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Bradley's to Reopen Soon



Bradley's convenient store

By Danny Clark

Spokesperson for the Jackson family, Brenda Jackson, said, "Bradley's will reopen in 30 to 45 days with a new name, completely remodeled and under new management." The store is located on route 360 at Saint Stephen's Church in King and Queen county.

Proposed Budget Under Fire – KW Supervisors Express Concerns



County Administrator Stacey Davenport presents the proposed budget and tax increase

By Gene Campbell

Public hearings on the proposed FY2025- 2026 budget and tax rate were held at the April 28th meeting of the King William County Board of Supervisors.

Please see BOS, continued on page 14.

Voices of Generosity - A Celebration of Song



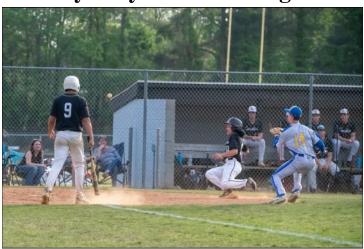
The third generation of the Dougherty family

Please see Full Story SONG, on page 15

King William Cavaliers – A Dual Dynasty in the Making



Lady Cavs Payton Lewis smacks one to deep right field



 ${\it Cavs\ Timmy\ West\ scores\ as\ teammate\ Jack\ Longest\ looks\ on}$

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Bruce Family Attends Celtic Festival



Robert (Sarge) Bruce, Seylah and Christina enjoying the day.

By Danny Clark

his granddaughter, Seylah and friend Celtic Festival May 12th. Treat yourself Christina, attending a Celtic festival April with some live music, Celtic food, games 12th. The festival was held at Patrick and so much more.

Henry's Historic home, Scotchtown. They Local residents, Robert (Sarge) Bruce, will also be attending the Montpellier

A little more persistence, a little more effort, and what seemed hopeless failure may turn to glorious success.

Elbert Hubbard



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Publisher's Message



This Sunday is Mother's Day. If you can call or visit your mom, you are truly blessed. Many of us have only memories of the person who brought us into this world. To all Mothers, you hold a special place, giving us the joy of life and the precious gift of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. From all of us here at the Country Courier, have a beautiful, blessed Mother's Day.

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Hanny Clark

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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 The head monk thanked him and sent and praised her. We worked on that a him back to work. The third year came few times each day until it was a around and he was called in again for regular routine for her. She got so his two words. The young monk said good at it that I think she wanted me to pinch her more so she could get figured as much. You've done nothing 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 Allen@TwinRiversRealty.com or call 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." "I Quit!" The head monk said "I but complain since you've been here!"

You can contact me at 690-7870. I'll see you on the trails.



Willie Rogers Celebrates 90th Birthday





Thanks be to God on April 19, 2025, we nephews, and friends, also joined the celebrated Willie Rogers' 90th birthday, celebration. Special thanks to Pat and organized by his sister, Helen Banks. Sherman Wynn and Horace Briggs for Attendees included his daughter Martha assisting with the food, Arnold Banks for Banks, grandchildren LaMonica Banks, his grilling skills, and playing the music. James Banks Jr. (Goldie), Bryant Banks We appreciate the help from Anthony (Jessica), Lamont Banks (Charonda), Tina Johnson, Arnold Banks, and Jackie Banks Rogers-Stukes, Albert Rogers grandson, in setting up. We also want to thank and great-grandchildren Kamry Gresham, everyone for the cards and gifts received. Emma Banks, Katherine Banks, Josilyn It was a joyous day thanks to the support Banks, and Bryson Robinson. His sister of family and friends. Ruby Rogers (Dell), along with nieces,

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Obituaries



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Edward of Bruington, VA passed away Sunday, April 20th HEFFLER following

and brother-in-law Cathy and Robbie Moody of King William, his sister-in-law Carrol Longest of Hanover, his brothers and sisters in law, William and Terry Bush and Stuart and Dinah Bush of King William and brother-in-law Randy Bush of Glen Allen, and many nieces and nephews. Visitation was Thursday, April 24th from 4:00pm - 7:00pm at Rehoboth Bible Church, 5904 Acquinton Church funeral was held Friday, April 25th at

memory to Rehoboth Bible Church and and he had a way with people and animals friends may gather for visitation one hour Lewis mailed to the above address. Tributes may - firm but fair. Weathered hands, dusty prior to service from 2 to 3 pm. Service Blake, Jr. (Ed), 72, be posted at www.vincentfh.com.

courageous battle James Robert Heffler, Jr. (Noonie) 92, died with cancer. Ed was peacefully at home surrounded by his predeceased by his family. He was preceded in death by his parents Edward Lewis Blake, Sr. and wife Joyce Shackelford Heffler, parents Jeanne Commins Blake. Ed is survived by James Robert Heffler, Sr and Lucy Carter his wife of 50 years, Anita Bush Blake, his Heffler and his sister Bernice Gay Wilson. daughter and son-in-law Shannon and He is survived by his five children, Jerry Patrick Kosek, his daughter, Sarah Blake, Heffler, Cindy Simpkins (Lawrence), his beloved grandchildren Sarah Grace, Dorothy Elliott, Donna Higgason (Guerry) Addie and Blake Kosek, all of and Carol Williams (Brian), seven Bruington. He is also survived by his sister grandchildren Alex Ross (Anthony), Lauren Anderson (Charlie), Jamie Simpkins, Rhonda Elliott Alexander (Wayne), Travis Elliott (Tina), Evan and Lucy Williams as well as five great grandchildren, Oliver and Jude Anderson, JT. Eli and Lucas Elliott, two nephews Lynn Wilson (Vernah) and Jimmy Wilson (Cheryl) and his faithful caretaker Myrna Alexander. James had been buying and selling livestock since he was young, back when deals were sealed with a handshake. Road, King William, VA 23086. The He spent his life hauling livestock and raising animals with a care and 1:00pm at the same location with commitment that only comes from loving interment following in the church what you do. He could judge the weight cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family and worth of a steer with one look.

