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## Let the Voting Begin



Campaign signs flood the courthouse complex

By Gene Campbell

Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, marked the first day of in-person early voting in Virginia for the November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, general election. King William County early voters were greeted with an array of political signs as they approached the general registrar's office in the King William County Administration building. This year all of the 100-seat House of Delegates and the 40-seat Virginia Senate are on the ballot as well as local constitutional officers (sheriff, treasurer, commissioner of revenue, commonwealth attorney, and circuit court clerk), board of supervisors, and school board members.

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## King & Queen Ruritan's Meet the Candidate Night



Candidates met at the Ruritan Club September 19<sup>th</sup> to talk to citizens.

By Danny Clark

The King and Queen Ruritan's held a meet the candidates night on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Ruritan President Jim Parrett welcomed the candidates and guests. Each candidate was given a few minutes to introduce themselves and share their qualifications. Ruritan President, Jim Parrett also recognized member Jamie Ryland for his hard work in putting the meeting together. The only offices having 2 candidates running for those positions are Clerk of the Court, Hattie M. Robinson and Donna Elliott Sprouse. Running for the Sheriff's position are, W.R. "Rob" Balderson and T.M. "Tommy" Atkinson. Member Board of Supervisors for the Buena Vista District are, Carolyn Robinson Billups and John A. Bland,

Sr. Member Board of Supervisors, for the Shanghai District, are Marie Norman and John Charboneau. Soil & Water Conservation Directors, Three Rivers District (2) are Sara Kay Henley and Bruce G. Taylor. The majority of King and Queen's elected officials are running unopposed.

There are two Write-In positions, they are Member, Board of Supervisors, Stevensville District, and Member School Board, Newtown District. Our votes are so important in helping to shape the kind of community we wish to live in. Get to know your elected officials and what they believe in. They want your thoughts and input. It's our votes that will give them the opportunity and responsibility to represent us in the days ahead.

## Sovereign Nations of Virginia Conference



Joel Dunn with Chief Anne Richardson

PHOTO CREDIT Duane Berger

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September 14th, marked the 3rd annual Sovereign Nations of Virginia Conference at the VA. Crossings Hotel and Conference Center. Opening to the sounds of the Maskapow Drum from the Rappahannock Tribe along with a beautiful procession of Virginias' tribal chiefs, tribal flag bearers and the Native American Women Warriors Color Guard.

The agenda this year was Green Economic Development on Tribal Lands, which gathered tribal representatives from around the Country. "Tribal Sovereignty is the base for building sustainable economies for our communities," said Jerry Pardilla, of the Penobscot Nation and Director, Office of Environmental Resource

Management for the United South and Eastern Tribes.

Supporting Indigenous Led economic development and climate solutions were various partners and leaders in conservation, climate change, carbon offsets, tax credits, energy, and cultural tourism. One panel made a stellar presentation on the barriers, solutions and opportunities for tribal economic development using an array of tools, including easements and federal tribes co-managing lands in partnership with other federal agencies, and a new report on the lack of funding set aside in the Land and Water Conservation Fund for tribes.

Please see SOVEREIGN NATIONS, continued on page 21.

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## Attorney General Miyares Announces 22 Year Sentence for Violent Robbery in King William

*King William County Circuit Court Sentences Defendant to 22 Years for 2021 Robbery that Left Victim Paralyzed*

RICHMOND, Va. – Attorney General Jason Miyares today announced that a King William County Circuit Court has sentenced Javion Martin to a term of 22 years active incarceration for a 2021 robbery that left an 18-year-old victim paralyzed.

Martin was initially investigated for a shooting that occurred on Sandy Lane in King William County on November 26, 2021. The shooting left an 18-year-old victim paralyzed and a 19-year-old victim suffering five gunshot wounds. On June 22, 2023, a King William County jury found Martin guilty of:

- Robbery resulting in serious bodily injury (Virginia Code § 18.2-58)

- Use of a firearm in the commission of a felony (Virginia Code § 18.2-53.1)

- Unlawful wounding (Virginia Code § 18.2-51)

Unlawful shooting into an occupied vehicle (Virginia Code § 18.2-154)

“My office remains steadfast in our commitment to prosecuting violent offenders across the Commonwealth, and I commend the exceptional trial team for their tireless efforts to bring justice for the victims of this horrific crime,” said Attorney General Miyares.

The King William Sheriff’s Office led the investigation, and King William County Commonwealth’s Attorney Tiffany M. Webb and Assistant Attorney General Ayesha Osborne of the Major Crimes and Emerging Threats section of the Office of the Attorney General prosecuted the case.

*So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18*



## Publisher’s Message



This is my favorite time of year. Changing leaves, cool nights, and pleasant sunny days. I always look forward to the first fire in the open glass wood stove. My birthday is in October, I’m so thankful to be celebrating another year on planet Earth. The changing seasons remind me of the beautiful cycle of life we all are a part of.

Take care until next time.

*Danny Clark*



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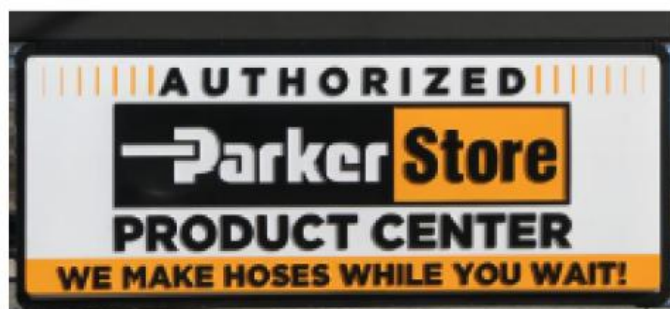


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### State Fair

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

The State Fair is back. I always like to go and see the mule and horse pulling. They are amazing animals. There is a lot of things to see like shows, music, and of course the rides.

They used to have a helicopter that for fifty dollars would take you up for a ride. I would always tell my wife "I sure would like to go for a ride in that helicopter." My wife would always say "That's too much money, fifty bucks is fifty bucks!" Every year was the same thing "No way, fifty bucks is fifty bucks!" Well one year the pilot overheard us and said "Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you up for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say a word, I won't charge you a penny! But if you say one word, it's fifty dollars!" My wife agreed, so we jumped in the helicopter and up we went. After a few minutes, the pilot started doing some trick maneuvers trying to get us to say something. I kept my mouth closed tight. Then the pilot started rolling



the helicopter on its side and almost upside down, but still not a word from me. When we finally landed, the pilot turned around and said "Allen, I did just about everything I could to get you to say something or yell out but you didn't. I'm impressed!" I told him "It was really hard to keep quiet. I almost said something when you turned us upside down and my wife fell out. But you know fifty bucks is fifty bucks!"

