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Hidden in Plain Sight



Fellow Hokie Bryan Taliaferro

By Gene Campbell

Several weeks back Suzanne and I attended the Annual Tideneck Chapter Winter Banquet of the Va Tech Alumni Association. It was held at The 1710 Tavern in Tappahannock. It is an affair that I have attended since graduating from Va Tech and it is a chance to connect with my fellow Hokies in the Northern Neck. Present was Bryan Taliaferro of Montague Farms in Essex County. Bryan is just a few years older than me. I will always remember Bryan teaching me how to use a slide rule (forerunner to the calculator) before I entered my freshman year at Va Tech. Bryan's father and my father were farmers and good friends.

I always love hearing the story about Bryan's great-grandfather, William Chapman, during the Civil War. William was almost killed by the Union soldiers towards the end of the Civil War and I have always been fascinated by the story of how he survived. William was just sixteen years old at the time. Towards the end of the war Union soldiers wanted to make a final statement to the Southern people about their lost cause. They were raiding southern households and killing young white male Southerners. Their intentions were pure evil, namely to kill anyone they thought participated in the war.

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It's All in the Recipe



Chili Cook-off winners Reggie Neale, Jimmy Gresham, and Ernest Taliaferro with Pastor Joseph Moore and Rodney Lewis

By Gene Campbell

I attended Bethany Baptist Church's inaugural chili cook-off on Saturday afternoon of February 3rd. Five talented Church members showcased their favorite chili recipes in a competition that was decided by fellow church members.

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Delegate Keith Hodges Introduces Substitute Bill HB1434 for Land Conveyance to Mattaponi Tribe and Public Benefit

Contributed - Delegate Keith Hodges introduced HB1434, a substitute bill moving that is moving forward in the Virginia General Assembly designed to facilitate land conveyance to the Mattaponi Indian Tribe while incorporating and clarifying provisions for the public benefit. Originally aimed at granting Sandy Point land to the Mattaponi Tribe, the revised bill expands the scope of land conveyance within Sandy Point State Forest in King William County. It empowers the Department of Forestry to grant tracts of land south of Brooks Creek to the Tribe. Additionally, the bill includes language allowing discussions with stakeholders to determine the public benefit usage of tracts north of Brooks Creek. Moving forward, the delegate has been actively engaged in discussions with the Mattaponi Tribe, King William County, and other stakeholders to ensure that the legislation positively impacts all parties involved. This collaborative approach reflects a commitment to finding mutually beneficial

solutions that honor tribal sovereignty and address the broader interests of the community.

Comprising over 250 enrolled citizens, with less than 75 individuals living on the Reservation, the Mattaponi Tribe has faced significant land loss. The current Reservation, recorded as 150 acres, measures less than 75 acres. This has adversely affected hunting grounds, agricultural areas, and housing space for Tribal members. Sandy Point, identified as Indian Land since the Treaty of 1646, was sold to the state forestry department in 2002 due to the absence of a land transfer mechanism in Virginia. Legislative efforts in 2017 paved the way for land to be placed in state trust for Indian tribes, facilitating the conveyance of Sandy Point to the Mattaponi Tribe. Delegate Keith Hodges stressed collaboration and coordination to ensure the success of this endeavor.

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HUD Awards \$1.6 Million in Native American Communities

Funds support development of infrastructure and community facilities

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded nearly \$20 million to 11 communities through the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program. These grant funds may be used for infrastructure, community buildings, housing rehabilitation, land acquisition, economic development, and more to support American Indian and Alaskan Native families on Indian reservations and in other Indian areas. The Mattaponi Indian Reservation in West Point, Virginia was awarded \$1,699,000.

“This critical funding will help Tribal Nations meet the needs of their communities and build towards their futures,” said HUD Secretary Marcia L. Fudge. “Our Administration is proud to fulfill its responsibility to our Tribal Nations in ways that respect their sovereignty and allow them to thrive.” HUD Regional Administrator Matthew Heckles added “these funds will pave the way for prosperity and progress in places like the Mattaponi Indian Reservation in

West Point, Virginia, ensuring a brighter tomorrow for generations to come.”

