact he was the oldest (class of 1943) in attendance. For a while, my father (who was two years younger) and William were the two oldest Hokies at the annual chapter events. At one of the winter dinners, William donated a copy of the 1943 Bugle yearbook for auction. I was lucky enough to purchase the yearbook that night and I still have it.

Growing up at Canterbury Farm just down the road from the Town of Walkerton, William saw many things during his life 'come into its own'.... like the automobile and electricity. Educated in a one-room schoolhouse and a member of the first class to graduate from Marriott High School, William continued his education at VA Tech joining the corps of cadets and graduating in 1943.

Please see **GWATHMEY**, continued on page 18.

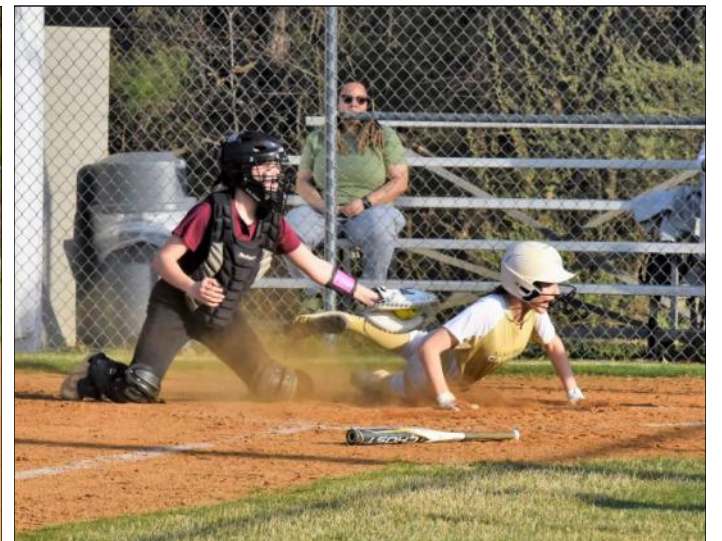


William enjoying steamed crabs at the Va Tech Tideneck Chapter Crab Feast in 2018

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Publisher's Message



It seems easy sometimes to feel depressed or maybe overwhelmed with daily circumstances in our lives. When this happens take a moment and think about the many folks who have it far worse than we do. They may be in the hospital or facing something we can't even imagine. What would they give to be home with family and friends? Every new day brings us an opportunity to make the most of the blessings before us. Be open to the good and beauty in all things.

Take care until next time...

Danny Clark



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The Bird Hunter

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

Horses and mules are used for many different things. Some are still used to work in the fields or pull wagons. Most are used for recreation. People use them for trail riding or competition. I tell people that a mule is like a four-wheel drive. They are very sure footed and can go almost anywhere. This makes them a good choice when it comes to hunting. They are always thinking and will pick up on things real quick. They will anticipate what you want after only a couple of times showing them.

I remember an old guy that had a mule he would bird hunt off of. He had gotten older and wanted to sell his mule so that a younger hunter could enjoy bird hunting as much as he had for many years. This young guy called and setup a time to come see the mule. The old man took the mule out back into the farm while the younger guy walked along and watched. All of a sudden the mule stopped and turned sideways. He pointed toward some overgrown fences and pawed the ground twice. The younger hunter looked confused and asked the old guy what that meant. The old man said "He's telling me that there are two birds in that fence row." Sure enough, the young hunter walks over and two birds flush up and fly away. This goes on a few more times. Each time the mule paws the ground, he is always correct on the amount of birds hiding in the brush. The young hunter is so happy and makes a deal with the old man and takes the mule home. A few weeks have gone by and then one night the old man gets a call from the young hunter. He is so upset and tells the old man that everything was going great until today. The mule has been pointing out the birds and pawing the ground to tell him how



many birds are there. It has been amazing at how perfect the mule has been. The young hunter says "Today we went to a new farm that hadn't been hunted in years. I just knew that I would have a great day." The old man listened carefully as the younger guy told him what happened. He said "The mule was doing great all morning long. Then we got to an overgrown field at the rear of the farm. All of a sudden the mule stopped, reached down and grabbed a big limb in his mouth that had fallen off a tree. He started going crazy, jumping around and attacking that limb. I got scared, so I loaded him up and came home right away." The old man started laughing and told the younger guy that the mule was trying to tell him something. The younger guy couldn't figure it out so he asked the old man what it meant. The old guy said "That mule was trying to tell you that there were more birds in that field than you can shake a stick at!"

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

Habitat Recycles a Silo - Needs Volunteers



Recycling the iconic silo on Manfield Rd.

Contributed by Hanover and King William Habitat for Humanity

In January of 2023, the iconic silo off Manfield Road in Manquin came tumbling down. The structure was no longer sound so the owner decided it was best to take it down. While many community members were sad to see it go, both the farm owner and Hanover and King William Habitat for Humanity saw potential.

For over 20 years, the environmentally conscious staff and volunteers at the Habitat ReStore give donated items a second chance at life. With an all-volunteer crew, they also collect aluminum cans, broken or unsellable appliances, and other fixtures to be recycled. Those metals are turned into cash and all resulting funds go to building affordable homes and making critical repairs in Hanover and King William.

The Recycle crew is willing to take any metal to help further Habitat's mission. Typically, they work on large and small appliances, lighting and plumbing fixtures, electrical wire, tools, electronics, and HVAC equipment, just to name a few. But when volunteers heard that a silo had metal and was going to be demolished, they were up for the challenge. After the silo came down, a handful of volunteers got to work detangling and cutting down the metal. After several days of work, Habitat recycled 8,500 pounds and brought in over \$600. Though out the year, big and small jobs like this add up. In Habitat's last fiscal year, the recycle program collected \$33,864 through their recyclables.

Habitat thanks Mr. Clements, the farm owner who partnered with them to make this a



Volunteers needed this summer for the project on W. River Rd

possibility. It is residents like him who help make affordable homeownership and critical repairs possible. YOU can also partner with Habitat by bringing your scrap metals to the ReStore, located at 7199 Stonewall Parkway Mechanicsville, VA 23111.

Habitat is hoping more of the King William community will get engaged in their work through volunteering, financial support, or through the ReStore. If you are looking for a hands-on approach to partner, Habitat will begin construction on its first home in King William this summer at 11353 w. River Road. Construction volunteers will be needed on Fridays and Saturdays to build this home which will be purchased at an affordable cost by a local resident. Sign up to volunteer or learn more on Habitat's website: hkwhabitat.org.

Whether your partner through scrap metal donations, volunteerism, or monetary donations, Habitat and their community can build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter here locally.

