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Community Pride Day at Central High School



King and Queen residents lined up for delicious food at the Community Pride day.
Photos by- Danny Clark



Julia Redd, of King and Queen stops to enjoy the art work of Jerome and Jeromyah Jones.

By Danny Clark - King and Queen County held its Community Pride Day last Saturday, October 19th. The weather was beautiful and local folks came out to see the parade, farmers market, and visit local vendors. It was a day of games, food and fun. Thanks go to Julia Redd, SGM Ronald E. Howard and M.C. Jerome Davis, for your help putting everything together.

Rappahannock Tribe Harvest Festival and Pow Wow



The young will no doubt keep the traditional ways of their ancestors alive. Photo by- Danny Clark.



Center -Rappahannock Tribe, Chief Anne Richardson, photos by - Danny Clark

By Danny Clark

The Rappahannock Tribe held its traditional Harvest Festival and Pow Wow in Indian Neck, at its cultural center on October 12th and 13th. Chief Anne Richardson gave the opening prayer and welcomed everyone to the Pow Wow. Chief Richardson was the first woman Chief to lead a Virginia tribe since the 1700s. How blessed we are to live so close to these special people. They welcome us to their tribal lands and take part in their traditional ways. If you have never attended a pow wow in King William or King and Queen, make plans to attend. So much beautiful and historical information right here at our doorsteps.

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Old Route 360 Still Remains



Mike Toombs of Aylett, shows us where the original Route 360 ran, before the new 360 was built. Mike's standing on the road just east of the Twin Rivers building. Photo by- Danny Clark

Publisher's Message



I hope this issue of the *Country Courier* finds you well and that you are enjoying this beautiful weather. We are blessed in so many ways. If you're healthy, you're wealthy. There are things money can't buy. The beautiful world around us is free to see and enjoy. Take a deep breath and enjoy your place in the circle of life.

Take care until next time.

Hanny Clark



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Fall Trail Riding

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

Trail riding is always fun but especially in the fall and winter. The leaves are gone and so are the bugs. There are more people in the woods because hunting season is going on, even on Sundays. It is a good idea for riders to wear blaze orange to be seen at a distance when riding. I know some people put a bell on their saddle so that they make some noise while coming through the woods. That lets the animals and people alike hear you and not get startled. That sounds like a good idea, but after an hour or two of me listening to Santa's sleigh bells jingling, I might get tired of the noise and turn into Scrooge. Who knows?

Here's a story about two buddies hunting. They met at daybreak by a creek on some new property that they had never hunted before. The first guy told his friend, "I'm going down the creek scouting and hunting and you go up the creek. We'll meet back here tonight." He told him "Good luck. Now remember, if you get lost, stay where you are and shoot three times in the air at the top of the hour and I will



come find you." They hunted all day and didn't have any luck. The first guy waited at the trucks until way after dark and his friend didn't return. So the first hunter started up the creek yelling his friend's name and it didn't take long to find him. He asked him "When you got lost, why didn't you do like I told you?" His friend said "I did exactly like you said. All afternoon at the top of the hour, I shot three times in the air. I kept doing that for several hours until I finally ran out of arrows!"

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

Hamilton-Holmes 55th Class Reunion



1st row L to R: Thomas Gary, Tyrone Vessels, Benjamin Clark, Ruth Herman, Arlene Tyler, Gloria Holmes, Alvin Washington, Celestine Wilson and Brenda Williams. 2nd row L to R: Joseph Jones, Louise Hayes, Harolyn Redmond, Doris Whitfield, James Tolson and Russell Dandridge.

Contributed - The 1969 Class of Hamilton-Holmes High School celebrated their 55th Class Reunion on October 5th at Halterman's Eatery in Manquin. This class was the last graduating class of the high school. An enjoyable time was had by all.

A Fun Way to Learn History



Contributed - Locust Grove Farm in Walkerton and the Peninsula Artillery are hosting their A Walk Through History. Walk through woods and meet Native Americans, Revolutionary soldiers, Civil War Cavalry and Artillery, see a WWI display, WWII medical tent, vehicles from the Korean and Vietnam Wars, watch a forger at work, learn to tie knots, hear hammered dulcimers being played, play with vintage toys and games, see old school supplies, and dress up in vintage clothing and take your picture. See how much history you know by answering questions on a "Scavenger Hunt." A fun and exciting way to learn history for you and your kids. November 2 from 10 am to 4 pm. \$5. Kids 12 and under free.

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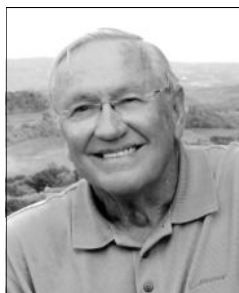


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Obituaries



BLACKMAN
BLACKMAN, ROBERT OWEN
 "BOB" 86, of Aylett, went to be with his Lord on October 17, 2024. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Ethel, to whom he

was deeply devoted; granddaughter, Hannah Blackman, of Golden, Colorado; sister-in-law, Carol Hurst; six nephews, Frank Lee, Charles Lee Jr., Sam Blackman Jr., and George Blackman Jr., all of Benson, North Carolina, and Kevin Hurst and Branden Sorg, both of Virginia; three nieces, Melody Bulger and Susie Bunn, both of North Carolina, and Buffy Hawk, of Virginia; as well as several grandnephews and grandnieces. Bob was preceded in death by his son, Robert C. Blackman; parents, James Roy Blackman and Hilda S. Blackman; brothers, George V. Blackman (Julia), and Samuel Blackman (Wanda); sisters, Cleon B. Lee (Charles) and Geraldine B. Landrum (Frank); nephew, Johnny Blackman, and niece Ann Johnson, all of North Carolina. Born in Benson, North Carolina. Bob joined the U. S. Army, completed two tours in Vietnam, served 21 years in the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps, and retired with the rank of Major. He earned a Bachelors Degree in Business

Administration from Campbell University and worked at Virginia Power for 17 years, where he was appointed Supervisor of Oil Procurement in 1977, became the Supervisor of Coal Procurement in 1979, and was promoted to Director, Fuel Resources in 1982. Bob never lost his love for his family and the church. He served as the Senior Warden of the Vestry at St. David's Episcopal Church, Aylett, where his leadership was notable and of great value. Bob remained a dedicated member of The CornerStone Community Church, Aylett. He was actively involved in and enjoyed all aspects of church life, including Sunday services, fellowship, and fundraisers. Bob served on the Board of Directors of The CornerStone Community Development Center, Aylett where he keenly advocated for the cause of the poor. His deep faith and Christian values stem from his family roots in Benson, North Carolina.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held 2 pm October 26, at Mechanicsville Chapel of the Bennett Funeral Home, 8014 Lee Davis Road. Visitation will precede the service beginning at 1p.m. A reception will follow the service. Interment in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to be made to The CornerStone Community Church, P.O. Box 121, Aylett, VA 23009.



