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Red, White and Blue in Walkerton



The 38 Special leading the parade under the Walkerton Bridge

By Gene Campbell

With the sound of the horn from “38 Special” at exactly 1:10 pm, the 4th Annual Walkerton Patriotic Boat Parade got under way on Saturday, July 1st. Over thirty-five boats gathered in front of Dick Campbell’s cottage on the Mattaponi River and started the trek to Walkerton. All sizes of boats adorned with flags, banners and decorations of red, white and blue proudly displayed their love and patriotism for the USA. As the boats made their way to Walkerton, residents and spectators lined both sides of the river waving and cheering as they passed by. On the Latane Trice bridge in Walkerton a gathering of spectators anxiously waited for the procession to appear in the distance. When “38 Special” approached the bridge at 2 pm, cheers began filling the air creating an atmosphere of joy and national pride. Winners of the best decorated boats were: Ronnie and Sharon Gathercole with their daughter Angie and family; John and Loretta Seal with family and friends; and boat #9.

Please see Walkerton Boat Parade. Continued on page 11

Dr. A. W. Lewis, III – A Beloved Country Doctor

By Gene Campbell
Webster’s dictionary describes ‘country doctor’ as a physician who works with a rural health focus, out in the country. It defines ‘beloved’ as someone who is dearly loved, dear to the heart. Both definitions certainly describe our own Dr. A. W. Lewis, III. Approaching his eightieth birthday and spending fifty of those years displaying an unwavering commitment to his patients, Dr. Lewis is putting down his stethoscope. I recently attended a reception hosted by friends of Dr. Lewis to celebrate him and hear him reflect on his life and career.



Dr. Tom Hubbard, Dr. A. W. Lewis, III, Shelia and Rev. James Iswariah of the Cornerstone

Please see Dr. Lewis, continued on page 13

Aylett’s Acres of Sun Flowers



By Danny Clark- When traveling East on Rt. 360, just past the Aylett Post Office and Mill Rd. look for acres of beautiful Sun Flowers. Property owner Darrell Kellum said, “Please feel free to stop there & take some family pictures.”

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Down on the Corner – Shopping at the Farmers Market

By Gene Campbell

What better way to spend a Friday afternoon than at the King William Farmers Market. With three markets already in the books this year and the fourth scheduled for this Friday, July 21st from 4-7 pm, it has become a beloved community event. As you stroll through the market you will be greeted by the vibrant colors of the fresh produce. You will also see a variety of locally made products from handcrafted jewelry to homemade



Photo by Danny Clark

Visit the King William Farmers Market on the 1st & 3rd Fridays 4-7 pm at the KW high school through September

soap. Make your plans to explore the charm of an old fashion market and reap the benefits of obtaining fresh produce and high quality locally made products. There will be over 35 vendors sitting up in the King William High School parking lot including food trucks. Snow cones will be available for the kid and the adults too! Bring the whole family and engage in face-to-face conversations with the vendors allowing for a deeper understanding of their products, their origins and the people

behind them. You never know, you may pick up some helpful tips on how to grow and cook that beautiful looking vegetable or learn how to create a useful homemade product. Better yet, you may develop a lasting friendship. The King William Farmers Market will continue the first and third Fridays in the month through September. Whether you're a seasoned market-goer or a first-timer, you're guaranteed to have a memorable experience. See you at the Market!

Publisher's Message



The summer heat has slowed me down. I try to get outside chores done early morning or in the evening. The grass needs cutting way too often. It's been too hot or rainy to ride my motorcycle as much as I would like. Mother Nature still has the last word on the weather. I hope you are having a good summer! Fall will be here in due time.

Take care until next time.

Danny Clark



The Country Courier welcomes letters from our readers, which will be published with the writer's signature and county of residence. We accept calendar items at no charge for 50 words or less. The Country Courier reserves the right to edit letters and calendar items and print when space is available.

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A Pickup Man

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"



I saw an old horse friend of mine awhile back at the hardware store. I remember asking him if he was still riding. He said kind of loud and proud "Yeah. I'm a pickup man!" I thought to myself "Isn't that the name of a country song?" Another thought went through my head that maybe he thinks he's some kind of ladies man or something. I just smiled at him and looked around to make sure nobody was real close to us. I said "Oh Yeah?" He said "I ride pickup for a couple of stables." I thought that maybe he rides around in his truck while everyone else is on horseback in case somebody gets thrown or needs a ride back or something, he can help them. My mule brain was working overtime trying to figure out what he was talking about without him knowing that I didn't have a clue. So I asked him "Do you like it?" He said "Most of the time. It's a lot of fun."

