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Vote – A Right Like None Other



Let the voting begin!

By Gene Campbell

Early voting began in King William County and across Virginia on September 20th. In today’s politically divided America, the act of voting carries more weight than ever before. With the November election drawing near, the importance of fulfilling our civic duty to vote cannot be overstated as it serves as a powerful tool in shaping the direction of our country. Above all, it is important to respect other people’s views and philosophies, while refraining from degrading the other candidates. It is a sign of maturity and open-mindedness. During the last presidential election in 2020, approximately two-thirds (67%) of the voting eligible population voted, the highest rate for a national election since 1900. Still, one-third of the eligible voters did not vote, forfeiting their right to voice concerns about the state of our nation and the decisions made by those in power.

This year’s ballot includes crucial positions such as President and Vice President, House of Representatives (First District), U. S. Senate, and a Constitutional Amendment regarding property tax exemption for certain veterans and their surviving spouses. By fulfilling our civic duty to vote, we honor those who fought for our right to participate in free and fair elections and ensure that our voices are heard in shaping the future of our nation. Please take the time to vote!

King William High School is a Heart Safe School



Dr. Chuck Wagner, Tyler Pinder, Kim Lewis, Linden Barrick, Amy Hood, Kami Newbill, Ashley Ward, and Dr. John Phillips MD.

By Gene Campbell - At the September 17th meeting of the King William County School Board, King William High School achieved a significant milestone by being awarded the esteemed Heart Safe designation. Dr. John Phillips from the VCU Children’s Hospital of Richmond was present at the meeting to present the Heart Safe designation banner. Dr. Phillips, who serves as the local affiliate medical director for “Project ADAM” Heart Safe Schools, is dedicated to improving sudden cardiac arrest response and prevention initiatives.

Please see *Heart Safe*, continued on page 14.

Mattaponi Crime Solvers



Contributed by Mattaponi Crime Solvers
Picture by Gene Campbell

The Mattaponi Crime Solvers was formed and incorporated as a non-profit organization in the Fall of 2007 to serve the localities of King William, King and Queen, and the Town of West Point. The first Crime Solvers chapter was officially formed in 1976 in Albuquerque NM after a local TV station aired a re-enactment of an unsolved murder and requested the public’s help. Crime Solvers provide their local communities with a means for people to anonymously provide law enforcement with information about criminal activity. Residents can call 804-769-3000 to anonymously report crimes and suspicious activity. The phone is monitored twenty-four hours a day, three hundred and sixty-five days a year.

Mattaponi Crime Solvers at the King William National Night Out

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King William Supervisors Set to Address Controversial Library Decision



Citizens address the board during the public comment period

By Gene Campbell

Once more, the issue of the supervisors' decision to transition from the Pamunkey Regional Library (PRL) system to an independent system arose during the public comment period at the September 9th meeting of the King William County Board of Supervisors. Four of the seven speakers who spoke on the subject asked the supervisors to reconsider their decision. At the end of the meeting during the supervisors' comments, Supervisor Bill Hodges motioned to add the library matter to the agenda for the September

23rd meeting, which was unanimously approved.

In addition to the library issue, Commissioner of the Revenue Karena Funkhouser brought attention to the upcoming general real estate assessment, which typically occurs every four years. While the earliest possible date for the next assessment is 2027, preparations need to be made in advance. The last reassessment was conducted by Pearson Appraisal Services, Inc. and took effect January 1, 2023, costing \$330,000.

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State Fair

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

The State Fair is back. I always like to go and see the mule and horse pulling. They are amazing animals. There is a lot of things to see like shows, music, and of course the rides.

They used to have a helicopter that for fifty dollars would take you up for a ride. I would always tell my wife "I sure would like to go for a ride in that helicopter." My wife would always say "That's too much money, fifty bucks is fifty bucks!" Every year was the same thing "No way, fifty bucks is fifty bucks!" Well one year the pilot overheard us and said "Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you up for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say a word, I won't charge you a penny! But if you say one word, it's fifty dollars!" My wife agreed, so we jumped in the helicopter and up we went. After a few minutes, the pilot started doing some trick maneuvers trying to get us to say something. I kept my mouth closed



tight. Then the pilot started rolling the helicopter on its side and almost upside down, but still not a word from me. When we finally landed, the pilot turned around and said "Allen, I did just about everything I could to get you to say something or yell out but you didn't. I'm impressed!" I told him "It was really hard to keep quiet. I almost said something when you turned us upside down and my wife fell out. But you know fifty bucks is fifty bucks!"

I'm just kidding with you.

You can call me at 690-7870 or email

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I'll see you on the trails.

Reflections of the Beulahville Post Office



Beulahville Post Office as it is today

By Gene Campbell

After reading my article on Enfield Store, King William resident Mark Connerley was captivated and reached out to share that he is the owner of the old Beulahville Post Office on Rt 600 (West River Road). Mark and his wife, Leayne, relocated to King William in 2020 and acquired a piece of land less than a mile west of Beulah Baptist Church. On the property stood a neglected cinder block building that had once housed a general store and the Beulahville Post Office. Following the completion of their dream home on the property, Mark decided to restore the old post office.

