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Remembering Dick Campbell on His 100th Birthday



My father dove hunting on the farm

By Gene Campbell

On March 19th my father would have celebrated his 100th birthday. Though he left us at the age of 91, his spirit continues to resonate in the hearts of all who were touched by his presence. Not a day passes without thoughts of him. Throughout his life, my father exemplified the true essence of a “people person,” with a genuine and infectious personality that drew others to him. His ability to connect with people from all walks of life was truly remarkable, earning him a place in the hearts of many who crossed his path. His ability to remember names was legendary. When he met you, he didn’t forget you. His unwavering commitment to serving the community was evident through his 12-year tenure on the local board of supervisors, as well as his involvement in numerous other boards and organizations. He dedicated his time, energy, and expertise to making a positive impact on the lives of those around him.

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There’s a Song in the Air



Providence Baptist Church Choir



Indian View Baptist Church Choir

By Gene Campbell

If you passed by Sharon Baptist Church in downtown Central Garage on the evening of March 17th, you may have seen the walls of Sharon Baptist Church “swaying” to the sounds of music! Sounds from the Annual Easter Celebration of Song resonated through the walls of the Church. Gathered under the roof were nine church groups joining forces to benefit the CornerStone Community Development Center. Choirs and representatives from Providence Baptist Church, Smyrna Christian Church with Chelle Patton, McKendree Methodist Church, Broadus Church Hebron Campus, Indian View Baptist Church, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Sharon Baptist Church, the Bishop Family, and Morning Star Baptist Church filled the air with gospel music that stirred the soul and lifted spirits high. Attendees, young and old, were in tune with the rhythm of the music, speaking volumes to the community’s unwavering support for the CornerStone Community Development Center. A love offering of \$2,054 was collected during intermission. *Please see SONG, continued on page 13.*

Easter Egg Hunt at McKendree Methodist Church



Vivian Mills on the hunt



Let the hunt begin!

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The American Adventures of Maja and Francesca

By Gene Campbell

Arriving at the home of Lee and Susan Richards in Aylett in January, Maja Oettinger of Germany and Francesca Cattin of Italy, are finding out what American school life is all about. They are participating in the International Student Exchange (ISE) program, and are enrolled in King William High School. Maja is a 10th grader and Francesca is a 12th grader, and are set to stay until June. Immersed in a world of new experiences and vibrant culture, they are swiftly adapting to the American way of life. Maja comes from a small town in Germany, and Francesca comes from a more urban area in Italy. When asked about the differences in school life in America, Francesca said she has more free time here compared to Italy where classes are 1 ½ hours long without breaks. She mentioned that in Italy, students have classes six days a week and specialize in two foreign languages. Both Maja and Francesca noted the kindness and friendliness of people in America. Surprisingly, they discovered that the fashion sense of American kids is quite similar, unlike the diverse styles in their



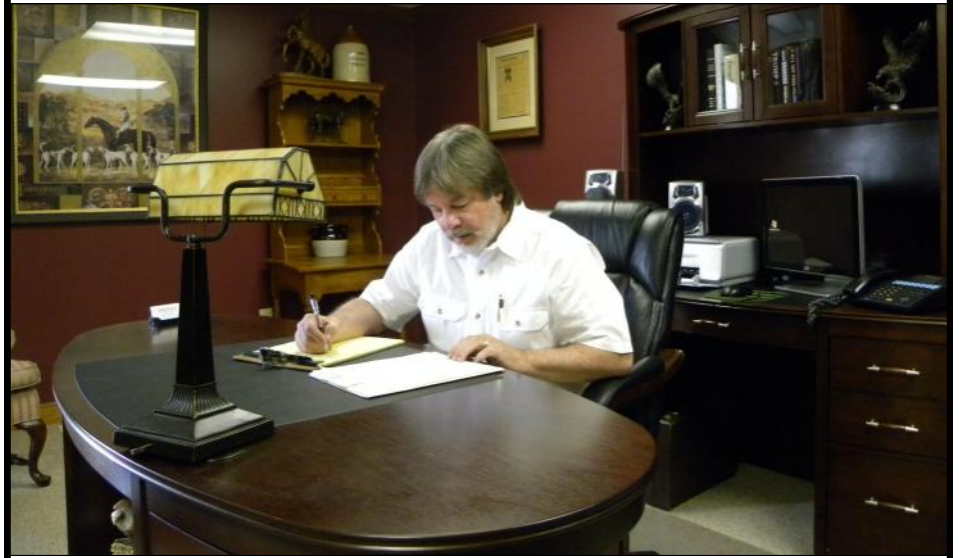
Francesca Cattin, Maja Oettinger, Susan Richards and Lee Richards.

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Publisher's Message



Everything is greening up now, our area is waking up after her winters rest. The beautiful circle of life, and we get to experience each new day. How blessed we are. Enjoy the spring days ahead.

Take care until next time.

Hanny Clark



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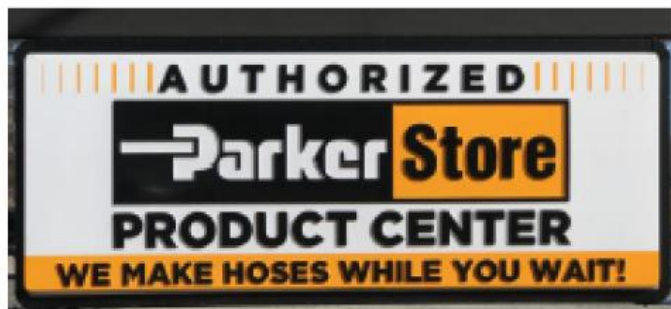


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The Bird Hunter

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

Horses and mules are used for many different things. Some are still used to work in the fields or pull wagons. Most are used for recreation. People use them for trail riding or competition. I tell people that a mule is like a four-wheel drive. They are very sure footed and can go almost anywhere. This makes them a good choice when it comes to hunting. They are always thinking and will pick up on things real quick. They will anticipate what you want after only a couple of times showing them.

