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First Bass !



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Four year old Sadie Harper of Hanover caught her own bass at a family pond in King and Queen last month. Sadie caught her bass in the same spot her big brother Hayden caught his 7 pound bass 4 years earlier. Way to go Sadie.

Rehoboth Church Holds Sheriff Candidates Town Hall Meeting



Pastor Steve Via, King William County Sheriff candidates, Scott Hamilton, Don Lumpkin and Robbie Nestor

By Danny Clark

Rehoboth church, located on Acquinton Church Road in King William County, held its first of three Town Hall meetings on September 6th. The Sheriff candidates attending the meeting were Scott Hamilton, Don Lumpkin, and James Robbie Nester. Candidate Benjamin Smith did not attend the meeting. Each candidate was given 15 minutes to introduce themselves and share their qualifications for Sheriff. Pastor Steve Via welcomed the citizens and introduced the Sheriff candidates. Pastor Josh Brassard closed the meeting with a prayer and thanked everyone for coming out. Rehoboth's next Town Hall meeting will be held on September 20th at 6:00 pm for the Board of Supervisors candidates. The final Town Hall meeting will be held on October 4th for the school board candidates.



Drummers Sing Out for the Round Dance

Drumming and Dancing on the Mattaponi

Contributed by Spirit Walker

On Saturday, King William's own all-natural winery Mattaponi Reserve hosted a gathering for Unity, fellowship and celebration of Indigenous People and friends. Located on the Mattaponi Indian Reservation and overlooking the river from the observation deck, tribal members from seven Nations were present: Mattaponi, Pamunkey, Rappahannock, Nansemond, Chickahominy, Cherokee and Appalachee.

The focus of the gathering was to unite the historic Mattaponi Tribal families again, to honor and share this moment with other tribal guests and friends. According to Mattaponi

Tribal Member Lonnie "Wise Spirit" Custalow, "Our Ancestors spoke of a time when ALL of the People from Tsenacomoco will come together as ONE to heal ourselves, to heal Mother Earth and to preserve our rich culture." The event was blessed with many eagles flying nearby. It was a day when friendship among tribal people flourished. There were several long tables lined with delicious dishes brought by attendees to share. After a feast there was drumming, traditional dancing and other live musical guests. It was a good day! Descendants of historic Mattaponi Tribal families wanting to reconnect with the tribe can go to: mattaponitribe.org for more information.

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Track at King William High School Named for Coach T

By Gene Campbell

Pictures by Rebecca Moran

Coach Malcolm Tupponce, affectionately known as Coach T, was honored at the King William vs. Hanover football game on September 8th. The track around the football field was named in his honor, recognizing his long-time dedication and impact as a coach. Prior to the game, fans and family members gathered to pay tribute to Coach T and celebrate his legacy.

Coach T's journey began in King William, where he grew up during a time when Native Americans were only educated through the eighth grade at Sharon Indian School. However, his parents, despite their limited means, wanted more for their sons. They made the decision to move the family to Philadelphia where Coach T and his brother were able to receive a normal education. During his time in high school, Coach T participated in football, baseball, and cross country. After marrying Coach T and having four children, Coach T and his family returned to King William County Public Schools. He began coaching at King William High School, where he dedicated 41 years to coaching football and track. Throughout his career, Coach T made a significant impact on the



KWHS Principal Corey McConville presents plaque to Coach T

lives of thousands of student-athletes. He led numerous track athletes to the VHSL state championships, where they achieved impressive results including first-place finishes. Additionally, Coach T served as the defensive coordinator for the King William state championship football team.

Beyond his coaching accomplishments, Coach T is known for his kindness and willingness to forgive. He serves as an inspiration to all who know him. The dedication of the track in his honor is a well-deserved recognition of his contributions to the King William community. Congratulations to Coach T! GO CAVS!

Many thanks to Corey McConville for the information in this article.

Publisher's Message



We are getting closer to the November elections. There are multiple local candidates hoping to get your all-important vote. I wish to thank the candidates for placing their ads in the *Country Courier*. They want you to know who they are and what qualifications they bring to that position. Take a moment and look at their ad. King William and King and Queen are fortunate to have such talented people who offer their time and skills to make our communities a better place to live. All candidates should be recognized and thanked. Please vote!

Take care till next time...

Danny Clark



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Safety First

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

Dealing with animals always has an element of risk that we need to be aware of. When we were growing up, I hardly ever thought about safety. We would go visit my cousins who had a big farm and a bunch of animals. We would jump on the horses bareback and down through the woods we would ride hanging on to their mane until we fell off or got knocked off by a low hanging limb. Sometimes there would be 2 or 3 of us on one horse holding on to each other and the front one hanging on to the mane. We would be laughing and hollering and having a fun time until the horse got tired and dumped us off. I remember that they had a billy goat that would get out sometimes. Once when he got out, my sister started hollering for my uncle that the goat was out. Well that old billy goat didn't like all that noise and started chasing us. We took off towards the house running and yelling. Their farmhouse had a big front porch. When we came around the corner, I jumped up on the porch to safety. My sister and cousin ran on by and up the front steps with that goat in hot pursuit. They headed inside and slammed the screen door behind them thinking they were safe. That goat



never slowed down. He went right up the steps and through the screen door and into the house after them. Finally my Dad and Uncle caught the goat and got the screen off his horns and put him back in the pen outside. It took about an hour to clean and straighten the house up from everything that the goat tore up. The ride home that day was not much fun, but we still laugh about it today. Nowadays, I still like to have fun but I think about safety first. I guess that comes with age. Pip is pretty forgiving of me. If I do get caught up in the moment and mess up, she usually won't hold it against me or at least not for too long.