I'm just kidding with you.

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

## Lost in the Sixties Tonight



Coach Bob Murray (center) surrounded by athletes from the sixties

By Gene Campbell

Fifty-five years ago in 1968, a group of twenty graduates from King William High School embarked on their individual journeys into the world. Among them was myself. Fast forward fifty-five years and over seventy people attended. Graduates from 1965 through 1969 along with their spouses gathered at the Pasta House Restaurant in Mechanicsville to reminisce about the 'good ole days' and share stories of our life journeys. Teacher Madeline Sue Townsend, and Coach/teacher Bob Murray were present and added a touch of nostalgia to the gathering. As we sat together flipping through the pages of our yearbooks, the 'past came alive.' We were transported back to the halls of our old high school where laughter echoed and class bells rang. We remembered the sock hop we had after we beat West Point, with the only source of light in the gym being the scoreboard proudly displaying the final score 92 - 72. Speaking of sock

hops in the old Community Building? After dancing the night away, we gathered at the Tastee Freeze with our sweeties.

We paused to remember and honor those who are no longer with us, cherishing their memory and the impact they had on our lives. The teachers who guided us were also remembered. Buddy Parker from the class of 1969 recalled a story about teacher and Glee Club leader Mrs. White. The friendships forged during those formative years have stood the test of time. We have weathered the storms of life and faced triumphs and tribulations.

Reunions serve as a reminder that the ties that bind us are unbreakable. They are a testament to the enduring power of connection, reminding us that no matter where life takes us, we will always be united by the shared experiences of our youth. As the night came to a close, we bid farewell to this reunion and look forward to the next one. Happy trails classmates, till we meet again.

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### For our Teachers...

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## About me...

I'm nobody special. I'm not a CEO, veteran, business owner or politician. I'm just a regular mom, wife, and friend, but I am also a concerned King William citizen who deeply cares about the direction of our schools.

I was born and raised in Alexandria, Virginia. I have a Bachelor's in Education from Liberty University, and a nearly completed Master's degree in Secondary Education with over 10 years of classroom teaching experience.

I've lived in 4 states and two foreign countries, but when my family and I moved from Hanover to King William in 2021, we knew we'd found our forever home. My husband and I have 4 children (ages 18, 17, 14, and 9). Our oldest graduated last year from KWHS, and we currently have a freshman, a senior, and our youngest attends Acquinton Elementary.

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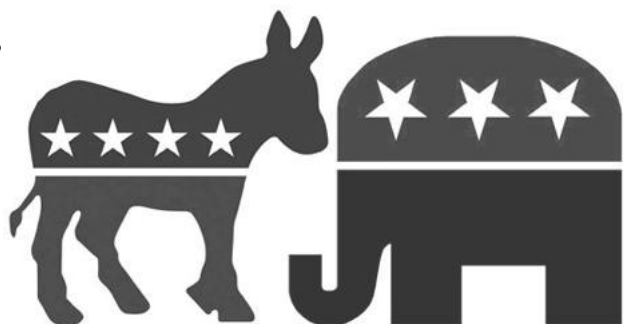
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## Obituaries

### HELMICK

Grace Olivia Norman Helmick, 86, of Walkerton, VA, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, September 17, 2023. Mrs. Helmick was a lifelong member of Mizpah United Methodist Church. She is preceded in death by her husband Charles H. Helmick, Sr. (Charlie), a daughter Deborah G. Helmick, her mother and father, Edith Reynolds Norman and J. Bruce Norman, Sr. and a brother, Joseph B. Norman, Jr. She is survived by her children Charles H. Helmick, Jr. (Barbara), Theresa H. Schneider, Ronald J. Helmick, Sr. (Julie) and Karen H. Gardner (Jimmy), and a sister Ruby Hardwick. She is also survived by many beloved grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at the Mizpah United Methodist Church, Walkerton, VA 23177.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Mizpah United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 173, Walkerton, VA 23177

Lambert) and a sister, Debbie Lambert. She is preceded in death by her parents Edgar David and Monnie Mae Wolfe Lambert.

A memorial service will be held 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 30, 2023 at the B. W. White Funeral Home, 7837 Richmond Tappahannock Highway, Aylett, Virginia 23009. The family will receive friends one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

### KEMP



Helen Mae Carter Kemp, 77, of Shackelfords, VA passed away September 20, 2023. She was a longtime member of Poroporone Baptist Church and a church organist for many years.

Helen Mae dearly loved her family and was tickled to be "GaGa" to her three beloved grandchildren, of whom she was especially proud. She had been an animal lover her entire life, always having pets of some sort nearby to enjoy.

Helen Mae was preceded in death by her husband of 35 years, Robert "Bobby" Kemp; her parents, Alfred and Vernelle Carter; and her brother, Arthur Lewis Carter. She is survived by her beloved daughter, Bobbie Jo Jones; granddaughter, Carter Jones; and grandsons, Kemp and Baylor Jones; as well as a brother, Brent Carter.

Special thanks are extended to her caregivers, Caryn Gallihugh and Loreen Townsend, for the exceptional care they provided Helen Mae.

A service was held Monday, September 25, 2023. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Indian Rivers Humane Society, PO Box 264, Aylett, VA 23009. Tributes may be posed at [www.vincentfh.com](http://www.vincentfh.com).

### ROLLINS



With a heavy heart we announce the passing of Lois Ann Rollins, 65, of Aylett, VA, who passed away on Wednesday, September 20, 2023. We can wipe away the tears in our eyes but not the pain in our hearts. Lois grew up in Henrico VA., and moved to King William County after she graduated high school. Lois was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, daughter and sister.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years, James "Eddie" Rollins, Jr., a son; James E. Rollins, III, a daughter; Jamie Lynn Eppard, grandchildren; Tray, Diamond, Jaxon, great grandchild; Clarity Jade, on brother; Ronald Lambert (Sarah

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## CANDIDATE Round-Up NEW DATE

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3rd District Write In's:  
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Justin Catlett  
4th District: Stewart Garber and Lindsay May Robinson  
5th District: Mary Sue Bancroft

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## Look out for others during Bicyclist and Pedestrian Awareness Month

BLACKSBURG— As Bicyclist and Pedestrian Awareness Month approaches, every road user should be mindful of an alarming uptick in nationwide fatalities involving walkers and bikers.

