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Pamunkey Indian Reservation Named to the National Trust's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places List for 2025

Contributed by Rainbow Walker - Pamunkey Tribal Citizen

We are honored to announce the Pamunkey Indian Reservation's inclusion on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's 2025 list of the 11 Most Endangered Historic Places in America. Pamunkey people have lived on this land for millennia, and our Reservation—one of the oldest in the country—is increasingly threatened by climate change, including sea level rise, erosion, land subsidence, and severe storms. We will need to implement innovative solutions that protect tangible and intangible Tribal heritage. Pamunkey homes, wildlife, native plants, historic buildings, archeological record, cultural knowledge, and way of life--the place we have called home for thousands of years is at risk of being lost forever. The Pamunkey people have lived in Tsennacommacah, on and around the lands now known as the Pamunkey Indian Reservation in Virginia, for at least 15,000 years. The Pamunkey Indian Tribe, a federally recognized sovereign Tribal nation, has never ceded their 1600-acre peninsula on the Pamunkey River, making it the oldest extant Reservation in the country. Pamunkey people, including Wahunsenecawh (Chief Powhatan) and Pocahontas, were among the first to encounter Europeans in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries and have remained on their Ancestral land ever since.

Please see **Pamunkey**, continued on page 13.



Arial view of the Pamunkey Indian Reservation

Frustrations Mount as Budget Deadline Approaches



Supervisors recognize local law enforcement with a resolution proclaiming Police Week 2025

By Gene Campbell

During the King William County Board of Supervisors meeting on May 12th, supervisors expressed frustrations regarding the proposed FY 2025-26 budget, which includes a 3.5 -cent tax increase, amidst ongoing uncertainty regarding the county's financial status. Supervisor Robinson emphasized the dilemma: "We can't ask our residents to shoulder a heavier tax burden when we don't even know where we stand financially."

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Yellow Ribbons for Officer Custalow



Jennifer Jones and Pat Carroll

As you ride along the highway at the intersection of 360 and 30, you will see a tree with yellow ribbons. This tree was planted in honor of Officer Mack Custalow. If you would like a ribbon, stop by Burger King or Chill Stop.

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.
John F. Kennedy

Publisher’s Message



Next Monday is Memorial Day. This day, we remember the men and women who gave their lives while serving their country. I will never forget the young men I served with in Vietnam, especially those who did not come home alive. Brave men and women in a far-away land, their lives ending there. When they were asked, they gave their full measure. When we celebrate this Memorial Day weekend with cookouts and the beginning of summer, please take a moment and remember those who paid the ultimate price to give us that freedom.

Take care until next time.

Danny 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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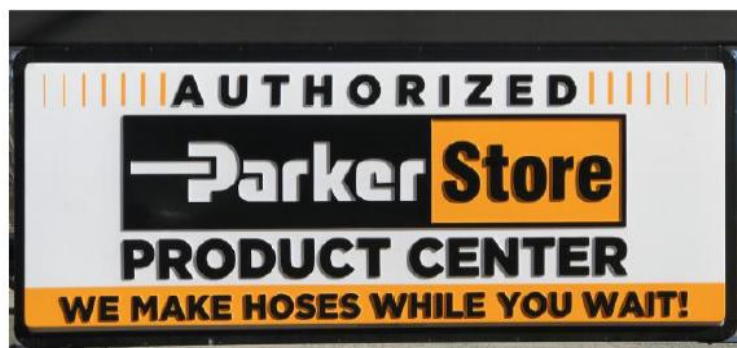
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Racing Mules

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

Horses and mules can be used for so many different things. Some can pull heavy loads, while others are made for riding. They range from draft horses to race horses. Did you know that they even have racing mules. I guess those are raised out of a thoroughbred mare and some kind of super fast donkey.

