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## Student-Athletes Honor Teachers



Students and teachers recognized at center court

## Catlett to Lead King William Supervisors



Newly elected Board Chair Justin Catlett and Vice Chair Lindsay Robinson

By Gene Campbell

During the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the King William County Board of Supervisors, Third District Supervisor Justin Catlett was chosen by his colleagues to lead the board for the coming year with former chairperson Lindsay Robinson elected as Vice Chair. Following the election of officers, the discussion centered on adopting the

meeting calendar, county holidays, and pay calendar. Third District Supervisor Mary Sue Bancroft proposed reducing the number of holidays around Thanksgiving and Christmas thereby saving the county money. After deliberation, a motion was made and seconded to adopt the holiday and pay calendar as presented, with Bancroft casting the sole dissenting vote.

*Please see BOS, continued on page 15.*



Girls Basketball Coach Kerry Johnson, honoree Bookkeeper Melissa Krout, honoree School Counselor Kami Newbill, and Boys Basketball Coach Cedric A. Moore, Jr.

By Gene Campbell

It has been said, "A teacher takes a hand, opens a mind, and touches a heart," underscoring the invaluable contributions that teachers make every day in today's society. They are the unsung heroes, guiding and shaping the leaders of tomorrow. Their influence goes far beyond the classroom, shaping the minds and hearts of countless individuals who will go on to make a positive difference in the world.

At the basketball games on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at King William High School, it was Senior Teacher Recognition Night. Between the girls' and boys' basketball games, senior basketball players recognized and honored teachers who made a significant impact on their high school years.

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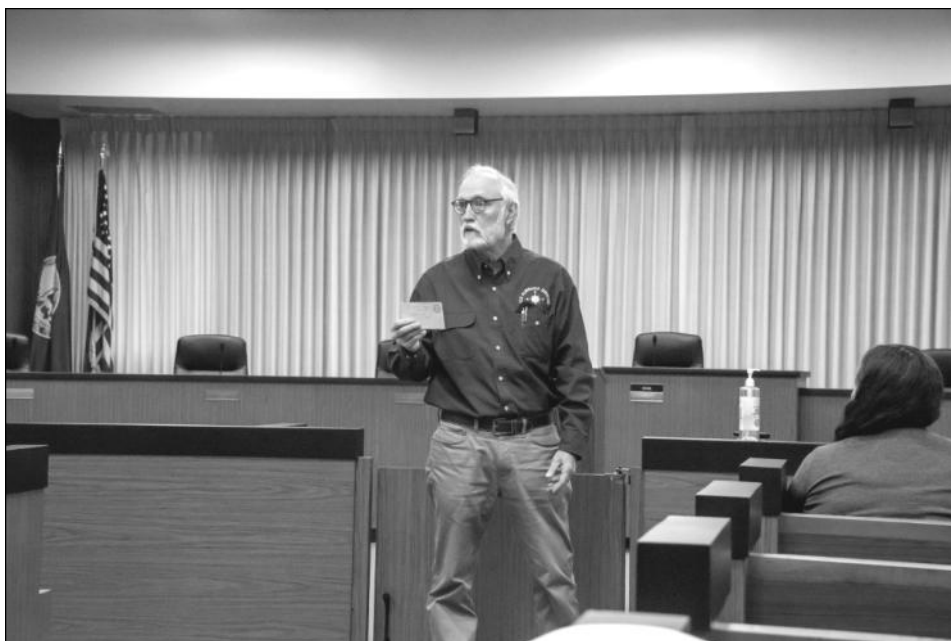


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## You Got Mail



Andrew Graff displays one of his postcards from his collection

By Gene Campbell

The King William Historical Society held its quarterly meeting in the Administration Building at the King William Courthouse Complex on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. Guest speaker was Andrew Graff who captivated attendees with a fascinating presentation on the history of the postal service in King William County. Graff generously provided each

member with a binder containing copies of his extensive collection of King William postcards and envelopes dating back to the early 1800s, providing a unique glimpse into the past and shedding light on the evolution of communication within the county.

Please see page 6.

## Publisher's Message



The warmer days remind me spring is not so far away. The first day of spring is March 20<sup>th</sup>. That's 50 days from now. February can be unpredictable at times. Hold tight, warmer days ahead. Don't give in to cabin fever; take a short day trip on one of the warmer days.

Take care until next time.

