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Celebrating No. 97 and 98 A Double Dose of Wisdom and Wonder



Margaret Ann Moore



Tom Newman

By Gene Campbell

Age is just a number, and King William County is fortunate to have two extraordinary citizens in Tom Newman, who recently celebrated his 98th birthday on December 22nd, and Margaret Ann Moore, who marked her 97th birthday on December 30th. Despite their advanced years, Tom and Margaret Ann exude vitality that belies their ages. Known affectionately as the Mayor of Aylett or Big 'T', Tom welcomed family and friends to his home in Aylett to commemorate his special day. Margaret Ann celebrated her birthday in her cherished home at White's Shop (just below the courthouse) with family and friends.

Both Tom and Margaret Ann have deep roots in King William County, having lived and worked here their entire lives. Tom resides just around the corner from the house where he was born, the Berkley House in Aylett, while Margaret Ann still calls the house where she was born, her home. We all remember Margaret Ann's brother B. W. White, Jr. Their graceful aging is truly extraordinary as they both look years younger than their age. Their families remain nearby, providing daily check-ins and support to ensure their well-being.

Tom loves for visitors to stop by. He always has a twinkle in his eyes and a welcoming smile every time I visit. Whether entertaining visitors with tales

from his past, sharing words of wisdom accrued over the decades, or inquiring about the latest county news, Tom's words are always soothing for the soul. His recollections of spending time with former President Harry Truman on the USS Roosevelt during his Navy service, as well as his stories from his days as an executive at Southside Bank, never fail to entertain me. Each visit is also an opportunity to soak in the rich history of King William County that Tom so generously shares with me.

Margaret Ann embodies the epitome of a grandmotherly figure, exuding warmth, kindness, and boundless love. Always impeccably dressed with a twinkle of joy in her eyes, she welcomes guests into her home where the aroma of freshly baked treats greets you from the kitchen and family photos line the walls. Her lifelong residency in the same beloved home is a testament to her deep-rooted connection to her community and family.

Here's to Tom and Margaret Ann, the age-defying wonders of King William County, who remind us that aging is not a dreary affair but rather a journey filled with zest and vitality. Their infectious spirit and love for life inspire all who have the pleasure of knowing them, proving that age is just a number and 'good ole country living' has a way of aging one like a fine wine. The King William community wishes you both ALL THE BEST!

Ruritans End the Year with Awards and Cheer



Citizen of the Year Dr A. W. Lewis, III and Co Ruritan of the Year Troy Simons



Randy Shank, Ashley Gladden, Sue Guire, Otto Williams, Otto Hall, Sheriff Donald Lumpkin, and Deputy Rodney Stevens

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Snow Day



By Danny Clark

Cooper Berbert, Kassidy Sylvia and Taylor Blanks of Hanover County, took advantage of last weeks snow fall, to do some snowboarding at Cooper and Taylor's Grandfather's home, in King and Queen County.

Publisher's Message



I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday with family and friends. I can't believe it's January 15th already. Seems like time is moving faster the older I get. Two of my grandchildren, Cooper and Taylor, came to snowboard during the snow last week. I took them back up the hill on the 4-wheeler. I think my snowboarding days are behind me. I hope this year will bring you the important things in life you are looking for. Every new day holds the happy play of possibilities.

Take care until next time.

Danny Clark



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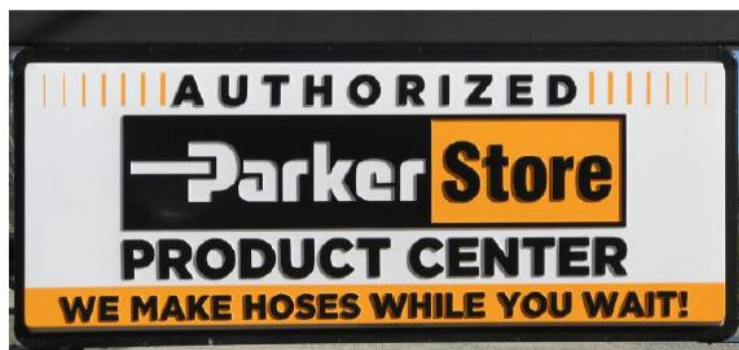
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The Duck Hunter

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and that the New Year is a great year.