“Seeing firsthand the incredible work Tribes are doing on behalf of their communities is inspiring,” said Richard Monocchio, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing. “We continue to meet emerging needs in Indian Country with this funding, and there is no better investment than supporting Tribes to develop innovative solutions for complex challenges.”

The Department understands how significant this funding is to Tribal communities and the importance of issuing awards as soon as the reviews are completed to ensure that ICDBG funds reach communities as quickly as possible. HUD extends its’ gratitude to Tribes for providing vital feedback through Tribal consultation, which informed the development of this grant competition.

In June 2023, HUD made \$75 million available to Tribes through the ICDBG program for community development. More awards will be announced as ICDBG reviews are completed.



Publisher’s Message



Getting closer to spring each day now, only 34 days till March 19th. I have been cleaning out the barn the past few days. I wonder where all that stuff came from. There were a few nice surprises I came across. Some little treasures, I had forgotten about. The things I could part with got a ride to the landfill. Sometimes we have to take a look at what to keep and what to let go. It feels good to walk through the barn and stables and actually see what's there. Still some work to do, but it's almost done. Early spring cleaning is the order of the day.

Take care until next time .

Hanny Clark



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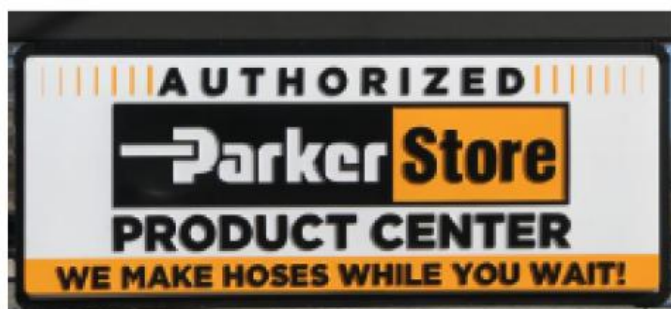


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Patience

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

With Springtime coming, I know a lot of people will be doing more with their horses and mules. Whether it's going to shows or trail riding, we need to remember to have patience with our animals. We are always in a hurry to get things done or get where we are going. Pip doesn't have the same concept of time as I do. She's always in the moment. I have to remind myself that Pip is on "mule time" and mule time is different than Allen time. We should slow down and enjoy every minute we spend with our animals. I know when Pip and I connect, I lose track of time all together. Having patience will help you and your animal get through stressful situations quicker and easier.

I remember awhile back I was in the grocery store picking up a few things and I was behind a grandfather and his 3 year old grandson. I could tell the grandfather had his hands full. As we went up and down each aisle, the little boy was screaming for everything on the shelves they went by. I heard the grandfather say calmly "Easy William, we won't be in here long. Take it easy boy". In another aisle, I heard him say "It's okay William, just a couple of more minutes and we'll be out of here. Hang in there boy". In the checkout line, the little boy was throwing



items out of the cart and the grandad says again in a relaxed voice "William, William, relax buddy. Don't get upset. We'll be home in 5 minutes. Stay calm William". I was so impressed with his patience that I approached him outside as he was loading bags in his car. I said "Sir, it's none of my business but you were amazing. No matter how loud and disruptive your grandson got in there, you just stayed calm and kept saying that things would be okay. William is very lucky to have you as his grandfather". "Thanks," said the grandfather "but I'm William and that little brat is Kevin".

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

For the Young at Heart A Plan That is Really Smart

By Gene Campbell

With Valentine's Day fast approaching, I heeded the advice of my good friend Bill Crowe and wrote a poem suggesting ways for my fellow "coffee buddies" at Bo Town (Bojangles) to surprise their "sweeties" on this special day. You know what they say, "Happy wife, happy life!" Here goes.....