*Hanny Clark*



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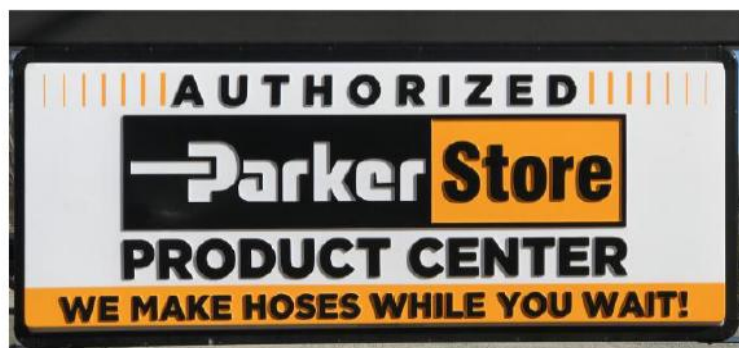
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## Two Words

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

The more things that we can expose our animals to and help them to work through and accept, the better off we'll be. There are some things that only come up once or twice a year, like getting shots from the vet. I remember when Pip was young, I wanted her to be safe and accepting while getting vaccinated each year. The idea of sticking a thousand pound animal with a needle a few times didn't sound like much fun for either of us. So I had the bright idea of pinching her on the neck to simulate getting a shot. I started off easy and got harder until I got a slight reaction. She looked at me as if to say "What in the heck are you doing to me?" I immediately gave her a treat and praised her. We worked on that a few times each day until it was a regular routine for her. She got so good at it that I think she wanted me to pinch her more so she could get more treats.

I heard a story the other day about a guy that became a monk and the head of the monastery told him that he had to take a vow of silence, but once a year on his anniversary he



could say two words. The first year went by and the new monk was called in and asked what his two words were. He said "Food, Bad." The head monk said "Thanks, now go back to your work." The second year passed and he was called in again and asked for his two words. The monk said "Bed, Hard." The head monk thanked him and sent him back to work. The third year came around and he was called in again for his two words. The young monk said "I Quit!" The head monk said "I figured as much. You've done nothing but complain since you've been here!"

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## Remembering Bob Hackett and Russell Rice



Bob "Sailor Bob" Hackett



Russell Rice

By Gene Campbell

In the heart of every organization, there are unsung heroes who work tirelessly behind the scenes, often going unnoticed but making invaluable contributions that are vital in keeping the organization strong. Such was the case of two King William Ruritan Club members, Bob "Sailor Bob" Hackett and Russell Rice, whose recent passing has left a void in our hearts and in the fabric of our community. Though they may have not been in the spotlight of the club, they were quiet pillars of support that kept our club running smoothly, especially at fundraisers.

Sailor Bob, as I liked to call him, was a Navy veteran. He was always smiling and cheerful, ready to lend a helping hand and offer kind words to everyone he encountered. He was a trusted 'right-hand

man' of club member David Leake's knife sharpening business. Russell, on the other hand, was a steadfast supporter of the Mangohick Volunteer Fire Department.

Their commitment to the club was unwavering, and their impact was immeasurable. They embodied the core values of Ruritan - fellowship, goodwill, and community service - through their selfless dedication. Their unseen yet crucial contributions were the backbone of our club. Their legacy will continue to inspire us to serve others with humility and grace. Let us never forget the significance of these quiet heroes who do the behind-the-scenes work that makes all the difference.

Sailor Bob and Russell, make sure the knives are sharp and the tables are straight when we all get to heaven!

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# Congratulations Nora Jones



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

### CORRECTION

In the last issue, Jan. 15, the article on Nora Jones did not include the photographers name. The name is

Images by Ivey

Photo by Ivey Tupponce

The Country Courier apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.

# Thank You

The family of Janice Holmes Ware acknowledges with sincere appreciation the prayers, phone calls, cards, visits, floral tributes and the numerous other expressions of love and sympathy shown during our bereavement.

Your kindness will always be remembered.

The Holmes Family,  
William, Jerline, Will, Rebecca  
and Grandchildren



# Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Wow, what is going on with West Point. Seems like Bill Hodges and John Edwards have lost their minds. So much for communications and working with the County.

Interesting focal point on all of this is that maybe the King William Sheriff's Department should take over the Town Law Enforcement duties and eliminate the Departmental Overhead for the town. Looking at the most recent budget, that number is about \$400,000 plus or minus that the town would immediately save if the county deputized the current West Point Patrol Officers and made the current station a sub station for the now new county officers and eliminated duplicated overhead in West Point. Also maybe this is the opening to look at the Fire Department, EMS, Tourism, Community Development, Schools and School Administration, Utilities, Parks and

Recreation, etc., et al., and determine how much could be saved by the town with selective consolidation of functions and activities into County Operations or a new combined function. Looking at overhead cost, the number seems to be in the range of \$1.0 to \$1.5 Million for the Town alone and I have probably underestimated.

Certainly, worth reviewing. It's time for Edwards and Hodges to begin looking forward strategically verses backwards and downwards tactically. I am new to the town and not knowledgeable of all the political and emotional histories, but from a purely business and functional aspect for a newby, the Town should lower the wall and stop being so defensive about everything and anything related to county operations and communications.

C.B. Lutz  
West Point

## Letters to the Editor

We welcome signed letters to the editor. Each letter must carry the writers signature, full valid address, and daytime phone number. We reserve the right to edit for accuracy, brevity, clarity, legality, and taste. We do not guarantee that every letter received will be published. Letters reflect the opinions and positions of the writers and not The Country Courier.



Love is our true destiny. We do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone - we find it with another.

