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Aylett Country Day School Ribbon-Cutting of Terry Field



Contributed by ACDS

It was a gorgeous sunny afternoon as the Aylett Country Day School community gathered for the ribbon-cutting ceremony and dedication of the new softball field on its 18-acre campus on Monday, March 25. In addition to all 223 current ACDS students, guests including members of the Board of Directors, faculty, staff, alumni, and "Nutasha" from the Flying Squirrels were present to celebrate the school community achieving the goal of completing the field by the spring 2024 softball season. The celebratory occasion represented a significant milestone in Aylett's journey, primarily made possible by the generosity and vision of one individual, Mr. David Terry. Coach Terry was honored for his dedication to the school and athletic program and was surprised when a banner was unfurled to read: Terry Field, Home of the Lady Patriots. The state-of-the-art field will be the hub for camaraderie, teamwork, and sportsmanship, where student athletes will learn valuable life lessons.

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25 New Master Naturalists



Ed Brown, Dave Norman, Tiffany Gould, Steve Matthews, Diane Miller, Tom Cowdrey, Darlene Davis, Woodie Walker, Ginette Colot, Andrea Holt. Also, not in the picture is Ross Johnson.

Contributed by Susan Walton - Middle Peninsula Chapter, Virginia Master Naturalists, graduated 25 new Master Naturalists this month at Beaverdam Park in Gloucester. Look for them to be volunteering in our community in the near future.

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St. Stephens Church Mail Carriers Go Above & Beyond

Contributed St. Stephens P.O.

On Thursday morning, March 22nd, Shakeara Stewart and Taishonna Stewart had started their day like any other day, delivering mail. When they reached one of their boxes they noticed their customers dog was closer to the mailbox than usual. Upon looking around they noticed their customer waving. After looking around it appeared that she had been doing some yard work. As they got closer they found that she was laying on the ground and saw blood. They immediately called 911 and got her a blanket. Unfortunately her phone was on the lawn mower where she couldn't reach it, she could not move. She had been laying there since 2 p.m. the previous day, unable to move or get anyone's attention.

Shakeara and Taishonna stayed with their customers until the rescue squad arrived. These two are always looking out for their customers and are more than willing to lend a hand in any situation. We are so proud of them!!



Shakeara Stewart and Taishonna Stewart

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King William Supervisors Receive Proposed 2024-25 Budget

By Gene Campbell

County Administrator Percy Ashcraft presented a draft of the proposed 2024-25 fiscal year budget to the King William County Board of Supervisors at their regular monthly meeting on March 25th. Ashcraft also reported the FY '23 audit which was completed in December 2023 showed no material weakness for the first time since 2009. The audit and budget are the two most important financial documents received by the Board of Supervisors.



County Administrator Percy Ashcraft presents proposed budget to supervisors.

General Fund expenditures for FY '25 are projected to be \$34,958,331 which is a 6% increase from last year's budget. Employee Salaries and Benefits is projected to be \$1,118,685. The county has a total of 201 employees consisting of 155 full-time and 46 part-time employees. No across-the-board salary increases are recommended. The King William County Public Schools will receive \$14,590,736 from the General Fund which includes debt service and is an increase of \$1,100,000 over the 2023-24 budget. The Fire and EMS budget is proposed at \$1,885,410. Recommended funding for the five Constitutional Officers and General Registrar is \$4,952,749. Contributions to various internal and

outside agencies that include state and regional agencies and nonprofit organizations is proposed at \$5,091,962. It does not include the requested \$50,000 increase in funding from the Pamunkey Regional Library.

Capital & Equipment Projects for the 2024-25 budget is proposed at \$2,769,811 which includes a carryover of \$1,909,116 for Broadband from last year's budget. Proposed monies for county wide debt service payments and contributions to reserves for debt service is \$3,890,277 which is lower than the 2023-24 budget. The Public Utility Dept is set up to generate fees to cover its own expenses and generally does not require funds from the General Fund. *Please see page 8.*

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Hanny Clark



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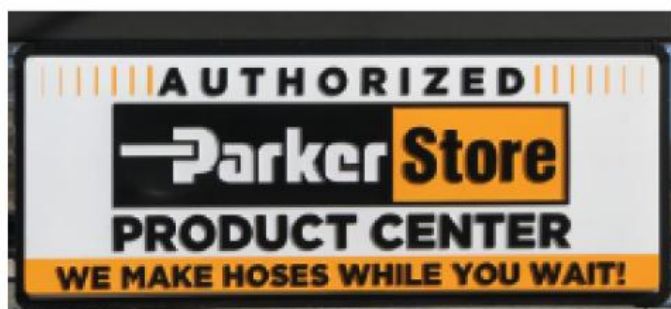


