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## Officials Recognized at the King William Board of Supervisors Meeting



Jeff Walton with his family receiving a Resolution of Appreciation from the Board of Supervisors Please see Full Story-BOS, on page 10

### When Henry Met Molly A Seventy-Five-Year Love Story



Henry and Molly Gregory

By Gene Campbell

On December 19, 1948, Henry and Molly Gregory exchanged wedding vows, embarking on a journey that has spanned 75 years and still counting. Henry is 97 and Molly is 92. Their love for each other has weathered life's storms with grace and resilience. It is a testament to the enduring power of commitment and devotion. They are the epitome of a Norman Rockwell painting come to life.

Please see LOVE STORY, continued on page 15

### Santa 'Round Town



Santa visits King's Grant Preschool at McKenree Methodist Church

By Gene Campbell

As Christmas Eve approached, Ol' Santa Claus made appearances in the community spreading joy and cheer to young and old alike. He arrived early in the morning at Bo Town (Bojangles) and Valero's, surprising the 'good ol boys' with his presence and enjoying a hot cup of coffee. Leaving there, he called on Rudolph to take him to Kings Grant Preschool at McKendree United Church, where he was greeted by excited boys and girls eagerly waiting for his arrival.

Please see SANTA, continued on page 12

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## Big T Turns 97



Tom's daughter Susan presents his birthday cake

By Gene Campbell

As you all know by now, one of my favorite people in our community is "Big T" Tom Newman, the unofficial Mayor of Aylett. Big T turned 97 years young on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. To honor his birthday, I thought I would follow the lead of my good friend Bill Crowe and write a poem.

*For a tale of a man, we all hold so dear,  
Big T Tom Newman, a legend in these parts,  
Today we celebrate his 97<sup>th</sup> birthday, it warms our hearts.  
He's seen it all, from the Great Depression to the moon landing,  
Through wars and peace, his spirit never bends.*

*Please see page 13*

*Gather around folks and lend an ear,*

## Publisher's Message



I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas, and Santa brought you everything you need. The new year is here and with it new possibilities for us to explore. The longest part of any journey is the first step, after that it becomes closer. Set some new goals, they can be whatever you want them to be, all we have to do is take that first step. I hope the new year will bring you excellent health and happiness.

Take care until next time.

*Hanny Clark*



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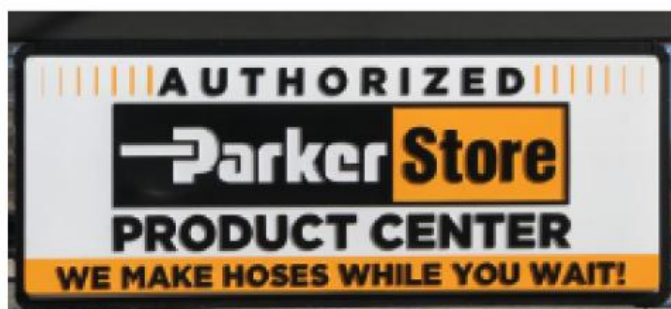


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## The Duck Hunter

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and that the New Year is a great year.

I have a good friend named Jim that loves to duck hunt. Jim says that the worst the weather is, the better the duck hunting. He said that he was hunting at a new place this year and wasn't seeing any birds, when finally one duck came flying by and he shoots but it falls across a fence on another persons property. He laid his gun down and climbs over the fence about to go retrieve his duck when an old farmer walks up and asks "What are you doing?" Jim said "I'm just getting my duck that I shot." The farmer said "This is my land so that's my duck." Jim said "No sir. I shot the duck over there but it fell over the fence here." The farmer said "I guess you need a lesson on property rights!" Jim said "What do you mean?" The farmer said "We're going to have to settle this dispute the old fashioned way. We'll take turns kicking each other in the privates until one of us gives up. Since we're on my land, I get to go first." Now Jim thought of himself as a pretty tough guy and he



didn't think the old farmer was too strong so he agreed. The old farmer goes first and kicks Jim between the legs so hard that it lifts him off the ground a couple feet in the air and he drops to the ground like a sack of potatoes. The pain was so bad that Jim can only hold himself and roll on the ground trying to catch his breath. After a few minutes, Jim gets to his feet and says "Now it's my turn!" The old farmer says "That's alright, I give up. You can have the bird."

You can email me at [Allen@TwinRiversRealty.com](mailto:Allen@TwinRiversRealty.com) or call 690-7870. I'll see you on the trails.

