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## New Middle School Assistant Principal



Scott Eno

Contributed

King and Queen County is proud to announce a new middle school assistant principal, Mr. Scott Eno. Mr. Eno started working at Central High School on Wednesday, January 17th. He comes to us from Mathews County Public Schools where he served as musical director for Pre-K through 4th grade. Mr. Eno has two degrees in music; a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education and a Master's of Arts in Education. He also recently completed his Ed.S. in Administration and Supervision from ODU.

Mr. Eno lives on a small hobby farm with his wife and three children. He enjoys watching many different kinds of sports, traveling, hunting and cooking. His mission in education is to foster positive relationships with all students, staff and families, as well as do all that he can to support students in their educational journeys. King and Queen schools are proud to welcome Mr. Scott Eno.

## First Baptist Church in West Point Celebrates 150 Years

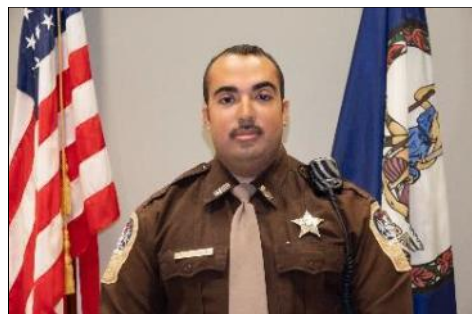


First Baptist Church Pastor Jim Goebel, Delegate Keith Hodges, West Point Mayor Jack Lawson, Rev Arnold "Win Davis and Rev Karl Heilman.

By Gene Campbell- In 1870 Mrs. Susan Davis dreamed of a Baptist Church in West Point. She persuaded the Rev Alfred Bagby then pastor of Mattaponi Church and Exoll Church to come to West Point and hold services on the fifth Sundays. Three years later on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 1873, thirteen persons who were members of Baptist Churches elsewhere and three Baptist ministers met to organize a Baptist Church in West Point. It was from these humble beginnings, that First Baptist Church was formed. On January 21<sup>st</sup> I had the honor of attending the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Service of First Baptist Church in West Point. It was a joyous occasion.

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## Sheriff W.R. "Rob" Balderson Announces the Appointment of Key Staff



Captain Mitchell Wilson



Lieutenant Barry Radden



Sergeant Paul Hope

Contributed by K&Q Sheriffs Office- Four weeks into his first full term as Sheriff of King and Queen County, Sheriff W.R. "Rob" Balderson announces appointments to key leadership positions. These positions make up his command staff and first-line supervisory staff as well as an investigative position. Balderson's focus is on developing leadership within the department and meeting core goals of keeping crime rates low and reducing drugs. The department received its initial accreditation in October of 2023 and strives to be a model agency within the region. Sheriff Balderson promoted Lieutenant Mitchell Wilson to the position of Captain assigned to administrations and will be second in command of the office.

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## Lil' Red Resale Shop



Justin and Nina Carey, and one of our vendors Haley Chism and family visiting the Grand Opening.

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The Lil' Red Resale Shop just had a successful Grand Opening January 27th. The store is owned by Justin Carey, retired Army Veteran and his wife Nina.

The goal is for the costumers to have a local spot to come and shop for inexpensive, slightly used household items like furniture, dishes, decorations, antiques, and clothes while providing artisans, crafters and other vendors in the community a chance to showcase and sell their products, from fun crafts, custom mugs, honey, goat milk soap, essential

oils, and other gifts.

In March the store will start to host outdoor flea markets/ animals swaps etc., and for a small fee people are welcome to set up outside the store a small spot to sell their items for the day.

The owners also would like to promote and help any local groups and organizations in their efforts and currently are collecting donation items of Hard dog toys, bleach and detergent for the Regional Animal Shelter.

Please go on fb to Lil' Red Resale Shop page, click like/ follow and keep up with current offers and postings!

## Publisher's Message



The few warm days we had last week, remind me spring will be here in 50 days I know staying inside because of cold cloudy weather outside is no fun. All things pass and so will the cold days of winter. Try to move around some, and before you know it the warm sunny days will be here.