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Tapaderos

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

A while back, Pip and I took a trip to Front Royal, VA to visit a friend named Steve. We were going to go on a trail ride along with a couple of other friends. The mountains are beautiful, especially on the back of a good mule. Steve likes to trail blaze a lot. So after a couple of hours, he takes a sharp left off the trail and down the mountain through the brush we go. I think he wanted to see what Pip and I could do. A mule is just like a 4-wheel drive. I felt Pip shift into a lower gear and lock the hubs in, and I knew it was on! All four of us were on mules so we could go just about anywhere we wanted. We had a blast riding and ragging on each other. That evening after loading up to head home, Steve said "You should get some tapaderos". I told him that I would think about it. And think about it I did, all the way home. What in the heck are tapaderos? That sounds like something you order at a Mexican restaurant. "I think I'll have the tapaderos please". After some



research the next day, I found out that they are hooded stirrups on the saddle to protect your feet from getting caught up in the brush. Working cowboys came up with them in the rough country to keep their feet from getting tied up in the briars and brush and to keep their feet from getting caught if they fell off their horse. Needless to say, Pip and I use tapaderos today.

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

Gallop of Greatness, Ashland Celebrates Secretariat Day



Ribbon cutting ceremony with dignitaries including Kate Chenery Tweedy

By Gene Campbell

Goin' run all night, goin' run all day...doo-dah-day! Those words echoed in my mind as I arrived in the Town of Ashland on March 30th to celebrate the GOAT (greatest of all time), Secretariat. The town officially proclaimed the day, Secretariat Day. There was excitement everywhere as horse racing enthusiasts and fans from near and far were arriving to pay tribute to a horse whose legacy continues to inspire and awe to this day. Secretariat's Triple Crown victory in 1973 is a legendary feat in horse racing, shattering the track records in all three legs of the Triple Crown, records that over fifty years later still stand today. Some say had Secretariat run another lap in his mind-boggling 31-length victory in the Belmont Stakes, he would have lapped the field. In the Reynolds Family Plaza at the entrance to Randolph-Macon College near the railroad tracks stood a 21-foot-long and 11.5-foot-tall bronze statue, "Secretariat Racing Into History" sculptured by Joselyn Russell depicting Secretariat galloping at full speed. It is like nothing I have ever seen before. The detail is simply amazing! Each of his powerful muscles are meticulously detailed and his mane seems to ripple in the wind under the reins of jockey Ron Turcotte. The base of the statue contains sand from the Kentucky Derby, Preakness, Belmont Stakes, and other notable race tracks.

Present at the festivities was Ann Boyd, an old friend of my father. Ann was present at all three races of the Triple Crown in 1973 and still has her tickets from each race. I was at the Kentucky Derby that history making day with my Va Tech frat brothers along with 70,000

other party-goers in the infield of Church Hill Downs. We didn't see a horse that day, just the jockeys bobbing above the crowd as they raced around the track.

The highlight of the day was the ribbon-cutting ceremony dedicating the magnificent statue with dignitaries such as Kate Chenery Tweedy, daughter of the owner of Secretariat, Penny Tweedy. My favorite speaker during the dedication program was Alvin Mines, who told stories of grooming and taking care of Secretariat when he was an employee at Secretariat's birthplace, Meadow Farm (now home of the State Fair) in Caroline County. Alvin recalled seeing Secretariat win the Preakness with one man hollering as Secretariat came down the home stretch, "He ain't got it!" and Alvin immediately hollered back, "I think he got it!"

Kevin Engel of Engel Family Farms was present during the ceremony along with his sister Karen Engel. Kevin was instrumental in getting the bronze statue to Ashland last year. He transported the statue from Oklahoma to Ashland, a journey of over 1,300 miles. His sister Karen, was responsible for the LED lighting illuminating the magnificent statue at night.

We all should be very proud of the fact the greatest racehorse (some say the greatest athlete of all time) was born and raised only a few miles from our county line. This story and a treasure trove of other stories (like the one about our courthouse) are abounding in the history of Virginia and King William County. When I travel and meet people from across the country, I proudly say I am from King William County, Virginia!

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The Hoops and Heartstrings of Coach Cedric Moore



All in the Family (l to r) Brandon Seal, Robbie Pollard, Jalen Wimmer, Coach Cedric Moore, Zack Perry, and Timmy West

By Gene Campbell

Coach Cedric Moore embodies Webster's definition of a coach and surpasses expectations in his coaching role. Coming off his first year as head basketball coach at King William High School, Coach Moore is creating a new culture in Cavalier basketball land. I was recently invited to attend one of his practices at the school gym. Yes, a basketball practice AFTER the season has ended. How often do you hear that? Well, that tells you something about Coach Moore and his players. Practice makes perfect, not only during the season but after the season too! It was obvious after a few minutes of watching the practice, Coach Moore's unwavering commitment

to fostering camaraderie and strong leadership among his players is setting a new standard for Cavalier basketball.