## Made your New Year's Resolutions Yet?

By Gene Campbell

It's that time of the year. When the ball drops at the stroke of midnight in Times Square on New Year's Eve, some of us have set our sights on new beginnings and fresh starts. That's right, I'm talking about New Year's resolutions. We all like to make promises to ourselves to reflect on the past year and set intentions for the year ahead. Some of us resolve to eat healthier and lose weight while others aim to exercise more. Maybe there is a new skill we want to learn. Our intentions are always good but they are not always easy to keep. Life has a way of throwing us curveballs and distractions along the way and our resolutions get pushed to the back burner. It doesn't mean we should give up on them, it just means we need to get wiser to help us stay on track.

First and foremost, when it comes to making New Year's resolutions, it's important to set realistic goals. Sure, it's great to dream big, but it's also important to be practical. Take small steps toward your resolution and celebrate each little victory along the way. Rome wasn't built in a day. Secondly, don't be too hard on yourself if you stumble along the way. After all, we are all human and we are bound to have setbacks. Instead of beating yourself up, take a deep breath and remember that tomorrow is a new day. Progress is made one step at a time. Speaking of steps, it is always helpful to have a support system in place. Share your resolutions with friends and family, and ask them to hold you accountable. Having someone to cheer you on can make all the difference in the world.

Also, resolutions don't have to be all about self-improvement. They can be about spreading kindness and making a



Cartoon by Glenn McCoy

positive impact on the world around us. That is something the world needs more of this day and time. Resolve to volunteer more, to be kinder to strangers, or to spread love and joy wherever you go. My father always told me "Speak to people and have good manners, it doesn't cost you a cent but will get you a long way in life." Remember, the world can always use a little more kindness, and you have the power to make a difference.

So, here's to a year filled with growth, joy, and hopefully more peace on Earth. May we all find the strength and determination to make our resolutions a reality.

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## Obituary



**PRINCE**  
Catherine Walsh Prince, 94, entered eternal life on December 18, 2023. A longtime resident of St. Stephens Church, VA, Catherine

love for family and an amazing capacity for hard work well into her 90s. Catherine was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 47 years, Percy Boyd Prince. She was also preceded by her parents, brothers and sisters: Josephine, Mary (Joe Thill), John, Joseph (Dorothy), Stella (Russell Chandler), William (Nancy) and Thomas. Catherine's family is comforted by the knowledge that she is with her loved ones.

had lived in Gaston County, NC since 1998. She was born in Port Richmond, VA, the daughter of John and Anna Walsh. Catherine attended Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament School, and graduated from West Point High School. She retired after 30 years from her position as Secretary of the Lawson Marriott Schools in King & Queen County where she touched the lives of many children. Catherine was a member of the Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Parrish community until she moved to North Carolina. There Catherine became an active parishioner at St. Michael's Church in Gastonia, NC, and also attended Queen of the Apostles Church in Belmont, NC. Catherine was a fervent volunteer within her church communities, working with youth ministry programs, family life dinners, rosary and prayer groups as well as St. Michael's Thrift Store. She was an Oblate of St. Benedict through Belmont Abbey, and was diligent in her daily prayers for the monastic community. Catherine was a loving person who possessed an unlimited

Catherine is survived by her daughter Deborah Donoghue (Simon) and son Nelson Prince (Janet). Also left to cherish her memory are grandchildren Christopher Donoghue, Ryan Prince and Suzanne Prince; sisters-in-law, Barbara Walsh and Pauline Newbill, as well as a host of beloved nieces, nephews and friends. All services will be held Wednesday, December 27, 2023, at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Father Robert Brownell, Catherine's nephew, will be officiating the celebration of her life. A funeral Mass of Thanksgiving will be held at 10:30 a.m., immediately followed by a graveside service at St Teresa's Catholic Cemetery. Prior to the funeral, a Rosary service will be held at 9:30 a.m. followed by visitation with the family at 10 a.m. There will be a reception following the services at The Father van den Boogaard Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church or your favorite charity.

## Bay Aging Gathers Gifts from the Community to Give to Over 70 Older Adults



From top left: Tinsley Goad, CFO; Kathy Vesley, President & CEO; Julie Northcott-Wilson, Statistician; and David Smith, Fiscal Administrator. Bottom Left: Peter Mertens, Administrative Coordinator; Stephanie Hutton, Manager, Operations and Administrative; and Kionna Reynolds, Administrative Specialist.