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Obituaries

SHOBE

SHOBE, Linda Linette Page Cavedo, age 72, born February 15, 1951, was called home to be with her Lord on March 11, 2023. She was the daughter of the late

Floyd B. and Madeline W. Page of Sandston. Linda, the wonderful wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother, devoted her life to her Lord and Savior, her husband, Patrick, her family, her church, missions which included two trips to Africa, her lifelong dream that came true. She loved to share the Gospel with everyone, and she was a prayer warrior for everyone she knew, and didn't know.

Linda was a graduate of Highland Springs High School and a lifelong member of Sandston Baptist Church where she sang in the choir for 36 years, in addition to many other roles in the Church. She was a volunteer rescue worker, hair stylist and caretaker of many children and her good friend, Doris Forster.

Linda is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 29 years, Patrick Shobe, her children, Amanda Cavedo Mackintosh (Will) of Utah, Crystal Cavedo of Buckingham, William Cavedo, III (Stacey) of Powhatan, Tiffany Shobe (Jason) of Waynesboro and

Ryan Shobe (Tara) of Quinton, 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren (with another on the way). She is also survived by her sister, Carol Aleta Ball (Eric) of Vermont and brother, Dennis Wayne Page (Kristina) of Sandston. She will be missed greatly, especially by her soul mate and love of her life, Patrick.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, March 18, 2023, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am at Sandston Baptist Church, 100 W. Williamsburg Road, Sandston, Virginia, 23150, followed by a celebration of Linda's life at 11:30 am. Interment will follow at Washington Memorial Park and afterwards there will be a reception at the Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to fund drilling wells in Ghana, Africa, one of Linda's passions. Go to secure.givelively.org to donate.



HALL

Bernadette Elizabeth Hall, 72, of Aylett, went to be with the Lord on Friday, March 10, 2023. She was a member of Sharon Baptist Church and a retired cashier for B-J's Wholesale Club.

She is preceded in death by her parents Wallace C. Robinson and Angeline B. Brushlowski.

She is survived by her daughter Elizabeth McFarlane and husband Kenny, three grandchildren, Jonathan Gammon, Jacob

McFarlane, Megan McFarlane, and great grandson, Jonathan "JT" Gammon. A memorial service will be held 12:00 noon, on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at Sharon Baptist Church, King William, VA. The family will receive friends on hour prior to services at the church.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Sharon Baptist Church, 901 Sharon Road, King William, VA 23086

JOHNSON

Hugh Spencer Johnson, 76, husband of Nancy (South) Johnson, of King William, died on Thursday, March 16, 2023, at his home, Canterbury Farm. He was born September 14, 1946, in Richmond, a son of the late Wylie Chandler and Ella Mae (Fisher) Johnson.

Hugh was also preceded in death by his brother, the late Chandler Johnson. In addition to his wife, family members include a daughter, Kimberly Johnson Lipscomb (Chris), of King William; sons Troy Johnson (Stacy) and Bryan Johnson (Tara), all of King William; a brother Bruce and Kay Johnson, of King William; eight grandchildren, Addie Johnson, Pearson Lipscomb, Wylie Johnson,

Trenton Johnson, Taylor Johnson, Spencer Lipscomb, Mason Johnson, and Ella Johnson; sister-in-law, Martha Hare (John) of Virginia Beach; brother-in-law, William South (Elaine) of King William; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Hugh was a life-long member of Jerusalem Christian Church where he served as a deacon and in 2004 became a fifth generation elder.

Hugh was a devoted and loving husband for 54 years, as well as a loving father, grandfather, and friend. He was faithful to his church, loved the land, was dedicated to fostering agriculture progress, and the betterment of American agriculture. He was a founding partner of Cohoke Farm, a family farm that he was very proud of. Hugh spent his last years on the excavator or at his grandchildren's sporting events.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, March 21st in Jerusalem Christian Church and burial followed in the church cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Jerusalem Christian Church, and should be mailed to 1096 Mount Pleasant Road, King William, VA 23086 or Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU, 1000 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219. Vincent Funeral Home handled arrangements, www.vincentfh.com.



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EDWARDS



Janie Anderson Edwards, 94, of West Point departed this life on March 20 at her residence.

She is survived by four children: Cecelia E. Johnson (Herbert), Celestine E. Wilson (Leo), Cheryl E. Montague (Ricardo) and George T. Edwards, Jr.; a brother, Douglas T. Anderson (Sarah), a sister, Elaine Anderson, eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

The viewing will be on Wednesday, March 29 from 5-7 p.m. at Third Union Baptist Church, 452 Walkerton Rd., King William, where the funeral service will be on Thursday, March 30 at 11 a.m. Rev. W.D. Talley, Pastor. The interment will be in the church cemetery.

Services of comfort entrusted to Washington Funeral Home, Tappahannock. Online condolences can be made to washingtonfh.com

Nettie is survived by her sisters Mary E. Gresham (Clarence) and Margaret South (Wayne); a brother William B. Carlton; nieces Cindy Moore and Stephanina Brooke and a nephew Bill Gresham.

Nettie retired from the Virginia Health Department after 30 years of service and served many years in various capacities for her church.

The family would like to express their appreciation to Riverside Hospice for their support and care. And a special thanks to Bev Lovelace for the loving care and attention she gave to Nettie.

A funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 29th at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th Street, West Point, VA 23181. The family will receive friends 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Interment will follow in Olivet Baptist Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Olivet Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o William Carlton, Treasurer, PO Box 25, King & Queen Court House, VA 23085. Tributes may be posted at www.vincentfh.com.

GIBSON

Nettie C. Gibson, 81, of Mattaponi, VA went to be with the Lord on Saturday, March 25, 2023. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert E. Gibson.



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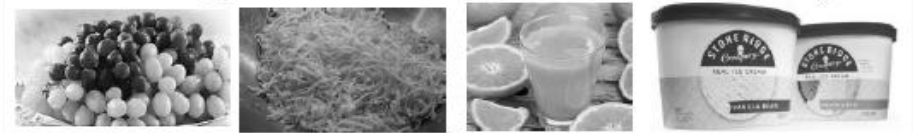
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The Ferry Over the River Pamunkey



Pontoon bridge crossing the Pamunkey River at Hanover town in the mid 1800s

By Gene Campbell

In my research on finding interesting ‘tidbits’ of history about King William County, I ran across some interesting facts about Greenville, my family’s lower farm on the Pamunkey River. I never knew why it was called Greenville until now. In Dr. Malcom Harris’s two-volume history books on plantations in King William and New Kent County, I came across a section titled Greenville. Could it be my family’s farm Greenville? As I read on, sure enough, it was about Greenville. In 1702,

the year King William County was formed, the King of England granted land grants in the Pamunkey Neck along the Pamunkey River. One such grant was issued to the Dabneys (no relation to my family that I know of). George Dabney established his home on this land and it became known as Dabney’s ferry at Greenville Plantation. It was to be the home of the Dabney family for four generations.