*Jesse, Dennis, Gerry, Barry, and Bill, Retirees at Bo Town, suggestions to plan with skill,
To delight your sweethearts on Valentine's Day,
Without breaking the bank, in an affordable way.*

*Jesse, the musician with songs to share, Serenade Jane, showing how much you care.
With your guitar and a heartfelt tune, Declare your love, under the moon.*

*Dennis, a chef with skills so grand, Cook a feast for Yoshiko, arousing her taste-bud glands.
A candlelit dinner, with flavors divine, Savoring each bite, her love will shine.*

*Gerry, you 'ole romantic' hound, I suggest something simple, not to confound.
Whisk your love, Janet, away for a stroll, Hand in hand along the pond is good for the soul.*

Barry, the beekeeper, your bees buzzing around,

*Plan a day of fun with Bonnie, with bees in the background.
Your bees and love are the key,
To keep Bonnie on her toes for eternity.*

*And Bill, a poet with words so sweet, Write a poem for Ann, it will be a real treat.
A heartfelt poem, expressing your devotion,
Capturing your love for her with deep emotion.*

*So, fellows, love knows no age, it knows no bounds,
In your golden years, love still resounds.
Jesse, Dennis, Gerry, Barry, and Bill,
Your love for your sweethearts can still be a thrill.*



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CORRECTION

In the last issue January 31, the article titled Conservation Police News, at the end of the article was information not from the contributor First Sergeant Joshua Thomas of VA Wildlife Resources. The Country Courier apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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Obituary

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Fox, Elsie M., 94, of King William, VA, passed away on December 22, 2023, surrounded by family and friends. She was born on January 7, 1929, in Richmond, VA. She was

preceded in death by her husband Thomas H. Fox; her parents, William A. Simmons and Virginia I. Simmons; three brothers William Simmons, Raymond Simmons, and Warren Simmons; three sisters, Pauline Graves, Francis Carter and Linda Carter. Elsie is survived by her son, Thomas H. Fox Jr. (Cam), daughter, Sharon F. Kelley (John Melvin); granddaughters Allison K. Patterson (Shane), and Carrie N. Fox; two great-granddaughters Allie B. Patterson, and Emmy M. Patterson; two great-grandsons; Larkin Patterson, and Thomas S. Patterson; three step-grandsons John M. Kelley Jr. (Becky), Randy Kelley

(Karen), and Tracy Porter (Lindsey); two step-granddaughters Tracie Fuls (John), Lauren F. Shew (Ray); eleven step-great grandchildren, four step-great-great grandchildren; several special nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law and her special care giver Anita Overman. The viewing took place Thursday, December 28th, at B. W. White Funeral Home, 7837 Richmond Tappahannock Highway, Aylett, VA 23009. The funeral service took place on Friday, December 29th, at Sharon Baptist Church, 901 Sharon Road, King William, VA 23086. In Lieu of flowers, donations can be given to Sharon Baptist Church, 901 Sharon Road, King William, VA 23086.



Bill, continued from front page

We have worked closely with stakeholders to ensure a smooth conveyance process for the Mattaponi Tribe and public at large. This substitute bill reflects our commitment to tribal sovereignty and broader public interests. HB1434 is now under consideration by the General Assembly of Virginia. Delegate Keith Hodges encourages continued dialogue and collaboration for the successful passage of this legislation, benefiting both the Mattaponi Tribe and the public.

Remembering Toby Keith a Legend in Country Music



Toby Keith and his Red Solo Cup....let's have a party!

By Gene Campbell

After hearing the news of Toby Keith's passing, I felt the need to write an article in remembrance of Toby Keith, much like I did when Jimmy Buffet passed away. We have lost two legends in less than six months. Both had different musical styles and backgrounds, yet there are similarities in their music that have endeared them to fans and made them icons in the music industry. Both are known for their ability to tell stories through their music. Whether it's Toby Keith's relatable tales of love, heartbreak, and everyday life in small-town America or Jimmy Buffett's songs about escapism, adventure, and the pursuit of a carefree lifestyle, they both had a knack for captivating listeners with their storytelling abilities.