I have a good friend named Jim that loves to duck hunt. Jim says that the worst the weather is, the better the duck hunting. He said that he was hunting at a new place this year and wasn't seeing any birds, when finally one duck came flying by and he shoots but it falls across a fence on another persons property. He laid his gun down and climbs over the fence about to go retrieve his duck when an old farmer walks up and asks "What are you doing?" Jim said "I'm just getting my duck that I shot." The farmer said "This is my land so that's my duck." Jim said "No sir. I shot the duck over there but it fell over the fence here." The farmer said "I guess you need a lesson on property rights!" Jim said "What do you mean?" The farmer said "We're going to have to settle this dispute the old fashioned way. We'll take turns kicking each other in the privates until one of us gives up. Since we're on my land, I get to go first."



Now Jim thought of himself as a pretty tough guy and he didn't think the old farmer was too strong so he agreed. The old farmer goes first and kicks Jim between the legs so hard that it lifts him off the ground a couple feet in the air and he drops to the ground like a sack of potatoes. The pain was so bad that Jim can only hold himself and roll on the ground trying to catch his breath. After a few minutes, Jim gets to his feet and says "Now it's my turn!" The old farmer says "That's alright, I give up. You can have the bird."

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

Ruritans End the Year With Awards and Cheer, continued

By Gene Campbell

The King William Ruritan Club held its Annual Spouse's Night on December 17th at the club facilities on Rt 30. It was a night filled with camaraderie, laughter, awards, and a spirit of giving back to the community in addition to celebrating our spouses. Even ole Santa Claus made an appearance. The evening kicked off with a delicious steak dinner cooked by club member Billy Robinson. As the meal came to a close, all eyes turned to the front of the room where club president Troy Simons called on community service committee chairmen to present donation checks to nonprofit organizations. Checks were presented to King William Emergency Ministries, King William Sheriff Department, Mangohick Fire Department, Walkerton Fire Department, and Bridges of Change. The club donated more than \$15,000 throughout the year to these and other community organizations.

The highlight of the night was the announcement of the Citizen of the Year and Ruritan of the Year. Dr. A.W. Lewis, III was presented the Citizen of the Year award. This past year marked 50 years Dr. Lewis has been taking care of patients in our community. We are grateful for his

dedication, unwavering service, and commitment to keeping us healthy all these years. Troy Simons and Frank Coullier were named Co-Ruritans of the Year. Troy has served in many capacities in the club and is starting his third term as president while Frank has been a 'real handyman' at the club facilities.

Club member and Chesapeake District Zone 3 Governor Ronnie Moore installed the 2025 club officers. They are President Troy Simons, Vice President Mike Morrison, Secretary Ed Moren, Treasurer David Leake, Directors Ellen Otey, Gene Campbell, Chris White, and alternate director Dennis Smith.

Club members are busy preparing for their annual Brunswick Stew sale on Saturday, January 18th. All proceeds will go towards helping the victims of Hurricane Helene which ravaged parts of North Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee. As the evening drew to a close, club members left with a renewed sense of purpose and commitment to continue their mission of goodwill, fellowship, and service to the community. The club extends its sincere appreciation to the community for their continued support in their fundraising efforts.

Town of West Point Responds to Termination of Shared Emergency Dispatch Services Agreement

Contributed

Melissa Anderson

West Point, VA – On December 23, 2024, the Town of West Point was notified by King William County Sheriff T.D. "Don" Lumpkin Jr. of the termination of the shared services contract regarding emergency dispatch for the West Point Police Department. Effective July 1, 2025, the King William County Sheriff's Office will no longer dispatch West Point law enforcement personnel for the Town of West Point, as outlined in the twelve year agreement. Instead, Sheriff Lumpkin said in the notification, "all calls for service for the Town of West Point will be covered by the King William County Sheriff's

office patrol deputies." This decision poses critical challenges and the potential for significant delays in law enforcement response within the Town of West Point, including West Point Public Schools.