Transportation planners and officials learned more details at September's DRIVE SMART Virginia Distracted Driving Summit in Blacksburg. Virginia Farm Bureau was among the event's sponsors.

Senior transportation planner Michael Farrell is bicycle and pedestrian coordinator for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Street Smart program. He promotes safety campaigns in the densely populated D.C. region, which includes several Northern Virginia counties.

Pedestrian fatalities have risen post-COVID 19, hitting a 40-year high in 2021 across the U.S. Then, drivers struck and killed 3,434 pedestrians in just the first six months of 2022, up 5% from the same period in 2021.

"Our own region is no exception," Farrell said. "We had an increase of pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities in 2022 that was 37% over 2021, which basically wipes out 20 years' worth of progress reducing these fatalities."

DSV's 2022 annual report showed 171 pedestrians and 11 bicyclists were killed on Virginia roadways. Additionally, 529 cyclists and 1,390 pedestrians were injured.

Regional police departments increased enforcement last spring, ticketing drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists who break traffic safety laws. Fines range from \$40 to \$500.

One resounding message for non-motorists— be safe, be seen. Bike lights help.

"And wear something reflective, especially in the fall, because that's when we have the most pedestrian crashes, in October and November, when the weather is better for walking," Farrell explained.

The following are safety tips from **BeStreetSmart.net**:

*When driving:*

- Avoid distractions, and stop for pedestrians at crosswalks.

- Be cautious when passing buses or stopped vehicles.

- When turning, yield to walkers and cyclists, and look for bikes before opening your door.

- Be especially careful if you drive a large vehicle with blind spots.

*When walking:* Cross the street at the corner, and use marked crosswalks when available.

- Use the push-buttons, and wait for the crossing signal. Look left, right and left again before crossing.

- Be aware of blind spots around trucks and buses.

- Avoid using your cell phone while crossing the street.

*When biking:*

- Never ride against traffic. Stay in a straight line at least 3 feet from parked cars.

- Use hand signals to communicate with motorists.

- Wear a helmet, and use lights at night and when visibility is poor.



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# Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Subject: "Independent Candidate"

Is there such a thing as an Independent Candidate anymore? I believe this is more misinformation than a statement of fact.

Our local government is our last line of defense against the institutions we used to trust. That said - the following are questions all candidates need to answer before they get our vote.

What conservative/Republican agenda items do you oppose, which ones do you support and what actions will you use to implement your beliefs.

What liberal/Democrat agenda items do you oppose, which ones do you support and what actions will you use to implement your beliefs.

Since 2020 the Covid19 agenda has been a campaign that has thrown the Constitution and Rule of Law under the bus. Free speech, HIPA, Mask mandates. Forced closing of businesses and schools all based more on a political agenda were the norm. What are your plans to combat this overreach in King William? What sources will you use to verify the accuracy of information you base your decisions on after looking at both sides of the discussion?

FOIA requests to our county should be posted on the county website with the answers. In fact, if there is a FOIA request you should start asking "Why is this

information not on the King William County Website?". I was told by one candidate the information for most questions can be found on other sources - hence - Why is it not on the county website? Transparency is the tool that keeps corruption and incompetence in check. What changes to the website will you insist on?

Parental Rights have been under attack. In March and April of this year at the Public Comment Period during the Board of Supervisors Meetings many citizens requested that the books be age rated with a quick visual guide for parents whose children check out the books, like the ratings movies carry. Mr. Tom Shepley (Pamunkey Regional Library Director) told the BOS rating is not done at the local level and rated at the provider level. This request for age rating the books was turned down by the current Board. What are your plans to support and address the weakening of Parental Rights on this issue and school policies that conflict with parental rights?

When a Commonwealth Attorney chooses to stop doing their job as we have seen in other areas of our state - How do you plan on addressing this?

I hope this gives you some ideas on the type of questions you might like to ask. The freedoms you save may be your own.

Sincerely,  
Paul Jamerson  
King William

Dear Editor,

Construction of an auditorium has been on the King William comprehensive plan since 2003 - twenty years ago. Even then, adding it to the plan was a seriously long-overdue call to action.

But there was no action. Funding was quickly diverted when asbestos was found in the high school when additions were made the early 2000's. The Superintendent, School Board members at the time, and community members reacted by forming the King William Public Schools Education Foundation. The foundation is not affiliated with the schools. The foundation is a 501 (c) 3 that was established in 2006 specifically to raise money to build an auditorium in King William County. They took on the purposefully vague name because they assumed the foundation would assist with other projects after the auditorium's construction was underway.

In 2019 Ballou Justice and Upton Architects drew up plans for an improved high school that included an auditorium, citing that it was the number one need and want for the community. Something we were lacking and were definitely the poorer for it. They highly recommended we have a facility; the money was to come from capital funding. However, once again, problems were found in other areas that took the auditorium off the agenda.

Despite this setback, KWPSEF has worked tirelessly to raise money, never giving up on helping the county fill this true need. We have put on nine Fine Arts Festivals that included all the schools and community businesses, four "King William's Got Talent" events, two craft fairs, and a "Dancing With the Arts" performance and competition that included school board members, county employees, teachers, students and community business owners. Although there has been tremendous support from the community and its leaders, these events alone cannot fund the project.

King William High School must turn down VHSL opportunities due to the fact that we do not have the appropriate space to host. An auditorium would create jobs, promote tourism, attract businesses, provide modern amenities, offer public and community service value, and help strengthen our local economy. The Foundation wants to build a Fine Arts Facility. Our vision includes class/meeting rooms and hallways that are designed to display artwork, etc. The arts are essential to human connection, something all communities need to re-cultivate after the unnatural separation that resulted from the Covid-19 epidemic.

While other communities already have such spaces and have resumed with filling them, we

continue to fall behind and stunt our community's growth. Studies show that the arts help alleviate anxiety, depression and stress, as well as provide an environment to explore emotions and develop self-confidence. In today's fast-paced world, who couldn't benefit from that?

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## Letters to the Editor, continued

Dear Editor,

### Local Taxes in an Election Year

It's an election year and already the BoS incumbents are trying to mislead us saying they lowered taxes. How is this possible when the amount you pay has stayed relatively the same?

Keep in mind three basic values as they relate to taxes, expressed in a simple formula.

$$(Tax\ assessment\ value\ \$) \times (Tax\ rate\ \%) = (Tax\ bill\ \$)$$

Tax assessment value \$: the value of your home or vehicle which should be close to market value

Tax rate %: the % applied to the assessment value to derive the tax bill amount. There are different tax rates for different types of assets (e.g. real estate, personal property, business license)

Tax bill \$: the amount you pay KW and should be the primary value used to determine if "taxes" have changed

There are obviously other factors, but once we understand these tax basics it's easy to see why the incumbents want to talk about TAX RATE and not your TAX BILL.