HARVEY
 John Alvin Harvey, 66, of St. Stephens, departed this life on October 1.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Harvey, two daughters: Barbara Harvey Brown and Takeisha Robinson; two sons: Ricky Holmes and Andrew Holmes and his mother, Mary E. Harvey. The viewing was held on Friday, October 11 from 3-6 p.m. at Washington Funeral Home, 1404 Tappahannock Blvd., Tappahannock. The funeral service was held on Saturday, October 12 at 12 noon at First Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 7820 Newtown Rd., Newtown. The interment was in the church cemetery. Online condolences can be made to washingtonfh.com



YOUNG
 Carolyn Ann Young, 65, of St. Stephens Church departed this life on September 30. She is survived by her husband, Charles Young Sr., two sons: Charles

Young Jr. and Curtis Young, a sister, Shirley Horton and three brothers: Calvin Harvey, Samuel Harvey and Daniel Harvey. The funeral service was held on Saturday, October 5 at 3 p.m. at First Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Newtown. Rev. Drucilla Pollard, Pastor. Online condolences can be made to washingtonfh.com



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KW 4-H Shooting Team Closes Season On Top



(KWShotgun): On September 21, 12 members of the King William 4-H Shooting Sports Team competed in the R.L. Harris Jr. Shotgun Championship in Victoria, Va. (front row): Fischer Olive, Tucker Robeson, Lane Porch, Levi Porch, Sarah Coffee, Joe Bellina, Ethan Shiflett, Savannah Morrow, Mason Johnson, coach Bubba Eubank; (second row); team leader Frankie Barham, Chandler Eubank, John Bellina, Hunter Carlton, Robert Rice, coach Grant Coffee, coach Buckner Rice, coach Vic Rivera.



(KW4Hstate) The King William 4-H Shooting Sports competitors and coaches attended the Virginia 4-H State Shoot Sept. 7-8 in Appomattox. (front row) Team leader Frankie Barham, Emma Tetley, Will Henley, Levi Porch, Christopher Rice, Eli Tetley, Fischer Olive, Sierra Carlton, Katelynn Van Zile, Parker Robeson, Taylor Tetley, coach Tracey Carlton; (second row) coach Bubba Eubank, Lane Porch, Tucker Robeson, Case Bareford, Chandler Eubank, Sarah Coffee, Paiton Dunn, coach Jeremy Van Zile, coach Bill Pleasants; (third row) coach William Dunn, coach Buckner Rice, Mason Johnson, coach John Bellina, Joe Bellina, Robert Rice, Hunter Carlton, coach Grant Coffee.

Contributed

The end of summer is a busy time for this group of hard-working kids. The King William 4-H Shooting Sports Team brought home top honors in both the Virginia 4-H State Shoot and the R.L. Harris Jr. Shotgun Championship, both held in September. In addition to giving the competitors the opportunity to shoot against the best 4-H shooters in the state, these state competitions also allow senior shooters to qualify for teams representing Virginia at the 4-H National Championship held June 2025 in Nebraska. The top-10 overall seniors from the R.L. Harris Jr. Shotgun Championship are invited to try out for the Virginia 4-H Shotgun Team. Five of the top 10 were from King William.

R.L. Harris Jr. Shotgun Championship Awards

JR Division- 1st place overall: Chandler Eubank
1st place sporting clays: Chandler Eubank

Senior Division- 1st team overall: Hunter Carlton, Sarah Coffee, Ethan Shiflett, Savannah Morrow. 1st place overall and Overall Female Shooter: Savannah Morrow 45th place overall: Sarah Coffee. 6th place overall: Ethan Shiflett 8th place overall: Hunter Carlton. 10th place overall: Robert Rice 1st place skeet: Savannah Morrow 1st place sporting clays: Ethan Shiflett.

Virginia 4-H State Shoot Awards

JR Smallbore Rifle Silhouettes- 1st place team: Sierra Carlton, Christophe Rice, Parker Robeson 2nd place individual: Sierra Carlton
SR Smallbore Rifle Silhouettes- 1st place team: Joe Bellina, Hunter Carlton, Emma Tetley 2nd place individual: Joe Bellina; 3rd place individual: Hunter Carlton. **JR Skeet-** 1st place team: Chandler Eubank, Lane Porch, Tucker Robeson 2nd place individual: Chandler Eubank. **SR Skeet-** 1st place team: Joe Bellina, Sarah Coffee, Robert Rice 1st place individual: Sarah Coffee; 2nd place individual Joe Bellina; 3rd

individual Robert Rice. **JR Trap-** 2nd place team: Chandler Eubank, Mason Johnson, Fischer Olive 2nd place individual: Chandler Eubank. **SR Trap-** 2nd place team: Joe Bellina, Robert Rice, Taylor Tetley **SR Instinctive Archery-** 2nd place individual: Paiton Dunn **JR Compound Archery-** 2nd place team: Sierra Carlton, Chandler Eubank, Lane Portch 1st place individual: Sierra Carlton. **SR Compound Archery-** 1st place team: Hunter Carlton, Sarah Coffee, Robert Rice 2nd place individual: Hunter Carlton. **SR National Compound Archery-** 1st place team: Hunter Carlton, Sarah Coffee, Robert Rice 2nd place individual: Hunter Carlton, 3rd place: Sarah Coffee. **JR 3-D Archery-** 1st place team: Sierra Carlton, Mason Johnson, Lane Porch 2nd place individual: Lane Porch; 3rd place individual: Sierra Carlton. **SR 3-D Archery-** 1st place team: Hunter Carlton, Sarah Coffee, Robert Rice 1st place individual: Hunter Carlton. **JR Hunting Outdoor Skills-**

1st place team: Chandler Eubank, Christopher Rice, Parker Robeson 2nd place individual: Christopher Rice; 3rd place individual: Parker Robeson. **SR Hunting Outdoor Skills-** 2nd place team: Robert Rice, Emma Tetley, Taylor Tetley 3rd place individual: Taylor Tetley. **JR Hunter Safety/Wildlife Test-** 1st place team: Sierra Carlton, Chandler Eubank, Fischer Olive. 1st place individual: Chandler Eubank; 2nd place individual Sierra Carlton; 3rd place individual Fischer Olive. **SR Hunter Safety/Wildlife Test** 2nd place team: Bryce Chappell, Paiton Dunn, Taylor Tetley. **JR Hunting Skills Overall-** 1st place team: Sierra Carlton, Chandler Eubank, Levi Porch. 1st place individual: Chandler Eubank; 2nd place individual: Sierra Carlton **SR Hunting Skills Overall-** 2nd place overall team: Robert Rice, Emma Tetley, Taylor Tetley **Hunting Skills High Overall Individual-** (seniors and juniors combined) – Chandler Eubank.