jeans, a western shirt, cap and cane that starts at 3 pm. had seen more sunrises than most live through. His love wasn't always loud, but was constant with unwavering support. We were blessed to call him Daddy and we will carry his love in our hearts forever. Services to be held at Shepherds United Methodist Church, St. Stephens Church,

requests that donations be made in Ed's Livestock auctions were his second home VA on Sunday, May 4th. Family and



King William High School – Connecting the World Through International Education Excellence



Guidance Counselor Kami Newbill, exchange student Emma Borga, Principal Ashley Ward, ISE Heritage Area Rep Lee Richards, and ISE Heritage Regional Manager Anne Hamilton.

By Gene Campbell

Over the past four years, King William The Richards have hosted five exchange High School has hosted 12 exchange students over the past several years, two students from various countries, including from Brazil and two from Germany, and Spain. Two more are pending for the 2025 been the area representative for ISE for High School recently received prestigious exchange students has shown us how Exchange (ISE) for its exceptional support extended family all over the world!" of cultural exchange and international This recognition showcases King fostering a globally inclusive environment at ltt6@aol.com. has made a lasting impact on both our

students and your community."

Germany, Brazil, Italy, Thailand, and are now hosting Emma from Italy. Lee has -2026 school year, one from Switzerland almost a year. Lee and Susan proudly and another from Spain. King William state, "Opening our hearts and homes to recognition from the International Student small the world truly is, and now we have

education. Exchange student Emma Borga William High School's dedication to from Italy assisted Lee Richards (Area fostering an inclusive educational Representative for the Heritage Region) environment and highlights the and Anne Hamilton (Heritage Regional transformative impact that cultural Manager) with presenting a banner and exchange programs have on students and certificate to Principal Ashley Ward and communities alike. King William High Guidance Counselor Kami Newbill. The School sets a remarkable example for certificate states, "Your dedication to others to follow. If you are interested in welcoming exchange students and hosting an exchange student, contact Lee



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King and Queen Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps

Contributed SGM (RET) Ronald Howard

King and Queen Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AJROTC), located at Central High School, was established in 1993. The current leadership for this program is Sergeant Major Ronald E. Howard who has 41 years of Military Service (Senior Army Instructor), and Sergeant First Class Keith Brown who has tradition. and technology which includes drones.

room.

Superintendents, two Principals, Teachers, On the 9th of May at 8:15 am, JROTC Parents, and many military retirees in our will be having their final awards ceremony presence.

we have honored all military branches have National Recognition from dignitary with all their flags present, and our honor coming from in and out of the state to give guard had a ceremony for all the branches special awards for all their hard work. combined. It was heart-moving to see this event, but upholding the military rich traditions. There were many in tears because of the love of this country, and to see our young people honoring this



30 years of Military Service. The Program This year this program went two Drill has taken a new turn by teaching the competitions, over 6 parades one of them Cadets with the latest Course Curriculum, was Community Pride Day, and placed 1st and 3rd in these events. We also They just completed their major event for participated in many programs from our the year which was the Military Ball at the schools to honor our veterans, and Great Wolf Lodge, Williamsburg, teachers. They even participated in the Virginia. It was a great success with four school pep rally with one of their schools combined; Central High School, expeditionary teams. We worked with Middlesex High School, Essex High several churches in King and Queen School, and Petersburg High County and Essex County to help those in School. They had 200 Cadets in the ball need of food. JROTC also supported social service in King and Queen County We had dignitaries join us as well! Three in two events to support the community.

at Central High School to give thanks to This program is an Army program, but the Cadets for all their hard work. We

> If you have any questions, please contact Sergeant Major Howard at rhoward@kqps.net or call at 804-785-6110.

Inaugural Regional Diaper and Car Seat Distribution

Contributed

The Middle Peninsula Northern Neck Behavioral Health was proud to host the first annual regional diaper and car seat distribution. The event was held on Saturday, April 26th in 2 locations in the agency's ten county service area. The first was held at the K&Q CARE Center in Shackleford in partnership with THRIVE VA where Natalie Battagalia offered their resources while delicious snacks were consumed.



Families taking advantage to the much needed assistance.

The major diaper sponsor for this event was Food Lion donating 75 event, receiving one to two months supply boxes of diapers. Robbie Hudgins, the of diapers and wipes. Over 30 safety car Assistant Manager at Mathews Food Lion seats were distributed to families through and Samantha Pierce, the Regional Three Rivers Healthy Families Support Specialist for Food Lion were at participation in the VDH car seat both events handing out diapers and wipes distribution program. to families. Chesapeake Bank and the In addition, the event high lighted April Gloucester NAACP and lota Phi Lambda as Child Abuse and Prevention Month Sorority, Inc. Epsilon Chapter were huge with goodie bags full of fun items for the donators with over 25 boxes each. Many children including pinwheels, blue ribbons individuals donated, such as employees of and books. The greatest impact of this the MPNN-BH, Ellie Hudnall with her event may be the statistic that one in three Virginia Elite Gymnastics Academy and families is affected by diaper needs, Three Rivers Healthy Families.