Real estate (homes & land) tax assessment values went up significantly this year to be more in line with market value. The fact is they were previously undervalued due to the County's inability to successfully complete a general reassessment since 2015. KW had the worse Real Estate Ratio (Va Dept of Tax comparison of assessed values to market value) in the state until last year, which reduced the amount of funding KW received from the state.

Since the real estate tax assessment values went up with the new reassessment, the tax rate went down, and the tax bill stayed the same (on

average).

Used vehicle values saw a significant increase in 2022, and the personal property tax rate was lowered by \$1. Values went down this year and the BoS raised the tax rate \$.50. These tax rate changes were made to keep the tax bill the same (on average).

I focus on the tax bill and the check I write to King William each year. That amount hasn't changed much, but with inflation the value of the dollar used to pay these taxes has!

The best way King William can lower taxes on the citizens without removing certain exemptions is to reduce operating costs through more efficient government operations or increase the tax base from new business or industry. We've seen no meaningful improvement to either of these over the past 4 years.

Any incumbent (Hodges, Greenwood, Garber, Moren) telling you they reduced taxes is misleading you and is only telling one part of the equation - and not the most important part!

Chris Couch  
Aylett

### Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

King & Queen County Circuit Court Clerk Sam Winn (taught by Carey Hail). Debbie Longest (taught by Sam Winn). Vanessa Porter (taught by Debbie Longest). This is as far back as I can go after my years spent in the King & Queen County Clerks's Office searching titles. Every single one of these Clerk's have exemplified the position. Not only were they respectful, knowledgeable and hardworking, but their commitment to excellence is par none. If you have been to the Clerk's Office during any one of these tenures then you know exactly what I am referring to.

It takes many years to learn all the duties to become Clerk. There is no "check list" to do the job and do it well. The other candidate has been to another Jurisdiction to "learn" how to become a Circuit Court Clerk. Shadowing another Circuit Court Clerk is not giving someone the knowledge to do this job. It is a "hands on" process, especially in a small County where the staff is limited and everyone must cross train. I respectfully ask that you allow the tradition of excellence to continue in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of King & Queen County. Hattie Robinson (taught by Vanessa Porter).

Thank you for your time.  
Bonnie Alexander  
Shacklefords

Dear Editor,

I had the pleasure today of a visit and impromptu discussion with MarySue Bancroft who is running for the supervisor's seat of the 5th district in Mangohick. Let me say that MarySue Bancroft is laser focused on "us", the citizens of this county we all share and raise our families in today.

She recognizes and understands our pain and aggravation with taxes, lack of internet and how our current BoS has mis-managed and controlled these at the cost to our community. Her experience as KW Treasurer and first hand interactions with the BoS gives her the advantage to embark upon the change this BoS so badly needs today. The good ole boy network needs to be dismantled and revised as that narrative should not continue.

She also recognizes and acknowledges the need for modest growth in the county such as a family owned pharmacy -not a big corporate deal. She exemplifies a candidate that is truly running for each and every one of us in this community and she deserves a look and review of her acumen.

Damien A. Di Domenico,  
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- Building upon the current CIT Training available for deputies, which will include an invitation to all Fire and Rescue personnel, as well as other County personnel that wish to attend.
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- Involve KQSO in more community projects which directly help families in need (examples - secret Santa, holiday meals, senior citizen checks, juvenile involvement activities with officers, etc).

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# Fall Family Festival

Are you up for a little fall fun before Halloween?

Colosse Baptist Church has just the ticket – and no tickets or money required. The church has planned an extravagant Fall Family Festival to take place in the King William High School parking lot on October 14<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 2pm.

Attractions will include free food, inflatables, corn hole, face painting, classic cars, a petting zoo, lots of heavy equipment for Touch a Truck, as well as representatives from the county's fire and

police departments. "That's just the beginning of the list," says Colosse pastor Jeff Mills. "We want to give King William a fun, free day to enjoy themselves, and communicate how much we love and care for our community."

The festival will go on unless weather makes it unsafe. There is no rain date. If you have questions, please contact the church at 804-769-2729.



## Thank You

I would like to thank all the friends for the help you gave my sister Wendy Fleming. The cards and flowers but mostly the love and support you gave her. She loved each and every one of you. All her friends at the Cornerstone, her friends at Ripley's Restaurant and all of her great neighbors, thank you Bill for being such a good help at the funeral, I'm sure Wendy was smiling down on you. I would also

like to thank James & Shelia who was by her side all the way, also thanks for the donations sent to the Cornerstone, Wendy always wanted to make sure everyone had plenty to eat. I will miss my sister terribly but all of you made it easier to let her go!

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# JV Rams Defeat JV Cavs



K'Sean Hill #3 gains yardage for the Cavaliers

By Michael Commins  
Pictures by Genesis Casteel

King William JV football returned to Cavalier Stadium for their second home game of the 2023 season hosting the JV Rams of Strasburg High School. The JV Cavs received the opening kickoff and began their first offensive series from their own 48-yard line. K'Sean Hill and Zai Shelton led a running attack that moved the ball to the Strasburg 32-

yard line but on a second down with 2 yards to go for a first, Hill was intercepted and the drive ended. The interception would be the first of four on the night for the JV Cavs.

The defense for King William did their job three plays later when Zai Shelton stripped the ball from a JV Ram running back and Conner Coleman recovered at the Strasburg 27-yard line.

*Please see page 21.*



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## Caroline Wins Varsity "Cavalier Classic"



Cavalier running back James Stewart #2 scores!

By Michael Commins

Pictures by Genesis Casteel

Since 1966, the "Cavalier Classic" has been played off and on between Caroline and King William. The early days saw competition between the Bowling Green High "Mustangs" and the King William High "Knights". The current edition has been played since 1977 when Bowling Green and Ladysmith High Schools combined to form Caroline High and King William became the Cavaliers during the 1969-70 school year. The rivalry continued at Roger G. Brookes III Field at Cavalier Stadium on Thursday, September

14th, as both "Cavaliers" took the field for the 42nd gridiron meeting. King William took the opening kickoff and marched down the field behind the running of Jahmari Dupree-Wade, James Stewart, and Trenton Stallings, finishing the drive with a Dupree-Wade 9-yard touchdown run and Cooper Wolfe point after to take a 7 - 0 lead with 6:35 left in the quarter. Caroline's third possession of the game began at their own 20-yard line and ended with a 42-yard touchdown pass from Myles Holmes to Blake Morris with 11:02 left in the second quarter.