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King and Queen Sheriff's Office Fall Promotion and Awards Ceremony



Sheriff Balderson, Laura Heller, Lieutenant Barry Radden and Deputy Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security Jonathan Schleffer



Deputy Moses Edwards, Sheriff Balderson



Jim Parrett, Sheriff Balderson



Sheriff Balderson, Jonathan Mills, John Parker, Scott Edleman, Kathrynne Rinehard, Lieutenant Radden, Jonathan Schleffer

Contributed

On October 3, 2024, the King and Queen Sheriff's Office held its fall promotion and awards ceremony. The ceremony, which took place at the King & Queen County Library, was open to the honorees' special guests and the general public. This event culminated several months of hard work by our newly promoted senior leadership team members and included a special guest speaker, Virginia's Deputy Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security Jonathan Schleffer. The journey to this night began several months prior with the advertisement for several key leadership positions within the agency. These positions included a lead dispatcher, two corporal positions, and a sergeant position. After a rigorous testing process, which included a national standardized written test, a research paper, panel interviews,

and a one-on-one interview with Sheriff Balderson, the King and Queen Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce the promotion of Kathrynne Rinehard, Scott Edleman, John Parker, and Jonathan Mills. Kathrynne Rinehard will be the new Lead Dispatcher for King and Queen Sheriff's Office. Scott Edleman and John Parker have been promoted to Corporals within the Sheriff's Office, and Jonathan Mills has been promoted to Sergeant. The Sheriff's Office also recognized several individuals with the Shining Star Award for going above and beyond for the County of King and Queen and the Sheriff's Office. The recipients of the Shining Star Award were Jim Parrett and Laura Heller. Jim Parrett was recognized for being an active member of the community. He is an integral part of the King & Queen/King William Mattaponi

Crime Solvers and past President of the King & Queen Upper Ruritan Club. Jim played a pivotal role in bringing the last three National Night Out events to the Northern end of the County. Laura Heller is employed with the King and Queen Emergency Services Department and has continually placed the needs of the county's citizens above her own. She dedicated numerous hours of service in organizing and planning the 2024 National Night Out event in collaboration with the King and Queen Sheriff's Office. She worked hard to build partnerships with community organizations to make sure this year's National Night Out was a success. A special award was given to Deputy Moses Edwards. Deputy Edwards received the agency's Life Saving Award for his heroic actions on Wednesday, August 14, 2024. On August 14, 2024 Deputy

Edwards noticed a car stopped on the side of Interstate 64 near Williamsburg and pulled over to assist. He encountered a woman with her baby out of their car. The baby was in distress and the mother was trying to call for help. The baby was not responding to the mother and Deputy Edwards noticed it was choking. He took immediate action and was able to dislodge a small marble from the child's throat. Deputy Edwards' quick and responsive actions resulted in a life being spared that day.

On behalf of Sheriff W. R. Balderson and the King and Queen Sheriff's Office we would like to commend each of these individuals for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to the citizens of King and Queen County and support of their local law enforcement agency.

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Central High School Senior of the Month



Neveah Scott

Neveah Scott was selected as the September Senior of the Month for Central High School (CHS) King and Queen County. She is an outstanding student and Vice President of the senior class, whose love for her school shines through when you speak with her.

herself. She is a legacy student who takes that title very seriously. She loves CHS and sees all those in the school as her family. She has been a member of the cheerleading team since the day she walked into the high school building in the 8th grade, she has helped build the program into something she and the other girls are very proud of. Naveah shows her sweet nature on a daily basis by checking in on friends, teachers, and administrators.

Her teachers describe her as: kind hearted, a hard worker, always willing to lend a helping hand. She is a charismatic person that always puts others before

She is always pushing herself academically in the Bridging Pharmacology program. She represents CHS in the best way possible, and we cannot wait to see what she will offer this world.



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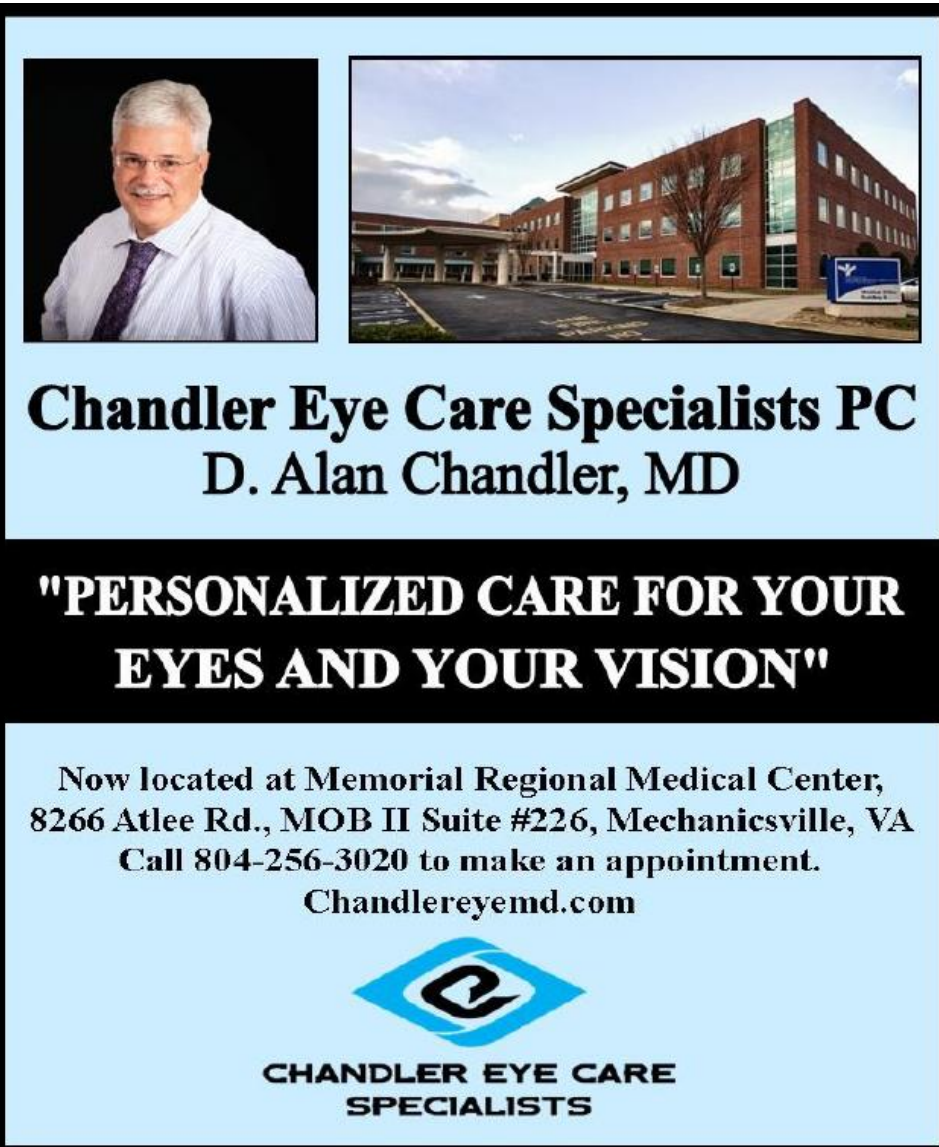
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October's Night Skies