Community Park in partnership with the diapers and other necessities when they Westmoreland Department of Emergency can't afford both. Medical Services. Captain Tiffiny Bounds A huge thanks to agency employees along with Captain Arthur White and Shirley Fallin, Brenda Taylor and acting Captain Tom McCrea were there to cook Executive Director Amanda Campagnolla hotdogs, give away safe boxes and delight for attending and helping. Three Rivers the families attending. The Medicare Boyz Healthy Families staff Amanda Kellum, entertained the crowd throughout the Tesha Washington, Jillien Pitts, Lynn afternoon with their wonderful oldies.

Over 100 families attended the regional

regardless of age, race, or income. The second event was held at Montross Families are making choices between

Hudgins and her daughter Anna.

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Cascades Bear Island Plant Celebrates 2nd Anniversary

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Island mill, located in Ashland, Virginia. capacity of 650 short tons per day. Two years ago today, the Bear Island mill Cascades Bear Island is equipped with responsible company to its community," quartile of its industry. When fully ramped President, Packaging, at Cascades. up, this mill will have an annual For 60 years, Cascades has been production capacity of 465,000 short tons recognized for its social and of recycled containerboard with basis environmental responsibility, and the Bear weights as low as 18 lb, among the lowest Island site is no exception. Ensuring the on the market, well positioned to serve the health and safety of our employees is e-commerce market.

successful start-up of the mill on May 2, consumption targets in the first few 2023, which marked the culmination of an months of operation. It recycles 31,000 involved over 1,000 workers daily and Virginia and surrounding east coast states. more than 2.5 million construction hours. Cascades has undertaken significant upgrades to modernize the plant, including the installation of state-of-the-art equipment to ensure a long-term vision for the mill. The cost of the project was

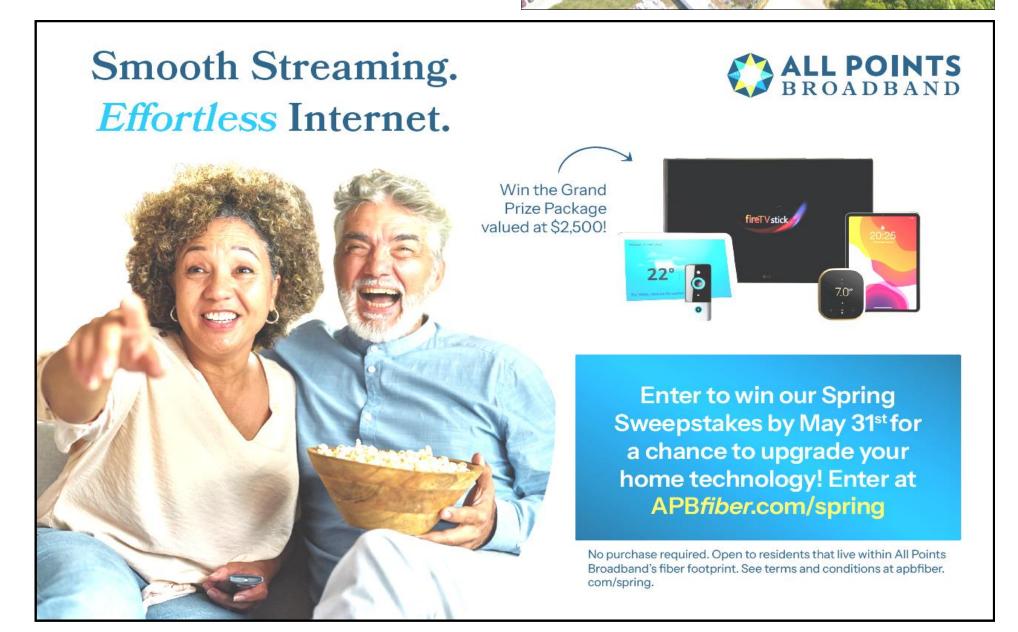
approximately US\$525 million. The 819acre site was acquired by Cascades in Ashland, VA, May 2, 2025 - Cascades 2018, and construction began in early Inc. (TSX: CAS) is proud to celebrate the 2022. The mill was built in 1979 and was 2nd anniversary of the start-up of its Bear originally a newsprint facility with a

"Cascades is pleased to have been produced its first roll of 100% recycled operating in Virginia for the past two containerboard, following a conversion years and to continue to grow with its project that transformed it into a state-of- partners and employees. With its state-ofthe-art mill. Today, thanks to the talent the-art equipment and lightweight 100% and efforts of its 200 employees, the mill recycled containerboard, our Bear Island produces in-demand lightweight, high- mill is committed to being a partner of quality, 100% recycled containerboard, choice to its customers and a socially modern assets to perform in the top said Jean-David Tardif, Executive Vice-

always a top priority. The plant has This 2nd anniversary commemorates the achieved its ambitious water and energy 18-month construction phase. This project tons of fibre every month, mainly from







All Thumbs Welcome at King & Queen Library's New Learning Garden



Anne Glubiak, GCMP, Jesse Kelley, Dir of K&Q Library, and Lisa Vawter, GCMP

no green thumb necessary.

fundamentals will include the Indigenous Peninsula Garden Club. rice and plant-based meals with veggies side." native to North America will be provided for registrants.

community thrive."