Wow, he didn't give me much to work with. I had to figure out a way to get him to explain it to me so I could understand what he was talking about. I smiled at him and said "Tell me more about your pickup riding." Bobby said "When ever a stable has a trail ride, everybody saddles

their horse up and there are usually a couple of horses left in the barn that nobody rides or doesn't want to ride." He said "Since I don't have my own horse anymore, I get to ride what's left. The horse gets some exercise and I get to ride a lot of different animals."

Now I'm beginning to understand him. He picks up what's left at the barn and rides them. I said "Bobby, you have to be able to read a horse's body language and figure out how to handle him pretty quick. I bet you've had some wild rides." He said "Yeah, sometimes." I think Bobby was just being modest. So I guess a pickup man is just another term for a good modern day cowboy.

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

Diaper Bandit Litters our Counties

By Armistead Saffer

If you've ridden through King William or King & Queen County recently you've probably seen diapers randomly scattered along the side of the road. Some person or persons have been littering our counties regularly. On social media posts about the litter go back to January. The litterbug is being called the "Diaper Bandit" and has littered the following roads: East River Rd, West River Rd, Mill Rd, Acqinton Church Rd, King William Rd (RT-30), Venter Rd, Walkerton Rd, Mantua Rd, Canterbury Rd, and more. There are unused adult diapers thrown out at random intervals.



The Diaper Bandit hits W. River Rd.

Maybe someone has information or a security video of the culprit. If you have any information please contact your local sheriff's department or call Mattaponi Crime Solvers at 804-769-3000. Let's stop this. Please see the Press Release from the King William Sheriff's Office.

King William and King & Queen Sheriff's Offices Seeks Help from the Public

Press Release from J.S. Walton, Sheriff

In recent weeks both King William and King & Queen counties have been littered with unused adult diapers along side of the roadways. The Sheriff Offices in both

counties have been on the look out for the person or persons responsible for the litter that has created a lot of conversation. Both Sheriff Walton and Sheriff Balderson are committed to finding those that are responsible for this continuous deliberate act. Littering is a class 1 misdemeanor punishable by up to 12 months in jail and/or up to \$2,500 fine.

Call the Mattaponi Crime Solvers with any information about this crime at 804-769-3000, it can be worth a reward of up to \$1,000.

K W Board of Supervisors Approves Architect for Community Center

Contributed

At the July 10, Work Session, the King William County Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved retaining architectural services related to the construction of a new Community Center at Central Garage.

By unanimous vote, the BOS directed the County Administrator to enter into an agreement with Tymoff + Moss Architects based in Norfolk. The contract is for \$368,050. The firm was represented at the BOS meeting by Michael Schnekser.

Retention of architectural services is a step toward the BOS constructing a Community Center which would include expanded space for a public library, larger meeting rooms, space for senior programming, and space for a digital learning center. The proposed location is off Route 30 on Shelton Place Road.

A final decision on the project will be made after the architect presents its report.

Three public meetings will be held to get citizen input on what activities and amenities are most important to them in a Community Center:

1. July 27 – King William County Board Room at 7 p.m.
2. July 31 – Pamunkey Regional Library on Sharon Road at 6 p.m.;
3. August 8 – King William Parks & Rec. Center at 7 p.m.

An online survey is also available at www.kwc.gov for public input. All information gathered from the survey and public meetings will be used to provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

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Dear Editor

Dear Editor,
"What I said to the K.W. Board of Supervisors"

As you know I am once again in front of you requesting that you as our supervisors who were voted into your positions to represent the 16000 plus citizens of our county, please relocate the sexually explicit books from our library shelves. These inappropriate books are not for children from ages 5-16 or even beyond. They should be reading dick and jane, sea biscuit, how to ride a bike, grow a garden and enjoying their youth. All children enjoy pretending they are dogs, cats, fireman, policeman, nurses, doctors, teachers etc. but are either Boy or girl until they are old enough to make a decision on their own. Let our children grow up the way we did.

If you feel we are just a bunch of nitpicky old farts, well you are wrong. I will continue to show up and repeat myself until you get off your thrones and take action to relocate these books either to a separate location or an area behind the librarians where children need to get a parent to sign to check out these inappropriate books.

Mr. Shepley and his inappropriate books can get out of our libraries as his actions have spoken much louder than any words he can come up with.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Wassenberg
King William

Dear Editor,
Thank you Armistead

Many thanks for your story and keeping us informed of Maleena's wildlife rescue efforts as I feel she is most likely overwhelmed and possibly unable at present to submit her column. Can't say enough as to her dedication and efforts in her cause.

Roger Volk
King William



Letters to the Editor

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Red and Lou's is open most Fridays and Saturdays from 8:30am to 5pm.