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

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My leadership ability has been shown by being a part of the Executive Committee of the Richmond Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants and on the Executive Committee of the Richmond Chapter of the American Payroll Association.

I was taught a long time ago that *if service is beneath you, then leadership is beyond you*. I have worked with the schools as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee, Social Services as a member of The Fatherhood Initiative, King William Sheriff Department, Unity in the Community and King William Fire Department as Chaplin. I am a founding member of the King William Childrens First Lions Club.

During the Covid-19 Pandemic, I organized many community Vaccine Clinics for everyone who desired to

get vaccinated. The clinics were set up at the King William schools, churches, and senior citizen center. I've set up food drives, diaper drives, written grants to get AED Machines in 16 churches, and blood drives. My efforts were recognized by the then governor, *Governor Ralph Northam*, who honored me with the *Governor's Award for Public Service for the State of Virginia*.

My wife, Deaconess Ivy Broadus-Riley, and I have worked tirelessly in service to our community. Ivy has taught in the county for over 35 years and continues to serve the school system. We are a family of workers who serve the community in which we live.

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Robbie Nester is a 40 plus year resident of King William County, is married to his wife Shelley and has one son. You may have seen him on a bus picking up your child for school as he currently works as a transportation supervisor for King William Schools. Robbie started his career in the late 80's as a special police officer at Richmond Memorial Hospital. In the early 90's he worked for the Richmond City Sheriff's Office as a deputy Sheriff where he worked in the jail and then moved to Quarter Master where he was responsible for the intake of all new inmates.

In the mid 90's he transferred to King William County Sheriff's Office where he started as a deputy Sheriff working in the town of West Point. Later, he was promoted to sergeant in charge of patrol. Once West Point started their own police department, he became a regular face we saw from the Sheriff's Office around our county. During this time, he became a certified general instructor and radar instructor. This allowed him to train our in house deputies and new recruits at the academy. In 2000, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant where his duties included overseeing patrol, court services, and dispatch, scheduling, evaluations, and being a training officer. During this time, Nester was the first deputy in the history of King William Sheriff's Office to obtain the status of Crime Prevention Specialist. This allowed him to review plans for new sub divisions, school safety plans, and implement CPTED. This gave him the ability to make recommendations to county businesses about safety practices.

He was later promoted to Chief Deputy/Captain where he served for 15 years and assumed all administrative roles which included assisting the



Sheriff in the daily operations/budget and running the department in his absence. In addition, he helped organize and implement project life saver, the Senior citizen triad, and the citizen's academy. As you can see, one of the things that sets Nester apart from other candidates is his years of administrative experience, moving up the ladder through the ranks and having implemented and/or been a part of many programs within the department. Robbie states: "for the most part, this is a very young department. My goal is to recruit and retain highly qualified officers.

If elected, part of my responsibility to the citizens of this county is to "groom" the next Sheriff. I believe it takes many years for this and deputies need to experience leadership roles within the various ranks to learn what it takes to run a Sheriff's Office. Trust, Respect, and Cooperation between the police and the community must be present in order for the Sheriff's Office to serve and protect our citizens." Experience, Integrity, Proven Leadership: Please vote on November 7th for J.R. "Robbie" Nester, Jr. for Sheriff.

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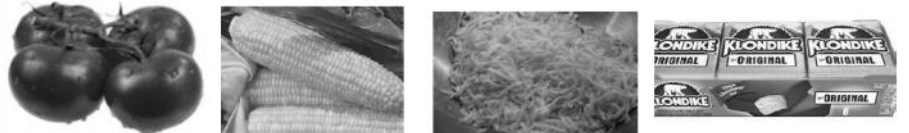
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This past Spring I was in California for a business meeting. While there I was able to do some sightseeing. We went to the Reagan Library in Santa Barbara, which was quite an experience. Inside the Library are Reagan's actual Air Force One VC-137C, Marine One and His Limousine. We were actually able to tour the inside of Air Force One. The first section when entering the plane is the Communications Center console, with the President's personal stateroom just slightly aft and across from it. All the communications equipment is still there. From that center President Reagan could communicate with world leaders or any top level personnel when necessary. On the desk is a plaque dedicated to two of the communication officers trusted with that duty. The plaque reflects how CMSgt Mike Tedford and CMSgt Ed Moren, Airlift Squadron, signed their names in the drawer for posterity after working the communications center of 27000's last flight on Sept. 8 2001. The drawer is open to see their names autographed there. Ed Moren is a man trusted by President Reagan, other Presidents and U.S. leaders, to handle his communications at the highest level possible. After his Air Force career Ed moved into the private sector working for a small aeronautical

communications services and support company. During his tenure he rose to a leadership position as Vice President as the Company grew substantially. Ed was born, raised and educated in King William. Upon returning to King William in 2015 he has used his military and business expertise while serving the people of King William. Ed Moren is a man that knows his mission and will get the job done and never quit. King William is fortunate to have a man with such impeccable character and integrity as Ed Moren to serve as a member of the Board of Supervisors, managing the County's business.

