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King William's First Assessor



Owen Buckner

In April 2023, the King William County Board of Supervisors made the wise and prudent decision to hire a full-time assessor. Real estate taxes account for 48% of the County's revenue. The importance of accurate real estate records cannot be understated. Accurate real estate records will ensure the County complies with the State Code and provides fairness for County residents. On June 1st, Owen Buckner will start work in the Commissioner of Revenue's office as its first assessor.

He will be traveling throughout the County assessing new construction, building permits and updating property records. He will be driving a County vehicle and be wearing a yellow safety vest with lettering on the back "King William County Assessor." Mr. Buckner graduated from West Point High School and Longwood University. He has worked for Pearson's Appraisal Service throughout the County's latest reassessment.

Please contact the Commissioner of Revenue's Office (804)769-4941 if you have questions or concerns.

King William High School Class of 2023



A celebratory high-five at graduation Pictures by Heather Oakes

King William County Public Schools Names New Superintendent



Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wagner

Contributed by Amber Hutcherson

Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wagner has been named the next Superintendent of King William County Public Schools. His new position will be effective July 1, 2023. Wagner is currently the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction in Gloucester County Public Schools and has been in that position since 2011. With more than 28 years of experience in education, Wagner previously served as a principal, assistant principal, and teacher in Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools.

"I am thrilled to begin the new chapter of my education career serving and supporting the students, families, and staff of the King William County Public Schools community," stated Dr. Wagner, "I am eager to meet the dedicated KWCPs professionals, as well as county and community leaders, partners, and families, to continue the valuable work that our schools and staff do each day for students. I appreciate the confidence of the School Board and I'm committed to working with our staff and Board to identify opportunities for even greater levels of achievement, security, and satisfaction that our community expects from its public schools."

Please see Wagner, continued on page 14.

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By Danny Clark

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This weekend is Memorial day weekend. Monday the 29th is Memorial day. Many folks will have family cook outs and get together. It's sad, many don't know the reason for this day. Memorial day is a federal holiday for honoring and mourning the United States military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces. Take a moment and remember the ones who never came back home to be with family and friends. They are the real heroes.

Danny Clark



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A Tiny Cabin

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

When you have animals, you have to take extra precautions when a storm is coming. I remember one from awhile back. I went about putting everything away that could fly around in the wind and filled up a big water tank in the back of the truck in case of power outages. I usually leave Pip loose in the pastures to come and go rather than stalling her. The storm continued through the night. I couldn't do much in the dark except worry and wait. At first light, I went to check on Pip. I saw a few downed trees and some limbs that had broken off. I called for Pip and she came out from behind a downed tree chuckling and hawing at me. I know she was saying "Where have you been?" I checked her out from top to bottom and front to back. She was in good shape. You've heard the saying, when life gives you lemons, you make lemonade. Well Pip's saying is when you have downed trees, she will eat the leaves. She helped by doing her part in the clean up effort by eating the leaves off all the downed tress over the next week or so.

I'm reminded of a story about some rich city folks that came out to the



country after a big storm to survey the damage. They came upon the tiniest little cabin that they had ever seen in their life. The rich lady gets out and knocks on the door and says "Is anybody home?" A little boys voice answers back "Yeah." The lady asks "Is your father in there?" The little boy says "No, Pa left just before Ma came in." The lady asks "Is your mother there?" The little boy says "No, Ma left just before I got here." The rich lady says "My goodness. Aren't you ever together as a family?" The little boy yells back through the door "Heck Yeah! But not in here, this is the outhouse!"

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

Sheriff W.R. "Rob" Balderson Receives Distinguished Certification

Contributed

The King and Queen County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce that Sheriff W.R. "Rob" Balderson received the Virginia Sheriff's Institute (VSI) certification designation at the VSI Training Conference in Hot Springs, VA on April 27, 2023. The recertification certificate was presented by Dr. Robyn McDougle associate Professor of Criminal Justice, L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU).

Although it's a lengthy and voluntary process, the VSI confers certification only to Virginia sheriffs and deputies who demonstrate a level of progressive education, training, and advanced professional development, combined with the wisdom from years of relevant practical experience in law enforcement. Sheriff Balderson is the first of hopefully many with King and Queen Law enforcement to receive this certification. Sheriff Balderson, who earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Liberty University, has more than 24 years of experience as a law enforcement officer. Sheriff Balderson has attended several professional development courses held by the Virginia Sheriffs Institute, Virginia Sheriff's Association and National Sheriff's Association. He has also attended courses held by the FBI-Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (FBI-LEEDA) where he holds the trilogy award of completion.

"This certification is a commitment that I have personally and as an organization committed to providing the highest level of public safety to the citizens of King and Queen County," said Sheriff Balderson.

"The men and women who have completed this voluntary certification program should be proud of their lifelong commitment to professional



development," said Chesterfield County Sheriff Karl S. Leonard, President, Virginia Sheriffs' Institute. "I congratulate each participant for demonstrating their commitment to professionalism, growth and learning within the law enforcement field. By obtaining this certification, sheriffs and deputies show their dedication to being equipped with the latest information and training on current issues and challenges for which law enforcement officials are responsible for addressing."

The Virginia Sheriffs' Institute (VSI), in cooperation with the Virginia Sheriffs' Association (VSA), the Performance Management Group at the L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), and the Virginia Center for Policing Innovation (VCPI), has developed the VSI Certification Program to promote, recognize and elevate the continued individual professional development of Virginia's sheriffs and deputies.

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Obituaries



EADES Northumberland High School in Jack D. Eades Heathsville, VA. While at (93) of Northumberland, he served as football, Walkerton, VA baseball, track, and JV basketball coach. He was also the principal of Callao Elementary School, Northumberland High School, and Assistant Superintendent of King and Queen County Public Schools. He completed his career employed by the Virginia Department of Education in Administrative Review, Accreditation and Evaluation. Jack attended Bruington Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon as well as Sunday School Secretary. Jack will always be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather and coach, who had a positive impact on all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Elaine, his sister, Nancy Holcomb, his daughter, Beverly Horner (Dean), his sons, Kenny Eades (Sue) and Kevin Eades, four beloved grandchildren, Jennie Kover (Dave), Gary Mothershead (Jenny), Ryan Eades (Beth) and Lauren Thrift (Michael); and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be held 11:00 am on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at Bruington Baptist Church, 4784 The Trail, Bruington, VA.