Thomas Merton

## You Got Mail, continued

The first Post Office in America was established in a tavern in Boston in 1639. Later in 1683, a postal route was laid out from Maine to Georgia. In the early days, letter writers sent their correspondence by friends, merchants, and Native Americans via foot or horseback. Benjamin Franklin was the first Postmaster General of the United States appointed by the Continental Congress in 1775.

Virginia had fifteen post offices in 1776, and all had access to waterways, which was one of the main modes of transportation. Ayletts, or Ayletts Warehouse, as it was called then, was one of the first fifteen post offices and the first in King William County. The structure

housing the Ayletts Post Office still stands today. It is known as the Duncan Home, owned by Gladys Mae Poynter, who resides there today.

Postal rates were determined by mileage. Overall rates were 6 cents for the first 30 miles, 10 cents up to 80 miles, 12½ cents up to 150 miles, 18¾ cents up to 400 miles, and 25 cents for over 400 miles. According to a publication compiled by Edward A. Smith in 1976, King William County had as many as 47 post offices from 1825 to 1968. They were mainly located at crossroads or in general stores.

The next quarterly meeting of the King William Historical Society is scheduled for April.

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## New Project is Causing a Buzz in Manquin

*Contributed*

A recent collaboration between Energix Renewables and Siller Pollinator Company is using a 13MWac solar site in Manquin, King William County, Virginia, to help foster sustainable and productive environments, creating economic and agricultural benefits for the surrounding communities.

In partnership with local communities, Energix established ten bee hives on the site, and they are now producing honey and pollinating the surrounding land. The project started nearly two years ago based on Energix's commitment to sustainable land use and, given the benefits realized, there are plans to expand.

The bees have a range of benefits for the site itself and the surrounding ecosystems and communities. Honeybee pollination increases seed sets of desirable species, leading to more self-seeding of clover under the panels and pollinator plants in the wildflower meadow. Because bees have a range of 17,000 acres, the benefits extend far beyond the site itself. Surrounding vegetable gardens, fruit orchards, and row crops often experience yield benefits when pollinated by honeybees. The honey produced on site provides a hyper-local food source enjoyed by the beekeeper, site operators, and neighbors, creating a sense of community.

"The bees are thriving alongside the panels," said Allison Wickham, the beekeeper on site. "The shading provided by the panels keeps the cool-season clovers planted under the panels in bloom longer, which is very beneficial to pollinators. I've seen the bees foraging happily amongst the panels. The hives on site are very healthy and progressing at better-than-average rates."

Every two to three weeks, a staff member from Siller Pollinator Company visits the bees to ensure the bees are healthy, have queens and sufficient space, and to treat pests or diseases if necessary. If needed, the bees are fed supplements, but so far, their nutritional needs have been met on site.

The team of professional beekeepers is skilled at identifying pest and disease issues, signs of poor nutrition, and

degrading environmental factors that pose risks to the bees. They clear surrounding vegetation with string trimmers during each visit to maintain flight paths and ventilation. The team uses integrated pest management techniques to keep the bees healthy. They routinely check for diseases and pests, treating them with appropriate cultural or chemical treatments when necessary. Only naturally occurring compounds are used for treatments, as they are most effective for the bees. The bees are safe behind a fence that protects them from vandalism and predators like bears.

Beekeeping and solar operations are complementary activities, as an apiary or bee yard requires a small footprint but has a significant impact. According to Allison, "Bees on solar sites are a natural choice, especially when the operator has prioritized pollinator plantings. An apiary has a very small footprint compared to its impact. Bees will travel up to three miles, meaning an apiary will pollinate the entirety of the site and support the surrounding areas, but the hives only require a few hundred square feet."

Such collaborations can serve as a model for all businesses moving forward. They offer mutually beneficial relationships for all stakeholders and neighbors of the sites. Placing apiaries in solar sites provides economic opportunities for local beekeepers, improves results for solar operators, keeps land under solar sites in agricultural use, and benefits the local community and ecosystem.

Energix's integration of bees into their solar projects demonstrates the company's commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability. Beyond renewable energy production, they contribute to increasing bee populations and preserving biodiversity. This project showcases how advanced technology and traditional agricultural practices can be harmoniously combined for the greater good.

Energix and Siller Pollinator plan to continue updating the public on the progress of the project. We eagerly anticipate more updates and successes on our path toward a greener future.

## King William Sheriff's Office Activity Report December 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

<b>Calls for Service</b>	<b>2270</b>
<b>Incident Reports</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Traffic Summons</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Warrants Served</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Civil Papers Served</b>	<b>408</b>

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## Honor, continued



Cavs Gibson Farmer #20 goes up for a shot against the Nottoway Cougar defenders

Stepping onto the gym floor with their mentors by their side, the students and teachers were met with applause that echoed throughout the gym. The recognized teachers included Mr. Alfonso, Ms. Allensworth, Mr. Gowdy, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Piner, Ms. Lumpkin, Ms. Ward, Ms. Slack, and Mr. White.