The concept of post offices in early America can be traced back to 1639 when the British government established the first post office in a tavern in Boston, Mass. The tavern was designated as the official site for mail delivery to and from overseas. During colonial times, it was common for taverns and general stores to serve as post offices. Most had access to waterways as this was the primary source of transporting goods and services. By 1776 there were a total of fifteen post offices in Virginia. Ayletts, as it was called then, is recognized as having the first office in King William County, established in 1830 at the Tavern or Duncan House in Ayletts, which is now the residence of Gladys Mae Poynter. The Beulahville Post Office was established

not long after in 1869 with Millie Mahan serving as its first postmistress.

Fellow Historical Society member Ron Parker provided insights into the Beulahville Post Office, as his mother, Lucy Moore Parker, served as postmistress from 1952 to 1964. Ron recalls that the original location of the post office was near the intersection of Dorrell Road and Rt 600, just east of Beulah Church Cemetery. Ron remembers an old barber's chair in the lobby, the only seating available. Ron's mother assisted Ellett McGeorge who was postmaster from 1908 to 1952. When Mr. McGeorge retired in 1952, he encouraged Ron's mother to apply for the postmistress position, which she successfully obtained. Ron's grandfather, Lee Andrew Parker, operated a general store at the intersection of Rt 600 and Rt 628 from the early 1900s until its closure in the early 1930s. Since the store building was still in good shape, Ron's parents renovated the store building for his mother to run the post office there. They also had a small retail grocery operation. Ron's father passed in 1953. In 1959 Ron's mother decided, for convenience, to relocate the post office to her home, 1/4-mile up Rt 600, and build the small cinder block building that remains standing today. Lucy Parker served as postmistress until her retirement in 1964.

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Obituaries

TURNER



Gloria May Hall Turner

Where did this brunette cutie come from, was one of my first thoughts when I spotted my future wife, Gloria sitting on the third row from the front at the First Assembly of God in Alexandria, Virginia. Pastor Thomas Gulbranson, the Reverend Doctor Thomas Gulbranson was preaching. I, a newly minted Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Corps of Engineers straight out of the Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA and incidentally not a bad baritone was sitting on the platform as a member of the church choir. We finished our contribution and sat back to listen to the sermon. I sat back to enjoy the view. (If Gloria saw that last sentence, she would probably say, "I've heard this before!")

Gloria May Hall Turner was born in December 1955, to Horace and Sylvia Hall of West Point, VA. Horace Hall, now deceased, was a World War II veteran who had married late in life, 38 as I remember. Sylvia, her mother, also now deceased, was one of six children of father, Clarence Rettig, living in Ohio and her mother, Elizabeth who had emigrated to the United States from Ireland as a 17 year old girl, in early 1900. Following this marriage, they

moved to Eltham where Sylvia met Horace. Their union produced Gloria and a younger sister, Brenda.

Now I was eyeballing 25 year old Gloria May, cute as only a 25 year old female could be. How could I meet this girl? Several weeks later, during a potluck lunch after church one Sunday I had my chance. Although I openly asked another young woman for her name and number, I was too shy to approach Gloria. Since the potluck was at her apartment, I merely snuck a look at her telephone hanging up in her kitchen. Once back at my quarters, I called and left a message since she was out. Imagine my throbbing heartbeat when I returned later that day and there was a note waiting in my mail slot. This was before the days of cellphones. Communications not done face to face could be slow. (Be still my beating heart!) From that beginning we progressed until our Sunday School teacher was heard to remark, "Is there something going on between those two? They are sitting awfully close together!" I was in a bit of a time crunch. I was leaving for my assignment in Bamberg, Germany – a city of 80,000 population town in northern Bavaria, in May 1982. We were married by the Reverend Thomas Gulbranson in the front of that very same church, on April 2, 1982. I was 27 and she was 26. I left for Europe alone and she followed me several months later. Imagine my feelings when I picked up my new bride in

the Frankfurt airport after several months absence. And so began our 42 years together.

Gloria entered the gates of Glory in the back of a King and Queen County ambulance on Friday afternoon, September 6, 2024. She stopped breathing on the way to the hospital. I knew the news was bad when I heard the driver call his dispatch and change from "non-emergency transport" to "EMERGENCY transport." At the hospital, the ER doctor told me she had not been breathing for 25-30 minutes despite the best efforts of the county medics. God bless our dedicated medics!!! Gloria would have been 69 on December 23 of this year.

The family will receive friends from 2-3 pm on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024, at The First Assembly of God Church, 3976 E. Lewis B. Puller Mem. Hwy, Shacklefords, Va 23156. There will be a funeral service at 3 pm following the visitation. Burial will take place after the service at Tabernacle Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Lower King and Queen Vol Fire and Rescue 250 Bohannon Park, Shacklefords, Va. 23156 or West Point Vol. Fire and Rescue, PO Box X, West Point, Va. 23181.



NOBLE



Betty Milby Noble, 80, of Newport News VA, formerly of Shacklefords VA, passed away Sunday, September 15, 2024. You could always find Betty in the kitchen, where she loved to cook and spend time with her

family. She also loved taking care of her exotic indoor plants. Betty was a faithful member of Stevens Memorial Baptist Church in Newport News, Virginia.