The library's Learning Garden is a

Veteran Owned

Contributed - The King & Queen Library partnership with Just Harvest, a local nonwill be breaking ground on its new profit promoting food sovereignty and The Learning Garden on May 10 from 11am- Haven Shelter & Services, a local non-2pm and all are invited to join in the fun – profit that provides advocacy and shelter for victims of violence as part of its Participants will learn the basics of ongoing commitment to violence garden planning and the practice of prevention. Funding support for the regenerative gardening. These garden was provided by The Middle

practice of companion planting. They will "We are so excited to see this garden also receive hands-on instruction by come to fruition," said Anne Glubiak, building raised beds and trellises and from the Garden Club of the Middle potting pollinator plants. Advanced Peninsula. "We know it will bloom into registration is required. A lunch featuring something special for our region, where Indigenous inspired dishes including wild knowledge and nature can grow side by

The garden will be a learning space for the library to offer programs that cultivate "This project fits with the history and a love of gardening and a more future of our county," said Jesse Kelley, meaningful connection with nature with Director of King & Queen Library. "So library patrons. To register for the event, many of our patrons want to produce their visit the library's event page at https:// own food and we feel the library can help kingandqueen.libcal.com/ or call the them reach this goal. We are so grateful library at 804-785-4425. The library is for our partners who want to see this located at 396 Newtown Road, St. Stephen's Church VA 23148.

Garden Club of the Middle Peninsula **Awards Local Projects Grants**



Anne Glubiak, GCMP, Lisa Vawter, GCMP, Chief Mark T. Falling Star Custalow, and Tami Heath, Mattaponi Indian Reservation Shoreline Restoration Co-Ordinator

Contributed

and King William Counties.

May 10th from 11 am - 2 pm. You can was a tremendous effort. register by calling the library at 804-785- Each year, the GCMP awards a limited page/.

The second project is a grant to provide The Garden Club of the Middle Peninsula support for the very detailed and arduous (GCMP), which includes King & Queen, Living Shoreline Restoration project King William, Essex, and Middlesex occurring on the Mattaponi Indian Counties, recently awarded grants for two Reservation in King William. The exciting local projects in King & Queen Mattaponi Indian Tribe and Reservation is actively working to restore shorelines on The first project is funding for the new their tribal lands along the Mattaponi Learning Garden being developed by the River. Along with other grants, the GCMP King & Queen Public Library, onsite and funding will assist in a variety of ways, next to a Community Outdoor Learning such as purchasing native grasses central Center, being built soon. The Learning to the restoration efforts. The NOAA Garden will offer the community a space (National Oceanic and Atmospheric to learn and apply valuable gardening Administration) has recognized the Middle practices. Related skills workshops, Peninsula as a Focus Area to restore including such things as garden planning, habitats for fish and shellfish and improve canning, and preserving, are also in the coastal community resilience, and is works. Four garden beds will incorporate supporting this work as well. The GCMP sustainable and regenerative gardening is particularly pleased to participate in this practices, and include pollinators, native effort to improve one of our local rivers plants and a composting bin. The GCMP, a and riverbanks. Chief Mark T. Falling Star charitable and educational group always Custalow and Tami Heath, who is seeking to stimulate the knowledge and coordinating the project within the love of gardening, is delighted to partner Reservation, provided GCMP members with the library in this way. First in the Lisa Vawter and Anne Glubiak a tour of process will be the Groundbreaking, a the shoreline project, complete with an program on regenerative gardening and enormous quantity of bagged oyster shells, garden planning, with hands-on work in which had been placed in the area as part the garden. All are invited to the library on of the shoreline project. This work itself

4425 or going to https://king number of grants to local projects, which andqueenco.net/king-and-queen-library- are associated with environmental work, restoration, and beautification.



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Lawson Marriott Elementary School 6th Grade Graduating Class



Contributed by Carol Carter

6th grade Lawson Marriott Elementary School students who will be moving up to Central High School next year as 7th graders.

Top Row (left to right): NiYonna Scott, Kamora Stubbs, Erin Burrell-Rhone, Kyree Dabney, Jesus Ceballos-Garibay, Koralee Vest. 2nd Row From Top (left to right) Novalei Seay, Kelis Myers,

Nah'Ima Hunter, Kelani Vilora, Laruen Holmes. 3rd Row From Top (left to Right) Ms. Young, Casey Merales-Gonzalez, Jessica Proctor, Tristan Johnson, Nevaeh Powell. Bottom Row (Left to Right) JaMir Gardener, Ethan Kane, Ava Waller, Zaki Hunter, Jaylen Brook. Not Pictured: John Bancroft III, Kyleigh Deyo-Baylor, Kamera Hill, Landon Hill

King William County Voter Registration & Elections **Democratic Party Primary Election** Tuesday, June 17, 2025 POLLS OPEN 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT

Lieutenant Governor **Attorney General**

A VALID ID IS REQUIRED TO VOTE

Please verify your voter registration, polling place and VALID ID Before Election Day! elections.virginia.gov

VOTER REGISTRATION

Tuesday, May 27, 2025: Last day to register to vote or change your voter registration information for this election.