I remember an old guy that had a mule he would bird hunt off of. He had gotten older and wanted to sell his mule so that a younger hunter could enjoy bird hunting as much as he had for many years. This young guy called and setup a time to come see the mule. The old man took the mule out back into the farm while the younger guy walked along and watched. All of a sudden the mule stopped and turned sideways. He pointed toward some overgrown fences and pawed the ground twice. The younger hunter looked confused and asked the old guy what that meant. The old man said "He's telling me that there are two birds in that fence row." Sure enough, the young hunter walks over and two birds flush up and fly away. This goes on a few more times. Each time the mule paws the ground, he is always correct on the amount of birds hiding in the brush. The young hunter is so happy and makes a deal with the old man and takes the mule home. A few weeks have gone by and then one night the old man gets a call from the young hunter. He is so upset and tells the old man that everything was going great until today. The mule has



been pointing out the birds and pawing the ground to tell him how many birds are there. It has been amazing at how perfect the mule has been. The young hunter says "Today we went to a new farm that hadn't been hunted in years. I just knew that I would have a great day." The old man listened carefully as the younger guy told him what happened. He said "The mule was doing great all morning long. Then we got to an overgrown field at the rear of the farm. All of a sudden the mule stopped, reached down and grabbed a big limb in his mouth that had fallen off a tree. He started going crazy, jumping around and attacking that limb. I got scared, so I loaded him up and came home right away." The old man started laughing and told the younger guy that the mule was trying to tell him something. The younger guy couldn't figure it out so he asked the old man what it meant. The old guy said "That mule was trying to tell you that there were more birds in that field than you can shake a stick at!"

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

Arlington #102 Masonic Lodge Carries on the Tradition of Salt Fish Breakfasts



Lodge members (l to r) Ernest Langford, Caleb Mason, Bill Passagaluppi, Gordon Page, Glenn Ransone, Carroll Brown and Steve Davis

By Gene Campbell
There is something about getting up early on a Saturday morning before the first rays of sunlight paint the countryside and traveling to a saltfish breakfast, that stirs my soul. It reminds me of my dad and I meeting up with some of his friends and attending a saltfish breakfast "back in the day." I thought of those times as I traveled to the Arlington #102 Masonic Lodge saltfish breakfast in Millers Tavern on March 16th. It was their semi-annual breakfast (they have another one in the fall) to raise funds to award a scholarship to a high school student each year. They alternate the scholarship between Essex, King & Queen, and King William counties. When I arrived at the Lodge, the aroma of sizzling saltfish, and all the fixins beckoned me into the lodge where over 100 breakfast-goers were already digging into a tasty breakfast. Approximately 240 people attended the breakfast. The tradition of rising early and enjoying a saltfish breakfast is not just about food, it is about connecting with friends and the timeless beauty of rural life.

As I sat down with my breakfast, the first person I saw was Kay Brightwell who told me stories about past breakfasts. The sounds of laughter filled the room as Lodge members went about preparing and serving

the delicious food. The Lodge has organized this scholarship fundraiser for ten-plus years and expects to raise approximately \$2,000 according to lodge member Glenn Ransone. "This year we will award a scholarship to a student in the King & Queen County school system," said Glenn. The school system decides who the recipient will be.

Arlington #102 Masonic Lodge was founded in 1869, first meeting in a private home in Walkerton then moved to Tappahannock, later to Newtown, and settled in the current building in Millers Tavern in 1897. "We are one of the last two 'moon lodges' left in the state, meeting on the Friday on or before the full moon each month," said member Robbie Moran. "Some of our members are 3rd and 4th generation members."

The men of Arlington #102 Masonic Lodge are to be commended for their dedication and service to the community. In a fast-paced world filled with distractions, these moments of tradition serve as a gentle reminder to slow down, appreciate the small things in life, and honor the heritage that shapes who we are. So, I raise my folk to toast the enduring spirit of early mornings and saltfish breakfasts, a tradition that will forever be a part of my heart and soul.

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Obituaries

WILSON



William Bryant Wilson, 85, of King William, Va, passed away on March 11, 2024. Mr. Wilson was a 1958 graduate of Middlesex High School. Bryant joined the King William Ruritan Club in 1986, he held many positions, President, Vice President, Chesapeake District Zone Governor and Lt. Governor. Bryant enjoyed many hobbies, woodworking being his favorite. He loved sharing his talent with his friends, family and community. He was also an avid golfer and enjoyed his tee times with his friends. He was a football fan and enjoyed watching and supporting the King William Cavalier sporting events. He is survived by his sisters Martha Dunlevy and Lena Wilson, stepdaughters; Karen Raikes (Rickie) and Vickie Parks, he is also survived by his three step-granddaughters. Bryant is preceded in death by his wife, Hazel; parents; Wilbur and Clara Wilson; two sisters, Nellie Ward and Olivia Gilbert. A funeral service will be held at 11:00am on Monday, March 18, 2024, at New Hope United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at New Hope United Methodist Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests

donations to the King William Volunteer Fire and Rescue, P.O. Box 139 Aylett, VA 23009, and New Hope United Methodist Church c/o Lena Wilson, 2560 Mattaponi Ave, West Point, VA 23181. Faulkner Funeral Homes, Bristow-Faulkner Chapel, Saluda is assisting the family.