With his trademark cowboy hat, rugged good looks, and mischievous grin, Toby Keith was the kind of guy you would want to sit down and have a beer with, swap stories, share a laugh, and enjoy the simple pleasures of life. He embodied the values and traditions of rural America. His music had a way of transporting you to a small town where everyone knows your name.

Whether he was crooning his first ballad "Should Have Been a Cowboy" or belting out his legendary chart-toppers "I Love This Bar" and "Red Solo Cup," Toby Keith's music resonated deeply with the soul of America and with people from all walks of life. But Toby wasn't just a musician, he was also a true patriot. He never shied away from expressing his love for his country. Belting out anthems like "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue," earned him a special place in the hearts of many and his performances at military events were nothing short of legendary.

Toby Keith and Jimmy Buffett have brought and continue to bring joy, inspiration, and a sense of community to rural America. In the words of Toby himself, "I ain't as good as I once was, but I'm good once as I ever was," is a sentiment we can all raise a glass to. So, grab a cold one, and put on some Toby Keith or Jimmy Buffett tunes. Whether you are "wasted away again in Margaritaville" or "sitting at your favorite bar" let their music transport you to a place where worries fade away and good times are guaranteed!

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Many of these white male Southerners, going to see for ourselves," said the however, were just young boys in the wrong place at the wrong time.

This was the case of Bryan's great-grandfather. One morning on the farm some Union soldiers were seen coming up the long road leading to the house. Mammy who was a black slave on the farm quickly told William to hide under her dress as she told another slave to go get a big basket of string beans that needed snapping. Mammy sat down in a rocking chair on the front porch in her long dress as William crawled under her dress. Mammy started singing and snapping beans. As the Union soldiers rode up to the house, they called out to Mammy and asked, "Where are all your men?" to which Mammy replied, "They are all gone to war." "Well, we are just

soldiers as they began searching the property. After several hours of searching, the Union soldiers reluctantly left. When they left, William came out from under Mammy's dress and gave Mammy a big hug, saying, "Thank you, Mammy!" Mammy replied, "Go on boy. Did you think I was going to let those no-goods take ya and kill ya?" Mammy was freed after the war but stayed on the farm until she died. She is buried in the family cemetery on the farm.

I am sure there are many stories like this that occurred during the war. War can change how people treat each other, but even during the worst of times, good can and will prevail over evil. By the way, I still have that slide rule and often think of Bryan when I see it.

King William Planning Commission Approves Amendments to Subdivision & Zoning Ordinance

Contributed

The King William County Planning Commission approved amendments to the Subdivision and Zoning Ordinance at its February 6th meeting. The changes were unanimously approved by the panel and will be recommended to the Board of Supervisors for adoption at its February 26th meeting. The amendments were adopted after several months of discussion. Five sections of the ordinance were amended including:

- Minimum site and dimensional regulations for Primary Zoning Districts.
- Yards and open space.
- Transportation Corridor Overlay District.
- Minor subdivisions.
- Definitions.

Planning Director Sherry Graham noted

there are additional amendments to the ordinance coming before the Commission in the months ahead, including site plan requirements. Graham also informed the Commission of agenda topics that will be introduced at future meetings. They include:

- Rezoning of parcels on Route 360.
- Review of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Review of the Future Land Use Map.
- Agritourism.
- Residential boathouses by-right.
- Short term rentals.
- Lodging/transient tax.

The next Planning Commission meeting is on Tuesday, March 12th, at 6:30 p.m. in the

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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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King William County Economic Development Authority Awards Five Small Business Grants

The King William Economic Development Authority (EDA) has awarded grants to five King William businesses as part of its Small Business Grant program. In November of 2023, the EDA launched the program to assist small businesses with operational needs. The grants announced are all in the amount of \$3,500.

Roma Ristorante Italiano
Salon Central LLC

The grant awards were the first issued for the program. Qualifying businesses can still apply and be considered by the EDA at future meetings. Information can be found on the King William County website under the Quick Links heading on the left side of the main page (kwc.gov). The first recipients will receive their grants at the February 14, 2024 meeting of the EDA which begins at 6:30 p.m. in the County Administration Building Board Room.