The Northern Lights over the Mattaponi River October 10th by Gene Campbell Page 19.

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Walkerton Community Fire Association Celebrates Seventy Years of Service



WCFA President Robbie Coleman, Fireman of the Year Othell Hall, and WCFA Fire Chief Jason Coleman



Grand Marshal Curt Autry leading the Walkerton Day parade

By Gene Campbell

In 1954, a group of citizens in the historic town of Walkerton united to establish a fire association. Recognizing the potential devastation of fires in this scenic town nestled along the banks of the serene Mattaponi River, coming together to combat these threats became a top priority. Thus, the Walkerton Community Fire Association (WCFA) was formed, and seventy years later, descendants of the original members continue to heed the "call of the siren" at the fire station. Since its inception, the association has celebrated an Annual Walkerton Day, a tradition that includes a festive parade and a day filled with games and activities for all ages.

This year Virginia's Governor, Glenn Youngkin, made a surprise appearance. Governor Youngkin paid a visit to the fire station along with Delegate Keith Hodges and then made his way through the vendor booths before stopping at one and eating a delicious crab cake sandwich. Also on hand was Curt Autry from Channel 12 News in Richmond, who was the Grand Marshal of the parade. The parade featured fire trucks, classic cars, local businesses, and various community groups as residents cheered on the participants marching through town. Joining in the parade were approximately 25 former

Walkerton Day Queens, who were part of a historic tradition where young ladies raised funds for the fire association, with the top fundraiser earning the title of Queen. In recent years the fire association has elected to raise funds through a letter campaign. This year Fire Chief Jason Coleman announced to the crowd over \$20,000 had been raised. There is still time to make a donation. Just contact any fire association member. Following the parade, the evening's ceremonies commenced, culminating with the announcement of Assistant Chief Othell Hall as Fireman of the Year. As the sun dipped below the horizon, everyone gathered to enjoy the lively music provided by the band Sweet Justice.

The 70th anniversary celebration of the Walkerton Community Fire Association was a memorable occasion, paying tribute to the dedicated firefighters, past and present, who have safeguarded Walkerton for seven decades and will continue for years to come. Many THANKS to the members of the WCFA and the fine citizens of Walkerton who made the 70th Annual Walkerton Day a success!

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Cavaliers Dominate Pointers in Volleyball Showdown



Margherita Falcioni spiking the ball

By Gene Campbell

In a showdown for second place in the Tidewater Region, the King William Cavaliers Girls Varsity Volleyball Team delivered a dominating performance at home as they defeated their arch-rivals, the West Point Pointers, in three straight games. The team's cohesion and strategic gameplay were evident as they gained the upper hand in each set. As each game progressed, the Cavaliers showcased their agility and quick reflexes, keeping the ball in play and setting up their teammates for

powerful counterattacks that kept the Pointers on their toes. The energy and enthusiasm coming from the Cavalier fans fueled the Cavaliers' momentum, driving them toward victory. It was Senior Night as Seniors Margherita Falcioni, Cammie Heller, Payton Lewis, Hope Washington, and team manager Skylar Meriwether played their last home game. Earlier, the Cavalier Junior Varsity Girls also won their match against West Point. The Cavaliers are 12-5 overall and 8-1 in Tidewater Region play. GO CAVS!

Cavaliers "Rock" Raptors for First Win

By Michael Commins

Harrisonburg, VA - October 11, 2024

King William continued its 2024 "Shenandoah Valley Road Show" Friday night as they traveled west on I-64 and north on I-81 to take on the Raptors of the new Rocktown High School. Rocktown had earned the very first win in program history last week when they defeated the Page County Panthers 52-30 and King William was looking to get into the "WIN" column for the first time in 2024.

James Stewart and K'Sean Hill each scored a pair of touchdowns and Jahmari Dupree-Wade added another as the "Road Warriors" from Central Garage downed the Raptors 35-12 and earned their first victory of the season. The Cavalier offense ground out 232 yards rushing with Stewart accounting for 82, Hill 67, Dupree-Wade 12, Trenton Stallings 25 and Ethan Small 53. Dupree-Wade had a reception for 25 yards and LeMon Wallace one for 48 as Stallings and Hill combined for 2 of 8 passing. Cooper Wolfe converted all five conversion kicks and averaged 42.3 net yards punting to keep Rocktown's offense in check. Wolfe also had three kickoffs sail into the end zone for touch backs after three of the Cavalier scores.