By Danny Clark

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Upper Mattaponi Tribe Receives Air Quality Grant



Ortiz described the project as "A partnership between nations."

Left to Right: Reggie Tupponce, Leigh Mitchell, Taylor Gershowitz, Chief W. Frank Adams, Adam Ortiz, Samantha Philips Beers, Janice Bolden Caveist, Eimy Bonilla

By Amanda Walker

Upper Mattaponi tribal members hosted representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at their Tribal Center and Pavilion on Monday, July 10th. The group met to announce a \$449,988 grant that is being awarded to the tribe to use for a community air quality monitoring project. A total of \$53.4 million is being awarded to 132 air monitoring projects across 37 states as part of President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act and American Rescue Plan. The Upper Mattaponi is the first tribe in the Mid-Atlantic EPA region to be awarded an air grant.

The goal of the monitoring projects is to collect ambient air quality data and to better learn how air pollutants traverse through the regions. This will allow communities, with the support of the EPA, to better protect

public health and ensure environmental justice. The monitoring station will be located on the tribal property on route 30 and the tribe has hired Taylor Gershowitz as their first Air Quality Technician.

Chief W. Frank Adams spoke to the group touching on possible causes of air pollution in the area, like heavy truck traffic on route 30 and the neighboring Purina Nestle industrial plant. Both Adams and Adam Ortiz, Administrator of the Mid-Atlantic EPA region, spoke on the importance of helping mother earth. "Our job is to protect the air and the water and the land" stated Ortiz. Following the discussions the tribal members showed the representatives around the tribal land, showing them their community garden and filling them in on other projects the tribe has been working on.

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K & Q Historical Society Presents “Central High School - New Beginnings”

Contributed

The King and Queen Historical Society invites members and the public to its Third Quarter meeting on Sunday, July 23, at 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the King & Queen County Administration Building located on Allen’s Circle, King & Queen Court House, VA, 23085. Ms. Ellen White will present the program “Central High School – New Beginnings”, a narrative of the development of Central High from conception to completion and her experiences as a student. This was a time of “firsts” for the county and for Ms. White. When it opened in 1951 Central High was the first new school built in almost 23 years and the first centralized high school in the county. New curriculum and extracurricular activities were available to many for the first time. Ms. White entered that year in the eighth grade and graduated in 1956 in the first graduating class to complete all grades at Central. It was the first time she attended a multi-room/multi-teacher school.



Ellen Temple White "Ellen"
 Central High School
 Class of 1956

Ms. White is a native of King and Queen, a retired Vice President of Chase Manhattan Bank, N. Y. and a former President of the King and Queen Historical Society. She was one of the volunteers who helped establish the Courthouse Tavern Museum and today continues as a volunteer.

The Courthouse Tavern Museum will be open at the completion of the program and refreshments served there. The Museum exhibit “Public Schools in King & Queen County – 1869-1963” complements this program.

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 kingandqueenmuseum.org to make an appointment to visit. This website contains much information about the Society and its Tavern Museum.

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King William Co News

'Little League Trail' Opens at King William Rec Park

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A half-mile walking trail has been reopened at the King William Recreation Park.

'Little League Trail' is now open to the public during normal park hours. Visitors can walk the trail, enjoy the scenic landscape, and stop and enjoy picnic facilities along the way.

The Trail is named to commemorate the long-standing partnership between King William Little League and King William County Government. KW Little League leases three of the six playing fields at the Rec Park for softball and baseball.

The Trail was blazed many years ago but had become inactive. Its reopening is part of a Master Recreation Plan to add more trails at County facilities. Phase II to 'Little League Trail' will make the venture around the Park even longer.

Costs to upgrade the Trail were \$2,497.26 and were covered by grant funding. There is no cost to walk the trail, but visitors are asked to adhere to the posted Trail rules.

The Trail, like the Park, is managed by the King William County Parks & Recreation Department.

Damage Assessment Underway After Lightning Strikes Historic Building

King William County officials are assessing the damage caused when lightning struck one of its historic buildings on Saturday, July 8.

Lightning apparently struck the chimney of the building that was formerly the Old Jail, which is now used as a conference room and

restroom facilities. Bricks were sprayed all over the historic grounds below the building.

Missing the strike were the buildings next to the Old Jail, including the Historic Courthouse and the Museum. The Historic Courthouse is the oldest courthouse in continuous use in the United States with judicial proceedings still periodically being held there.

County Staff also believe lightning may have hit the Administration Building. That has not yet been confirmed, with insurance adjusters slated to begin their analysis immediately.

The lightning incident immediately knocked out all use of technology and phone systems in the Government Complex. However, electricity was not lost to any of the buildings. The technology network has been restored, but phone lines were still out as of Monday afternoon.