Take care until next time.

*Hanny Clark*



The Country Courier welcomes letters from our readers, which will be published with the writer's signature and county of residence. We accept calendar items at no charge for 60 words or less. The Country Courier reserves the right to edit letters and calendar items and print when space is available.

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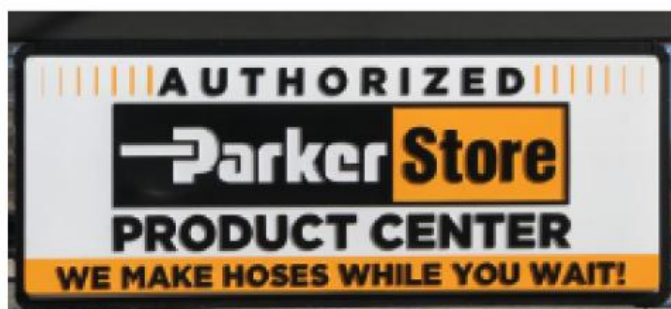


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### A Doctor's Visit

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

Is the groundhog going to see his shadow? Are we going to have 6 more weeks of winter? We always need to be prepared for bad weather and make sure our animals have plenty of hay and water. The vet came out the other day for Pip's regular shots and I was thinking how wonderful it is that they make house calls. Regular doctors haven't made house calls for people in a long time. You have to wait so long to get in and see them. I thought of a story about a guy going to the doctor's office.

There was a guy named Bubba that stopped by the doctor's office and went in to the counter. The receptionist asked "So Bubba, what can I do for you?" He said "I've got shingles." She told him to have a seat and fill out some paperwork and someone would be with him shortly. After 20 minutes, a nurse's assistant came out and took him back and weighed him, checked his height, etc. and told him to have a seat in the examining room. Another 20 minutes went by and a registered nurse came in



and asked him "Bubba, what do have?" He said "Shingles." The nurse took his pulse, blood pressure, temperature and told him to get undressed and sit on the examining table and the doctor would be with him shortly. After about 30 minutes, the doctor finally came in with his file and saw Bubba sitting on the table naked and asked him "Hi Bubba, what do you have?" Bubba said "Shingles." The doctor said "Well let's have a look. Where are they at?" Bubba said "In the back of my truck. I'm just the delivery driver."

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## Remembering Billy Turpin



Billy with his grandson Turpin Rowe

By Gene Campbell

"Please say it ain't so!" were the first words out of my mouth when I heard Billy Turpin had passed. Memories immediately started to flood my mind. Teen club dances, basketball games in the old high school gym, Saturday nights at the Taste Freez, and summer days working on the farm (Billy helped my father cut silage one summer) popped into my head. I can vividly picture him behind the wheel of his green Plymouth Road Runner or gold Barracuda, cruising down the road with a sense of freedom and adventure, blowing the horn as my cousin Michael Commins remembers so well. No matter when and where you saw Billy, he was the same 'ole Billy.' He always went out of his way to speak. Soft-spoken and easygoing, his quiet demeanor was only surpassed by the big wide grin that would slowly appear on his face as he approached. He didn't speak fancy words or make grand gestures; he just had a genuine heart and sympathetic

ear. His words were spoken like E F Hutton, you always took the time to listen. Billy was family. His mother and my grandmother (my mother's side of the family) were first cousins. Billy was always the first at family reunions and was quick to help with whatever needed to be done.

Billy was a country boy embodying the spirit of America, capturing the essence of a simpler time and way of life that was entrenched in tradition and values. Billy's love for family and community was the foundation of his heart, driving his desire to make a positive difference in the lives of others. He cherished the times spent with his wife Dale, children Sara and John, and his grandchildren. He grew up surrounded by the picturesque countryside of King and Queen County as his playground. The simplicity and beauty of the rolling fields shaped his character, instilling in him a strong work ethic and a deep appreciation for the community.