Betty was preceded in death by two sisters, Frances Goode and Louise Lowery; one brother, Garland Milby; and four nephews, Richard Goode, Billy Goode, Donnie Goode, and Mel Lowery. She is survived by her loving husband of over 60 years, Yancey Noble; her daughter, Betty Wheat (Tommy); two grandchildren, Heather Watts (Jamie) and Tommy Wheat II (Hannah); five grandchildren, Kean Watts, Blake Watts, Kennedy Wheat, Weston Wheat, and Cooper Wheat; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. A funeral service was held Saturday, September 21, 2024, at Poroporone Baptist Church, in Shacklefords, VA. Tributes may be posted at www.vincentfh.com

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Voter Registration Week at Central High School



Contributed by Carol Carter

Central High School students kicked off National Voter Registration Week, September 16-20, with a modified voter registration drive during lunch blocks. Diane Klausen and her King and Queen

Registrar's Office team assisted on Monday, September 16th. Seniors celebrated Constitution Day for two days with patriotic gear, photo ops, and trivia games. Students celebrated one of the most influential documents in our nation's history.



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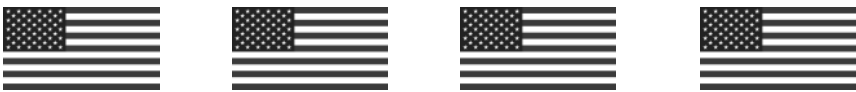


Joint JROTC Students from Essex, King and Queen and Middlesex



Contributed by Carol Carter -

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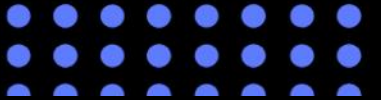
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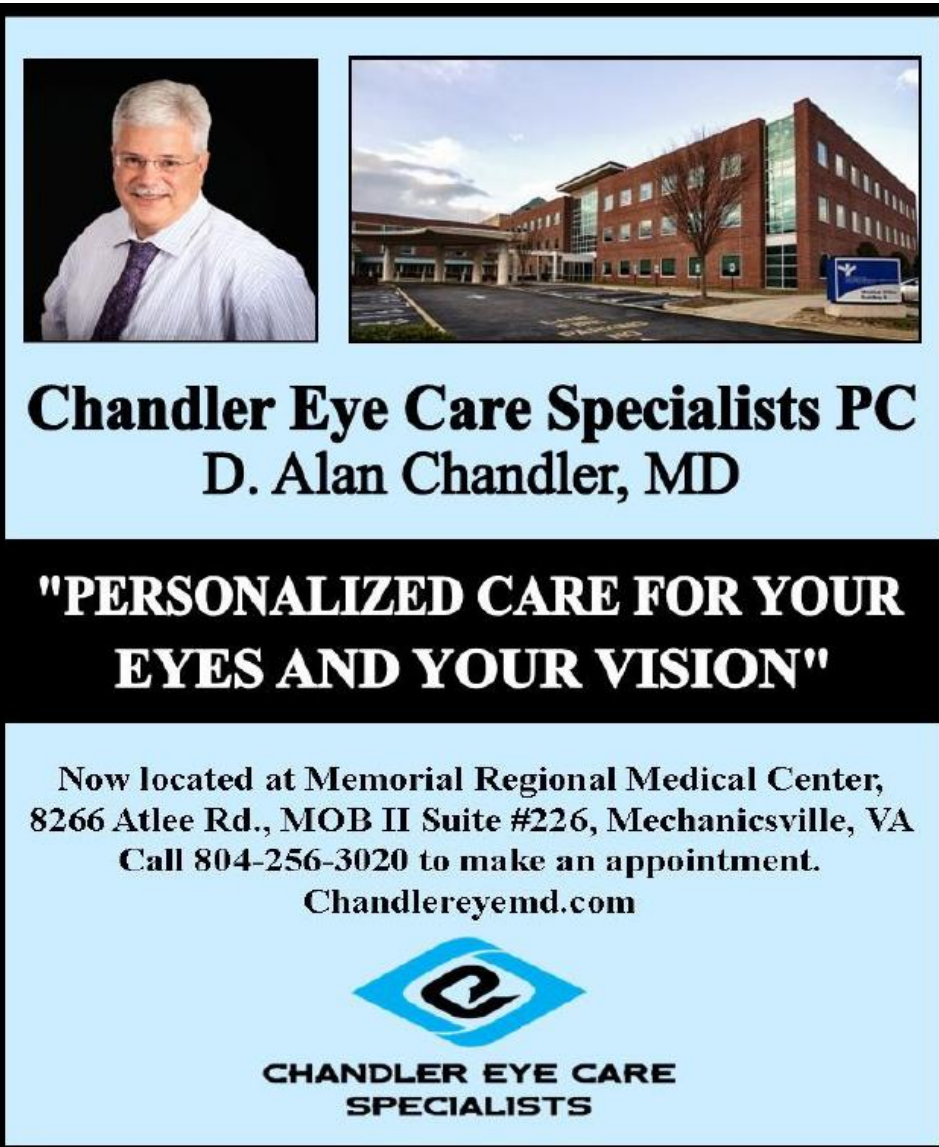
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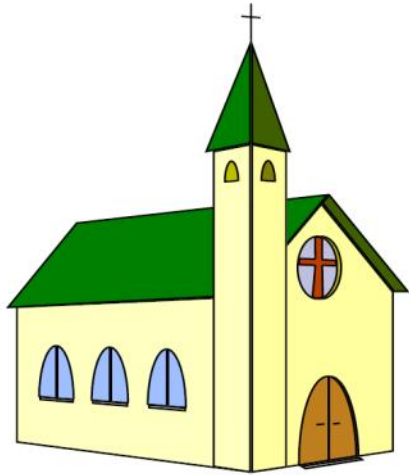
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Cavs Defeated by the Hawks