Please see Pamunkey, continued to page 19

Remembering Hugh Johnson



The Johnson brothers (l to r) Chandler, Bruce and Hugh

By Gene Campbell

The community of King William lost a ‘great tree’ on March 16, Hugh Johnson. As Jerusalem Christian Church minister, Joshua Lewis, at the grave site so eloquently said when reciting the poem When Great Trees Fall by Maya Angelou, “Great trees fall and great souls die. Our senses, restored, never to be the same, whisper to us. They existed. We can be. Be and be better. For they existed.” Hugh Johnson was a giant of a tree. I likened him to a big oak tree with many reaching branches that touched countless people in his lifetime. A man of unquestionable integrity and faith, a man not only loved and revered by his family but by everyone who came in contact with him. The outpouring of love at his funeral was a testament to the respect he commanded during his 76 years of life on earth.

Hugh was a farmer. As one of the founding partners of Cohoke Farm, Hugh spent his entire life being a good steward of the land. As the family walked into Jerusalem Church, the words of Paul Harvey’s famous ‘God made a farmer speech’ were filling the air. “I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, sow and harvest the crops, speed up to get the hay in ahead of the rain clouds, yet stop in mid field and race to help a neighbor whose house is on fire, come home hungry but wait for lunch until his wife is done feeding the visiting local ladies and tell them to come back soon

(and mean it!), go to the local school board or Farm Bureau meeting after supper, get home around midnight, then get up the next morning and do it all over again.” Hugh was the epitome of what God had in mind when he made a farmer.

Affectionately called Poppi by his family, Hugh was a hardworking, humble, and caring man. A man of strong Christian values, he was a deacon and fifth-generation elder at Jerusalem Church. Hugh placed God first in the life of his family. Wife Nancy, sons Bryan, Troy, and daughter Kim, and their families were his pride and joy. Granddaughter Addie in her remarks at the funeral said “my Poppi was perfect, always kind, and instilled in me the values to be my very best. His work clothes may have been dirty during the week, but every Sunday he put on his best clothes and attended church. When I marry, my husband will be someone like my Poppi.” Brother Bruce reading ‘a letter from son Troy to Poppi’ said “You put your trust in me (Troy) and taught me how to take care of the land for the next generation. You showed my family what love is, making a lasting impression on my children.” Son Bryan said, “Dad scribbled daily tasks on a napkin at breakfast each day, setting goals and achieved them. He loved what he did and took pride in the land. His relationship with mom was a role model to me. He had zero tolerance for bickering.

Please see Johnson, continued on page 18.

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REC members who wish to become a candidate must reside in the region to which they wish to be elected, meet director qualifications and complete the nomination process.

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Brandon Porch and his family digging into the salt fish and fixens

By Gene Campbell

When my father was living the first Saturday in the winter months meant getting up early (I am talking 5 am) and traveling to Frog Level Rescue Squad Building in Caroline County for the granddaddy of them all “Salt Fish Breakfast.” We would pick up my father’s buddies Oscar Adams, Stuart Johnson, Troy Linville, Wayne Barlow, Daniel Hedgpath (Short man), Phil Rose, and sometimes Roger Weakley along the way. My father had to be the first in line when the doors opened at 6 am. Why? Because he was afraid someone was going to get his seat at the table. It wasn’t going to happen because nobody was going to sit in his spot. Fast forward about 30 years and I still on occasion ride out on Saturday mornings with my good friend Bryant Wilson to a Ruritan saltfish breakfast. It is the comradery and not necessarily the

food I go for especially since my cardiologist frowns on salt fish.

My good friend Jesse Burch called me Friday night and said let’s go to the 600 Hunt Club Salt Fish Breakfast Saturday morning. Club member Ray Rudolph has invited me several times too. Each year the 600 Hunt Club holds its salt fish breakfast on the last Saturday of each month starting in January and ending in March. It is a darn good breakfast consisting of salt fish, bacon, eggs, salmon cakes, baked apples, and cornbread or biscuits. Good food and good company! The Club members are good stewards of the county too! After breakfast, they picked up trash along Mitchell’s Mill Road. The breakfasts will start back up on the last Saturday in January through March 2024. Mark your calendar now and come out and enjoy the food and fellowship! The club thanks everyone for their support!



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Farmers Market Benefits Regional Animal Shelter



Eamon Hurson with doggie "Juliet", Margie Hurson, Sean Hurson with doggie "Patty", Lauri Betts and doggie "Kyle"

By Armistead Saffer

Picture courtesy the Regional Animal Shelter

On Sunday, March 26th there was a 2021 King William Rd or online at facebook.com/RegionalAnimalShelter. Animal Shelter at 360 Hardware. Three of the dogs up for adoption came out to meet

and greet everyone.

If you’re looking to adopt a dog or a cat, please visit the Regional Animal Shelter at 2021 King William Rd or online at facebook.com/RegionalAnimalShelter.

Thanks to all the vendors and people who came out to the event.

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Animal Spotlight

Buddy was rescued a few years ago and he was very underweight and skittish. Now socialized, Buddy enjoys living on a farm with his rescued friends. He gets the zoomies and also likes to bark at delivery drivers. He will let me know when it’s time to come in for the night so he can sleep on the sofa and watch TV.



Buddy acting crazy with the zoomies!

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Central High School Recognized Lt. Wilson

Contributed by Carol Carter

King and Queen County Public Schools recognized Lt. Mitchell Wilson as the Central High School (CHS) alumnus at the March School Board meeting. He is a 2013 graduate of CHS and attended Virginia Wesleyan College where he studied Criminal Justice. He joined the King and Queen Sheriff's Office 2014 as a summer intern.

As of October 1, 2022, Mitchell Wilson was promoted to Lt. Mitchell Wilson. During his tenure he has served in many roles including: Animal Control Officer, Patrol Deputy, Field Training Officer, Criminal Investigator, Narcotics Investigator, and Lieutenant. He holds many law enforcement teaching certificates to include: Field Training Officer, General Instructor, OC Instructor, Defensive Tactics Instructor, and De-escalation Instructor.

He holds the title of Training Coordinator for the agency and is the Lead Instructor. In 2019, Lt. Mitchell received a life-changing gift - a kidney transplant. He continues to participate in events held by Life Net to share his story and experiences with others who are awaiting these life-changing and life-saving gifts. He wishes to encourage everyone to consider becoming an organ donor. He is forever grateful to his friend for their kidney donation.

In June 2019, he became a graduate of the 98th session of the Virginia Forensics Science Academy (School of Crime Scene



Carol Carter and Lt. Mitchell Wilson

Technology), where officers are taught to collect evidence and process crime scenes in a way to preserve physical evidence for laboratory analysis.

Other notable trainings which he has attended throughout his career with the King and Queen County Sheriff's Office include: Child First (Forensic Interviewing of Children), Reid Interview and Interrogation School, Advanced Reid, Forensic Statement Analysis, Child Death Investigation, Acting and Improv, Plain Clothes Drug Operations, and FBI Internal Investigations.

