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## Davenport Presents Proposed FY 2025-26 Budget With 3.5 Cent Tax Increase



County Administrator Stacey Davenport presents the proposed FY 2025-26 budget to the board.

By Gene Campbell

During the March 24<sup>th</sup> King William County Board of Supervisors meeting, County Administrator Stacey Davenport presented a draft of the FY 2025-26 budget, which included a 3.5 cent increase in the real estate tax. If approved, this would increase the county's tax rate from the current \$.58 per \$100 assessed value to \$.615 per \$100 assessed value. Also included in the draft budget is a 3% salary increase for all full-time county employees. The draft budget outlines a total of \$53,663,150 in expenditures, reflecting a 7.8% increase compared to the FY 2024-25 budget. The 3.5 cent real estate tax increase is expected to generate an additional \$953,606 in revenue.

The King William School Division requested \$16.2 million in their budget proposal but received \$15.1 million (including debt service), which is \$1.1 million less than they requested and \$750,000 more than their FY 2024-25 budget. Additionally, outside agencies saw an increase in funding, receiving \$190,700 more than their previous year's budget.

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continued on page 12.

## Country Courier Recognized by the King William Board of Supervisors



Supervisors present resolution to Danny Clark and the staff of the Country Courier

By Gene Campbell

At the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the King William County Board of Supervisors, Danny Clark and the staff at the *Country Courier* were honored with a resolution of appreciation for thirty-six years of dedicated service to the residents of King William and King & Queen Counties. Published bi-weekly and at no cost to readers, the *Country Courier* newspaper has built a reputation for providing compelling local news, covering community events, and sharing heartwarming human interest and historical stories that resonate deeply with its readers.

Please see **RESOLUTION**, continued on page 12.



APFC Flyweight Champ Anthony Hall at Another Round or 2

## King William County Honors Youngest APFC Champ

Contributed by Kristi Bush

On Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> APFC Champ Austin Hall received a hero's welcome at Another Round or 2 Bar & Grill. At the age of 22, Austin Hall is the youngest APFC (Anthony Pettis Fighting Championship) Champion. On March 23<sup>rd</sup> Hall defeated Cody Linne for the Flyweight championship in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Austin's pro record is 5-0-0 (Win-Loss-Draw) in the flyweight class. Austin Hall is known as "The 'Merican Grappler".

Anthony is a King William resident and a graduate of King William High School's Class of 2021. He started his MMA journey at 7 years old with John Simons at Odyssey Martial Arts who is still his coach for his pro career.

Austin arrived at the celebration at Another Round or 2 in a limo owned by Mike Rodriguez with a police escort from the King William Sheriff's department. He was greeted by coach John Simmons, staff, and friends.

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Celebrating 300 Years



The King William County Courthouse circa 1725

By Gene Campbell

The long-awaited day we’ve all been looking forward to is nearly here! King William County is set to celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its iconic courthouse, the oldest in continuous use in the United States, this weekend, and you don’t want to miss it! On Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, the courthouse complex will be the gathering place for citizens to honor a landmark that has been a witness to significant moments in our county’s history. Since 1725, our beloved courthouse has stood as a beacon of justice for three centuries.

Prepare for a day filled with enjoyment, education, and community spirit. Festivities kick off at 10 am and continue till 4 pm, featuring a variety of activities, including games, vendor and business booths promoting their wares, guided tours of the historic museum and grounds, captivating historical reenactments and dancing, and face painting to delight the young and young at heart. At 11:30 am, a brief ceremony will be held on the main stage, where presentations will be made and community leaders and dignitaries will share their remarks and reflections. Throughout the day, food trucks will be stationed around the complex, offering delicious treats that will satisfy your taste buds as you stroll through the historic grounds, taking in the sights and sounds that will set the perfect atmosphere for this joyous and historic occasion.

This celebration is not just a tribute to the past but also a wonderful opportunity for our community to unite and strengthen the connections that bring us together. Whether you are a life-long resident of King William County or new to the area, this event truly has something for everyone. Admission is free, and everyone is welcome. Here’s to the next 300 years!

Publisher’s Message



At the last King William Board of Supervisors meeting, the board presented the *Country Courier* with Resolution 25-10. The Resolution honoring the *Country Courier* newspaper on its 36<sup>th</sup> year of service to the county. This resolution means a lot to me, something I am proud to share with all of us here at the *Country Courier*. Thanks to all who work and contribute to each issue to make this happen. The advertisers you see each week are the main reason we have been able to do this. You, the readers of each issue, are so important to us, thank you. I have so many great memories made over the past 36 years. I have been truly blessed.

Take care until next time.

*Hanny Clark*



The *Country Courier* welcomes letters from our readers, which will be published with the writer’s signature and county of residence. We accept calendar items at no charge for 60 words or less. The *Country Courier* reserves the right to edit letters and calendar items and print when space is available.

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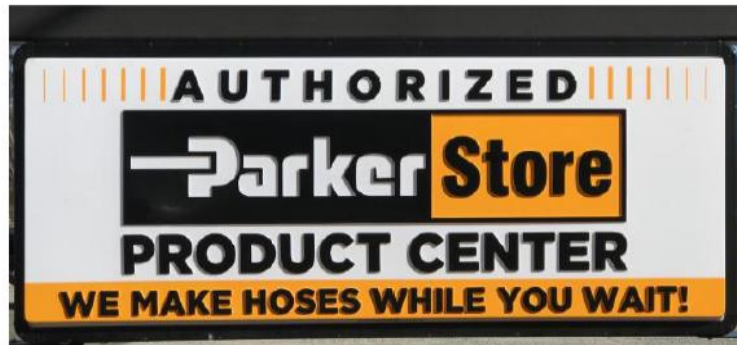
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### Tapaderos

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

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



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

Call me at 690-7870 or email me at [Allen@TwinRiversRealty.com](mailto:Allen@TwinRiversRealty.com). I'll see you on the trails.

## King William High School Turns 100



*The old King William High School built in 1925*

By Gene Campbell

As we approach the 300<sup>th</sup>-anniversary celebration of the King William County Courthouse on April 12<sup>th</sup>, we will also commemorate another significant milestone: the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of King William High School, which was built in 1925. Originally named Central High School, the 15.9 acres upon which it stands was donated by my great-grandfather, Thomas C. Commins, my mother's grandfather. He envisioned the school as a hub for education as well as a vibrant community center. It remained the center of activities for the community till it was torn down in 1978 to make way for the high school that now stands there.

Soon after its opening, the school's name was changed to King William High School, a decision that met with resistance at the time. My mother, Charlotte Commins Campbell, told me before she passed how some students protested the change by

vandalizing the name on the front of the school, crossing out "King William" and writing in "Central" instead.