Cav's #1 Jahmari Dupree-Wade goes up for the ball



Quarterback Trenton Stallings "soaring" under the "claws of a Hawk"

By Gene Campbell

The King William Cavaliers traveled across the river Friday the 13th of September and played the Hanover Hawks. Unfortunately the tide was not in their favor as they came home with a 49-14 loss. The next home game is Friday, September 27th against Strasburg High Rams . GO CAVS!

Caroline Defeats King William in "Cavalier Classic"

Contributed by Michael Commins

King William's K'Sean Hill scored on a 76-yard fumble return on defense, an 80-yard kickoff return on special teams, and rushed for 79 yards on 11 carries on offense but it was not enough as Caroline scored a 26-21 victory in Milford Friday night.

King William's other score came in the first quarter on a Trenton Stallings 1-yard run to put the visiting Cavaliers ahead 7-0 after Anthony Borghi's point after. Hill's heroics came in the fourth with the fumble return at the 9:42 mark and the kickoff return after Caroline had scored on a 45-yard run to take a 20-14 lead with 6:38

remaining with the point after no good. Cooper Wolfe converted both point after attempts after each Hill score. Caroline's other scores came in the second quarter on a 1-yard run and point after and a 19-yard TD pass and successful point after. They closed out the scoring in the fourth quarter on a 12-yard TD run but

The conversion failed. King William will be at home this Friday, September 27th, for a scheduled 7 PM kickoff as they host the Rams of Strasburg High from the Shenandoah Valley.

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9th Annual Historic House Party on October 12

Contributed

The Fairfield Foundation hosts its 9th Annual Historic House Party at Exchange in Gloucester. Each year, Fairfield holds this exclusive event to celebrate the accomplishments of the year and raise funds for a new project. This June, the Richmond-based Cabell Foundation awarded Fairfield a \$100,000 matching grant to restabilize the Rosewell Ruins. All money raised during the House Party will support this grant.

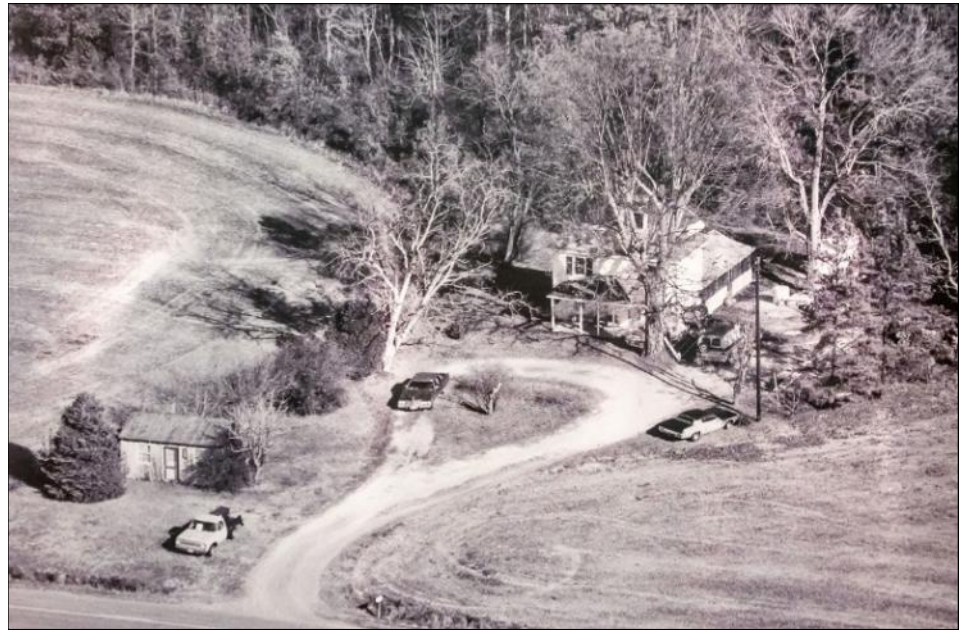
The Annual Historic House Party is a Fairfield Foundation staple. With catered dinner and an open bar, enjoy the night out with friends at a beautiful 18th century home on the water in Ware Neck. Address is provided once tickets are purchased. Tickets are sold individually at \$75 a piece. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Sponsorship levels are: Bronze (\$250), 2 free tickets and swag, Silver (\$500), 2 free tickets & swag, Gold (\$1000), 4 free tickets & swag, and Platinum (\$5000), 8 free tickets and swag. All sponsors are featured in print and digital media marketing. Send in business logos as a JPEG file to annie@fairfieldfoundation.org.

The mission of the Fairfield Foundation is to promote and involve the public in hands-on archaeology, historic preservation and related education activities within Virginia's Middle Peninsula and surrounding areas.