I remember a story about this old farmer that got a young mule out of North Carolina to raise and use on the farm. The young mule grew up to be long and lean and built for speed. She was not like one of the regular field mules, so he taught her to ride. Everyone around knew about this mule as she was one of the prettiest mules in the county. They also knew she had a big heart and a big motor and could cover a lot of ground pretty fast. One day the old farmer was out on the road riding his mule and his neighbor pulled up in a pickup truck and wanted to see how fast that mule was. So the farmer got in the truck and told his neighbor to drive and his mule would follow along behind. The truck got up to about 25mph and the mule was right on the rear bumper hawing and making noises. The neighbor asked "What does that mean?" The farmer said "She wants to go faster."



So the guy pushed the speed to 35 and that mule stayed right there. He looked in the rear view and said "She has her ears laid back. What does that mean?" The farmer said "She wants more speed." The guy then got up to 45mph and looked in the mirror and the mule was hanging in there but she was breathing hard. The neighbor told the farmer "That sure is a fast mule but I'm worried because her tongue is hanging out." The old farmer asked "Which way is it hanging?" The neighbor looked in the rearview and said "It's hanging to the left. What does that mean?" The farmer said "Stay in this lane. She's signaling that she's about to pass!"

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

Thank you to the Compassionate Motorist

I want to thank the person who had the kindness to notify me about hitting one of my kitties on Newtown Road on 5/6/25. Not only did you have enough compassion to stop and knock on our door, but you took the time to write a note as well. Seldom does anyone have this courtesy

and take the time to show such kindness. This was a very sweet kitty and you were a sweet person to let me know what had happened so we could retrieve the kitty promptly. Again, thank you and God bless.

C. Elliott

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Democratic Primary Happening Now!

Polls are open for early voting in Virginia's Democratic Primary Election as of May 2, 2025, to select the Democratic candidates who will be on the ballot in November, when the state elects a new Attorney General and Lieutenant Governor, along with the new Governor. Here in King William, you can vote early in-person or drop off your ballot at the office of the General Registrar: 180 Horse Landing Road #1 King William, VA 23086. Monday- Friday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM. Only offices that have two or more candidates of the same party are in the Primary Election. Offices that have only one candidate running will be voted on in November. The office of Governor and the Republican candidates for Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General will be on the November ballot.

The Democrats have six candidates running for Lieutenant Governor and two running for Attorney General.

The Democratic Candidates for

Lieutenant Governor, are: Alex Bastani, Ghazala Hashmi, Babur Lateef, Aaron Rouse, Victor Salgado, and Levar Stoney. (See their websites for more information)

The Democratic Candidates for Attorney General are: Jay Jones and Shannon Taylor. (See their websites for more information)

For those planning to vote early, in-person early voting is available at the Registrar's office Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 4:30, from Friday, May 2 through Saturday, June 14, including Saturday June 7, from 8 am to 5 pm, as well. It's important to note that the deadline to register or update registration is Tuesday, May 27, by 5 PM. Additionally, the deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot is Friday, June 6. On Election Day, Tuesday, June 17, polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. at your local precinct. Please get out and vote !

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GONTKOVIC Olivia M. Huefner, Shannon Woods; great Thomas Henry granddaughters, Sara M. Gontkovic, “T o m m y” McKenzie B. Gontkovic; great grandson Gontkovic, Sr., Dustin W. Gontkovic; and many nieces, 9 3 , o f nephews, and friends. Mechanicsville, He was proceeded in death by his first Va., peacefully wife, Lorreine B. Gontkovic; his son, passed away Thomas H. (Bubba) Gontkovic, Jr. (Faye); Saturday May four brothers, John, Joe, Mike, and Walter 10th, 2025 at his Gontkovic; and two sisters Anna Fostek home and Mary Dorish. surrounded by Following Tommy’s wishes, there will be his family. Born no funeral or memorial services. In lieu of June 14th, 1931, flowers, donations may be made to the Dementia Society of America.

in Port Royal West Point, King William Co., Va. He was the son of the late Steve and Anna (Mitroka) Gontkovic. He was a former member of Messiah Lutheran Church, Mechanicsville, Va. He was a veteran of the Korean War, having served in the U.S. Army. Tommy retired from Lee-Hy Paving in 1995 after 47 years. He enjoyed listening to old time country and Bluegrass music, going to country band dances, working in his yard, and watching wrestling. He is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Jean P. Gontkovic; a daughter Wanda Darlene Tyler (Rob); a stepson and devoted part time caregiver, Erik P. Huefner (Dana), grandsons, Thomas H. “Trey” Gontkovic III (Kerbi), Kristopher T. Garris (Grace), Brandon Norris; granddaughters, Taylor E. Gontkovic,



The Flames of History



Site of clerk's office burned in 1885, now the King William Historical Society office.