### Contributed

URBANNA, VA – In the spirit of compassion and giving, Bay Aging is delighted to announce the success of its recent initiative to bring joy to the lives of over 70 low-income older adults in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula. Through the overwhelming support of local residents, churches, and generous individuals, Bay Aging collected a staggering number of gifts for those who needed it most. This heartwarming endeavor was made possible by the incredible generosity and charitable spirit of our community, whose unwavering commitment to supporting one another truly shines during the holiday season and made a significant impact on the lives of these seniors, many of whom may otherwise have faced a challenging holiday season. Bay Aging extends its deepest gratitude to The Town of

Urbanna, River House Creations, Buoy and Gulls Preschool, Bethpage Campground-Resort, UPS of Gloucester, and every member of the community who contributed to this initiative. Your generosity has not only provided material gifts but has also served as a reminder of the strength and compassion that bind our community together. "We are profoundly grateful for the outpouring of support from our community. Together, we have made a meaningful difference in the lives of over 70 older adults, bringing joy and warmth to their holiday season," said Kathy Vesley, President and CEO at Bay Aging. Bay Aging looks forward to continuing its mission of serving and supporting those in need, thanks to the ongoing spirit of generosity that defines our wonderful community. To learn more about Bay Aging's programs and services, call us at (804)493-0238.



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## Maleena's Wildlife Rescue

Contributed by Sharon O'Neal

Hello & Happy New Year! With the hustle & bustle of the holiday season behind me, I can take the time to catch up on a few important things- giving thanks, planning for the future, and preparing for the upcoming baby season.

2023 was a very successful year for MWR! I took in approximately 250 animals, with nearly 175 of them being successfully rehabilitated and released back into the wild! I wouldn't have been able to make those numbers happen if it wasn't for my supporters. It was through your support & help, that I was financially able to provide housing, nutritional foods, enrichment, and medical care for so many animals in need. I cannot thank you all enough for your continued support and help throughout 2023. I consider myself beyond blessed to have such a loyal and caring community.

I have BIG plans for 2024 which entails lots of planning. The largest goal for the year is to construct the new facility. The size of the building is contingent on the amount of funding received by April. My hope is to have a building approximately 40x60x14. This will allow enough room for a triage & treatment room, a quarantine room, a nursery/incubation area for all the neonatal & injured/sick animals, a large area for the many cages needed, a kitchen/food prep area, a laundry room, and a spacious upper area that can be used for storage. In previous years, I had to turn down a number of intakes because of lack of space/available caging. It's heartbreaking to tell someone I can't help an innocent animal because I don't have the room or enough space for them. I do NOT want to turn away another animal. I am still very far away from reaching my goal of \$50,000 for the development of the facility. If you can help or know of someone that may be able to offer assistance of any kind- whether monetary or hands on help- please reach out to me. I will need help with a concrete foundation, electricity, plumbing, and so much more. Donations can be made directly at any Primis bank location- just mention the fundraising account for Maleena's Wildlife Rescue.

I have 3 volunteers that come once a week, each for only about 2 hours a day.

Other than that, I am a one-woman show. I tend to the animals around the clock- prep food, bottle & tube feed babies, clean cages, give medicine, order & organize supplies, go on rescue missions, go to vet visits, answer 2 phones that ring constantly, and somewhere in the middle of all that- I try to be a wife and mom. During the busy season (May-Sept), I sleep less than 2 hours a night. I don't know how I manage to keep going some days, but when my head finally hits that pillow, my heart is full knowing I've done my part to be a good human and I've offered a service that not everyone can. With a larger facility, I'm expecting my intake numbers to increase. I can't handle anymore by myself - I will need help. There are numerous ways to help- volunteering with me here (choosing to have direct or indirect contact with animals), going on rescue calls, transporting animals to & from, becoming an apprentice permitted rehabber under me, work my vendor events, set up fundraisers for me, collect donations, and so much more.

I'm also searching for new items to sell at vendor events, looking for places that will allow me to set up awareness/sales tables throughout the year, and trying to find people who will search for grants, monetary donations, and any other available resources. I'm also in the market for someone to help me (and a friend of mine) finish developing my website & someone interested in becoming my event coordinator. If you're at least 16 & interested in helping with anything I've listed, please reach out to me. If you have any other ideas/suggestions, please let me know. I could use all the help I can get.

Besides the new building, I have so much more to plan & prep for over the next few months. I've been taking inventory and adding supplies to my Amazon & Chewy wish lists and Walmart Registry to restock what I used in 2023. In the next few months, I'll be reassembling cages, stocking the supply shelves, and ordering gallon buckets of formulas, syringes, feeding tubes, and countless other supplies. I'm trying to decide if I should designate a few drop-off locations (local businesses) for people to drop off donations/supplies more easily. I've also been preparing more educational social media/newspaper



articles regarding various local animals, what to do if you find an animal in need, and quick reference guides- all to share in the upcoming months. Please let me know if there's any info/animal you'd like me to focus any articles on.

I thought I'd have more "me" time this winter, but mother nature had different plans. Over the winter months, I'll be caring for 8 raccoons, 3 squirrels, and 3 opossums- all too young or too injured to be on their own until spring. Those numbers could increase any time- the phones never stop ringing with wildlife calls & concerns. It's a good thing I like to stay busy because downtime always seems to elude me. My life is hectic- revolving around these wild animals and my wild family, but I wouldn't have it any other way.