John N. Mills Jr.
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Letters to the Editor

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Stewart Garber Seeks Second Term on the Board of Supervisors 4th District

To the citizens of King William County, I am seeking a second term on the Board of Supervisors to continue to represent the Fourth District after first being elected in 2019.

I am a lifelong resident of King William County, and me and my wife Tammy live at 1757 Enfield Road.

I have been a strong advocate for fiscal responsibility since joining the BOS. I have supported fair implementation of the Split-Levy legislation adopted by the General Assembly for King William County and the Town of West Point in 2014.

I have also supported lowering real estate and personal property tax rates following the reassessment of real property earlier this year. Before I took office in 2019, the real estate rate was 0.86. It is now 0.58. The personal property rate was \$3.65. It is now \$3.15.

I have represented the BOS on the Recreation Advisory Commission and the Social Services Board. I support expanded recreation opportunities for all ages and the addition of new facilities that would provide for pickle ball, tennis, softball/baseball and youth football. I also want to see greater utilization of recreation in our two state forests (Zoar & Sandy Point), two boat launches, and additional pavilions for family and group outings should be increased.

As a teenager who worked in the family business, Aylett Dairy Treat, I push hard for greater business opportunities for the County to offset the burden of real estate taxes on the residents. I strongly supported the \$182 million expansion of the Nestle's Purina Plant, along with the recruitment of business along the Route 360 corridor.

I also support the extension of



utilities as part of the Utility Master Plan. I voted for funding for a new Water Storage Tank and water line extension that will go out to bid before the end of the year.

I have been a champion for providing funding for the expansion of Fire & EMS services, and have also supported additional manpower and equipment for the Sheriff's Office.

I care deeply about this County and I feel great things are ahead of us. Broadband is being extended to all residents and will be a community game changer. It will take our County to another level in so many ways.

I support growth in the right places per the Comprehensive Plan, but I support protection of farm land and other rural sections of the County.

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Remembering Jimmy Buffett: A Timeless Soundtrack for All Generations

By Gene Campbell

I never met Jimmy Buffett nor did I ever attend any of his concerts, but I certainly could relate to his songs. Jimmy was an artist of my generation but his music transcended all generations. Born in the era of rapid technological advancements and societal changes, we often find ourselves seeking an escape from the pressures and complexities of modern life. In this quest for freedom and a carefree existence, Jimmy's songs provided the perfect soundtrack. Jimmy's songs transported us to a world of sunny beaches, swaying palm trees, and carefree living. His lyrics painted vivid pictures of tropical getaways, sailing adventures, and the pursuit of a laid-back lifestyle. Whether you were a baby boomer, a Gen Xer, or a millennial, his music spoke to the universal desire for relaxation, escapism, and a break from the daily grind.

When life gets tough and everything seems to be going wrong, Jimmy's iconic song "Margaritaville" reminds us to take a step back and "waste away again." It's a reminder to indulge in some well-deserved downtime, to sip on a margarita, and give ourselves permission to recharge and rejuvenate. We all need those moments of escape, where we can let go of our worries and simply enjoy the present. But Jimmy's music goes beyond just providing an escape. It also encourages us to reconnect with the simple joys of life. In "Searching for My Lost Shaker of Salt," he reminds us to find those little things that bring us happiness and fulfillment. Whether it's pursuing a hobby, spending time with loved ones, or immersing



ourselves in nature, Jimmy's lyrics inspire us to rediscover the things that truly matter.

And who can forget the classic "Cheeseburger in Paradise?" It's a reminder to indulge in the simple pleasures of life, to savor a delicious meal, and to appreciate the experiences and memories that come with it. Jimmy's music reminds us that it's not just about the food itself, but rather the joy and connection that it brings. But perhaps one of the most powerful aspects of Jimmy's music is its ability to bring people together. Whether it's through his concerts, where fans of all ages gather to sing along to their favorite tunes, or through the shared love of his music among friends and family, Jimmy's songs create a sense of community and togetherness. It's a reminder that no matter our age or background, we can all find common ground and enjoy the good times together.

Please see page 22.

Announcing Hattie M. Robinson for Clerk of King and Queen Circuit Court

Greetings to the Citizens of King and Queen County. I am Hattie M. Robinson and candidate for the Clerk of the Circuit Court in King and Queen County in the November 7, 2023, election. I have over 11 years of experience in the judicial field, currently serving as a Master Deputy Clerk in the Circuit Court of King and Queen serving under the Honorable Vanessa D. Porter, Clerk. My journey into the judicial system began as a Deputy Clerk in the Hanover General District Court. In 2016 I began my position as Deputy Clerk in the King and Queen Circuit Court. I became passionate about this position. In 2019 I successfully completed the National Center for State Courts Accreditation Program becoming a Certified Master Deputy Clerk. I am also certified through the Virginia Department of Taxation. I am the only candidate with hands-on experience, comprehensive knowledge, vision for how the Clerk's Office should operate with efficiency and to provide proficient and courteous service to the judicial team,



law enforcement and citizens. My experience as a Master Deputy Clerk has provided me with the vast knowledge in all aspects of duties in the Circuit Court and will help me be an honorable public servant to every citizen of King and Queen County. I will continue to maintain my certification with continuing education. My experience and knowledge I would appreciate your support and vote in the upcoming election.