No injuries took place and King William Fire & EMS surveyed the building and found no presence of fire. King William County Building Department personnel also provided damage assessment.

The historical building struck by lightning has no regularly scheduled use, but the Museum is open every Sunday from 1-4 p.m. except on certain holiday weekends.

County Administrator Percy Ashcraft is hopeful to have more details to release later in the week.



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King William Ruritans Award Scholarships Make Plans for Annual Golf Tournament



Ruritan member Tina Glazebrook (right) presents scholarships to (l-r) Carter Fox, Maddie Stover, and Grace Anthony.

By Gene Campbell

The King William Ruritan Club proudly awarded \$1,000 scholarships to five deserving King William High School graduating seniors at its July monthly meeting. These scholarships are given each year to students who have not only excelled academically but have also shown a strong commitment to their community and displayed exceptional leadership skills. The club firmly believes in investing in the future of our youth. They are our future leaders. Social Development Committee Chairman, Tina Glazebrook, made the scholarship presentations to Carter Fox, Trenton Johnson and Kyla Blanton were unable to attend. The July meeting was a special one as it also marked the club's annual father/son/daughter night. This event further demonstrated the club's dedication to the youth of our community.

In addition to their commitment to education, the club is known for its charitable efforts. One

of their biggest fundraising events of the year is the 20th Annual Golf Tournament which will be held Friday, August 11th at Queenfield Golf Club. The Captain's Choice Tournament tees off at 1 pm. The entry fee is \$400 per four-man team with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am with dinner after the round of golf. Hole sponsorships are also available for \$100 per hole. For more information see any Ruritan member or call Troy Simons 804-337-0325 and Dennis Smith 804-241-9148. The proceeds from this event and other fundraising events throughout the year will go to the scholarships mentioned earlier as well as other charitable organizations in the community. The King William Ruritan Club is grateful for the continued support from the community as it allows them to make a positive impact on the lives of deserving students and make our community a better place to live and work.

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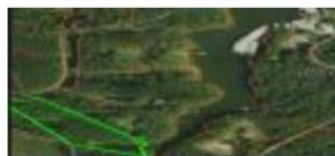
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Vince Lombardi

Downtown Aylett Prior to the Civil War

By Gene Campbell

When Dr Lewis talked about his life and career in Aylett, the first thing he pointed out was "Aylett was a place of importance before the Civil War." So very true. I earlier wrote a historical article about how Aylett (or Ayletts as it was then known) got its name and touched on how important Aylett was back in its "hey day." Prior to the Civil War it was quite a bustling river town on the Mattaponi River (or Mattapony River as it was then known) with many stores and businesses lining its streets. The Aylett community grew up around the tobacco warehouses owned by the Aylett family. The people living in and around Aylett were described as intelligent, living in modern and handsome style homes. Life was far from rustic. Ledgers from stores in the area showed they dressed well, bought the finest material for clothing; bought proper grooming items such as white soap, toothbrush and paste; and purchased looking glasses (mirrors). For their children's education they bought arithmetic, spelling and geography books; for entertainment a toy boat, a box of crayons and some marbles. Parties for the young unmarried eligibles lasted for over a period of days. It was not uncommon for the invitation to a party to say bring enough clothes to stay a week!



Approaching Aylett on Rt 360 from King & Queen in 1950

Aylett was home to a large carriage factory, an iron foundry, tailor and dressmaker shops, hat making shops, bakery shops, harness and saddler shops, two large stores (much like

department stores) that stocked groceries, fine shirts, silks, silver, jewelry and trinkets of various kinds as well as the necessities of life. None of the other shops and businesses in the county could compete with the stores in Aylett. Many a handsome wedding outfit with all the necessary accessories was purchased in this little town. Fine English-built coaches to be drawn by four horses were occasionally delivered to the Aylett wharf. Not only was it the largest center of trade and business for many miles around, it was also an important river port. Large two-masked ships were frequently seen anchored at the Aylett wharf, as many as four at a time. Farmers brought their tobacco, wheat and other grains to Aylett to be shipped out. These ships also discharged their goods to plantations along the river.

Please see Aylett, continued on page 15

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Dr. Lewis, continued from front page

A third-generation doctor, his grandfather started a medical practice in 1912 at his home, Norwood, near Bruington in King & Queen County. In 1927 his grandfather moved to Aylett and began practicing in an office attached to his home. Dr. Lewis's father also became a doctor and served in WW II. The night Dr. Lewis was born, his father shipped out overseas to the Philippines. His grandfather told his mother if she had a boy to name him 'the third'. Dr. Lewis's father did not see him for the first time till 2 1/2 years later when he returned home from the Philippines. For a while both his grandfather and his father practiced medicine in Aylett at the same time. In 1957 his father built an office building on Rt 360. It still stands there today. His grandfather died in 1965 and his father died in 1968. From 1968 till 1974 (the year Dr. Lewis opened his practice), a Lewis family physician was not practicing medicine in Aylett, the only time in the past 111 years.