Activities are conducted to educate and involve people of all ages in the process of archaeological and historical preservation, to provide outreach to students and the public about historic landscapes of the region, and to encourage discussion, research, collaboration, and preservation of historic resources, including buildings, archaeological sites, historic documents, and oral history. The Foundation's major projects include archaeological outreach at the Burwell plantation known as Fairfield/Carter's Creek, restoration and repurposing at Timberneck House at Machicomoco State Park, preservation of the Walter Reed Birthplace, preservation and tours at the Rosewell Ruins and Visitor Center, and interpretation of the restored 1930s Edgehill Service Station, which serves as its headquarters -- the Center for Archaeology, Preservation, and Education (CAPE). For more information, call 804-815-4467 or email fairfield@fairfieldfoundation.org.

Beulahville P.O., Continued



Beulahville Post Office located in the yard of former postmistress Lucy Parker (bottom left)

Matilda Trice Moren served as cinder block building. It is heartwarming postmistress till it was discontinued in to witness individuals like Mark and 1965 when the mail operations shifted to Leayne Connerley, showing a keen interest in preserving history. We wish Aylett.

Post offices often doubled as voting precincts in those times too, as remembered by Judy Shepard, wife of the retired Beulah Baptist Church pastor Ed Shepard, who recalls voting in the old

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Funkhouser presented two options for the upcoming assessment: hiring an external assessor, or utilizing the county's in-house assessor, who is currently not certified to assess commercial properties. She anticipates the in-house assessor will obtain certification by next summer. Opting for an in-house assessment is deemed more cost effective, considering the limited number of companies in the state that perform real estate assessments. Funkhouser estimated that hiring an external assessor would cost approximately \$400,000.

Finance Director David Wilson highlighted delays in the 2024 audit due to challenges reconciling numbers from 2023 to 2024, stressing the importance of resolving discrepancies before engaging the county's audit firm of Robinson, Farmer, Cox & Associates. Assistant County Administrator Steve Hudgins provided updates on the progress of the waterline extension along Rt 360, nearing 85% completion, and the construction of the water tank on Manfield Road (Rt 605), which is 32% complete with an expected completion date next summer. The next board meeting is scheduled for September 23rd at 6:30 pm at the courthouse complex.

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Dalai Lama

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King and Queen Schools Receive Grant

Contributed by Carol Carter

King and Queen County Public Schools received a federal grant of \$137,500 for fifty-five (55) students to participate in daily, live, one-on-one tutoring sessions for the 2024-2025 school year. Ignite Reading, an intervention program approved by the State for its evidence-based practices, is providing this service. The program is designed to close the foundational reading skills gap between on-grade-level readers and struggling readers. Selected students are assigned a tutor with whom they meet each day for a fifteen-minute (15) instructional session. Reading intervention focuses on the foundational skills of phonics, vocabulary, and fluency. The fifty-five students receiving reading intervention were selected based on previous Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS) scores and/or Standard of Learning (SOL) performance. Students showing the highest level of reading deficiencies participate first. After students progress



through the program and master the necessary foundation skills to be successful readers, other students can take their place and benefit from the intervention. Currently, only 3rd - 5th grade students participate in the program as the district's reading specialists provide intervention services for K-2 students.

Crime Solvers, continued

All tips are forwarded to the appropriate law enforcement agency for further investigation.

The regular monthly meeting of the Mattaponi Crime Solvers was held on Wednesday, September 11th, 2024, at the King William Ruritan Building. Vice Chair, Frank Adams, reported that the Mattaponi Crime Solvers participated in three National Night Out events on August 6th at King William High School, August 13th at the King Queen Kiwanis Building, and August 20th at the Regional Airport in Mattaponi. All three events were well organized and attended.

September is National Mental Health Month. Please be kind. Law enforcement is a dangerous profession physically and

mentally. We are grateful for those who chose to protect our community.

King William County Sheriff Lumpkin reported on recent criminal activity, staffing issues, and initiatives. Sheriff Lumpkin had a command of facts and figures and graciously answered questions. If you want to stay informed on happenings in your community, please attend the next Crime Solvers meeting. Crime Solvers meets regularly on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the King William Ruritan Building at 7 PM. The next meeting will be held on October 9th, 2024. Please remember our telephone, 804-769-3000, to report criminal activity anonymously and keep our community safe!

Heart Safe, continued from front page

King William High School stands out as one of the first twenty high schools in the state to receive this prestigious designation. This recognition indicates that King William High School has successfully completed a comprehensive 14-step process, meeting all necessary criteria to ensure the school is well-prepared to respond to sudden cardiac arrest incidents on campus. Key elements of obtaining the Heart Safe designation include the presence of on site accessible Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), ensuring that the response team comprises individuals with up-to-date CPR certification, and maintaining a detailed Cardiac Emergency Response Plan

that involves local Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Receiving the Heart Safe designation is a testament to King William High School's proactive stance on safety and emergency preparedness. This achievement showcases the school's dedication to fostering a heart safe environment and prioritizing the well-being of the entire school community. Additional Cardiac Emergency Response Team members are: Jim McGuckin, Elizabeth Welshonce, Miranda Moss, Tiffany Ward, Megan Hirsh, Ben Bokor, Crystal Spicer, Geroge Dowdy, Mark Granger, Melissa Krout, and Jenna Jennings.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

If you only get your news from one source, you may be missing out on a lot of good news.