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**King William County Voter Registration & Elections
General Election
Tuesday, November 7, 2023
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WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT

- Member Senate of Virginia 25th District
- Member House of Delegates 68th District
- Commonwealth's Attorney
- Commissioner of Revenue
- Clerk of Court
- Sheriff
- Treasurer
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County Offices are closed Monday October 9th for a Holiday
 (November 4, 2023, is the last day qualified voters can vote an in-person absentee ballot at the Voter Registration & Elections Office)
 Please see County Website for details about early voting:

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King and Queen Sheriff's Department Partners with The Fox Moon Farm Project



Contributed by K&Q Sheriff's Dept.

King and Queen County Sheriff's Department Partners with The Fox Moon Farm Project, a local Non-Profit, to Support at Risk Youth Partnership aims to improve relationship between youth and police to help reduce juvenile crime. King and Queen County, Virginia: The King and Queen County Sheriff's Department announced a new partnership with The Fox Moon Farm Project. This partnership will work with the non-profit's equine assisted learned program to help engage and build rapport to develop a positive connection between the police and youth. "We are excited at this opportunity and recognize that for many of these kids, if we don't step in and help now, while they are still young, they will just end up in the system," says Sheriff Balderson. "Many of these kids have already experienced trauma. We want to support them the best we can." This is one of the many programs that Sheriff Balderson plans to

implement as part of his 4-step P.E.E.R. plan to reduce crime and violence. P.E.E.R. is an acronym for Prevention, Education, Enforcement, and Rehabilitation. Partnerships like this with The Fox Moon Farm Project is the foundation of this plan and the key to reducing crime. "By age 17, more than 50% of foster children will have an encounter with the juvenile legal system. They'll either get arrested or go into detention. This "foster care to prison pipeline" is unacceptable, and we're thankful that Sheriff Balderson wants to help us do something about it," says Cindy Freishtat, Co-Director at The Fox Moon Farm Project. "We offer a holistic, nature-based program for at risk families and children. Designed around our farm, we bring vulnerable kids out to work with our horses to learn critical life skills in our equine program.

Please see page 18.

Candidates for State Senate Spoke at K&Q Democratic Meeting



Contributed by Charlie Maloney

Pamela Garner and Jolicia Ward, candidates for the State Senate, recently spoke to the King and Queen Democratic Committee Meeting. Pamela, pictured on the right in the photo, is running in the 26th District which includes the Buena Vista District of the county. Jolicia, pictured on the left in the photo, is running in the 25th District which includes the rest of King and Queen County. Committee members were enthusiastic about their platforms and

enjoyed a lively discussion with them. Pamela Garner pledges to work for all to protect reproductive freedom, expand gun safety, and support strong public schools. Jolicia Ward pledges to fight for more health care facilities in the District and improve rural infrastructure, especially bridges and roads. Both candidates are committed to defending our democracy and making life better for all Virginians. King and Queen Democrats were delighted to meet these dynamic candidates for the State Senate.

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King William Republican Committee Endorses Candidates



Photo Courtesy of the KWRC: Left to Right: Mary Sue Bancroft, Benjamin "Ben" Edwards, III, Jessica McLane and Lindsay May Robinson

Contributed by KW Republican Party
On September 7th, the King William County Republican Committee unanimously endorsed 4 candidates for the upcoming election. The committee is proud to publicly endorse the following candidates; Mr. Benjamin, "Ben" Edwards, III for 2nd District Board of Supervisor, Mrs. Lindsay May Robinson, 4th District Board of Supervisor, Ms. Mary Sue Bancroft, 5th District Board of Supervisor and Mrs. Jessica McLane, 5th

District School Board. Each candidate spoke of what they would like to see change in King William and why they all felt the need to step up and become involved with our local government. All candidates voiced their concerns for the lack of transparency and that change is needed in a big way. The King William Republican Committee is proud to back these four individuals and know they carry the principles, beliefs and morals of the Republican Party.



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Dr. Tupponce has served for 22 years as a Commissioned Officer in U.S. Public Health Service, within the Indian Health Service Department in Phoenix, Arizona. We welcome him to the Family!

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King William Ruritan Club Celebrates 85 Years of Service to the Community

By Gene Campbell

In 1938, forty individuals in King William County recognized the need for unity and collaboration to improve their community. They came together and formed the King William Ruritan Club, becoming members of the National Ruritan organization. Today, the club remains active and strong with over sixty members. Over the years the King William Ruritan Club has made significant contributions to the community. Through events such as their annual fish fry and golf tournament, they have raised and donated over \$500,000 back to the community. These funds have supported various initiatives and projects aimed at making King William County a better place to live and work.



Left to right...Ruritan members David Leake, Mike Morrison, Bryant Wilson, Ellen Otey, J N Mills, Troy Simons, Supervisor and Ruritan member Ed Moren, Charles Piersa, Ronnie Moore, Charlie Shaver, Gene Campbell and Frank Coullier.