Dr. Lewis remembers Aylett as a wonderful place to grow up. It was a fun time in his life. The Mattaponi River provided a lot of entertainment. He and his friends would swim and water ski in the summer and ice skate on the old mill pond in the winter. "There were not a lot of kids in Aylett. I had one friend my age, Noel Fox. We rode ponies all day and had the best time," Dr. Lewis said. He remembers going to the drive-in theater in Aylett in the 1950s. Yes, a drive-in theater. It was located in the area of his father's practice on Rt 360. He remembers McCauley Chenault's store, Billy Broaches' store and Terry Soule's garage all located at the intersection of Rt 600, Rt 608 and Rt 360, the heart of Aylett. Dr. Lewis recalled the story about Eula Chenault, McCauley's wife, telling Judge Haden's wife, Estelle, who

was wearing Bermuda shorts one day in the store "Estelle, I didn't know they made Bermuda shorts that big," which Estelle replied "why Eula, they even make Bermuda shorts big enough for you!" After finishing high school, Dr Lewis attended UVA majoring in French. In his third year at UVA, he decided to apply to MCV Medical School and got accepted (Dr. Lewis did complete his French degree at VCU some fifty years later!). When he finished medical school, he took a job in Colorado and practiced there for 2 1/2 years. After turning 30 years old in 1974, he decided to return home to Aylett and set up practice in his father's office building on Rt 360.

From the moment he opened his doors, Dr. Lewis's practice flourished. It wasn't long before the sheriff asked him to be the medical examiner and the members of the local rescue squad asked him to be their medical director. Dr. Lewis had great admiration for the volunteers of the rescue squad, particularly Billy Broache. Billy was always ready to answer calls and never complained. "There should have been a statute erected in Billy's honor," exclaimed Dr. Lewis. On one occasion during the winter, Billy came to Dr. Lewis's house and asked him to come to his store quickly. A woman was about to have a baby in her car. Without hesitation Dr. Lewis ran down the street to Billy's store and delivered the baby. Afterwards Dr. Lewis realized his feet were very cold. In all the excitement he forgot to put on his shoes! On another occasion while out for a jog, Billy stopped Dr. Lewis and asked him to accompany him to Manquin. They arrived in Manquin to find a woman in labor with twins. Dr. Lewis delivered the first baby and monitored the second baby in the ambulance enroute to the hospital. Once they

entered the emergency room, a woman seeing Dr. Lewis still in his jogging shorts said "I bet that is the father!"

Approximately twenty years ago Dr. Tom Hubbard, a dentist and general physician, asked Dr. Lewis to help him at the Cornerstone Community Development Center in Aylett. Tom was providing free dental service at the clinic and needed someone to provide the medical services. Dr. Lewis said he would help him and still does today.

Dr. Lewis retired from his practice in 2010. He continued providing free medical service at the Cornerstone and did some teaching at the St Francis Family Medical Center in Richmond till this past May. He is forever grateful for his former employees, namely Pat Stephens, Elizabeth Barber, Lisa Pearson (who never let him forget a patient's birthday or phone number) and Francis Gray. Today Dr. Lewis's office is home to the Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe Health Clinic, the Aylett Family Wellness Clinic. "My father would be so proud to see the building he built in 1957 is still a doctor's office" said Dr. Lewis and "I am delighted the building is still being used today!"

It is the end of an era. Dr. Lewis embodies the true essence of a country doctor carrying on the legacy of his grandfather and father. Sure, there are still doctors in rural areas of America, but a doctor with a sympathetic bedside manner taking time to listen to his patient and provide compassionate care is a vanishing breed. He has earned the title of beloved country doctor as Webster's dictionary describes. Our community has been BLESSED and we are forever grateful! Dr. Lewis, we wish you ALL THE BEST!