By Gene Campbell

With the recent celebration of the 300th Anniversary of the King William County Courthouse, much “ado” was made about our beloved courthouse, and rightfully so. After all, it is the oldest courthouse in continuous use in the United States. Courthouses in those days stood proudly as symbols of governance and community activities. Surrounding the courthouse was a complex of small buildings usually containing a clerk’s office, jail, and a tavern. The first building built after the King William courthouse was a jail with a whipping post, stocks, and pillory. It was built just west of the courthouse. The clerk’s office was built next and housed invaluable public records such as land transfers and deeds. King William’s original clerk’s office stood just east of the courthouse, built in the 1800s. It was a two-story building constructed of brick with a slate roof, with special care to be fire-resistant (remember this). It had a fireplace on one end. All of the vital county records and irreplaceable papers were housed there. In the early morning hours of January 18th, 1885, a fire destroyed the “fire-resistant” building, with the whole building falling around 9 o’clock that morning. To this day, it is a mystery how it started. There was some talk that it was set because a disgraceful case was pending at the courthouse concerning a family of good standing in the community. There is also a story that the fire flared up from

smothering embers in the fireplace that ignited some of the records following a Saturday night poker party. If not for a passerby, who took a stick, pulled out some of the remaining records, and poured water over them, all would have been lost. It was also said that if the supervisors had authorized a contractor for \$17 (a large sum at the time) to clean the well in the courtyard, deepen it, and fix it with buckets, a bucket brigade might have saved more of the records. The fire destroyed most of the records, leaving only five fragmentary remnants of the earliest five records. Fires at courthouses were not uncommon in colonial times, and King William County became one of “Virginia’s Burned Counties.” On September 4th, 1888, a contract was signed to build a new jail on the former site of the clerk’s office. In 1908, a new clerk’s office was completed west of the courthouse where the old jail had existed, and an extension was added in 1928. The clerk’s office is now the home of the King William Historical Museum. In 2018, with the help of former Circuit Court Clerk Patricia Norman, local historian Bibb Edwards discovered the original documents saved from the fire at the old courthouse and made professional digital copies. Ironically, on January 18th, 2019 (the fire anniversary), Bibb presented his work to the King William Historical Society. The original saved records remain there today.

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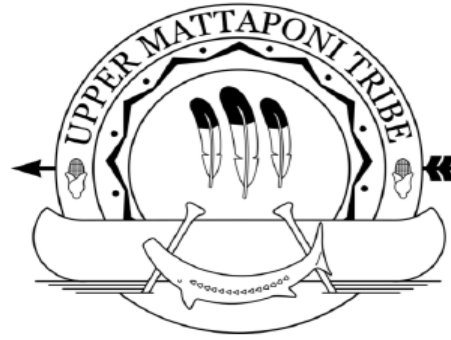
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American Heart Association



Contributed by Carol Carter
King and Queen County Public Schools is proud to announce all three schools met the American Heart Association challenge for school year 2024-2025. Stacey Gonzales was the Central High School Physical Education teacher leading the charge and Charles Ambrose was leading the charge for both elementary schools, King and Queen Elementary and Lawson Marriott Elementary School. A special shout out to Marjorie ChurchBourne for all of her motivation and inspiration



Administrative Assistant Appreciation Day



King and Queen County Public Schools recognized Administrative Assistant Appreciation Day for the ladies at the School Board Office. Pictured are Anne Kennedy, Jennifer Jackson, and Monica Gonzalez.