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## Conservation Police News

### King and Queen

Contributed by First Sergeant Joshua Thomas

On Friday December 29, 2023, at 2:00 pm, Virginia Conservation Police Officers were notified of an incident where a hunting dog had been shot on property located off of Indian Neck rd. located in King and Queen County. When Conservation Police Officers arrived, they were met by King and Queen County Deputies who advised them that 2 dead hunting dogs had been located on the property. Officers located another dog and determined that all three dogs had been shot. Officers conducted an investigation and collected evidence. On January 2, the landowner, Eric Gregory Ripper was arrested on 3 felony charges (Cruelty to Animals-killing of a companion animal) and 2 misdemeanor accounts (Removal of electronic collars from a dog).

### Essex

On January 1, 2024, at approximately 9:44 am, the department of Wildlife Resources communications center was notified by a subject that hunting dogs were on his property and had attacked his animals. Virginia Conservation Police responded to 928 Laurel road in Essex county. When Conservation Police Officers arrived, Essex County deputies were already on scene. Officers determined that the landowner, Thomas Egon Bohlmann had shot two hunting dogs and removed their GPS tracking

collars. He then buried the dogs and placed the collars in a burn barrel and set them on fire. On January 7, 2024, Mr. Bohlmann was charged by Conservation Police with 2 counts of cruelty to animals, 2 counts of removing tracking collars from a dog and 2 counts of destruction of property.

First Sergeant Joshua Thomas  
Conservation Police Supervisor  
- Region 1A

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Hunters may chase game or disturb other citizens on prohibited lands under the guise of retrieving hunting dogs (Code of Virginia §18.2-136), chase deer out-of-season during year-round fox chase seasons (Code of Virginia §29.1-516), or road hunt under laws or ordinances which vary considerably by locality. Virginia appears to be one of only two states where hunters can lawfully retrieve dogs even when access has been expressly denied by the landowner.

If you need help or have questions, please go to the Virginia Property Rights Alliance or call 1-434-547-2976.

## Margaret Ann Moore - Grandma Extraordinaire



Four Generations of Moores (l to r) Tammy Burroughs, Margaret Ann Moore, Pepper-Mae Dickerson, and Rilee Dickerson

By Gene Campbell

If there ever was a perfect image of a grandmother, Margaret Ann Moore is it. Grandmothers are a pillar of strength and resilience. Margaret Ann is certainly that and more. She recently celebrated her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday with her family and friends. The gathering on December 30<sup>th</sup> at her home near King William Courthouse was truly extraordinary, as it brought together four generations of the Moore family. Among those present were her daughter Tammy Burroughs, granddaughter Rilee Dickerson, and her great-grandchildren, Pepper-Mae and Forest Edward, creating a cherished and memorable moment for the entire family. Margaret Ann was all smiles as friends stopped by that afternoon. Her face especially "lit up" when Pepper-Mae and Forest Edward came running in with arms stretched out shouting "Ga Ga!"

Before COVID hit, I would visit Margaret Ann and get updates on her brother, community icon B. W. White, Jr. B. W. and my father were high school classmates and very close friends. Unfortunately, in the post-COVID era, my visits are not as frequent. Margaret Ann had a knack for making you feel welcome and was always immaculately dressed. Her home was a haven of comfort and hospitality filled with an aroma of freshly baked "goodies." I would always tell her "Your house is the epitome of what a

grandmother's house should be!" as she went to the kitchen to get me a slice of her delicious homemade cake. Every bite was a taste of nostalgia, evoking memories of when I would visit my grandmother. While eating her mouth-watering cake, Margaret Ann would tell me stories about my grandfather, a country doctor, who made house calls to her home (the same house she lives in today) when she was growing up. We would also fondly recall the memories of her late son, Gary, with whom I had the pleasure of attending high school.

