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## Wind Vineyards Bunny Hop Event



L-R Lizzy, Elena and Maisyn visit with the Easter Bunny last Saturday at Wind Vineyards.



Wind Vineyards owner Tyler Wind, takes a moment out of his busy schedule for a ride in the Monster Truck Grape Crusher, with his family, Ashley, Tyler, and Whitley. Monster truck driven by Matt Covel of King William County. Please see Full Story on page 14.

## Teach Your Children Well



MPRA River Day at Sandy Point with King & Queen 6<sup>th</sup> Graders. Picture courtesy MPRA

By Gene Campbell - As the lyrics of the song "Teach your children" by Crosby, Stills, and Nash raced through my mind, I traveled to a place I haven't visited in over 60 years last week....Sandy Point. Please see MPRA, continued on page 14.

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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 3rd quarter of the 2022-23 school year.

Students earning Honor Roll status, all A's, for the 3rd quarter are:

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

Grade 6: Cason Chilton, Chandler Eubank, Emma Fowler, Natalie Fulks, and Dina Nicolai

Grade 7: Avery Boyle and Tripp Moncure

Grade 8: Grace Gillions and Alisyn O'Bier

Merit Roll (A's and B's) students for the 3rd quarter are:

Grade 5: Harper Boyle, Chesley Brooks, Ashleigh Dilworth, Gracie Fisher, Cayson Holmes, Hadleigh Keeton, Blake Kosek, Chatham Moncure, Cameron Moore, Owen Rowe, Carter Smith, and Eli Wise

Grade 6: Aurora Cox, Kate Gillions, Mason Johnson, Grace Lam, Kailey Seal, and Tinsley Yelinek

Grade 7: Kodiak Cox, Ainsley Davis, Zoe Thrift, George Underwood, and Kelsey Wood

Grade 8: Sterling Brooks, Evan Courtney, Adalae Donaldson, Garrett Dunn, Berkeley Garner, Matthew Hundley, Addi Jones, Jasmine Kelly, Madison Lam, Evelyn Mills, Addison Sinters, Grace Simons, and Natalie Wechsler

*Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you'll start having positive results.*

**Willie Nelson**

## Publisher's Message



The weather has been somewhat unpredictable lately, warm, cold and then warm again. Life can be at times, unpredictable as well. Especially when someone we care about passes on. Things seem confusing and unsettling for a time. We need awhile to process the change. We will always have precious memories to bring us comfort. The memories will help us move along our circle of life.

Take care until next time...

*Hanny Clark*



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## Two Words

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

The more things that we can expose our animals to and help them to work through and accept, the better off we'll be. There are some things that only come up once or twice a year, like getting shots from the vet. I remember when Pip was young, I wanted her to be safe and accepting while getting vaccinated each year. The idea of sticking a thousand pound animal with a needle a few times didn't sound like much fun for either of us. So I had the bright idea of pinching her on the neck to simulate getting a shot. I started off easy and got harder until I got a slight reaction. She looked at me as if to say "What in the heck are you doing to me?" I immediately gave her a treat and praised her. We worked on that a few times each day until it was a regular routine for her. She got so good at it that I think she wanted me to pinch her more so she could get more treats.

I heard a story the other day about a guy that became a monk and the head of the monastery told him that he had to take a vow of silence, but once a year on his anniversary he could say two words. The first year went by and



the new monk was called in and asked what his two words were. He said "Food, Bad." The head monk said "Thanks, now go back to your work." The second year passed and he was called in again and asked for his two words. The monk said "Bed, Hard." The head monk thanked him and sent him back to work. The third year came around and he was called in again for his two words. The young monk said "I Quit!" The head monk said "I figured as much. You've done nothing but complain since you've been here!"

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

# Before King William There was Pamunkey Neck

By Gene Campbell

When I travel and meet people from across the country, I always tell them I live just two miles from the oldest courthouse still in continuous use in the United States. King William County celebrated its 321<sup>st</sup> birthday on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Have you ever wondered what King William County was like before it became a county? In 1702 a bill passed a few months earlier by the General Assembly became law creating King William County, making it the 24<sup>th</sup> county in Virginia. Formed from King and Queen County, King William County was named for the reigning monarch of England at the time, King William. Several weeks prior to April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1702, the King died from injuries he sustained while riding his favorite horse, Sorrell. After the colonists landed in Jamestown in 1607, they steadily continued their migration westward. The next big stretch of land was called Pamunkey Neck which included the land between the Mattaponi and Pamunkey Rivers. The Pamunkey Neck was an Indian heartland. It was the stronghold of the Powhatan Confederacy led by Chief Powhatan. When Powhatan died in 1618, his brother Opechancanough became Chief. Unlike his brother, Chief Opechancanough was cunning and not very friendly to the colonists. He led an unsuccessful uprising against the colonists in 1644. It is believed Chief Opechancanough was over 100 years old at the time, almost blind and too feeble to stand. He was carried into battle on a litter (cot or stretcher) with his eyelids paralyzed, they were propped open to see. He foresaw the advance of the colonists and fought valiantly for his people. This led to his capture and ultimately his death.

The colonists continued their settlement of the Pamunkey Neck forming counties such as New Kent, and King & Queen County along the way. In 1691 King & Queen County was formed from New Kent County. As the colonists settled and



King William Courthouse illustration by Elmo Jones

built their homes, the need arose for courthouses. The colonists needed to record their land titles and make them legal. Therefore, courthouses became part of the landscape as areas of the Pamunkey Neck populated. In the early days, private homes were used as courthouses. It is believed as early as 1670 a private framed dwelling existed as a courthouse on the site of the present-day King William Courthouse. On April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1702, a bill passed by the General Assembly became effective thereby creating the county of King William. Also in 1702 Henry Fox of Huntington Plantation on the Mattaponi River and Richard Littlepage of Cumberland on the Pamunkey River, two wealthy landowners, gave a two-acre site with a structure on it to the newly formed county. In the deed of gift, it was written the two acres contained a structure called the courthouse. By 1722 after years of 'wear and tear,' the structure was in a 'ruinous' condition. In 1725 the present-day brick courthouse was erected.

Please see Pamunkey, continued on page 16

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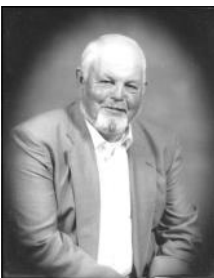
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REVERE



Thomas Willard Revere, Sr., 87, affectionately known as PaPaw, of Plain View, Va. passed away surrounded by his family on March 28, 2023. He was the son of the late Willard

and Lucy Revere. He was a field engineer and retired from Revere Group Industrial.