WRIGHT



Roni (Grillo) Wright, 68, of Aylett VA passed peacefully at home on March 15, 2024. She is survived by her husband Jim Wright, her daughter and son-in-law Jennifer and Andy Myers; her sisters Rosemary Cecil, Paula Feeney Ballo and Raymond Bell; and one grandchild Sadie. She was preceded in death by her parents Tony and Thelma Grillo, her maternal grandmother Charlotte Devlin Sullivan and her paternal grandparents Giacomo and Raphael Grillo. Roni was born in Newport, RI before growing up in Fairfax VA. She met the love of her life – Jim – at Baskin Robbins in Springfield and was married at 19. She and Jim lived in Goldsboro and Greensboro NC before returning to northern Virginia to start and raise a

family. Her life's desire was to be a good wife and mother. She did both exceptionally well! At the age of 33, she was diagnosed with stage 3 liver disease and was told the only cure was a liver transplant (crazy because she never drank alcohol much!). At 38 she received a 2nd gift of life liver transplant. For 30 years Roni was the "poster child" for liver transplantation. And those 30 years provided the blessing of many special memories, but many more regular everyday memories. Many of her fondest memories were of family vacations in Hilton Head Island, SC, simply walking her dog, reading a book, completing a crossword puzzle, or watching her daughter (and most recently her granddaughter) play. After 30 years, Roni needed another liver transplant and was blessed to have a living donor step forward (among over a dozen selfless people who explored being her living donor). Although the 2nd liver transplant didn't have the result we all wanted, the selfless love of our living donor will never be forgotten! Roni lived in Glen Allen for 15 years and worked for Pulsar Advertising. For the past few years she lived in Aylett. She was an active member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Glen Allen. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, March 25, 2024 at Affinity Funeral Home at 2720 Enterprise Pkwy, Richmond, VA. A celebration of her life will be held on Tuesday March 26th with an additional period of visitation (9:30 am) immediately before a funeral Mass (at 10:30 am) to be held at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 4491 Springfield Road, Glen Allen VA with interment in the Columbarium immediately afterward. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name may be made to Hume-Lee Transplant Center, Richmond VA [<https://www.support.vcu.edu/give/fund?fund=5056>] or King William County Animal Shelter [<https://kingwilliamco.govtportal.com/>].

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JEFFERSON

Gilbert Franklin (Frankie) passed away February 16, 2024, he was 76. Born February 16, 1948. He was preceded in death by his mother Lucille Jefferson. He is survived by his brothers Billy (Loretta) and Jimmy Jefferson, 6 children, Kimberly Gibbs, Michael, Shawna, Jason, Jana and Megan Jefferson. 15 grandchildren, 4 great grand children along with several nieces and nephews. Frankie was a softball coach for King William Little League, There will be a celebration of life held by Billy, Loretta and Jimmy Jefferson at 2:00 PM April 13, 2024. 2416 Happy Hill Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23111. Come join us and share memories.

Please see page 15.

In Loving Memory

Of Richard Didlake, age 85 of Aylett, VA. He passed on February 24, 2024. He is now resting peacefully at Green Wood Memorial Gardens.



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KING AND QUEEN COUNTY PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET**

Pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-2506, the King and Queen County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Courtroom at the Courts and Administration Building, 242 Allen's Circle, King and Queen Court House, Virginia 23085, to receive public comment regarding the proposed fiscal year 2025 budget. A brief synopsis of the proposed budget is set forth below; a full copy of the proposed budget is available at the office of the county administrator, 242 Allen's Circle, Suite L, King and Queen Court House, and at the King and Queen County Public Library, 396 Newtown Road, St. Stephens Church, Virginia.

TOTAL FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET \$39,413,155

GENERAL FUND REVENUE		GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	
Real Estate Taxes	\$6,400,550	General Administration	\$2,182,456
Personal Property Taxes	\$3,807,584	Property Maintenance	\$536,527
Manufactured Homes	\$37,142	Economic Development	\$136,200
Machinery & Tools	\$499,368	Library	\$192,490
Merchant's Capital	\$54,289	Courts	\$116,487
Penalties and Interest	\$145,000	Emergency Services	\$3,203,301
Other Local Taxes	\$620,000	Sheriff	\$2,567,219
Recordation Taxes	\$75,000	Other Constitutional Officers/Elections	\$1,371,130
Licenses, Permits, Fees	\$338,100	Solid Waste	\$708,102
Fines, Forfeitures	\$229,500	Regional Jail	\$703,753
Use of Money, Property	\$3,724,390	Airport Authority	\$87,000
Rescue Services, Radio System	\$340,000	Animal Shelter	\$266,067
Recovered Costs, Miscellaneous	\$147,296	Other Community Agencies	\$341,386
Commonwealth of Virginia	\$2,614,444	Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	\$8,184,272
Federal Government	\$30,000	Transfer to Social Services Fund	\$483,952
Transfer from General Fund Reserve	\$6,956,000	Transfer to CSA Fund	\$320,000
		Transfer to CSA Administration Fund	\$6,147
		Transfer to School Fund	\$4,297,176
		Transfer to School Capital Projects Fund	\$150,000
		Transfer to Landfill Contingency Fund	\$165,000
TOTAL	\$26,018,663	TOTAL	\$26,018,663
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND REVENUE		CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND EXPENDITURES	
Transfer from General Fund	\$8,184,272	Real Property Construction	\$7,500,000
Grants	\$1,864,000	Real Property Maintenance/Repairs	\$400,000
		Equipment Replacement	\$155,000
		Vehicle Replacement	\$765,000
		Debt Service	\$1,228,272
TOTAL	\$10,048,272	TOTAL	\$10,048,272
SOCIAL SERVICES FUND REVENUE		SOCIAL SERVICES FUND EXPENDITURES	
Transfer from General Fund	\$483,952	Program Expenditures	\$1,945,965
State and Federal Funding	\$1,462,013		
TOTAL	\$1,945,965	TOTAL	\$1,945,965
CSA FUND REVENUE		CSA FUND EXPENDITURES	
Transfer from General Fund	\$320,000	Program Expenditures	\$1,000,000
Commonwealth of Virginia	\$680,000		
TOTAL	\$1,000,000	TOTAL	\$1,000,000
CSA ADMINISTRATION FUND REVENUE		CSA ADMINISTRATION FUND EXPENDITURES	
Transfer from General Fund	\$6,147	Program Expenditures	\$19,552
Commonwealth of Virginia	\$13,405		
TOTAL	\$19,552	TOTAL	\$19,552
SCHOOL FUND REVENUE		SCHOOL FUND EXPENDITURES	
Transfer from General Fund	\$4,297,176	Instruction	\$9,234,086
Commonwealth of Virginia	\$7,905,529	Administration/Attendance/Health	\$982,064
Federal Government	\$768,555	Transportation	\$1,096,864
Other Sources	\$32,500	Operation/Maintenance	\$1,158,450
		Technology	\$532,296
TOTAL	\$13,003,760	TOTAL	\$13,003,760
SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE FUND REVENUE		SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES	
Local Sales	\$65,325	Food Services	\$553,441
Commonwealth of Virginia	\$3,116		
Federal Government	\$485,000		
TOTAL	\$553,441	TOTAL	\$553,441
SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND REVENUE		SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND EXPENDITURES	
Transfer from General Fund	\$150,000	School Bus	\$150,000
TOTAL	\$150,000	TOTAL	\$150,000
COURT SECURITY FUND REVENUE		COURT SECURITY FUND EXPENDITURES	
Use of Fund Balance	\$5,049	Court Security	\$71,049
Court Security Fees	\$70,000	Uniforms and Equipment	\$4,000
TOTAL	\$75,049	TOTAL	\$75,049
LANDFILL CONTINGENCY FUND REVENUE		LANDFILL CONTINGENCY FUND EXPENDITURES	
Income from Operator	\$165,000	Professional Services	\$165,000
TOTAL	\$165,000	TOTAL	\$165,000
E-SUMMONS FUND REVENUE		E-SUMMONS FUND EXPENDITURES	
Use of Fund Balance	\$25,000	Program Expenses	\$40,000
Court Fees	\$15,000		
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Aiming For Success