Thank you, again, for all your support. I truly do appreciate every advocate, every kind word, every donation, and everything in between. I hope this new year brings you all an abundance of health & happiness.

Just as a reminder- MWR is a 501c3 nonprofit organization so all donations are tax-deductible!

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## Tradition of breeding and showing pigeons maintained in Virginia since WWII era

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POWHATAN—The gray-toned common pigeons seen scavenging crumbs on city streets have some fancy cousins in the country.

Spiral-feathered frill backs, stunning white saints, robust fantails and multi-color ringnecks live in comfortable lofts managed by breeders and showers statewide.

At Wildbriar Lofts in Powhatan County, the Kerns family raises 150 to 200 babies, or squeakers, annually. The birds with the most unique characteristics are shown at competitions, some are sold internationally, and others make docile family pets.

This subculture of pigeon and dove breeding, showing and training was established in Virginia by WWII veterans returning from service. Their first meeting was held in the back of a feed store in downtown Richmond, eventually becoming the Virginia Pigeon and Dove Association. Since then, the VPDA has been an integral component of the State Fair of Virginia's live exhibits.

When young Andrew Kerns walked into the VPDA exhibit tent at the 1985 State Fair and saw his first fantail pigeon, "I fell in love," he recalled.

"The VPDA has been a staple here for a long time, with a dedicated membership to keep it going," said Glenn Martin, who oversees livestock exhibits at the State Fair's home at The Meadow Event Park. "Other exhibits have come and gone, but

they have staying power. People find it so interesting, and they're great about getting kids started in it."

Now a renowned master breeder and judge, Kerns attends shows worldwide—particularly in the Middle East, where the pigeon culture thrives.

Kerns has bred fantails for 36 years now. His family converted a singlewide trailer into an immaculate indoor-outdoor pigeon loft, safe from predators. Pigeon pairs are carefully matched for breeding season.

"If you know what you're doing in inheritance of color genes, you can transfer new colors to breeds," Kerns explained. "In the fantail world, that's what I'm known for—introducing new color patterns like stenciling, which didn't previously exist."

Sharp lines of black appear stenciled around each tail feather's stark white outer fan, or vice versa. The breed's striking outcome was years in the making, and Kerns owns the naming rights. His records trace pedigrees back 20 generations.

"Now I'm trying to get the curl on the frill back's wing into the saint," Kerns added. "It would be completely new. I've been working on it 10 years now, and still in progress."

But when a breeding project pays off, he said, seeing the desired feathers come in "is just like Christmas."

See more in Cultivate magazine at [shorturl.at/fjMZ6](http://shorturl.at/fjMZ6).

## Home Grown Habitat Fundraiser Raises More than \$30,000



*Contributed*

A dinner for the ages turned into a massive donation for a Habitat for Humanity house that will be sold to a widowed father of six.

Habitat for Humanity Peninsula and Greater Williamsburg received a donation of \$31,525.69, which is 100% of the proceeds from a community dinner, Home Grown, presented by Williamsburg's acclaimed Amber Ox Public House.

Owners Chris Cook and Andrew Voss brought their kitchen to Reckon Acres, their Charles City County working farm, on Oct. 11 for a unique dinner-in-the-pasture experience that was earmarked to support the House That Small Business Built.

One hundred percent of the ticket sales from the Home Grown dinner were donated to Habitat.

The charity dinner was the largest fundraiser on behalf of the House That

Small Business Built, that upon completion in spring 2024, will be sold with a zero-interest mortgage to a widowed father of six who lost his wife to cancer in 2020. The \$125,000 price tag to build the house has been funded incrementally through donations by local small businesses. Habitat's marketing firm, Consociate Media, donated the initial \$10,000 in December 2021, and has spearheaded the fundraising for the project.

"We can't thank these generous businesses enough," said Janet V. Green, CEO of Habitat for Humanity Peninsula & Greater Williamsburg. "We at Habitat are grateful to them and every single person who bought a ticket. It was a night of inspiration, connection and pure magic. This event truly showed how when a community comes together, we can build homes and hope."

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**Sky Meadows State Park completes upgrades to Lost Mountain Trail, continues fundraising efforts for additional trail improvements**

DELAPLANE, VA – Construction is complete on Sky Meadows State Park’s Lost Mountain Trail, bringing it up to sustainability standards. The 2.2-mile trail, designed for hikers and equestrians, is one of six located in the park’s 248-acre Lost Mountain area, which opened to the public in the early ‘90s.



Due to several factors, including regular traffic and improper drainage, Lost Mountain Trail was suffering from significant erosion, making it difficult to traverse. Sky Meadows hired Ironwood Outdoors to address the issue, the third project at the park for the full-service trail building company since 2018.

visitors.