Also honored were Bookkeeper Melissa Krout, and School Counselor Kami Newbill. Head Girls Basketball Coach Kerry Johnson and Head Boys Basketball Coach Cedric Moore, Jr. presented a "Nothing But Net" award honoring Ms. Krout and Ms. Newbill, signed by each member of the girls and boys basketball team. The award is

sponsored by the Friends of the Program. As the ceremony came to a close, students and teachers embraced, united by a shared bond of respect, admiration, and gratitude. Never underestimate the power of education, inspiration, and love!

The JV Boys, Varsity Girls, and Varsity Boys Basketball teams faced

off against the Nottoway Cougars. The JV Boys emerged victorious with a 44-33 win. On the other hand, the girls' team put up a strong fight but ultimately lost 37-32 and the boys' team fell short in the nightcap, with a final score of 68-60.

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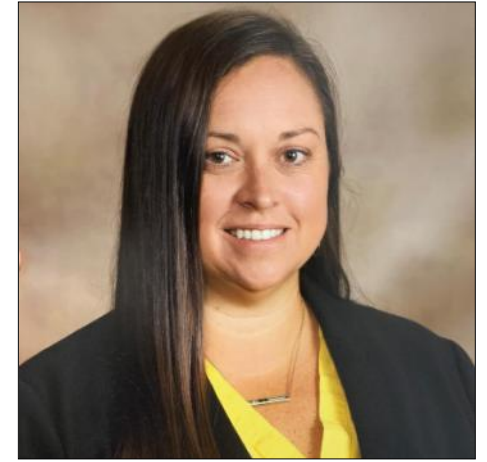
Southeastern Association of School Business Officials

Contributed by Sandy Halliwell

Staci Longest, Director of Finance of the King William County Public Schools, King William, Virginia, has been awarded the School Business Administrator (SBA) Certificate from the Southeastern Association of School Business Officials (SASBO).

The SBA Certificate is awarded to members that exemplify a distinction in leadership at the national, regional and state levels of their profession. "Only a select few meet the qualifying areas of experience, education, professional involvement and professional development," said Sandy Halliwell, SASBO Executive Director. "Staci is clearly one of the few that has proven to be an outstanding leader throughout the Southeast."

SASBO is a regional organization composed of over 4,000 members in the twelve southeastern states. The goal of



Staci Longest

SASBO is to provide networking, professional development, and relevant information to promote and advance personnel engaged in positions supporting education in areas of business and administrative services throughout the Southeast.

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Lao Tzu

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# Essex County Farmer Receives Award

## Five-Year Service Award

Contributed by Alice Kemp

Essex County cattle and grain producer J. Barry Bates was recognized Jan. 22 for five years of service on the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation board of directors.

VFBF President Scott Sink presented an award to Bates at the board meeting in Richmond.

As the District 12 director, Bates represents Farm Bureau producer members in Caroline, Essex, Gloucester, Mathews, King and Queen, King William, Middlesex, Northumberland, Lancaster, Richmond and Westmoreland counties.

He has been a Farm Bureau member for over 20 years, chairs the VFBF Aquaculture Advisory Committee and the VFBF Soybean & Feed Grains Advisory Committee, and serves on the VFBF Livestock Advisory Committee.

Bates also is a past Essex County Farm Bureau president and current member of that organization's board. Additionally, he serves on the Essex County Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Committee and Essex County Airport Authority. He is a member of the Northern Neck Land Conservancy board.

Bates and his family reside on Mount



J. Barry Bates

View Farm, where they raise Black Angus beef cattle and grow hay for their herd.







He and his wife, Suzanne, are members of Mt. Zion Baptist Church. They have two children.

With more than 135,000 members in 88 county Farm Bureaus, VFBF is Virginia's largest farmers' advocacy group. Farm Bureau is a non-governmental, nonpartisan, voluntary organization committed to supporting Virginia's agriculture industry.

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# Cavalier Athletes Sign Letters in Intent

By Gene Campbell

The King William High School atrium was filled with cheers and applause on the evening of January 14<sup>th</sup> as four student-athletes signed letters of intent to continue their education and athletic careers. Payton Lewis will be attending Christopher Newport University, Skylar Meriwether will be attending Mary Baldwin University, Andrew Lee will be attending Eastern Mennonite University, and Daniel Burton will be attending Virginia Wesleyan University. Payton and Skylar were members of the 2024 VHSL Class 2 State Softball Championship team, securing the first-ever state softball title for King William High School while Andrew and Daniel were members of the 2024 VHSL Class 2 State Semi-finalist baseball team.

Before the ink dried on their letters of intent, hugs, high-fives, and words of encouragement were exchanged as family, coaches, friends, and supporters beamed with pride. These

young athletes displayed determination, skill, and resilience on the field that led their teams to victory. Now they are embarking on a new chapter in their lives supported by their loved ones as they excel both on the field and in the classroom. As the night came to an end, these student-athletes stood united in their passion for sports, education, and personal growth. The King William community wishes them all the best in their future endeavors. GO CAVS!