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## The Other High School



Marriott School

By Gene Campbell

Marriott School, located in St. Stephens Church, was established in 1909 as a response to the segregated public school mandate outlined in the revised Virginia Constitution of 1902. This mandate required that Virginia children be educated in segregated public schools. The original building burned down in 1937 and the present building was built in 1938. An addition was built in 1959. When I was attending King William High School in the 1960s, we played Marriott in basketball. Their high school resembled ours as they had their gym and stage area situated like ours. In 1968 in order for several of my classmates and myself to obtain an academic diploma we needed to study physics. An academic diploma was required to attend college. Marriott High School offered a physics class. Therefore, five of my classmates and I were bussed every morning of my senior year to

Marriott to attend physics class. Gladys Mae Poynter, my favorite school bus driver, drove us to Marriott every morning that semester. The year after I graduated Marriott closed its doors. In 1969 King & Queen County's "freedom of choice" plans which allowed African American children to attend either elementary school in the county were declared unconstitutional. The closing met considerable opposition in the white community but the school was reopened as an integrated school. It remained that way until 1992 when it closed again. From 1994 until 2001, Marriott School operated as a branch of the Pamunkey Regional Library. Carroll Lee Walker took on Marriott School as one of his 'renovation' projects and much credit is due to him for keeping it in use today. Marriott School was listed on the National Register of Historical Places in 2007


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### Cavalier Classic, continued

Cody Swanton added the point after to tie the score at 7. Later in the quarter on a fourth down play from their own 22-yard line, King William punter Cooper Wolfe was tackled by the Caroline defense, setting up the Caroline offense with a short field with 8:25 remaining before halftime. Quarterback Holmes found Malik Johnson for a 17-yard touchdown connection and Swanton's second PAT put Caroline up 14 - 7.

Caroline would add another score on Blake Morris' second touchdown of the contest, this time on a 71-yard punt return with 4:27 left in the half. Swanton's third PAT raised the score to 21 - 7. King William would answer, however, with James Stewart finding the end zone from 10 yards out with 36.5 seconds until halftime and with Wolfe's second PAT of the evening, the teams left the field with Caroline on top 21 - 14.

The third quarter saw King William add a Cooper Wolfe 29-yard field goal at the 5:33 mark and with 11:02 to go in the game after a 30-yard touchdown pass from Trenton Stallings to Stewart was nullified by a penalty 46 seconds prior, Stewart scored on a 4-yard run and Wolfe added his third PAT of the evening to give King William a 24 - 21 lead.

Caroline, however, was not done. Myles Holmes found Ty'Eir Williams on a 9-yard pass play, Swanton added the extra point, and Caroline was back on top 28 - 24. Vladimir Joacin sealed the deal with a 68-yard scoring scamper and a Malik Johnson run for the 2-point conversion with 57.7 seconds to go in the game securing the win

for Caroline. Javoun Morris intercepted Trenton Stallings on King William's last possession of the game with 46.2 seconds to go. With the win, Caroline moved closer in the all-time rivalry with 19 wins to the 23 held by King William.

King William was led by James Stewart's 122 yards rushing on 27 carries and 2 touchdowns. On defense, Stewart had 3 tackles and 1 assist. Jahmari Dupree-Wade totaled 26 yards on 11 carries with 1 touchdown, 2 receptions for 16 yards, and 2 tackles on defense. Dupree-Wade also had 22 yards in punt returns and 32 yards in kickoff returns. Trenton Stallings had 34 yards on 6 carries, completed 5 of 12 passes for 63 yards with 1 interception, and had 3 tackles, 3 assists, and a quarterback sack for a 5-yard loss on defense. Caron Washington had 2 receptions for 38 yards and 3 kickoff returns for 51 yards. LeMon Wallace had 2 kickoff returns for 15 yards and tallied 3 tackles and 1 pass defended on defense.

King William's defense was once again led by Derek Baker and Carter Hamilton, who each recorded quarterback sacks and tackles for loss, Marcus Washington, Marty Braxton, Nic Medlin, C. J. Cosby, Jaiheim Trueheart, and Casey Coburn. The King William Cavaliers will once again travel to the Shenandoah Valley on Friday, September 22nd, to face the Rams of Strasburg High School. Game time is scheduled for 7 p.m. The JV game against Strasburg will be Wednesday, September 20th, at Roger G. Brookes III Field with kickoff scheduled for 6 PM.

### Rehoboth holds Town Hall Meeting for Board of Supervisor Candidates



By Danny Clark  
Photo by Gene Campbell

Rehoboth Church in King William held its second of three Town Hall Meetings, this one for the Board of Supervisor candidates. Pastor Steve Via opened the meeting by welcoming the candidates and guests, followed by a prayer and introductions. Each candidate was given a few minutes to introduce themselves and share their qualifications. The attending candidates were Mary Sue Bancroft - Dist.5, Brenton Bohannon - Dist. 1, Justin Catlett - Dist. 3, Ben Edwards - Dist. 2, Stewart Garber - Dist. 4, Ed Moren - Dist.

5, Douglas Riley - Dist. 2, Lindsay Robinson - Dist.4 and Bobbie Tassinari - Dist.3. Rehoboth's final, Town Hall Meeting, will be Wednesday, October 4th. This one will be for King William school board candidates. The meeting will begin at 6 P.M.

King William County is growing, and many new advantages and challenges are ahead. It's important to know your elected officials and what they believe is best for the citizens and the county. Your vote is so important for the candidates who best share your thoughts and vision of the community you have chosen to live in.

**Write-In**

**STEPHEN K. GREENWOOD**

**King William Third District Supervisor**

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Commonwealth of Virginia  
**Sample Ballot**  
 County of King William  
 Pct. 301 - Aylett  
 General Election  
 Tuesday, November 7, 2023

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**Instructions to voters**

To vote for a candidate, use a black pen to fill in the oval next to the name, like this:

To write in a qualified candidate who is not already on the ballot, fill in the oval and write the name of the person on the line.


If you want to change a vote or have made a mistake, ask an election worker for another ballot.

If you make marks on the ballot besides filling in the oval, your votes may not be counted.

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- 2019 personal property rate \$3.65. Now \$3.15.
- Voted for funding water storage tank and water line extension.
- Expanded funding for ten Fire and EMS positions. Expanded funding for Sheriff's Department new two Dispatcher positions and 6 Deputies.