Jack was born on November 28, 1929 in Ansted, WV. He served in the Navy during the Korean War, and went on to teach Physical Education at



FRANCIS fishing while drinking a cold Miller High Life. He never missed the opportunity to bring his mom her favorite sweet treats and spend time reminiscing about all the good times. Jerry loved pranking his brothers and found joy in making them laugh every chance he got. He was kind, funny, compassionate and caring and will be missed by all that knew him.

In addition to his father, Jerry was preceded in death by his brother Ronald Francis Jr (King William, VA) and brother Dale Francis (Cambridge, OH). He is survived by his wife Mary E. Francis, son Eric Francis (Allyson), step-daughter Brittany Marsh, step-son Hunter Marsh, grandchildren Cameron and Grace. He is also survived by his mother Sharon Francis, brothers Donald Francis, Chris (Sherry) Francis, Randy (Pam) Francis, sister Robin (Jim) Cronin and sister-in-law Sharon "Nic" Francis. He also leaves behind to cherish his memory several nieces and nephews, great nieces and great nephews as well as several close life-long friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date to honor Jerry. The family welcomes donations to be made to the American Cancer Society at donate.cancer.org as an expression of sympathy in lieu of flowers. An on-line memorial page can be found at affinityfuneralservice.com for those relaxing with family and friends and

20, 1966 to the late Ronald Lee Francis, Sr and Sharon Tennant Francis. Jerry moved to King William in 1980 with his family and resided there until his untimely death. He followed in his father's footsteps by becoming an auto mechanic in his early adult years. He worked for several companies in the Richmond, Mechanicsville and King William areas. His reputation in the community preceded him as he was called upon often to help others with their cars. He was always there to lend a helping hand whenever someone needed it. When not working Jerry enjoyed spending quality time with his wife traveling to both the mountains and the beach, hanging out with his son and playing with his grandchildren. He loved

Honoring Our Veterans

The VFW Post 9501-Central Garage, Aylett will host a Memorial Program and Roll Call for deceased veterans: TSGT George H. Jones-USAF, SGT Reuben S. Carter-USAF, MM2 George Emmett White-USN, PFC David H. Howell-USA and SP5(T) Elwood Alvin Anderson-



USA. Our theme: "Call Out Their Names, They Will Not Be Forgotten!" A rose will be placed for each deceased veteran. Presentations will be given to essay winners, scholarship awards and teacher recognition. The service will be Sunday, May 28, at 3:00pm at the VFW Post.

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Psalm 85:6

Contact Info: Pastor Alex Rand, 843-696-6779, 4805 WestRiver Rd. Aylett, VA 23009

Cavaliers Baseball and Softball Teams Claim District Championships!

By Gene Campbell

The King William Baseball and Softball teams are heading to the Region 2A playoff tournament! Both teams finished undefeated in the Tidewater District and claimed the District Championships with convincing wins over arch-rival West Point on May 15. The baseball team defeated the Pointers 12 – 1. Andrew Lee was the winning pitcher for the Cavs. The lefty went 6 innings, allowing only one run on 3 hits, and struck out 8 in the process. The offense was led by Chris Wimmer, Daniel Burton, and Dustin Bevins who all had multiple hits. The baseball team finished a perfect 10 – 0 in district play and 14 – 4 overall. The softball team followed with another convincing win defeating the Pointers 13 – 1. Payton Lewis and Jillian Smith

combined pitching duties for the Lady Cavs and held West Point to just 1 run. The offense was hot once again as they racked up 11 hits for the evening. Annabelle Townsend, Hollyn Krukowski, and Payton Lewis all collected multiple hits with Townsend sending a home run over the fence in the 4th inning. The softball team also finished undefeated in district play with a perfect 10 – 0 record and 16 – 2 overall. The baseball team is #2 seed in the playoffs and will begin the Regional 2A tournament at home on May 25 playing the winner of the Windsor vs Nandua game. The softball team is the #3 seed in the playoffs and will host the winner of the Nandua vs Bruton game on May 25. Come out and cheer the Cavaliers on to victory.....GO CAVS!

Crime Solvers Host Law Enforcement Appreciation Night

Story by Florence Cooke
Picture by Christine Reed

On Wednesday night, May 10th, the Mattaponi Crime Solvers hosted about 60 law enforcement personnel from King William, King and Queen, and the town of West Point at the King William Ruritan Building for the ninth annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Night. On this occasion, the Crime Solvers show their appreciation to law enforcement personnel for their service to the citizens.

At 6 p.m. Chairman Joe Fijol welcomed everyone and introduced the guest speaker, Honorable Keith Hodges, Virginia Delegate, House District 98.

After refreshments, everyone present won thank-you gifts donated by local businesses.



Delegate Keith Hodges was guest speaker at Crime Solvers Law Enforcement Appreciation Night

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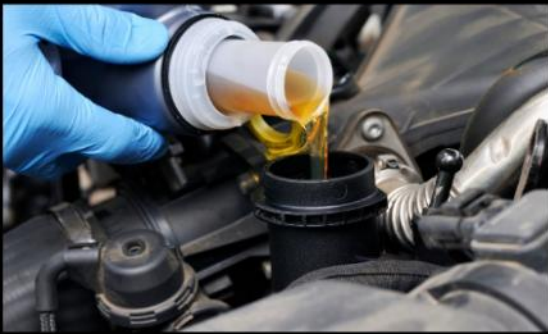
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Oh, doo-dah-day!

By Gene Campbell

With the recent stories of Secretariat's recording breaking Triple Crown win fifty years ago and two legs of this year's Triple Crown now in the history books, I bet many of you did not know King William and King & Queen Counties can lay claim to some noteworthy horse racing "tales" too. One of King & Queen's best-known and finest gentleman, Latane Trice, told me some very interesting "horse tales" before his passing in 2006. He published a collection of his tales, titled *Horse Tales*, and gave me an autographed copy. Most people knew Latane as an auctioneer and farmer, but he also dabbled in harness racing in his early years. Harness racing is the sport of racing (trotting) standardbred horses harnessed to sulkies (a light two-wheeled cart). Harness racing was popular in this area at the turn of the century and continued its popularity into the 1940s. In the 1920s King William County was home to two stables of trotters. One such stable was a track located in the big field across from the gym on Rt 360. It was then owned by Guy Townsend. Another stable was owned by McCauley Chenault in Aylett. I am not sure of its location, but I imagine it was in close proximity to Aprils Place which was once McCauley Chenault's store.