Daniel Burton, Andrew Lee, Payton Lewis, and Skylar Meriwether

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## Virginia Young Farmers Prepare for National Competitions

*Contributed by Farm Bureau*

SAN ANTONIO—Three outstanding Virginia young farmers will head to San Antonio this month to participate in national competitions for which they earned state-level accolades in 2024.

On Dec. 3 at the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Annual Convention, Marshall Slaven of Augusta County took top honors in the VFBF Young Farmers Discussion Meet.

Earlier in 2024, Bradley Ragsdale of Pittsylvania County was named the VFBF Young Farmers Achievement Award winner, and Morgan Slaven of Augusta County, Marshall's sister, received the VFBF Young Farmers Excellence in Agriculture Award.

The American Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers & Ranchers program helps

young Farm Bureau members shape their future and American agriculture through leadership development and personal growth opportunities. The three competitions enable members to showcase their leadership experience, communication skills and successful business plans as they compete against the best of the best from each state Farm Bureau.

Marshall Slaven and his wife, Joy, raise 1,200 head of beef cattle. He also provides custom hay baling and wrapping services to other farmers, transports manure on contract, brokers straw to several large dairies and other cattle operations, and assists his father with the family fencing business and raising 500 brood cows.

Ragsdale is a fourth-generation tobacco, grain and beef cattle farmer who has

helped manage, innovate and expand his family's 1,000-acre operation since 2009, including acquiring an additional 90 acres of cropland in 2015. He also serves on the Pittsylvania County Farm Bureau board and is an active participant in the VFBF Young Farmers Program.

Morgan Slaven serves as manager of governance and executive affairs for Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative while managing a 40-head commercial hair sheep flock on her Augusta County farm. She also serves as chair of her county Farm Bureau's Young Farmers Committee and vice president of her county Farm Bureau board. She formerly served on the VFBF Young Farmers Committee and as the committee's vice chair and chair of its promotions subcommittee.

The Virginia winners will compete for

prizes at the national level. The top four competitors in the AFBF Achievement Award, Discussion Meet and Excellence in

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4th Place: Case IH-branded Solo Stove® courtesy of Case IH

## Helpful Books at the Library

*Contributed by Peggy Newsome*

The Mid-Tidewater affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness has donated the book I AM NOT SICK; I Don't Need Help to libraries in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula. Written by internationally known clinical psychologist Xavier Amador, this book

provides understanding and guidance for communicating and building relationships with persons with serious mental illness and/or addictions who do not think they need help. Family members, mental health and criminal health professionals will find using the LEAP - Listen, Empathize, Agree, and Partner - communication strategy explained in the book useful.

Copies are available at the following

libraries: Essex County, Gloucester County, Lancaster County, King and Queen County, King William County, Mathews County, Middlesex County, Northumberland County, Rappahannock Community College (Glenns and Warsaw campuses), Richmond County, Westmoreland County, and West Point. NAMI Mid-Tidewater previously donated You Are Not Alone by Dr. Ken

Duckworth, NAMI medical director, to these libraries.

A FREE Online NAMI Family-to-Family class will be starting soon. Interested family members or loved ones can get more information by contacting NAMI Mid-Tidewater at namimiddidewater@gmail.com or 804-684-1480.

## Kristen Lochridge Named Gold Agent

*Contributed*

Virginia Farm Bureau Insurance has named Kristen Lochridge, a Gold Agent during its annual sales conference at Williamsburg Lodge and Conference Center, in Williamsburg, VA.

Kristen Lochridge has been recognized as a Virginia Farm Bureau 2023 Gold Agent. In her 4th year with Virginia Farm Bureau, Kristen was recognized by her peers for outstanding sales and service to her members. "Kristen excels at ensuring her members in King William understand and have the insurance coverage they need. We are fortunate to have Kristen representing Virginia Farm Bureau Insurance and congratulate her on this achievement," says Ray Leonard, VP of Sales.



*Kristen Lochridge*

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## Students' Water Consumption

Contributed by Y Street Media

King William County— Students in King William County are seeing significant, healthy changes this new year. King William County Public Schools has made important updates to its School Wellness Policy to ensure students have increased access to water throughout the school day. This change will undoubtedly have a positive impact on the health and well-being of students throughout the division and their overall academic success, with 2,106 students covered under the policy revision and having access to the support they need to stay hydrated during the day. By prioritizing the well-being of its students, King William County Public Schools is setting a great example for other school divisions to follow.

This updated policy was developed in collaboration with Rev Your Bev, the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth's (VFHY) healthy hydration campaign, and its statewide, award-winning high school program, Y Street. Research has consistently proven that water is the healthiest beverage choice as it acts as fuel for your body. Since 2013, Rev Your Bev and Y Street have devoted and sustained efforts to spread healthy hydration messages to help individuals make drinking water a habit and improve Virginians' overall health. King William County Public Schools' revised wellness policy now aligns more with Rev Your Bev's best practices. The revised policy emphasizes water as an essential nutrient, encourages role modeling of positive hydration behaviors, and expands access to free, safe drinking water to include high-traffic areas and times before, during, and after school. Additionally, it allows students to carry approved water bottles, further promoting

hydration throughout the day.