(Voter registration applications sent by mail, fax or online must be received in the Voter Registration & Elections Office on or before the deadline)

IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING

180 Horse Landing Road, King William VA

Mon-Fri, May 2nd - June 14th 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 7th 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 14th 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. County Offices are closed Monday May 26th for a Holiday

(June 14, 2025, is the last day qualified voters can vote an in-person absentee ballot at the Voter Registration & Elections Office)

Please see County Website for details about early voting:

kwc.gov

ABSENTEE VOTING BY MAIL

Friday, June 6, 2025: Last day for qualified voters to request an absentee ballot by mail, online or fax. Applications must be received in the Voter Registration & Elections Office by 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 17, 2025: Election Day ALL BY MAIL voted ballots must be returned or post

> King William County Voter Registration & Elections Office Alison W. Fox, Director of Elections/General Registrar 180 Horse Landing Road #1, King William, VA 23086 telephone (804) 769-4952 fax (804) 769-4920 email: general.registrar@kwc.gov

BOS, continued from front page

board," and "What are the citizens getting for participation. this tax increase?" One citizen spoke during In administrative matters, Davenport further.

Planning Department presented Zoning casevoted unanimously to grant the request.

citizens spoke, three of whom expressed their set with the PRL regarding the termination of displeasure with the Parks & Recreation their services. Department's relocation to the courthouse complex to accommodate the proposed on the horizon, including the construction of relocation of the Library from Central a new Dunkin' Donuts in Central Garage next

renegotiated to secure a reduced interest rate director in the coming weeks. and reduced the total cost by \$50,000 from conclude on July 15, 2032.

Fourth District Supervisor Lindsay

County administrator Stacey Davenport Robinson proposed the creation of a Citizens reviewed the expenditures and revenue Finance Advisory Committee, consisting of figures of the proposed \$54,325,389 budget four or five citizens, including one board of and the proposed real estate tax rate increase supervisor member, to collaborate with from \$0.58 per \$100 of fair market value to county staff on budget and finance matters. \$0.615 per \$100. Following her presentation, Robinson noted that a county finance board several supervisors indicated they do not was established last year but never met. After favor a tax rate increase. They quickly voiced some discussion, the supervisors concerns with comments like "We need to cut unanimously approved the formation of a back," "We need to go back to the drawing Budget Finance Committee with citizen

the public hearings, raising questions on how announced that the first of two town hall the budget process was performed meetings regarding the new library is Supervisors will hold a special meeting on scheduled for Wednesday, May 7th, at the Monday, May 5th at the courthouse complex Parks and Recreation Building in Aylett, with beginning at 1 pm to discuss the budget the second slated for Wednesday, May 13th, at the West Point branch. Davenport also said In other matters, Joyce Wolfe from the that RFPs (Request for Proposals) on plans to renovate the existing parks and recreation 01-2022, a request to rezone 4.2 acres at 115 building to accommodate the new library will Commerce Park Road from B-2 (General be issued in the next 20 days. She could not Business) to I (Industrial District). The predict when the new library would be up and Planning Commission had previously running. Additionally, she stated that contrary recommended approval, and the supervisors to social media claims, the county is still negotiating with the Pamunkey Regional During the citizens' comment period, six Library (PRL). No definitive dates have been

Davenport said exciting developments are to United Bank. Construction will start on In unfinished business, the supervisors voted May 12th. After some delays, WaWa at the 4-1, with Supervisor Hodges dissenting, to corner of Rt 30 and Rt 360 will begin vertical approve the County Administrator's signing construction on May 20th. The first Farmers on April 24th of the sheriff's department radio Market of the season will take place on equipment lease-purchase agreement with Friday, May 9th, from 4-7 pm in the King Motorola that was tabled from the April 14th William High School parking lot. The board meeting. County Administrator Department of Social Services has seen Davenport advised that the contract was recent staff turnover and is expecting a new

The next meeting of the King William the initially quoted \$850,425. Yearly Board of Supervisors is scheduled for payments will start on July 15, 2027, and Monday, May 12th, at 6:30 p.m. in the administrative building.

Letter to the Editor

Members of the King William County Board of Supervisors

I am writing today as a concerned and committed member of our community to does not currently offer middle school sportsexpress the critical importance of preserving a gap that leaves many students without access and strengthening our Parks and Recreation to structured physical activity during one of the resources—particularly our youth soccer most formative stages of their development. In programs and their designated facilities. These this context, Parks and Recreation becomes programs are more than recreational—they are even more essential. These programs fill a void lifelines for our youth and deserve to be that would otherwise leave kids without prioritized, protected, and expanded as our healthy outlets or guidance during after-school county continues to grow.

Youth sports promote lifelong healthy habits, foster friendships, instill discipline and in King William County-I spend two nights a teamwork, and keep kids engaged in positive week out on the field with the kids of our activities. Soccer, in particular, continues to community. I've proudly watched this program grow in popularity and brings families together triple in size since it began, and the demand from across our region. We have kids traveling only continues to grow. That growth is a clear and paying to participate in our Parks and Rec sign of how much our community values youth program from King William and surrounding sports and their impact. As business-driven counties.

by attracting visitors who dine, shop, and youth. support local businesses. The fields are packed with multiple generations of families attending from near and far to watch the kids play. The location of the building and field are in the

heart of the county, which helps boost the convenience to local restaurants. The proximity to Fire and EMS is essential for emergencies that could occur on the field.