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Deputy Sheriffs, Court bailiffs, part-time positions, hourly \$15. - \$21. per (no benefits included, for part-time) We provide training and uniforms.

**Benefits:** health, dental and vision insurance, no cost to the employee, Life Insurance, Virginia Retirement Plan and earn immediate vacation and personal time, direct deposit.

**Minimum requirements:** Must be 21 years of age or older and a U.S. citizen. Must possess a high school diploma or equivalent, possess a valid driver's license.

**Applications are available on our website at:**  
**<http://www.kqso.net> , or you can pick up in person.**

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## Sovereign Nations, continued from front page



The Conference Chair, Chief Anne Richardson, Chief of the Rappahannock Tribe, announced the launch of the Indigenous Conservation Council of the Chesapeake Bay (ICC), formed as a result of last years' Sovereignty Conference. Melissa Ehrenreich, the new Executive Director of the ICC, spoke on the goals and work of the Council in developing a strategic plan to protect ancestral lands, as well as our natural and cultural resources.

Joel Dunn, CEO of the Chesapeake Conservancy, was recipient of the Rising Star Award, presented by Chief Anne Richardson of the Rappahannock Tribe for being a leader in the 30 by 30 Conservation Initiative, saving 30% of the Chesapeake Bay by 2030 and a partner who has helped the Tribe return to their lands on the Rappahannock River. He has set a high standard among conservation NGO's and state agencies for equity and inclusion of tribal nations because climate change affects everyone, and he recognizes that indigenous cultural knowledge is the most effective conservation management model.

## JV Cavs, continued

An errant snap pushed the King William offense back to the Strasburg 46, and, unable to sustain the drive, the King William punted the ball back to Strasburg.

Strasburg's first score came as the result of a fumble on a punt return by King William. The JV Rams recovered at the King William 8-yard line and scored on a running play covering those 8 yards. The 2-point conversion was good and with 7:33 to go in the first half, Strasburg took the lead 8 - 0.

King William's offense continued to struggle and were forced to punt on their next possession. Strasburg had difficulty mounting any offensive drives but got another break when King William mishandled a punt and was forced to start deep in their own territory at the two-yard line. The second King William possession at the King William 33-yard line and despite a pass interference call against them, the JV Cav defense was able to keep Strasburg out of the end zone. The half ended with the score holding at 8 - 0.

Strasburg wasted little time in scoring to open the second half as on their third play from scrimmage, found the end zone on a 60-yard touchdown run. The 2-point conversion failed and with 6:10 to go in quarter number three, their lead increased to 14 - 0. Offensive mistakes continued to plague King William and they were forced to punt back to Strasburg on their next possession. The JV Cav defense once

again held the JV Rams in check and the third quarter ended with the score 14 - 0.

King William began the fourth quarter with the ball at the Strasburg 49-yard line but was unable once again to sustain a drive and turned the ball back over to Strasburg on downs at the JV Ram 45-yard line. On the next play, Strasburg once again found the end zone on a 55-yard pass and following a successful pass for the 2-point conversion, led 22 - 0 with 5:55 to go in the game. Miscues by the JV Cav offense handcuffed King William and the third interception of the game gave the ball back to the JV Rams at the King William 26-yard line. The final score of the contest came on a 15-yard run along with another successful 2-point conversion via a running play. King William's final drive resulted in the fourth interception in the end zone after the offense had moved the ball down to the Strasburg 25-yard line. Strasburg was able to run out the clock and secure the 30 - 0 victory. K'Sean Hill led the King William offense with 9 carries for 41 yards while Zai Shelton tallied 14 yards on 10 carries. The defense was led by Owen Norman, Zai Shelton, Ben Fulks, Stevie Walton, and the interior line of Tyler Oakes, Jason Lee, and Tucker Townsend.

The JV Cavaliers travel to Heathsville, Virginia on Wednesday, September 27th, to battle the JV Indians of Northumberland High. Kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m.

# HELP WANTED

King and Queen County seeks a part-time employee to assist with Buildings and Grounds maintenance. Duties to include all aspects of landscape maintenance including mowing, weed eating, trimming trees and shrubs, planting, etc., as well as all aspects of building maintenance including washing windows, scraping, painting, light construction and repairs. Construction and mechanical knowledge and experience is a plus. Position is open until filled.

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# Church Calendar

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## CHRISTIAN

### Christ Community Church

Meeting Sunday morning in the sanctuary at Beulah Church - 1539 Lewis B Puller Memorial Hwy. east, (SR 33E, Saluda 23149) PH: (804) 370-5035 Service starts at 0930. All invited to join. Family, Friends and Neighbors come worship our Lord together. We are Christ Community Church, where Christ is the center of our community!

### Christian Fellowship Ministries

304 W. Chinquapin Rd., King William, Va 23086

### 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.

### West Point Christian Church

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

## BAPTIST

### Beulah Baptist Church

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

### Broadus Church Hebron Campus

3407 King William Rd Aylett 23009. Facebook Broadus Church Hebron Campus, web broaduschurch.org Sunday morning worship at 9:30am Bible Study for all ages at 10:45am. Mid-week Bible Studies TUESDAY evening. Youth 6:00pm, ladies and men group at 6:15pm. Food Distribution 2nd Monday of each month from 6-8pm. If you need help with free firewood or used furniture call 804-779-2700 and ask for Pastor Jeff. Come SEE what GOD is doing!!

### 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.

### 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

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

### Indian View Baptist Church

13349 King William Road, King William Come worship with us on Sundays at 11:00 AM All Are Welcome!!

### Kingdom of God Living Water Ministry

Pastor Leo Reed 1438 Manfield Road, Manquin 23106. Sunday's at 12:15 PM.

### Lower K&Q Baptist Church

204 Timber Branch Rd., Mascot, 23108 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.

### Oak Grove Baptist Church

46 Towing Farm Road, King William

### Olivet Baptist Church

25338 The Trail (Rt. 14) Mattaponi, 23110. Join us for traditional worship services 10am Sunday School Bible Studies for children and adults of all ages. 11am Worship Service each Sunday morning. A place to be with God!

### Poroporone Baptist Church

Sunday School - 9:30am Worship Service - 10:30am Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:30pm We Invite You To Join Us!

### Providence Baptist Church

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

### Rock Spring Baptist Church

4134 Manfield Rd, Manquin. Pastor Pagie Hancock, 111 invites you to join us on Sundays at 9:15am for Sunday School and 10:15am for Morning Service. The Recipe Fundraiser Dinners for sale Friday, September 29, 11am- 6pm. menu & prices on the church website. Usher's Anniversary at 10:15 am on Sunday, October 15 with Refuge Church of Sandston, & Minister Dirk and First Lady Katina Paige, music by Ms. Shala Davis. All visiting Ushers welcome, come in Uniform. Men's Day Celebration Sunday, October 29th at 2:00 pm.