Inflation is down to 2.5%, the lowest it's been since 2021 when increased demand for durables combined with shortages created a huge disruption in the economy. Those supply-chain interruptions have been fixed and prices are starting to normalize after the economic upheaval caused by the pandemic. In fact, the Federal Reserve just lowered interest rates .5 percent, a huge sign of their confidence in the economic outlook.

While inflation dropped to 2.5% in August 2024, wages grew by 4.6%.

The S & P 500, the Dow Jones and the Nasdaq Composite all hit record highs September 19, 2024.

Violent crime has dropped significantly, down 15.2% compared to last year. Violent crime is at one of its lowest points in 50 years.

Deaths from drug overdoses are also down significantly. This is in part thanks to a more concerted effort to disrupt the supply of illicit drugs, as well as more access to medicine that can prevent fatal overdoses and more funding going towards treatment options.

As for voter fraud, it's basically non-existent. A study by the Brennan Center found voter fraud incident rates between .0003 and .0025%. In comparison, your chances of being hit by lightning are .01%.

Certain politicians and news outlets would have you believe we're a failing nation. In truth, America has the strongest economy in the world and has had the most successful economic recovery from the pandemic. While there is still more work to be done, we are definitely moving in the right direction.

Charlotte Hollings
Lancaster



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Church Calendar

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Christian Fellowship Ministries

Join us at 304 W. Chinquapin Rd, King William, on Sundays at 11am in the sanctuary and on Wednesday Nights for Bible Study at 7pm on Zoom. Zoom ID: 890 008 8851 Password: 6iayfH.

Jerusalem Christian Church

We invite you to worship with us in person service. Adult Sunday School at 10:00 am. Sunday Service & Children's Service at 11:00. Minister Joshua Lewis, 1902 Powhatan Trail, King William. Jerusalemcc.com

Smyrna Christian Church Bruington

3655 Powcan Rd., Bruington 23023 All Welcome! Worship Sunday mornings 10AM. Adult Sunday School 9AM. Children's church during service. Pastor Bill Ford (770) 687-6621/ www.Smyrna.org

West Point Christian Church

290 West Euclid Blvd. West Point. Pastor Matt Cox P.O. Box 800 804-843-3185 westpointchristian.com

BAPTIST

Beulah Baptist Church

Come worship and study God's word with us! Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 AM, Worship Service at 11 AM. View sermons, via links to YouTube and Facebook at beulahbptistva.org. Follow and Like us on YouTube and Facebook to be notified of our upcoming livestream services. Physical address: 4805 West River Road Aylett, Virginia 23009 Mailing address: PO Box 846 Aylett, VA 23009 Phone 804.539.2191 Email: kwbeulahbaptistchurch@gmail.com Website: beulahbaptistva.org

Broadus Church Hebron Campus

3407 King William Rd Aylett 23009. Facebook Broadus Church Hebron Campus, web broaduschurch.org Sunday morning worship at 9:30am Bible Study for all ages at 10:45am. Mid-week Bible Studies TUESDAY evening. Youth 6:00pm, ladies and men group at 6:15pm. Food Distribution 2nd Monday of each month from 6-8pm. If you need help with free firewood or used furniture call 804-779-2700 and ask for Pastor Jeff. Come SEE what GOD is doing!!

Bruington Baptist Church

4784 The Trail, Bruington, King & Queen County. Please join us at Sunday School on Sundays at 10 a.m. and Worship Service at 11 a.m. Bible Study Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. with Choir Practice following at 6:45 p.m.

Community Clothes Cupboard open first Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon. Contact us at 804-769-3246.

Colosse Baptist Church

Colosse Baptist Church annual craft bazaar will be November 9 from 9 to 1 in our multipurpose room. The event is free. Come worship with us this Sunday! Contemporary service 8:30 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Traditional service 11 AM.

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, Tuesday night Party 7:00, Thursday night Bible Study 7:00, Morning Service 12:30. You will not leave the way you came. All Are Welcome. Pastor Leo Reed 1438 Manfield Road, Manquin 23106. Sunday's at 12:15 PM.

Lower K&Q Baptist Church

204 Timber Branch Rd., Mascot, 23108 Pastor Terry Morrison, until church is rebuilt Sunday Services at: The Woman's Club House 208 Allen's Circle King and Queen C.H., 23085. Directions or questions, call or text (804) 925-5699. 10am Sunday School for all Ages, 11am Worship Service All welcome, come as you are.

Mattaponi Baptist Church

Sundays 11a.m. Children's Church during service. In-depth Bible study the 2nd & 4th Wed. during Daylight Saving Time. Services live on Zoom at: <http://bit.ly/MBCLIVE> (Meeting ID: 871 964 216) & FBLive. Visit us on Facebook for latest news and any schedule changes: @MattaponiBaptistChurchVa. 13466 The Trail, King and Queen Court House, 23085. Pastor Stephen Rountree: 804-514-5715.

Mattaponi Friends Meeting

942 Buena Vista RD. Shackelfords 23156. Join us in-person and via Zoom for Quaker Worship in silent meeting at 10:00 A.M. and worship sharing/discussion at 11:00. First Sunday business meeting at 11:00. Third Sunday potluck lunch at 12:00 noon. For more information contact 804-785-9401.