It is especially disheartening that our county hours

I am a long-standing youth soccer coach here individuals, I ask that you reconsider your Game days and tournaments generate premeditated plan to displace a valuable meaningful revenue for King William County revenue-generating operation that supports our

> Sincerely, Melissa Yopp District-5, Mangohick

Cavs, continued from front page

William Boys and Girls varsity baseball and softball teams overpowered the visiting Mathews Blue Devils on May 1st, securing spectacular victories. The boys made a bold Class 6 Cosby Titans with a thrilling 4-3 walkstatement from the "get-go" with a "never looking back" 10-0 win in just six innings! Ace Daniel Burton took charge on the mound, delivering an outstanding performance with Jillian Smith stepped up to the plate and three innings of shutout pitching, allowing only delivered a clutch single that sent the winning two hits, and striking out three Blue Devils. substantial contributions in relief, ensuring Lady Cavs but also put on a dazzling their opponents didn't have a chance to rally.

Andree Lee, who blasted two hits and drove in two RBIs. Burton "pitched in" with his own an impressive eight batters and walking only hit, driving in two runs as well. Brandon Seal, Timmy West, and Colton Maiorana each showcasing the Cavaliers' explosive batting

Meanwhile, just below the baseball field, the Lady Cavs matched the boys' dominance with a spectacular 14-0 victory in just five innings! Payton Lewis was a "force to be reckoned with" on the mound, clinching the win by tossing three shutout innings and allowing no hits...yes, you read that right! Bristol Myers 6th at West Point. Come out and cheer these stepped in for two impressive innings of relief, talented young athletes as they continue their sealing the deal for the Lady Cavs.

display! Lewis also electrified the offense, smashing a home run in the first inning and around then), "Murderers' Row" featuring the racking up an incredible five RBIs on the likes of Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. Many evening. Addie Kirby, Olivia Unser, Hollyn THANKS to Steve Walton for the stats! Krukowski, and Adalyn Mills each contributed multiple hits, showcasing the team's relentless offensive power. Myers and Annabelle

Townsend added two RBIs each on one hit to In a stunning display of dominance, the King cap off the night, further fueling the Lady Cavs unstoppable momentum.

The excitement continued the following night, when the Lady Cavs edged out the VHSL off victory at home. Talking about a nail-biter, with the score tied 3-3 in the bottom of the seventh inning and extra innings looming, run home, igniting cheers from the hometown Both Andrew Lee and Henry Kite also made crowd! Smith not only secured the win for the performance in the circle. She threw a The offensive fireworks were sparked by complete game, allowing just seven hits and three runs (only one earned) while striking out one. Now that's a standout performance!

But that's not all - Smith was also a joined the hit parade with runs batted in, powerhouse at the plate, driving in two runs with a stellar 2-for-3 performance. Joining her in the offensive onslaught, Olivia Unser and Payton Lewis each contributed two hits, showcasing the team's potent lineup.

Next, the Lady Cavs and Boys Varsity baseball teams will look to keep their momentum going with a game against the archrival West Point Pointers on Tuesday, May march to the state championship. With these But it wasn't just the pitching that was on teams' lineups, one could make the comparison to the 1927 New York Yankees (no, I wasn't

GO CAVS!

Song, continued from front page

By Gene Campbell

Emergency Ministries organizes two evening rich in worship and celebration. community events to raise funds for the The highlight of the evening was the Christmas and the other in the spring.

Church, Sharon Baptist Church, Hebron 68, Aylett, Virginia 23009.

Baptist Praise team, Indian View Baptist church, the Dougherty Family, St. Paul's It was a delightful spring evening, Episcopal Church, and Ty'Quan Hence Sunday, April 27th, as the annual Easter with Sylvia Bishop Robinson and KWHS Celebration of Song lit up Sharon Baptist choral director Kristi Reynolds. The Church with music and joy. Every year, lineup featured an array of talented singers the nonprofit organization King William and choirs, each contributing to an

local Cornerstone Community generosity displayed by the attendees, Development Center—one during who participated in a love offering to support the Cornerstone Community This all-volunteer organization provides Development Center's efforts, raising an free food supplies, clothing, and impressive total of \$2,058. Immediately professional health services through its following the performances, the ladies of Free Health Clinic in Aylett, ensuring that Sharon Baptist Church hosted a reception, essential services are available to those in providing an opportunity for fellowship and connection.

As excitement filled the air within the The Celebration of Song not only Church, emcee Lynne Uzel welcomed allowed groups to showcase their musical everyone, setting the stage for an inspiring talents but also served as a vital night. Eight talented musical groups from fundraising effort that touched many lives nearby churches came together to perform in the community. If you are compelled to selections of uplifting Easter songs. make a donation to the Cornerstone Participating groups were McKendree Community Development Center, you can Methodist Church, Colosse Baptist mail your tax-free donation to P O Box

Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else.

Margaret Mead





Church Calendar

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

CHRISTIAN

Christian Fellowship Ministries You're welcomed to join us at 304 W. Chinquapin Rd., King William. Celebrate Pastor Edwards' Pastoral Anniversary, Sunday, May 18 at 11am and Sunday, May 25 at 3pm. 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, King & Oueen County, Please join us at Sunday School on Sundays at 10 a.m. and Worship Service at 11 a.m. Choir Practice Wednesdays at 6:30 p.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 Post Office Box: 1628 West Point, VA 23181, 804-843-4806 Hours of

Meeting ID: 979-374-0569 Passcode: 523416 <u>Indian View Baptist Church</u> 13349 King will be available. If you would like to purchase William Road, King William Come worship a ticket contact: Wanda Johnson 804-517-7843 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 Morning Bible Study 10 am Wednesdays Youth Mizpah United Methodist Church 6062 Welcome. Pastor Leo Reed 1438 Manfield Road, Manquin 23106. Sunday's at 12:15 PM.