King & Queen County was home to several tracks too. One track was located behind Melville Farm, the big white frame house along Rt 360 heading to Tappahannock just across the road from a house that mirrors it, Goshen Farm. Both homes are owned by the Longest family. Earl Longest who passed several years ago was a very good friend of my father. Earl was good at getting together with my father and reminiscing about old times. He once took us on a tour of the Longest farms and showed us where the race track once flourished in a field behind Melville. Less than a mile down Rt 360 was the location of another track, located at Fleetwood, owned by the Acree family.

The large field surrounding Fleetwood is known to this day as the "race track field." I was told Henry Ford's family once raced at Fleetwood. The site of Aylett County Day School was once known as the Mannfield Farm and it too had a harness racing track.

Harness racing became a very popular sport in the area. Realizing there was a need for a racing association to sponsor race meetings, Latane helped organize the Rappahannock Valley Racing Association. It was very successful for several years but could not compete when Maryland started night racing with Para-Mutual. Latane said the association just could not get enough good horses and therefore had to stop racing. In its "heyday," the Rappahannock Valley Racing Association raced and sold some very good horses. One horse was bred, trained, and raced in the area and sold to George Steinbrenner, owner of the New York Yankees. Latane had a mare named Miss Allowance and once raced against a horse named Louise Galloway, owned by Will Reynolds, chairman of the board of Reynolds Tobacco. Mr. Reynolds paid \$2,500 for his mare which was quite a handsome price in those days. Latane liked to tell the story his father told him about two preachers in the area who each had really good trotters. This was before the automobile came along. The preachers would occasionally meet on the road and would have a race. One year at the Tappahannock Fair the two preachers decided to have a match race. However, the day before the race the wives of the two preachers told them if they raced, people would bet on them. Well, being the good preachers they were, they called off the race.

Traveling down Rt 30 from Meadow Farms, the home of Secretariat, through King William County and continuing along Rt 360 through King & Queen County, you are traveling through horse racing history. I dare say it is unequaled anywhere in Virginia.

Well Water Clinic

Virginia Cooperative Extension is holding a Well Water Clinic to help residents of King William, King and Queen, and Essex Counties test their drinking water. The Well Water Clinic has three parts: a kickoff meeting, collection day, and an interpretation meeting. During the kickoff meeting, participants will receive their sample collection materials and instructions for collecting the samples. On collection day, participants collect their samples and bring them to one of the three convenient drop-off locations. From there, the samples are whisked to the lab by employees of Virginia Cooperative Extension for testing. The confidential results will then be delivered by mail or email. The interpretation meeting (the third and final part of the well water clinic) is an opportunity to learn about the results of your test in-person and discuss them with Extension Agents. You can register for this program by contacting one of the offices

listed below. Pre-registration by June 5th is preferred. The kickoff meeting will be offered in three locations at three different times on June 15th. A meeting will be held at the King and Queen Public Library at 11:30 AM, the King William VCE Office at 2:30 PM, and at the Essex County Public Library at 6:00 PM. Participants can attend the meeting that works best for their schedule; you don't have to attend the one held in your county. Water samples will be collected on June 21st from 8:00-10:00 AM at the same three locations. The interpretation meetings will be held July 26th. They will be held at 11:30 AM at the King and Queen Public Library, the King William VCE office at 2:30 PM, and at the Essex County Public Library at 6:00 PM. For more information, please contact the King William/King and Queen Extension Office at 804-769-4955 or the Essex County Extension Office at 804-443-3551.

King William Ruritans Recognize 4-H Shooting Team



The King William 4-H Shooting Team with their awards from the state competition.

By Gene Campbell

Teaching shooting skills is a powerful tool to capture the attention and shape the youth of today. In today's world of uncertainty, consistency builds trust in youth and when you can visibly see our youth develop skills by creating consistency in a routine, the persistence and efforts are well worth it. The Ruritan organization is all about "community" and teaching our future members and

community leaders skills they will need to excel in today's world is very rewarding. At the King William Ruritan Club's May monthly meeting, the local 4-H Shooting Team was recognized by the club for their recent accomplishments. The team participated in the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources Hunter Education Challenge May 5 - 7 at the Holiday Lake 4-H Education Center in Appomattox, Va. For the past several years the

shooting team has done extremely well in competition with other youth across the state and this year was no different. The team had many first, second, and third places in individual and team events. They also placed first overall in the junior and senior divisions. The team is led by Ruritan members Frankie Barham and William Bush and practices at a facility on Ruritan member J. N. Mills' family farm. Practice makes perfect and this group of

youth are well on their way to becoming our leaders of tomorrow. Club members are busy preparing for their 20th Annual Golf Tournament to be held at Queenfield Golf Club on Friday, August 11th. If you are interested in entering a four-man team in the Captain's Choice Tournament contact any Ruritan member or call Troy Simons at 804-337-0325 or Dennis Smith at 804-241-9148.