Receiving grant funds were:
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Maleena's Wildlife Rescue



Brownie, a juvenile raccoon, was rescued in West Point in December

Contributed by Sharon O'Neal

What better way to celebrate Valentine's Day than to spread love to the wildlife animals receiving care at Maleena's Wildlife Rescue! Located in Newtown, just 15 minutes from Aylett, Maleena's Wildlife Rescue is dedicated to rescuing & rehabilitating injured and orphaned wildlife.

Since the goal is to release these wild animals back into their natural habitats, the love and attention they receive is often very different than that of domesticated animals. They can't be held and petted; they're not allowed to run around your home & play. They can't be socialized with domestic animals, they can't be taken for joy rides, and they most certainly can't be socialized with humans. You might ask, "if you can't do any of those things, how are they shown love?" Their time here is kept to a minimum. Once they are healthy/mature enough to face the world on their own, they are released. Keeping them locked up for my own selfish greed of loving them is not only illegal, it's not fair to them. In addition to minimizing their stay, they're fed nutritious formulas and foods, receive enrichment to keep their skills

sharp, their cages are cleaned continuously, and they are never treated like pets. Keeping them wild plays a major part in their survival after release. Though they are each loved beyond measure, they are also respected for the wild creatures they are. Rescue-Rehab-Release-Repeat is every rehabber's motto.

As the world celebrates love on Valentine's Day, I want to remind you of the importance of showing love and compassion to all creatures, big & small.

Want to take part in showing them love and compassion too? Make a donation, shop one of our wish lists, register as a volunteer (must be 16), collect donations, or set up fundraisers. Help show them the love they deserve.

Maleena's Wildlife Rescue
Sharon O'Neal
Cell:804-366-7120 or Home: 804-769-2751
2620 Bradley Farm Rd
Tappahannock, VA 22560

Facebook.com/MaleenasWildlifeRescue

Donations can be made online or at any Primis Bank branch.

King & Queen Co. Announces Groundbreaking at Telework Site

Contributed

A groundbreaking ceremony will take place on Tuesday, February 20, at the home of the new Telework Center located at 4521 Lewis B. Puller Memorial Highway in King and Queen County. The Telework Center will house the Middle Peninsula Planning District, a medical provider, as well as a telework center for businesses interested in doing business on the Middle Peninsula. Funding partners for the project include the United States Department of Commerce Economic

Development Administration and the Virginia Department of Transportation. The architects and builders of the Telework Center are Commonwealth Architects, Skanska, and Connemara Corporation. The 7,000 square foot building will serve as a hub for economic development on the Middle Peninsula with an emphasis on coastal resiliency and growth. The anticipated opening of the Telework Center is December 2024. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Chili, continued from front page

When I arrived at the Church fellowship hall, I was greeted by church members Reggie Neale and Kia Braxton. Kia was in charge of the festivities. The excitement was evident as I entered the building with the aroma of the simmering chili filling the air, tantalizing everyone's taste buds. Each contestant had put their heart and soul into their dish, hoping their recipe would win first place. Kia announced the rules of the competition before each church member came forward to get samples of the chili. After sitting down with their samples, each church member tasted the mouthwatering chili creations. Everyone savored each spoonful before choosing their top three favorites. Not only was it a friendly competition, it was

an opportunity for everyone to come together and enjoy each other's company. Laughter and conversation filled the air as church members mingled and enjoyed the fellowship.

After everyone voted for their top three choices, Kia announced the winners. Reggie Neale claimed the first-place ribbon, with Minister Joseph Moore claiming second place. There was a tie for third place between Ernest Taliaferro, and the team of Jimmy Gresham and Rodney Lewis. It was clear that everyone who participated was a winner in their own right, as they contributed to the overall success of the event. I am looking forward to next year's chili cook-off.