Lower K&O 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! Gresham, Pastor Dr. Maria Harris, Associate

New Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Walkerton, Women's Day, May 25, at 11:00 a.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Kim Holmes, Associate Pastor of Zion Baptist Church, King and Queen. Theme: WOMAN OF CHRIST WALKING BY FAITH....2nd Corinthians 5:7. Ladies encouraged to wear pastel colors. Please worship with us.

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!

Pamunkey Baptist Association (PBA) MAY **DAY**, Saturday, May 17, 10am – 4pm. 18627 King William Rd, (near Acquinton Elementary School). Food, fellowship, games, car show, vendors and community activities. Come and ioin the fun!

Poroporone Baptist Church Sunday School -9:30am Worship Service - 10:30am Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:30pm www.facebook.com/PoroporoneBaptistChurch.

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

Rock Spring Baptist Church 4134 Manfield Road: Aylett, 23009 Rev. Pagie Hancock Pastor; Join us for Sunday School 9:15 am and Operation -Sundays Sunday School - 9:00AM Morning Worship 10:15. "Celebrate the Mom In Service - 10:00 AM in person or via Zoom Your Life" scheduled for Saturday, May 10, at

3:00 pm. Dinner, Live Jazz Band and Singing or Deacon Carolyn Ford 804-385-5360. See RSBC Facebook page for more details.

Sharon Baptist Church 901 Sharon Road, hours Tuesday-Friday 9am-2pm Sunday School 9am Morning Worship 10:15 am Tuesday 6:45 pm

Second Mount Olive

Little Plymouth, VA On May 11, at 11:00 AM, will be having annual Mother's Day program. The speaker will be our own,

First Lady Dr. Patricia Williams.

The Forge Ministry Join us for our church service at 10:30 on Sunday morning. Spark City Kids is available for 5th grade and under. Find more information

at theforgeministry.churchcenter.com.

Third Union Baptist Church located at 452 Walkerton Road in King William, where the Rev. Dr. Wilbert D. Talley is Pastor, will be celebrating Mother's Day on Sunday, May 11th at 10:30 am. Theme is "A Mother's Role in God's Plan" – Psalm 139:13-18. Guest Preacher Rev. Alice Woods, Ebenezer Baptist. 156th Anniversary on Sunday, May 18, at 10:30 AM. The Theme is "Generations of Faith" – Psalm 78:4 and Deuteronomy 7:9. The Guest Preacher will be Rev. Andrew Hughes. Lunch will be served following.

Union Hope Baptist Church 571 Union Hope Road, King William. Sunday Morning Worship 10:15a.m. (In-person/ Teleconference option: Phone: (774) 220-4000, PIN 57187 Follow Church, King William. Women's Day Yours in Christ, Deaconess Vernell Hall, Service: Sunday, May 18, at 10:30AM you! stjohnswp.org; info@stjohnswp.org Women's Day Chairperson Dr. Charlene Guest Speaker: Elder Linda Brown, Edge Worship Center, West Point Color: Any shade of Purple Theme: One Voice, One Purpose- Celebrating Women in GOD's Kingdom. Please come and bring a friend! Refreshments following.

> **Upper King and Queen Baptist Church** 1693 Bradley Farm Rd. Sunday Worship Service at St. Paul's Millers Tavern 7924 Richmond 11:00 A.M. & Sunday School at 10:00 A.M. Wed. BIBLE STUDY 6:30. Visit us on Facebook.com/upperkingandqueenbaptist

> Wayland Baptist Church of Stevensville, Va, will be celebrating annual Homecoming Service June 1, at 10:00a.m. The speaker will be The Pastor, Rev. Marcus Hickman. Lunch will be 23181. Pastor Karen V. Stanley. Sunday School provided after the service. We are looking forward to sharing this special occasion St. James Presbyterian Church (The church with you!

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 (inhouse), 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 M c C o n n v i l l e King William, Va 23086, 804-769-2320 Office mckendree23106.org, mckendree23106@gmail. com. CARE meets the second Monday of each month until December.

Group 6 pm Awanas 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting Canterbury Rd. Walkerton, Va. 23177 Service every Sunday at 11:00 with Pastor Steve Hundley All Welcome

New Song Church King William invites ALL to come and join us on the 1st and 3rd

Wednesdays of the month at 6:30pm for Food & Faith Nights. Participants are welcome to bring food to share or attend to Fill Your Plate and Feed Your Faith! We meet at 694 Sharon Rd Suite K, King William VA, 23086. Contact Pastor Jeremy- pastorjeremyvest@gmail.com. Love ALL. Jesus Said So!