The first graduating class in 1929 consisted of just eleven students. Their gift to the school was the construction of two brick columns that still stand today along Rt 30, marking the original entrance to the school. A marble plaque bearing the names of these pioneering students is affixed to the brick columns. The original high school, with its grand white columns, was located where the administrative parking lot is now situated. Oh, how I wish that old school with its beautiful white columns were still standing!

This year is particularly special for King William County as we celebrate not only the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our beloved courthouse but also the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our cherished high school, which may be gone but will never be forgotten.

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Obituaries



**ELLIOTT** On March 26, 2025, James E. Elliott (80) of King William passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by family after an extended illness. Jimmy leaves behind his loving wife of 60 years Margie Elliott. He was a devoted father of three children, Lisa (Bob) of Glen Allen, VA, Ed (Jeanette) of Fort Worth, TX and Tim (Emily) of Mechanicsville, VA. He had the privilege of being called Papa by nine grandchildren – Daniel, Rachel, Abigail, Nicholas, Patrick, Tanner, Arina, Claire and Alyssa, as well as two great grandchildren Isaac and Beau. Jimmy joins his parents James and Margaret Elliott and a sister Nancy Schwenk in heaven. As a resident of West Point, VA Jimmy was very active in the community serving as assistant scout master of the local Boy Scouts and as a deacon at First Baptist Church of West Point. For many years he volunteered on the town’s fire and rescue squads. Jimmy also was elected and served two terms on the West

Point Town Council. Jimmy enjoyed people and the outdoors. He was an avid fisherman, boater and hunter. For many years he grew a garden that would feed a neighborhood. Jimmy and Margie had a passion for travelling and RVing. This led them to many memorable adventures and new friendships. In 2017 they moved to Kennington in Aylett, VA where they quickly established valued relationships with neighbors. Jimmy and Margie moved to West Point in 1964 from Halifax, VA. Jimmy was employed as a machinist at the paper mill for his entire 40 year career. In recent years, Jimmy was a devoted member of Colosse Baptist Church where he found community and spiritual strength. His faith was an integral part of his life, guiding him through both personal and professional endeavors. The family will receive visitors at Vincent Funeral Home in West Point on Saturday March 29 from 10 am to noon. A memorial service will be held the same day at Colosse Baptist Church in King William starting at 2:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations made to the Colosse Baptist Church building fund or youth mission trip will be welcomed. Tributes may be posted at [www.vincentfh.com](http://www.vincentfh.com).

ELLIOTT



Doris Louise Elliott, 88, of King and Queen County Passed Away Sunday March 30, 2025 at her home with her loving family by her side. Doris loved crocheting, and was a long time member of Providence United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, Sarah Frances and John Robert Williams; her sister, Barbara Longest. Doris is survived by her children, Frances Mitchell (Walter), Doris Coates, Betty Hayes, Larry Elliott (Wendy), and John Elliott; ten grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; and five great- great grandchildren. Visitation will be held 6 to 8 P.M. Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at B. W. White Funeral Home, Aylett Chapel. Graveside services will be 2:00 P.M. Thursday, April 3, 2025 at Providence United Methodist Church Cemetery



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Letter to the Editor

*Can anyone explain Democrats?*

Democrats are eating their own. We questioned their logic all along but somebody needs to explain them now.

They burn up Tesla vehicles or key them down the sides while most Teslas are owned by fellow liberals because their political party told them it would save the planet. Now, they are trying to destroy Tesla Corporation when many blue states and labor unions are heavily invested in Tesla stock. Does that make any sense?

One minute Elon is their darling and the next minute, they want to destroy him. Now they hate Musk because he was tasked by President Trump to look into federal waste and fraud? Now they LOVE waste and fraud? Or is it because their hatred for Trump is so boiling over with rage that nothing will ever be ok in their eyes? Yup, bingo.

It matters not that Musk developed brain implants to help paraplegics, robots which reduce very difficult work loads, rockets that successfully return to earth when Biden ignored the stranded astronauts, and he is working on joining quantum computing with AI to vastly improve the speed and accuracy of medical research to benefit all of us.

It seems to only matter who or what they hate at any moment in time....or are taught and driven to hate by their handlers in the mainstream media with their Democrat party queens and kings.

Love....hate.....it looks to be emotionally exhausting to be a Democrat. No wonder they are cussing so much now.

Susan Guillotte  
Jamaica



**Letters to the Editor**

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## Brave like Ruby

Contributed by Carol Carter

King and Queen County Public Schools observed Black History Month in many venues. Lawson Marriott Elementary School (LMES) 2nd and 3rd grade students read *I am Ruby Bridges* written by Ruby Bridges. After the students read this book they completed an activity titled, "Brave Like Ruby". Our own LMES student, Denver Reynolds, portrayed Ruby Bridges in our Wax Museum and she memorized her reading and quoted it perfectly at the King and Queen County School Board meeting on March 19, 2024.



Denver Reynolds

Ruby Bridges stated, "Don't follow the path. Go where there is no path and begin the trail." Ruby Bridges was born on September 8, 1954, to Abon and Lucille Bridges, who had married in 1953 and lived in Tylertown, Mississippi. Abon was a veteran of the Korean War and worked as a mechanic. His wife, Lucille, worked in domestic work. When Ruby turned two, her family moved to New Orleans, Louisiana, wanting better jobs and a higher quality education for their children. This move was in a pivotal moment in public education being the same year the U.S. Supreme Court issued its landmark decision in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas*, which declared racial segregation in public schools unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court ruled that "separate educational facilities are inherently

unequal," (Library of Congress 2004). This decision required all schools to desegregate, providing African American students with the opportunity to attend what were once all-white institutions.

Even with the ruling *Brown v. Board, Louisiana* struggled to enact integration. It was not until November 14, 1960, that Louisiana schools began to desegregate due to an official order by Federal Judge Skelly Wright (Norman Rockwell Museum n.d.). Bridges' opportunity to attend William Frantz Elementary School as a first grader came at the request of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). The NAACP worked tirelessly to eliminate the legal obstacles that upheld public-school segregation. *See page 8*

## Middle Peninsula House and Garden Tour



Contributed

Friday May 2, in Middlesex County  
Hosted by the Garden Club of the Middle Peninsula

The gardens and dock at Providence, in Deltaville, will be one of the six featured properties on this year's house and garden tour on Friday May 2, 2025, hosted by the Garden Club of the Middle Peninsula. The six properties, situated along the Rappahannock and Piankatank rivers, collectively span four centuries, and represent the history, river culture, and beautiful gardens of Middlesex County. This will be the only Friday tour in the area during the Garden Club of Virginia's Historic Garden Week, April 26 through May 3, 2025.

"Our club members are excited to have the tour back in our county after being cancelled four years ago because of COVID," remarks tour Co-Chair Karen Bowman. The last tour in Middlesex was in 2016. The Garden Club of the Middle Peninsula tour rotates annually between the four member counties: Essex, Middlesex, King and Queen, and King William.