Virginia House Candidate Speaks to KW Democrats



Contributed
The King William Democrats hosted Virginia House Candidate Elaine Walters (center front row wearing white) at their recent meeting. Ms. Walters will be running in November for the Delegate position in the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck. Ms. Walters spoke of her ties to the area as a life-long resident of Essex County. She spoke of her studies of change and sea level rise on our communities. She emphasized that our farmers, watermen, food production (crabs, oysters), and waterways (recreation) will be affected by sea level rise and climate change. Ms. Walters's vision is to improve our local communities by strengthening small businesses and increasing affordable housing. The KW Democrats appreciated hearing from Elaine Walters. See kwdemocrats.org for more information.



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Beasley Fundraiser by Glory Bound Express

Contributed by Robin Davis

The Glory Bound Express held a musical fundraiser on Saturday, May 17th at 700 pm, in the Sanctuary of Colosse Baptist Church. We are raising money to help Gray Beasley, a 22 year old King William resident, who experienced a devastating spinal stroke on Jan. 5th, leaving him paralyzed from the neck down. Gray is the son of Chip and Susanne Beasley of Aylett. He has one sister, Bailee Beasley. Gray and his Mom have just returned from Shepherd Center in Atlanta GA, which specializes in spinal cord injuries. He is currently living at home and receiving therapy from Sheltering Arms in Short Pump. Gray has made great strides since the stroke happened. He is now breathing on his own and eating with some assistance. Everyday he works hard to regain the lost function of his body. He has regained some use in his arms and hands, but he still has a long way to go. We are thankful for all who joined us last Saturday for an evening of praise and worship. We are the hands and feet of Christ! Whatever we do for the least of these, we do it unto Christ! Matthew 25:40 Most importantly, we ask that you please lift up Gray and his family as they navigate this new normal and work towards regaining all that was lost! If you would like to donate, please go to Colosse Baptist Church's website (colossebaptistchurch.com) for online giving or mail a check to Colosse Baptist Church, 23945 King William Rd, West Point, VA 23181, making notation that the donation is for Gray Beasley. We appreciate all that you can give to help them with their financial struggles, while they focus on caring for Gray and restoring his physical health. Thank you for blessing this wonderful young man and his family! We are His hands and feet!



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Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Artmobile



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Erin Lazar, Director of Community Programming and Tourism stated, "This exhibit allowed citizens of our county to enjoy art in their own backyard. We continue to find ways for citizens of all ages to learn something new and perhaps unlock a passion for something they did not know they enjoyed." To learn more about the programs offered by the Department of Community Programming, visit their website at www.kingandqueen.co.net/community-calendar

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The county staff is recognized with a resolution proclaiming Public Service Recognition Week

Cathy Stevens with the Finance Department presented three budget scenarios that included adjustments across various departments, all necessitating the tax increase to adequately support county growth and ensure proper funding for all county services. However, Supervisors Catlett and Robinson doubted the accuracy of the projected revenue figures, especially the projected growth of homes associated with the scenarios. No citizens voiced their opinions during the public hearing on the tax rate. According to State law, the budget must be finalized by the end of the fiscal year on June 30th.

Additionally, the board passed two resolutions: one honoring local law enforcement in recognition of Police Week 2025 and another for Public Service Recognition Week, which commended county staff for their hard work and dedication. In other matters, the board unanimously approved a gift deed to the King William Historical Society for artifacts discovered during the historical excavation of the old tavern site on the courthouse grounds conducted by the Fairfield Foundation. Some of these artifacts are currently on display in the County Museum.

In her remarks to the board, County Administrator Stacey Davenport announced that a Request for Proposal (RFP) would be issued this week to modify the site of the new library at the existing Parks and Recreation building. Once proposals are received and evaluated, a timeline for the library's completion will be determined. The second of two Library Town Halls will be held on Tuesday, May 13th, at the West Point Library starting at 6:30 pm.

Following a closed session, supervisors made their initial appointments to the newly established county finance advisory board, naming citizens Chris Couch, Tim Vaughn, and Joshua Nay. Fifth District Supervisor Mary Sue Bancroft will serve as the advisory board's board representative.

The Board of Supervisors' next meeting is scheduled for June 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Administrative Building within the courthouse complex.