In recognition of their dedication and impact, the King William County Board of Supervisors presented a resolution of appreciation to the club during their

August monthly meeting. This gesture acknowledges the club's commitment to serving the community and making a difference. To celebrate its 85th anniversary, the club will host a celebration dinner on September 12th at the club's facilities on Rt 30. The club wishes to express its gratitude to the community for their ongoing support throughout the years. Without the support of the community, the club would not have been able to accomplish all that they have and become a leader among organizations in the area. The King William Ruritan Club serves as a shining example of the power of unity and community involvement.

King William County Board of Supervisors Provides Tax Relief to Citizens by Lowering Personal Property Tax Rate on Vehicles

Press Release

The King William County Board of Supervisors has provided tax relief to its citizens by reducing the personal property tax rate on vehicles. At a Special Called Meeting held on September 1, 2023, the Board voted unanimously to lower the personal property tax rate on vehicles to \$3.15, which is 50 cents lower than the \$3.65 rate that was approved when the FY '24 Budget was adopted in May. The reduction will generate an average savings of \$50 per vehicle, based on an average vehicle value of \$10,000. The amount of the tax rate reduction will be \$1,026,932 and will be taken from the County's Undesignated Fund Balance. Also at the special meeting, the BOS authorized the Commissioner of the Revenue to set the PPTRA rate at 26.5, with a plus or minus variance of one percent. Second District Supervisor Travis Moskalski was unable to attend the meeting.

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Obituaries



FLEMING Wendy was a member of 'The Wendy, 75 of King CornerStone Community Church' where she maintained a close relationship with William went to be she with the Lord on Rev. James and Sheila Iswariah. She was September 6, 2023. a dedicated volunteer at 'The CornerStone Community Development Center' and did for 50 years to so with great enthusiasm and energy, George Fleming working countless hours at the food bank. Wendy leaves behind her son, Brian Charles, four loving grandchildren, Faith (Matt), Samantha (Justin), Brian (Kirsten), Taylor and nine great-grandchildren. Alaina, Brianna, Mitch, Mattie, Paxton, Remy, Kennedy Grace, Forrest and Brooks. She also leaves behind two brothers John (Bev) and Paul Robertson, a sister Pat Jones (Tommy), a loving niece, Rose Mary Walters; and several other loving and devoted family members.

Fox Moon Farm Project, continued

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Walkerton: Yesterday and Today

By Gene Campbell

The Town of Walkerton is the epitome of small-town America. Nestled in the picturesque farmland in King & Queen County overlooking the serene Mattaponi River, it truly embodies the essence of "God's country." How did it all begin? The origins of Walkerton can be traced back to the early days of the colonists' westward expansion after the establishment of Jamestown in 1607. In 1653 a member of the Governor's Council, Edward Diggs, obtained a 2,350-acre grant that included the present site of Walkerton. However, Diggs abandoned his claim after a few years. In 1665 Col. Thomas Walker acquired the claim. His family established "Locust Grove Plantation" shortly thereafter. Locust Grove is located less than a mile north of Walkerton on Rt 629 and still remains in the Walker family. Col Walker achieved success in various commercial ventures and founded the hamlet of Walkerton in 1691, the same year King & Queen County was formed. The hamlet boasted warehouses (mainly tobacco warehouses), a cotton gin, a manufacturing grist mill, a copper-smithy, and a store. Recognizing Walker's accomplishments, the Virginia Assembly acquired 40 acres of land from the Walkers in 1709 and established the Town of Walkerton or "Walker Town".

During this time, another gentleman named John Waller established a plantation called "Enfield" on the river opposite Walkerton. It is owned by the Parker family today. Waller had tobacco warehouses too and ran a ferry regularly between the two points. The ferry was not equipped to transport goods across the river; therefore, the river was a significant barrier to trade between King William and King & Queen. Tobacco cultivation dominated the

economy of King & Queen in the early 1700s but declined after 1750. The American Revolution (1765-1791) also contributed to its decline. This contributed to the decrease in the level of commerce at the wharves and warehouses in Walkerton. In 1785 Walkerton was disincorporated as a town. Despite the turndown in the economy, the river crossing at Walkerton was seen as vitally important. After the decline of tobacco cultivation, farmers turned to corn and grain production. In 1773 a grist mill was operating in Walkerton and by 1848 it was a substantial milling operation. It was called the "Walkerton Mill House" and it still stands today located on the right just before crossing the Rt 629 bridge (once the mill dam) heading north out of Walkerton. It is a three-story structure and I have always thought it would be a wonderful restaurant with its setting overlooking the spillway. There are two structures (now residences) near the mill. One served as the "Miller's Cottage" which housed a succession of Walkerton Mill's 19th and early 20th century proprietors and the other served as the Walkerton Hotel.

Two gentlemen, Thacker Muire, and Albert Sale, maintained commercial enterprises in Walkerton in the mid-1800s. Muire's business was in warehousing, transporting flour and grain along the Mattaponi River and he also operated the Walkerton Ferry from his wharf. Sale maintained a wharf as well along with a store on the main road (forerunner to Scott's Store?). Muire's home, "White Marsh," still stands overlooking the Mattaponi River. It is the white frame house located to the right as you cross the bridge into Walkerton. The house and property have been owned by the Mitchell family since the late 19th century and is currently the home of Scott and Linda Mitchell.