*Providence Gardens and Dock*

Willow Oaks line the walkway and driveway to Providence, a house built in 1760 that has been lovingly restored and expanded by the current owners. Located on the Piankatank River, Providence sits on 15 acres of groomed woodlands and open fields. Over the last twenty plus years, the homeowners have painstakingly added gardens that embrace both the sun and shade. Enjoy a stroll through the gardens and wind your way down to the dock to visit the Luna.

The Luna, a replica of an 18th century Chesapeake Bay cargo sloop, will be docked with its crew at the Providence port. Ships like this one were commonly used in the 18th century on the Chesapeake Bay to transport visitors, cargo and the news of the day to the many coastal homes and villages along the Rappahannock and Piankatank Rivers.

Two other properties on the tour are also located in Deltaville. Cupalow is an 1867 farmhouse surrounded by well-loved gardens on four acres that occupies a high vantage point over the river. This century-and-a-half old house, featuring two large porches, is constructed of rough sawed lumber lapped with large timbers. Ceilings are tongue and groove beadboard with center ornamentation. The owner's love of gardening is apparent by the beautiful perennial beds that surround the house and offer views from every window. Chickens and beehives share the vast yard that has a lovely pool for hot summer days.



Sans Souci is a two-story farmhouse built in 1840 with original pine plank flooring. Updated for modern living in 2000, two wings and a loggia were added connecting the original structure with the outside. The house showcases antiques revered and handed down for generations. It is the perfect setting for sailing and capturing beautiful views of both Moore's Creek and the Piankatank River. Native plants and fruit trees provide an alluring entrance to the property while gracious magnolias hold court near the river.

The three other properties on tour will be featured in a future article. They are Falling Tide in Deltaville, a two-story coastal home built in 2020 on a 3-acre point that represents the essence of river living. Regent Cottage in Topping, is a nautical Craftsman-style house with beautiful gardens. The Corner in Wake, is a lovely Dutch Colonial house surrounded by extensive gardens with an array of both sun and shade plants that can be seen from each vantage point in the house.

The tour will operate 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Tickets are \$40 in advance or \$50 on the day of the tour. Box lunches, catered by Delta Pie, are available by advance purchase for \$20.00. Orders must be placed by April 15 at [www.lowerumc.org](http://www.lowerumc.org) or by sending payment to Lower United Methodist Church, PO Box 98, Hartfield, VA 23071. Pre-paid lunches may be picked up at Tour Headquarters, Lower United Methodist Church located at Lower United Methodist Church 120 Lower Church from 10 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

For more information about the Middle Peninsula tour and to purchase tickets please visit [middlepeninsula@vagardenweek.org](mailto:middlepeninsula@vagardenweek.org). Tickets and information may also be found at [www.vagardenweek.org](http://www.vagardenweek.org) for this and all the tours offered during the Garden Club of Virginia's Historic Garden Week. Proceeds from Historic Garden Week fund the restoration and preservation of Virginia's historic public gardens and provide graduate level research fellowships.

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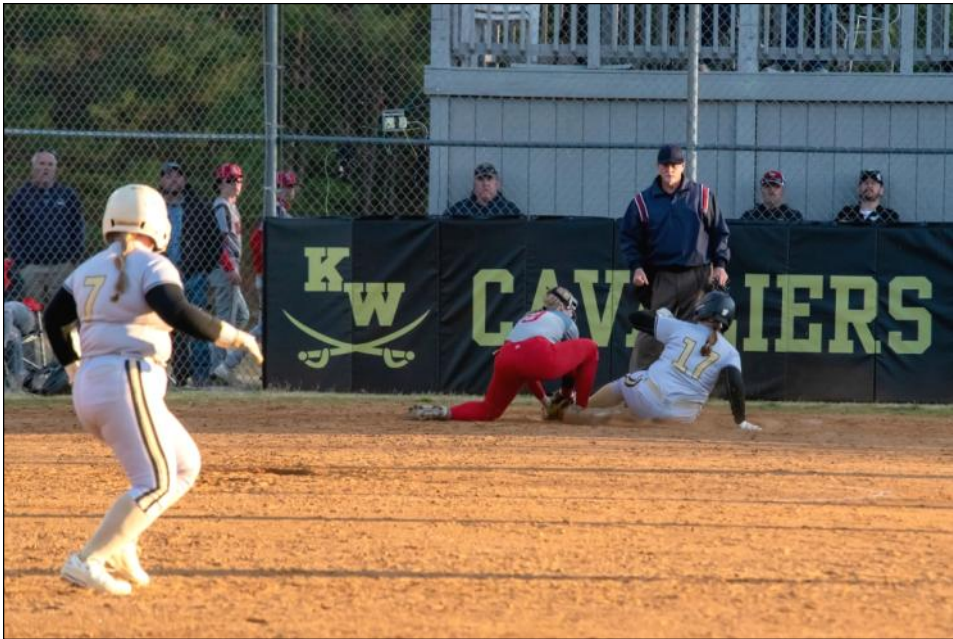
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Lady Cavs pitcher Jillian Smith #17 scoring a run early in the game



Cavalier double play duo Brandon Seal #3 and Jack Longest #9 double up the Raiders

By Gene Campbell

On March 27<sup>th</sup>, it was a tale of two contrasting outcomes on the diamond as the King William varsity baseball and softball teams took on the visiting Rappahannock Raiders. The boys' varsity team suffered a heartbreaking 1-0 defeat. Despite a stellar performance featuring no-hit pitching for five innings from Cavalier

starter Andrew Lee and two innings from reliever Daniel Burton, one critical mistake late in the game proved costly. The Raiders scored their only run when a misplay allowed a runner from third base to cross home plate. Lee recorded six strikeouts, while Burton added four in their combined no-hitter effort. Burton also led the team offensively with two hits. Across the field in the valley, the varsity

Lady Cavs displayed their talent and strength in a dominant performance against the Raiders, winning decisively with a score of 12-2. Jillian Smith pitched five innings, allowing only three hits and one run while striking out six batters. She also shone at the plate, contributing two hits and five RBIs. The Lady Cavs gathered a total of 11 hits, with Addie Kirby, Olivia Unser, and Payton Lewis each contributing

multiple hits to the offensive effort. In junior varsity action, the boys lost a close game 4-3, while the junior varsity girls fell 3-1. Though the season is just getting underway, there's much promise for the Cavaliers. Come out and support your hometown heroes. Special THANKS to Steve Walton for the stats. GO CAVS!

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## Renowned Speaker and Artist Visits Historic King William Church

Contributed by Joshua Lewis

On Sunday March 30, Jerusalem Christian Church hosted George Dennehy to a packed house for their "Family and Friends" service. George is not only a popular preacher, song writer, and musician, he was born without arms.

George was born in Romania and abandoned to an orphanage due to his disability. As a result of the cultural assumptions at the time, the Romanian community believed that the armless baby

was cursed. The presiding physician of the orphanage placed a death certificate on his crib, signed it, and left the date empty believing that the young child would soon die.