Mt. Sinai Baptist Church

2327 Commins Rd. Aylett Homecoming, Sunday, Sept. 8th, 10 am. Theme: God is good all the time, Psalms 34:8. Pastor, Rev. Dr. Charlene Gresham. Dinner at 12:30. Evening service 2:30pm, Rev. Curtis Harris, 1st Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. Revival, 7p.m. Monday, Rev. Shawn Dandridge from Morning Star Baptist Church. Tuesday, Rev. Dr. John Boyd. Wednesday, Rev. Kim Bulock.

Masks optional. Services in person and teleconference: 978-990-5394 access code 3733620#

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

Sunday School - 9:30am. Worship Service 10:30am. Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:30pm. We Invite You To Join Us! www.facebook.com/PoroporoneBaptistChurch

Revival Baptist Church

Are you looking for something different? Revival Baptist Church is a new Independent Baptist Church! Come join us on Sunday mornings at the King William High School Cafeteria! Sunday School at 9:00am, and Morning Service at 10:00am. Come to our weekly Bible Study on Wednesdays at 6:50pm at the Upper King William Library. Learn more at visitrevival.org.

The Fix Ministry

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

Union Hope Baptist Church

571 Union Hope Road, King William: Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 a.m. In-person & Teleconference. Teleconference option: Phone: (774) 220-4000, PIN 57187 Follow us on Facebook: Union Hope Baptist Church, King William, The Food Bank Ministry Hours of Operation (Monthly from 1pm-3pm) Every Tuesday 1st Friday 3rd Saturday Upcoming Event: Fall Revival 2024: October 14-16; Tele-Conference only at 7:30PM Church 149th Anniversary-Sunday, October 20, Morning Worship: 11am: Speaker: Pastor Rudolph Tolson Lunch Following Morning Worship Evening Anniversary Service: 3PM: Guest Speaker: Apostle Russell Smith, Macedonia Baptist Church.

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>

Wayland Baptist Church

Stevensville, Senior Choir will celebrate their anniversary. All are invited Sunday, October 20, at 3p.m. Special guest for the occasion will be The Walker Family of St. Stephens Church and The Gospel Highlights of King William. We look forward to an evening of blessings and fellowship.

Zion Baptist Church

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

METHODIST

McKendree Methodist Church

4347 Manfield Rd., Manquin, 23106. Sunday worship 9:30AM in person and Facebook Live, followed by fellowship and Sunday School. Pastor Corey M c C o n n v i l l e . mckendree23106.org, mckendree23106@gmail.com. CARE meets the second Monday of each month until December.

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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, always! Please join us. stjohnswp.org

St. Paul's Millers Tavern

7924 Richmond Highway. 804-443-2341 Sunday service 10 AM. Nursery and Sunday School during the service. Refreshments and Bible study following the service. Choir directed by Kristi Reynolds. stpaulsmillerstavern.org

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Brett-Reed Memorial Presbyterian Church

29680 King William Road West Point, 23181. Pastor Karen V. Stanley. Sunday School 10. Worship Service 11.

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Upper KW Branch Library

Family Storytime Wednesdays, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. **Coloring, Coffee and Donuts** Thursday, Oct. 3, 10:30am - noon Ages 18 and up. **Learn How to Cross-stitch** Tuesday, Oct. 8, 5:00 - 6:30pm Ages 18 & up. **Paint a Pumpkin** Saturday, Oct. 12, 11:00am - 1:00pm All ages. **UKW Anime Club** Oct. 15, 5:00 - 6:30pm Ages 12-18. **Needle Felting** Thursday, Oct. 17, 1:00 - 2:30pm Ages 12 & up. **Make Your Own Firestarter** Saturday, Oct. 19, 11:00am - 12:30pm All ages. **Tabletop Game Night** Tuesday, Oct. 22, 5:00 - 6:30pm All Ages. **The Stitching Hour** Thursday, Oct. 24, 5:00 - 6:30pm Ages 18 and up. Call 804-769-3731 or visit the library at 694-J Sharon Road for more information.

West Point Branch Library

Family Storytime Fridays, Oct. 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. 0-5 with caregiver. **Stay & Play** Fridays, Oct. 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11:00 a.m. - noon **Kids' Craft Club** Saturday, Oct. 12, 10:30 - 11:30am **I'd Rather be Reading Book Club** Wednesday, Oct. 16, 11:30am - 12:30pm Ages 16 and up. **Legos** Friday, Oct. 18, 4:00 - 5:00pm Grades K-5. **Play-Doh @ the Library** Saturday, Oct. 21, 11:00am - Noon **Amazing Race: Library Edition** Thursday, October 24, 5:00 - 6:30pm Ages 12-18. **YA Unwind** Friday, Oct. 25, 4:00 - 5:30pm Call 804-843-3244 or visit the library at 433 12th Street, West Point for 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.

VFW Post 9501

The veterans of the VFW Post located on 7712 King William Road, Aylett will have their

monthly meetings the 2nd Thursday at 5:00pm. Contact Post Commander Ben Clark at 804-432-9559 for membership. For additional info contact James Brown 804-337-7029. The VFW Auxiliary meeting is 12:00 noon on the 2nd Thursday in-person and virtual. Call President Gladys Hickman, 804-380-9925 for membership or information.