Margaret Ann is like a Norman Rockwell grandmother, a timeless figure, embodying the values of family, love, and tradition. She has weathered life's storms with grace and determination, emerging stronger and wiser. She is a reminder of the importance of cherishing the simple joys in life and the power of human connection. Tammy and Rilee will not hesitate to tell you Margaret Ann is a source of unconditional love and support, always there to lend a listening ear or offer a comforting shoulder to lean on. Her presence brings a sense of calm and reassurance as if everything will be alright as long as she is near.

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### Key Staff, continued from front page

Wilson is a native of King and Queen County and a Central High School graduate. He started his career at the sheriff's office 9 years ago where he worked his way through the ranks serving as a Dispatcher, Patrol Deputy, Investigator, and most recently as Lieutenant.

Sergeant Barry Radden was promoted to the position of Lieutenant of operations and will be third in command of the office. Radden started his career with the office 3.5 years ago, coming to King and Queen with nearly 15 years of law enforcement experience. Radden worked at a host of agencies across central VA including medium and small-sized agencies, college law enforcement, and the Capitol Police. While at King and Queen, Radden has served as a Patrol Deputy, School Resource Officer Deputy, Patrol Sergeant, and has put on many of our community outreach programs. He holds an associate degree from Columbia Southern University in Criminal Justice and is working towards his bachelor's degree.

Deputy Paul Hope was promoted to the position of Patrol Sergeant. Hope came to

the Sheriff's office 2.5 years ago and has been working as a Patrol Deputy. He is also the office's firearms instructor and field training officer. Hopes law enforcement career is extensive as he worked for many years with the Hanover County Sheriff's office before, he left to work overseas training. Upon his return to the states, he worked with the Capital Police and Richmond Airport Police.

Sergeant Ernie Scheffli was reassigned to Investigations. Scheffli has over 13 years with the department and has worked in investigations before. Scheffli is also the K9 handler for the department. The reassignment is to have the ability to use the K9 across both shifts and eliminate supervisory duties to focus on the K9 program.

Sheriff Balderson announced the promotions at a staff meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, and is planning an official promotion ceremony in late February that will be open to citizens to attend. Additional appointments are expected before July to fill a vacant patrol sergeant position and create shift leads in the dispatch ranks.

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Raven Custalow, MSN, AGPCNP-BC, received her Masters in Nursing with a specialization in Adult-Gerontology Primary Care. She is a life-long resident of King William County as well as a Mattaponi tribal citizen.



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### First Baptist, continued from front page



The mood was celebratory as dignitaries and members of the Church gathered for the 10 am service.

First Baptist Church Pastor Jim Goebel welcomed everyone followed by Delegate Keith Hodges and West Point Mayor Jack Lawson presenting commemorative resolutions from the Virginia General Assembly and the Town of West Point. Delegate Hodges also presented a commemorative resolution from Congress on behalf of First District Congressman Rob Wittman. Presentations were also made by the Rev Arnold "Win" Davis, Executive Director of Missions Dover Baptist Association; and the Rev Karl Heilman of the Baptist General Association of Virginia. In his remarks, Delegate Hodges mentioned former First Baptist pastor (now deceased) Rev Marvin Kerby. I had the pleasure of knowing Rev Kerby. He was a kind and gentle spirit and one of the finest persons I have ever known.

Special music was provided by the First Baptist Church Choir and choir member Deborah Ball who is also Vice Mayor of West Point.

I had a chance to see and connect with old friends in West Point which included Delegate Hodges's parents, Fred and Sara Hodges, who were friends with my parents. Of course, no celebration is complete without food. A wonderful brunch was held in the fellowship hall after the conclusion of the service. Other celebrations are planned throughout this year commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, namely a family fun picnic on June 9<sup>th</sup> and a Special Service and 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to First Baptist Church as they embark on the next 150 years of serving the Lord, the Town of West Point, and the surrounding community.

### January's Senior of the Month Sylven Benefield



Sylven is pictured with her family

#### Contributed

King and Queen County Public Schools are proud to announce Sylven Benefield as January's Senior of the Month. Sylven's creativity knows no bounds and the ability to offer insightful perspectives on various topics has left an impactful mark on our school community.