James Stewart once again led an aggressive Cav defense from his linebacker position with 6 tackles, 3 assists, 3 tackles for loss, 3 interceptions, and 1 blocked kick, the point after attempt after Rocktown's first score. Trenton

Stallings, another linebacker, had 5 tackles, 5 assists, 4 tackles for loss, 1 fumble recovery, 1 QB sack, and recovered an onside kick. LeMon Wallace had 6 tackles, 4 assists, 1 interception, and 1 pass defended from his defensive back position. L J Epps also had an interception to go along with 3 tackles and 1 assist. Macari Martin, Casey Coburn, Xavier Shelton, Henri Gaston, Brayden Cunningham, Cory McPhearson, and Jaiheim Trueheart all recorded tackles for loss in a total Cavalier team effort. Many non-starters saw action and contributed on both sides of the ball, in particular, Steve Walton, Ethan Small, Matthew McNeal, Ethan Hall, Jordan Holmes, Dylan Hall, Mason Smith, Tyler Oakes, and Landon Dapper.

After the upcoming "bye" week, the Cavaliers will begin preparing for their match up with Mechanicsville High on Friday, October 25th. The game will be at Mechanicsville which will seem like going across 360 and playing in the Food Lion parking lot compared to recent weeks. The JV Cavaliers will play Mechanicsville at Roger G. Brookes III Field on Wednesday, October 23rd, to close out the home portion of their schedule and possibly be the last game of the season as indications are both West Point and King & Queen Central will not have enough players to field a team for either game. Kickoff for the varsity game on the 25th is 7 PM and for the JV game the 23rd, 6 PM.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have lived in King William County since 1977. During those 47 years, we have had numerous county administrators. In my opinion, of all of them, Percy Ashcraft, who left this summer, was the best. He was an able administrator with years of experience under his belt in other localities. He knew how to run a county and get things done. Also, he was certainly the most transparent administrator about what was going on in the county.

As soon as he arrived, he reached out to community groups and to county citizens. He started a weekly online newsletter and a blog that included all the county meetings and projects and how they were progressing, as well as events put on by community organizations. This outreach from our local government was a first for our county and as a citizen who does not attend a lot of public meetings, I really appreciated the newsletter and blog and felt that I was more up to date on county happenings than ever before.

Mr. Ashcraft was also easily accessible and responsive to county citizens. He published his phone number and email address and returned calls within a day each time I called him.

Suddenly last winter the newsletter and blog stopped. I called Mr. Ashcraft and asked why. He said he was waiting to see how the new BOS, who came in in January, wanted to communicate with county citizens. I also

emailed Mr. Edwards, my new representative on the BOS, about how informative the newsletter and blog were and asked that they be continued. I never got a reply from him. The newsletter and blog were not resumed.

In August, Mr. Ashcraft left abruptly. So what precipitated his sudden departure? Turns out he was pushed into involuntary resignation without cause by our BOS according to County Resolution 24-74 proposed for adoption at the August 26 BOS meeting. Because of this action, the county (our tax dollars) must pay Mr. Ashcraft's salary for six months and we lost the services of an able administrator. So why was he pushed out? Was he giving too much information to the public? If that is the reason, it is very disturbing, since factual public information is the basis of a free society.

I hope the Board of Supervisors will consider resuming a newsletter so county citizens can be informed about what is going on in our community and local government. If that information isn't freely given by a local government, it makes you think about what their agenda really is and who they really represent. Just wondering?

Regardless, Mr. Ashcraft's professionalism, openness and responsiveness will be missed. His departure is a loss for our county.

Kitty Cox
King William

Dear Editor,

I should have said this earlier. I am requesting that all in the First District of Virginia do some investigating into the political history of Rob Whitman. Please do a Google search of Rob Whitman, then click on his Political History. I was amazed at his stance on decreasing the pay of our military, overturning and denying the 2020 Election, overturning the Affordable Care Act, and far more. WHY is he our representative? Has he done anything for the good of his constituents?

Respectfully,
L Wickenheiser, Mangohick

Dear Editor,

Thank God for Country Folks!

In western North Carolina and especially in the Asheville area people are saying thank God for the country folks!

Friends and neighbors, family, volunteers from across the country have come together to help their brothers and sisters in need.

While illegal immigrants who deserve nothing, are getting all needs fulfilled. The people who deserve help are getting nothing. How does that work?

F.E.M.A. says it has no money. That is because all of the money has gone to illegal immigrants, who have been prioritized over citizens of the United States.

This administration has fallen flat on its face to help our people in need. They should hang their heads in disgrace.

Phyllis B. Rose
King William

Dear Editor,

By comparing the plans and actions of the presidential candidates, it is clear that one is working to help America and one is working only for himself. Harris is focused on lowering grocery costs by pushing for a federal ban on price gouging. Trump, on the other hand, is pushing for tariffs on trade with other countries, which would increase the costs on American families by \$3900 per year.

Earlier this year, Harris supported a bipartisan bill to hire more border agents to help stop illegal immigration. Trump pushed his allies to block the bill because he believed the worse the border was, the better it would be for his campaign. It is clear that Harris is being the adult in these situations whereas Trump is playing political games with our future. Please support Harris in the election so we can have a responsible leader that will actually work to improve our lives.

Sincerely,
Betsy Donoghue
Aylett

JV Titans Top JV Cavs



JV Cavs quarterback Jordan Spivey #4 carries the ball for yardage with two Cavalier blockers leading the way

By Michael Commins
Picture by Gene Campbell
Central Garage - October 10, 2024

Trinity Episcopal took a 7-0 lead into halftime and added two additional scores in the second half to come away with a 22-0 victory over King William on Thursday, October 10th, at Roger G. Brookes III Field.

The JV Titans dominated time of possession in the first half limiting the JV Cavaliers to just 6 plays and 11 yards of total offense. Trinity missed another scoring opportunity just before the half as the Cavalier defense held them out of the end zone and forced a field goal attempt which was wide left.

The JV Cavaliers had a rough offensive outing with only 5 first downs, 17 yards

rushing, and 34 yards passing for the entire game. Defensively, the JV Cavaliers were led by Dez Kennedy who recorded 10 tackles and 1 pass defended. Landon Dapper had 4 tackles, 2 assists, and 1 tackle for loss. Ethan Small added 6 tackles and 1 pass defended.

King William will be off the week of October 14th and will use the extra time to prepare for their last home game of the 2024 season on October 23rd when they welcome the JV Mustangs of Mechanicsville High to Cavalier Stadium. It may also be the last JV game of the season as the scheduled games against West Point on October 30th and King & Queen Central on November 6th have, as of press time, been cancelled due to both schools being unable to field JV teams.