Sheriff's Office Activity April 1, 2023 – April 30, 2023



16.1-253.2-PROTECTIVE ORDER: 2ND VIOL W/IN 5 YRS	1
18.2-102-UNAUTHORIZED USE:ANIMAL/VEHICLE/ETC, >=1000	1
18.2-250-DRUGS: POSSESS SCH I OR II	1
18.2-266-DWI: 1ST OFF, BAC .15-.20%	1
18.2-266-DWI: 1ST OFF, BAC >.20%	1
18.2-279-MALIC SHOOT OR THROW MISSILE IN/AT OCC. BLDG	1
18.2-371-CONTRIBUTE TO DELINQUENCY OF MINOR	1
18.2-56.1-FIREARM: RECKLESS HANDLING	1
18.2-57-ASSAULT: (MISDEMEANOR)	3
18.2-57.2-ASSAULT & BATTERY - FAMILY MEMBER	4
18.2-60.4-VIOLATE PROTECTIVE ORDER - STALKING	1
18.2-67.1-SODOMY, FORCIBLE - TYPE NOT CLEAR FROM RECORD	1
18.2-95-GRAND LARCENY: AUTO THEFT	1
18.2-96-PETIT LARCENY: <\$1000 NOT FROM A PERSON	4
23F-Theft From Motor Vehicle	1
26A-False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	3
26B-Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine Fraud	1
290-Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	2
46.2-301-DRIVE WHILE LICENSE REVOKED/SUSPENDED	1
46.2-817-LAW ENF COMMAND: DISREGARD OR ELUDE, ENDANGER	1
46.2-894-ACCIDENT: DRIVER NOT REPORT, W/ DAMAGE <=\$1000	1
90F-Family Offenses, Nonviolent	5
90I-Runaway	1
90J-Trespass of Real Property	1
90Z-All Other Offenses	6
ANIMBD-ANIMAL BITE - DOG / CANINE	3
ANIMBF-ANIMAL BITE - CAT / FELINE	1
CIVIL-CIVIL ISSUE	2
FOUND-FOUND PROPERTY	1
JUVI-JUVENILE ISSUE	3
MENTAL-MENTAL SUBJECT	2
MPER-MISSING PERSON/ADULT	1
SUICIT-SUICIDE THREATENED	1
WARR-WARRANT SERVICE	14
** TOTAL **	86

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No. CA230000200

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE 8.01-316,-317
Danville Circuit Court Malik and Madison Lowe v.
Anthony Gray of King William County.

The object of this suit is to: Petition for Adoption for child known as Caroline Emilia Coleman.

It is ORDERED that ANTHONY GRAY appear at the above-named Court and protect his interests on or before June 7, 2023.

King William Public Schools VSBA "Showcase for Success" Recipient



Photo by Kim Tupponce

Service Learning

Service Learning is an elective course at King William High School that helps develop an appreciation of the concept of service within our community, develop skills required to run a successful service project, and evaluate the impact of service to our community and to our students. Our students work on leadership skills, collaboration, and cooperation to create projects that positively impact our schools and community. One of our student's

reflections best summarizes how impactful Service Learning has become for them: "As a person, I was not as invested or interested in helping our schools or community because I didn't think it would benefit me like it has. Since taking this class, I have learned that helping others and helping make our school better feels very rewarding and it makes me feel like I'm doing something good for not only other people but for myself."

2023 Trap Shooting Season

Contributed by Samantha McInteer



King William High School Junior, Samantha McInteer, kicked off the 2023 trap shooting season in North Carolina on May 6 at the SCTP NC State Trap Championship. The competition brought in several teams from the eastern region with 77 shooters. Individually, Sam won the Singles and Handicap Championship and was the High Overall Shooter. She also led her team to win the Varsity Championship.

King William Teacher of the Year



Amy Gregory, HHMS and Region 3 Teacher of the Year, was recognized at the Virginia Teacher of the Year.

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By Davey Harleson

Hanover county resident Tracy Tucker receives a LEE DAVIS football helmet in a raffle hosted by Ron Pomfrey class of 1965.

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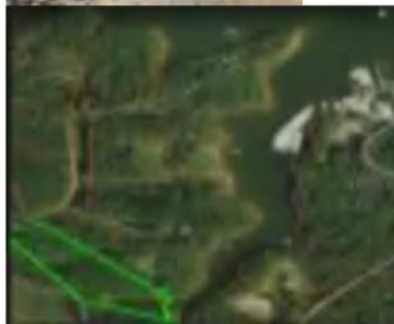
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Aylett Country Day School Class of 2023



Aylett Country Day School Class of 2023

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Back row: Matthew Hundley, Garrett Dunn, Sterling Brooks, Evan Courtney, and Berkeley Garner

Please see ACDS, continued on page 18

Indian Rivers Humane Society



President, Connie Clark and Secretary, Sarah Luchard serving refreshments at the Arts Alive Chester Gregory concert in West Point on 4/29/23

Contributed by IRHS

Kitten season is here and we need your support! We are asking for donations of Fancy Feast Kitten pate, Purina Dry Kitten Chow Naturals, Purina One dry kitten food, any brand canned cat food for adult cats & nursing moms, cat beds, old towels or fleece blankets and non-clumping kitty litter. Donations can be dropped off at 4 Paws Thrift Store, Tony & George's Restaurant or we can arrange for a volunteer to pick up donations. Please call (804) 785-9113 for more information.



Kittens! Their momma was rescued from the Regional Animal Shelter.

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Boating Season is Upon Us

By Armistead Saffer with contributions from the late Ed Gray

As the weather breaks and it gets warmer our attention and interests turn to the water and getting our boats ready for another summer of water fun. We check the engine to be sure it runs properly, we wash and wax her to look pretty, we kick the tires to be sure they are full of air and we gas her up. Many people figure that is all it takes to be ready. They then say let's go riding or fishing and away they go. PLEASE take the time to do more.

Look at all the equipment on your boat. Is the anchor line old and frayed? Are your flares current? Are the life jackets clean and serviceable or are they old and coming apart? Do you have enough jackets for everyone on board and are they the proper size and type for your passengers? Is the registration current? How are your lines? Is your fire extinguisher in working order? These are just a few of the things that need to be done before you launch.

For many years Ed Gray would send in his boating safety articles to the Country Courier. Ed was a member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and a boating safety advocate. Locally he was known as the voice of the King William Cavaliers for 25 years and was a co-founder of the King William Little League. Ed passed away last year and we will continue to publish boating safety articles in his honor.

Boating season kicks off with National Safe Boating Week which is from May 20th to May 26th. This is followed up with Memorial Day Weekend. This year expect more boaters than usual on the water. Have you taken the required boating safety course? In Virginia, all PWC operators age 14 and older and all motorboat operators of 10 hp or greater regardless of age need to take a boating safety course. The course can be taken online.

Etiquette at the boat ramp will also make



In 2017 Travis Moskalski, Chairman of the King William County Board of Supervisors, presents Ed Gray with a Proclamation recognizing National Safe Boating Week.

the outing more enjoyable. Here are some tips. Get your boat prepped and loaded out of the way in a staging area before you launch. Launch quickly and efficiently. As soon as the boat is off the trailer, pull out of the way and park in a designated area. When reloading your boat, stay out of the launch area if possible until your trailer is in place. You can also drop someone at the dock that can back your trailer in for you. Load the boat quickly on the trailer, secure it, then pull out of the way and finish unloading the boat.