Lt. Wilson states, "As Lieutenant, I hope to improve and maintain community relations through transparency and by providing the highest levels of respect, courtesy, and integrity of every call for service.

Mary Evelyn Turpin Acree Scholarship

The Mary Evelyn Turpin Acree Scholarship fund for the King and Queen Historical Society will award two scholarships \$2,000 each for graduating seniors of Central High School for the college, university or technical school of their choice.

The application may be obtained from Central High School Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Crane. Applications must be completed and received by the Historical Society Scholarship Committee by May 30th.



Dean's List at Dickinson College

CARLISLE, Pa. (March 21, 2023) - scale for the semester. Dickinson College, Laila Gwathmey, a sophomore art & art located in historic Carlisle, Pa., was history major at Dickinson College, has chartered in 1783. The private liberal-arts college is nationally recognized for its 2022 semester. A graduate of Collegiate cross-disciplinary, active approach to School, she is the child of John Owen and learning, international education, civic Kelly Gwathmey of Aylett, Va. engagement and its commitment to

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KW Planning Commission Tables CUP Decision for New Apartments



Rendering of apartment complex proposed on King William Road.

By Amanda Walker

The King William Planning Commission held a public hearing for Conditional Use Permit 04-2022 on Tuesday, March 14th. The application requests approval to build 180 apartment units on tax map parcel 21-50B, located across King William Road from King William Recreational Park. The units would be divided up into five, three-story buildings. 165 of the units would be 1 bedroom, 2 bath and the other fifteen would be 2 bedroom, 1 bath units. Additionally, the complex would feature a clubhouse and pool as well.

If approved, the 8.98 acre complex would connect to existing public water and sewer, be served by King William Fire and EMS and Mangohick Volunteer Fire Department, and will have one entrance off of King William Road. One adjoining landowner, Jessica Budd, addressed the Commission in opposition to the permit. Budd stated the complex would be going right behind her home

and expressed concerns over lack of privacy, reduced sunlight on her property, and an impact on the equity she and her husband share in their home. According to Budd, the buffer in place is an old growth buffer that would not provide adequate shielding. Since this is not allowed by right, Budd expressed the current zoning should protect landowners like herself.

The county planning department recommends approval of the application, stating it is in line with the 2041 Comprehensive Plan but did bring forth concerns about the maneuverability of fire trucks through the complex. At the suggestion of the applicant, Mark Baker, the vote on the permit was tabled until the April 4th meeting of the Planning Commission. Baker expressed he would like to take some time to address the concerns brought forth before proceeding. As the previous parcel owner, Commissioner Darrel Kellum has recused himself from the permit hearing.

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Middle Peninsula Bird Club Visits Mattaponi Reserve Winery



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Chief Lionel Custalow and his wife, Ginger, invited the Middle Peninsula Bird Club to birdwatch at their winery, Mattaponi Reserve, on the banks of the Mattaponi River in King William County. The group spent over two hours viewing birds from a large deck overlooking the river observing 29 species of birds and counting 130 individual birds. For more information, email mattaponyreserve.info

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Two Local Churches Anchor 90th Historic Garden Week



Rock Spring Baptist Church



McKendree United Methodist Church

By Gene Campbell

Two local historic churches along with four private homes in the Manquin area of King William County will be open for tours on April 21st. King William along with King & Queen, Essex, and Middlesex Counties, are members of the Garden Club of the Middle Peninsula, which is one of the forty-even (47) clubs making up the Garden Club of Virginia. Thirty (30) of the clubs will have tours celebrating Historic Garden Week, April 15-22. Known as America's Largest Open House, this marks the 90th Anniversary of Historic Garden Week in Virginia. This year's theme is "A Day of Celebrations, History, Conservation, and Faith." Anchoring the tour in King William will be two historic churches dating back to the nineteenth century, McKendree United Methodist Church and Rock Spring Baptist Church. Homes showcased for the first time include Cherry Grove, Chestnut Grove Farm, Hollyfield Manor, and Srykefyre. Between 500 and 800 visitors are expected to the county. McKendree Church will be the tour's headquarters. At the headquarters, a 'Marketplace' of donated items from members will be on sale. Included will be plants, gardening tools,

gloves, vases, and baskets of planted herbs, annuals, or succulents. Also signed books on the American South and Civil War by Richmond native and Professor Emeritus Emory Thomas will be available.

Tickets are \$35 per person and are sold online at VaGardenWeek.org. Tickets will also be available on the day of the tour at McKendree Church only for \$45 per person. Lunches will be available at McKendree with desserts for sale at nearby Rock Spring. While satisfying your sweet tooth at Rock Spring, the church choir will be singing gospel favorites at 1 pm and giving a brief lecture on church history at 11 am. Proceeds from the lunches and desserts will benefit the churches. Lunches must be ordered online at mckendree23106.org by April 13th and are \$16 each. Tour proceeds fund the restoration and preservation of Virginia's historic homes and gardens. This is a driving tour and parking is available at each property. Tours begin at 10 am and end at 4 pm. This is an opportunity to visit some of King William's unique homes and walk where our ancestors laid the groundwork for King William's rich history.



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8th

Easter Breakfast

Sharon Baptist Church is holding its Annual Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th. The Easter Breakfast starts at 8am. Breakfast is free! All children are welcome. Activities include breakfast and fellowship, Easter story and egg hunt. Sharon Baptist Church is located in Central Garage on Sharon Road across from King William High School. Call 769-2320 for more information.



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Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor,
 James Burns and myself Russell Bailey do not intend to run for re-election For the Board of Supervisors. Jim represents the Buena Vista District, and I Represent the Shanghai District. Jim has served 2 four year terms and I have Served 3 four year terms. We each have been proud to represent our fellow Citizens and each feel we have done so to the best of our ability's. We want The public to know so all that are interested may have the time to collect The needed 150 signatures of registered voters. This does take a significant Amount of time and effort. My advice is not to wait too late to do so as it is Not fun to do during hot weather. The necessary forms may be picked up at The registrar at the courthouse, her office is to the right of the old courthouse Building. Anyone interested should keep in mind that this is a four year term. Jim and I want to thank the citizens who supported us for the last 8 and 12 years respectively, it has been our privilege to work with our fellow supervisors and the Dedicated employees of our great county.

Respectfully,
 James Burns and Russell Bailey

Dear Editor,
 This is in response to the proposal and approval of a mixed use development at the corner of 360 and route 30. it would be 166 acres and include commercial businesses and over 600 single family homes and also town houses, apartments, and possible hotels. The King William board of supervisors have already voted in favor of this enormous new community. The board of supervisors stated that they couldn't ask the public how they felt about this because it kind of came up really quickly, and that no one felt like talking about it at that meeting so they approved it. I really can't believe they approved this without asking King William County taxpayers if they were in favor or not of this enormous community change, that will effect us all. This is so big, King William will change so quickly and forever. The population will explode we already have many new developments and especially in that immediate area. The area will not be able to support the traffic crammed all into this one spot. Then there is the question of how many new schools we will have to have. This is a big mistake that is about to happen right under our noses, and apparently we have no say about it, none what so ever. We need to speak up now.