Since 2012, emergency calls for the West Point Police Department have been dispatched through a shared services contract with the King William County Sheriff's Office. This arrangement has been funded through general taxes paid by all King William County residents, including those living in West Point, in addition to a \$40,000 annual fee paid by the Town of West Point to King William County.

Please see **DISPATCH AGREEMENT**, continued on page 11.

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Shirley Kenneth Jones, 91, of St. Stephens Church, Baptist Church. The family will receive family and friends at 1:00 pm until the service starts at 2:00 pm. Arrangements by B.W. White Funeral Home, Aylett, VA. Flowers or Contributions to Cemetery Fund can be sent to Mattaponi Baptist Church, 13466 The Trail, King & Queen Court House, VA 23085.

passed away on Thursday, January 3rd, 2025.

He was a very passionate member of Mattaponi Baptist Church where he served in a lot of positions. He was an avid carpenter most of his life. He was active with the Ruritans, Crime Solvers, and the Republican Party. He also served on the York Academy PTO. Shirley was all about family and friends and loved all his animals.

Shirley was the son of the late Floyd E. and Ruby Jones. He was preceded in death by his five siblings: Ovella, Lorraine, Howard, David, & Floyd. He was married to his loving wife, Roberta Seward Jones, for 36 years whom he called his "Sweetie Pie". He is survived by his children; Patricia Kirby, Nancy Hazzard (Carroll), David Jones (Roxie), Shirley Jean Bertrand (John); stepdaughter, Tracy Fitzgerald (David);



GREGORY Addie Chandler Johnson; her siblings, Mollie Oliver P. Johnson, Wylie C. Johnson, Johnson John Lemuel Johnson Jr., Liggan Alyce Gregory, 92, West, Cora Campbell Spurduto, Addie a longtime Elizabeth Hedgebeth, Ellen Blanche resident of Richardson, Annie Zella Webb and King Minnie Valerie Johnson; and nephew, William Hugh S. Johnson.

County VA, Mollie is survived by many nieces, went to be with her special friends, including Darlene Lord and Woodward, Elaine Dean, Joyce Rhodes and Nancy Johnson. The family would like to thank Mollie's caregivers for all they did to lovingly care for her.

December 30, 2024.

Mollie married the love of her life on December 19, 1948. She and Henry dearly loved their cottage on the Mattaponi River, and together they made countless road trips from their home in Mechanicsville to Woodbury Farm in King William County. There she was able to be near and to enjoy many family members and friends. Mollie loved fishing, skiing, boating and traveling. She traveled the world with her sister, Alyce, and her dear friend, Joyce. Mollie was a member of Jerusalem Christian Church for more than 50 years where she was very active in the Ladies Missionary Group. For 20 years, she was also active in the King William County Farm Bureau Women's Committee. Mollie retired from her work at Nations Bank and was able to enjoy almost 25 years of retirement.

Mollie was preceded in death by her loving husband of over 75 years, Henry T. Gregory; her parents, John Lemuel and

A funeral service was held 11 AM Friday, January 3rd at Jerusalem Christian Church, 1902 Powhatan Trail, King William VA 23086, with burial in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Jerusalem Christian Church Missionary Society, and mailed to 1154 Mount Pleasant Rd., King William, VA 23086.

PEMBERTON

Steven Otey Pemberton, JR. (Steve or "Little Oats"), 60, of St. Stephens Church, Virginia, passed on January 6, 2025. A Celebration of Life will be held on January, 26, 2025 (2 pm to 4 pm) at the Kennington Subdivision Clubhouse (Route 360 and Kennington Parkway, Aylett).

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Congratulations to Norah Jones, King William High School - 2nd Place Fourth Circuit 2024 Video & Art Contest Celebrating Bill of Rights Day

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The United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit Courts4Civics Committee is pleased to announce that King William High School Freshman, Norah Jones, has been awarded second place in the Fourth Circuit 2024 Video & Art Contest Celebrating Bill of Rights Day for her pen drawing depicting the Continuing Impact of Edwards v. South Carolina. Congratulations, Norah!