Mrs. Jennifer Powell, Government Central High School (CHS) teacher, states, "Sylven emulates individuality and creativity and that, over the past few months, she has watched Sylven be a dependable, free-thinking class/team leader — always doing so in a positive and kind manner.

Mrs. Angela Gentry, Theatre teacher, states "she has had the privilege to know Sylven since her first days here at CHS in 2020.

Sylven is the masterful artist who is not only gifted in visual arts (where Sylven obtained a place at the Governor's School Summer Arts Program— a first for CHS), but is also a gifted writer, and a gifted performer. If you have not had the opportunity to see Sylven's art, visually or performance-wise, you are missing out. Sylven is the first student, since we've restarted our theater program, to win an acting award and the VHSL one-act play competition. Sylven has played a pivotal role in my life as a teacher, and is the kind of student that makes teaching worth it. It is hard to imagine CHS without Sylven next year".

We are immensely proud to have Sylven represent us as our January Senior of the Month and look forward to the positive impact she will continue to make at CHS and beyond".

### Remembering Billy Turpin, continued

Billy was always ready to lend a helping hand or offer a listening ear to someone going through a tough time. He didn't do it for the praise or the recognition, he did it because he believed in the power of community and the importance of looking out for one another. His acts of kindness had a profound impact on those around him. Billy was a man of many talents, capable of tackling any task that came his way. Whether it was farming, logging, repairing equipment, or assisting his

neighbors, Billy had a knack for simply getting things done. He was the unofficial Mayor of Newtown.

Billy was a true gem in our community, a man who made a lasting impact on the lives of those around him. His spirit will forever be remembered in our hearts and minds, as we carry on the lessons, he taught us. Life is not going to be the same in King and Queen County and the surrounding community without Billy Turpin.



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## King William Democrats Donate School Supplies



A few members of the King William Democrats pose with the school supplies collected by the membership. The supplies will be donated to the King William Public Schools.

The King William Democrats collected school supplies to donate to the King William County Public Schools at their January meeting. Since students' school supplies often run low during the middle of the school year, and teachers often purchase supplies themselves, the King William Democrats wanted to fill that need.

Members donated crayons, markers, pens, notebooks, paper, tissues and hand sanitizer to help provide some supplies for the classrooms. For more information, or to receive the email newsletter contact the King William Democrats at [kwdems@gmail.com](mailto:kwdems@gmail.com) or call 804-513-2546.

## Three Rivers SWCD Scholarship

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Three Rivers SWCD has many different scholarship opportunities for local high school seniors pursuing a degree in agriculture or natural resources, or that come from a farming background.

The scholarships we have available include:

Earl H. & Anna K. Longest Memorial Scholarship available to King & Queen residents.

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All scholarship applications are due on March 1st, 2024 (other than the VASWCD scholarship, which is due on April 1st, 2024).

Along with our local scholarships, we

help to promote the Larkin Hundley Memorial Endowment, administered by Colonial Farm Credit. This scholarship is valued at \$2,000, and is aimed towards Essex County residents with an agriculture background or pursuing agriculture, forestry, or an environmental science degree. More information can be found at [www.colonialfarmcredit.com](http://www.colonialfarmcredit.com).

Three Rivers SWCD promotes the VASWCD scholarship as well. Four winners will be awarded across the state of Virginia and applications MUST be sent to Three Rivers SWCD by April 1st, 2024. More information can be found at [www.vaswcd.org/student-scholarships](http://www.vaswcd.org/student-scholarships).

Please send all scholarship applications to Grace Daughtrey at [grace.daughtrey@trswcd.org](mailto:grace.daughtrey@trswcd.org) by the deadlines mentioned above. Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions by calling (804)443-4027!