Thomas was an avid sports fan who loved the Redskins and Dodgers. He enjoyed working out in his yard, where he loved to watch the beautiful hummingbirds. Thomas also loved betting on horse racing and a good scratch-off ticket (especially if it was a winner!). Above all else, he loved spending time surrounded by his family. Thomas and his wife Shelby spent countless hours relaxing on their front porch over the years, and it remained a treasured spot for all of the children, grand-children, and even great-grandchildren to gather together.

He was preceded in death by his son, Donnie Revere; two brothers, one sister, and his beloved cat, "Molly". Thomas is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Shelby Revere; six children, Thomas Revere, Jr. (Linda), Terry Jackson (Jerry), Diane Byrd, Donna Gilleland (Jack), Jamie Revere (Marcie), Sandy Newcomb

(Lee); five grandchildren, Patrick, Christopher, Skylar, Alex, Max; four great-grandchildren, Haileigh, Jameson, Lily, Jamie; and the family dog, LuLu.

The family will receive friends on Monday, April 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th Street, West Point, Va. The funeral service will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to a charity of your choice.

TALLEY

Talley, Daniel F. "Rocky", 78, passed away peacefully at home on March 22, 2023. He is survived by his wife, Linda Little Talley; children: Michael Talley (Tianna), Michelle King (Rick), Mark Finney (Ashlie), Marissa Talley (Frank), and Matthew Talley (Stephanie); five grandchildren: Ti Arra, Lachlan, Brynna, Eileen and Everleigh; and two great grandchildren. A viewing will be held at B.W. White Funeral Home, 7837 Richmond-Tappahannock Hwy Aylett, VA 23009, on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 1pm with a Celebration of Life to immediately follow at 2pm. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Operation Paws for Homes at [www.ophrescue.org/donate](http://www.ophrescue.org/donate).

Obituaries

GWATHMEY



Gwathmey, Maj. William B. 101, died peacefully in his sleep on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at his home, Rosemount, Walkerton, VA. He was born May 5,

1921, at The Ridge in King and Queen County, VA. He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Jean Lovelace Gwathmey; his parents, Alfred Peachy and Bessie McGeorge Gwathmey; his sister and brother-in-law, Caroline and John Jones; his twin brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Betty Gwathmey; his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Anne and Arvil Gregg; and his niece and nephew-in-law, Betsy Gwathmey and Dennis King. He is survived by his children, Rev. Ellen Gwathmey, Ann G. Porter, Susan Gwathmey, Dr. Brooke Gwathmey (Dr. Pam); his grandchildren, Shawn Shorter (Casey), Erin Porter, Ashley Adkins (Craig), Tara Gaines, J. W. Porter II (Jen), Matthew Gwathmey (Lily), Bryn Dugre (Neal), Benjamin Gwathmey (Alex), and Elizabeth Gwathmey-Collins (Chris); and 14 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his nephews, Haden Gregg (Susie), Alfred Jones, and Ricky Gwathmey (Pauline); and nieces Bette Albert, Emily Garcia, and Debbie Agnelli (Vinny); as well as great and great-great nieces and nephews. A graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, William was deployed to France and Belgium to serve during WWII and to Germany after the war. Following discharge from active duty, he returned home where he served in the Army Reserves until retirement. During his lifetime he worked as a dairy farmer, vocational agriculture teacher, school principal, postmaster, and forest fire warden. He earned a master's degree in Education Supervision from the College of William and Mary, was a charter member of the Upper King & Queen Ruritan Club, was active in the King & Queen County Farm Bureau, and the King & Queen Historical Society. A life-long member of Bruington Baptist Church, William served as trustee, deacon, Sunday School teacher, and choir member. He

also was a past moderator of the Mid-Tidewater Baptist Association, and a member of the Virginia Baptist Board and the Virginia Baptist Historical Society. Upon retiring from teaching, he and Jean traveled to Tanzania, Hungary, and Costa Rica on working mission trips. The family thanks all those who visited our father in his later years. He always enjoyed their company. We extend special thanks to Helen Golden who helped brighten William's last few months with her care. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to: Bruington Baptist Church, 4784 The Trail, Bruington, VA 23023 or Camp Piankitank, 1586 Stammers Bay Rd., Hartfield, VA 23071. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

CAUTHORNE



Cauthorne, Jearl Wayne, 78, of King William VA passed away on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at St. Mary's Hospital following a 3 year battle with lung cancer. He was preceded in death by his parents, Emmett F. Cauthorne and Olive Gordon Stanley Cauthorne and his brother Carlton Lee Cauthorne, all of Ashland VA. He is survived by his loving wife Mary, a multitude of nieces & nephews and many life long friends he considered family. Jearl was born and raised in Hanover and joined the US Navy at the age of 17. He served as a boatswain mate on the USS San Joaquin County LST -1122 after his military service he worked as a sheet metal fabricator and was proud to have worked for Wally Hudson at Hudson Sheet Metal and the Farmer family of Farmer Machine, both of Ashland VA. His happiest moments were partying with friends camping, fishing and working in his yard. RIP - we will all miss you.

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**PREVIS**



Previs, Marilyn Louise Mischke, age 83, of King William, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family February 23, 2023. Marilyn was born on June 12, 1939 in Lynbrook, New York. She was preceded in death by her parents Marion and Bernice Mischke. Marilyn graduated from Lynbrook High School in 1958. She met Henry in Long Branch, New Jersey, while Henry was in the service. They were married in 1960. They lived in King William after they were married. Marilyn was a devoted Wife, Mother, Mother-in-law, Grandmother, Aunt, and Friend. She is survived by her loving husband Henry (Bunny) Previs. Her Sons Greg (Samantha) and David (Terri). Her brother James (Karen) Mischke of Cortez, Colorado. As well as eight grandchildren: Josh Previs, Sam Previs, Elaine (Mike) MacNeil, Alex (Tanya) Previs, Heather (Ryan) Worley, Amanda (Corey) Casey, Mary-Beth Previs, and Leigh-Ann Previs. Seven Great grandchildren: Mika and Fin McNeil, Henry Previs, Bentley Garrison, William Lowe, Levi and Everleigh Worley. Her nieces; Gabrielle Mischke, Marysha Brown, D'Lynn Varner, and Jennifer Previs, and her nephew Joshua

Mischke. She will also be dearly missed by her cousins, neighbors, and friends. Marilyn was a devoted Christian woman who enjoyed reading and studying her Bible. She also loved singing in her church choirs. Marilyn also was fond of writing poetry, traveling, gardening, fishing, boating, and waterskiing on the Mattaponi River Where she resided for over 60 years. Marilyn was always very welcoming and graciously hosted friends, family, and many exchange students, throughout the years. Marilyn and Bunny had many exchange students from numerous countries. Many of which are still in touch with the family. She will be dearly missed by all. The family held a viewing for friends and loved ones to say their good byes on February 27, 2023 at B.W. White Funeral Home in Aylett, Virginia. Following with a funeral service the next day; February 28, 2023 to say our last goodbyes at 11 am at Colosse Baptist Church. With a beautiful service led by Pastor Jeff Mills. The family would like to thank the King William Rescue Squad and the doctors, nurses and staff at the VCU medical center in Tappahannock, Virginia. As well as all the condolences sent to the family during this grieving time.