The Courts4Civics committee is chaired by Senior Circuit Judge Barbara Milano Keenan and “promotes civics education in our schools and communities, to create learning opportunities and to increase public understanding of how courts work to resolve disputes in our society and to protect our constitution rights.” Courts4Civics invites all teachers and students to check the committee website, <https://www.ca4.uscourts.gov/courts4civics>, for educational resources

and opportunities. The Committee will host the Annual Constitution Day Essay contest this spring, details will be posted to <https://www.ca4.uscourts.gov/courts4civics> in January. Check back in fall 2025 for the second annual Bill of Rights Day Video & Art Contest!

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Othell Hall brought an extremely generous amount of school supplies to our students. We are truly grateful for our community supporters. Thank you for supporting KQPS and Central High School.

The Future of Current Library Services Still in Doubt

Submitted by Friends of Save the KW Library

A group of King William residents hosted a citizen-led Town Hall on Wednesday, December 4th to discuss the future of library services in the county.

Currently, King William County pays \$602,907 to support 2 branch libraries and be a member of the Pamunkey Regional Library (PRL) system, alongside Goochland and Hanover County. The three counties pool together their resources to share a collection, administration, and the technical and electronic services required to operate a library.

Hanover, who has the largest population, pays 72% of these costs; with King William paying only 12%.

In July, the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution to leave PRL and establish their own county library system, citing financial costs as the main reason for their decision. They have since paused this process and have agreed to try and renegotiate with Hanover and Goochland for a new regional agreement.

Since July, numerous residents have voiced their displeasure at the Board's desire to leave PRL, as they feel a county library system would actually be more expensive and provide less resources for the county.

This is an opinion that was confirmed by Nan Carmack of the Library of Virginia, who attended the Town Hall and explained that small counties like King William benefit from regional systems, which are set up to reduce the financial burden on individual counties.

King William would have to pay for a new library director, an integrated library system to check books in and out, and a collection all on their own, as opposed to sharing the costs with Hanover and Goochland like they currently do. King William would also receive less state funds if they were to leave the regional system.

First District Supervisor, Bill Hodges, who was the only Board member to attend the Town Hall event, stated that he does not believe King William can afford to establish a county library. The other four Board members disagree with the Library of Virginia and believe the \$1.1 million plus estimate they provided them is incorrect.

A group of residents from each district who disagreed with the Board's decision to leave PRL submitted a proposal to the Supervisors that they believe would reduce the cost of library services and allow the county to continue enjoying the benefits provided by the regional system. They stated that moving the Upper King William branch from its current location to a county-owned building while remaining a part of PRL would reduce costs to King William by \$33,000 a year.

The Board has not made a formal comment on their feelings toward this proposal.

At this year's final Board meeting on December 9th, they were again flooded by supporters of PRL who urged the Board to remain a part of the regional system fearing a loss of resources and higher costs to the taxpayers.

Though the Board made no official comment on the future of library services, County Administrator, Stacey Davenport, stated that she had met with representatives from Goochland and Hanover and that their meetings had "gone well." She also stated that a draft regional agreement was going to be reviewed in the next week.

However, she confirmed that the option to create a new county library was still on the table, and that the county could engage the services of a company to operate the new library. She did not disclose the costs for this company's services.

Betty Jenkins
Friends of Save the KW Library

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Ameresco invites the Public to an Open House Meeting on Monday, January 6th from 6:00-7:30PM at Shackelfords Chapel, 3727 Buena Vista Road, Shackelfords, VA 23156. This is a floating event to learn more about the Solar Facility we are planning for your community. All members of the community are welcome to learn about the project, ask questions, and share their thoughts as part of the planning process.

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Dispatch Agreement, continued

The safety of its citizens remains the Town's highest priority. To address this issue, West Point Town Manager John Edwards contacted the King William County Administrator in August 2024 and again on December 18, 2024, requesting a joint meeting between the West Point Town Council and the King William County Board of Supervisors to discuss the situation. As of this release, King William County has refused this request. County Administrator Stacey Davenport and Sheriff Don Lumpkin believe public discussion of this issue is inappropriate.

The Town of West Point is actively seeking alternative solutions to ensure uninterrupted emergency dispatch services for its community. This includes exploring all available options and working collaboratively to mitigate the impact of this decision.