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Negotiations Underway Regarding the Pamunkey Regional Library System



Members of the Board of Supervisors with representatives from Thrive Virginia proclaiming October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

By Gene Campbell

Negotiations are currently underway regarding the future of King William County staying in the Pamunkey Regional Library (PRL) System. Stacey Davenport, the newly appointed county administrator, reported at the October 7th King William Board of Supervisors meeting, that she has made contact with Hanover and Goochland County representatives on the PRL Board and hopes to have a meeting scheduled by the end of October aimed at remaining in the PRL system. Following public backlash over the decision to withdraw from the PRL and establish an independent library, the supervisors reversed course to leave the PRL at their September 23rd board meeting. They have set a deadline of December 31st to reach an agreement with the PRL system. If an agreement cannot be reached, the possibility of reverting to an independent library system will be reconsidered. During the public comment period, several residents urged the board to maintain open communication with the community throughout the negotiations, with some suggesting the organization of a town hall meeting to ensure a mutually agreeable outcome.

Delegate Keith Hodges, who represents the 68th District in the House of Delegates, including King William County, provided the board with an update on the recent General Assembly session. Of the 3,600 bills introduced, 870 were passed into law with the state budget gaining

final approval on May 13th. Hodges touched on various topics discussed during the session including tax relief, sales taxes, broadband funding and deployment, promoting economic development in the Middle Peninsula, retaining the area workforce, and solar farm sites. Following a presentation from Thrive Virginia, the board passed a proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, urging the citizens of King William County to work together to eliminate domestic violence from the community.

In other matters, the supervisors unanimously approved Ordinance #19-24, which amends the permitted uses of tax map parcel #21-14-1, known as the 'library site' located across from the Recreation Park on Rt 30. This amendment aims to eliminate certain uses of the site to ensure that the development of the 3-acre parcel aligns with the neighboring property in McCauley Park.

County Administrator Stacey Davenport provided updates on the progress of the waterline extension along Rt 360, which is 93% complete, and the water tank construction on Rt 605 (Manfield Road), which is 40% complete. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will take place on Monday, November 18th, starting at 6:30 pm in the administrative building at the Courthouse Complex.

Faith and Valor: Old Church Methodist Honors Firefighters



Members of the fire departments and emergency services that saved Old Church Methodist By Gene Campbell

Larry Goins, a member of Old Church Methodist Church in Shanghai in King & Queen County, will forever hold in his memory the morning of September 3rd, 2020. Early that morning, he received a distressing call informing him that his beloved church was on fire. Thanks to the swift and courageous response of firefighters from Central King & Queen, Lower King & Queen, Walkerton, Waterview, Urbanna, Gloucester, and the King & Queen Emergency Service Team, a disaster was averted. While the church's educational building suffered significant damage, the sanctuary was saved with only soot and smoke damage.

On October 13th, in a poignant display of gratitude, the congregation of this historic church, established in 1655, gathered to honor the brave men and women who saved their beloved church from burning to the ground. The service was filled with heartfelt prayers, hymns of praise, and expressions of gratitude, with Pastor Bill Smith likening the firefighters to the Good Samaritan parable from the Bible. In

Larry's remarks to the firefighters and congregation, he expressed his profound appreciation, acknowledging that the firefighters had risked their lives to preserve the place where "many of us grew up, got married, and Jesus became our Savior."

Words such as compassion, good neighbors, unselfish support, and heroism echoed throughout the sanctuary, underscoring the sense of unity and community spirit that prevailed during the crisis. Following the service, the firefighters were presented with tokens of appreciation and a framed picture of the church, culminating in a delicious meal in the fellowship hall. The event served as a powerful reminder of the significance of community, mutual support, and the resilience that emerges when individuals come together in times of crisis. As one parishioner remarked while leaving the church grounds, "Amidst the aftermath and wreckage of that fire, a small Bible was discovered in the ashes, unharmed. This was truly a testament to the enduring strength of faith even in the face of destruction."



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Shannon Barnett, 2018 Graduate of King William High School standing next to one of the street names in Exeter where she is a student.



Gateway to the Royal Shipyard - The statue is King William IV.



The monument marking the steps where the pilgrims departed and the connection between the United States and England



The actual steps the pilgrims walked down to board the Mayflower (with random tourists sitting on those steps!)



Warwick Castle and Sheila and Shannon Barnett. Our King William (for whom King William is named), visited here.



Plaque showing those who departed from Plymouth aboard the Mayflower.

Contributed - Sheila and Shannon Barnett are residents of King William County. Shannon graduated from King William High School with the class of 2018. She graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University in the spring of 2023 with a Bachelor's Degree in anthropology and a minor in French. Shannon is working on her MSc (Master of Science) in osteo-archeology (the study of human remains) at the University of Exeter in Devon, which is in the southwestern part of England. Her thesis pertains to studying

mandibles (human jaw bones) from the Stonehouse Royal Naval Hospital at Derry's Cross in the city of Plymouth, Britain's equivalent to our city of Norfolk and is where Western Europe's largest naval base is located. She is studying patterns in dental wear and diseases.

Shannon departed for the UK in September 2023 and Sheila went to visit Shannon in July 2024. Since Sheila and Shannon are from King William County, Virginia, Sheila noticed signs and a statue of King William. So far, England has had

four kings called King William. The archway with the statue of King William IV stands at the entrance to the Royal Navy shipyard in Plymouth. While in Plymouth, we watched a British naval warship arrive with a police and tug boat escort. The steps from which the pilgrims departed aboard the Mayflower for the colonies are here. On a nearby building, there is a plaque with the names of the Mayflower passengers. A picture of the plaque accompanies this article.

There are many roadways named for

England's royalty. The picture of King William Street was taken in Exeter.

Sheila and Shannon are pictured together standing in front of Warwick castle. This imposing structure began as a Saxon stronghold, but has transitioned over the years to become a Norman fortress and a stately home. Among the royalty who visited the castle include Elizabeth I, King William III (the king our county is named after), and Queen Victoria.