"It gives me great pleasure to be a part of the continuous upgrading of our trails," said Reitnauer. "Although Sky Meadows is part of a successful state park system in Virginia, it has a unique drawing for both the Northern and Shenandoah regions of the state. The solitude that hikers experience makes them feel as if Sky Meadows is a place to rejuvenate their daily lives. Upgrading the park’s trails allows visitors a chance to try new paths that encourage family togetherness or a peacefulness that they desire to return to many times."

Upgrades to Lost Mountain Trail started in early November and included five reroutes to avoid hazard areas, seven de-berm areas to improve the out slope of the trail, 49 rolling grade dips to prevent washout and 18 knicks to prevent pooling water.

With the success of the Trail Legacy Campaign, the park has created an evergreen campaign called the Friends of Sky Meadows Trail Legacy Fund. It will allow the park to continue bringing more trails up to sustainability standards and create new trails.

"The upgrades to Lost Mountain Trail not only provide a safer and more enjoyable experience for visitors but also create a more sustainable trail that protects Lost Mountain’s ecosystems and conserves its natural resources," said Park Manager Patrick McNamara.

"The Trail Legacy Fund is a crucial way for visitors to support our trails. This project allows donors to give back and contribute to the lasting impact of our trails," said McNamara. "The Legacy Campaign ensures the trails remain resilient for future generations of equestrians, cyclists and hikers, creating a lasting legacy for decades to come."

Funding for the Lost Mountain Trail project was provided by the Friends of Sky Meadows Trail Legacy Campaign. It began in earnest in 2019 with the goal of raising \$28,000 to enhance and stabilize Lost Mountain Trail.

To learn more about the FOSK and their fundraising efforts, please go to [friendsofskymeadows.org](http://friendsofskymeadows.org).

That goal was met this fall, and Friends of Sky Meadows (FOSK) President Tracy Reitnauer said the success of the Trail Legacy Campaign would not have been possible without donations from the park’s many visitors, from those who have been coming to Sky Meadows since childhood to first-time

**BOS, continued from front page**



*Maureen Wilson with her husband Jerry receiving a Resolution of Appreciation from the Board of Supervisors*



*Supervisors Stephen Greenwood, Bill Hodges, Travis Moskalski, Stewart Garber and Ed Moren.*

By Gene Campbell

At the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the King William County Board of Supervisors, Sheriff Jeff Walton, and his long-time administrative assistant Maureen Wilson were recognized for their years of service to the county in law enforcement. Both are retiring at the end of this year. Sheriff Walton started his career as a dispatcher in 1983 and became sheriff in 1999. Maureen also started her career in 1983 serving as administrative assistant to former Sheriff Wayne Healey and then Sheriff Walton. Both Sheriff Walton and Maureen have been fixtures in local law enforcement with a combined total of eighty years of service. First District Supervisor and Board Chairman Bill Hodges presented each with a resolution of appreciation.

Stephen Greenwood, and Ed Moren were recognized for their years of service on the board. Second District Supervisor Travis Moskalski is retiring after 12 years. Third District Supervisor Stephen Greenwood also has 12 years of service on the board, and both Fifth District Supervisor Ed Moren and Fourth District Supervisor Stewart Garber each served four years on the board. Supervisor Hodges presented each of them with resolutions of appreciation.

Additionally, at the meeting, Supervisors Travis Moskalski, Stewart Garber,

The recognition of these officials highlighted their commitment to public service and their dedication to improving the lives of the King William community. Their years of service and unique perspectives have greatly contributed to the quality of life in King William County, making it a better place to live and work. The community wishes all of them the best in their future endeavors.

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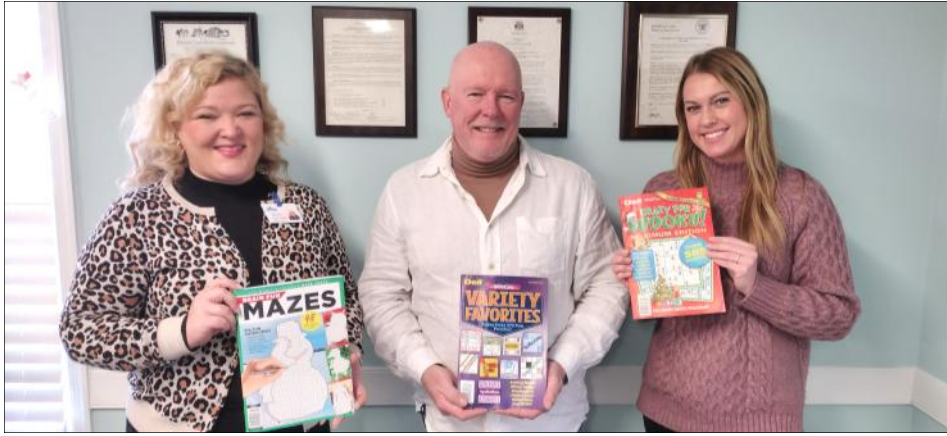


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From left: Mary Arthur, Lead Options Counselor - Caregiver Support; Chuck Beadle, Director of Asset Protection; and Kelsie Houston, Options Counselor - Caregiver Support.