Updates will be shared as additional information becomes available. The Town also plans to release important details regarding this issue and other safety concerns on its official website at www.west-point.va.us over the coming days.

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**Elsing Green: A Storied Legacy Along the
 Banks of the Pamunkey River**



The manor house at historic Elsing Green Plantation

By Gene Campbell

As the King William 250 Committee prepares for the 300th anniversary of the King William County Courthouse and the 250th celebration of our nation's founding in 2026, King William County's ties to pivotal events in American history come to light. The county is home to a wealth of historical homes and sites that played a vital role in establishing the United States. One such home is Elsing Green, a colonial-era plantation on the banks of the Pamunkey River in lower King William. It is arguably the best-known plantation in King William, certainly one of the most majestic boasting a history spanning centuries. The estate is said to have taken its name from Elsing Hall, a small country manor in Norfolk, England. Its origins can be traced back to Colonel John West, the namesake of the Town of West Point, who acquired land on the Pamunkey River and began erecting brick structures or dependencies on the property in 1690. The Queen Anne-style manor house with flanking dependencies that stand proudly today is believed to have been constructed between 1715 and 1720 by Captain William Dandridge and his wife Unity, the granddaughter of Colonel West. Captain Dandridge was uncle to Martha Washington, wife of our nation's first president, George Washington. Martha spent lots of time in her youth visiting her cousins at Elsing Green. It is said she rode her horse onto the porch and into the house on one occasion. George was known to frequent the King William County Courthouse tavern on his way to see Martha who lived in New Kent County during their courting days. I like to think George was spending time at the tavern getting his courage up!

Throughout its storied past, Elsing Green has changed hands several times, with notable figures such as Carter Braxton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, buying the plantation after Unity died in 1753. Braxton sold the estate to William Browne in the late eighteenth century who

gave the property to his son-in-law, William E. Claiborne upon the condition he changed his name from Claiborne to Browne, which he did. In 1820 Elsing Green was sold to William Gregory and his family owned it for over a century. The Gregory family sold the plantation to Beverly D. Causey and his wife in the mid -1930s. The Causeys are credited with returning Elsing Green to its former glory. In 1950 Edgar R. Lafferty, Jr. and his wife Margaret purchased Elsing Green and continued its restoration. The Lafferty's had begun acquiring acreage around Elsing Green before their purchase substantially increasing the size of the plantation. In 1980 Mr. Lafferty granted a preservation easement on Elsing Green and its surrounding 2,454 acres of farmland, forests, and marshland that protects the property from demolition, inappropriate change, commercial or subdivision development in perpetuity. In 1982 the Lafferty Foundation was created and when Mr. Lafferty died in 1991 ownership of Elsing Green passed to the Foundation. His son, Edgar R. Lafferty, III now resides at Elsing Green.

Before Edgar R. Lafferty, Jr. died, I had the opportunity to tour the manor house. Included among the furniture was the "Surrender Table" upon which Lord Cornwallis and General George Washington negotiated the terms of surrender in Yorktown in 1781 during the American Revolutionary War.

With plantations such as Elsing Green and other historic homes dotting the county's landscape, alongside the oldest continuously used courthouse in the United States, King William County stands as a beacon of heritage and pride. As the community prepares to honor the courthouse's 300th anniversary in 2025 and the 250th anniversary of the founding of our nation in 2026, we pay tribute to the brave men and women who laid the foundations for our county and our country we know and love so much today.

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Tiger Cafe



Left to right: Back row: India Braxton, Suesan Freeman, Carlton Bristow, Taylor Gibson, Mrs. Katy Packett. Front row: Allie Jones, Austin Navarrete-Santos, Teeghan Elmore, Shania Braxton, Madison Packett, Nazir Kelly

Contributed by Carol Carter

Students at Central High School in King and Queen county have started their own coffee cart, providing an opportunity for work experience, independence and community connection.