Walkerton Community Fire Association



Three generations of Colemans greeting Governor Glenn Youngkin and Delegate Keith Hodges



Former Walkerton Queens waving to the crowd

The Veterans Administration (VA) and Disabled American Veterans (DAV) will conduct a VA Claims Clinic and Benefit Information Session

Thursday, November 14, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Location: NAACP King William Branch, Branch 7082 694 Sharon Rd. – Suite K King William, VA 23086

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October's Night Skies, continued



C/2023 A3 (Tsuchinshan-ATLAS October 17th from Aylett



Full Hunter's Supermoon

By Armistead Saffer

October's night skies have been full of exciting events to view. On Thursday, October 10th, a large geomagnetic storm combined with clear skies made for a great showing of the Northern Lights in the Southern states. The Aurora Borealis commonly known as the Northern Lights are more active this year and have been seen in Virginia many times this year. The sun is at the peak of its eleven-year cycle and has more solar flares and coronal mass ejections (CMEs) that send charged

particles toward Earth. When these charged particles hit the Earth's atmosphere it creates the aurora. There will most likely be a few more events for us Southerners so see. If you want to see the Northern Lights you can increase your chances by downloading an Aurora app on your phone to get alerts when the chances are higher. October 10th was also Julie, the Country Courier's editor's birthday. That was a great birthday gift!

Comet C/2023 A3 (Tsuchinshan-ATLAS) has also been visible since October 12th. It's been visible to the naked-eye just after sunset due

west above the horizon. It's getting dimmer every day and is now visible with a camera, binoculars or a telescope through the end of the month. It's been called "The comet of the century" it won't pass Earth again for 80,000 years!

The Hunter's moon on Friday, October 15th, was a supermoon. A supermoon is when the moon is closer to Earth It's brighter and appears larger than a normal moon. The Orion meteor shower peaked October 21st. The shower is from the debris of Halley's Comet entering the Earth's atmosphere. The Orionid shower will

continue until November 22nd overlapping with the Leonid shower which peaks on November 17th. The Northern Taurids and Southern Taurids are also active in October.

Elon Musk helped complete the October show. On Friday the 18th a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket was seen passing over Virginia. The following nights the Starlink train of satellites was seen.

Get out and enjoy the night skies, who knows what you'll see!

King and Queen County Historical Society October Quarterly Meeting

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The King and Queen County Historical Society invites the public to its quarterly meeting on Sunday afternoon, October 27, 2024, starting at 3 o'clock. The meeting will be held at Smithfield, located near St. Stephens Church, in King and Queen County, Virginia.

This home, built circa 1781 by William Hill, has been in the Smith family since 1832, when it was acquired by James Smith. Richard Rumrill, the 3rd great-grandson of James

Smith, will speak to members and guests regarding stabilization and reanimation work done on the house and its dependencies.

From the St. Stephens Church traffic light on Route 360, turn onto Newtown Road (Route 721), then turn right into the Smithfield driveway, approximately one mile past the light. Look for the Historical Society sign.

In other news, save Sunday, December 8th, on your calendar for the Courthouse Tavern Museum Holiday Open House featuring family

oriented activities beginning at 2 o'clock and followed by the 5 o'clock K&Q County Tree Lighting across the street from the Tavern at the Administration building. The Tavern is located at 146 Court House Landing Road.

While you are visiting the Courthouse, please notice the three outside exhibits, installed in September. These panels identify the buildings included in the Courthouse Green Historical District and how these structures relate to county events. One panel is located in front of

the Courthouse Tavern Museum, a second panel is in front of the historical Courthouse inside the brick wall, and a third panel is outside the brick wall facing Immanuel Church. This exhibit was designed by Tavern Museum Council volunteers and paid for with funds generously provided by Dominion Energy.

For more information about the King and Queen County Historical Society and its Courthouse Tavern Museum, visit the website at kingandqueenmuseum.org.

Purina team in King William Donates 21 Tons of Pet Products in Response to Hurricanes Helene and Milton

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In times of natural disaster Purina's goal is to provide timely support to pets and people in need. Following the devastation of Hurricane Helene early this month, Purina announced a \$25,000 donation to Greater Good Charities to support the organization's rescue response. The donation helped fund emergency relief, including food, medical supplies and hygiene kits to individuals displaced by the storm, as well as transport shelter pets to safety.

Now in the wake of Hurricane Milton, the needs are even greater. Purina continues to support communities impacted by the storms by shipping in over 1,700 tons (helping fill 130 truckloads) of Purina pet food and cat

litter to provide for the thousands of shelter animals and displaced pets due to the recent hurricanes.

The Purina litter facility in King William contributed to this sizable donation, delivering 42,000 pounds (or 21 tons) of pet care products, including Tidy Cats litter. Purina established operations in King William in 1997 and today employs a team of more than 300.

If you would like to learn more about Greater Good Charities' efforts, you can do so here. To learn more about additional causes Purina supports, visit www.purina.com/about-purina/supporting-communities.



Church Calendar

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Harvest Fest for the youth on Thursday, October 31 at 7 p.m. Join us at 304 W. Chinquapin Rd., King William, on Sundays at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary for our Worship Service and on Wednesday nights for Bible Study at 7 p.m. on 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 beulahbaptistva.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 10A.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.

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 Family Night Dinner - October 9th @ 5:30pm Bible Study - Wednesdays @ 6:30pm (except October 9th) ***RALLY DAY*** Sunday, October 27th! Special Music guest Rappahannock Crossing

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.

Rock Spring Baptist Church

Anniversary is Sunday, November 17, 2024.

Saint Paul Baptist Church

1995 Globe Road, Aylett. Deacon, Deaconess, and Trustee Day will sponsor this Officers Day on Sunday, October 27, evening service at 3p.m. A catered meal will be served 1p.m. to 2p.m. The theme for this program "Building a Community Through Service with God." Bishop Raymond Dues from The Healing Room "Where Miracles Happen", Fayetteville, North Carolina will be the guest speaker. Come celebrate this joyful occasion with us!

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 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. Wed. BIBLE STUDY 6:30. Visit us on Facebook.com/upperkingandqueenbaptist

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

Epworth Methodist Church - 11 Epworth Road, Aylett, Phone 804-769-1949 Come and join us each and every Sunday for Worship at 9:00 AM, Fellowship at 10:00 AM, and Sunday School at 10:30 AM. Check our Facebook Page. Wesleyan Class Meetings are Sunday evenings at 5:00 PM and Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM. Member of the Global Methodist Church and our Pastor is Jon Baker.

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. CARE meets the second Monday of each month until December.