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## Obituaries

William Randolph "Billy" Turpin, 77 of Newtown passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Wednesday, January 24, 2024. He served his country proudly as a member of the United States Air Force and was an active member and choir leader at Upper King & Queen Baptist Church. He loved his community and was a friend to all. Billy had a way of communicating his love with very few words, his contagious smile, and the best hugs. Billy was a music lover and enjoyed singing with the church choir, Community Chorus, and in other groups with friends and family. Billy also loved to cut a rug and swing you around the dance floor. In his life he was a lumberman, farmer, diesel mechanic, and his favorite job, truck driver. He was preceded in death by his parents William Garnett Turpin and Lucille Foster Andrews; his two sisters Frances Turpin Minor Dillard and Lena Turpin Carlile and his beloved cat, Gertie. Billy is survived by his devoted wife of 48 years Dale Chenault Turpin; his two children Sara Hart Turpin Rowe (Michael) of Newtown and John Garnett Turpin (Katie Brackmann) of Mechanicsville; his grandchildren Turpin and Owen Rowe, Henry and Oscar Turpin, Brooke and

Henry Brackmann; cousins Bidy Walker and Mary Willett; his sister in laws Debbie Akers (Paul), Judy Shupe, Becky Caldera (Rob) and brother in law Frankie Chenault (Pam) all of Frog Level and a number of very special nieces and nephews. A Memorial service will be at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, February 4, 2024 in Upper King & Queen Baptist Church, 1693 Bradley Farm Rd, Tappahannock, VA 22560; a reception with the family will immediately follow the service in the church fellowship hall. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Upper King & Queen Baptist Church or any charity that is near and dear to your heart. Arrangements by Storke Funeral Home, Bowling Green.

### GREGORY

In loving memory of Stanley Joe Gregory, who passed away December 16, 2023. He is survived by his wife Wanda, two sons, one daughter, two granddaughters and three grandsons. A celebration of life will be held February 4th from 2-3 at the Mechanicsville Moose Lodge 7167 Flag Lane,



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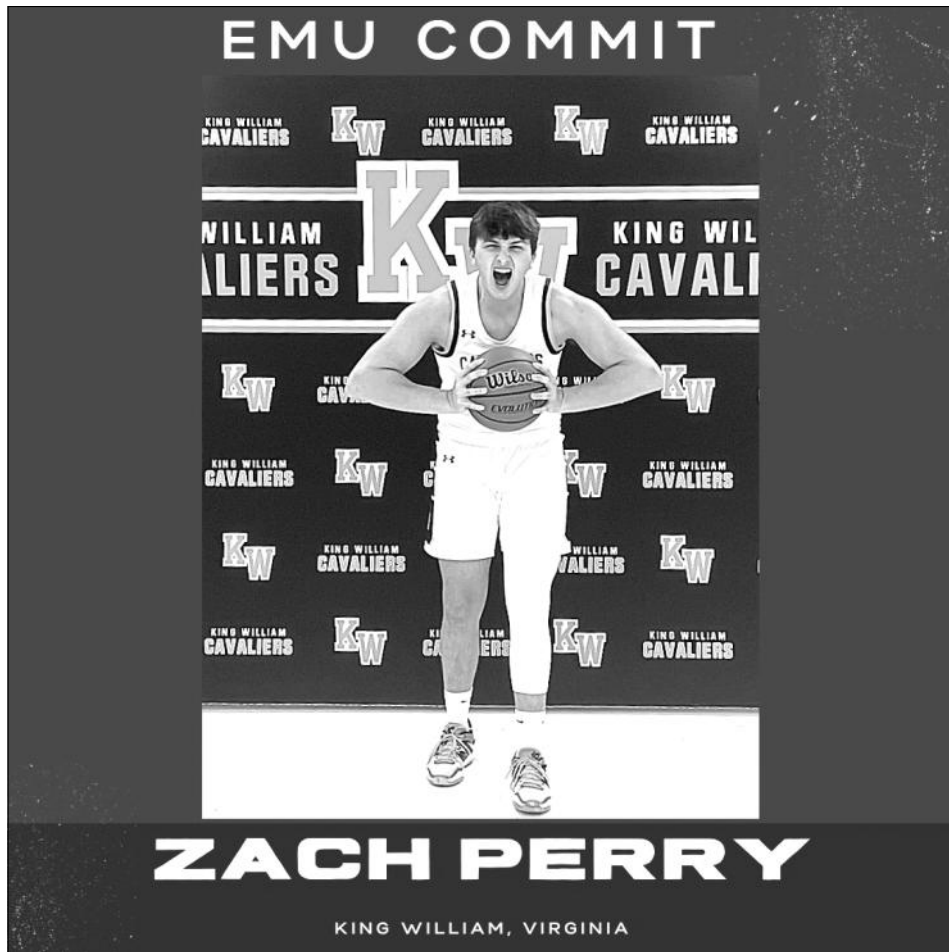
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Contributed- Zachary Perry of King William High School has committed to play college basketball at Eastern Mennonite University, located in Harrisonburg, VA. The Royals are a member of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC).