You can read about this online under The Orchards at Central Garage
 Sincerely yours,
 Pam Palladino
 King William

Dear Editor,
 "First Do No Harm"
 "First Do No Harm" should be the campaign slogan for all candidates running for public office. While this phrase is usually associated with MDs – It should now be required to apply to all those that govern us. I will give 3 examples.

Before the last election the Democrats had complete control of the Virginia State Government. They forced their agenda onto the citizens by way of legislation. Their "One size fits all", "Top Down mandates" and "No exceptions" were the rule.

Their Action make it illegal for doctors to prescribe Ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine for the treatment of Covid19 through legislation. Senator Ron Johnson has a YouTube video "COVID-19: A Second Opinion" This is a video where an U.S. Senate round table of experts presented their view of the Covid19 problem which the CDC, NIH and FDA called misinformation. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9jMONZMuS2U>) They were practicing medicine without a license, and this should make them subject to a Class Action lawsuit from the harmed VA citizens.

When free speech is called misinformation (right or wrong) and blocked on any subject with the government's blessing – there needs to be push back against this Unconstitutional Action.

The California Environmental laws were made the template for Virginia's Environment laws and Virginia must conform to them. I know of no Virginia citizen who can vote (legally) in California's elections – Yet we are subject to their laws?

What is the fix? Email the Attorney General of Virginia - Jason S. Miyares at - mailoag@oag.state.va.us with your concerns and how you think the problems should be fixed.

Sincerely,
 Paul Jamerson
 King William



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IRHS Needs Volunteers

Contributed by Indian Rivers Humane Society

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Cavaliers Baseball, continued from front page

By Gene Campbell

America's favorite pastime got underway on March 14 at King William High School as the Cavaliers opened their 2023 baseball/softball campaign with two doubleheaders against the visiting Rappahannock Raiders. The Cavs JV baseball team battled not only the Raiders but the strong cold winds as well. Going into the bottom of the fourth and final inning tied 2 – 2, the Cavs scored 3 runs to seal the 5 – 2 victory. Henry Kite started on the mound for the Cavs and pitched all four innings striking out 4 Raider batters while allowing only 4 hits and 2 runs. Kolton Jimmo and Owen Norman led the offense with 2 hits each. Jimmo knocked in 3 runs for the Cavs. The Cavs JV softball team did not fare as well losing a close one 2 – 1 to the Raiders JV team. The Cavs Varsity baseball team was shut out by the Raiders, losing 9 – 0. Chris Wimmer started on the mound for the Cavs and was relieved by Colton Maiorana and Andrew Lee. Brandon Seal and Daniel Howell led the Cavs offense with 1 hit each. In the final game of the day, the Cavs Varsity softball team came up one run short as the Raiders walked away with a 2 – 1 win despite Cavs pitcher Taylor Johnson throwing a complete game striking out 16 Raider batters. Cavs Natalie Reid led the offense with 2 hits and 1 RBI.

On March 16 the Varsity Cavs traveled to Goochland. The Varsity baseball team fell to the Goochland Bull Dogs 9 – 1. Seth Curry started for the Cavs and pitched 4 innings striking out 2 batters. The only run by the Cavs came in the fifth inning with an RBI sac fly by Timmy West. The JV Cavs did not fare as well either losing an early lead and falling 13 – 11 to Goochland. Trevor Gooch started for King William and went 4 innings allowing 3 earned runs on three hits and striking out 3. The Cavs offense was led by Javon Lewis who went 2 for 3. Henry Kite and Kolton Jimmo each had extra base hits while Stevie Walton stole 2 bases. The

Lady Cavs were victorious in both their games. The Varsity Cavs defeated Goochland 12 – 1 behind the stellar pitching of Taylor Johnson who turned in a complete game striking out 13 Bull Dogs and allowing only 1 hit. The offense was led by Jilian Smith with 3 hits and 4 RBI. Both Smith and Johnson hit home runs. The JV Ladies also won defeating Goochland 9 – 5.

On March 21 the Cavs traveled to Warsaw to take on the Rappahannock Raiders. Daniel Burton tossed a complete game striking out 4 and didn't allow any walks over 7 innings as the Cavs won a close one over the Raiders. Burton, Jack Longest, Dustin Bevins and Brandon Seal all had a hit in the game. The JV baseball, JV softball, and Varsity softball teams fell to the Raiders.

On March 23 both varsity teams traveled to Nottoway to take on the Nottoway Cougars. The Varsity baseball team won 14 – 3 with senior pitcher Chris Wimmer starting on the mound. He pitched 4 innings and struck out 5. The offense was led by Brandon Seal, who had 3 hits and 5 RBI! Wimmer also collected multiple hits for the Cavs offense. The Varsity Softball team won handily 10 – 2. Taylor Johnson started on the mound and pitched a complete game while striking out 15 Nottoway Cougars. The offense racked up 14 total hits led by Johnson and senior outfielder Natalie Reid who both had 3 hits each. The JV softball team hosted the Nottoway Cougars at home and lost 18 – 11.

This past Saturday, March 25, the JV boys baseball team traveled to Poquoson and sweep the Islanders in a doubleheader. The Cavs won the first game 12 – 0 and edged out the Islanders 9 – 8 in the second game.

The next home game is April 13 when the Cavs will take on arch-rival West Point. Come out and cheer the King William Cavaliers on to victory! GO CAVS!

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Baby possums at Maleena's Wildlife Rescue

Contributed By Sharon O'Neil - Maleena's Wildlife Rescue

Springtime offers new life of all kinds. Trees begin to bud, grass begins to grow, and flowers begin to bloom. During this time of the year, Mother Nature also plays a role in the beginnings of other new life forms- wildlife babies. Among many other species, opossums begin to have their babies around this time of the year. After only a 10 to 13 day gestation period, opossums give birth. Immediately after birth, the babies, each one about the size of a jellybean, crawl into the mama's pouch. Each one attaches itself to one of her 13 teats and remains there for 2 to 3 months. Her pouch keeps them warm and safe. Because they are nomadic animals and have to forage to survive, they stay on the go, constantly looking for food

and shelter. Unfortunately, sometimes, they cross the roads at the worst times, desperately seeking their next meal or running away from predators. This is when we can play a major role in the circle of life and help show our appreciation for these beneficial and peaceful creatures. If a mama possum has been hit by a car, sometimes the babies can survive, if saved in time. If the babies are less than 2-3 months old, they will still be inside her pouch, attached to the mama's teats. Even though the mama may have died from being struck, the babies will continue to nurse even after the mama has died. The milk becomes toxic after a while so time is of the essence with removing them from her pouch.