Coach Moore was a standout in three sports (baseball, football, and basketball) at his alma mater, Thomas Jefferson High School in Richmond. Basketball was his favorite! After high school, Coach Moore attended Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, played on their basketball teams from 1993-96, was an assistant basketball coach, and graduated in 1999 majoring in social work. He returned to Richmond and started rising through the ranks of his field.

Please see COACH, continued on page 14

King William Little League Swings into Spring



Coach Blair Redman leads the Teeball Tides onto the field

Opening Day Ceremonies

By Gene Campbell

It was a beautiful morning as families and fans gathered for the King William Little League Opening Day ceremonies on March 30th at the King William Recreation Park on Rt 30. Excitement filled the air as 35 teams consisting of 385 players decked out in their colorful uniforms marched one by one onto the ball field. Emcee Alison Fox announced the team players and coaches as they paraded by home plate beaming with pride and anticipation. Moms and dads waved enthusiastically from the stands and sidelines as they witnessed the next generation of players carrying on the tradition of the game they once played. The scene is repeated every Spring as kids stand tall and proud ready to embark on America's favorite pastime.

After the introduction of the teams, Daniel Simpson took center stage delivering a stirring rendition of the National Anthem followed by the ceremonial first pitches from Board of

Supervisor Chair Lindsey Robinson and Sheriff Donald Lumpkin, officially marking the start of the new season. The regular season will run through the end of May then the all-stars will play to the end of June. As I watched the kids marching onto the field, with cheers echoing throughout the park, a sense of comm-UNITY was in the air. It reminded me of the days when I played ball in this same park as a kid. After leaving the park, I would go home and listen to Dizzy Dean and his sidekick Pee Wee Reese call the 'play by play' of the Saturday afternoon Game of the Week on TV. Those were the days!

Do yourself a favor and attend some baseball games at the recreation park in the next two months. There will undoubtedly be unforgettable moments on the diamond and if you are as old as me, just close your eyes and pretend to hear those infamous words of ole Dizzy Dean when the bases are loaded"ducks on the pond, partner, ducks on the pond."

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4-H Camp allows youth to develop leadership skills, citizenship awareness, responsibility, and self-esteem in a group living situation away from home. 4-H Camp offers a variety of activities for each camper such as swimming, nature, water activities, crafts, and much more. We also have great programs and special events to keep you busy in the afternoon and evening.

Any youth at least 9 years old (as of September 30, 2024) through youth who are 14 by the first day of camp are eligible to attend camp. This year King William, King and Queen 4-H will be camping with the counties of the Northern Neck. We will be camping with youth from Richmond, Westmoreland, Lancaster, and Northumberland counties.

The cost of camp is \$390. Early registration is encouraged to ensure a spot. Once cabins are full, a waitlist will be initiated. Limited Financial Aid is available to those who need it. To register for camp visit <https://sites.google.com/vt.edu/kwkq-4-h/home> or call

the office at 804-769-4955 and we will be happy to help you register.

Assuring the health and safety of each camper is important to us at 4-H Camp. There is a registered nurse present at the camp. All activities are supervised by responsible adults and counselors who are trained in camping programs. Rules and regulations have been developed and will be enforced for the health and safety of all individuals.

4-H is recognized throughout the nation as a leader in summer camping programs. Jamestown 4-H Educational Centers has achieved and maintains American Camp Association (ACA) accreditation. Parents/guardians should always look for the ACA seal when selecting a camp for their child to attend. Only around 25% of all camps in the nation are accredited by the ACA, the recognized camp accreditation organization in the United States. Having ACA accreditation means that the camp meets the highest standards for safety, food service and staffing, health care, and program quality. Additionally, all 300 standards are reviewed every three years for re-accreditation. Each 4-H Center program staff person, as well as the adult and teen 4-H volunteers who participate in camp, are carefully vetted and trained prior to the camping event.

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Home Run Heroes and Strikeout Kings



The Longest stretch...Jack Longest looks to the fences

By Gene Campbell

In the heart of Cavalier country, King William High School's 2024 baseball and softball season dawned with a blaze of convincing victories. From the boys' varsity and JV teams to the girls' varsity and JV squads, the Cavaliers' diamond dominance has been a sight to behold. If this is any indication of things to come, Cavalier fans should fasten their seat belts for one 'heck of a ride!' The boys' varsity team with an unblemished record of 4 - 0, has racked up convincing victories over Nottaway (5-1 and 5-2), Northumberland (7-1), and Essex (4 -3). The girls' varsity softball team's undefeated record of 5 - 0 with wins over Rappahannock (4 - 1),

Nottaway (7 - 2 and 10 - 0), Northumberland (17 - 1), and Greenbrier Christian Academy (2 - 0) has left no doubt who the better team is.