Tiger Cafe was started at the beginning of the school year, thanks to Raise, Inc.- a non- profit that sponsors school coffee carts so that students have the means to pursue this endeavor without the roadblocks of finding funding. This student led business provides coffee, hot chocolate, tea and delicious sweet treats to teachers. Students are gaining valuable experience running a business, while also learning about belonging to something bigger than themselves. For students involved, it's not just about making or delivering coffee, but it's teaching customer service, financial literacy and communication skills. Beyond that, students develop confidence in themselves, they learn to take initiative and responsibility, and stand a bit taller when they put on the apron. Mrs. Packett, this is the best part. "Seeing the students gain confidence in a skill that they were once worried about performing, is priceless. Their smiles and interactions prove that they are proud of their accomplishments and that is a measure of success for me."

A student mentor, who has helped with the coffee cart, said "I like the coffee cart because it gets the kids involved in stuff outside of their class which means they get to interact with all of the other teachers and students. They all get excited while they are preparing to go out and sell the coffee. You can tell by their faces that they love what they are doing. They love to help other people and they are working on their people skills and skills they will need for a job. It is very rewarding for the teachers and anyone else that helps to watch them grow and improve on all the different skills week by week."

Ms. Eddy, school principal, believes that the Tiger Cafe gives these kids a boost in their self worth that is priceless. It is evident that they are learning important soft skills such as customer service and basic money handling that employers desire while having a great time and connecting with staff throughout our building.

Students use the proceeds from the coffee cart to purchase items for monthly dinners, where students plan, shop for and cook for their families. This is another opportunity for students to learn valuable real world skills that will reach much farther than the classroom.

"I hope this project is just the beginning", says Packett. "I hope we can

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Cindy Lou Who visited the King and Queen Elementary Schools and read to the 3rd graders

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Happy 100th Birthday



On Sunday, December 15th, Providence celebrated Mother Carrie Bell Garlick's 100th birthday. She is called the "Mother of the Church."

She was born on 12/19/1924 in Beulahville to John M. and Jennie V. Harris. She has two other siblings: Mrs. Viola Anderson and Mrs. Queen Lurray.

She attends the Senior Centers in Upper and Lower King William when able. Her hobbies include crocheting, baking sweet treats, and playing bingo. For many years, her crafts have been displayed at the Mangohick Fire Department's annual festival.

King William Farm Bureau Purchases FFA Fruit to Support Local Students and Agriculture Education



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K&Q County Historical Society January Quarterly Meeting

The King and Queen County Historical Society invites the public to its quarterly meeting on Sunday afternoon, January 26, 2025. The program will begin at 3 o'clock in the courtroom of the county's Administration Building.

The Society is pleased to present Richard Carter, formerly with the Smithsonian Institution, who will speak on the care and preservation of historical Federal government buildings in Washington, D.C. He will also touch on the care and preservation of the Virginia Capitol and the Executive Mansion in Richmond.

Mr. Carter worked for years at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery and the National Museum of American Art. Both museums occupy the building called "The Old Patent Office." He later worked at the National Endowment for the

Humanities, located in the building called "The Old Post Office." In Richmond, he served a five-year term on the board which oversees the Executive Mansion. Mr. Carter is a writer and editor. He lives with his wife Cynthia in Essex County.

Refreshments will be served in the Tavern Museum following the program, which will open for this event.

During the winter months, the Tavern will not be available to drop-in guests, but will happily open for guests who make an appointment. For more information about the King and Queen County Historical Society and its Courthouse Tavern Museum, visit the website at kingandqueensemuseum.org. Use the 'Contact Us' page to make an appointment to visit or to make inquiries.

King William Farm Bureau is proud to announce its recent purchase of fruit from the King William High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) program, which was generously donated on Thursday, December 12th to all students at Cool Spring Primary School and Acquinton Elementary School. This initiative supports agricultural education while promoting student well-being by providing fresh, locally grown produce. This collaboration highlights King William Farm Bureau's ongoing commitment to fostering a connection between local agriculture and community support. By purchasing fruit from the FFA, the Farm Bureau not only assists young agriculturalists in their fundraising efforts but also emphasizes the importance of nutrition and community engagement. "Supporting the FFA aligns perfectly with our mission to sustain and grow the future of agriculture," said Charles Piersa, President of King William Farm Bureau. "This partnership allows us to invest in the next generation of farmers while giving back to our community by providing students with healthy, delicious fruit."