By Gene Campbell

The King William High School library was buzzing with excitement as family, teachers, coaches, and friends of senior Samantha McInteer gathered on March 22nd to witness her signing a letter committing to attend Jacksonville University (JU) in Florida this fall. Samantha (Sam) was recruited by JU and has been offered academic and athletic scholarships to attend and join their Junior Varsity Shooting team. She plans to pursue a career in either neuroscience or sports psychology/kinesiology to help athletes improve their mental and physical game in all sports. Samantha's journey to Jacksonville University was not a stroke of luck but a result of years of hard work and passion for target shooting. It all began with the local 4-H Shooting team, where she honed her skills and discovered her natural talent for marksmanship. From there she joined the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) team Carolina Clays. With each shot fired and each target hit, Samantha's dedication and perseverance shone through, propelling her to greater heights in the world of competitive shooting. Sam has had success in all disciplines; sporting clays, skeet, and trap. Her list of accomplishments includes multiple titles in Trap and two national titles in both Handicap Trap and Doubles Trap.



KWHS Senior Samantha McInteer signs a letter committing to attend Jacksonville University as her parents Nita and James McInteer look on.

She has been the Captain of the Virginia State Trap Team as a Sub-Junior and Junior for the past three years. She also has been on the state Skeet team for the past two years and named to the All-Scholastic SCTP National team for the past three years. Her name became synonymous with excellence and precision, a

testament to her relentless pursuit of perfection in every shot she took. Sam not only excels in the shooting range but also excels in the classroom. She is a member of the National Honor Society. Sam believes in giving back to her community too, working with the King William Parks and Recreation in their Summer Sneakers Program.

Sam's focus, determination, and steadfast belief in the power of hard work serve as a beacon of inspiration for aspiring athletes. Her perseverance and unwavering dedication are a reminder that with grit and determination, one can aim for the stars and hit the bullseye of success. Sam is the daughter of Nita and James McInteer. Congratulations Sam!!

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Remembering Bryant Wilson

By Gene Campbell

An early morning or late-night phone call is one that immediately captures our attention and often brings unwelcome news. Such was the case on the morning of March 11 when I received a call informing me my dear friend and fellow Ruritan member, Bryant Wilson, was in the hospital. Without hesitation, I rushed to the hospital knowing deep down that it might be the last time I would see "ole me" as Bryant often signed his texts. On my journey back home later that morning thinking about Bryant, I found comfort in my favorite music, as I often do while traveling. The first song that played was "It's a Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong. As I listened to the lyrics, I couldn't help but think what a remarkable person Bryant Wilson was. I see skies of blue and clouds of white, I see trees of green, and red roses too, and I think to myself what a wonderful world it is because Bryant was my friend. His unmatched kindness and generosity left a lasting impact on everyone privileged to know him. Bryant's dedication to excellence, always going the extra mile and ensuring everything was done perfectly, showcased his exceptional character and selfless nature.

Together, we shared countless memorable moments at Ruritan events, creating cherished memories that will forever hold a special place in my heart.



Bryant at the Ruritan Golf Tournament

Bryant meticulously set up tables and chairs for every Ruritan meeting ensuring they were perfectly aligned with his specially made "stick." Bryant made sure every sick Ruritan member got a get-well card and every deceased member's family got a food tray. We enjoyed attending salt fish breakfasts together, and as we left, Bryant would suggest, "Let's take the scenic route home, in other words, let's travel the back roads." One constant companion in Bryant's life was his beloved little dachshund, Teacup. He often told me whenever I called, "ole Teacup and me are watching TV." Bryant took joy in feeding the geese and ducks in his backyard, making sure even a crippled goose received his share.