Thomas Newton Walker was the most successful entrepreneur in the Walkerton area in the later part of the 19th century. He had interests in the Walkerton Wharf Company, a warehouse, and a steamboat. Steamboats began carrying passengers and freight to West Point and beyond in the mid-1850s. However, in 1890 Walker's businesses took a disastrous turn and his property was sold to pay his debts. Walker's demise was a boom for Walkerton as his property was divided into lots and sold. Homes and businesses were built on these lots. In 1904 the Walkerton and Mattaponi Bridge Company was formed. They purchased riverfront property from the estate of Walker and a wooden draw bridge was built just upriver from the present bridge. In 1908 John B Stansbury of Baltimore bought three acres from the Walker estate and started a vegetable canning plant. In 1911 the Mattaponi Pickling Company was formed and they purchased Peavine Island which is in site and just downriver from the present Walkerton bridge.

During this period of the early 20th century, Walkerton thrived and enjoyed a period of unparalleled development and prosperity. Three hotels operated in Walkerton along with several stores and a branch of a King William County bank. In those days travelers gathered and waited in Walkerton to make connections with either a steamboat ride to West Point or a daily stage ride to Lestor Manor en route to their rail connection for Richmond. This rail connection



The lazy days of summer in historic Walkerton

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Walkerton today is a hidden gem that offers a peaceful and picturesque setting for its residents and visitors alike. With its rich history, natural beauty, and close-knit community, it's no wonder that Walkerton is cherished by those who call it home.

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Bancroft Announces Candidacy -Board of Supervisor- 5th District

Mary Sue Bancroft has lived in the 5th District of King William County since 1996. The span of her career has been primarily in Finance/Accounting/Business Management and former Treasurer of King William County. In her time as Treasurer, she quickly learned that there is a significant, critical need for improvement within the county Administration and clarity regarding the financial well-being of the County. The position to which she can be most instrumental in providing



that to the citizens is as a Board member. In October 2022 she made it publicly known that was her desire and began her plan of sharing with the citizens what she felt they should know. You may recall her article in the October 12, 2022, Country Courier. Since then, she has appeared before the Board of Supervisors (BOS) many times to express concerns regarding the best interest of the citizens, which seem to be ignored. One of her mantras heard at a board meeting is "when do the needs of the citizens come before the wants of the board?" Her intent as a Board member is to ensure citizens are heard, respected and that their needs are paramount in decisions made by Board. "To ensure citizens have access to necessary services, we need to investigate forensically where we stand financially. At this point, there is no certainty on that issue as witnessed in the conflicting financial reports provided by the Finance Department. Likewise, our expenditures need to be scrutinized to see where we are overspending and what can be eliminated." said Bancroft. Bancroft is very familiar with the Edmunds Financial Software used by several departments within the County and knows it's capacity and feels the information within its files need to be corrected due to mismanagement of

financial records before, during and after its implementation. Another area Bancroft feels strongly about is the lack of a pharmacy within the upper end of the County. "With the growth in the county our community footprint is ripe for a pharmacy much like Westwood, Westbury and Colonial Pharmacies. If you've ever visited any of those, you will see how those types would fit well for our citizens and bring a much needed, well run small business to the area. Who knows, they may even incorporate an old type "fountain counter" for the enjoyment of citizens. We need to foster communications with the likes of such organizations to encourage them to come to our lovely county." Mary Sue Bancroft is committed to working closely with her constituents as well as County leaders and staff to ensure King William remains a wonderful place to live, play, grow and fellowship while ensuring our citizens enjoy a low residential tax base. "There will be some great improvements to the County if the citizens choose to vote for the new candidates running for Board of Supervisor and School Board on November 7, 2023." Bancroft said.

(Authorized by Bancroft for Board of Supervisors)

NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BID

King and Queen County has issued Invitation for Bid (IFB) #202307-01 for the construction of a 7,000 square foot office building and site upgrades on County-owned real property adjoining Route 33. The building will house multiple full-time tenants as well as mobile business work spaces and an exterior park-and-ride facility. Project bid documents are available on EVA or by contacting the county administrator's office at 804-785-5975. All bids are due to the County Administration Office, 242 Allen's Circle, Suite 211, King and Queen Court House, Virginia no later than 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26, 2023. Please refer to the Bid Documents for more detail regarding bid requirements and submission.

Cavaliers Football

By Michael Commins

After four weeks of touring the Commonwealth with stops in Poquoson, Southampton County, Stuarts Draft, and last week, Clarke County, King William took to Roger G. Brookes III Field at Cavalier Stadium for its first home game of the 2023 season. Their opponent was their neighbor from across the Pamunkey, the Hanover High Hawks.



Cavalier Jahmari Dupree-Wade (1) celebrates interception with James Stewart (2)

The evening began with a special ceremony honoring longtime Cavalier coach Al Tupponce for his 41 years of football and track and field dedication to King William High. Coach "T" was the defensive coordinator on many Cavalier football teams including the 2000 state Group A, Division 2 champions, who defeated Honaker High, quarterbacked by future UVA and Pittsburgh Steeler tight end Heath Miller, 25 - 15. The newly renovated track around Roger Brookes III Field will now be known as "Coach T Track."