The pitching prowess of the Cavs boys' varsity pitchers Daniel Burton, Colton Maiorana, Andrew Lee, and Jack Longest has stifled any attempts at a comeback from the Cavs opposition. Burton was the winning pitcher in the games against Nottaway and Northumberland surrendering only 7 hits over the two games, striking out 20, while Maiorana was the winning pitcher in the win against the Northumberland Indians and Essex Trojans giving up 2 hits and striking out 17.

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By Gene Campbell

The Virginia American Revolution 250 (VA250) established by the General Assembly in 2020 is dedicated to commemorating the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. VA250 is collaborating with Virginia's localities to organize local and regionally focused events, honoring 250 years since the nation's founding in 1776. King William County is actively participating in VA250 with a dedicated committee currently meeting to plan events. In 2025 King William County will proudly celebrate the 300th anniversary of our courthouse constructed in 1725. I like to call this celebration KW300, recognizing our courthouse as the oldest continuously used courthouse in the United States. It is intriguing to note that before the current courthouse was built, there was an earlier courthouse in place. When King William County was established on April 11, 1702, the inaugural court session took place in a house that predated the county's formation. This house, likely a log or framed dwelling, was situated somewhere in the vicinity (maybe the same spot) where the current courthouse now stands. Owned by Henry Fox, the Presiding Justice of the First Court and Capt. Richard Littlepage, the house and two acres of land was conveyed to the county on January 21, 1702. This makeshift courthouse served as the seat of justice for the county for two decades until 1722 when it fell into disrepair.

Recognizing the need for a new courthouse, the Justices petitioned the General Assembly in 1722 for the construction of a new courthouse. Major William Aylett, the county's first clerk, generously offered his land and timber on the Mattaponi River in Aylett's near his storehouse for the new courthouse to be built. Despite



King William Courthouse in the 1920s

Aylett's being a thriving town and a significant river port, the new courthouse was ultimately not constructed in Aylett's. The exact reasons for this decision remain unknown, but speculation suggests that changes in the Governorship during this time may have influenced the location choice.

The construction of the new courthouse was completed in 1725, showcasing one of the finest examples of colonial brickwork that remains in existence today. Restoration and renovations were undertaken in 1984, ensuring the preservation of this historical landmark. Despite a fire in the nearby clerk's office in 1885, the courthouse itself has stood fire-free for three centuries, a testament to its enduring legacy. We are indeed fortunate to have such a valuable treasure in our community, symbolizing our rich history and heritage. The King William Historical Museum (the old clerk's office) is located within the courthouse complex. Take the time to visit the museum which is open on weekends (from 1 - 5) through October or by appointment.

My next historical article will be about Brandywine Station (you pass by it every day)stay tuned.

King and Queen Band Program



Contributed by Luke Cronin

We are a small rebuilding band program in King and Queen County. It was started back in 2021. This year I was hired by the county and have been doing some fun and awesome things with the program. So far we have had a successful Fall Concert and Holiday Extravaganza

Concert. Our latest event was Concert Assessment at West Point High School where we received a rating of Excellent! This was the student's first time participating in concert assessment and they did an amazing job! Our next trip is our Spring trip to Busch Gardens in April. Then we have our Spring Concert on May 17th @ 7 PM at Central High School.

Board of Supervisors, continued

The Public Utility Dept has 819 water customers. The Hampton Roads Sanitary District provides sewer service to customers where it is available. They provide this service as well as utility billing at no cost to the county. The proposed operating budget for the Public Utility Dept. is \$640,895.

Revenues to cover expenditures are projected to be \$34,958,331 with no change in the current tax rates or fees. Real estate (\$.58 per \$100 in value), personal property (\$3.65 per \$100 in value), vehicle (\$3.15 per \$100 in value), and machinery & tools taxes (\$2.25 per \$100 in value) will remain as they currently are. The current financial policy of the county calls for the Unassigned Fund Balance to be at least 20% of the General Fund expenditures. An Unassigned Fund is classified as the residual funds remaining after all other monies in the General Fund have been assigned or contained in other

classifications. For the proposed 2024-25 budget, \$459,900 from the Unassigned Fund Balance is recommended to be used to assist with funding expenditures. This leaves the Unassigned Fund Balance at \$5,545,147 or 22.7% of the General Fund meeting the 20% requirement.