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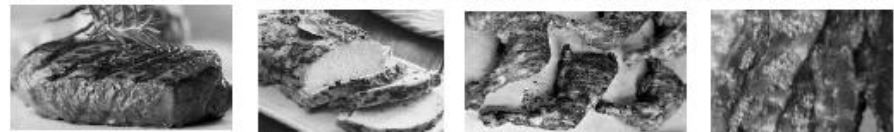
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Incident Reports	88
Traffic Summons	101
Warrants Served	44
Civil Papers Served	442

13B-Simple Assault	3
16.1-253.2-PROTECTIVE ORDER: 3RD VIOL W/IN 20YRS	1
18.2-109-STOLEN VEHICLE/AIRCRAFT/BOAT: RECEIVE	1
18.2-178-OBTAIN MONEY BY FALSE PRETENSE, LARCENY>=\$1000	1
18.2-250-DRUGS: POSSESS SCH I OR II	1
18.2-266-DWI: 2ND OFF W/IN 5Y, BAC .15-.20%	1
18.2-371.2-CIVIL: PURCH/POSS NICOTINE <21	4
18.2-388-INTOXICATION IN PUBLIC	2
18.2-57-ASSAULT: (MISDEMEANOR)	4
18.2-57.2-ASSAULT & BATTERY - FAMILY MEMBER	2
18.2-60-THREATEN SCHOOL EMPLOYEE	1
18.2-96-PETIT LARCENY: <\$1000 NOT FROM A PERSON	1
23D-Theft From Building	1
23H-All Other Larceny	4
290-Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	3
32-6540-CIVIL: DANGEROUS DOG	1
48.2-600-TRAFFIC:FAIL TO OBTAIN VEH REGISTRATN AND TITLE	1
90F-Family Offenses, Nonviolent	4
90J-Trespass of Real Property	1
90Z-All Other Offenses	2
99VCC999.048-SIMPLE ASSAULT: TYPE NOT CLEAR FROM RECORD	1
99VCC999.125-ORDINANCE VIOL: LITTERING OR TRASH DISPOSAL	1
ANIMBD-ANIMAL BITE - DOG / CANINE	4
CHILD-CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT/ENDANGERMENT COMPLAINT	1
CIVILD-CIVIL DISTUBANCE/VERBAL DISPUTE	1
DOA-DEAD ON ARRIVAL/DECEASED PERSON	4
FOUND-FOUND PROPERTY	1
JUVI-JUVENILE ISSUE	5
MENTAL-MENTAL SUBJECT	5
WARR-WARRANT SERVICE	8
** TOTAL **	88



## Fifty Years Later – Secretariat is Back in Town



The unveiling of Secretariat

By Gene Campbell

Fifty years ago on May 5, 1973, the greatest racehorse of all time, Secretariat (Big Red), won the Kentucky Derby and went on to win the Triple Crown at the Belmont Stakes on June 9, 1973. He set records in all three races that still stand today. I was at the Kentucky Derby in 1973 attending the “Run for the Roses” along with seven of my college fraternity brothers. We were in the infield along with about 80,000 other derby-goers. I remember seeing only Ron Turcotte’s (the jockey) head as he raced around the track. Fast forward fifty years and my sister, Lisa, and I attended the unveiling of the “Secretariat Racing into History” bronze monument at Ashland Town Hall commemorating the 50th Anniversary of that historical feat. The statue is the second of two castings and is roughly 1 ½ times the actual size of the horse. It is 21 feet long and 11 ½ feet tall and weighs 3,500 pounds. As we all know, Secretariat is a Virginian and was born and raised at The Meadow Farm (now Meadow Event Park) in Dowell just a short distance from Ashland. The sculptor Jocelyn Russell, a wildlife and equine artist, was on hand

along with Kate Chenery Tweedy, the daughter of Penny Chenery and granddaughter of Chris Chenery, owner of Secretariat. As the magnificent statue of a magnificent horse was unveiled, local farmer Kevin Engel owner of Engel Family Farms was beaming with pride. Kevin transported the statue from the Oklahoma foundry where it was cast to Ashland, some 1,300 miles. Kevin told me when he left Oklahoma a local TV station hired a helicopter to video him leaving town. However, after traveling for a while Kevin didn’t see the helicopter. He soon got a call from Jocelyn saying the helicopter couldn’t keep up with him.... what else did you expect from someone hauling the fastest racehorse in history?

Kate Chenery Tweedy is spearheading an effort to raise approximately \$600,000 to purchase the statue and permanently place it in the middle of Ashland. The statue for now will remain at Ashland Town Hall then embark on a journey to all three legs of the Triple Crown before touring the country. I highly recommend you take the time to travel to Ashland and see this beautiful monument to the GOAT (Greatest of All Time).

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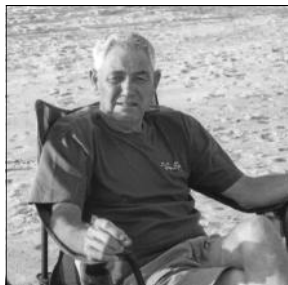
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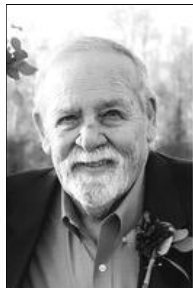
#### HUNDLEY



Larkin Otis Hundley, Jr., 79, of Mattaponi, VA went to be with the Lord February 23, 2023. Larkin was a faithful member of Christ Community Church and Beulah Church, and had been employed at W.W. Nash & Sons for 18 years followed by 28 years at Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. He was a talented painter and carpenter who enjoyed building model boats, airplanes and birdhouses. He relished any time spent vacationing in Aruba or the Shenandoah Valley, enjoyed going out to eat whenever possible, and treasured his 1968 GTS Dart. Larkin was

preceded in death by his parents, Larkin and Nannie Hundley; brothers, William and Richard Hundley; and sister, Annie Gay Cronin. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Brenda Hundley; sisters, Susie Loan, Elsie Thurston and Patricia Bishop; as well as his fur-baby, Cody. The family will receive friends 2 to 4 pm, Sunday, February 26th at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th St., West Point, VA 23181. A funeral service will be held 2 pm, Monday, February 27th at Beulah Church, 1539 Lewis B Puller Mem Highway, Saluda, VA 23149, followed by interment at Old New Hope Memorial Church Cemetery, 15603 New Hope Rd., Shacklefords, VA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude, (<https://www.stjude.org/donate>), 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Tributes may be posted at [www.vincentfh.com](http://www.vincentfh.com).