Please see Possums, continued on page 14.

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Proposed Budget

For the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024

The County Administrator’s proposed budget synopsis is prepared and published for informational and fiscal planning purposes only. The inclusion in the budget of any items does not constitute a commitment or obligation on the part of the Board of Supervisors of King and Queen County to appropriate any funds for that item or purpose. The budget has been presented on the basis of the estimates and requests submitted to the County Administrator by the officers and department heads of the County. There is no designation or allocation of any funds of King and Queen County for any purpose until there has been an appropriation for that purpose by the Board of Supervisors. The budget is for informational and fiscal planning purposes and will not be approved, adopted, or ratified by the Board of Supervisors at this public hearing.

The Board of Supervisors of King and Queen County will, on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the King and Queen County General District Courtroom located in the King and Queen County Courts and Administration Building, hold a public hearing for informational and fiscal planning purposes to consider the following proposed budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. The public hearing is held pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia, allowing the public to question and comment on the proposed budget. All citizens of the County have the right to attend and share their views thereon, subject to reasonable time limits as shall be determined by the Board of Supervisors. The draft budget document is available for review in the office of the County Administrator, 242 Allen’s Circle, Suite L, King and Queen Court House, VA.

REVENUE ESTIMATES

	FY2023	FY2024
General Property Taxes	\$8,992,876	\$9,636,559
Other Local Taxes	\$768,000	\$855,728
Permits, Fees, and Licenses	\$94,275	\$335,400
Fines and Forfeitures	\$207,000	\$227,500
Use of Money and Property	\$347,890	\$473,390
Charges for Services	\$2,759,800	\$3,020,000
Miscellaneous	\$100,000	\$70,000
Recovered Costs	\$3,000	\$73,000
Intergovernmental (state and federal)	\$2,514,488	\$2,599,773
Use of Fund Balance	\$130,039	\$2,725,867
<i>SUBTOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES</i>	<i>\$15,917,368</i>	<i>\$20,017,217</i>
County Capital Projects Fund	\$7,260,000	\$5,225,500
Social Services Fund	\$1,936,522	\$1,921,734
Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) Fund	\$750,000	\$750,000
CSA Administrative Fund	\$16,378	\$16,378
School Fund	\$13,030,128	\$13,766,360
School Cafeteria Fund	\$400,043	\$469,091
School Capital Projects Fund	\$1,100,000	\$100,000

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Court Security Fund	\$71,000	\$65,000
Landfill Contingency Fund	\$165,000	\$165,000
E-Summons Fund	\$15,000	\$15,000
LESS: Interfund Transfer	(\$5,215,655)	(\$8,641,155)
<i>SUBTOTAL OTHER FUNDS REVENUES</i>	<i>\$19,528,416</i>	<i>\$13,852,908</i>
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$35,445,784	\$33,870,125

EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES

	FY2023	FY2024
General Government Administration	\$1,814,700	\$1,802,404
Judicial Administration	\$676,765	\$688,446
Public Safety	\$6,193,208	\$6,794,287
Public Works	\$1,004,742	\$1,106,920
Health & Welfare	\$171,645	\$190,721
Education (Community College)	\$6,420	\$6,613
Parks, Recreation, Cultural	\$222,835	\$233,835
Community Development	\$367,950	\$432,836
Transfer to County Capital Projects Fund	\$0	\$3,325,500
Transfer to Social Services Fund	\$508,330	\$508,330
Transfer to CSA Fund	\$240,000	\$240,000
Transfer to CSA Administration Fund	\$5,149	\$5,149
Transfer to School Fund	\$4,297,176	\$4,297,176
Transfer to School Capital Projects Fund	\$0	\$100,000
Transfer to Landfill Contingency Fund	\$165,000	\$165,000
Contingencies	\$243,448	\$120,000
<i>SUBTOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES</i>	<i>\$15,917,368</i>	<i>\$20,017,217</i>
County Capital Projects Fund	\$7,260,000	\$5,225,500
Social Services Fund	\$1,936,522	\$1,921,734
Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) Fund	\$750,000	\$750,000
CSA Administrative Fund	\$16,378	\$16,378
School Fund	\$13,030,128	\$13,766,360
School Cafeteria Fund	\$400,043	\$469,091
School Capital Projects Fund	\$1,100,000	\$100,000
Court Security Fund	\$71,000	\$65,000
Landfill Contingency Fund	\$165,000	\$165,000
E-Summons Fund	\$15,000	\$15,000
LESS: Interfund Transfer	(\$5,215,655)	(\$8,641,155)
<i>SUBTOTAL OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES</i>	<i>\$19,528,416</i>	<i>\$13,852,908</i>
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$35,445,784	\$33,870,125

Possums, continued from page 13

If the babies are a little older, but not quite ready to be on their own, they will be riding on her back and may have been thrown off or crawled away after the incident.

If you see an injured possum on the side of the road, please find a safe spot to pull over & check to see if it's a female (yes, you'll be able to tell once you look at its underside). If it's clearly a deceased male, please pull it over into the ditch or side of the road so other wildlife won't attempt to scavenge or get hit. If it's an injured male, please call a licensed rehabber immediately & follow the steps to keep them warm. If it's an INJURED or DECEASED FEMALE:

Wearing gloves, open her pouch & look for babies. During the early stages, the babies are about the size of a bee and can be deep inside her pouch so make sure you look good! She can have up to 13 babies inside that little pouch! Each baby will be attached to a teet. Pinch the teet with one hand, and very gently pull the baby off using the other hand. Place each one in a ventilated container to keep them together & safe. Line it with a towel, blanket, or something soft & warm. If the babies are slightly older, they may have fallen out or crawled out of her pouch but are still close to the scene. Listen for faint hissing or crying sounds of possible babies. While some don't want to leave their mama, some will wander off so they may not be within a few feet of the accident.

If you don't feel comfortable handling the animals, digging around in the mama's pouch, or you're just not sure if you got all the babies, that's completely understandable. Just place the mama's body inside a box and call a rehabber immediately. Again, listen for more babies before you leave the scene. Once you gather up

all the babies, try to keep them as warm as possible. Do not put them in the direct sun, as their skin is very sensitive. Direct sunlight can burn them & cause dehydration. As soon as you're able to, place a heating pad under HALF the box, on low OR warm up a bottle of water and stuff it inside a sock, use a hand warmer, or even put some rice in a sock, tie it up, and microwave it for a minute or so & place under the towel/blanket they're lying on to give them a non-direct source of heat. Call a rehabber immediately!!!! Do NOT give them anything to eat or drink. Baby possums can't suck from a bottle like other animals-they have to be tube fed. Trying to feed or hydrate them, can kill them quickly. Make sure to put them in a secure, but ventilated container. They may be small, but they are good climbers. Keep the babies in a quiet, dark & warm area until you can get them to a licensed rehabber. Three things to remember: keep them warm, no food or liquids of any kind, and time is of the essence.