The ensuing game dubbed by some as the "Border County Bowl" began as a hard hitting affair on both sides with the only points in quarter number one being provided by Hanover's Scott Hamp, who booted a 34-yard field goal with 44.9

seconds left to give the Hawks a 3 - 0 lead going into quarter number two.

Hanover quarterback Nolan Crist found Malachi Madden on a 62-yard touchdown completion at the 6:26 mark of the second quarter with Scott Hamp adding the point after for a 10 - 0 Hawk lead. Peyton Seelmann got into the scoring act for Hanover with a 6-yard scamper into the end zone with 34.8 seconds left before halftime. Hamp once again added the point after and the teams headed off the field for halftime with Hanover holding a 17 - 0 lead over the Cavaliers. Hanover received the second-half kick but was forced to punt on their first possession.

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Buffett, continued

So, as we raise a margarita and say “Thanks for the memories Jimmy, it’s five o’clock somewhere” let’s remember that his music is not limited to any one generation. It’s a timeless soundtrack that speaks to the universal desire for freedom, relaxation, and a life well-lived.

Whether you’re a baby boomer reminiscing about the “good ole days” or a millennial seeking an escape from the pressures of the digital age, Jimmy Buffett’s music will always have a special place in our hearts and continue to inspire us to live life to the fullest.

Dates Announced for Fourth Annual Art in Transit Judged Competition

Winning artist will receive \$1,000 first prize and have their work displayed on Bay Transit bus

Contributed – Bay Transit, the public transportation division of Bay Aging, and the RAL Art Center have announced the dates for the Fourth Annual Art in Transit judged competition. Artists throughout the Northern Neck, Middle Peninsula, and Richmond area will be invited to participate in the fourth edition of the regional Art in Transit contest when the call for entries is announced in January. The deadline for entries and art submissions to the RAL Art Center in Kilmarnock has been expanded to multiple dates next April to encourage participation. Artists will be able to submit their artwork beginning on Saturday, April 27th, 2024, as well as Sunday, April 28th, or Monday, April 29th, from 10 AM and 12 PM. “Each year, we have received more entries from across the region and wanted to make it easier for people to travel to Kilmarnock to drop them off,” said RAL Art Center Executive Director Sharon Stone. “Last year’s first place winner, Sarah Marshall Elliott, is from Richmond. We want to make sure that it is convenient as possible for artists from across the region to participate, so we’ve added dates for them to drop off their entries.”



RAL Art Center Executive Director Sharon Stone, first-place artist Sarah Marshall Elliot, and Bay Transit Director Ken Pollock, posing in front of a reproduction of Sarah’s painting at last year’s awards ceremony

Next year’s award winners will be recognized at the 2024 Art in Transit reception and awards ceremony on Friday night, May 31st, 2024, from 5 until 7 PM. “The prizes for the Fourth Annual Art in Transit winners have been increased,” noted Bay Transit Director Ken Pollock. “In 2024, the first prize will be \$1,000, with the second-place winner receiving a check for \$750, and the third-place winner receiving \$500,” Pollock added. The culmination of the awards ceremony will once again occur when a copy of the first-place entry is unveiled on the side of a Bay Transit bus.

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Cavaliers Fall at Clarke County

By Michael Commins

Berryville, VA - September 1, 2023

The long Labor Day holiday weekend began with a long bus ride for the Cavaliers of King William as they travelled to the northwest corner of the Commonwealth to face the Eagles of Clarke County High.

Clarke County got on the scoreboard first when Wyatt Palmer scored on a 5 yard run and John Beiler converted the point after at the 3:32 mark of the first quarter. The drive was the result of a Cavalier turnover as Trenton Stallings pass attempt was intercepted by the Eagles at the King William 49 yard line. Clarke County would add another score on William Booker's 5 yard run and Beiler's second point after at the 2:58 mark of the quarter. King William appeared to score the tying touchdown at the 8:52 mark but Stallings' 1 yard run was nullified by a "player assist" penalty call by the officials. Cooper Wolfe's 25 yard field goal attempt after was wide left. Clarke County also attempted a 33 yard field goal with 3.3 seconds to go before halftime but Beiler's attempt was wide right. The half ended with the Eagles on top 14 - 0.

The third quarter saw Clarke County score twice, the first on another Booker 1 yard run at the 6:56 mark and again on a Carson Rutherford 1 yard run at the 2:08 mark. Beiler converted 1 of the 2 PATs in the quarter.

The Cavaliers and Eagles exchanged scores in the fourth with Clarke County's Tanner Sipe finding the end zone from 40 yards out with 6:08 to go and Beiler adding the extra point. King William's James Stewart scored from 3 yards out with 5:06 remaining but the extra

point try from Wolfe failed making the final Clarke County 34 and the Cavaliers 6.

The Cav offense was led by James Stewart's 94 yards rushing on 12 carries with 1 touchdown. Trenton Stallings was 4 of 14 for 56 yards and 2 interceptions. Nic Medlin, Caron Washington, Stewart, and Marty Braxton all had receptions.

The Cav defense was led by seniors Derek Baker, Carter Hamilton, CJ Cosby, Marcus Washington, Nic Medlin, and Jahmari Dupree-Wade. James Stewart, Trenton Stallings, Jaiheim Trueheart, Larry Epps, K'Sean Hill, and LeMon Wallace also contributed on the defensive side.