His story took an unexpected turn when a couple from Ashland, Virginia located George in the Romanian orphanage and chose to adopt him. As a result of the severe neglect that he had experienced in Europe, at 20 months old George was hairless, toothless, and weighed only nine

pounds.

To hear George's story one learns of a life that was filled with hard times, tears, confusion, bullying, and questions without answers. Yet, his parents believed that God had a special plan for George and put him in cello lessons as a child where George learned to play the stringed instrument with his feet. In high school George took up the guitar which opened a door for him to perform the Grammy nominated song "Iris" with the rock band Goo Goo Dolls in 2012.

King William native, Joshua Lewis, pastor of Jerusalem Christian Church, met George's mother with his work in foster care and felt strongly that George needed to be introduced to his church. "George's testimony is remarkable in a thousand different ways. His life is an example of the power of transformation that can take place when we show God's love to those that others have given up on. Our church embraces that biblical principle and George's ministry reinforced that mission to our members and guests," Rev. Lewis stated.

Besides sharing his testimony at Jerusalem Christian Church, George played the guitar with his feet and sang several worship songs. A video recording of him singing and playing his original song, "Not Abandoned" at Jerusalem Christian Church, has garnered over 7 million views on TiKTok and Instagram in just days. George Dennehy said "It was an



George Dennehy performing at church

absolute joy to worship at Jerusalem Christian Church. Their kindness, warmth, and welcoming spirit made my visit a memorable one. It was a complete surprise when a video of one of my songs from that service gained over 7 million views! You never know what can happen when we serve God with a joyous heart!"

You can learn more about George Dennehy by visiting his site at [www.thatarmlessguy.com](http://www.thatarmlessguy.com) or Jerusalem Christian Church at [JerusalemCC.com](http://JerusalemCC.com).

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Nestlé Purina Delivers \$25,000 to Hanover and King William Habitat for Humanity to Support Critical Home Repairs



left to right: Yuxiang Lai, Purina HR Manager; Mackenzie Browning, Purina Factory Manager; Morgan Dean, Executive Director, Hanover and King William Habitat for Humanity; Marie

Contributed

KING WILLIAM, VA. (April 3, 2025) – Team members from Nestlé Purina’s King William factory recently presented a \$25,000 donation to the Hanover and King William Habitat for Humanity to support its critical repair program, which addresses health and safety needs in existing homes—benefiting many seniors living on fixed incomes in King William County. The donation was made possible through the Purina Trust Fund, which supports organizations that positively impact the communities in which Purina operates. For over 30 years, Hanover and King William Habitat for Humanity has brought people together to build homes, communities and hope, with a vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Their critical repair program typically includes roof, plumbing, HVAC, floor, window, door and water heater replacements or repairs. “At Purina, we’re just as passionate about supporting the communities we serve as we are about crafting the highest quality pet products,” said Mackenzie Browning, Purina King William factory manager. “We are thrilled to present Hanover and King William Habitat for Humanity with a Purina Trust Fund grant and continue our partnership in the community.”

Because affordable senior housing is limited, many older adults in the community are aging in place in long-term homes. With support from the Purina King William factory, Hanover and King William Habitat for Humanity is helping improve living conditions for local seniors – creating safer, healthier spaces that support their well-being. “We are honored to accept this donation from Purina as it will help us continue to make a difference in the lives of seniors and other vulnerable groups in our community,” said Morgan Dean, executive director of Hanover and King William Habitat for Humanity. “Purina’s investment in our organization will have a tremendous impact and will contribute to a thriving environment for people and pets. We look forward to using the funds to improve the safety and stability of homes in our community.” The Purina King William factory opened its doors in 1997 and employs over 300 local associates, producing the popular Tidy Cats brand of litter. Over the past five years, Purina has donated more than \$150 million to organizations that are dedicated to making a positive impact for pets, people and the planet. To learn more about causes Purina supports, visit [purina.com/partnerships](http://purina.com/partnerships).

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Resolution, continued from front page

Not all county departments received the full funding they requested.

In the proposed budget, Davenport also recommended hiring 20 new full-time employees, which includes five new deputies, one animal control officer, two new dispatchers, and seven new firefighters. Other new positions included a human resource specialist, a finance department grant writer, a public safety IT technician, and a part-time employee in the juvenile justice department. The creation of these new positions depends on the approval of the 3.5 cent tax hike, although this increase can be adjusted based on the number of hires made.

In other business, the board presented Danny Clark, owner of the *Country Courier*, and his staff with a resolution of appreciation for his thirty-six years of service to the community. There were no comments from citizens during the public comment period. During the supervisor comments, Fourth District Supervisor Lindsay Robinson reported on her recent tour of the King William Recreation Park off Rt 30, highlighting ongoing drainage issues. She noted that a contractor has volunteered his time and labor to assist with solutions if the county can provide necessary materials such as pipe and gravel. Robinson estimated the costs for these materials to range between \$6,000

and \$9,000. The supervisors authorized the county staff to collaborate with the King William Little League on repairs and present a cost proposal.

In her closing remarks, Davenport reminded everyone that the 300<sup>th</sup> Courthouse celebration is Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. She also informed the board that painting of the new water tank on Manfield Road (Rt 605) is set to begin in mid-April, with substantial completion expected by July. Additionally, she announced that the WaWa at the corner of Rt 30 and Rt 360 will start “vertical construction” in mid-April with a projected completion date in August.

The next meeting of the King William County Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:30 pm in the Administration Bldg. in the courthouse complex at 180 Horse Landing Road.



Thirty-six years ago, Danny Clark made a life-changing decision that forever changed his life. Living in Mechanicsville and working as a territorial representative for a company in Maryland, he had just relocated to King & Queen County. Growing weary of constant travel and overnight stays on the road, he noticed a gap in local media: there was no newspaper covering the 360 corridors from Mechanicsville to Tappahannock. Recognizing this as a prime opportunity for a local newspaper and with the support of local businesses, Danny launched the first edition of the *Country Courier* on September 20, 1989.....and the rest, as they say, is history.

Fast forward almost thirty-six years, the *Country Courier's* bi-weekly circulation to homes and businesses in King William and King & Queen counties has grown to over 8,500 newspapers. Throughout the years, as circulation expanded, Danny has fostered strong relationships with his readers and local businesses, actively participating in community events and attending important meetings. Danny emphasizes that a successful newspaper is built upon a dedicated and skilled team. His team includes his sister, Julie Clark Minor, Editor; his wife, Gail Clark, Office Manager; Armistead Staffer, Technical

Consultant; Ryan Lumpkin and Donald Sapien, Distribution Managers; Equine Talk Writer Allen Brintley; and yours truly, a Contributing Writer.