Maleena's Wildlife Rescue
 Cell (804) 366-7120
 Landline (804) 769-2751
 maleenaswildliferescue@gmail.com
 Facebook.com/MaleenasWildlifeRescue
 For a list of licensed rehabbers in Virginia go to: dwr.virginia.gov/wildlife/injured/rehabilitators



Johnson, continued

No matter how busy he was, he always found time to attend our (siblings) school activities." In his last years, Hugh spent most of his time on his beloved excavator and attending his grandchildren's sporting events.

I remember Hugh's mom and dad, Wylie and Ella Mae. The apple didn't fall far from the tree. Father Wylie was a farmer and leader in the community serving on the county board of supervisors. The Johnsons remind me of the Cartwright family

on the 1960s TV series Bonanza... a strong, prominent, and well-respected family.

Paul Harvey said it best in describing a farmer "Somebody who'd bale a family together with the soft strong bonds of sharing, who would laugh and then sigh, and reply, with smiling eyes, when his son says he wants to spend his life 'doing what dad does.'" So, God made a farmer, Hugh Johnson... and we are ALL the better because he did.

Gwathmey, continued

A member of the Greatest Generation, he was a second lieutenant during World War II and fought at the Battle of the Bulge. After the war, William returned home and married his wife, Jean. They raised four children, Ellen, Ann, Susan, and Brooke. They lived at his childhood home, Canterbury, before buying and renovating Rosemount, a farm not far from Canterbury. He became a farmer and also taught vocational education in the King & Queen County School system for 27 years. William was a dedicated lifelong member of Bruington Baptist Church joining the church when he was 10 years old. Members of Bruington Church responded to his passing on Facebook with tributes such as a man of great faith, a pillar of the

church, an educator to many, a great mentor, an example of how one should live their life, cared deeply for his family, a faithful servant, a kind and wonderful gentleman.... are just a few of the. The Gwathmey name is a well-known and prominent name in King & Queen County. They didn't come any better nor any finer than William Gwathmey. The last time I saw and talked to William was at 'Living History Day' at Locust Grove Farm in Walkerton this past November.

I am going to miss that contagious smile when I attend the next Va Tech Tideneck Chapter crab feast. I know William will be with us in spirit. The first steamed crab I crack open will be dedicated to you, William!

NOTICE KING AND QUEEN COUNTY, VIRGINIA PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

Pursuant to Va. Code § 58.1-3321, the Board of Supervisors of King and Queen County will, on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the King and Queen County General District Courtroom located in the King and Queen County Courts and Administration Building, hold a public hearing to consider an increase of one percent or more in the total real property tax levy resulting from a general reassessment of real property effective January 1, 2023. All citizens of the County have the right to attend the hearing and share their views about the proposed tax rates subject to reasonable time limits as determined by the Board of Supervisors.

Assessment Increase: Total assessed value of real property, excluding additional assessments due to new construction or improvements to property, exceeds last year's total assessed value of real property by 29.38 percent.

Lowered Rate Necessary to Offset Increased Assessment: The tax rate which would levy the same amount of real estate tax as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of real estate with the exclusions mentioned above, would be \$0.425 per \$100 of assessed value. This rate will be known as the "lowered tax rate."

Effective Rate Increase: King and Queen County proposes to adopt a tax rate of \$0.48 per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the proposed tax rate would be \$0.55 per \$100, or 12.92%. This difference will be known as the "effective tax rate increase." Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above percentage.

Proposed Total Budget Increase: Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues, the total budget of King and Queen County will not exceed last year's total budget.

Authorized by Vivian R. Seay, County Administrator

KING AND QUEEN COUNTY, VIRGINIA NOTICE OF PROPOSED LOCAL TAX RATES

Pursuant to Va. Code § 58.1-3321, the Board of Supervisors of King and Queen County will, on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the King and Queen County General District Courtroom located in the King and Queen County Courts and Administration Building, hold a public hearing to consider the following proposed local tax rates for the calendar year 2023. All citizens of the County have the right to attend the hearing and share their views about the proposed tax rates subject to reasonable time limits as determined by the Board of Supervisors.

KING AND QUEEN COUNTY CALENDAR YEAR 2023 TAX CLASSIFICATIONS AND PROPOSED RATES

Per \$100 of Assessed Value

Real Estate:	\$0.48
Aircraft:	\$1.58
Personal Property:	\$3.94
Machinery and Tools:	\$1.10
Merchant's Capital:	\$0.65
Manufactured Homes:	\$0.48
Farm Machinery & Livestock:	\$1.10
Public Service Corporations:	\$0.48

The PPTRA rate for calendar year 2023 is set at 37.5% that will be applied as a credit for qualifying vehicles.

Authorized by Vivian R. Seay, County Administrator

Thank You

I would like to thank those who supported me and those that took the time to vote in the recent Treasurer's Election for King William County. The overwhelming number of support humbled me. I will continue to serve the citizens of King William County with the utmost respect, professionalism, and courtesy. My desire to be the best Treasurer has been even more cemented by your confidence in me. Additionally, I would like to ask for your continued support and vote on November 7, 2023, as I seek re-election for the 4-year term as the Treasurer of King William County. Thank you again King William residents for the support that you have given me over the past few months!

Abbi Carlton



Being sworn in as Treasurer

Pet Masks, continued from front page

King And Queen Emergency Services and Tri-County Animal Hospital display new pet oxygen mask used to assist pets in distress. They seal around the muzzle of an animal tighter than a human mask. This helps emergency personnel deliver the sufficient amount of oxygen to the pet to help save their life.



from left to right, is Firefighter/medic Jack Meriwether, Firefighter/medic Laura Heller, Buford (dog), Vet Tech Alex A., and Vet Tech Jackie H.

33 Pound Striper Caught in the Pamunkey River

Photos Contributed by Quentine Wills
Quentine Wills of Upper King William caught a 33 pound striped bass in King William on the Pamunkey River Friday, March 24th.

Left to right: RT Holmes and Quentine Wills



Pamunkey, continued

Capt. George Dabney was in the first Commission of Peace for King William County and was later Sheriff in 1715. His son George Dabney II is said to have built Seven Springs or Brickhouse, as it was called at the time, the historic home along Dabney's Mill Road near Enfield. George and his family operated a ferry over to the Hanover side of the river near Hanover-town. It was their livelihood for four generations. Because it was their livelihood the Dabneys once petitioned the General Assembly to deny the request of several citizens to build a bridge over the Pamunkey River. It was an important route to Williamsburg and later to Richmond. In 1780 Hanover town almost became the capital of Virginia but Richmond got two more votes in the General Assembly. One can only imagine what Greenville would look like today had two legislators changed their minds. The sale of Greenville and the ferry boat near the turn of the century seems to have spelled the family's departure from Greenville.