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Chuck Beadle, Director of Asset Protection for Walmart, donated boxes of word puzzles, sudoku, word finds, and coloring books to Bay Aging's Caregiving Support programs, including the programs focusing on Alzheimer's and dementia. They will be distributed among our Active Lifestyle Centers, Daybreak, Memory Café, and Support groups. Chuck Beadle personally delivered Walmart's donations to Bay Aging and shared his own personal experience with the disease and that his aunt loved those books during her journey with dementia. "It touches a lot of people," stated Laura Matthews, Manager of Mathews Active Lifestyle Center

(ALC). "It fills a certain need in the community. Most folks with dementia aren't able to go to stores on their own, and this served as a wonderful gift to them to make their holiday brighter." Established in 1978, Bay Aging is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) Area Agency on Aging that primarily serves residents of the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck. Through its comprehensive transportation, housing, community living and health services programs, Bay Aging is committed to providing programs and services people of all ages need to live independently in their communities. To learn more, visit [www.bayaging.org](http://www.bayaging.org) or call 800-493-0238.

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### Santa 'Round Town, continued from front page



The coffee gang at Bo Town



Santa visits Food Lion

Santa asked the children if they had been good, and with a resounding "YES," they lined up to whisper their Christmas wishes in his ear. From there, Santa and Rudolph made their way to Food Lion, where the employees lined up to get a picture with the jolly old man. Santa couldn't help but joke about how Food Lion had been good to his waistline this year, laughing with his hands holding his belly.

After spreading Christmas cheer at Food Lion, Santa made stops at the Country Courier, Fayth Works, and businesses in Central Garage. He even took the time to visit his favorite post office and his favorite postmaster Gena Gibson. While there he wished Margaret Ann Moore, who will be 96 years young on December 30<sup>th</sup> an early happy birthday. As he fueled up his sleigh at the Exxon station in Manquin,

he ran into his favorite niece, Kate Martin, and enjoyed catching up with her.

But Santa's busy schedule didn't stop there. He visited the Ruritan Club on December 12<sup>th</sup> and made a special stop on December 22<sup>nd</sup> to have a birthday lunch with the Mayor of Aylett, 'Big T' Tom Newman. It was a delightful lunch served by Big T's daughter Susan. All in all, it was a busy two weeks before Christmas

for Ol' Santa Claus. But he wouldn't have it any other way. Bringing joy and happiness to the community is what he enjoys doing, and he couldn't be happier to see the smiles on everyone's faces as they prepared for the magical holiday season. As he rode off after the visits, he could be heard saying..... Ho Ho Ho, Y'all be good till next year!

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## Make a fire prevention list and check it twice

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RICHMOND—While everyone is busy cooking, decorating and shopping this holiday season, it's important not to let fire safety sit on the back burner.

Cozy fireplaces, evergreen-scented candles and lights adorning the tree all make for a festive, warm home. But within these holiday season hallmarks lurks the danger of house fires.

"Take the time to ensure that the necessary precautions are in place to prevent fire, and keep your home and family safe during the holidays," advised Scott DeNoon, vice president of underwriting and policy services for Virginia Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. "This includes testing smoke alarms and practicing your home fire escape plan."

According to the National Fire Protection Association, heating is one of the leading causes of home fires and home fire injuries, and the third-leading cause of home fire deaths. December, January and February are peak months for heating-related fires.

To help prevent fires, perform regular maintenance and inspections of home heating systems. Homeowners with fireplaces and woodstoves should have their chimneys inspected and cleaned annually by certified technicians to ensure there's no creosote buildup, which can cause chimney fires.

Space heaters account for one-third of heating-related fires and should always be

plugged directly into an outlet—don't use an extension cord—with three feet of room around them.

The NFPA also urges homeowners to be careful when adorning their homes with flickering candles and twinkling lights during the holidays. Almost half of all home decoration fires are caused by candles, with Christmas being the peak day for candle fires.

Always use sturdy candle holders, place candles at least 12 inches from anything that can burn, and be sure to blow them out when leaving the room or going to bed. Consider using battery-operated flameless candles as a safer alternative.

Replace strings of lights that have worn or broken cords or have loose bulb connections. Follow the manufacturer's guidelines for the number of light strands to connect, and don't exceed the limit, NFPA warned.