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Basketball



On January 31st, Zach Perry scored his 1,000 point at the home game against West Point. Zack attends King William high school.

Historical Boards



Contributed

Combining history and hands-on skills like woodworking is a creative and meaningful way for students to engage with their education. Using wood from the old Central High School gym floor adds an extra layer of nostalgia and connection to the school's history.

Creating personalized cutting boards with maple and black walnut inlays adds craftsmanship and individuality to the project. The fact that some students are giving these boards to family members who attended Central and had physical education on the old gym floor adds a sentimental value to their work.

Engraving personalized messages on each board further enhances the connection to family history. It's a wonderful way for students not only to learn practical skills but also to create lasting memories for their family.

Projects like these not only promote creativity and craftsmanship but also foster a sense of community and connection to the past. It's inspiring to see educators like Mr. Ronald Cox incorporating innovative and meaningful approaches to education. This type of hands-on, personalized learning can leave a lasting impact on students and their understanding of history and family heritage.

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Cavaliers Wrestlers Compete in Powhatan High Invitational



Contributed

The King William High wrestling team was one of thirteen teams from around the Commonwealth invited to the weekend tournament held on Saturday, January 27th, at Powhatan High School.

The Cavaliers finished eighth with King George High winning the event, Atlee High finishing second, and host Powhatan in third.

Individual awards went to Cavalier Trenton Stallings for second place in the

varsity 215 pound weight class, Maddox Heck, winner in the 106 pound varsity weight class, Macari Martin, fourth in the 190 pound varsity weight class, Marcus Washington, fourth in the 285 pound varsity weight class, and Cory McPhearson, winner in the junior varsity 285 pound weight class.

Congratulations to the Cavalier team and individual wrestlers for their hard earned results.

Regional Spelling Bee Winner

Contributed

Congratulations to Jillian Smith, the division-Richmond Times Regional Spelling Bee champion representing Central High School and King and Queen County Public Schools! Jillian's dedication to her academic studies is truly commendable and it helped her to excel in this competition. The region Spelling Bee will be held on Thursday, March 7th at the Richmond Times Dispatch Production Plant in Hanover Co, located at 8460 Times Dispatch Blvd in Mechanicsville at 5:00 PM.

Along with Dr. Carter, our school superintendent, we applaud her hard work and wish her continued success in her academic pursuits. Well done, Jillian!



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What to expect?
Each child will be screened on basic developmental skills. School staff will be available throughout the day to conduct screenings. Parents will receive information regarding the preschool programs offered at King William County Public Schools. Once the screenings have been completed and reviewed by school personnel, parents/guardians of children eligible for enrollment will be notified by mail by the end of May.

What to bring?

- Your Child
- Original Birth Certificate (Copies are not accepted)
- A completed physical examination form dated between 8/19/23 and 8/19/24 must be on file before your child starts.
- Proof of family income: original source documents such as 3 consecutive employee pay stubs/earnings notices, income tax returns, employer W-2 forms, or public assistance program payment documentation.
- Current driver's license / Valid ID
- Proof of Residency: House contract, lease agreement, rent receipt, mortgage statement, tax assessment
- At least one form of identification: current vehicle registration, vehicle title, current voter registration card, military ID, current tax assessment, state or federal tax return filed within 12 months with W-2 attached, or current gas / water / electric bill.
- In the case of families living with other families, a notarized statement from the host family attesting to the common living arrangement will be required.
- Accurate residency and income information is vital. Falsifying information is a misdemeanor and may lead to prosecution

Church Calendar

ATTENTION: CONTRIBUTED SPACE FOR OUR COMMUNITY *UNDER 60 WORDS PLEASE & THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO DO!

CHRISTIAN

Christ Community Church

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Christian Fellowship Ministries

304 W. Chinquapin Rd, King William, on Sundays at 11am in the sanctuary and on Wednesday Nights for Bible Study at 7pm on Zoom. Zoom ID: 890 008 8851 Password: 6iayfH. Also, follow us on Facebook at Christian Fellowship Ministries to be invited to join our Live services.