The FFA fruit sales program is an annual tradition that helps fund leadership

activities, scholarships, and hands-on learning opportunities for FFA members. This year, King William Farm Bureau's bulk purchase ensured even more students and families could benefit from the program's impact.

The donated fruit was distributed to all students at Cool Spring Primary School and Acquinton Elementary School reaching over 950 students and families throughout King William County. Representatives from both King William Farm Bureau and the Three Rivers Soil and Water Conservation District assisted in the distribution of the fruit.

"Partnerships like this demonstrate the power of community," said Howard Hill, King William High School FFA Instructor. "Farm Bureau's support means a lot to our members, and their generosity brings the fruits of our labor directly to the people who need it most."

For more information on this initiative or to learn how you can support local agricultural education programs, contact King William County Farm Bureau at 804-769-2580.

New Year, New You?

By Gene Campbell

Ah, the start of a new year – a time for fresh beginnings, hopeful aspirations, big dreams, and the age-old tradition of making New Year’s resolutions that we swear we’ll stick to this time. At the outset, we feel a surge of motivation and determination to make this year our absolute best one yet. We vow to conquer the world and become the best version of ourselves – we’re on fire! I made a solemn vow to eat healthier and exercise more. I kicked things off New Year’s Day with a morning workout and a nutritious breakfast, feeling like a total wellness warrior. Day two? Nailed it. I’m on a roll. But then, on the third day, life throws me a curveball with an early morning doctor’s appointment. No problem, I’ll just pick up the next day where I left off. Smooth sailing...or so I thought.

Enter my wife, Suzanne, and a “honey can you stop by Food Lion on the way home from the doctor’s office.” I breeze past the ice cream aisle, determined to resist temptation. My self-control is strong.... until I find myself standing too long in front of the ice cream display. Just one half-gallon of ice cream, I tell myself. After all, it has been a while since I purchased any. We all know how that story ends, right? As the weeks go by, our New Year’s resolutions start to lose their sparkle, becoming distant memories of a time when we were full of ambition and good intentions. Despite our best intentions, life got in the way, as it often



does. But fear not, fellow resolution-makers, for all hope is not lost!

As we navigate the pitfalls of trying to keep our New Year’s resolutions throughout the year, let’s remember that it’s ok to stumble and fall along the way. Life is unpredictable, and sometimes that impromptu half-gallon ice cream binge or skipped exercise routine is just what we need to keep us sane. Whether we stick to our resolutions or not, let’s raise a toast to the beautiful ‘mess’ we call life and the endless possibilities that come with a new year. Here’s to 2025 – may it be filled with laughter, love, and the occasional indulgent cheat day. CHEERS!

Postseason Gridiron Awards Continue for Cavaliers

Central Garage
December 30, 2024

By Michael Commins

The 2024 football campaign for King William High may have concluded but not the awards and recognition for several of the young men who wore the Black and Vegas Gold this season.

Seniors James Stewart and Trenton Stallings were both selected as representatives to the Big River Rivalry game that was played at Day Field on the campus of Randolph-Macon College on Saturday, December 21st. The game features senior players from the Richmond metropolitan area divided into two teams, one from schools “North” of the James River and one from schools “South”. Stewart and Stallings were members of the “North” team that fell in overtime to the “South” squad 20-19 in the 10th annual event. Proceeds from the game go to various charities and with the win, the

South squared the series with the North at five victories each since the event was first held in 2013. The games were suspended in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID.

The Virginia High School League released the 2A All State teams on December 23rd and Stewart was named first team All State linebacker and second team All State running back for the 2024 season. K'Sean Hill was selected second team All State offensive all purpose and Cooper Wolfe was selected second team All State place kicker. All three were earlier named to All District and All Regional teams for their outstanding play during the 2024 season.

Congratulations to each of these young men for their recognition and awards and to all the young men who were members of the Cavalier JV and varsity squads for a great season!

First Snow of 2025!



King William's historic courthouse in the snow - Picture by Gene Campbell

Contributed Article

dangerous to drive on, especially the secondary roads and subdivisions.