As for the stately tree in the living room, ensure it's at least 3 feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents and space heaters. Almost one-third of home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems, so turn off tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

Some people leave their Christmas trees up longer than others, and it's important to remember that trees become more flammable as they dry out. While Christmas tree fires aren't common, they can grow fast and are likely to be serious.



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## Big T, continued

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*bounds.  
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And his stories, oh, how they flow.*

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To the modern world with its hustle, and crowds.  
Big T Tom Newman has stood the test of time,  
A living legend, oh, how he shines.*

So, let's raise a glass to the mayor, and give a cheer,  
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#### Animal Spotlight

Chomp Chomp is looking forward to bringing in New Year's in his new home. He's a senior dog that was at the shelter for a few months. He's laid back and is getting along well with all the other rescued animals on the farm. They said he was afraid of cats but it's more like he has no interest in them.



*Chomp Chomp hanging out at the Country Courier office on paper day.*

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## Central High School Students Have a Good Thing Growing

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Students in Mrs. Ashlin's class at King and Queen Central High School are already working towards a successful garden for 2024. The garden project serves to both provide a hands-on learning experience for the students and to provide a space for them to perform garden-based experiments. On Tuesday, December 5th students planted three varieties of onion seeds in the classroom with Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent Turner Minx. This was the start of a study to be conducted to compare how different onion varieties perform in home gardens in King and Queen County. The onion experiment has multiple layers (pun intended). The students will start seeds of three different onion varieties indoors on four different dates. This will allow the students to make observations on how quickly each variety sprouts. The goal of this layer is to see if some varieties sprout more quickly than others. The second layer of the research involves starting the onions on different dates. The students will transplant all the onions into the garden at the same time. This will provide the students with an opportunity to evaluate whether the older



or younger onion plants survive better after transplanting. This is the first of many such garden experiments that will be conducted at King and Queen Central High School. The students plan to also evaluate yield of pole beans vs bush beans, compare the yields of different tomato varieties, and see how many pounds of potatoes they harvest compared to how many pounds of potatoes they plant. This garden project will not only teach students how to garden but will also allow them to conduct research that will help other gardeners be more productive.

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## Indian Rivers Humane Society



*Moonbeam need a home*

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## King & Queen County Library Changing Hands

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Management of the King & Queen County branch library will change hands beginning January 31, 2024. King & Queen County will take over the library from Pamunkey Regional Library and open its doors to the public on February 12. Although physical books may not be available on opening day, the library plans to have some resources available. "Library patrons will have access to printing resources and computers for internet access from day one," says Jesse Kelley, Deputy Director of Community Programs and Tourism, "We'll be able to sign people up for library cards, reserve rooms for meetings, and help them access online

resources." Kelley also reminds that county residents will be able to use any PRL facilities until June 30, 2024. He continues, "By that date we'll have more books available. More importantly, we'll have a new collection that reflects the interests of our community. To do that, we're going to need community involvement and input." County administrators are thinking of ways to offer library services to the residents on the lower end of the county. Kelley states, "We know getting services to our residents at the lower end of the county is important and we're discussing different ways to make that happen."



### Pet Adoption



Ashlee is a beautiful 8-9-month-old Great Dane/Mastiff mix and she needs a forever home. She doesn't do good with dogs smaller than her or children. I would say kids older than 8 would be fine.



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## Love Story, continued from front page

I recently visited with Henry and Molly and Henry worked at American Tobacco in their home in Woodbury on the Mattaponi River. Henry, with a twinkle in his eye and a gentle smile, spoke of the family homeplace, Woodbury, and a lifetime of memories and cherished moments. Henry was quick to point out a painting of Woodbury hanging on the wall. Henry and Molly's families were good friends growing up. The families attended the same church, Jerusalem Christian Church. Henry and Molly still attend there regularly.

When Henry returned home from serving in World War II in 1946, he drove a school bus for his father from Lester Manor to West Point. Molly was attending school in West Point and Molly's family lived along his route. "I would wait for the bus at the end of my driveway," said Molly. The first morning Henry stopped to pick up Molly, Henry said "Get on down at Taylor's (a little way down the road) from now on," to which Molly replied, "Yes Sir!" You could say it was the beginning of their relationship. It wasn't long before they had their first date. "It was a double date with Johnny Smith and his girlfriend," said Henry, "We rode around and then went to a movie." They never dated anyone else after that first date. Two years later they got married and moved in with Henry's parents. In 1951 Molly graduated from King William High School and they moved to Richmond. Molly worked for an insurance company

and Henry worked at American Tobacco Co., both retiring in 1986. During their time living in Richmond, they built their current home on the Mattaponi River. "Our hearts were always in King William and we spent every weekend we could at our home on the river till we retired here," said Molly. Inside their home, the walls were adorned with paintings and family photographs. Molly brought out a book of photographs capturing the many chapters of their love story. "Molly is the family historian," Henry proudly said as Molly thumbed through the thick book of family mementos, a testament to their journey together through life. As we looked at the photographs, it was as if time stood still, and for a brief moment, they were young again, lost in the magic of their love. "What is the secret to a lasting marriage?" I asked. "Never go to bed angry," Henry quickly said, "Always communicate and resolve conflicts before they fester and grow."