In conclusion Mr. Ashcraft stated the proposed budget "incorporates extensive financial controls and pursues goals of efficiency and effectiveness by balancing short-term and longer-term community interests with no increases in tax rates or fees." A public hearing on the proposed tax rate is scheduled for Monday April 8th and a public hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for Monday April 22nd. Both hearings will begin promptly at 6:30 pm at the Administrative Building in the courthouse complex. It is your opportunity to 'weigh in' on the proposed budget. The budget can be viewed at kwc.gov/531/4470/FY25.



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Bay Aging Chosen for Groundbreaking Program Empowering Dementia Patients and Caregivers

Contributed – The Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) has selected Bay Aging to participate in the Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience (GUIDE) Model, an innovative initiative aimed at enhancing the lives of individuals living with dementia and easing the burden on their unpaid caregivers. The GUIDE Model, a nationwide effort, seeks to improve quality of life for people with dementia, reduce caregiver burden, and delay nursing home placement.

Recognized as leaders in aging services, Bay Aging will deploy an interdisciplinary care team to deliver services tailored to each individual's needs. These services, to begin in 2025, include care coordination and navigation, will be fully covered by Medicare, with no out-of-pocket costs for qualifying beneficiaries. Benefits include access to a 24/7 support line and funding for respite care.

Mr. Jimmie Carter, Chair of Bay Aging's Board of Directors, expressed confidence in the GUIDE Model's ability to deliver positive outcomes and promote health equity. "This is another step forward in providing aid to

dementia sufferers and caregivers in our service region," Carter remarked.

Dr. Barry L. Gross, Vice-Chair of Bay Aging's Board of Directors, will serve as the medical director for Bay Aging's GUIDE Model program. "It's an honor to support Bay Aging's mission of aiding neighbors in need and now expanding to educate and assist those with dementia and their caregivers.," said Dr. Gross. "Bay Aging's participation in the GUIDE program marks a new chapter in Bay Aging's commitment to critical community programs for our older friends and family." The program, launching on July 1 and operating through July 2032, will undergo initial infrastructure development and network establishment in its inaugural year, with full implementation scheduled for July 2025.

Local healthcare providers, including physicians, nurse practitioners, and other clinicians, interested in collaborating with Bay Aging to enroll patients in the GUIDE Model are encouraged to reach out to Pete Mertens, Bay Aging's Administrative Coordinator, at 804-758-2386 x1201.

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Country Courier Goes to Hawaii



Sharon and George Carter of West Point, heading to Maui reading the paper.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

"The Environment Our Children Are Growing Up In Today"

As a senior citizen of our great county, I am writing this as a plea to everyone, but especially the parents who are raising their children in this environment they are growing up in today. Never have I felt that our country was on the road to Socialism, Marxism and Communism as much as I have in the past several years while our national moral fiber declines.

I have watched our churches lose membership and people lose their Christian values. In this fast-paced environment, parents are so busy working, they lack the time to give undivided attention to their children today. As a result, values such as I grew up with are put on the back burner, Now that disaster is drawing nearer every year, it's time to wake up and let your voice be heard.

Facing CRT, DEI, PRL, ALA, LGBTQ etc. has put the average person in fear of retribution from the very ones who are trying to turn our country into the country they left behind to get into America. Except for the Native Americans, I believe all of us came from other countries to make a better life for ourselves and families. It's time to return our schools to Reading, Writing, History, Civics, Government, Math and recess for fun. Gender identity should not be a school issue. We are all born in the image of Christ. What we do as we grow up is a personal decision, between you and the Lord. Let children be children and don't try and set them up to question who they are but encourage them to be all they can be.

We cannot depend on the government bureaucracy to bring us back to "One Nation

Under God". We need to get off our duffs and quit feeling sorry for ourselves, get a job, be proud of who you are and "love one another as I have loved you said the Lord". Only when you feel proud of yourself can you share that feeling with others. Our country has been in a "free lunch" program for so long that we have become lazy. With the coming of Spring make a promise to yourself to make at least one new friend, get a job if you don't have one and look forward to the sunshine every day. Only after looking inside yourself - will you be proud to show everyone your outside.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Wassenberg
King William

Dear Editor,

I was surprised to open the latest edition of the *Country Courier* and seeing the photo of Samantha McInteer and the flag of Jacksonville University. As an alumnus of that institution I am very proud that a resident of King William has accepted the offer to attend JU. Wishing Sam good luck with her endeavors as a Dolphin!

O'Niel Holmes Jr.
King William



Master Naturalist, continued from front page

The Virginia Master Naturalist Program is a statewide corps of volunteers providing education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities. Interested Virginians become Master Naturalists through training and volunteer service.