Ed said in one of his articles, "The easiest thing you can do to be safer on the water is to wear a life jacket. We all think we can swim better than we really can. The question is could you swim if you fell and were injured or hit your head as you went over? Life jackets are no longer the bulky items they once were. The new inflatable life jackets are comfortable and fashionable and they just may save your life."

So go out and have fun, be safe, and enjoy another season of boating.



It's Raining Raccoons!

Contributed by Maleena's Wildlife Rescue

What I thought was a busy beginning to baby season turned into what seemed like a pipe rupturing - gallons of babies of all kinds - raccoons, opossums, squirrels, fawns & foxes coming at me from every angle and all at once! From the beginning of March up to today, I have taken in over 150 animals, mostly babies. After releasing those mature enough to be on their own, and losing some to an unfortunate fate, I still have nearly 70 animals in my care. There are 19 raccoons, 8 squirrels, 4 foxes, 1 fawn, and 32 opossums here at Maleena's Wildlife Rescue! Just this week, I had to make the heart-wrenching decision to temporarily halt all new intakes. Until my funding increases and more volunteers can help, I'm just not able to take on any more. I work completely by myself so caring for nearly 70 babies has me running in circles constantly. Just for their foods, alone (formulas, fresh veggies and fruits, meats, and dry foods) I spend over \$800 a month. There are numerous other expenses such as housing, bedding, sanitation, electricity, insurance, transportation, enrichment materials, and medical expenses that aren't even included in that number. Unfortunately, I only receive a fraction of that most months, leaving the rest as out-of-pocket expenses. During this time of the year, because of the number of animals I have to care for, I'm unable to work so we just can't afford any more than what we're already paying. Once I have more help, volunteer and monetary-wise, I will be able to resume new intakes as usual. I'm still accepting calls/texts/emails if advice or help is needed with wildlife. I will try to answer any questions you have as well as help find an available rehabber. Please remember to leave a message as I'm probably busy feeding or cleaning.

BECAUSE IT'S FAWN SEASON: In the past few weeks, I've received numerous calls concerning fawns being found. If you find a fawn, alone, it does NOT mean it's orphaned or abandoned. It's natural for the fawn's mom to leave it hidden in grass or bushes most of the day while she goes out searching for food. It will stay where she leaves it, waiting for her to return. Fawns don't carry a smell that can be tracked like an adult deer so it's safer for the baby to stay alone until mom returns to feed/retrieve it. You should be concerned about a fawn that you find if it has visible injuries, is crying continuously, has ticks or flies all over it, or if its butt is dirty from poop. If none of these signs are evident, please leave the baby where you find it. The mom will come back for it. Taking a fawn that shows no signs of distress is kidnapping.

My rescue efforts are only possible because of the generosity of the public. Without your help, I will not be able to resume intakes. If the opportunity presents itself to be able to donate to my rescue, please do so. MWR is a 501c3 nonprofit organization so all donations are tax-deductible. If you'd like to donate items instead of money, you can find my Amazon & other wish lists on the Facebook page along with a list of other items I can always use (building supplies, kennels, towels, carriers, etc.). Some of my greatest needs



Three of the 19 raccoons!

include grocery store gift cards, pee pads, and bleach.

Thank you all for your continued support. I appreciate every donation, every Facebook like/follow, and every kind word you have shared with me. I wouldn't be able to do what I love if it wasn't for you all.



The first fawn intake this year!

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REC presents \$10,000 check to Walkerton Community Fire Association. L-R Tracy Woods REC, Chase Williams WCFS, Jason Coleman WCFS, Robbie Coleman WCFS, Gene Campbell REC, Randy Shank REC, Casey Hollins REC.

Contributed article

Twice a year (spring and fall) Rappahannock Electric Cooperative (REC) through its Community Awareness of Rappahannock Electric Charity, Inc. (CARE Charity) distributes funds from its Power of Change Program to non-profit organizations across its 22-county service territory. Each month thousands of REC members give voluntarily to The Power of Change Program. Gifts can be a set monthly amount; a one-time donation or members can round up their electric bill to the next whole dollar. All the money collected is given back to the community. This spring the CARE Board voted to award 29 grant applicants a total of \$138,662 in available funding. Since its inception, the CARE Charity has given over \$1,000,000 back to the community.

The Walkerton Community Fire Association (WCFA) was one of the 29 recipients and received \$10,000. The money will be used to purchase a SeaArk MVT Rescue Boat. This will enable the WCFA to help people on the water including searching for missing persons or assisting stranded boaters on the

Mattaponi and Pamunkey Rivers. The money will also help purchase a 2023 Chevrolet truck that will be used as a tow vehicle for the boat and carry any additional firefighting equipment and personnel. WCFA member Jason Coleman said, "We are fortunate to be able to pay for this project in full, as we have done with all our apparatus projects, because of the support of our community!"

On hand for the presentation representing REC were Casey Hollins, Managing Director – Communications & Public Relations; Tracy Woods, with the Communications/Public Relations & External Affairs Dept; Randy Shank, CARE Board Vice Chairman; and Gene Campbell, REC Board of Directors representing Region IX. The next round of applications will open in June with a deadline of August 10. Applications are accepted online. Visit thepowerofchange.org for more information. Rappahannock Electric Cooperative is a member-owned utility that provides electric service to over 177,000 connections in portions of 22 Virginia counties.



Memorial Day Weekend starts the boating and water sports season. Have a great Summer!

Celebrating 400 Second Graders Helped Shelter Pets Find Homes



2nd graders at Cool Spring Primary School participated in this special animal welfare writing project and celebration

Contributed by Kathy Morrison

Three hundred Virginia animal welfare leaders will join over four hundred second graders in a celebration at Busch Gardens' Abbey Stone Theater on May 11, 2023, starting at 11:00 AM.

The celebration is a culmination of the Kids, Cats, and K9s project that started in the region in February. Over 400 second graders from Matoka Elementary School, Matthew-Whaley School, St. Michael's Episcopal School, and the entirety of King William County's second graders worked via their written argument class teachers to write biographies and draw pictures of shelter pets from Homes Fur Hounds, Heritage Humane Society, Gloucester-Matthews Humane Society, New Kent Animal Shelter, Charles City Animal Shelter, Purrhaps Its Serendipity Cat Rescue, and Richmond Animal Care and Control. To date, one hundred and forty animals have found forever homes.