Please see WILSON, continued on page 15.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
 "Pamunkey Regional Library"

Last Year's News - The Country Courier - Edition - Wed Apr 12, 2023 - Page 12 - Article by Amanda Walker "King William BoS March Regular Meeting" - Subject "Pornographic material in the Children's section of the Library"

One Year Later - No Change

To Watch the public comments period which starts 6 minutes into the meeting go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UnhxBklvMM4>. Here you will hear some of the content the speakers wanted age rated.

The first speaker - Sharon Landrum - expressed a concern felt by most of the citizens that use the Pamunkey Regional Library system which provides its service to all ages. The request was for the books to be age rated with a quick visual guide for parents whose children check out the books. (Like the ratings movies carry)

Mr. Tom Shepley (Pamunkey Regional Library Director) told the BoS rating is **not** done at the local level and rated at the **provider** level. When asked if the books mentioned in the public comment period were still on the shelf - he stated they were and referred to the First Amendment, case law and undue burden of the intended recipient.

The library was once a place where it was

felt all of the material on the shelves had earned their place in the library because of the value contained. It now looks like local values must take a back seat to the people at the **provider** level. I am sure they would recommend everything they sell to libraries who feel it is now **not** their job to be concerned about local values.

Has anything changed in one year? **No.**

Books like the ones you heard in the public comment period are still unrated and in the children's section of the library. At the very least the books could have been moved to the adult section of the library.

If you need a definition for porn see the following "{Article 5 Code of Virginia (<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacodefull/title18.2/chapter8/article5/>) Chapter 8. Crimes Involving Morals and Decency » Article 5. Obscenity and Related Offenses.".

See if you think what you heard in the public comment period meets the spirit and letter of the law in Article 5. Also, I have heard some citizens call some of the Children's books in the Kids section of the PRL "Kiddy Porn". Books like "Flamer" by Mike Curato and "Sex is a Funny Word" by Cory Silverberg are just two which you can check out, read and rate as to content per Article 5.

And to make matters even worse the Democrat controlled Va. State legislature

has passed SB 235 & HB 571 addressing school libraries. They are on their way to the governor's desk at this writing.

"SB 235 and HB 571 says that "any model policy or amendments thereto adopted by the Department" or "any policy or amendments thereto adopted by a school board" that would be used to remove pornographic materials from a school library is prohibited. Make no mistake, this bill's broad scope would discourage common sense filters that could protect children from sexually explicit library book materials."

I suspect the PRL's questionable books and the proposed legislation above are both sides to the same problem an assault on parental rights and any governmental remedy to support and enforce those rights.

Most parents do not have the resources to pay for private school, the time to home school and fighting a government funded operation is just not a financial or time option for them.

There are people who call themselves "Friends of the Library". "Friends of the Library" How about telling your friend (PRL) to move the pornographic materials in the children's section of the library to the Adult Side.

Dear Editor,
 I write in defense of Congressman Rob Wittman.

A recent letter to the editor noted that our Congressman voted against the Infrastructure Act funding broadband but appears at the construction sites in a hard hat and yellow jacket. The 1.2 trillion dollar Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funded a wide range of projects from roads and bridges to environmental justice and climate related matters. There was bound to be items in this large bill that our congressman supported and others which he opposed. Unless he states otherwise, it is unfair to characterize this vote as his position on a particular item covered in the bill. Why should he not represent the government at those projects which he favors? Could he not oppose the bill simply because its price tag was more than he deemed wise for a nation trillions of dollars in debt and annually borrowing more than 1 of every 5 dollars it counts as income? Let us be charitable.

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Song, continued from front page

Also during intermission, Sheila Iswariah, who volunteers her time directing the services of the CornerStone, was recognized for her hard work. After the final notes of the uplifting songs, a reception awaited the attendees in the Church's fellowship hall. The evening was a testament to the power of the community coming together in harmony

as one. The CornerStone Community Development Center provides food, clothing, and free health care to the poor, needy, elderly, disabled, and less fortunate in the community. The CornerStone is a 501c(3) organization. Donations are tax-deductible and can be mailed to P O Box 68, Aylett, Va. 23009.

Are you up for a little some fun this spring?



Contributed

Colosse Baptist Church has just the ticket – and no tickets or money required. Colosse has planned a Spring Fling to take place in the King William High School parking lot on April 13, from 10am to 2pm.

Attractions will include free food, inflatable's, face painting, classic cars, a petting zoo, heavy equipment for Touch a Truck, as well as representatives from the

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

The festival will go on unless weather makes it unsafe. If you have questions, please contact the church at 804-769-2729.

Watch out for slow-moving farm equipment on roadways this spring

As Virginia farmers plant their crops this spring, motorists should keep an eye out for slow-moving farm equipment on public roads—it could save a life. A car traveling 55 mph takes 5 seconds to brake 300 feet—the length of a football field—to avoid colliding with farm equipment traveling 15 mph.

Student Exchange, continued from page 2

In America, they noted some intriguing differences. Boys wear ball caps and camouflage clothing, driving pickup trucks to the absence of country boys in boots back home. Francesca noted the talkative nature of Italian boys in contrast to their American counterparts. They also noted the role of school buses is different in America. Back home students from different schools ride the same bus. As Maja and Francesca adapted to American traditions, they were quick to tell me about the warmth and hospitality of their hosts, Lee and Susan.

Lee and Susan have taken them on culinary adventures, local sporting events, and sightseeing escapades, enriching their American experience and creating lasting

memories. Speaking of memories, I asked them if they were going to the Prom, an American high school tradition, to which they excitedly said yes!

As they anticipate their return home in June, Francesca, being a senior, looks forward to her graduation ceremony, a tradition absent in Italy. On the last day of school, the juniors and seniors get together and celebrate with music although the celebration is not held at school. Reflecting on their American adventures, Maja and Francesca agreed that the true beauty of their journey lies in the connections they are forging and the memories they are creating along the way. To Maja and Francesca I say, "Das Beste kommt noch" and "Il meglio deve ancora venire" (the best is yet to come)!