#### TUCKER



Tucker, Thomas M. "Tommy", Jr., 71, of Mechanicsville, went to be with the Lord Wednesday, March 29, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joyce J. and Thomas M. Tucker, and is survived by his wife of 24 years, Victoria; children, Thomas M. Tucker, III (Leilani), Carrie Johnson (Joe), and Paige Harper (Thomas); six grandchildren, Jessica, Taylor, Riley, Hayden, Arlynn, and Sadie; great granddaughter, Lane; and brother, Tracy Tucker (Anne). After graduating from Lee-Davis High School in 1970, Tommy served 12 years in the VA Air National Guard. He was a sports enthusiast and enjoyed gardening, particularly, growing Hanover Tomatoes. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Mechanicsville Chapel of the Bennett Funeral Home, 8014 Lee-Davis Rd., where services will be held 10 a.m. Friday, April 7, 2023. Interment will follow in Signal Hill Memorial Park.

#### HAWKES

John "Johnny" William Hawkes, III, of Bruington, VA, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, March 30, 2023. He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, DeLinda, who he met and married in 1963 while they served their Country in the U.S. Air Force; two sons, John W. Hawkes, IV and Chuck Erwin; one grandson Michael; a sister, Joanne Green (Linwood); sister-in-laws, LeOnna M. Evans and Paula Hawkes; brother-in laws, Gary Maroney (Janice) and John McCauley; many nieces, nephews, and friends that dearly loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents John and Virginia Hawkes; his sister, Mary Lou McCauley and his brother, David C. Hawkes.

Johnny was a member of Smyrna Christian Church where he was an Elder. For over 50 years he owned and operated Northern Neck Transmission in Warsaw, VA. He was an avid drag racer and enjoyed breakfast Saturday mornings with the Breakfast "Crew". No matter what the situation, he was always available to help others any way he could. Johnny was a good man who loved his family and friends and had great faith in his SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST. His generosity, kindness, and good humor will certainly be missed by all.

A celebration of life will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at Smyrna Christian Church, 3655 Powcan Road, Bruington, VA 23023.

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### King William BoS March Regular Meeting

By Amanda Walker  
Photo By Gene Campbell

The King William Board of Supervisors heard from seven individuals during public comment concerning explicit material found in books shelved in the children and young adult sections of the Pamunkey Regional Library locations. The residents cited excerpts from books describing body parts, states of arousal, sex changes, and situations they deemed inappropriate for the age groups targeted. Resident Sharon Landrum of district five expressed to the BoS that the members requested labeling guidelines be implemented in the libraries and were ignored by what she described as the "unelected authoritarian library board". Several of the speakers called for the BoS to defund the library until changes are made.

Pamunkey Regional Library Director, Tom Shepley was invited to the podium during the meeting to discuss the concerns. Shepley confirmed the library was approached about implementing a rating system and informed the BoS rating is not done at the local level. Shepley stated that books are rated at the provider level similar to movies and video games. Fourth

District Supervisor, Stuart Garber asked if the books referenced have remained on the shelf. Shepley stated they have and referred to the First Amendment, mentioning there is case law about undue burden of the intended recipient. Shepley did mention there is a formal reconsideration process but that none of the books mentioned have had a formal review requested.

During a separate public comment period held for the FY '24 county budget, the board heard from eleven individuals in support of more funding for King William County Public Schools. Interim Superintendent, Stacy Johnson stated she had presented a needs-based budget requesting \$1,085,145 over the FY '23 allocation. The budget as presented by County Administrator Percy Ashcraft comes just shy of covering half of the requested increase. According to Johnson this would result in KWCPs staff only seeing a 2.5% raise this year. Johnson informed the board that eleven teachers have resigned since the budget was presented and thirty-three have asked for extensions on signing their contracts. During the Supervisor comments section



Tom Shepley – "The real test is standing up for everyone's First Amendment rights."

Garber expressed the BoS is not denying teachers raises and that the schools determine how the funds are appropriated.

You can view King William BoS meetings on YouTube, just search for 'King William County'. For upcoming meetings visit the county's website: [kwc.gov](http://kwc.gov) for meeting dates or to register to attend virtually.

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# All motorists play a role in work zone safety

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AFTON—Though April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month, Virginia’s transportation workers rely on driver attentiveness year-round.

The 2023 National Work Zone Awareness Week “Work with Us” campaign emphasizes that everyone shares the responsibility for safe work zones. Virginia Department of Transportation construction and maintenance crews, contractors and motorists all have a role in ensuring that everyone makes it safely home.

Unlike normal road conditions, work zones involve large equipment, traffic pattern changes, lane closures, uneven pavement, variable speed limits and, of course, workers.

“That’s a volatile environment,” said David Tenenbaum, DRIVE SMART VIRGINIA treasurer and senior actuarial manager at Virginia Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. “In a work zone, drivers must obey all traffic safety laws including the speed limit, drive absolutely distraction-free, adhere to signage, and be on the lookout for highway workers.”

Virginia will observe the following during National Work Zone Awareness Week:

April 17: National kick-off event

April 19: Wear orange, and share your support of work zone safety by posting on social media accounts with #GoOrangeDayVA. A vigil will be held at

the VDOT Workers’ Memorial.

April 21: A statewide moment of silence at 10 a.m. remembering workers killed on the job.

Motorists traveling Interstate 64 have likely noticed the VDOT Workers’ Memorial at the scenic overlook east of Afton Mountain between mile markers 103 and 104. The memorial honors state highway transportation workers who died performing their jobs; it bears the names of 134 employees.

The American Traffic Safety Services Foundation offers a mobile National Work Zone Memorial honoring lives lost in work zones to help make fatalities “real” to policymakers and drivers. The memorial travels to communities each year to raise awareness of the need to respect roadway work zones and to stay safe in them. To host the memorial, visit [foundation.atssa.com](http://foundation.atssa.com) and click “Programs.”

Meanwhile, VDOT continues its 25-year tradition of spreading safety awareness to highway workers and the traveling public.

“Work zone safety requires a partnership between VDOT, its contractors and the traveling public,” said Cathy McGhee, VDOT chief deputy commissioner. “We urge drivers to slow down and be fully alert—in every work zone, all year long.”

Visit [VirginiaDOT.org](http://VirginiaDOT.org) or [NWZAW.org](http://NWZAW.org) for more information on participating in the awareness week.