The event will also recognize over 70 organizations and individuals from around Virginia for their work and dedication on behalf of animals with award presentations from the host children.

Attorney General Jason Miyares and his family will headline the event with OAG Animal Law Unit Director Michelle Welch and her team. Maggie Cleary, Deputy Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, is the Masters of Ceremony. Also joining the celebration are Dr. Charles Broadus, VA State Veterinarian, Senator Monty Mason, Delegate Amanda Batten, James City County Board



Chair, John McGlennon, and Busch Gardens Williamsburg President, Kevin Lembke.

The children will enjoy refreshments, meeting, and taking pictures with Sesame Street characters, Clydesdale horses, while learning about a variety of Busch Gardens' animal ambassadors. They will also meet some adoptable shelter pets that they worked so hard to help find homes.

Forty second graders from St. Michael's Episcopal School will sing Birds of a Feather. The children will also escort award recipients onstage to receive their recognition and present them with a plaque, certificate, and PetSmart stuffed animal.

This celebration is possible due to Busch Gardens' generosity and support of animal causes. The event ends at 2:30 PM. Participants are welcomed to stay and enjoy the park when it opens at 3:00 PM that day.

A special thanks to the Williamsburg Kiwanis Club, Trader Joes, and PetSmart volunteers.



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Raven Custalow – A Remarkable Woman

By Florence Cooke
Pictures by Raven Custalow

On the 6 p.m. news for Thursday, March 30, 2023, WRIC-ABC8 News recognized Raven Custalow as the local winner of their month-long recognition of local remarkable women, which was sponsored by Nexstar Media Group.

Raven Custalow was born and raised on the Mattaponi Indian Reservation in King William County. As a young Mattaponi girl, she learned about her cultural traditions from her grandmother through weekend cultural classes. These classes were greatly missed when they ended when she was a teenager. In 2019 Raven, her sister Nokomis, and her husband Chris discussed starting cultural classes again, and in 2020, they started the non-profit Eastern Woodland Revitalization. This non-profit focuses on indigenous eastern woodland cultural traditions and practices and is open to all tribal citizens who want to participate and share knowledge. The non-profit also is committed to public outreach and has participated in speaking engagements and demonstrations at various localities like libraries, schools, and museums.

Mattaponi women's voting rights are also very important to Raven. Historically, the Mattaponi tribe is considered a matrilineal and matriarchal society. Mattaponi women held important and valued roles in their tribal communities including those of leadership. In the early to mid1900s, the laws of the reservation changed due to assimilation over several generations. Mattaponi women were no longer allowed to vote in tribal elections, run for tribal office, and could not acquire a land lot on the reservation if they married a non-Mattaponi man.

In addition to her cultural work, Raven is also a Nurse Practitioner. When Raven was around 12, she and her cousins were playing on the reservations playground, talking about their futures. One cousin wanted to be a "baby doctor" and Raven agreed. She went to college and became a nurse, where she worked in the hospital setting for seven years. She found she loved caring for senior patients. This led her to George Washington University where she obtained her Masters in Nursing degree in 2018 as an Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner. She now works as a nurse practitioner at Aylett Family Wellness in Aylett Virginia, owned and operated by the



Raven Custalow Los Angeles at Remarkable Women of the Year

Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe. She says, "I now work at a tribal health facility which allows me to care for the Native Americans that come here. Native people are prone to certain health conditions like heart disease, diabetes, and cancer. It's an honor to be able to provide healthcare to one of the most vulnerable populations."

In January 2023 WRIC-ABC8 called Raven at work, leaving a voicemail that told her she was nominated as a Remarkable Woman of Richmond, Virginia. She did not respond immediately as she thought it was a spam call. She then received an email notifying her also and was told her husband Chris had nominated her by writing a letter describing her life and accomplishments.

Reporter Delaney Hall from WRIC-ABC8 interviewed her at her childhood home on the reservation. On March 8th the interview aired and on March 30th she was announced as the Richmond winner of the Remarkable Women contest. The station presented her with a \$1,000 check for any nonprofit organization of her choice. She chose Native American Rights Fund because they support all tribal nations in their sovereignty and rights as indigenous people.

Raven went to Los Angeles April 2 – 4. All 112 local winners from across the nation were there. During this time, the top seven finalists for Nexstar's Remarkable Women of the Year were revealed and their stories were aired at the famous TCL Chinese Theater in Hollywood. Out of a total of 38,000 nominations from across the country, RAVEN WAS IN THE TOP 7! An hour-long special by Nexstar highlighting the Remarkable Women Event and the top 7 Remarkable Women will be aired at a future date. CONGRATULATIONS RAVEN. YOUR COMMUNITY IS VERY PROUD OF YOU.

Upper King & Queen Fire Department Welcomes New Fire Truck



New Tanker 15 Fire Truck for Upper King and Queen Fire Department

By Florence Cooke
Pictures by Ashley Brown

In February 2023 the Upper King and Queen Fire Department replaced Tanker 15, a thirty-five-year-old (1988) 1,800-gallon water tanker, with a 2023 Pierce 3,000-gallon tanker that can pump over 1,000 gallons of water per minute. Chief Kevin Schools and Captain Ashley Brown stated, "Despite paying \$345,000 for this truck, the department feels that it is a big value for the money." We will be able to carry over 1,200 more gallons to each fire

and be of more service to our citizens in the Newtown area, the county of King and Queen and mutual aid to surrounding counties.

There was a five-member committee to oversee the purchase of the new truck. The department felt the new tanker met the specifications needed for the area.

Kevin and Ashley state, "This valuable asset to the citizens of the county comes from donations over the years through a yearly letter drive. We want to thank the citizens of the county for their continued

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ACDS, continued

ACDS Valedictorian

Alisyn Claire O'Bier has been named the Valedictorian of the Aylett Country Day School Class of 2023. Alisyn is the daughter of Patrick and Katie O'Bier of Richmond County, and the granddaughter of Durward and Mary O'Bier and Ricky and Diane Landman. Alisyn started school at Aylett in 4th grade and has been a vital member of the ACDS student body for five years.