## King William High Wrestling Team Captures Second Place



Holden Lipscomb, Taylor Hooper, Tucker Townsend, Macari Martin, Marcus Washington, Colin Hresan, Kade Sanders- Asst. Coach, Buck Downy-Head Coach, Cory McPhearson, Andrew Johnson-Asst. Coach. **BOTTOM ROW:** JD Carson, Camden Merriweather, Maddox Heck, Trenton Stallings, and Tyler Pinder-Athletic Trainer

Picture and article contributed by Tucker Townsend

Gymnasium on the King William campus. Nine teams participated with Cosby High of Chesterfield taking top honors and Franklin High finishing third.

Central Garage- The King William High school wrestling team placed second in the recent duels meet held Saturday, January, 20th, at Bobby G. Murray

Congratulations to the team for their individual wins and outstanding team results!



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## Aylett Country Day School Honor and Merit Roll

Mrs. Tara Garner, Head of School at Aylett Country Day School, is pleased to announce the names of students in grades five through eight who have shown outstanding academic achievement for the 2nd quarter of the 2023-24 school year.

Students earning Honor Roll status, all A's, for the 2nd quarter are:

Grade 5: Michaela Hall, Willow Jones, Jeremiah Small, and Katherine Wechsler

Grade 6: Megan Copeland, Annabelle Dameron, Ashleigh Dilworth, Carter Smith, and Hudson Warren

Grade 7: Chandler Eubank, Emma Fowler, Natalie Fulks, Dina Nicolai, and Kailey Seal

Grade 8: Avery Boyle and Kelsey Wood

Merit Roll (A's and B's) students for the 2nd quarter are:

Grade 5: Abigail Ambrose, Xander Bradshaw, Regina Carson, Drew Clarke, Joslyn Earhart, Waylon Edwards, Colby Hansen, Easton Townsend, Abigail Wolford

Grade 6: Harper Boyle, Cayson Holmes, Sydney Hundley, Hadleigh Keeton, Blake Kosek, Bryce Matthews, Cameron Moore, and Madison Mundie

Grade 7: Cason Chilton, Aurora Cox, Abigail Earhart, Ava Funai, Kate Gillions, Mason Johnson, Grace Lam, Kinley Seal, and Tinsley Yelinek

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## FFA Competes in Central Area Forestry Competition



Larkin Patterson shows his driving skills in the two wheel wagon event



FFA members competed in the Three Rivers FFA Federation Forestry judging contest. Left to Right- Jack Longest, TyQuan Hence, and Brody Hite

Contributed FFA News  
By Tranay Carter

The King William FFA has recently competed in the Central Area Forestry Judging competition. The Central Area Forestry competition consisted of tree identification, determination of tree values, estimation of board-foot volume of standing timber equipment identification practicum, map interpretation practicum and timber stand improvement. The Central Forestry competition was in Hanover Wayside off of 301 on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The King William FFA members that competed in the competition were Brody Hite, Ty Quan Hence and Jack Longest.