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# Wind Bunny Hop, continued from front page



By Danny Clark

The cool weather last Saturday didn't stop the large crowd from coming out to see the Easter Bunny, vendors, live music, and something for everyone. Wind Vineyards owner, Tyler Wind, told me, "We are extremely proud that we are a family owned farm, and that every single step of the wine making process is done right here on the farm." The wine tasting room is open seven days a week. Wind

Vineyards is also bringing in national headliner concerts and Monster Truck shows. Tyler said, "We are so excited about having something here for everyone in the community to come see and enjoy". If you haven't been by to visit them yet, plan on stopping by. Check out their calendar of coming events in the Country Courier and their website. Wind Vineyard is located at 5178 Richmond Tappahannock Hwy., just past Millers Tavern.

*If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.*  
Wayne Dyer

# MPRA, continued from front page



Foresters David Slack (middle) and Clyde Christman (immediate right of David) along with students looking at an eagle nest

I learned to swim (Red Cross classes) and play horseshoes (played while waiting for my swim lesson) there as a kid. Fast forward approximately 60 years and I witnessed another "teach your children well" lesson. Audrey Mitchell, Mattaponi and Pamunkey Rivers Association (MPRA) President, invited me to come and see the King & Queen Resilience Adaptation Feasibility Tool (RAFT) Implementation Team in cooperation with the MPRA and natural resource agency partners, teach sixth graders from King & Queen Elementary and Lawson-Marriot Schools about river stewardship and mother nature. The event called the King & Queen 6th Grade River Day, was held at the Sandy Point State Forest on the beautiful Mattaponi River. As I drove the three miles plus dirt road (what seemed like the longest dirt road I ever traveled back in the day) into the park, I reminisced about the times riding in the back of a truck along with several of my friends early (5 am) in the morning to catch high tide for my swimming lessons. While waiting for my lesson to begin we played horseshoes.

spent approximately 40 minutes each at five different stations. Each station was manned by a volunteer who shared their knowledge of the subject at hand. Students started with Seining and Water Quality (instructors Heather Strother and Frank Long), Forestry (instructors David Slack and Clyde Christman), Wildlife (instructors Christina Ruszcyck-Murray and Tyler Dagliano), Wetlands and Watersheds (instructors Dawn Shank and Mary Shipman), and Fishing (instructors Turner Minx and Robbie Longest). Guides Betsy Donoghue and Audrey Mitchell coordinated the transferring of students from station to station. Students took turns seine (net) fishing, regular fishing, learning how to identify trees, coring trees to determine their age, identifying animal hides, identifying an eagle nest, learning about watersheds/wetlands, and expanding their knowledge of the beautiful Mattaponi River. Yes, passing our knowledge to the next generation "teaches the children well."

After the 38 students arrived by school bus, they split into groups of five and

For more information on the Mattaponi and Pamunkey Rivers Association go online to [MPRA.org](http://MPRA.org) for [Facebook.com/MPRA.org](https://www.facebook.com/MPRA.org)

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# Cavaliers Sweep Goochland Bulldogs



Daniel Howell #2 slides into 3rd base.



Taylor Johnson #9 safely slides home as Hollyn Krukowski #6 watches.

By Gene Campbell

The boys and girls Varsity Cavalier Baseball teams kept the visiting Goochland Bulldogs at bay on March 27 while the boys JV Squad did the same on Goochland's home field. Sophomore Varsity Cav Andrew Lee pitched a complete game allowing only one run on 4 hits as the Cavs jumped out front and never looked back defeating the Bull Dogs 3 - 1. The lefty ace struck out 8 Bulldogs and did not walk a batter. The Cavalier offense was led by Tommy West as he went 2 for 3 at the plate. The Boys JV Squad traveled to Goochland and won a close one 5 - 4 behind the pitching of

Henry Kite. The Cavs offense had 6 different players get in the hit column. Rounding out the sweep was the girls Varsity team as they overpowered the Bulldogs 11 - 0. Ace pitcher Tara Johnson pitched 4 innings striking out 12 batters. Jillian Smith pitched 1 inning in relief to complete the shutout. Seven different Cav batters collected hits as the Lady Cavs chalked up another victory. The Cavs Varsity Boys' and Girls' teams take on arch-rival West Point at home on Thursday, April 13. The games start at 5 pm. Cavalier baseball and apple pie.... how sweet it is! GO CAVS!

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**K&Q County Historical Society to hear Nick Lucchetti speak**

Nicholas M. Lucchetti, MA, principal archeologist of the James River Institute for Archaeology, Inc., will present a program at the April quarterly meeting of the K&Q County Historical Society. He has surveyed and excavated at the Newington and Donald Robertson school sites in this county. He has also performed similar work at other sites in Virginia and North Carolina for major institutions including Colonial Williamsburg, the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, and the First Colony Foundation.

The Historical Society meeting will be held on Sunday, April 23, 2023 in the K&Q County Administration Building. The program will begin at 3:00 p.m. in the courtroom. Historical Society members

and the public are all welcome to attend. The Administration Building is located on Allen's Circle, King & Queen Courthouse, VA, 23085.

The Courthouse Tavern Museum will be open at the completion of the program and refreshments served there. An exhibit covering the Newington stone house archaeological site is located on the second floor of the Museum.

The Museum is now open without appointment on Fridays for the hours between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. or by appointment at other times. Use the Contact Us page on the Museum website [www.kingandqueenmuseum.org](http://www.kingandqueenmuseum.org) to make an appointment to visit. This website contains much information about both the Society and its Tavern Museum.

**King William County Historical Society Meeting Announcement**

The King William County Historical Society (KWCHS) will be meeting on April 16, 2023, 2:30 PM at the Administration Building, King William Courthouse, 180 Horse Landing Road King William, VA 23086

KWCHS members, Lee and Elaine Ramsey will be speaking about their home, Cherry Grove, which is a featured location for this year's Historic Garden Week. The oldest part of the home was

built in the late 1700s, and an addition was added in the mid-1800s. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

The Historic Garden Week Tour will take place here in King William on April 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and is hosted by The Garden Club of the Middle Peninsula. Tickets are still available for the tour and can be purchased online at: [vagardenweek.org/tours/middle-peninsula](http://vagardenweek.org/tours/middle-peninsula)

**King William Garden Tour**



*Cherry Grove*

**Profile of Historic Chestnut Grove Farm and Cherry Grove**

Chestnut Grove Farm and Cherry Grove are two of the four houses and two churches that will be featured in the April 21, 2023 house tour hosted by the Garden Club of the Middle Peninsula. The properties are located in the Manquin-area of King William County and are open for the first time during Historic Garden week. The tour theme, "Day of Celebrations, History, Conservation and Faith" will also include events at the two churches open on tour day. The tour opens at 10am and ends at 4pm.