While at Aylett, Alisyn has embraced life as an ACDS Patriot, both in and out of the classroom. She has participated on the Leadership Team and in the middle school art show and has been a valued member of the school's volleyball, basketball, softball, golf, and trap teams. Outside of school, Alisyn enjoys reading, swimming, and playing softball.

Alisyn is looking forward to attending Rappahannock High School in the fall of 2023.



Alisyn Claire O'Bier - Valedictorian

ACDS Salutatorian

Grace Claire Gillions, daughter of Rob and Kathryn Gillions of Warsaw, has been named Salutatorian for the graduating Class of 2023 of Aylett Country Day School. Grace has attended ACDS for the past five years.

In addition to her academic studies, Grace has participated on the middle school volleyball and trap teams. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, swimming, art, and playing the piano.

Grace will be attending Rappahannock High School next year.



Grace Claire Gillions Salutatorian

MPRA Holds Annual Meeting, Kicks off King William Clean Up 2023



MPRA President Audrey Mitchell address the crowd.

By Amanda Walker

Mattaponi and Pamunkey Rivers Association members and guests met at Campbells Pavilion on Friday, April 28th. Despite rainy weather the group enjoyed a nice dinner catered by Billy Moore of All Stewed Up Catering.

In lieu of an annual river cleanup day, MPRA kicked off King William Clean Up 2023. King William Clean Up was a two weeklong challenge to get out and pick up litter. Folks were able to participate by

picking up gloves, litter grabbers, and trash bags from King William Parks or Pamunkey Regional Library and choosing a day to get out and pick up litter.

MPRA has some fun and exciting river paddles coming up. The next paddle will launch from Walkerton Boat Landing and will be held Thursday, June 1st at 5 PM. For more information, or to sign up, follow "Mattaponi and Pamunkey Rivers Association - MPRA" on Facebook, or visit MPRA.org.



Wagner, continued from front page

"The Board is excited to have Dr. Wagner join the King William County Public Schools community," stated Terry Stone, chair of the King William County School Board. "We are confident that his student-focused enthusiasm, extensive knowledge, and rich experience will enhance our already strong school division and result in its continued growth and success. We are fortunate to welcome Dr. Wagner to the team."

Wagner earned his Doctor of Education in educational leadership from the College of William and Mary, a Master of Educational Administration from the University of Virginia, and a Bachelor of Arts in sociology from Old Dominion University.

The Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) assisted the school board with the superintendent search process.

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The old Jake's Tire building

The Farmers Market is Back!

By Gene Campbell

Last summer's inaugural King William Farmer's Market and Family Fun night was such a hit, the King William Economic Development Authority (EDA) has planned a repeat for this summer. Under the direction of EDA member Sarah Williams, the authority has turned the operation of this summer's Farmers Market over to a citizens' board to organize and operate it with input from the EDA as needed. Beginning Friday, June 2nd, and continuing the first and third Fridays of each month through September, the popular event will be held again at the King William High School parking lot. Running from 4 pm to 7 pm local vendors will be on hand selling their home-grown produce, handmade items, meat & cheese, honey, homemade clothing and baked goods, handmade jewelry, fresh herbs & flowers, and small antiques. Local artists will be in attendance as well as county and community agencies. Kids' activities are planned along with food trucks. It is free to vendors but you must register in advance. Applications can be found on King William County Farmers Market's Facebook page. Portable toilets will be on site. Admission is FREE to the general public. Come on out and support your local businesses while socializing with the neighborhood!



Jamie Lacy of Timber Hollow Farm

Arts Alive, Inc is excited to announce the 2023 Scholarship Awardees!

The Dr. Shirley Carter Olsson Recurring Scholarship of \$500 was awarded to Lucy Vick. Lucy Vick is a New Kent High School graduate and a current Christopher Newport University student, majoring in Theater and Minor in Leadership Studies. This scholarship honors the life of Dr. Shirley Carter Olsson and is awarded to past scholarship winners in their second year of college if they continue in their major.

The C. Herbert Brown, Jr. Performing Arts Scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to Cadence Roberts, Senior at New Kent High School and a future Christopher Newport University student. This scholarship is designed to help graduating

high school seniors who plan to pursue a career in the performing arts. It was established in memory of Arts Alive's founder, first president and director, C. Herbert Brown, Jr. to honor his life, as well as his love for children and music.

Two full-ride Summer Arts Camp scholarships were also awarded this year to local residents! Summer Arts Camp is a week-long camp for children who have completed grades K-8. Congratulations to all of our scholarship recipients this year!

For more information about our scholarships, please visit: <https://artsaliveinc.org/scholarships/> or email info@artsaliveinc.org or call 804-843-3475.

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23945 King William Rd, West Point, VA 23181 804-473-9011

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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. Follow us on Facebook

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

4805 West River Road, Aylett Come worship and study God's Word with us! Sunday School for all ages every Sunday at 9:45 A.M. Worship at 11:00 A.M. Sunday night Bible Study at 6:30 P.M. Wednesday night Bible Study and Youth at 7:00 P.M. View sermons via link to YOUTUBE at www.BEULAHBAPTISTVA.org Like us on FACEBOOK also. Pastor Alex Rand 843-696-6779

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&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

On Sunday, May 28, Mattaponi Baptist Church will celebrate its 195 anniversary and host Homecoming and special Memorial Day services. The day begins with the 11:00 a.m. worship service, followed by lunch, and a 1:30 p.m. service of remembrance of those in our church and community who sacrificed their lives for our nation in times of war. Mattaponi is at 13466 The Trail, King and Queen Court House, Virginia 23085. Please join us for this historic day. All are welcome.

Mt. Sinai Baptist Church

2327 Commins Road Aylett, 23009 Cordially invite you to our Mother's Day/Women's Day service on Sunday May 14th at 10:00am. Please join us in worship and in wishing all the Mothers "A Very Blessed Mother's Day"!

Oak Grove Baptist Church

located at 46 Towing Farm Road, Hanover. Peace and blessings from Oak Grove Baptist Church where the light of the world always shines.