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 VA (Beside the Public Boat Landing) 804-496-1002 Vicar Rev. T. Gustavo Mansella All Are Welcome! All Sundays - 11AM Eucharist Service First Sunday of the Month - Youth Focus/Potluck After Fourth Sunday of the Month - Healing Service Like us on our new Facebook page at "St David's Episcopal Church, Aylett"

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. stjohnewp.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. stpaulsmillersstavern.org

PRESBYTERIAN

Brett-Reed Memorial Presbyterian Church

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

St. James Presbyterian Church

(The church next to K.W. Courthouse) 411 Courthouse Lane. Rev. Dr. John Turner

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



Community Calendar

Attention: This space is Contributed.
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King & Queen Library

Fall Bingo! Tuesday, Nov. 5, 5:30 - 6:30pm All ages. **Family Storytime** Wednesdays, Nov. 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. **Coloring, Coffee and Donuts** Thursday, Nov. 7, 10:30am - noon Ages 18 and up. **Learn How to Cross-stitch** Tuesday, Nov. 12, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. & 5:00 - 6:30pm Ages 18 & up. Learn everything you need to know on how to cross-stitch! **Medicare 101** Monday, Nov. 18, Noon - 1:00pm Ages 18 and up. Need some assistance maneuvering thru this maze called Medicare? **UKW Anime Club** at the Upper King William Branch Library Tuesday, Nov. 19, 5:00 - 6:30pm Ages 12-18. **UKW Book Club** Monday, Nov. 25, 5:45 - 6:45pm Ages 18 and up. We are reading "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt.

Tabletop Game Night Tuesday, Nov. 26, 5:00 - 6:30pm All Ages. Join us for an evening of fun, strategy, and friendly competition as we dive into the world of tabletop gaming.

West Point Branch Library

Family Storytime Fridays, Nov. 1, 8, 15, & 22, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Enjoy a fun time with books, signing, rhymes, and much more! For ages 0-5 with caregiver. **Stay & Play** Fridays, Nov. 1, 8, 15, & 22, 11:00 a.m. - noon Meet other parents and caregivers while you watch your preschoolers play in our children's area.

The Dead Prose Society Wednesday, Nov. 6, 4:00 - 5:00pm Ages 14 and up. **Kids' Craft Club** Saturday, Nov. 9, 10:30 - 11:30am Create art at the library! We'll bring supplies, you bring your creativity.

Legos Friday, Nov. 15, 4:00 - 5:00pm Grades K-5. **Smokey the Bear Reading Challenge** Saturday, Nov. 16, 10:30 - 11:30am Ages 4-10. **Play-Doh @ the Library** Monday, Nov. 18, 11:00am - Noon **I'd Rather be Reading Book Club** Wednesday, Nov. 20, 11:30am - 12:30pm Ages 16 and up. visit kingandqueenco.net and select library. 804-785-4425 or visit the library at 396 Newtown Road for more information.

Upper KW Branch Library

Family Storytime Wednesdays, Oct. 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. 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. 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. 0-5 with caregiver. **Stay & Play** Fridays, Oct. 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.

DCSE Service Point Assistance

DCSE Contact Information: 1-800-468-8894

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

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.

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.

King William Democrats

Early Voting is happening NOW at the Registrar's Office at 180 Horse Landing Road, M-F 8:30 - 4:30 Saturdays Oct 26 and Nov 2 from 8 - 5. Join us for a DAY OF ACTION on Saturday, Oct. 26 ! Sign up www.kwdemocrats.org. Yard signs are available! Call 804-885-0544 to get your sign. Vote Early! Vote Blue!

Walkerton Day October 12th.

Festivities start at 12 noon. Parade is at 3pm, parade line up at 1pm. Sweet Justice is playing after the parade from 5-8. We will have a kids zone, vendors, and food trucks. Sweet Justice Band is playing. Curt Autry is Grand Marshal.

King William County Historical Society Meeting

October 20, at 2:30 The Rev. Bill Palmer will be speaking to the King William County Historical Society at the historic Lanesville Christadelphian Church located at 7442 Mount Olive Cohoke Road, King William, VA 23086. The public is invited, and light refreshments will be available after the meeting.

The King and Queen Democratic Committee

will meet on October 17th from 6:30 to 8:00 at Dayspring Farm, 942 Buena Vista Rd., Shackelfords, VA. 23156. Please join us in person or on Zoom. For information call 804-785-9401.

King William Democrats

Early Voting has started Monday - Friday at the Registrar's Office. Join us for a Day of Action on Saturday, October 26 and Saturday, November 2, outside at the Saturday Early Voting at the King William Administration Building (where Registrar's Office is) Email kwdems@gmail.com for more information. Bring your friends and family to Vote!

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

KW Children First Lions Club

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

Kiwanis Club of the Tri-Rivers

Members from West Point and Northern King William met and agreed to create the Kiwanis Club of the Tri-Rivers which will cover many unserved areas. Meetings will be held on the second and fourth Wednesday's of the month. The Kiwanis mission is to change the world one child and one community at a time through volunteer service! Our next meeting is at 6pm at Vinny's in King William. New members encouraged & welcome

KW Parks and Recreation

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

KW Community Watch

Interested in a community watch? Call Lisa Mayville at 804-551-3267 or Email: lismayville@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

Mangohick Volunteer Fire Dept.

Turkey Shoots every other Friday, gun raffle tickets, Annual Truck 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. Local Family Toy Request Form is here: <https://aylettva.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/local-toy-request-single-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 12, 19, 26)

The Lilv 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.

Rabies Clinic

Saturday November 9, 2024 For Dogs & Cats at the King William County Courthouse Pets from surrounding counties welcome! 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. 351 Courthouse Rd. King

William, VA 23086 NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY \$10 per Rabies Vaccine - CASH ONLY! IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR PET TO RECEIVE A 3 YEAR RABIES VACCINE, YOU MUST BRING A RABIES CERTIFICATE THAT SHOWS YOUR PET HAS BEEN VACCINATED BEFORE EVEN IF IT'S EXPIRED! FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS. 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.* Article 3.2-6521 of the Code of Virginia requires owners of dogs and cats 4 months or older to have the animal currently vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian. Article 3.2-6531 requires all dog owners and custodians to securely fasten the Dog License tag to a collar to be worn by the dog. KEEP YOUR PET SAFE, HEALTHY, AND LEGAL!

The CornerStone Free Health Clinic

Aylett Toys for Tots - Online registration for families to request toys. Local Family Toy Request Form is here: <https://aylettva.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/local-toy-request-single-form.aspx>

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(October 26, November 2, November 9, November 16, November 23, November 30)

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. **Fundraisers: Fish Fry Monday on November 1 from 11a.m. to 6 p.m. Dinner deal on Thursday, November 14 at 6p.m. 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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