**Chestnut Grove Farm**

(2308 Manfield Road, Aylett) Surrounded by planted fields and shaded by ancient trees including a few chestnut trees, the old house immediately makes you feel welcomed home. Eight generations of the same family have loved and preserved their farm established in 1759 on property which was part of a College of William and Mary land grant. The original house was a one-over-one-over-one built circa 1759 and, with an early 1800s addition, became a central hall two-over-two-over-two dwelling. Several generations have added to the house, keeping it symmetrically appealing and retaining the old while making it modern and comfortable. Family photos going back generations adorn walls and shelves. The ground floor with its original fireplace is a favorite gathering place and reveals the bones of the structure. The home features an interesting and extensive library reflective of an academic family.

**Cherry Grove**

(4381 Manfield Road, Aylett) The 1.2 mile wooded drive to Cherry Grove is adjacent to the McKendree United Methodist Church tour headquarters. Viewing the picturesque old house surrounded by a pristinely kept yard, it is easy to understand why the owners decided to buy this house. Forty years ago, the house had been vacant for 10 years, had

no running water and exposed electricity. After moving in, Cherry Grove was lovingly restored by its owners, room by room. The oldest part of the house was built in the late 1700s, and an addition was added in the mid-1800s. All but one room retain the original flooring and woodwork, and the living room has original marble and wood grained faux painting.

**House and Ticket Information**

Other houses on the tour are HOLLYFIELD MANOR (289 Hollyfield Lane, Manquin) A stately Greek Revival manor with large patio overlooking a 28-acre lake, and SRYKEFYRE (648 Pampatike Road, King William), a gracious newer house built in 1990, surrounded by a lush landscape that by summer will overflow with blossoms and potted plants with seasonal foliage.

Tickets for the tour are \$35 in advance at [VaGardenWeek.org](http://VaGardenWeek.org). Tickets purchased on tour day are \$45 and are available only at the McKendree Church Tour Headquarters. Tour proceeds fund the restoration and preservation of Virginia's historic homes and gardens sponsored by the Garden Club of Virginia. Homemade box lunches may be ordered online in advance from McKendree United Methodist Church, \$16 prepaid, by April 13 by visiting [www.mckendree23106.org](http://www.mckendree23106.org).

**Church Activities on Tour Day**

MCKENDREE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (4347 Manfield Road, Manquin) will serve as Tour Headquarters and the Marketplace with lots of garden-related items for sale and books. Across the road is ROCK SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH (4134 Manfield Road, Aylett), which will host a dessert bar and sweets-to-go bake sale from 10:30-3:00, as well as a brief lecture on local history at 11:00 and a sing-a-long of gospel favorites at 1:00. Visitors are invited to enjoy a full day of history, community, and fellowship.

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## Is Wildlife Rehabilitation For You?

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

What does it take to be a wildlife rehabilitator? Before I answer that question, I'll say this- it's the hardest, yet most rewarding, (non-paying) job ever!! Your days are filled with food and formula preparation, feeding the animals, cleaning cages, washing their bedding, answering calls for help, going out to rescue animals, giving medicine, cleaning cages, giving baths, wrapping wounds, washing their bedding, feeding the animals, being covered in poop and fleas, filling water bottles, cleaning cages again, feeding the animals, prepping more food and formula, cleaning cages, (repeat each step another 5 times throughout each and every day). It's a never-ending cycle 7 days a week. On top of that, paperwork must be kept up with for every new intake, social media platforms need to be updated, bottles must be sterilized, inventory has to be checked, grocery orders must be placed for their fruits, veggies, meats, etc., donations have to be kept up with (for thank yous and tax purposes), enclosures need constant repairs, and about another 100 chores I'm too exhausted to think of right now.

BUT, in the middle of all that chaos, is the beauty and reward of rehabbing- those precious little souls that depend on you for food, warmth, knowledge, comfort, entertainment, and love. I can be so exhausted, not knowing if I'm coming or going, but when I look into their eyes as they drink their bottles, hear them sigh as they curl up in their warm cozy beds, or feel those soft little raccoon hands on my

arm reaching out for me as I walk past their cages, suddenly - every single second of exhaustion becomes worth it. Just knowing I can provide them with the food, warmth, safety, and enrichment they need to face the wild world on their own one day fills my heart with contentment and fulfillment.

Baby season is just beginning for 2023, and let me tell you, it came in with a bang! I have received countless calls, texts, and emails so far this year regarding everything from fallen squirrels, "abandoned" bunnies, animals caught in traps, orphaned opossums, and numerous injuries of all kinds. Keep in mind we are less than a month into baby season! Currently, I have 4 raccoons (all of which are being released in the upcoming weeks), 15 squirrels ranging from 3 to 10 weeks old, and 19 possums ranging from 13 grams (just a few weeks old) to a 7-pound blind geriatric "grandma" (approx. 3 years old). These numbers are expected to at least triple throughout spring and summer.

For the babies being bottle or tube fed, feedings occur every 3-4 hours. It takes me approximately 2 hours to prep bottles and get everyone fed. That means, by the time I finish feeding everyone, I only have an hour or so before I have to start all over again. During those 60+ minutes, I'm trying to do all those things I mentioned at the beginning of this article PLUS manage my home as well. My laundry is piling up, we eat like college kids, and my home is in disarray because I just can't find the time to clean or put away the endless donations that are being delivered daily. I miss family functions, I can't go out to dinner



without watching the cameras and rushing back home, and my days and nights are so very long. I sleep less than 4 hours every night because there's always at least one animal here that can't afford to skip a feeding. Those clothes can wait, the donations are here when I need them (I just have to sort through boxes), and those friends and family members that want to see me know where I live. This IS my life from March to October and I wouldn't want it any other way. The love, laughter, and contentment I get to experience with these beautiful wild creatures are worth every drop of sweat, every dollar spent, and hour not slept.

Who in their right mind would want to do ALL of this and not get paid a dime?? Yep, that's right, the state does not provide assistance with any of the costs related to wildlife rehabilitation. Every dime spent is out of pocket to the rehabber. This is why we rely heavily on the generosity of the public. The costs related to rehabbing are

identical to the hours of work required, never-ending, and constantly growing. Even when baby season is over, around the beginning of fall, we have to start prepping for the following spring. Again, it's a vicious cycle of labor and love.

So, is wildlife rehabilitation for you?

If you'd like to volunteer to help me or to see if wildlife rehabbing is for you, feel free to call, text, or email me. If you'd like to make a tax-deductible donation, have any questions, or simply need assistance with a wildlife matter, please reach out to me anytime.