Old Church Methodist Ch. Antique Car Show

Saturday June 3rd, 10:00 am-2:00 pm (Rain Date: June 10) Old Church Methodist Church Rt 14- 25614 The Trail Mattaponi, 23110. Entry Fee – Monetary Donation Trophies & Prize Drawings (Registered) Food, Homemade Ice cream & Oldies Music. Proceeds Benefitting Building Fund Projects. Info: (804) 785-7731 or (804) 387-0102. "Old Church Methodist Church will not be responsible for any accidents or damages during this event"

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.

Saint Paul Baptist Church

1995 Globe Road, Aylett, 23009 Invite you to worship with us on Sunday morning for Sunday School 9:45 am, worship service at 11:00am in person, virtual and ZOOM. Prayer night 1st Wednesday, Bible study each 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesday at 7:00pm. You may email the church at stpaul23009@gmail.com for virtual and ZOOM info or call (804) 769-4430. Visit the website www.st-paul-baptist-church.com for events and services. Rev. Kim Bullock, Pastor.

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

Second Mount Olive Baptist Church family of Little Plymouth, invite you to come join us on Mothers Day, May 14th at 11:00 a.m. The speaker for the day will be Rev. Alice "Susie" Bagby, Associate Pastor of Second Mount Olive.

Third Union Baptist Church

452 Walkerton Road, King William County, 804-769-3123 or visit us at www.thirdunionbaptistchurch.com

The Edge Worship Centre

460 14th St. West Point. www.tewcwestpoint.net

The Fix Ministry

Join us for worship on Saturday nights @ 5:30 at The Fix Chapel, 1025 Hobbs Hole Drive in Tappahannock. Potluck Dinners are the first Saturday of every month following

the worship service. Each Wednesday night at 7pm, Bible Study is held at The Fix Chapel. If you have any questions, please call us at (804)473-9011. Come join us and be Blessed!

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, 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. Upcoming Event: Women's Day, Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 10:15AM Guest Speaker: Rev. April Edwards, Richmond, Theme: Women of Faith- "Standing on the Promises of GOD!" Color: Purple and White Light Refreshments will be served.

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 Peppler.804-769-8534.

Wayland Baptist Church

Stevensville, Youth Day on Sunday, May 21st. Sunday, June 4th, will be our annual homecoming service. Pastor Marcus Hickman will bring the message. Lunch will be served. All are invited to join us.

Zion Baptist Church

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

METHODIST

McKendree United Methodist Church

4347 Manfield Rd., Manquin, 23106. Sunday worship 9:30 AM in person and on Facebook Live, followed by fellowship time and Sunday School. Minister Libby Hadley. http://www.mckendree23106.org, mckendree23106@gmail.com.

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Immanuel Episcopal Church

190 Allen's Circle King & Queen Court House. For information on a particular Sunday call 804-785-2122

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

Community Calendar

King & Queen Branch Library

Family Storytime Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 - 11:00am Enjoy a fun time with books, signing, rhymes, and much more! Family Storytime is for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers.

SRP Kickoff Ice Cream Party

Saturday, June 3, Noon - 1:00pm All Ages. Kick off our Summer Reading Program and enjoy ice cream sundaes with your friends and family. **K&Q Anime/Manga Club** Wednesday, June 14, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Ages 12-18. Join the King & Queen Manga Club! Meet teens with similar interests and discuss your favorite Japanese manga and anime. **King and Queen Book Club** Thursday, June 15, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Read our book of the month and engage in a lively discussion about it. Share views about the book and author and give reading recommendations. **K&Q Chess Club** Thursday, June 22, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. All ages. Join fellow chess players for a night of playing and learning chess.

Whether you're a beginner or advanced player, all are welcome. All ages. Call 804-769-1623 or visit the library at 396 Newtown Road for more information.

Upper KW Branch Library

Family Storytime Wednesdays, June 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Enjoy a fun time with books, signing, rhymes, and much more! Family Storytime is for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. **SRP Signup and Sundaes** All ages. Sign up for the Summer Reading Program and make your own ice cream sundae at the UKW library.

Rock Painting Wednesday, June 21, 3:00 - 4:00pm For ages 5-12. Paint a rock, hide it somewhere, and have it brighten someone's day or make one for yourself. Call 804-769-3731 or visit the library at 694-J Sharon Road for more information.

West Point Branch Library

Family Storytime Fridays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Enjoy a fun time with books, signing, rhymes, and much more! Family Storytime is for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. **Stay and Play** Fridays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11:00 a.m. - noon Ages 0-5

w/parents and caregivers. Join other parents and caregivers while you watch your preschoolers play in our children's area.

Personal and Family Preparedness

Tuesday, June 6, 6:30 - 7:45pm Join us at the library as the Three Rivers Health Dept. shares strategies on preparing individuals and families for emergencies beyond the 48-72 hours following a preparedness event. Refreshments provided. **I'd Rather Be Reading Book Club** Wednesday, June 7, 11:00am - 12:30pm Stroll around West Point and enjoy a light lunch and book discussion afterwards. Registration requested at <https://pamunkeylibrary.libcal.com/>.

Summer Reading Kick Off Saturday, June 10, 11:00am - noon Ages 3 to 12. **Play Dough with Friends** Wednesday, June 21, 11:00am - noon Ages 3 to 7. 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.

King William Republican Committee Meetings 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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Visit the King William County Parks & Rec Site for details about upcoming events, workshops, exercise classes, and more! @ kingwilliamrec.com

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KW Community Watch

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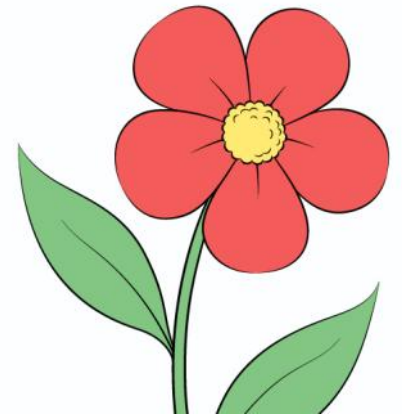
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Artisans Wanted!

The Woman's Club of King & Queen County is hosting a Holiday Craft and Gift Market, November 11, beside Dragon Run Brewing in Shacklefords. 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 11235 West River Road, Aylett Saturdays (May 27) - 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. The Lily Field Clothing Shed Open Saturdays, 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Please do not drop off donations outside the building call to schedule drop off. The CornerStone Free Health Clinic 8270 Richmond Tappahannock Hwy., No walk in appointments, call to register.



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