VFHY and Y Street are committed to supporting Virginia school divisions' efforts to maintain a positive, healthy learning environment and serve as a resource for Virginia schools. "The Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth is thrilled to have King William County Public Schools join as a partner to support healthy hydration. Adequate water consumption is a great habit for youth to develop and a key component to creating positive health outcomes," said Executive Director Marty Kilgore.

The impact of the updated policy is expected to increase students' water consumption and promote positive, healthy hydration. Henry County Public Schools joins the growing list of divisions with comprehensive wellness policies prioritizing water access and promotion, becoming Rev Your Bev's 24th partner. "King William County Public Schools is pleased to partner with the "Rev Your Bev" initiative to promote hydration in all of our schools. Our partnership will bring various resources to help encourage students and staff to drink water throughout the day as an important part of maintaining the overall health and wellness in our schools. Unfortunately, many people do not consume enough water, and we believe that instilling good habits in our students now will be beneficial throughout their lives." says Sherri Harris, Director of School Nutrition at King William County Public Schools.

King William County Public Schools will receive free resources such as water bottles from VFHY as part of its partnership with Rev Your Bev to support the division in implementing its updated policy.

## Teacher of the Year 2025-2026 for KQCPS



Harvey, Jenkins, Carter

King and Queen County Public Schools (KQCPS) are proud to announce Mrs. Erica Jenkins as the division Teacher of the Year 2025-2026 for KQCPS. She was nominated by her peers to serve as the Teacher of the Year for King and Queen Elementary School (KQES). Upon receiving that recognition, she was selected by a committee to represent KQCPS.

Mrs. Jenkins is completing her 5th year of teaching and she currently teaches the Virginia Preschool Initiative (4 year olds) at KQES and previously she taught first grade. She serves as

a leader for the New Teacher Mentor program, Equity Committee, Restorative Practice, English as a Second Language, and Building a More Inclusive Community.

Mrs. Jenkins states, "One of the most pressing issues facing public education today is school discipline. Parental involvement is a crucial factor in setting expectations for respect, accountability, and emotional regulation. Families that model positive behaviors, prioritize communication, and establish routines provide children with the foundation they need to succeed."

## Speed Dating Event - Dating IRL! (In Real Life)

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If both participants choose one another the host will notify each person of their matches within 24 hours of the event. Pre-registration & payment is REQUIRED for this fun event. Space is limited for this event, sign up now!

Cost: \$20.00 per participant, non-refundable, paid in advance. PayPal or Cash App. A disclaimer form is required to participate, which will be provided at the event. Check-in at 12:30 PM, Starts at 1:00 PM Drink and food specials. Come, meet a new friend and have FUN! To register call or text Missy at 804-241-5197 Email: believeamore@gmail.com

## Aylett Country Day School Honor and Merit Roll

Mrs. Tara Garner, Head of School at Aylett Country Day School, is pleased to announce the names of students in grades four through eight who have shown outstanding academic achievement for the 1st trimester of the 2025 school year.

Students earning Honor Roll status, all A's, for the 1st trimester are:

- Grade 4: Eli Atkins, Jack Fowler, Akshara Kadimcherla, and Hudson Sgroi
- Grade 5: Jaxson Holmes and Sutton Thrift
- Grade 6: Abigail Ambrose, Waylon Edwards, Michaela Hall, Jeremiah Small, and Katherine Wechsler
- Grade 7: Chesley Brooks, Megan Copeland, Ashleigh Dilworth, Sydney Hundley, Hadleigh Keeton, Cameron Moore, and Carter Smith
- Grade 8: Emma Fowler and Grace Lam

Grade 4: Sadie Atkins, Gabe Broadus, Sawyer Clark, Nora Ginn, Jessa Lochridge, Jade Small, Henry Underwood, Elea Wise, and Ellie Wolford

Grade 5: Ann Layton Gawen, Maisie Olten, Easton Robinson, Dylan Spivey, Lauren Sprouse, Lily Thurston, and Gray Wells

Grade 6: Xander Bradshaw, Regina Carson, Drew Clarke, Scarlett Doig, Joslyn Earhart, Colby Hansen, Willow Jones, Barrett Keeton, Weston Parker, Easton Townsend, and Abigail Wolford

Grade 7: Isabella Bevard, Harper Boyle, Gracie Fisher, Blake Kosek, Bryce Matthews, Madison Mundie, Hudson Warren, and Eli Wise

Grade 8: Cason Chilton, Aurora Cox, Abigail Earhart, Tripp Ellis, Chandler Eubank, Kate Gillions, Mason Johnson, Kailey Seal, Kinley Seal, and Tinsley Yelinek

Merit Roll (A's and B's) students for the 1st trimester are:

## PUBLIC HEARING

The King and Queen School Board will hold a Public Hearing on the 2025-2026 School Board Budget.