Danny reflects, “This has been so rewarding for me in so many ways. I have met so many wonderful people who have given me encouragement and advice throughout the years. I’m truly blessed to have had the right people at the right time, making this dream a reality.”

In 2023, the *Country Courier* received the Media Honor Roll Award from the Virginia School Board Association, further solidifying its role as a vital source of news and connection for the community.

Many thanks to Robert “Sarge” Bruce for his encouragement and support.



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
KING AND QUEEN COUNTY PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET**

Pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-2506, the King and Queen County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Courtroom at the Courts and Administration Building, 242 Allen's Circle, King and Queen Court House, Virginia 23085, to receive public comment regarding the proposed fiscal year 2026 budget. A brief synopsis of the proposed budget is set forth below: a full copy of the proposed budget is available at the office of the county administrator, 242 Allen's Circle, Suite L, King and Queen Court House, and at the King and Queen County Public Library, 396 Newtown Road, St. Stephens Church, Virginia.

**TOTAL FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET \$36,746,761**

<b>GENERAL FUND REVENUE</b>		<b>GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	
Real Estate Taxes	\$6,881,564	General Administration	\$3,926,071
Personal Property Taxes	\$3,036,863	Property Maintenance	\$539,901
Manufactured Homes	\$44,738	Economic Development	\$157,204
Machinery & Tools	\$506,164	Courts/Court Services	\$609,012
Merchant's Capital	\$57,992	Emergency Services	\$3,556,249
Penalties and Interest	\$145,000	Sheriff	\$2,954,300
Other Local Taxes	\$631,000	Other Constitutional Officers/Elections	\$1,102,716
Recordation Taxes	\$75,000	Solid Waste	\$756,599
Licenses, Permits, Fees	\$349,900	Regional Jail	\$703,753
Fines, Forfeitures	\$229,500	Airport Authority	\$96,000
Use of Money, Property	\$4,500,890	Animal Shelter	\$220,061
Rescue Services, Radio System	\$490,000	Other Community Agencies	\$333,577
Recovered Costs, Miscellaneous	\$39,500	Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	\$5,530,000
Commonwealth of Virginia	\$3,031,216	Transfer to Social Services Fund	\$459,863
Federal Government	\$31,500	Transfer to CSA Fund	\$320,000
Transfer from General Fund Reserve	\$5,917,802	Transfer to CSA Administration Fund	\$6,147
		Transfer to School Fund	\$4,367,176
		Transfer to School Capital Projects Fund	\$165,000
		Transfer to Landfill Contingency Fund	\$165,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,968,629</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,968,629</b>
<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND REVENUE</b>		<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	
Transfer from General Fund	\$5,530,000	Real Property Construction	\$4,500,000
Grants	\$0	Real Property Maintenance/Repairs	\$120,000
		Equipment Replacement	\$75,000
		Vehicle Replacement	\$835,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,530,000</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,530,000</b>
<b>SOCIAL SERVICES FUND REVENUE</b>		<b>SOCIAL SERVICES FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	
Transfer from General Fund	\$459,863	Program Expenditures	\$2,177,775
State and Federal Funding	\$1,717,912		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,177,775</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,177,775</b>
<b>CSA FUND REVENUE</b>		<b>CSA FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	
Transfer from General Fund	\$320,000	Program Expenditures	\$1,000,000
Commonwealth of Virginia	\$680,000		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>CSA ADMINISTRATION FUND REVENUE</b>		<b>CSA ADMINISTRATION FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	
Transfer from General Fund	\$6,147	Program Expenditures	\$19,552
Commonwealth of Virginia	\$13,405		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,552</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,552</b>
<b>SCHOOL FUND REVENUE</b>		<b>SCHOOL FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	
Transfer from General Fund	\$4,367,176	Instruction	\$8,119,207
Commonwealth of Virginia	\$6,878,513	Administration/Attendance/Health	\$1,023,842
Federal Government	\$731,807	Transportation	\$1,053,080
Other Sources	\$32,500	Operation/Maintenance	\$1,211,616
		Technology	\$602,251
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,009,996</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,009,996</b>
<b>SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE FUND REVENUE</b>		<b>SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	
Local Sales	\$65,325	Food Services	\$595,640
Commonwealth of Virginia	\$9,315		
Federal Government	\$521,000		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$595,640</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$595,640</b>
<b>SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND REVENUE</b>		<b>SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	
Transfer from General Fund	\$165,000	School Bus	\$165,000
State Grant Revenue	\$2,000,000	School Construction	\$2,000,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,165,000</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,165,000</b>
<b>COURT SECURITY FUND REVENUE</b>		<b>COURT SECURITY FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	
Use of Fund Balance	\$ 13,355	Court Security	75,355
Court Security Fees	\$ 75,000	Uniforms and Equipment	\$13,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$88,355</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$88,355</b>
<b>LANDFILL CONTINGENCY FUND REVENUE</b>		<b>LANDFILL CONTINGENCY FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	
Income from Operator	\$165,000	Professional Services	\$165,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$165,000</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$165,000</b>
<b>E-SUMMONS FUND REVENUE</b>		<b>E-SUMMONS FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	
Use of Fund Balance	\$ 25,000	Program Expenses	\$40,000
Court Fees	\$ 15,000		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>



## Ruby, continued from page 8

The schools became aware of Ruby when they discovered she was one of six children who passed the required entrance exams. These exams aimed to see which African American students could succeed within all-white institutions. Bridges’ father was said to be reluctant, but her mother was eager for her daughter to have this opportunity. Lucille’s mother and father did not have the opportunity to receive an education, and she had to leave school in the eighth grade to assist her parents in the fields. This prompted her to encourage Ruby to pursue an education, no matter the many trials that lay ahead. With this decision, Bridges became a trailblazer at just the age of six as the first African American child in the South to attend an all-white elementary school.

Bridges was let into the school and taken to the principal’s office immediately. She recalls that, “The crowd that was outside, they immediately rushed in behind me. They started to run into every class, and they took every child out of school. So, by the end of that day, 500 kids...were taken out”. She mused that her entire first day was spent in the principal’s office. (Bridges, 2024). Ruby Bridges has always been a civil rights advocate, with her experience as the first African American child to enter an all-white school in the South making her a household



Denver Reynolds

name. Though her experience in school was disturbing due to obvious racism and the targeting of her family, Bridges never missed a day of school. She had her mother pack her lunches because she only wanted to eat food prepared from home due to threats of poisoning her food.

In 2021, Ruby Bridges quotes, “All of us are standing on someone else’s shoulders. Someone else that opened the door and paved the way. And so, we have to understand that we cannot give up the fight, whether we see the fruits of our labor or not. You have a responsibility to open the door to keep this moving forward.