The route to the ferry generally followed Dabney's Mill Road (Rt 604) from Enfield to the sharp curve at Riverside Farm then proceeded straight to the Pamunkey River. During the Civil War, the Yankees used this route to march to Richmond. The Yankees erected a pontoon bridge to get their horses and equipment across the river at Hanover town. Along their march, my

father told me they camped at the base of my home place, The Grove. Near the intersection of Rt 602 and Rt 604 where Dabney's Mill once stood there is a pond. It is not the one you see today but the one just out of sight to the right down a steep ravine traveling towards Rt 360. I have always known the pond as Cannon Pond. My good friend William Bush told me he was told the pond was named Cannon because one of the Yankees' cannons rolled over into the ravine during their march. Makes sense to me.



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2 Corinthians 3:17

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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 Rd., King William, 23086 Mary P. Edwards, Pastor Church Number: 804-822-5405 Contact: Gladys McCoy, 804-318-7631 Sunday Service in the Building and on Zoom at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Night Bible Study on Zoom at 7 p.m. Zoom Information - Meeting ID: 890 008 8851 and Meeting Passcode: 6iafyH

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 Bruington

3655 Powcan Rd., Bruington, 23023 ALL WELCOME! Join in worship Sunday mornings 10AM. Adult Bible Studies each Sunday 9AM Wednesdays, Series starts March 1- May 17 at 7PM. Children's Sunday School each Sunday at 9AM. Search for us on Facebook or Youtube: Smyrna Christian Church Bruington. Pastor Bill Ford (770) 687-6621/WWW.smyrnacc.org

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.

Epworth United Methodist Church

11 Epworth Road Aylett 23009. Sunday 9:00am Worship Services.

Gethsemane Baptist Church

Come and Worship with us in person or Via phone. Located at 1890 Dunluce Road, King William, 23086. You can also worship via phone service at 267-807-9605 Meeting id# 88745. Service Starts at 10:00 am Every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays. Bus Trip to National Museum of African American History located in Washington DC. The bus will be leaving Church at 8am on Saturday, July 29, and returning at 6:00pm the same day. The cost of the trip is \$35, a \$10 deposit holds your seat. For more info, please contact Barbara McPhearson at 804-499-5107 or Debra Clark at 804-316-1911.

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&O 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. Shacklefords 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

located at 46 Towinque Farm Road,

Hanover. Peace and blessings from Oak Grove Baptist Church where the light of the world always shines.

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: 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

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.

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, at 452 Walkerton Road in King William County, Questions, please call the church office 804-769-3123 or visit us at 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

571 Union Hope Road, King William: Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 a.m. (In-person and Teleconference) Teleconference option: Phone: (774) 220-4000, PIN 57187 Follow us on Facebook: Union Hope Baptist Church, King William, Upcoming event: Installation Service of Pastor-elect Rudolph Tolson, Sunday, April 16, at 3 P.M.

Upcoming event: Spring Revival (Mon. – Wed.) April 10-12, 2023 (Teleconference only) at 7:30 P.M.

FOOD BANK Ministry:

Hours of Operation:

1st Friday of each month 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

3rd Saturday of each month 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Upper King & Queen Baptist Church

1693 Bradley Farm Rd. Sunday School 10:00 A.M. Worship Service 11:00 Bible Study and Prayer 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday. Interim Pastor - Dr. David P e p p l e r . 8 0 4 - 7 6 9 - 8534.

Wayland Baptist Church

10809 The Trail Stevensville, VA 23161 April 16, 10a.m., Family and Friends Day. Cookout style lunch following the service. April 22, 11a.m., Senior Day. Minister Diane Carr and New Living Well Full Gospel Bible Church will be our guest. Lunch will be served. Casual attire is suggested. April 23, 3p.m., We will celebrate the ninth anniversary of our pastor, Rev. Marcus Hickman. Rev. Russell Shackelford will be the guest speaker for the occasion. All are invited to join us and be blessed.

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 H a d l e y . <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

Easter Services: Palm Sunday 2 April at 11am, Maundy Thursday 6 April at 630pm Dinner Included, Good Friday Stations of the Cross 7 April at 630pm, Easter Sunday Eucharist 9 April at 11am.

St. John's Episcopal Church

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

St. Paul's Millers Tavern

7924 Richmond Highway. 443-2341 stpaulsmillerstavern.org

PRESBYTERIAN

St. James Presbyterian Church

(The church next to K.W. Courthouse) 411 Courthouse Lane. Rev. Dr. John Turner

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Women in the Word Community Bible Study!

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



Community Calendar

King & Queen Branch Library

Call 804-769-1623 or visit the library at 396 Newtown Road for more information.

Upper KW Branch Library

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

West Point Branch Library

Call 804-843-3244 or visit the library at 721 Main Street for more information.

VFW Post 9501

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

KW Republican Committee

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at the Upper King William Library Meeting room. Please join us and find us on Facebook @king.william.gop! Yard signs are available daily at 115 Commerce Park Dr, Suite G Manquin. or email theccdc@gmail.com

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.

K.W 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.

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 @ kingwilliamrec.com

Good Homes Needed For Good Pets

Regional Animal Shelter, 20201 King William Road, King William 804-769-4983 . www.petfinder.com email: animalshelter@kingwilliamcounty.us

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

Artisans Wanted!

The Woman's Club of King & Queen County is hosting a Holiday Craft and Gift Market, November 11, beside Dragon Run Brewing in Shackelfords. Contact Susan at 804 347 5175 or see our Facebook page for an application. The Woman's Club hosts several fund raisers throughout the year. Proceeds used

to purchase school supplies, support community organizations, and maintain the historic schoolhouse building near the courthouse.

CornerStone Community Dev. Center

Food Distribution - 1235 West River Road, MOBILE PANTRY - Wednesday April 5, 11 a.m. Saturdays (April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29) - 9.30a.m. to 11.30a.m. The Lily Field Clothing Shed - 11235 West River Road, Open on Saturdays, 9.30a.m. to 11.30a.m. Please do not drop off donations outside the building. call ahead to schedule a donation drop ff. Drop off is at the clothing shed on Wednesday mornings before 9 a.m. The CornerStone Free Health Clinic - 8270 Richmond Tappahannock Hwy., Aylett No walk in appointments. Call to register. Fundraiser: Dinner deal on Thursday, April 13 at 6p.m. \$11 Proceeds to benefit Food and Free Health Clinic Programs. The CornerStone Community Development Center is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization. Donations are tax exempt. Mailing address: P.O. Box 68, Aylett, Va 23009. Call 804 769 2996



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