National Night Out

Set For August 1st



By Gene Campbell

Since the inception in 2016 of the Annual King William Ruritan Club National Night Out by deceased Ruritan member and former Virginia State Trooper Bob Coats, this event has been eagerly awaited by the community. National Night Out provides an opportunity to bring law enforcement, emergency services personnel and neighbors together under positive circumstances. The best way to build a safer community is to know your neighbors and law enforcement. This year, on Tuesday, August 1st, from 4 to 7 pm at the club's facilities on Rt 30, the club is partnering with the King William Sheriff's Department to bring you an unforgettable night of entertainment and fun. Bring your kids, invite grandma and grandpa, and join us for an evening of bonding with your local law enforcement and emergency services personnel, socializing with your neighbors, all while indulging in a delicious hot dog, chips and drink, topped off with a mouthwatering snow cone! Watch the little ones engage in exciting games and don't forget to grab some fantastic free giveaways! Additionally, the talented King William 4-H Shooting Team will be present to showcase their archery skills. Mark your calendars as this will be an evening to remember!



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Justin has devoted more time to helping others than helping himself. Donating his time to help numerous veteran organizations, frequently speaking to driver education students on safe driving habits and seatbelt awareness, coordinating and sponsoring various fundraisers for others to obtain handicapped fit vehicles and readily identifying the abilities, not disabilities of individuals with special needs are just a few of the ways he has given to his community. He has also been recognized for initiating changes to public buildings to be compliant with ADA requirements. His dedication has landed him on the State Rehabilitation Council. He has been recognized amongst other organizations for his continued support of others with disabilities.

Now it is time for Justin to receive those same blessings that he has worked so hard for others to receive and achieve. We, along with other supporters have all come together to help our friend build an ADA compliant home in King William County. Let us make this event a huge success for Justin!

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JROTC, continued from front page



The CHS JROTC program sends 14 cadets from Central HS, Essex HS, and Middlesex HS to JCLC.

By Ashley Edwards

The Central High School JROTC program showcased its exceptional talent and dedication at this year's JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge (JCLC) held at Fort A.P. Hill. A total of 14 Cadets representing Central High School, Essex High School, and Middlesex High School, participated in a variety of challenging activities, leaving a lasting impression on the esteemed event.

The JCLC event encompassed a wide range of activities, designed to test and enhance the Cadets' leadership, physical fitness, and problem-solving abilities. From conquering the rappel tower to navigating the confidence course, the Cadets displayed remarkable courage and determination.

They also showcased their water survival skills through the drownproofing exercise, and demonstrated precision and focus in archery



CHS student, Lauren Flaathen, prepares to rappel down the tower.

and air rifle marksmanship.

In addition to the physical challenges, the JCLC program offered the Cadets opportunities to develop their intellectual capacities. They engaged in stimulating STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) classes, emphasizing the importance of critical thinking and innovative problem-solving. These classes provided a platform for the Cadets to explore real-world applications of their knowledge, nurturing their curiosity and passion for learning.

Moreover, the Leader Reaction Course and Cadet Challenge provided Cadets with hands-on experiences in decision-making and teamwork, fostering essential skills that are vital to effective leadership. Through these exercises, the JROTC Cadets learned to adapt to challenging situations, communicate effectively, and inspire others around them.

Sports competitions formed an integral part of the JCLC, encouraging friendly competition and prompting physical fitness among the cadets. These activities fostered camaraderie and teamwork, while instilling a sense of discipline and sportsmanship within the participants.

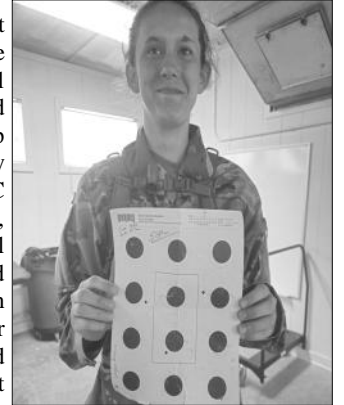
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empower Cadets to reach new heights and instill within them the values of honor, integrity, and service.

The JCLC experience will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression on these young Cadets, serving as a stepping stone towards their future endeavors. With the Central High School JROTC program leading the way, these students have proven themselves to be exemplary leaders, setting the bar high for future JCLC participants.



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Blazin' Soulz Car Show Just Days Away



By Amanda Walker

Blazin' Soulz Car Show will be held this Saturday, July 22nd at Meadow Event Park in Doswell. All proceeds will benefit Justin Spurlock's Dream, a project created by the Engel Family of Mangohick, Sandra Heins, and Dwayne Simms with the goal of building a fully ADA compliant home for Justin Spurlock. Registration begins at 9 AM and gates open to the public at 10 AM rain or shine. The show is open to all makes and models.

The car show has seen a great outpouring of support with over 50 sponsors and dozens of volunteers signed up to lend a hand. In addition to the amazing rides, there will be a kid zone with a bounce house, cornhole, a silent auction, raffles, a DJ, and presentations on the progress of Justin Spurlock's Dream. To help keep everyone cool, cold waters will be available for a donation, and cotton candy will be available for children as well.