Henry and Molly's love story serves as a reminder that true love is not just a fairytale, but a beautiful reality that can be achieved by those who are willing to put in the effort and make the necessary sacrifices. Their love is like a well-worn quilt, only growing stronger with time. Happy 75<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Henry and Molly. The community wishes both of you all the best!

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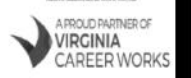


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### Jerusalem Christian Church

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### Smyrna Christian Church Bruington

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### Mattaponi Baptist Church

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

### The Edge Worship Centre

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### Union Hope Baptist Church

571 Union Hope Road, King William: Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 a.m. (In-person and Teleconference) Teleconference option: Phone: (774) 220-4000, PIN 57187 Follow us on Facebook: Union Hope Baptist Church, King William, FOOD BANK Ministry (NEW) Hours of Operation (Monthly 1pm-3pm) Every Tuesday Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

### 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

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

## METHODIST

### McKendree 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

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### 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](http://stjohnswp.org)

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## PRESBYTERIAN

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29680 King William Road West Point, VA 23181. Pastor Karen V.

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# Community Calendar

**King & Queen Branch Library**

Call 804-769-1623 or visit the library at 396 Newtown Road for more information.

**Upper KW Branch Library**

**Tai Chi Class** Mondays, Jan. 8, 15, & 29, 6:30 - 7:30pm Ages 18 & up presented by Patrick McCoy.

**Coloring, Coffee, & Donuts**

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 10:30 - 11:30am Ages 18 & up.

**Cross-stitch**

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 6:00 - 7:30pm Ages 18 & up.

**Family Storytime**

Wednesdays, Jan. 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

**Stay and Play**

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 11:15am - noon Ages 0-5. Parents, Grandparents, and Caregivers

**:UKW Anime Club**

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 6:00 - 7:30pm Ages 12-18.

**Sock Snowman**

Thursday, Jan. 18, 4:30 - 5:30pm Ages 8-14.

**UKW Book Club**

Monday, Jan. 22, 6:45 - 7:45pm Ages 18 and up.

**UKW Chess Club**

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 6:00 - 7:30pm All Ages.

**Make Your Own Birdfeeder**

Saturday, Jan. 27, 11:00am - noon Ages 5-12.

Call 804-769-3731 or visit the library at 694-J Sharon Road for more information.

**West Point Branch Library**

**Upcoming Programs at the West Point Branch Library**

**Family Storytime** Fridays, Jan. 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. ages 0-5 with caregiver.

**Stay and Play** Fridays, Jan. 12, 19, & 26, 11:00 a.m. - noon Ages 0-5.

**Open Art Studio** Saturday, Jan. 13, 10:30 - 11:30am

**Ages 5-10. I'd Rather be Reading**

**Book Club** Wednesday, Jan. 17, 11:30am - 12:30pm

Ages 16 and up. **Legos @ the Library** Friday, Jan. 19, 4:00 - 5:00pm

Grades K-5. **Play-Doh at the Library** Monday, Jan. 22, 11:00 a.m. - noon

Ages 1-5. **Teen Break Out** Saturday, Jan. 27, 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 [kwdeems@gmail.com](mailto:kwdeems@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](mailto:theccdc@gmail.com)

**Three Rivers SWCD Board of Directors Meetings**

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

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

We now only meet the second Thursday of each month at 6:00pm. Info at [kwteaparty.com](http://kwteaparty.com) and Facebook

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**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](http://kingwilliamrec.com)

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**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 [Emailisamayville@atlanticbb.net](mailto:Emailisamayville@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)

**Mangohick Volunteer Fire Department**

welcomes volunteers. Come to our Business Meeting, first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm, 3493 King William Rd, Aylett, for more information; phone us at (804)994-9800, or see our website [www.mangohickfire.com](http://www.mangohickfire.com). Follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Always, in case of Emergency, Dial 911.

**Blood Drive**

Smith Memorial Baptist Church will host a community blood drive with the American Red Cross on Mon, Jan. 15 from 11am to 5pm at 6515 Richmond Rd, Williamsburg. For more information or to make an appointment to donate, sign up online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) with sponsor code Smith, or email [SMBCBloodDrive@gmail.com](mailto:SMBCBloodDrive@gmail.com).



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