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 us on Facebook: Union Hope Baptist Eucharist with healing prayers in Church Library Noon. We welcome

West Point Ministers Association (WPMA) 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

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

PRESBYTERIAN

Brett-Reed Memorial Presbyterian Church 29680 King William Road West Point,

10. Worship Service 11.

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

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King and Queen County Public Library Friday, May 9th and Saturday, May 10th Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Art Mobile 10am-2pm Saturday, May 10th Learning Garden Groundbreaking 11am-2pm Monday, May 12th Bingo at King and Queen County Public Library 12:30-2pm Saturday, May 12pm. Call (804) 785-4425 or visit https://

kingandqueen.libcal.com/

Library All branches of the located on 942 Buena Vista Rd., Pamunkey Regional Library will be Shacklefords, VA. 23156. We will closed on Monday, May 26. hear from candidates in the Coloring, Coffee and Donuts upcoming state races for Governor Ages 18 and up. Learn How to join us in person or via Zoom. 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. (All Ages) & 5:00 Zoom access. 6:30pm (Ages 18 & up) The KW Children First Lions Club Stitching Hour Thursday, May 22, Crossroads Mission Center located Tabletop Game Night Tuesday, William. May 27, 5:00 - 6:30pm UKW Book Kiwanis Club of the Tri-Rivers Club Ages 18 and up. We are Members from West Point and - 2:30pm All Ages.

May 21, 11:30am - 12:30pm Ages members encouraged & welcome. 16 & up. Play-dough Monday, Aviation STEM Event Saturday, more information.

DCSE Service Point Assistance

Regional Animal Shelter, 20201 www.yaefwings.org King William Road, King William youthaeronauticseducationalfoundat 8 0 4 - 7 6 9 - 4 9 8 3 . ion www.petfinder.com email: KW Parks and Recreation Visit

invited.

Meetings Meets the 4th Thursday 804-525-8838 or email: of each month at 6pm at the KW rbostic@kingwilliamcounty.us Parks & Rec. Building, 7890 KW NAACP Branch #7082 us: kingwilliamgop.com

King & Queen County Democratic Committee Meet on **Upper King William Branch** May 15th ,6:30 at Dayspring Farm

5:00 - 6:30pm Ages 18 and up. at 694 K Sharon Road, King

reading "East of Eden" by John Northern King William met and Steinbeck. Make Your Own agreed to create the Kiwanis Club Firestarter Tuesday, May 27, 1:00 of the Tri-Rivers which will cover many unserved areas. Meetings will West Point Branch Library Kids' be held on the second and fourth Craft Club Saturday, May 10, Wednesday's of the month. The 10:30 - 11:30am We'll bring Kiwanis mission is to change the supplies, you bring your creativity. world one child and one community Legos Friday, May 16, 4:00 - at a time through volunteer 5:00pm Grades K-5. **I'd Rather Be** service! Our next meeting is at 6pm Reading Book Club Wednesday, at Vinny's in King William. New

May 19, 11:00am - noon Ages 2-5. May 17, from 9:00am - 2:00pm, we Call 804-769-3731 or visit the are excited to host our Free library at 694-J Sharon Road for Aviation STEM Event at 1000 Airport Rd., Mattaponi, VA 23110. Our goal is to bring together DCSE Contact Information: 1-800- communities and organizations to expose youth to STEM fields and **Good Homes Needed For Good** career opportunities. More info: 908 - 3 9 7 - 9 0 5

animalshelter@kingwilliamcounty. the King William County Parks & Rec site for details about upcoming Three Rivers SWCD Board of events, workshops, exercise classes,

Soil & Water Conservation District KW Community Watch Interested Hwy., Aylett. Call 804 769 2996 *Under 60 Words please. Thank will hold their monthly Board of in a community watch? Call Lisa Email theccdc@gmail.com Proceed Directors' meetings on the third Mayville at 804-551-3267 or Email: s to benefit Food and Free Health Tuesday of each month. If you lisamayville@atlanticbb.net. Any Clinic Programs. The CornerStone would like to attend, contact the crime call King William Sheriff CommunityDevelopment Center is office at (804)443-4027 for meeting Office at 804-769-0999 or a 501(c)(3) non profit place and time. The public is kwso@kingwilliamcounty.us Crime organization. Donations are tax **KW** Republican Committee William Victim/Witness Program at 68, Aylett, Virginia 23009.

Richmond-Tappahannock Meetings are held on the 17th Science Heroes Program 11am- HWY. Questions please email 2nd Saturday of each month at 10am at 694 Sharon Rd, Suite K, King William, VA 23086. Questions, p l e a s e e m a i l us: info@naacpkwva.org King William Virginia NAACP Branch #7082

CornerStone Community **Development Center, Aylett** Thursday, May 1, 10:30am - noon and/or House of Delegates. You can Dinner deal on Thursday, May 8 at 6p.m. \$11 CrabCake sandwich with Cross-stitch Tuesday, May 13, Contact 804-785-9401 to get on the a choice of two sides and soda. Order ahead and pick up at

Attention: This space is <u>Directors' Meetings</u> Three Rivers and more! @ kingwilliamrec.com 8270 Richmond Tappahannock tips call Robin Bostic with King exempt. Mailing address: P.O. Box

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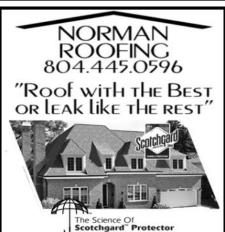


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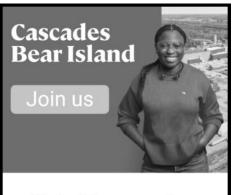
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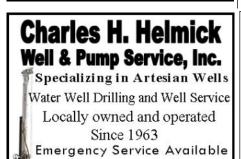


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