## King and Queen Schools Spelling Bee



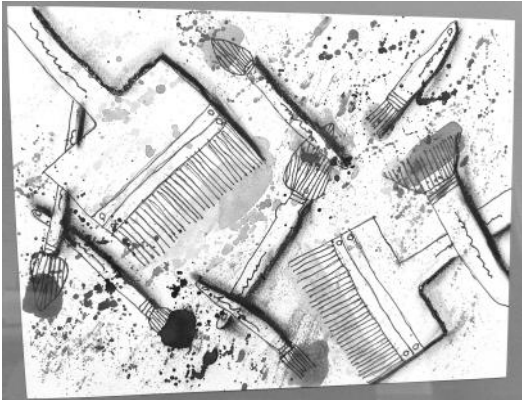
Contributed by Carol Carter

King and Queen County Public Schools are proud to announce Tristan Hite, King and Queen Elementary School 6th grader, as the Spelling Bee champion. The runner-up was is Andrew Bowers from Central High Middle School. A special thank you to Meredith Kesling for organizing the Spelling Bee.



Meredith Kesling and Tristan Hite

## Eastern Art Forum



Brendon Andrews



Johnae Brown

King and Queen County Public Schools Brendon Andrews won 2nd place at the participated in the Eastern Art Forum elementary level and Johnae Brown won representing Region III consisting of 14 3rd place at the middle school counties. Each county sent an elementary, level. Students were recognized at the middle and high school sample of art March School Board meeting on March work. There was a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place 19th. at each level. King and Queen Elementary

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# Lawson Marriott Elementary Math Carnival

Contributed by Carol Carter

Lawson Marriott Elementary School (LMES) hosted their first Math Carnival and students had a blast! Our very own Mrs. Latimer, teacher, worked tirelessly to plan and organize a fun Standards of Learning (SOL) prep game day for our 3rd through 6th graders. Her plan was executed beautifully and we are grateful for her efforts. Parents, community members, and staff volunteered to help students sharpen their Math skills before we test in April. Students were engaged and found out that Math is actually fun! Great things are always happening at LMES and we are so thankful for the endless support.



## King and Queen Elementary School

**Honor Roll for Third Quarter**  
Principal: Mack Harvey

*First Grade- Teacher-Mrs. Donna Fuller-Corleone*  
Principal's List-  
Mariah Benefield  
Marley Gardner  
Kingsleigh Solada  
Honor Roll-  
Isabella Murphy  
Kasen Smith  
Ariana Ortiz-Padilla  
Finnian Jefferds  
*Second Grade-Teacher-Mrs. Michelle Herring*  
Principal's List-  
Jamison Freeman  
Wyatt Moody  
Rilee Morgan  
Honor Roll-  
Lorenzo Brooken  
Elaina Darnell  
Emma Foster  
Bria Hickman  
Adrian Ortiz Padilla  
Zayden Richardson  
Emiliano Santizo Mejia  
Julian Santizo-Santizo  
Malachi Wilson  
*Third Grade-Teacher-Ms. Cassie Temple*  
Principal's List-  
Amelia Hill  
Honor Roll-  
Jaxson Fisher  
Dakota Johnson  
Jaxson Greene

*Third Grade-Teacher-Mrs. Jessica Harper*  
Principal's List-  
Bentley Toombs  
Jaxson Hirschberg  
Honor Roll-  
Jaliyah Waller  
Taliyah Johnson  
*Fourth Grade-Teacher-Ms. Andrea Hardy*  
Principal's List-  
Estella Claros  
Rebecca Sebatumitsi  
Honor Roll-  
Brendon Andrews  
*Fifth Grade-Teacher-Ms.Rachelle Pohlman*  
Principal's List-  
Angel Garlic  
Genesis Gonzalez  
Honor Roll-  
Hunter Andrews  
Adisyn Dean  
Jayden Fox  
Owen Shiflet  
Micah Watts  
*Sixth Grade-Teacher-Mrs. Kathryn Shifflett*  
Principal's List-  
Michael Fuller- Corleone  
Honor Roll-  
Jayden Asher  
John Clark  
Ethan Alsop  
Tristan Hite  
Maylee Schaub  
Kaydence Hill  
Jordan Batley

# Safety Initiative Launched to Prevent Accidents Involving Farm Equipment This Spring

RICHMOND—Spring is when drivers will be sharing the road with farmers moving oversize equipment. And when normal traffic meets up with larger, slower vehicles, there’s an increased risk of accidents.

That is one of the reasons the Virginia Farm Bureau Farm Safety Program started a new initiative—Safety Awareness for Farm Equipment on Roadways, or SAFER. The initiative kicked off with a contest to raise awareness of slow-moving and large farm equipment on the roadways, and the potential dangers involved in transporting them.

The Farm Bureau safety program is inviting community groups and civic and youth organizations to create visual displays depicting the size difference between farm equipment and regular vehicles. The goal is to have displays in high-traffic public areas that will help make drivers more aware of farm equipment on the roadways. “If you can’t see a farmer, then they can’t see you,” noted Matt Nuckols, chair of Farm Bureau Farm Safety Advisory Committee. “And besides, it’s illegal to pass on a roadway with a double solid line—even if the driver ahead of you is going extremely slow.”

Additionally, one contest category is for educational campaigns that don’t involve a physical display, and another is for the most effective use of media channels to educate drivers about the presence of farm equipment on roadways.

The contest runs through Oct. 31, and winners will be eligible for thousands of dollars in cash prizes. For details, visit [vafb.com/Safety](http://vafb.com/Safety).

Many Virginia farmers don’t have the luxury of cultivating all their acreage on one farm. They often have to move equipment from field to field as they plant, tend and harvest crops.

Springtime in Virginia is when farmers are planting corn and soybeans while also harvesting barley, rye and wheat. Some of them also start cutting hay in May, Nuckols explained. The equipment needed for planting and harvesting includes applicators, balers, combines and sprayers, some of which can be up to 16 feet wide. When the average highway lane is 10 to 12 feet, that means there’s not much room for maneuvering.

Drivers shouldn’t assume that a farmer can pull over to let someone pass. Shoulder conditions may make it unsafe to pull heavy equipment to the side of the road. But make sure you know the farmer’s intentions before passing.

Farmers with large equipment are usually easy to spot. Virginia law requires vehicles that travel slower than 25 mph and are being driven on public roads to be equipped with rear-mounted triangular slow-moving vehicle emblems. These reflective orange signs act as a warning to approaching drivers to slow down.

Farm equipment can’t stop quickly. For example, if the equipment is traveling 15 mph, it would take a car traveling 55 mph 5 seconds to brake 300 feet—the length of a football field—to avoid a collision.

Often drivers think they can quickly pass farming equipment, but what if the farmer is planning to make a left-hand turn while you’re passing?

“It could be disastrous,” Nuckols said. “And because farm equipment is so large, the car may take the brunt of the damage.”