KW Republican Committee Meetings

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KW Children First Lions Club

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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.

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Mangohick Volunteer Fire Department

Turkey Shoots starting 9/20 every other Friday, gun raffle tickets, Annual Trunk or Treat 10/26 6-8 pm. Family, Friends, Fun, and support one of your local volunteer fire and rescue! Follow us on Facebook.

The CornerStone Community Development Center, Aylett

Aylett Toys for Tots - Online registration for families to request toys starts on October 1, 2024. Local Family Toy Request Form is here: <https://aylett-va.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/local-toy-request-form.aspx>

Food Distribution -

(*11235 West River Road, Aylett) ***MOBILE Pantry** October 23 from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Saturday food distributions are from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. (October 5, October 12, October 19, October 26)

The Lily Field Clothing Shed

(11235 West River Road, Aylett) Open on Saturdays, 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. **Please DO NOT** drop off donations outside the building. Drop off is at the clothing shed on Wednesday mornings before 9 a.m.

The CornerStone Free Health Clinic

(8270 Richmond Tappahannock Hwy., Aylett) No walk in appointments. Please call to register.

Fundraiser: Dinner deal on Thursday, October 10 at 6p.m.

\$11 CrabCake sandwich with a choice of two sides - potato salad, green beans, coleslaw & soda.

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, Virginia 23009.



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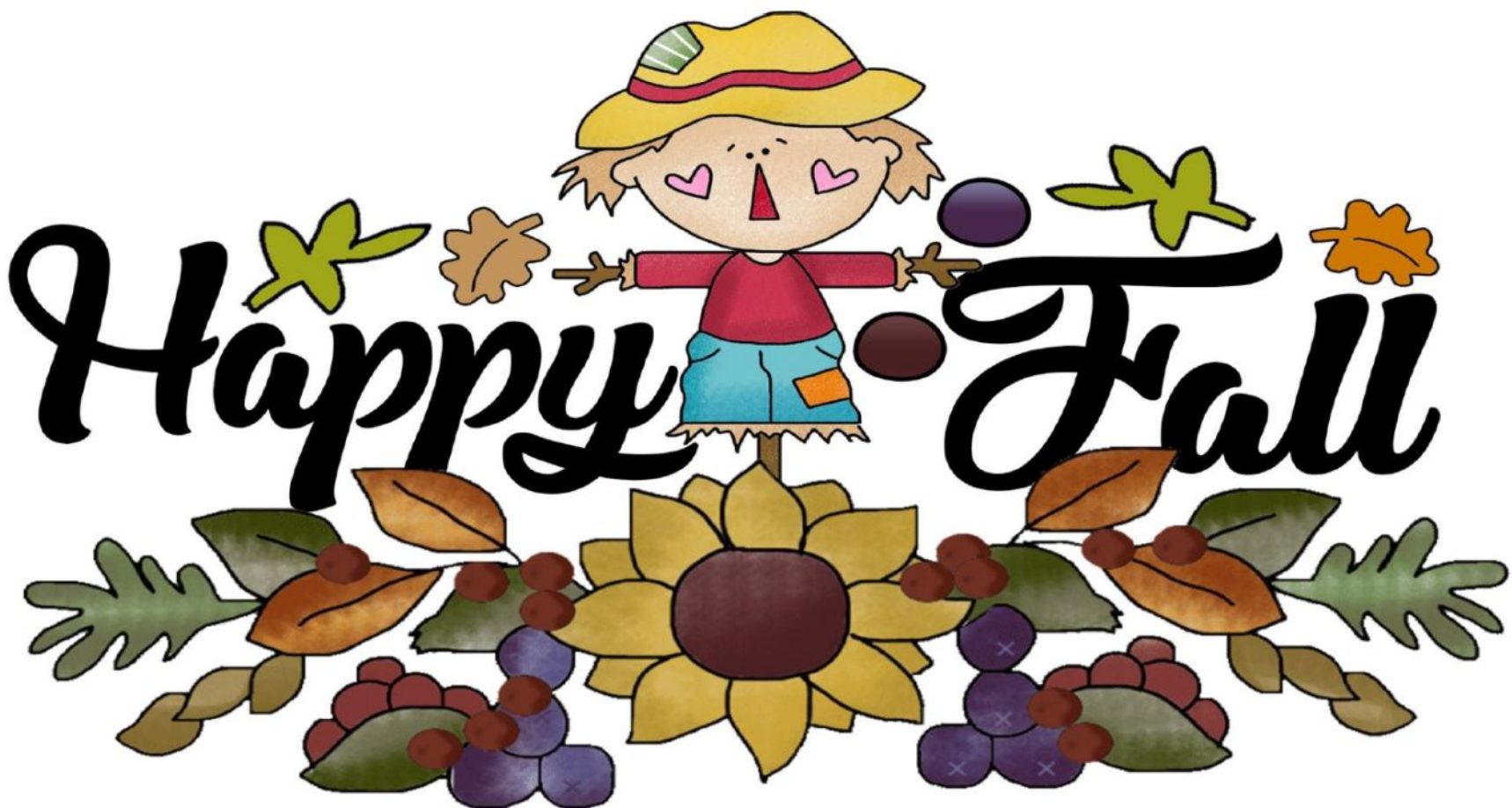
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