A new training cohort will be forming soon. Anyone interested in taking the

course can find more information at middlepeninsulamasternaturalists.com Counties of residence for these graduates. Middlesex: Ginette Colot, Darlene Davis, Tiffany Gould, Andrea Holt, Steve Matthews, Diane Miller, Dave Norman King William: Ed Brown, Tom Cowdrey Essex: Woodie Walker Lancaster: Ross Johnson

K&Q County Historical Society April Quarterly Meeting

The King and Queen County Historical Society invites the public to its quarterly meeting on April 28, 2024 at 3:00, in the King and Queen County Courthouse Administration building. The speaker will be Nancy Johnson. She is a librarian and historical writer, the author of 3 books: *Virginia Horse Racing: Triumphs of the Turf* (co-authored with Barbara Crookshanks in 2008), *Virginia by Stagecoach* (2019), and *Virginia Honey: A Sweet History* (2021). A graduate of the College of William and Mary, Ms. Johnson received her master's degree in library and information science from the University of Maryland. Her subject will

involve her love of history and animals. Though normal hours are suspended through April, the Tavern Museum will be open following Sunday's program and refreshments will be served there. Regular hours will be resumed beginning on May 3rd when the Tavern will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Friday throughout the summer and fall. To arrange a visit on a different day, use the Contact Us page on the Museum website www.kingandqueenmuseum.org to make an appointment. This website contains much information about both the Society and its Tavern Museum.

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King William FFA Attends Central Area Rally



Contributed by Camdyn Watkins

King William High School FFA attended the Central Area Rally, it was held on March 13th at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College. Multiple FFA members attended this event, including Mackenzie Neely, Jay Jones, Camdyn Watkins, Kolton Jimmo, Macie Newcomb and Anthony Lane. The students completed multiple workshops on POA (Program of Activities), explored Post Secondary Schools (J. Sargeant Reynolds and Virginia Tech), and learned about the communication tool box. The students also completed a community service project where they made dog toys for the local Rescue League. The students also wrote thank you

cards to U.S. Veterans at the VA Hospital, thanking them for their service. On the same day, March 13th, Aiden Atkins and Turpin Rowe competed in the Central FFA Area Tractor Troubleshooting event. These two members placed 1st at Federation and advanced on to the area competition. They placed 5th in the Area Contest. The Area Contest consisted of a 25 question safety test, a diagnostic component, and troubleshooting event. All the students who participated on March 13th, learned multiple new ways to communicate and how to be a better leader. King William FFA wants to thank the Virginia FFA as well as J. Sargent Reynolds for holding this event.

Eastern Virginia Forage Conference a Success



Contributed

The 2024 Eastern Virginia Forage Conference was a great success. The conference was attended by farmers from throughout the state and featured both a classroom portion and a hands-on session in the field. The conference was a joint venture of the Virginia Cooperative Extension offices in King and Queen/King William, Essex, Hanover, and Spotsylvania counties.

about a variety of topics from Virginia Cooperative Extension specialists and others. These topics included more efficient ways to feed hay to livestock, research that is being done on new pasture grass varieties, pasture plants that thrive in hot summer conditions, and about the practice of silvopasture – which blends grazing livestock and forestry. Participants also had a hands-on lesson in building fences for pasture and received an introduction to using a no-till drill to plant forage crops.

Participants had the opportunity to learn

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Coach Moore, continued

Add an MBA and Doctorate in Strategic Leadership through Regent University to his credentials, it is easy to see Coach Moore is unique in his abilities. Coach Moore credits Ed Sherod, a former VCU Rams star who is a member of VCU's athletics Hall of Fame, with getting him started in coaching. After a successful coaching career as a basketball coach at Maggie Walker Governor's School, Coach Moore took on the position of head basketball coach at King William High School. His goal is to revitalize the basketball program and create a culture of unity and mentorship among his players. His coaching philosophy is rooted in empathy and understanding, recognizing each player has a unique story and background. He takes the time to understand each player's strengths, weaknesses, and personal strengths. He not only focuses on the game but also the personal growth and development of his players.

The support system behind Coach Moore is his family, who actively participated in the team's journey this past season. From his mother baking and bringing cakes to the games to his brother announcing games and his cousin boosting player confidence, Coach Moore's family plays a vital role in the success of the team. At home Coach Moore's dedication to both athletic and academic excellence is evident too with a daughter who is a nationally ranked swimmer, a son who attends The Naval Academy, and a wife who is an amazing psychologist. Coach Moore is all about community too, encouraging businesses to support the team when he visits them. Because of Coach Moore's influence, senior Zach Perry will be attending Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg and senior Jalen Wimmer will

be attending The Apprentice School in Newport News this fall.