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Distinctive Properties on Tour in Upper Essex County

Contributed by The Garden Club of the Middle Peninsula

Mountcastle House and historic Wheatland are two of the five properties featured on this year's house and garden tour hosted by the Garden Club of the Middle Peninsula on Friday, April 26, 2024. Both houses are located in upper end of Essex County, where a visitor can enjoy the pastoral landscapes and vistas along Route 17 to access the properties with their distinctive settings and river views. Three other properties on the tour: Thornbury, Little Egypt, and the Essex Inn located in Tappahannock, will be featured in an upcoming article.

Ticket Information

For more information about the Middle Peninsula tour and to purchase tickets please visit middlepeninsula@vagardenweek.org.

A selection of box lunches, available for pick up on tour day, can be pre-ordered from the recently restored 1710 Tavern (314 Water Lane, Tappahannock) by visiting info@1710tavern.org or by calling (804) 925-6710, until April 19.

The Garden Club of the Middle Peninsula, a member of the Garden Club of Virginia, works to promote gardening among amateurs; to protect native trees, wildflowers, and birds; to encourage conservation of natural resources; to promote civic planning; to encourage roadside beautification; and to aid in the restoration and preservation of historic gardens in Virginia. Member counties include Essex, King and Queen, King William, and Middlesex.



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100th Birthday, continued from front page

His friendly demeanor and infectious smile made him a beloved figure not only in our local community but across the state as well. People still approach me, asking if Dick Campbell was my father, and I proudly say, "Yes sir, he was!"

His generosity knew no bounds, and he believed in the power of unity and good manners, something we could use more of these days. He believed in extending a helping hand to those in need. My father's words of wisdom, urging me to always speak to people and have good manners, continue to guide me today. "Speaking and good manners don't cost you a cent, and it will get you a long way in life," he would tell me. His love for life, good food, and joyous gatherings were renowned, with many marveling at his ability to eat without gaining a pound! As a dedicated Ruritan member with an impeccable record of 62 years of perfect attendance, his commitment and loyalty to the organization were unwavering. He exemplified the values of service and community involvement. My parent's property on the

Mattaponi River (now my home) was the site of many a community fundraiser and other events. They never charged one cent for its use. Whether through his active participation in various organizations or his presence at social gatherings, my father left an indelible mark on the lives he touched. He liked to laugh, kick up his heels, and tell a funny story, like the one about the lady from New York who tried Brunswick stew for the first time at the American Legion (ask me one day and I will tell you).

Reflecting on his life and the lessons he imparted, I am grateful for the values of compassion, empathy, and giving back that he instilled in me. His memory serves as a guiding light, inspiring me to be a better person and to carry forward his legacy of kindness and service. On what would have been his 100th birthday, I honor my father with love and gratitude. Daddy, though I miss your physical presence, your spirit lives on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know you.

Attention!! High School Seniors

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Paws for a Cause

By Gene Campbell

After I left the Arlington #102 Masonic Lodge saltfish breakfast on March 16th, I traveled to 360 Hardware for its Open House. As I got out of my car, Clyde Cristman and his border collie friend, Cider, were the first to greet me. Clyde is a member of the newly formed nonprofit 501c(3) group, Friends of the King William Animal Shelter, which had a booth set up in the parking lot. This group of compassionate volunteers was there eager



Members of the Friends of the King William Animal Shelter VP Clyde Cristman, Board Member Melanie Votaw, Treas Donna Kline, Sec Marie Kosek, Pres Nancy Heister and Ines Demery.

to spread the word about their cause – to make a difference in the lives of furry animals in need. The group was formed to collaborate and partner with the Regional Animal Shelter (RAS) to obtain grants, donations, and supplies to enhance and support programs at RAS.

Their booth was adorned with a banner as friendly volunteers greeted visitors with warmth and enthusiasm inviting them to learn more about their noble efforts. Clyde highlighted the importance of spaying, neutering, and vaccinating pets for their health and well-being, and shed some light on the challenges faced by the Regional Animal Shelter in funding medical needs for their furry residents. “Medical needs can cost as much as \$400 - \$800 per animal,” exclaimed Clyde. The group steps in to cover these costs that the shelter may not be able to cover on its

own. With hearts full of hope and determination, the group is looking ahead to a future where every animal will receive the love, care, and support they deserve. The Friends of King William Animal Shelter needs volunteers to help with fundraising, marketing, and other needs. Contact them via their website FoKWAnimalShelter.org. Donations are always welcome and are 100% tax deductible. You can mail your donation to: Friends of King William Animal Shelter, P O Box 454, Aylett, Va. 23009. The Friends of King William Animal Shelter are embarking on a meaningful journey, united by their love for animals. By working with them, we can make a positive impact on the lives of those who can't speak for themselves.

Wilson, continued

Bryant often reached out to me to discuss Ruritan matters. I once was late in returning his phone call, prompting him to humorously call me again saying, “Gene, where are you? I am sitting here in my rocking chair watching traffic go by (referring to the proximity of Rt 360 to his home) and wondering where you are?” This led to my son affectionately

referring to Bryant as “rocking chair Bryant.” As we bid farewell to Bryant, friends are saying to each other “We are going to miss Bryant” but what we are really saying is “We are so grateful for Bryant!” Bryant, I hope you save me a rocking chair in heaven, so we can watch the angels come and go together!