The first snow of 2025 arrived as students were supposed to return to school after their winter break. The snow started on Sunday night, turned into a messy wintry mix during the day on Monday, then turned back to more snow on Monday night. The accumulation was only a few inches but it froze and made the roads icy

The snowy and icy mess kept King William Public School students out of school for the entire week. A second storm arrived the following weekend. Sleds were sold out at local stores. There were many posts on social media of kids and adults having fun in the snow.

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Beulah Baptist Church

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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!!

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Mattaponi Friends Meeting

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Zion Baptist Church

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Community Calendar

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All branches of the Pamunkey Regional Library will be closed on Monday, Dec. 23, Tuesday, Dec. 24, Wednesday, Dec. 25, and Wednesday, Jan. 1. All branches will close at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 31.

King and Queen Public Library

Comedian and Juggler Jonathan Austin- January 25th 11am
Tidewater African Culture Alliance Program- February 1st 11am
Glass Bead of Life Project- February 5th 12pm (Registration Required)
Rural Readers Book Club February 13th 6pm
Story Time Tuesdays 11am

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Upper King William Branch Library

Coloring, Coffee and Donuts Thursday, Jan. 2, 10:30am - noon
Ages 18 and up. **Family Storytime** Wednesdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. For ages 0-5 with caregiver. **Balloon Powered Lego Race** Saturday, Jan. 11, 11:00am - 1:00pm Ages 7-14 years old. **Learn How to Cross-stitch** Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. (All Ages) & 5:00 - 6:30pm (Ages 18 & up) **Stay and Create** Wednesday, Jan. 15, 11:15am - noon **Questions on Medicare** Monday, Jan. 20, Noon - 1:00pm Ages 18 & up. **Bedroom Planetarium** Tuesday, Jan. 21, 5:00 - 6:30pm Ages 8 & up. **The Stitching Hour** Thursday, Jan. 23, 5:00 - 6:30pm Ages 18 and up. **Candle Making** Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1:00 - 2:00pm Ages 12 and up. **Tabletop Game Night** Tuesday, Jan. 28, 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. Bring your own games to share with others or jump into a game in progress. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the hobby, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

West Point Branch Library
Family Storytime Fridays, Jan. 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. For ages 0-5 with caregiver. **Stay & Play** Fridays, Jan. 10, 17, 24, & 31, 11:00 a.m. - noon Meet other parents and caregivers while you watch your preschoolers play **Kids' Craft Club** Saturday, Jan. 11, 10:30 - 11:30am

I'd Rather Be Reading Bookclub Wednesday, Jan. 15, 11:30am - 12:30pm
Ages 16 & up. **Legos** Friday, Jan. 17, 4:00 - 5:00pm Grades K-5. **Play-dough** Monday, Jan. 20, 11:00am - noon Ages 2-5. **Movie Nite** Thursday, Jan. 23, 5:00 - 6:30pm Ages 16 & up. **Medicare Fraud, Abuse, & Errors** Wednesday, Jan. 29, 10:30 - 11:30am **Absurd Debates** Thursday, Jan. 30, 4:00 - 5:00pm Grades 6-12. Call 804-843-3244 or visit the library at 433 12th Street for more information.

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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 County Historical Society Meeting
January 19, 2025 at 2:30 Andrews Graff will be speaking to the King William County Historical Society at King William County Administration Building at 180 Horse Landing Rd, King William, VA. His presentation will be on King William County Postal Service History. The public is invited, and light refreshments will be available after the meeting.

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 : lisamayville@atlanticbb.net. Any crime call King William Sheriff Office at 804-769-0999 or kwso@kingwilliamcounty.us Crime tips call Robin Bostic with King William Victim/Witness Program at 804-525-8838 or email: rbostic@kingwilliamcounty.us

KW NAACP Branch #7082
Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10am

at 694 Sharon Rd, Suite K, King William, VA 23086. Questions, please email us: info@naacpkwva.org King William Virginia NAACP Branch #7082

The CornerStone Community Development Center Aylett. **Food Distribution** - (*11235 West River Road, Aylett) Saturday food distributions are from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. (January , January 11, January 18, J anuary 25) **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, January 9 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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