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

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For questions regarding the scholarship or for assistance submitting the application, email [CourtHousePlayersScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:CourtHousePlayersScholarship@gmail.com) or contact Lara Emerson at 904-887-0614.

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## BOS, continued from front page

Jay Sanudo, representing the firm of Farmer, Robinson, Cox, and Associates, the county's financial management firm, presented the County's Annual Finance Report. Sanudo found some deficiencies and material weaknesses in the FY2024 audit. He was concerned at first but now says it is much better. One of the problems was that the finance department experienced a lot of turnovers last year. The department needed stability. He now thinks the finance department is on the right track. Last year Finance Director David Wilson hinted at the possible removal of Farmer, Robinson, and Cox, but now says the relationship between the firm and county is much better.

In public hearing matters, Planning Department spokesperson, Joyce Wolfe, presented proposed amendments to the Cluster Ordinance and Farm Housing Ordinance. During the public hearing on the Farm Housing Ordinance, King William resident Chris Couch spoke, asking among other things how the minimum 50-acre requirement was arrived at. Supervisors unanimously approved both amendments to the ordinances. Also, conditional use permits for Horn Quarter Farm and Queenfield Golf Club were unanimously approved.

Six people spoke during the public comment period on topics ranging from the renewal of the law enforcement contract between the county and the Town of West Point, possible Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) violations, the lack of transparency, financial management issues, and no explanation for the recent approval of Zebulon's Grotto Campground's conditional use

permit after it was initially denied. County Administrator Stacey Davenport discussed the need for approval of the FEMA All Hazards Mitigation Plan Service Agreement. The service agreement was unanimously approved by the supervisors.

During the supervisor comments, First District Supervisor Bill Hodges questioned Finance Director David Wilson on the recent issuance of a \$316,000 check the county wrote to the wrong agency. Wilson said he doesn't know how it happened but the error has since been corrected and the check has been returned. Second District Supervisor Ben Edwards touched on the need to resolve the law enforcement issue with the West Point Police Department. Fifth District Supervisor Mary Sue Bancroft asked Finance Director David Wilson about the status of the forensic audit of the finance department to which Wilson replied it is still ongoing. In her comments, Fourth District Supervisor Lindsay Robinson promised a county newsletter will soon be back on the County's Facebook page.

The supervisors went into a closed meeting to discuss contract negotiations with the Pamunkey Regional Library (PRL) and returned stating negotiations are still underway.

The next meeting of the King William Board of Supervisors will include budget work sessions on February 4<sup>th</sup> and February 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1 pm, followed by a regular meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 pm, all taking place at the county administration building in the courthouse complex.

## King William Democrats Host Candidate



King William Democrats with Candidate Shannon Taylor (center with black turtleneck sweater), who is a Candidate for Virginia Attorney General in the 2025 June Primaries.

Contributed by Betsy Donoghue

### Shannon Taylor

The King William Democrats hosted Shannon Taylor, Candidate for Virginia Attorney General, at their recent January meeting. Ms. Taylor is seeking the Democratic nomination for Virginia Attorney General in the Primary Election this coming June. Ms. Taylor has served as the elected Henrico County Commonwealth's Attorney since 2011 and has handled many high-profile cases since that time, as well as managing an office of over 45 attorneys.

Ms. Taylor spoke of the hate crime cases she had handled including the successful prosecution of an individual identifying as a Ku Klux Klan leader who ran over individuals engaged in a Black Lives Matter event. She believes that with stronger laws in this area, the individual would have received a sentence more

appropriate for the act of driving into a crowd.

Shannon Taylor expressed concern about recent actions by the current state administration seeking to remove access to voting. She emphasized her work to combat human trafficking and to ensure strong consumer protections for vulnerable senior citizens. She acknowledged that Virginia currently has strong protections for reproductive rights and pledges to ensure the continued protection of those rights and expansion where necessary.

Ms. Taylor answered questions from the group, which provided the group with insights on her over 20 year background as a prosecutor and some of the matters she has handled over her career. The King William Democrats appreciated her willingness to travel to King William to talk about current issues and themes of her campaign.

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### Rock Spring Baptist Church

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### Saint Paul Baptist Church

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located at 452 Walkerton Road in King William County.

### Union Hope Baptist Church

571 Union Hope Road, King William: Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 a.m. (In-person and Teleconference) Teleconference option: Phone: (774) 220-4000, PIN 57187 Follow us on Facebook: Union Hope Baptist Church, King William. The Food Bank Ministry Hours of Operation (Monthly from 1pm-3pm) Every Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

### 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

### 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

### Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Church

21076 King William rd. Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Evening Worship 6pm Wednesday Prayer 7pm. Phone 804-769-4457

### 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 McConnville. mckendree23106.org, mckendree23106@gmail.com. CARE meets the second Monday of each month until December.