Obituaries, continued

OWENS



Kevin Wayne Owens, 36, of King William, passed away surrounded by his family and friends on March 23, 2024. He was born on December 7, 1987. Kevin was preceded in death by his mother, Theresa

with his toys and being outside. He was a graduate of King William High School Class of 2008. Shortly after birth, Kevin had heart surgery which made Kevin the special and unique person that he was. Throughout all the challenges that Kevin faced, he proved every day that miracles can happen all the time. Kevin always left a warm spot in the hearts of everyone that met him.

Owens; his aunt, Linda McLaughlin; and grandfather, James R. Owens, Sr. He is survived by his father, James R. Owens, Jr.; brother, Mathew Owens (Kristen); his sister, Stephanie Scherbing (Blake); his grandmother, Agnes C. Owens; and two aunts, Debbie Ware (Alan) and Kim Owens; and nieces and nephews. Kevin enjoyed sports, watching T.V., playing

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, at B. W. White Funeral Home, Aylett. A funeral service will be held 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, at Shepherds United Methodist Church. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Shepherds United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, 163 Fleets Mill Road, St. Stephens Church, Va. 23148.

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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

BRUINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH, 4784 The Trail, Bruington, VA, King and Queen County. Please join us for our Easter Services: Sunrise Service at 6:30 in the cemetery followed by breakfast in the fellowship hall and Bible Study and Sunday School at 9 a.m. with Worship Service following at 10 a.m. Contact us at 804-769-3246.

Colosse Baptist Church

Sunday Mornings 8:30 More contemporary service 9:45. Sunday School 11:00 More traditional service

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

We invite you to worship with us, Sunday School 10:30, Tuesnight Party 7:00, Thusnight Bible Study 7:00, Morning Service 12:30. You will not leave the way you come. All Are Welcome. 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 s c h e d u l e c h a n g e s : @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 Towingque Farm Road, King William

Olivet Baptist Church

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

Poroporone Baptist Church

Maundy Thursday Service: March 28th at 6:30pm (No Bible Study on Wednesday) Easter Sunday - March 31st: Sunrise Service 6:45am (Service outside, dress appropriately) Following Sunrise Service: Coffee, Juice, and light breakfast (bring a dish, fruit, donuts Danish, etc) 8:30am-9:15am Sunday School 9:30-11:00am Worship in Sanctuary. Bring flowers to decorate the Living Cross. Bring 30 pieces of silver to lay at the foot of the Cross if you like.

Providence Baptist Church

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

Rock Spring Baptist Church

4134 Manfield Road Aylett 23009. Rev. Pagie Hancock, Pastor. 9:15am for Sunday School and 10:15 for Morning Worship. Annual March Rally Sunday, March 17, at 3:00 pm Ministry is sponsoring "Pockets of Hope" collection until March 24th. Men's Ministry hosting Easter Sunrise Breakfast following the Sunrise Service on March 31st at 6:00 am.

Second Mount Olive Baptist Church

Little Plymouth, VA

St. Paul Baptist Church

On Saturday, March 30 at 1 p.m. the SPBC

Women's Ministry will be honoring our Women in Ministry. Rev. Deloris Gwathmey (Providence), Rev. Charlene Gresham (Mt. Sinai), Rev. Littychia Clay-Crawley (New Life Community Church), and Apostle Mattie Muse (The Way of Freedom Ministries Int. Inc.) Please come and fellowship with us for this wonderful celebration as we close out Women's History Month for 2024.

Easter Celebration of Song

Sharon Church to Benefit The CornerStone on March 17 Sharon Baptist Church at 901 Sharon Road in King William will host the annual Easter Celebration of Song on Sunday, March 17 at 6 pm. Area church choirs and musicians will present an evening of music to bring in the Easter season. A love offering will be passed to benefit the programs of The CornerStone Community Development Center in Aylett. The CornerStone coordinates the local food bank, free health clinic and a clothes closet for individuals and families in need. For more information on the program, contact Randy Shank at 804-238-8595.

The Edge Worship Centre

460 14th St. West Point.

www.tewcwestpoint.net

The Fix Ministry

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

Third Union Baptist Church located at 452 Walkerton Road in King William will be celebrating Deacon, Deaconess and Trustee Day on Sunday, March 17th at 10:30am. The Theme is "Deacons, Deaconess and Trustees in Unity, stirring up the Gift of Servanthood" - 1 Peter 4:10-11 and 1 Corinthians 9:19. The Guest Preachers All are welcome! Any questions please call the Church Office at 804-769-3123.

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, Upcoming: Spring Revival 2024 (Tele-Conference only at 7:30PM) April 8-9, Pastor Kevin Childs (Beth'el Baptist Church) April 10, Pastor Dr. Harold Stanley (Grace Christian Fellowship) 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, Also via ZOOM & Facebook Live. Email:

srobinson8134@gmail.com for invitation.

METHODIST

Epworth Methodist Church

11 Epworth Road Aylett 23009. Sunday 9:00am Worship Services, 10am Fellowship, 10:30 Sunday School. Please come visit us Sunday! Pancake Supper March 16 from 5 to 7pm. Tickets sold at door. Drive thru or eat in.

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) Palm Sunday - 24 March - 11 AM Passover Celebration - 28 March - 6:30 PM Good Friday/Stations of the Cross - 29 March - 6:30 PM Easter - 31 March 11 AM

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. stjohnswp.org

Good Neighbor Center

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.

St. Paul's Millers Tavern

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Women in the Word Community Bible Study!