Maleena's Wildlife Rescue  
 Cell (804) 366-7120  
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## Pamunkey, continued

The exact date is not known because of several fires in the clerk's office, most notably the fire of 1885, which destroyed most of the records.

King William is also home to three Native American tribes, namely the Pamunkey, Mattaponi, and Upper Mattaponi. For three hundred and twenty-one (321) years, King William County has flourished with its abundant resources and

rich history. I am proud to call King William my home!

*I'd like to give credit for information in this article to The History of King William County Virginia by Henry Howe and John H. Gwathmey and the WPA and King William County Courthouse - A Memorial to Virginia Self-Government by Alonzo Thomas Dill*

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Kitten season is coming and we’re expecting a lot of new arrivals! Follow our Facebook page for more information.



Rescued mama cat at IRHS

### Pet Adoption



“Poppy” is a 2 year old female, 45 pounds but still gaining much needed weight. She is good with other dogs and was polite with the cat! She is heartworm negative and started on monthly prevention. She would be a great companion dog for another dog.

“Derby” is a handsome male, 45 pounds and about 1-1/2 years old. He is good with other dogs and was friendly with the cat. He is heartworm negative and started on monthly prevention. 20201 King William Rd, King William, VA 23086 (804) 769-4983



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One day I was launching my boat at the Walkerton boat landing and noticed a cat by the bamboo sitting by an empty bowl. I put some water in the bowl and gave him some food. He was a little skittish but came up and let me pet him. After boating all day he was waiting by my truck for me to return. I put him in the truck and took him home. I was unable to find his owner so now he’s part of the rescue pack. I named him Phat Cat. He’s very happy and easygoing and is more of an indoor cat.



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### King William County Launches New Domain Name

We’re Making It Easier for YOU to Find US! We’re only available to U.S.-based government organizations and other publicly controlled entities. Using a .gov domain shows that the King William County website is an official government resource and should give users confidence in the legitimacy of the site.

Kingwilliamcounty.us is now kwc.gov! We’ve moved to the more secure .gov domain and shortened our name to make it easier and more convenient to find us. County email addresses are also changing and will now follow this format: [firstname.lastname@kwc.gov](mailto:firstname.lastname@kwc.gov). The staff directory on the County website ([kwc.gov](http://kwc.gov)) is being updated to reflect the new format.

King William County secured the kwc.gov domain from the United States Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). In addition to increased security, domains with the .gov address

are only available to U.S.-based government organizations and other publicly controlled entities. Using a .gov domain shows that the King William County website is an official government resource and should give users confidence in the legitimacy of the site.

While the new domain was officially registered in January 2023, there are still ongoing steps taking place to complete the transition. The old web domain will continue to work indefinitely to make the transition as easy as possible for citizens and the public. The existing [kingwilliamcounty.us](http://kingwilliamcounty.us) emails will continue to work for at least a year.

# YOUR AD HERE!

## A Visit to Mattapony Reserve

By Shannon Hinnant

There is a rare jewel nestled high on the banks of the winding Mattaponi River in King William County. What started as a curious hobby for Ginger and Lonnie Custalow grew in time to become Mattapony Reserve Winery which opened last Fall. This hidden gem, located on the historic Mattaponi Indian Reservation in West Point, Virginia, is more than just a winery; it's a place to Sit, Sip, and Savor.

Perched along the great river's edge, the winery's location is simple yet sacred with an end-to-end spectacular view of the Mattaponi River from the observation pavilion. Visitors seeking a new winery experience are delighted to find an unexpected front-row seat to nature along with all-natural wines and foods.

The Custalows began their journey of winemaking as a casual hobby over a decade ago. Their enjoyment of the craft grew to what is now a must-visit local destination. Ginger says, "As our curiosity for the art and science of winemaking grew, so too did our efforts to learn more; taking us on a journey to grow our knowledge of the craft. We read books, took classes on vinification in Charlottesville, attended conventions for all-things-wine-making, and traveled the East Coast talking with people about how they make their wine." Also, it was important to Lonnie to continue to create economic opportunities for tribal members. In 2019, he began speaking with tribal members about his plans to build the winery and bring tourism back to the reservation, while encouraging others to do the same. Lonnie continues to encourage other tribal members to create their own businesses for visitors to enjoy. To Lonnie, the financial sustainability of the Mattaponi Tribe is about creating jobs and businesses.

In 2020 they made their first commercial-scale batches. "We had to wait and sat with that beautiful building, aging the wine, tending to it." Said Ginger, "Then came conversations about the pavilion which was finished in 2022. It required patience, tenacity, hard work; our labor of love". In choosing a name for their winery, it seemed fitting to honor the earlier version of the name of the tribe, which is spelled with a "Y".

When you arrive at Mattapony Reserve, you are warmly welcomed by the Custalows and their Indigenous staff. As you enter the tasting room, the distinctive colors pop of black and red, and the unique archival wine logo greets you front and center above the hand-crafted live-edge maple bar top made by Lonnie himself.

The logo gives remembrance and honor to the historical Chief Powhatan's mantle and

the Algonquin creation story between humans, the hare, and the deer. Rooted in Algonquin culture, the logo symbolizes mankind's relationship with the animals, so it seemed a perfect fit for their location, especially because of the natural habitat on which the winery sets. The Custalows, in designing the tasting room worked in tandem, with their creative synergy, which clearly carries over into their winemaking and also their delicious all-natural foods. The Custalows take great pride in not just the wine, but the quality of the foods that are sourced locally when possible.

Inside the tasting room, you'll find a warm inviting environment with the walls lined with local relics and artisans' handy-work. Also on display is the alluring pottery made by Lonnie's mother Christine "Rippling Water" Custalow, a famous artisan who resides on the Reservation.

Amidst the cheers and the river breeze, it's not unusual to see a mingling between visitors, local residents, and Indigenous people from other tribes; something you typically wouldn't find outside the walls of this very special place.

Owner, Lonnie says, "Growing up here I felt the spiritual significance of my ancestors, for centuries they were here. I feel strongly that this land, this scenery; it cannot merely be enjoyed by only us: This sacred place ought to be shared." In fact, in the 1970-1980s tour buses full of visitors came to the reservation regularly. People want to engage in our culture and they need something to do while they are here. He continued, "It's an honor to share this with others, especially in a modern world where life is rushed and hectic. The connection to nature that humanity longs for, it's all here."

As a visitor, you'll agree with Lonnie, as you feel this simple little corner of the river drawing you into the setting, the scenery, and the sipping. The sipping, in particular at Mattapony Reserve is absolutely worth the visit! The Custalows' wines are all-natural and free of sulfates, made with 100 percent Virginia-grown grapes. "Not only can you taste the difference, but you'll FEEL the difference, too," say the Custalows. "We've had a lot of people say that they can drink our wine with no problems because our wines are free of sulfates." Consequently, there is a growing demand globally for those seeking delicious but also natural wine.