Pamunkey, continued from front page

Pamunkey tribal lands are highly vulnerable to the impacts of sea level rise and increasing storm frequency and severity, as well as land subsidence. The Reservation is surrounded by the Pamunkey River and marshlands on three sides and a sinking railroad embankment on the fourth. Sea level rise threatens numerous archeological sites and multiple historic buildings and homes of reservation residents, as well as traditional food and medicine plants, clay deposits that have been used by potters for centuries, and aquatic wildlife like shad and sturgeon that Pamunkey fishermen have been catching for generations.



Shoreline Studies Program, VIMS Tribal Citizens and volunteers from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science planting native grasses along the shoreline to combat erosion in 2019.

The Tribe has created a Community Disaster Resilience Zone and has begun shoreline stabilization work such as plantings of native grasses and trees to slow erosion and reduce the impact of storms, but scientists still project that most Reservation land will be underwater and inaccessible within 75 years. Funding and support will be needed to expand resilience efforts, preserve historic buildings on the reservation, and conduct in-depth archaeological research. Recognizing that active habitation of Reservation lands may no longer be possible in the future, the Tribe believes it is important to document and record tribal history and traditions and think about how to carry heritage and memory forward in new ways.

You can help support the Tribe's preservation efforts at pamunkey.org

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Cavaliers Triple Sweep Chargers



Lady Cavs Adalyn Mills gets a welcome home party after hitting a home run
By Gene Campbell

When you're hot, you're HOT! The King William Cavalier JV Boys, Varsity Boys, and Varsity Lady Cavs lit up their home turf on May 8th, delivering an electrifying performance, completely dominating the Middlesex Chargers. It was also Senior Night, and fans recognized the accomplishments of senior players. The Varsity Boys shut down their counterparts 3-0. Varsity pitcher Andrew Lee was on fire, striking out 11 batters while allowing just two hits over 4 2/3 innings. Not to be outdone, Henry Kite came in for relief and sealed the deal with a remarkable save, fanning seven Chargers and giving up zero hits in 2 1/3 innings. On the offensive side, Daniel Burton and Trevor Gooch led the charge with multi-hit games, while Burton and fellow senior Timmy West drove in crucial runs, ensuring the Cavaliers cruised to victory. The Varsity Cavs remain undefeated in region play at 8-0 and boast an impressive 11-4 overall record.

While snapping away the "action shots of the boys," the screaming and hollering just down the hill in the valley was enticing me to see what the Lady Cavs were up to. When I arrived, they were in "full swing," overpowering the Middlesex Chargers with a commanding 9-1 thrashing. Payton Lewis anchored the team on the mound, tossing four innings to earn the win, while Jillian Smith stepped in for three strong innings of relief. The Lady Cavs struck early and often, amassing 13 hits throughout the game. Lewis shined both on the mound and at the plate, smashing three hits, including a home run, and driving in an impressive four RBIs. The power of the Lady Cavs was on full display as Lewis, Hollyn "the Hollynator" Krukowski, and freshman Adalyn Mills all launched home runs - Adalyn's first ever! Smith, Krukowski, and Annabelle Townsend backed them up with multi-hit games. At the same time, senior catcher Skylar Meriwether made a splash by adding an RBI and nabbing a Middlesex runner trying to steal second base, snuffing any early momentum for the Chargers. The Lady Cavs are on fire at 7-0 in region play and 15-1 overall.

Kicking things off earlier, the JV Boys delivered a stunning performance of their own, blanking the Middlesex Chargers 11-0 in a thrilling five-inning contest. Pitchers Corey Jackowski, Shawn Seal, and Austin Nester combined to no-hit the Chargers, leaving them wondering "what just happened!" The offensive fireworks were ignited by Conner Coleman, who dazzled with two hits and two RBIs. Jackowski also made his mark with a powerful extra-base hit that knocked in two more runs for the Cavaliers. With this impressive display, the JV Cavs are ready for any challenge that comes their way, now sporting a 9-3 overall record. The JV Lady Cavs are doing very well too, with a 7-3 overall record.