396 Newtown Road, St. Stephens Church Email Melissa Rice at mrmelissarice@aol.com.

Community Calendar

Lower King & Queen Fire-EMS Fish Fry Fundraiser

Sat. April 20, 4 - 7 PM
Adult: \$15 / 10 & Under: \$8 Contact (804) 832-8199 for tickets (Advance ticket only)

King & Queen Library

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

Upper KW Branch Library

Coloring, Coffee, & Donuts Tuesday, April 2, 10:30 - 11:30am Ages 18 & up.
Family Storytime Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17 & 24, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. ages 0-5 with caregiver. Learn How to Cross-stitch Tuesday, April 9, 6:00 - 7:30pm Ages 18 & up. Learn everything you need to know on how to cross-stitch. Stay and Play Wednesday, April 10, 11:15am - noon Ages 0-5. Parents, Grandparents, and Caregivers Refreshments. Plant & Seed Swap. Thursday, April 11, 11:00am - 1:00pm Ages 18 and up. Meet local gardeners to share ideas, tips & tricks and resources. UKW Anime Club Tuesday, April 16, 6:00 - 7:30pm Ages 12-18. The Stitching Hour Thursday, March 21, 6:00 - 7:30pm Ages 18 and up. Join us to stitch, share, and celebrate the joy of knitting, quilting, cross-stitching, crocheting, and embroidering! UKW Chess Club Tuesday, April 23, 6:00 - 7:30pm All Ages. Join fellow chess players for a night of playing and learning chess. Call 804-769-3731 or visit the library at 694-J Sharon Road for more information.

West Point Branch Library

Family Storytime Fridays, April 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Enjoy a fun time with books, signing, rhymes, and much more! For ages 0-5 with caregiver. Stay and Play Fridays, April 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11:00 a.m. - noon Ages 0-5. Meet other parents and caregivers. Kids' Craft Club Saturday, April 13, 10:30 - 11:30am Ages 5-10. Create art We'll bring the supplies, you bring your creativity. I'd Rather be Reading Book Club Wednesday, April 17, 11:30am - 12:30pm Ages 16 and up. Enjoy a book discussion and light refreshments. Legos @ the Library Friday, April 19, 4:00 - 5:00pm Grades K-5. Create buildings, cars, space ships and anything else you can imagine. Refreshments. Play-Doh Monday, April 22, 11:00 a.m. - noon Ages 1-5.

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.

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

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

DCSE Service Point Assistance

DCSE Contact Information: 1-800-468-8894

KW Parks and Recreation

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

Good Homes Needed For Good Pets

Regional Animal Shelter, 20201 King William Road, King William 804-769-4983. www.petfinder.com email: animalshelter@kingwilliamcounty.us

Southern States

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

KW Community Watch

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

KW Republican Committee Meetings

Meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 6pm at the KW Parks & Rec Building, 7890 Richmond-Tappahannock HWY. Questions please email us: kingwilliamgop.com

TheCornerStone Community Development Center, Aylett

Registration for the food program is done during the drive through distribution. Bring a pen and id. Food Distribution 11235

West River Road, Aylett Saturday food distribution. April 6, 13, 20, 27 9.30 am to 11.30 am. Mobile Pantry on April 3, 11.30a.m. to 12.30 pm. The Lily Field Clothing Shed - 11235 West River Road, Aylett. Open on Saturdays, 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 am. Do Not drop off donations outside the building. Drop off is at the clothing shed on Wednesday mornings before 9 am or call ahead to schedule drop off. The CornerStone Free Health Clinic - 8270 Richmond Tappahannock Hwy, Aylett No walk in appointments. Please call to register. Fundraiser: Dinner deal on Thursday, April 11 at 6pm. Order ahead and pick up at 8270 Richmond Tappahannock Hwy, Aylett Call 804 769 2996 or Email theccdc@gmail.com. Proceeds to benefit Food and Free Health Clinic Programs. The CornerStone Community Development Center is a 501 (c)(3) non profit organization. Donations are tax exempt. Mailing address: P.O. Box 68, Aylett, 23009.

Upper King William Senior Citizens' Center

It is never too late to take charge of your brain health! A representative from AARP will be at the Upper King William Senior Citizens' Center located at 8306 King William Road, Aylett, Tuesday, April 23rd at 11:00 am. Join us to learn about the "Six Pillars of Brain Health". This session is a good overview for anyone interested in improving their brain health and will provide you with actionable steps you can take along with resources to learn more. We are extending an invitation to all residents of King William County and surrounding areas to attend.



2024-2025 School Year

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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804-785-5830

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Please bring the following with you to registration:

- : Original birth certificate
- : Child's immunization records
- : Child's most recent physical exam
- : Proof of residency (utility bill, lease, mortgage statement)
- : Parent/guardian picture ID

Please bring your child with you for his/her kindergarten screening.

Current VPI/PK students DO NOT need to register; they are automatically registered for kindergarten next year. Students will need updated immunization records prior to the start of school.

Rabies Clinic

Saturday April 13, 2024



For Dogs & Cats at the King William County Courthouse

Pets from surrounding counties welcome!

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

\$10 per Rabies Vaccine - CASH ONLY!

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When you arrive, please stay in your vehicle until you are assisted.

For the safety of your pet, dogs must be on a leash and cats must be in a pet carrier.

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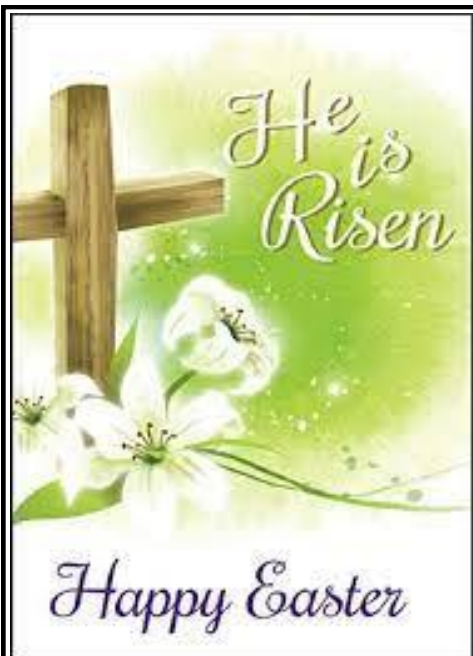
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