## KING AND QUEEN COUNTY, VIRGINIA NOTICE OF PROPOSED LOCAL TAX RATES

Pursuant to Va. Code § 58.1-3007, the Board of Supervisors of King and Queen County will, on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the King and Queen County First Floor Courtroom located in the King and Queen County Courts and Administration Building, 242 Allen’s Circle, King and Queen Court House, Virginia, hold a public hearing to consider the following proposed local tax rates for the calendar year 2025. All citizens of the County have the right to attend the hearing and share their views about the proposed tax rates subject to reasonable time limits as determined by the Board of Supervisors.

### KING AND QUEEN COUNTY CALENDAR YEAR 2025 TAX CLASSIFICATIONS AND PROPOSED RATES

Per \$100 of Assessed Value

Real Estate:	\$0.52 (.02 Increase)
Aircraft:	\$1.58 (No Increase)
Personal Property:	\$3.94 (No Increase)
Machinery and Tools:	\$1.10 (No Increase)
Merchant’s Capital:	\$0.65 (No Increase)
Manufactured Homes:	\$0.52 (.02 Increase)
Farm Machinery & Livestock:	\$1.10 (No Increase)
Public Service Corporations:	\$0.52 (.02 Increase)

The PPTRA rate for calendar year 2025 is estimated to be set at 39% to be applied as a credit for qualifying vehicles.

Authorized by Vivian R. Seay, County Administrator



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# Church Calendar

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## CHRISTIAN

### Christian Fellowship Ministries

You're welcomed to join us at 304 W. Chinquapin Rd., King William on Sundays at 11 am in the sanctuary. We will begin our 40-day Fast on March 5-April 13. Revival will be held every Wednesday-Friday throughout the Fast at 7 p.m. on Zoom - ID: 890 008 8851 Password: 6iaYfH.

### Christ Community Church

Meeting Sunday morning in the sanctuary at Beulah Church - 1539 Lewis B Puller Memorial Hwy. east, (SR 33E, Saluda 23149) PH: (804) 370-5035 Service starts at 0930. All invited to join. Family, Friends and Neighbors come worship our Lord together. We are Christ Community Church, where Christ is the center of our community!

### 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 Tom Wilburn P.O. Box 800 804-843-3185 westpointchristian.com

### One Hope Community Church

Come join us Sundays at 10:15 am for worship in a welcoming, kid-friendly environment. Coffee and light breakfast. Wednesdays - 6:30pm Awana (ages 4-12) and Teens (13+) 6:45pm Adult small groups. Like us on Facebook and be notified of upcoming events. Physical address: 186 Walnut Spring Rd, St Stephens Church 23148 Mailing address: PO Box 9, Aylett 23009 Email: onehopeva@gmail.com Pastor Joshua Brassard 804.840.4461

## BAPTIST

### Beulah Baptist Church

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

### Broadus Church Hebron Campus

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, VA, King & Queen County. Please join us for our Easter Services: Sunrise Service at 6:30 in the cemetery followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, Bible Study and Sunday School at 9 a.m., and Worship Service at 10 a.m. Community Clothes Cupboard open first Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon. Contact us at 804-769-3246.

### Colosse Baptist Church

Come worship with us this Sunday! Contemporary service 8:30 AM Sunday School

9:45 AM Traditional service 11 AM.

### Ephesus Baptist Church

32681 King William Rd PO Box 1628 West Point, VA 23181 Phone: 804-843-4806Email: ephesusbcus@gmail.com Deacon/Chaplin - Ernest Mickens 9 AM - Sunday School 10 AM - Service Third Sunday - Communion We meet all four Sundays Fifth Sunday is the Sunday School Union at one of the fifteen churches in the Pamunkey Baptist Association.

### 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, VA 23108 Pastor Terry Morrison. 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. Shacklefords 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.

### Mount Sinai Baptist Church

Aylett, Women's Day Worship Service Sunday, May 25, at 3pm. Rev. Dr. C. Diane Mosby, Pastor of Anointed New Life Baptist Church of Henrico, usher, choir and congregation as guests. Join us for refreshments at 1:30pm followed by worship service at 3pm. Let us celebrate together the important work God has done through women! Yours in Christ, Deaconess Vernell Hall, Women's Day Chairperson Dr. Charlene Gresham, Pastor Dr. Maria Harris, Associate Minister

### Olivet Baptist Church

Join us for traditional worship services 10am Sunday School Bible Studies for children and adults of all ages. 11am Worship Service each Sunday morning. A place to be with God!

### Poroporone Baptist Church

Sunday School - 9:30am Worship Service - 10:30am Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:30pm [www.facebook.com/PoroporoneBaptistChurch](http://www.facebook.com/PoroporoneBaptistChurch). Upcoming: Easter Egg Hunt! Saturday, April 12th from 11-1pm Ages 12 and under. Includes: crafts and corn dogs, chips, water, cake VBS-July 13th-18th-Lifeway's Magnified theme Register at: <https://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myEvent/?id=70384> We Invite You To Join Us!

### Revival Baptist Church

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](http://visitrevival.org)

### Rock Spring Baptist Church

4134 Manfield Road: Aylett, 23009 Rev. Pagie Hancock Pastor; Join us for Sunday School 9:15 am and Morning Worship 10:15. Hospitality team sponsoring a lunch/dinner fundraiser on Saturday, May 3, 12pm – 5pm. "Celebrate the Mom In Your Life" scheduled for Saturday, May 10, at 3:00 pm. Dinner, Live Jazz Band and Singing will be available. If you would like to purchase a ticket contact: Wanda Johnson 804-517-7843 or Deacon Carolyn Ford 804-385-5360 . See RSBC Facebook page for more details.

### Sharon Baptist Church

901 Sharon Road, King William, Va 23086, 804-769-2320 Office hours Tuesday-Friday 9am-2pm Sunday School- 9am Morning Worship 10:15 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10 am Wednesdays Youth Group 6 pm Awanas 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting 6:45 pm Easter Egg Hunt on April 13th, 1:00-3:00 pm

### Third Union Baptist Church

located at 452 Walkerton Road in King William County, invites everyone to worship with us on Sunday, April 27 at 11AM. Celebrating Pastor Rev. Dr. Wilbert D. Talley on his 53rd Pastoral Anniversary. Theme is "Faithful Through the Generations: A Legacy of Faith and Service" - 1Timothy 5:17. The Guest Preacher will be Rev. Dr. Ricardo L. Brown of Fifth Baptist Church, Richmond, VA. All welcome! We look forward to having you worship with us. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 804-769-3123 or visit us at [www.thirdunionbaptistchurch.com](http://www.thirdunionbaptistchurch.com).