The team placed 5<sup>th</sup> overall in the competition. The highest scorer for King William was Ty Quan Hence. The next competition the King William FFA competed in was the Central Area Tractor Driving. The competition consisted of a 25 question test on tractor safety, 10 diagnostic problems with a tractor, operating a 2-wheel wagon in a shed area and a figure 8 course and operating a 4-wheel wagon from one shed to another. The Central Area Tractor Driving competition was in Fluvanna High School on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Representing King William, Larkin Patterson placed 5<sup>th</sup> overall.

## It's Better to Give Than Receive



KWHS FFA members get items together to fill Christmas shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. Left to Right: Makenzie Mielke, James Stewart, Tranay Carter, and Kolton Jimmo. Contributed

By Makenzie Neely and Camdyn Watkins

During the holidays King William FFA likes to give back to the community and raise money for activities. Our Agriculture classes and FFA activities teach us about serving others and displaying good citizenship. The King William FFA completed our annual fruit and nut fundraiser from October 13<sup>th</sup> to December 5<sup>th</sup>. The FFA group sold over 400 boxes of fruit and over 600 nut items. King William FFA would like to thank the community and the school for all of the support on this fundraiser. King William FFA used some of the profits from the fundraiser to give back

to others. We used our proceeds to fill Christmas shoeboxes with Samaritan's Purse, for children in other countries, who may not be able to afford things and are in need. We filled 30 boxes with personal hygiene items, education materials, toys, and clothing. Another thing the King William FFA did with our profits is help WRAR/WNNT in Tappahannock to fulfill Christmas wishes for boys and girls in the Middle Peninsula with Christmas gifts. Students in Agriculture classes and members of the FFA learn to serve others which is why we love giving back to the community. We can't thank everyone enough for how much support you all give us.

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**King & Queen Library**

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**Upper KW Branch Library**

**Create Your Own Valentine Cards** Thursday, Feb. 1, 5:30 - 6:30pm Ages 4-18. **Coloring, Coffee, & Donuts** Tuesday, Feb. 6, 10:30 - 11:30am Ages 18 & up. **Family Storytime** Wednesdays, Feb. 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. For ages 0-5 with caregiver. **Stay and Play** Wednesday, Feb. 14, 11:15am - noon Ages 0-5. Refreshments provided by Friends of the UKW Library **Linoblock Printing** Thursday, Feb. 15, 2:00 - 3:00pm Ages 18 & up. **Learn How to Cross-stitch** Tuesday, Feb. 16, 6:00 - 7:30pm Ages 18 & up. **UKW Anime Club** Tuesday, Feb. 20, 6:00 - 7:30pm Ages 12-18. **UKW Chess Club** Tuesday, Feb. 27, 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**

**Family Storytime** at the West Point Branch Library Fridays, Feb. 2, 9, 16, & 23, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. For ages 0-5 with caregiver. **Stay and Play** Fridays, Feb. 2, 9, 16, & 23, 11:00 a.m. - noon Ages 0-5. Meet other parents and caregivers while you watch your preschoolers play in our children's area after Storytime. **Open Art Studio** Saturday, Feb. 10, 10:30 - 11:30am Ages 5-10 **Legos @ the Library** Friday, Feb. 16, 4:00 - 5:00pm Grades K-5. I'd

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**King William Democrats**

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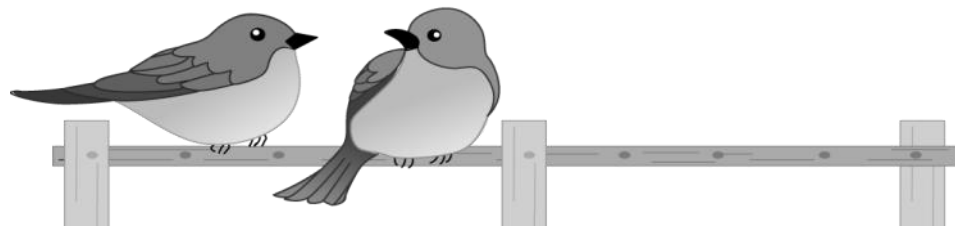
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