During the months of August through October, it's harvest time in the wine industry. For the Custalows, it's a solid family affair on the reservation as the many helpful hands of generations of siblings, nephews, and neighbors come together in a harmony of harvest. The endeavor for the finest wine is a push to beat the clock as the

grapes are moved, crushed, juiced, pumped, and fermented.

Currently, there are four inviting 2020 vintage wines available for sampling and purchasing. In 2021 the winery produced 6 more varieties of wines, making a combined total of ten tasty wines for Mattapony Reserve. Soon, all of these bottles will be at hand for your delight!

Another way to enjoy this local jewel is to book it for special events. Already they have hosted corporate parties, retreats, and small events. When the winery is closed to the public, it serves as a dual-purpose facility with space for tribal community gatherings. Tribal members gather for drum and dance practice, ceremonies, and cultural classes.

There are many reasons to pay a visit to Mattapony Reserve, but the Owners express it best: "You can actually feel the weight of the world lifting off your shoulders when you come here. It's a place where senses are soothed and spirits are lifted."

Finally, "Friends want to tell their friends about it, but they also want to keep it their secret for a private escape" Lonnie laughingly expressed! After a visit to Mattapony Reserve, you'll find that nothing is truer.

Mattapony Reserve is open Friday through Sunday and is located at 1581 Mattaponi Reservation Cir, West Point. For information visit their website: [mattaponyreserve.info](http://mattaponyreserve.info) or call (804) 759-8763.


*Greetings!, I'm Shannon Hinnant and I'm a Come-Here! I moved here in 2016 and have been trying to figure out & learn this area for years. If you're like me, you are curious*



*Lonnie Custalow and his wife Ginger Custalow, proud owners of Mattapony Reserve Winery*

*about what's going on around "town". This column will serve as a little space to communicate the happy- happenings of our area. If you have an event, a gathering, an activity, or a tidbit that you would like for me to cover, shoot me an email at [Shannon@AyletVA.com](mailto:Shannon@AyletVA.com) and hopefully we can learn & share this county together.*





# Three Rivers

## Soil & Water Conservation District

### Conservation Specialist Job Announcement

The Three Rivers Soil & Water Conservation District has an opening for a full time Conservation Specialist. The Conservation Specialist is responsible for performing a wide range of technical duties that pertain to the implementation of cost-share programs, services, and outreach. The position will focus on providing support to the VA Agricultural Cost-share and Tax Credit Program, the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program, and the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act. Additional activities include conservation planning, data entry, reporting, presentations, and outdoor fieldwork.

Applicant must have a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture or Natural Resources related field or equivalent experience as determined by the District. They must possess a valid driver's license. Requirements for the position include proficient computer skills including Microsoft Word and Excel, the ability to work independently and in a team environment, multitask, prioritize, be a self-starter, and communicate effectively both orally and in writing. The ideal applicant will also have knowledge of non-point source pollution control activities, agricultural operations, soil and water conservation issues, and agricultural best management practices. Employment is conditional upon successful completion of a federal background check.

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Contact the office for a detailed job description. To apply send: Commonwealth of VA (DPT Form 10-012) application, resume, cover letter and references to Three Rivers SWCD, 772 Richmond Beach Road, Tappahannock, VA 22560. The deadline for applications is close of business on May 5, 2023. A fillable Commonwealth of VA application can be found at <https://virginia-job-application.pdfFiller.com/>.

**For more information, contact Michelle Carter, District Manager, at 804-443-2327 x 4 or by email [michelle.carter@trswcd.org](mailto:michelle.carter@trswcd.org)**

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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/](http://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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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&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

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

4134 Manfield Rd. Aylett. 23009 . Pastor Pagie Hancock. Join us for Sunday School at 9:15 am and Morning Worship at 10:15 am. Open House Historic Garden Week Tour at Rock Spring Church 10am-4 pm on Friday, April 21 with tour, historical presentation, desserts, and singing. Come and honor your mom on May 13 at 3:00p.m. Want to do something special with the mom in your life? The Rock Spring Baptist Church Ushers Ministry will be sponsoring an afternoon of elegance with dinner, gospel jazz, praise dancing and Mime Ministry. Tickets are \$20.00 adults \$10.00 ages 6-12 ages 5 and under free. To purchase a ticket you may contact Mrs. Wanda Johnson 804-517-7843 or Deacon Carolyn Ford 804-385-5360

### 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](mailto:sharonbc@verizon.net)

**Third Union Baptist Church, located at 452 Walkerton Road in King William County, invites everyone to join us as we celebrate our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Wilbert D. Talley & our First Lady Mrs. Jane Talley, on their 51<sup>st</sup> Pastoral Anniversary, on Sunday, April 16, 2023, at 10:30am either in person, or 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. Dr. Earl Bledsoe. The theme is "Approved by God: Officer in Command", Romans 11:14-15. Please come help us celebrate this special day. We look forward to having you worship with us. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 804-769-3123 or visit us at [www.thirdunionbaptistchurch.com](http://www.thirdunionbaptistchurch.com)**

### The Edge Worship Centre

460 14th St. West Point. [www.tewcwestpoint.net](http://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: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Pepler.804-769-8534.

### Wavland 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](mailto: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.

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### Women in the Word Community Bible Study!

396 Newtown Road, St. Stephens Church Email Melissa Rice at [mrsmelissarice@aol.com](mailto:mrsmelissarice@aol.com).

# Community Calendar

**Red Cross Blood Drive!**

Please help save a life and donate blood. Date April 17, Time 10:00am – 3:00pm Location King William Parks & Recreation Community Center at 7890 Richmond Tappahannock Highway, Aylett Walk-In or make an appointment at redcrossblood.org

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 5:00PM. Call Post Commander Herbert “Tim” Johnson for membership or information 804-769-1862. VFW Auxiliary meets in-person and virtual at 12:00 noon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday. Call Gladys Hickman, President at 804-330-9925 or Carolyn Brown, Senior-Vice 804-769-2496 for membership or more information.

**KW Republican Committee**

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at the

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

**Three Rivers SWCD Board of Directors’ Meetings**

The Three Rivers Soil & Water Conservation District will hold their monthly Board of Directors’ meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. If you would like to attend, contact the office at (804) 443-2327, ext. 4 for meeting place and time. The public is invited.

**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**

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**KW Parks and Recreation**

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

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**KW Community Watch**

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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 11 a.m. Saturdays (April 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 or Email theccdc@gmail.com



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