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. Pastor Bill Ford (770) 687-6621/ www.Smyrna.org

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 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, King and Queen County. Please join us at Bible Study and Sunday School on Sundays at 10 a.m. with Worship Service following at 11 a.m. Face coverings optional. Choir Practice Wednesdays 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

23945 King William Road West Point, VA 23181

Epworth United Methodist Church

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

Gethsemane Baptist Church

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

Indian View Baptist Church

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&O 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 Towinque Farm Road, King William

Olivet Baptist Church

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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 Road, Aylett, 23009 Pastor Pagie Hancock. Join us Sunday at 9:15 am and Morning Worship at 10:15 am. The Recipe Fundraiser will have Lunch/Dinner 11am-6 pm Friday, March 1,2024 . Menu and prices may be secured at rockspringbaptistchurch1@gmail.com or call:

Tammy Upshaw 1-804-370-2849. Also The Annual March Rally has been scheduled for, Sunday, March 17th , to benefit the Building Fund, at 3:00 pm Service. The special guest is Bubba Johnsaon and the Richmond Gents. Contributions are welcome as Captains are available to assist.

Second Mount Olive Baptist Church

Little Plymouth, VA will be celebrating its annual Men's Day on March 10, 2024 at 11:00 AM. The speaker will be Minister David Scott of Second Mount Olive.

Saint Paul Baptist Church

The Deaconess Ministry at Saint Paul Baptist Church on Globe Road, Aylett, will have a "Movie Night" with refreshments. Come join us on Saturday, February 10, at 4:00pm. for refreshments and movie-time at 5:00pm. Door prizes will be given. For more info. Call 804-769-2119. ALL FREE FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT!!

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

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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 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 1st Friday Every 3rd 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.

Wayland Baptist Church

10809 The Trail, Stevensville, "Inner Growth Ministry" presents "The Book Club". Pre-Reading and Discussing THE PURPOSE-DRIVEN LIFE--What on Earth am I here For.

Author: Rick Warren February 23rd--reviewing book days 1-9; Time 7-9p.m. Also via ZOOM & Facebook Live. Email: srobinson8134@gmail.com for invitation.

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, 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 Church

"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 at 10 am, followed by social time with refreshments. Services both in-person and livestream on Zoom. All are welcome at God's Table, always. Please join us. stjohnewp.org

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Community Calendar

KWHS FFA Selling Strawberries

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King & Queen Library

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

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 Rather be Reading Book Club** Wednesday, Feb. 21, 11:30am - 12:30pm Ages 16 and up. **Play-Doh at the Library** Monday, Feb. 26, 11:00 a.m. - noon Ages 1-5. Enjoy an hour of playdough fun at the library. Call 804-843-3244 or visit the library at 721 Main Street for more

information.

VFW Post 9501

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

King William Democrats

Please join us on Saturday, February 17 to hear from Candidate Leslie Mehta, who is running for the US Congress. Meet at Upper King William Library from 10:30 to noon, AND at the West Point Library (joining by Zoom). OR Zoom in from home. Email kwdems@gmail.com or 804-513-2546 for Zoom link.

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

Three Rivers SWCD Board of Directors'

Meetings Monthly Board of Directors' meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. If you would like to attend, contact the office at (804)443-4027 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

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DCSE Service Point Assistance

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Mangohick Volunteer Fire Department

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TheCornerStone Community Development Center, Aylett.

Food Distribution - 11235 West River Road, Aylett) Mobile Pantry distribution will be on February 7 from 11a.m. to 1p.m. Saturday food distribution (February 3, 10, 17, 24), 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. **Please 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.

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Good Neighbor Center The West Point Ministers Association's Good Neighbor Center continues to offer financial and related assistance to area residents. For assistance, please call the GNC's Manager, Ms. Thornton at 757-585-8227. Mail contributions to West Point Ministers Association, PO Box 1139, West Point, VA 23181.

West Point Ministers Association Lenten Soup and Sermon Series

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