### Saint Paul Baptist Church

Globe Road, Aylett.

### Second Mount Olive Church

of Little Plymouth, VA, will be celebrating our 136th Missionary Anniversary on October 15, at 11:00 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Andrew (Jack) White

### 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

### Third Union Baptist Church

452 Walkerton Rd in KW, invite you to Spaghetti Dinner & Movie Night on Fri., 9/13/23. Dinner at 6PM & the Movie (Top Gun Maverick) at 7PM. Cost is \$7 for adults & \$5 for kids under 12. Also join us for Men's Day on Sun., 9/15/23 at 10:30am. Any questions, please call 804-769-3123.

### The Edge Worship Centre

460 14th St. West Point.

[www.tewcwestpoint.net](http://www.tewcwestpoint.net)

### The Fix Ministry

Saturday nights @ 5:30, 1025 Hobbs Hole Drive in Tappahannock. Potluck Dinners first Saturday of month following the worship service. Wednesday night at 7pm, Bible Study is held at The Fix Chapel. If you have any questions, please call us at (804)473-9011. Come join us and be Blessed!

### Union Hope Baptist Church

571 Union Hope Road, King William: Sunday Morning Prayer and Praise 10:15AM; Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:30AM (In-person and Teleconference) Teleconference option: Phone: (774) 220-4000, PIN 57187 Upcoming Services: Fall Revival October 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> (Mon-Wed) Tele-Conference only Time: 7:30PM Church Anniversary #148 (In-person and Tele-Conference) October 15<sup>th</sup> 9:30AM- Church School 10:30AM- Prayer & Praise 11AM- Morning Worship, followed by lunch Guest Speaker: Apostle Donald Moss, Sr and the Mount Olive Baptist Church of KW,

### Upper King and Queen Baptist Church

1693 Bradley Farm Rd. Sunday Worship Service at 11:00 A.M. & Sunday School at 10:00 A.M. Visit us on Facebook.com/upperkingandqueenbaptist and <https://www.youtube.com/@UpperKingandQueenBC> Rev. Gerald Klimczak -Pastor.

### Zion Baptist Church



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## METHODIST

### McKendree United Methodist Church

4347 Manfield Rd., Manquin, 23106. Sunday worship 9:30AM in person and Facebook Live, followed by fellowship and Sunday School. Pastor Corey McConville [mckendree23106.org](mailto:mckendree23106.org), [mckendree23106@gmail.com](mailto:mckendree23106@gmail.com).

## EPISCOPAL

### Immanuel Episcopal Church

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

### St. David's Episcopal Church

Aylett "To Know Christ Jesus and to Make Christ Known" 11291 West River Road, Aylett (Beside the Public Boat Landing) Vicar Rev. T. Gustavo Mansella Sundays - 11AM Eucharist Service First Sunday - Potluck after church Third Sunday of the month - Like us on Facebook at "St David's Episcopal Church, Aylett" including all sermons.

### St. John's Episcopal Church

916 Main Street, PO Box 629, West Point. 804 -843-4594. Sunday Service 10am, followed by social time with refreshments. Services in-person and on Zoom. All are welcome at God's Table, always. Please join us. [stjohnswp.org](mailto:stjohnswp.org)

### St. Paul's Millers Tavern

7924 Richmond Highway. 443-2341 [stpaulsmillerstavern.org](mailto:stpaulsmillerstavern.org)

## PRESBYTERIAN

### Brett-Reed Memorial Presbyterian Church

29680 King William Road West Point, VA 23181. Pastor Karen V. Stanley. Sunday School 10. Worship Service 11.

### St. James Presbyterian Church

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

## LUTHERAN

## NON DENOMINATION

### Women in the Word Community Bible Study!

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

# Community Calendar

**Attention: Under 60 Words please & thank you!**

**King & Queen Branch Library**

**Family Storytime** Thursdays, Oct. 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. For ages 0-5 with caregiver. **K&Q Book Club** Thursday, Oct. 19, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Pizza Movie Night** Thursday, Oct. 12, 5:00 - 7:00pm Ages 12-18. **Disney Cosplay Trivia** Saturday, October 28, Noon - 1:00pm Ages 3-12. Call 804-769-1623 or visit the library at 396 Newtown Road for more information.

**Upper KW Branch Library**

**Family Storytime** Wednesday, Oct. 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. **Paint a Pumpkin** Saturday, Oct. 7, 10:00am - noon All ages.

**UKW Anime Club** Tuesday, Oct. 10, 6:00 - 7:30pm Ages 12-18. **Stay and Play** at the Upper King William Branch Library Wednesday, Oct. 11, 11:15am - noon Ages 0-5.

**Grow Your Own Microgreens** Friday, Oct. 13, 4:30 - 5:30pm Ages 18 & up. **Social Security and Medicare Workshop** Saturday, Oct. 14, 10:30am - noon Ages 18 and up. **Tail Wagging Teachers: Service Dog Training** Saturday, Oct. 21, 12:30 - 1:30pm All Ages.

**UKW Chess Club** Tuesday, Oct. 24, 6:00 - 7:30pm, All Ages. Call 804-769-3731 or visit the library at 694-J Sharon Road for more information.

**West Point Branch Library**

**Tuesday Talk Meet the Candidates** Tuesday, Oct. 3, 5:30 - 7:00pm Ages 16 and up. **Family Storytime** Fridays, Oct. 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. For ages 0-5 with caregiver. **Stay and Play** Fridays, Oct. 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11:00 a.m. - noon Ages 0-5. **Play-Doh at the Library** Monday, Oct. 9, 11:00 a.m. - noon Ages 1-5. **Tuesday Talk Meet the Candidates** Tuesday, Oct. 10, 5:30 - 7:00pm Ages 16 and up. **Open Art Studio** Saturday, Oct. 14, 10:30 - 11:30am Ages K-6. **I'd Rather Be Reading Book Club** Wednesday, Oct. 18, 11:00 a.m. - noon Ages 16 & up. **Legos @ the Library** Friday, Oct. 20, 4:00 - 5:00pm Grades K-5. **Instagram Art for Teens** Saturday, Oct. 28, 12:30 - 1:30pm Ages 12-18. Call 804-843-3244 or visit the library at 721 Main Street for more information.