The Cavaliers will have their 2023 home opener this Friday, September 8th, taking on the Hawks of Hanover High School. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 PM at Roger G. Brookes III Field.

SCORING SUMMARY

1st QUARTER:
 CC - Palmer, 5 yard run 3:32 Beiler PAT
 2nd QUARTER:
 CC - Booker, 5 yard run Beiler PAT
 HALFTIME Score: CC - 14 KW - 0
 3rd QUARTER:
 CC - Booker, 1 yard run 6:56 Beiler PAT. CC - Rutherford, 1 yard run Beiler PAT failed
 4th QUARTER:
 CC - Sipe, 40 yard run 6:08 Beiler PAT
 KW - Stewart, 3 yard run 5:06 Wolfe PAT failed
 Final Score: Clarke County - 34 King William - 6

Cavs, continued

The Hawk defense proceeded to intercept Cavalier quarterback Trenton Stallings at the Hanover 26-yard line and with 4:57 left in the quarter, Nolan Crist again was on target to Brandon Harris, Jr. for a 3-yard scoring pass. Scott Hamp added his third PAT and the Hawks increased their lead to 24 - 0. The Hawks would add another score after a Cavalier punt when Crist tossed a 46-yard touchdown to Gabriel Jenkins and Hamp's fourth PAT with 1:10 to go.



Cavalier Trenton Stallings (10) hands off to James Stewart (2) with Jahmari Dupree-Wade (1) heading up field to block against Hanover High

The Hawks completed the evening with 5:49 left in the game when T. J. Wingfield, Jr. scored from 6 yards out. Hamp added the PAT to increase the score to 38 - 0. King William recovered a mishandled punt by Hanover at the Hawk 26 with 2:05 to go in the game but could not sustain a scoring drive. Cooper Wolfe's 37-yard field goal that appeared good from the sideline was ruled wide right with 32.8 seconds to go in the game. James Stewart led the Cavaliers' offense with 51 yards on 18 carries while Trenton Stallings was 3 of 10 passing for 26 yards and 2 interceptions. Stewart, Caron Washington, and Jahmari Dupree-Wade all had receptions for King William.

The Cavalier defense was led by Derek Baker, Carter Hamilton, Marcus Washington, Macari Martin, and Stewart,

who recorded an interception. K'Sean Hill contributed with 3 tackles and 64 return yards on 5 punts fielded.

The Cavaliers will host our neighbors to the north this Thursday, September 14th, when the "other" Cavaliers from Caroline High come to Central Garage for a scheduled 7 PM kickoff. Please note the Thursday date and game time. The King William JV Cavaliers will travel to Caroline High on Wednesday, September 13th, for their second game of the season with kickoff scheduled for 6 PM. The JV Cavalier game against the Hanover JV Hawks on Thursday, September 7th, was unable to be played due to area storms and as of this time, will not be rescheduled.

Come out to both games and show your support for our teams and cheerleaders!

King William Candidates Speak at Town Halls

Rehoboth Baptist Fellowship Church at 5904 Acquinton Church Road, King William, VA, invites King William residents to attend multiple town halls to meet the local candidates running for election in November 2023. King William Board of Supervisors Town Hall will be Wednesday, **September 20th at 6:00 PM**. King William School Board candidates will speak on Wednesday, **October 4th at 6:00 PM**. These town halls will be held in our Fellowship Hall. We have had an excellent response from our candidates, and many have committed to attend and share. There will be a structured time for each candidate to speak and answer questions. We encourage you to join us for this set aside time to get to know those who want our vote and the subsequent responsibility that will follow. We will provide light refreshments.

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Christian Fellowship Ministries 304 W. Chinquapin Rd., King William, Va 23086, will be celebrating our Homecoming on Sunday, September 17, at 11:00 a.m. Please come out and join in the Praise! There will be Word, music, food, and fellowship!

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! Worship Sunday mornings 10AM. Adult Sunday School 9AM. Children's church during service. Family Fun Day Oct. 29, 2-4PM. Food, Games, Music, Emergency vehicles and more. Search for us on Facebook or YouTube: Smyrna Christian Church Bruington. Pastor Bill Ford (770)687-6621/ www.Smyrna.org

The Way Christian Church

Join us Sunday at 10am at Upper K&Q Ruritan Club, 186 Walnut Spring Rd. St. Stephens Ch. 23148. Bake Sale Sept. 2 from 8 until 2. at Watts Store in Millers Tavern. Info call Melvin Price at 804-518-7980. Pastor Charlie Ryan. Look for signs showing *The Way!*.

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Colosse Baptist Church

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Epworth United Methodist Church

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

First Baptist Church

Sunday School Appreciation Day and Picnic 414 Main Street, West Point Sunday, 9/17/2023 9:45am - Sunday School for all ages 11:00am - Worship Service Picnic after worship Everyone is invited Contact FBC for more information or like us on FACEBOOK. 804-843-2484 or office@fbcwestpoint.org

Gethsemane Baptist Church

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Kingdom of God Living Water Ministry

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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.

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Saint Paul Baptist Church

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Community Calendar

Attention: Under 60 Words please & thank you!

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King William Republican Committee Meetings
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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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The CornerStone Community Development Center Aylett 11235
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