Geoff Kelchner, a proud parent of a former King William High School student and current senior, lauds Coach Moore for his role in building team morale and instilling confidence. This sentiment is echoed by players and parents alike, who see Coach Moore as more than a coach but a brotherly figure who uplifts and inspires. Ray and Wanda West, whose son Timmy is a member of the team said, "Coach Moore is what a coach needs to be, always interested in his players bettering themselves." By pushing them to exceed their limits and providing strong leadership, Coach Moore aims to foster a team that is self-sufficient and cohesive. "My goal is to provide continuity and good leadership among the players. The captains are the glue that holds the team together. Good teams are self-regulating and capable of making independent judgements," exclaimed Coach Moore.

From Zach Perry's acknowledgment of Coach Moore's energy and winning mindset to Tim West's praise for his positivity and Brandon Seal's recognition of his role in maintaining team chemistry, the impact of Coach Moore's resonates deeply. Robbie Pollard's observation that Coach Moore always strives for improvement and Jalen Wimmer's affirmation that Coach brings out the best in them, further highlights the profound influence he has on the team. Whether it's boosting their confidence, addressing their fears, or offering a shoulder to lean on, Coach Moore's compassion for the game and players is making the future of Cavalier basketball look bright. GO CAVS!!

Ribbon-Cutting, continued from front page



The red ribbon was held by Aylett's Terry, and the Lady Patriots team of baseball and softball team members and coaches and then enjoyed a picnic of cut by Mr. Terry and his assistant coaches. popcorn and lemonade. The Lady Patriots Jadyne Courtney, ACDS Class of 2019, played Colonial Beach Middle School for their opening game on Terry Field. Fundraising plans are underway to build a baseball field on campus in the near future. bases as they high-fived Nutasha, Coach

Will He Be My Desire

By Bill Crowe

*Jesus knows my name
He hears my call,
He sees me coming,
He won't let me fall.*

*The glories of man
Are not flakes of gold,
But a place in heaven
Where the truth is told.*

*Jesus prayed and fed
All who came that day,
Jesus blessed all men
In his humble way.*

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Can make man believe.
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Cavaliers, continued



Strikeout King Taylor Johnson

On offense, the Cavs have been a powerhouse led by Jack Longest. Longest etched his name in Cavaliers' lore with a grand slam in the third inning of the Nottaway game on March 21, propelling the Cavs to a decisive 5 – 2 victory over the Indians. Cavaliers' collecting hits for the first four games were J. Longest (6 hits), T. West (4 hits), D. Burton (4 hits), B. Seal (4 hits), A. Lane (3 hits), Z. Perry (2 hits), K. Kimmo (2 hits), D. Bevins (2 hits), A. Lee (2 hits), and S. Walton (1 hit). On the girls' varsity side, a similar tale of triumph unfolded as they surged to a perfect 5 – 0 record behind the stellar pitching of JMU-bound Taylor Johnson (52 strikeouts to date). Johnson has also provided power with her bat collecting 10 hits through five games followed by teammates P. Lewis (8 hits), J. Smith (7 hits), A. Townsend (3 hits), O. Unser (3 hits), C. Harley (3 hits), H. Krukowski (3 hits), S. Meriwether (2 hits) and A. Kirby

Convincing victories over Rappahannock, Nottaway (Payton Lewis hit a first-inning 2-run HR), Northumberland, Nottaway (Jillian Smith hit 2 HRs), and the come from behind win over Greenbrier Christian Academy are nothing short of spectacular. Both the boys' and girls' teams have set the bar high for themselves as they march towards a state championship. The JV teams mirrored the varsity squads' success, with the JV girls boasting a 5 – 1 record and the JV boys holding a solid 2-1-2 record (2 ties due to time restrictions) to start the season. With a 'spring' break in the action last week, the Cavaliers will be back on the diamond hosting the Rappahannock Raiders on April 9th and visiting the West Point Pointers on April 11th. The Cavaliers' combined teamwork, superb coaching, and commitment to the game hint at a bright future for their baseball program. GO CAVS!!

KING WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2025

Notice is hereby given. The Board of Supervisors of King William County, Virginia will hold a public hearing in the Board Room of the County Administration Building at 180 Horse Landing Road, King William, Virginia, on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the hearing may be convened, to receive comment on the proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. A brief synopsis of the Proposed Budget follows:

Expenditures & Other Uses of Funds

General Fund:

General Government	3,065,548
Judicial Administration	895,263
Public Safety	8,518,155
Public Works	2,290,222
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Parks, Recreational, and Cultural	863,370
Community Development	946,003
Non-Departmental	220,117
Contingency	10,000
Education	12,949,491
Transfer to West Point (Transfer + Local Sales Tax)	688,460
Capital/Debt Service	<u>3,368,077</u>
Total General Fund	<u>\$34,958,331</u>