### Union Hope Baptist Church

571 Union Hope Road, KW. Sunday Morning Worship 10:15a.m. (In-person and Teleconference) Teleconference option: (774) 220-4000, PIN 57187 Follow us on Facebook. Upcoming: Spring Revival (Tele-Conference only at 7:30PM) Theme: Seed Time and Harvest (Mark 4: 26-29) April 7- Bishop Carlton Johnson (Zion Branch Baptist Saluda) April 8- Pastor Alexander Parson (Mt. Olivet Baptist Barhamsville) April 9- Pastor Authur K. Roane (Eschobrook Baptist Shacklefords)

### 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

### Wavland Baptist Church

Stevensville, will celebrate Family and Friends Day, Sunday, April 20. Service begins 10:00a.m. Guest speaker for the occasion will be minister Dennis Dabney. Lunch will be served following the service. All are invited. Come and be blessed.

### 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 Rd, Aylett, 804-769-1949 Come and join us Sunday Worship at 9:00AM, Fellowship at 10:00 AM, and Sunday School at 10:30AM. Check our Facebook Page. Wesleyan Class Meetings Sunday evenings 5PM and Thursday mornings 10AM. Member of the Global Methodist Church, Pastor 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](http://mckendree23106.org), [mckendree23106@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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 welcome you! [stjohnswp.org](http://stjohnswp.org); [info@stjohnswp.org](mailto:info@stjohnswp.org)

### West Point Ministers Association (WPMA)

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. [stpaulsmillerstavern.org](http://stpaulsmillerstavern.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](mailto:mrsmelissarice@aol.com).





Community Calendar

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King and Queen County Library

April 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm Rural Readers Book Club  
April 12<sup>th</sup> 11am VMFA Print Block\* April 12<sup>th</sup> 10am AARP Tax Prep\* April 16<sup>th</sup> 1pm Connor Parish Tropical Fruits Class\* April 19<sup>th</sup> 11am Mad Science Program for Kids April 26<sup>th</sup> 11am Fat Finch Farm Flower Arranging Class\*. \*Requires Registration Call (804) 785-4425 or visit https://kingandqueen.libcal.com/

Upper King William Branch Library

Family Storytime Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. For ages 0-5 with caregiver. **Coloring, Coffee and Donuts** Thursday, April 3, 10:30am - noon Ages 18 and up. **Learn How to Cross-stitch** Tuesday, April 8, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. (All Ages) & 5:00 - 6:30pm (Ages 18 & up) **Plant and Seed Swap** Thursday, April 10, 11:00am - 1:00pm Ages 18 and up. **Jelly Bean Bridges** Tuesday, April 22, 1:00 - 2:30pm Ages 8 & up. **Tabletop Game Night** Tuesday, April 22, 5:00 - 6:30pm All ages. **The Stitching Hour** Thursday, April 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, April 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. For ages 0-5 with caregiver. **Stay & Play** Fridays, April 4, 11, 18, & 25, 11:00 a.m. - noon Meet other parents and caregivers while you watch your preschoolers play in our children's area. **Kids' Craft Club** at Saturday, April 12, 10:30 - 11:30am **I'd Rather Be Reading Book Club** Wednesday, April 16, 11:30am - 12:30pm Ages 16 & up. **Legos** Friday, April 18, 4:00 - 5:00pm Grades K-5. **Meditation: Draw Yourself Calm** Monday, April 21, 6:00 - 7:00pm **Money and Kids** Saturday, April 26, 10:30 - 11:30am Ages 6-12. **Play-dough** Monday, April 28, 11:00am - noon Ages 2-5. Call 804-843-3244 or visit the library at 433 12<sup>th</sup> Street for more information.

**Lower King & Queen Fire-EMS** Fish Fry Sat. April 12, 4-7PM Adult: \$18, 10 & Under: \$10 Eat-In or Take Out. To purchase tickets, call 804-832-8199.

Kindergarten Registration for the 2025-26 school year!

How to Register: Complete KG registration online at https://tinyurl.com/2025KWCP SKG Who: Children who will be 5 years old by 9/30/25 When: April 17th 2-6pm Questions: Cool Spring Primary (804) 769-3434 ext. 300

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

King and Queen Farm Bureau Women's Committee Ag Day Festival

Saturday, April 12 1 PM – 5 PM Aspen Grove 1393 Lewis B. Puller Memorial Hwy, Shacklefords, VA 23156 Join us for

a fun-filled day celebrating agriculture with the King and Queen Farm Bureau Women's Committee! There's something for everyone, so bring the whole family and enjoy. Questions? Please email us at: KQFBwomenscommittee@gmail.com

Three Rivers SWCD Board of Directors' Meetings

Three Rivers Soil & Water Conservation District will hold their 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

King William Democrats

Join the KW Democrats on April 12th at the 300th Anniversary of the KW Courthouse! Stop by our booth and chat a while! Our next meeting is on Saturday, April 26 from 10:30 am to Noon at the Upper King William Library AND the West Point Library. Our speaker is Elaine Walters, running for the Virginia House! kwdems@gmail.com www.kwdemocrats.org

The King & Queen Historical Society

is offering two scholarships of \$2000 each to two graduating Seniors of Central High School. The applications may be obtained from Amber Duncan, the college Coordinator. Applications are due May 1st.

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.

King William Democrats

Join KW Democrats in April. On April 12th, we will have a booth at the King William 300th Courthouse Celebration. Stop by and chat! And our next meeting will be April 26 from 10:30 to noon at BOTH the Upper King William Library AND the West Point Library! Speaker to be announced.

Email kwdems@gmail.com for more information or go to our website at kwdemocrats.org.

Aviation STEM Event

Saturday, May 17, 2025, from

9:00am – 2:00pm, we are excited to host our Free Aviation STEM Event at 1000 Airport Rd., Mattaponi, VA 23110. Our goal is to bring together communities and organizations to expose youth to STEM fields and career opportunities. More info: 908-397-9059 www.yaefwings.org FB – youthaeronauticseducationalfoundation

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

CornerStone Community Development Center, Aylett

Food Distribution - 11235 West River Road, Aylett Mobile Pantry-April 30, 11 am to 1pm. Saturday food distributions 9.30 to 11.30am. April 5, 12, 19, 26.

**The Lily Field ClothingShed** 11235 West River Road, Aylett. Open Saturdays 9.30 to 11.30am. Please don't drop off donations outside the building. Drop off Wed. mornings before 9am.

The CornerStone Free Health

Clinic 8270 Rich/Tapp Hwy. Aylett No walk in, call to register. Fish Fry/Crab Cake Fundraiser Friday, April 4, 11 am to 6pm. Dinner deal Thursday, April 10 at 6p.m. \$11 CrabCake sandwich with a choice of two sides - Order ahead and pick up at 8270 Richmond Tappahannock Hwy., Aylett. 804 769 2996. 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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### JOBS

#### AVAILABLE

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Caregiver needed King William (Walkerton area) for two male clients. Must be willing to provide total assistance.

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### WANTED

We're buying old items, Old Tools, Antiques, Military items, Fishing Equipment, Comic Books, Old Toys, Swords, Guitars & Trumpets and other Old Things. If you are cleaning out a house, shed, attic or having a yard sale **Call 804-337-5329**

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