### Mizpah United Methodist Church

6062 Canterbury Rd. Walkerton, Va. 23177 Service every Sunday at 11:00 with Pastor Steve Hundley All Welcome

## 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

### Hope in the Wilderness

A Day of Reflection led by Bishop Susan Goff postponed to June 1 10am – 3pm Soup and Salad Lunch St. David's Episcopal Church 11291 West River Road Aylett, VA 23009 www.stdavidsaylett.org 804-499-5940

### St. John's Episcopal Church

916 Main Street, PO Box 629, West Point. 804-843-4594. Sharing the love of Christ with each other and the world. Sunday Service at 10 am, followed by refreshments, conversation and Bible study. In person or via Zoom. 2nd & 4th Wednesday Holy Eucharist with healing prayers in Church Library at Noon. We welcomeyou! stjohnewp.org; info@stjohnswp.org

### West Point Ministers Association

### (WPMA) continues its decades-long

outreach and community-focused service in the surrounding area. Soup & Sermon during Lent, annual MLK Service, Easter Sunrise Service, WPHS Baccalaureate Service and more. The WPMA's first priority, however, is assisting area residents in need, including local students and children. For information, contact one of the 11 WPMA member faith groups. Mail contributions to West Point Ministers Association, PO Box 1139, West Point, VA 23181.

### St. Paul's Millers Tavern

7924 Richmond Highway. 804-443-2341 Sunday service 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

## LUTHERAN

## NON DENOMINATION

### Women in the Word Community Bible Study!

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



# Community Calendar

*Attention: This space is Contributed. \*Under 60 Words please. Thank you.*

**King and Queen Public Library**  
Tidewater African Culture Alliance Program- February 1<sup>st</sup> 11am Glass Bead of Life Project- February 5<sup>th</sup> 12pm (Registration Required) Rural Readers Book Club February 13<sup>th</sup> 6pm Story Time Tuesdays 11am Our events are FREE and open to the public!

**Upper King William Branch Library**

**Family Storytime** Wednesdays, Feb. 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. For ages 0-5 with caregiver. **Coloring, Coffee and Donuts** Thursday, Feb. 6, 10:30am - noon

Ages 18 and up. **Learn How to Cross-stitch** Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. (All Ages) & 5:00 - 6:30pm (Ages 18 & up) **Medicare Fraud, Abuse, and Errors** Thursday, Feb. 13, 10:30 - 11:30am Ages 18 and up.

**Questions on Medicare** Monday, Feb. 17, Noon - 1:00pm Ages 18 & up.

**Paracord Bracelet & Pizza** Monday, Feb. 17, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Ages 10-18.

**Bath Bombs** Tuesday, Feb. 18, 5:00 - 6:30pm Ages 12 and up. **Stay & Create with Playdough** Wednesday, Feb. 19, 11:15am - noon

**Marshmallow Wars** Tuesday, Feb. 25, 1:00 - 2:30pm Ages 6 and up.

**Tabletop Game Night** Tuesday, Feb. 25, 5:00 - 6:30pm All ages. **Movie Matinee: Books Turned into Movies** Thursday, Feb. 27, 10:15am - 12:15pm Ages 4-18. **The Stitching Hour** Thursday, Feb. 27, 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, Feb. 7, 14,

21, & 28, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. For ages 0-5 with caregiver. **Stay & Play** Fridays, Feb. 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11:00 a.m. - noon **Candle Making** Saturday, Feb. 8, 10:30 - 11:30am Hey Teen! Make a candle for Valentine's Day! We'll have all the supplies you need including heart shaped jars. **Origami - Welcome to the Fold!** Monday, Feb. 10, 6:00 - 7:00pm Ages 16 and up. **I'd Rather Be Reading Book Club** Wednesday, Feb 19, 11:30am - 12:30pm Ages 16 & up. **Legos** Friday, Feb. 21, 4:00 - 5:00pm Grades K-5. **Play-dough** Monday, Feb. 24, 11:00am - noon Ages 2-5. Call 804-843-3244 or visit the library at 433 12<sup>th</sup> Street 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

**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.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**King William Democrats** Join the King William Democrats at their monthly meeting on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Upper King William Library from 10:30 to noon. West Point citizens can gather at the same time at the West Point Library, and will Zoom in to the meeting and speakers. Speakers will be candidates running for state-wide offices of Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General. For more information go to kwdemocrats.org or email kwdeems@gmail.com or call 804-885-0544.

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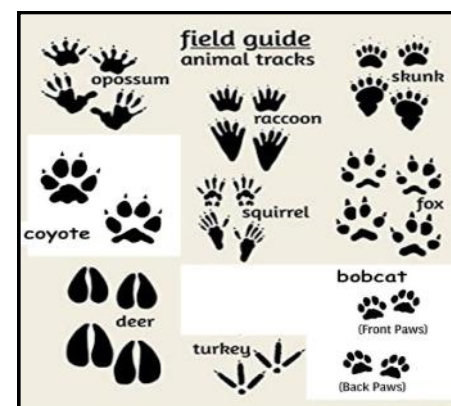
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