Thus far, Justin Spurlock's Dream has brought many people together. Community organizations, licensed contractors, friends, and strangers from all over have reached out asking how they can help. Many of those that know Justin have expressed this project is not only well deserved but also well overdue. For

those that may not know already, Justin was in an accident in 2002 that left him paralyzed from the chest down. Despite many challenges Justin went on to school and learned to drive. Being the person that Justin is he reached back to help others. In 2014 Justin organized a car show that was able to purchase a wheelchair accessible vehicle for GenNorris Marshall. Marshall shared with the Country Courier "If there is anyone that deserves it, it's him. Because of Justin I can go wherever I want to go." Kelly Rose also shared that she and her family are able to take vacations together thanks to Justin. They actually just got home from Florida. Rose's daughter Charity was in an accident when she was just three that left her wheelchair bound. Due to her growing it was becoming increasingly hard for her parents to get her in a vehicle to get to appointments. Justin held a car show in 2018 when she was eleven that was instrumental in purchasing and outfitting a van to help fit their needs.

The show is still looking for a title sponsor. Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor or helping with the project should email justinspurlockbuildingfund@gmail.com or call Sandra Heins at (804) 901-3646, or Dwayne Simms at (804) 370-6757.

Aylett, continued

Aylett was one of five post offices in the upper part of the county before the war. Stage coaches or lumbering coaches (as they were then known) which could carry 10-12 persons, delivered the United States mail from Richmond to Tappahannock. These coaches were drawn by four horses and horses were changed along the way at Old Church, Aylett and Miller's Tavern enroute to Tappahannock. Post offices were either on or easily assessable to these stage coach routes. The mail was delivered in Aylett every Tuesday and Friday on or around 11:30am. Families living a distance took advantage of these mail days coming into town in their carriages to not only get their mail but to do some shopping as well. At one time two taverns (Gladys Mae

Poynter's house was one of these taverns) or ordinaries provided shelter and food for travelers. George Washington was known to travel through Aylett when attending the House of Burgesses in Williamsburg or when he was 'courting' his future wife, Martha, who lived in New Kent.

The Yankees set fire to everything in Aylett during the Civil War sparing only the Tavern (Gladys Mae's house), The Berkley House (Lee and Susan Richards house) and St. David's Church. Life in Aylett was forever changed. Today Aylett is a nice quiet river town, not a bustling one. One can't help but wonder... what if Aylett was not burned by the Yankees? What do you think Tom Newman?



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In second place, winning \$3000, is Makaia Haight from Mechanicsville, VA. Makaia graduated from Atlee High School in 2022 and will be a junior at Virginia Tech in the fall. Makaia is double-majoring in Animal and Poultry Sciences and Dairy Science and would like to

pursue a career as a veterinarian.

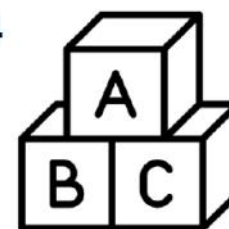
In third place, winning \$1000, is McKenzie Kirby from Aylett, VA. McKenzie graduated from Hanover High School earlier this June. She will attend Virginia Tech and major in Animal and Poultry Science. McKenzie plans to pursue a career as a large animal and equine veterinarian.

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all the applicants! The NNVGA is a producer group representing the vegetable industry in eastern Virginia. The organization sponsors educational activities for growers and other agricultural endeavors including this scholarship program to promote the industry in the region. For more information about this scholarship program or the NNVGA, please call Virginia Cooperative Extension in Westmoreland County at 804-493-8924.

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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!*.

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

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Broadus Church Hebron Campus

3407 King William Rd, Aylett Facebook Broadus Church web www.broaduschurch.org Sunday Worship 9:30, Sunday School all ages 10:30. Tuesdays 6:00 PM Youth Midweek, 6:15 Ladies Bible Study, Wednesday 6:00. Feeding Ministry: 2nd Monday each month from 6:00-8:00 PM. furniture or firewood ministry please call 804-779-2700 ask for Pastor Jeff Poythress.

Bruington Baptist Church 4784 The Trail, Bruington, K & Queen Co. Please join us at our Bible Study and Sunday School on Sundays at 10 a.m. with Worship Service following at 11 a.m. Face coverings optional. Choir Practice Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. and Community Clothes Cupboard open first Saturdays from 10 a.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.

Grief Share

Aug 19th from 9:00 to 11:00. Childcare through 5th grade. Registration link colossebaptistchurch.com/griefshare-spouse. Second event every Thursday evening 6:30pm-8pm Sept 7, through Dec 7, link: www.colossebaptistchurch.com/griefshare We are here to help! please call the church office at 804-769-2729.