**VFW Post 9501** The veterans of VFW Post located on 7712 King William Road, Aylett will have their monthly meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 5:00PM. Call Post Commander Herbert "Tim"

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

**King William Democrats**

Contact us for location kwdems@gmail.com or 804-513-2546.

**King William Republican Committee Meetings**

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

**Women For Christ Annual Craft Bazaar**

Please consider being a vendor! Price is \$30 and you provide your own tables. Space enough for two tables. Nov. 11th, Please contact Tiffany Powell to register 804-357-2559. The funds we raise from this goes to fund all our mission projects thru the year. Location Colosse Baptist Church, 23945 King William Rd. West Point, 23181.

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

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

**K.W T.E.A. Party**

We now only meet the second Thursday of each month at 6:00pm. Info at kwteaparty.com and Facebook Come for the fellowship of patriots and the latest on what's happening at local, state and national levels. KWTP's meetings are open to all citizens of good will.

**KW Children First Lions Club**

Crossroads Mission Center located at 694 K Sharon Road, King William.

**DCSE Service Point Assistance**

DCSE Contact Information: 1-800-468-8894

**KW Parks and Recreation**

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

**Good Homes Needed For Good Pets**

Regional Animal Shelter, 20201 King William Road, King William 804-769-4983. [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) email: [animalshelter@kingwilliamcounty.us](mailto:animalshelter@kingwilliamcounty.us)

**Southern States**

485 Sharon Rd. King William, 23086 769-3100.

**KW Community Watch**

Interested in a community watch? Call Lisa Mayville at 804-551-3267 or Email [isamayville@atlanticbb.net](mailto:isamayville@atlanticbb.net). Any crime please call King William Sheriff Office at 804-769-0999 or [kwso@kingwilliamcounty.us](mailto:kwso@kingwilliamcounty.us). Crime tips call Robin Bostic with King William Victim/Witness Program at 804-525-8838 or email: [rbostic@kingwilliamcounty.us](mailto:rbostic@kingwilliamcounty.us)

**Artisans Wanted!**

The Woman's Club of King & Queen County is hosting a Holiday Craft and Gift Market, November 11, beside Dragon Run Brewing in Shacklefords. Contact Susan at 804 347 5175 or see our Facebook page for an application. The Woman's Club hosts several fund raisers throughout the year. Proceeds used to purchase school supplies, support community organizations, and maintain the historic schoolhouse building near the courthouse.

**The CornerStone Community Development Center Aylett**

11235 West River Road.

**Online registration for 'Aylett Toys for Tots' opens on October 1, 2023.** Aylett Toys for

Tots is a Local Coordinating Organization for the Marine Toys for Tots Program . Through the gift of a new toy or book, Marine Toys for Tots programs bring the joy of Christmas to children. **To request toys families may register online at,** <https://aylettva.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/local-toy-request-single-form.aspx> **Food Distribution** - (\*11235 West River Road, Aylett) Mobile Pantry on October 4, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday food distribution (October 7, 14, 21, 28), 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. **The Lily Field Clothing Shed** - (11235 West River Road, Aylett) Open on Saturdays, 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. **DO NOT drop off donations outside the building.** Drop off is at the clothing shed on Wednesday mornings before 9 a.m. or kindly call ahead to schedule a donation drop off. Drop off is at the clothing shed on Wednesday mornings before 9 a.m. **The CornerStone Free Health Clinic** (8270 Richmond Tappahannock Hwy., Aylett) No walk in appointments. Please call to register. **Fund raiser: Dinner deal on Thursday, October 12 at 6p.m. Proceeds to benefit Food and Free Health Clinic Programs.** The CornerStone Community Development Center is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization. Donations are tax exempt. **Mailing address:** P.O. Box 68, Aylett, Virginia 23009. **Call** 804 769 2996 **Email** [theccdc@gmail.com](mailto:theccdc@gmail.com)

## King William Candidates Speak at Town Halls

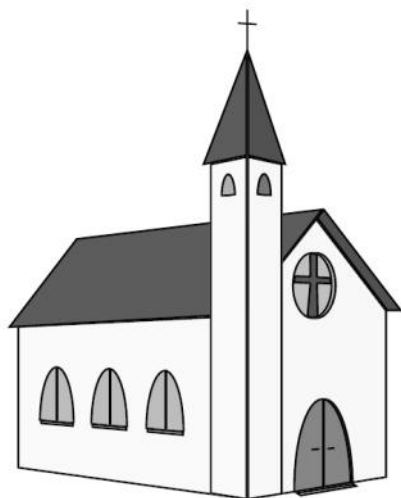
Rehoboth Baptist Fellowship Church at 5904 Acquinton Church Road, King William, VA, invites King William residents to attend multiple town halls to meet the local candidates running for election in November 2023. King William School Board candidates will speak on Wednesday, **October 4<sup>th</sup> at 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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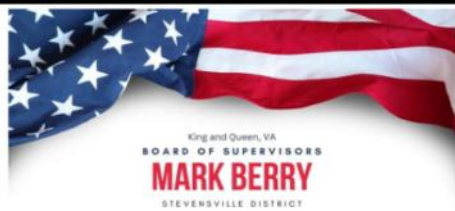


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### Vote, continued from front page

We, the people, have the duty and responsibility to make the most informed decision possible. We will be shaping the future of our county and state by choosing the leaders who will represent us and make decisions on our behalf. In today's digital age and social media, information is readily available and at our fingertips. However, it has become increasingly challenging to discern fact from fiction. It is crucial that we base our choices on reliable information and not on 'hearsay' or unfounded rumors.

Several 'meet and greet candidate forums' have been organized by community groups and organizations in the county. It is your opportunity to interact with the candidates, ask questions about their policies and vision for the county, and gain a deeper understanding of the issues. These forums play an essential role in fostering transparency, accountability, and civic engagement in the electoral process. So, don't just take what you hear at the local grocery store or read on social media as the 'gospel truth.' Engage the candidates and 'hear it from the horse's mouth.' By doing so, you will be satisfied knowing you made an informed decision about the future of the county and state.

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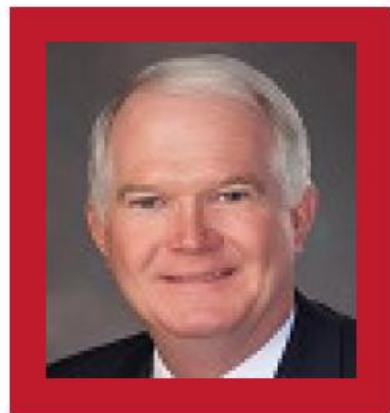
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