With this powerful performance, the Cavaliers have established themselves as a force to be "reckoned with" in the region. The playoffs are just around the corner, so "keep an eye" on these teams as they march toward the State Championship. GO CAVS!!

Madisyn Thornton - April Senior of the Month
King and Queen



Madisyn Thornton was recognized as Central High School (CHS) Senior of the Month. Madisyn serves as the King and Queen School Board Student Representative for 2024-2025.

Whether in the classroom, in leadership roles, or through community service, she consistently goes above and beyond to make a positive impact."

Whitney Curle, English teacher, describes Madisyn as someone who: "takes her studies very seriously; response to literature inquisitively and with an analytical scope, and she takes great pride in all the work she submits. Her academic achievements are a testament to her strong work ethic, intellectual curiosity, and ability to manage a demanding schedule.

When asked about Madi, Jennifer Powell, Government teacher, says, "from day one, Madisyn has contributed to each and every discussion with interest, knowledge, and supportive evidence. Truthfully, it is oftentimes difficult to get the class content started for the day because the students are so engaged in the world around them. Together, Madi and her peers are one step ahead of one another by analyzing real-life situations and making predictions about various government connections and involvement. I am coming to realize that Madi's dedication to academia and humanity propel her into these real life scenarios. She brings her inquisitiveness and compassion to the roundtable each and every day and leaves her peers with thoughtful insight and curious questions."

In addition to her academic excellence, Madisyn has shown exemplary leadership in various roles within our school and the broader community. As President of the National Honor Society (NHS), she not only leads biweekly meetings but also fosters a culture of responsibility and service among her peers. She has been a great asset to the NHS by communicating with her peers about projects, and demonstrating through example on what a good NHS member should accomplish.

We are all excited to see how she shines after leaving CHS!

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CONGRATULATIONS! King & Queen Schools Apple Award

King and Queen Elementary School - Pamela Pate

At the April King and Queen School Board meeting, Principal Mack Harvey recognized Pamela Pate for the Helping Hand Apple Award for King and Queen Elementary School. Principal Harvey states, "Pamela Pate is truly the heartbeat of KQES. She is the first smile many of us see in the morning and the calm in the middle of chaos. She's a hugger when you need comfort, a listener when you need to vent, and an adviser when you're not sure what to do next. And yes, she's absolutely irreplaceable, whether or not that's a real word!

She keeps this school running with grace, patience, and a kind of quiet strength that often goes unnoticed but is always deeply felt. Pamela doesn't just manage the front office - she nurtures it, and in doing so, she nurtures all of us. Whether she's helping a child find their way, calming a worried parent, or supporting staff with just the right words (and sometimes just the right snacks) - Pamela gives her whole

heart every single day. We recognize her with a small token of appreciation - The Helping Hand Apple - to someone who gives so much of herself to all of us. Pamela, thank you for everything you are and everything you do. You are the glue, the grace, and the grounding force of KQES. We all love Mrs. Pate and we're beyond lucky to have her at KQES.



Pamela Pate

Central High School - Terrance Redd



Terrance Redd

At the King and Queen School Board April meeting, Central High School (CHS) Principal Jennifer Eddy recognized Terrance Red for the Helping Hand

Award. Terrance Redd wears two hats here at CHS; by morning and afternoon, he's the reliable, ever-cheerful bus driver who greets each child with a smile and a warm "good morning." But his work doesn't stop once the last student steps off the bus. As CHS's school custodian, Terrance is a behind-the-scenes hero who takes care of everything from leaky faucets or clogged toilets to surprise spills in the gym and cafeteria. What makes Terrance exceptional isn't just his dedication to the job - it's his dedication to the people. He is always willing to jump in and drive the bus to make sure kids are getting to their sporting events or to stay after for Tiger Academy. He has even put his artwork on the walls of the high school! He is an alumni who goes above and beyond to keep pride alive at CHS!