Other Funds

Special Revenue Funds:

Virginia Public Assistance Fund	369,085
Regional Animal Shelter Fund	219,272
Four for Life Fund	19,603
Fire Programs Fund	42,000
Victim Witness Fund	12,097
Comprehensive Services Act Fund	471,054
Employee Recognition Fund	1,250
Proffer	48,630
EMS Revenue Recovery	300,000
VJCCA	18,850
Sheriff's Programs & Donations Funds	3,750
Total Special Revenue Funds:	<u>\$1,505,591</u>

Total Capital Projects Funds: **\$2,769,811**

Debt Service Fund: **\$3,890,277**

Enterprise Funds:

Water Utility Fund	801,282
Sewer Utility Fund	552,000
Parks & Recreation Program Fund	<u>243,619</u>
	<u>\$1,596,901</u>

All interested persons may appear and present their views at the above time and place. If a member of the public cannot attend, comments may be submitted on the County website – kwc.gov or by mail to 180 Horse Landing Road #4, Attention: Clerk to the BOS, King William, VA 23086. Comments received by 12:00 noon on the day of the hearing will be distributed to Board members. A complete copy of the proposed budget may be viewed on the County website or in the Office of the County Administrator at 180 Horse Landing Road, King William, VA 23086 during regular business hours. Anyone needing assistance or accommodations under the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the County Administrator's Office at (804) 769-4927 or percy.ashcraft@kwc.gov

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Mattaponi Baptist Church

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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.

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

We will be celebrating the 52nd Pastoral Anniversary of our Pastor Rev. Dr. Wilbert D. Talley and First Lady Jane Talley, on Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 10:30 AM at Third Union Baptist Church located at 452 Walkerton Road, Walkerton, VA 23177. The Guest Preacher for this special occasion will be Rev. Dr. Morris Randall. Our theme for the day is "A Man of God, committed to the Call" with the scripture reference coming from 2 Timothy 2:15 & Romans 10:14-15. 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, Va 1st Pastor and People Anniversary: Sunday, April 21st at 3PM: Guest Speaker: Pastor DeVolus Parker, Agape Family Life Church, Hanover, (Please see our FB page for flyer.) Prayer and Praise: 10:15AM Morning Worship: 10:30AM; followed by lunch/fellowship Mother's Day Dinner on Saturday May 11th will be held at 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

Wayland Baptist Church

10809 The Trail, Stevensville, Va Invites everyone to our annual Family and Friends Day Service, Sunday, April 21st at 10:00a.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. Keith Ingram. Biker, Car and Truck Blessing. Lunch will be served after the service.

Zion Baptist Church

King and Queen Courthouse, 615 Zion Church Road, King and Queen Courthouse, VA 23085. Mailing Address: P. O. Box 82.

Worship Service (in-house), Each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Virginia "BeeBee" Harvey Young, Pastor.

METHODIST

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 McConnville mckendree23106.org, mckendree23106@gmail.com.

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Immanuel Episcopal Church

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St. John's Episcopal Church

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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

7924 Richmond Highway. 804-443-2341 Sunday service 10am. The Rev. Dr. Johan Johnson, Priest in Charge, coffee hour and Bible Study following the service. Nursery and Sunday School during the service. Choir directed by Kristi Reynolds. stpaulsmillerstavern.org

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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

Family Storytime Wednesdays, April 10, 17 & 24, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. ages 0-5 with caregiver. 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

King William Democrats

Join us on Saturday, April 20th to meet Candidate for US Congress, Herb Jones! We will meet at the Upper King William Library from 10:30 to noon. To Zoom in from home, call 804-885-0544 for the Zoom link or email us at kwdems@gmail.com.

CD 1 Democrats' Candidate Forum

Candidates Herb Jones and Leslie Mehta, Democratic Candidates for US Congress, will answer your questions at a Candidate Forum on Thursday, April 18 at 6:00 pm at the St. Clare Walker Middle School, 6814 General Puller Highway in Middlesex County. The candidates will run against each other in the Primary on June 18th. For more information, email kwdems@gmail.com.

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 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 7 6 9 2 9 9 6 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.

Mangohick Volunteer Fire Department

Welcomes volunteers, come to our Business Meeting, first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm, 3493 King William Rd, Aylett, for more information; phone us at (804)994-9800. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Always, in case of Emergency, Dial 911.

Town Hall Meeting

Friday, April 12, 2024 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Mangohick Volunteer Fire Department and I would love to touch base with constituents to share updates and gather input from you as it pertains to County matters. I hope to see you there! Mary Sue Bancroft 5th District Board of Supervisor King William County



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