Epworth United Methodist Church

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

Gethsemane Baptist Church

1890 Dunluce Road, King William, 23086. phone service at 267-807-9605 Meeting id# 88745. Starts at 10:00am Every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays.

Indian View Baptist Church

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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 Pastor Terry Morrison, Until church is rebuilt 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. 10am Sunday School for all Ages, 11am Worship Service All welcome, come as you are.

Mattaponi Baptist Church

Sundays 11a.m. Children's Church during service. In-depth Bible study the 2nd & 4th Wed. during Daylight Saving Time. Services live on Zoom at: http://bit.ly/MBCLIVE (Meeting ID: 871 964 216) & FBLive. Visit us on Facebook for latest news and any schedule changes: @MattaponiBaptistChurchVa. 13466 The Trail, King and Queen Court House, 23085. Pastor Stephen Rountree: 804-514-5715.

Mattaponi Friends Meeting

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. First Sunday business meeting at 11:00. Third Sunday potluck lunch at 12:00 noon. For more information contact 804-785-9401.

Mt. Sinai Baptist Church

2327 Commins Road, Aylett, Rev. Dr. Charlene Gresham, Pastor / Dr. Maria

Harris, Associate Minister. fish fry dinners July 28th @12pm. Fish & Chicken dinners \$12. All invited and welcome.

Oak Grove Baptist Church

46 Towinque Farm Road, King William 144th Church Anniversary Sunday, July 23rd at 11:00am. Guest preacher Dr. Cavell Phillips, Pastor of Unity Community Church in Powhatan, VA and host of Upbeat Gospel on 106.5. Lunch served after service. All are welcome.

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Providence Baptist Church

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

Rock Spring Baptist Church

1st Annual Car, Truck and Bike Show on July 29th, 10am to 3pm at King William High School. Entry fee for participants \$20, spectators FREE Contact Information: Tammy Upshaw (804)370-2849, Nicole Epps (804)332-2062, Cassandra Johnson-Daniels (804)616-0286

Saint Paul Baptist Church

Globe Road, Aylett. Homecoming Service Sunday, Aug 6, at 11am and 3:00pm. Guest church Providence Baptist Church Pastor Dr. Evans White, Jr. Revival Services Aug 7-9th each night 7:30pm. Monday guest church Rock Spring Bapt. Church Evangelist Pastor Paige Hancock, Tuesday night, Mt. Sinai Bapt. Church Evangelist Pastor Charlene Gresham, Wednesday night, Oak Grove Bapt. Church Evangelist Pastor Raymond Palmer, Sr.

Sharon Baptist Church

Sunday School 9am; 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 Wed at 7pm. For info, call the church 9am - to 2pm Tuesday through Friday 804-769-2320 or email us at sharonbc@verizon.net

Second Mount Olive Baptist Church

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571 Union Hope Rd, King William Sunday AM Prayer and Praise 10:15AM; Worship Service 10:30AM (In-person and Teleconference) Teleconference (774) 220-4000, PIN 57187 Follow us on Facebook: Union Hope Baptist Church, King William, Food Bank Ministry: 1st Friday 1pm-3pm. 3rd Sat 1pm-3p.m. 2nd & 4th Sunday 1pm-3pm.

Upper King and Queen Baptist Church

1693 Bradley Farm Road. Sunday School at 10:00A.M. Worship Service at 11:00A.M. Come meet our new pastor, Rev. Gerald Klimczak. Visit us on facebook.

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.

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McKendree United Methodist Church

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

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King & Queen Branch Library

K&Q Anime/Manga Club Wednesday, August 9, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Ages 12-18.
Local Quilting Showcase Saturday, August 5, 11:00am - 1:00pm
K&Q Book Club Thursday, August 17, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Lego Challenge Wednesday, August 23, 6:00pm - 7:00pm Grades K-5.
K&Q Chess Club at Thursday, August 24, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. All ages. Call 804-769-1623 or visit the library at 396 Newtown Road for more information.

Upper KW Branch Library

Genealogy Databases Class Tuesday, August 1, 11:00am - 1:00pm For ages 18+. Call 804-769-3731 or visit the library at 694-J Sharon Road for more information.

West Point Branch Library

STEAM @ the Library at the West Point Branch Library Saturday, August 5, 11:00am - noon Ages 6-12.
Create a Dog Agility Course @ Home (virtual program) Video premieres on Saturday, August 12 All Ages.
Legos @ the Library Friday, August 18, 4:00 - 5:00pm Grades K-5. Call 804-843-3244 or visit the library at 721 Main Street for more information.

VFW Post 9501

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

King William Republican Committee

Meetings
Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at the Upper King William

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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.

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KW Community Watch

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