Lawson Marriott Elementary School - Bambi Reifsnider

Carol Carter

At the April School Board meeting, Lawson Marriott Elementary School (LMES) Principal Bartlett, recognized Bambi Reifsnider for the Safe and Supportive Environment Apple Award. Principal Bartlett states, "Bambi is THE BEST cafeteria manager and loves everyone of our students here at LMES. She has worked very hard to make the cafeteria a safe, clean, and loving place where students and staff can enjoy a great meal. She is a leader, a friend, and most of all a pillar of support for our students. She goes above and beyond to make sure our high need students have food for the weekend and treats each person who comes through the line with love and respect. I am so grateful to have her at LMES and could not think of a more deserving person to be recognized this quarter. Bambi, all of us love and thank you for all that you do!



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Church Calendar

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Christian Fellowship Ministries You're welcomed to join us at 304 W. Chinquapin Rd., King William. Celebrate Pastor Edwards' Pastoral Anniversary, Sunday, 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 & Queen 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 Operation -Sundays Sunday School - 9:00AM Service - 10:00 AM in person or via Zoom Meeting ID: 979-374-0569 Passcode: 523416

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. Shackelfords 23156. Join us in-person and via Zoom for Quaker Worship in silent meeting at 10A.M. and worship sharing/discussion at 11:00. First Sunday business meeting at 11:00. Third Sunday potluck lunch at 12:00 noon. For more information contact 804-785-9401.

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

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!

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 Morning Worship 10:15. "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

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.

Union Hope Baptist Church

571 Union Hope Road, King William: Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 a.m. (In-person and Teleconference) Teleconference option: Phone: (774) 220-4000, PIN 57187 Follow us on Facebook: Union Hope Baptist Church, King William, Virginia The Food Bank Ministry Hours of Operation (Monthly from 1pm-3pm) Every Tuesday 1st Friday 3rd Saturday Morning Prayer: Monday and Friday mornings at 7AM Via Tele-Conference line & Weekly Bible Study: Tuesdays at 7:30PM Via Tele-Conference line *Follow us on FB.

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 of Stevensville, Va, will be celebrating its annual Homecoming Service June 1, at 10:00a.m. The speaker will be The Pastor, Rev. Marcus Hickman. Lunch will be provided after the service. We are looking forward to sharing this special occasion 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 (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

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Manfield Rd., Manquin, 23106. Sunday worship 9:30AM in person and Facebook Live, followed by fellowship and Sunday School. Pastor Corey McConnville. mckendree23106.org, mckendree23106@gmail.com. CARE meets the second Monday of each month until December.

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

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 Eucharist with healing prayers in Church Library at Noon. Welcome you! stjohnswp.org; info@stjohnswp.org

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 23181.

St. Paul's Millers Tavern 7924 Richmond Highway. The Rev. Haywood Spangler, 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, 23181. Pastor Karen V. Stanley. Sunday School 10. Worship Service 11.

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

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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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Safe Summer Kickoff Community Event

Saturday, June 7, Noon to 5 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church (916 Main St, West Point). Free safety giveaways and demonstrations throughout event. Free bystander CPR/AED training (with advance registration) 1-2 p.m. All are welcome! Contact Church Office at 804.843.4594 for more information.

KW County JUNETEENTH COMMUNITY FESTIVAL & FREEDOM CELEBRATION

Saturday, June 14th, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. King William County Courthouse, 180 Horse Landing Road, King William County, VA 23086. Lawn chairs are allowed. PRESENTED BY: KW NAACP #7082, King William Virginia Branch. (804) 916 - 1893; SECRETARY@NAACPKWVA.ORG

King and Queen County Public Library

Storytime with Mr. Jesse Tuesday @ 11am
June 6th: Kids Fishing Event at K&Q Pier 10-11am* June 9th: Adult Bingo at Poroporone Church 12pm Lunch Provided June 12: Rural Readers Book Club 6pm June 4th: Computer basics for Adults 2pm* June 17th: Juggler, Magician, and Puppeteer Geoff Marsh @ 11am Fun for the whole Family Call (804) 785-4425 or visit <https://kingandqueen.libcal.com/>

Upper King William Branch Library

All branches of the Pamunkey Regional Library will be closed on Monday, May 26. **The Stitching Hour** Thursday, May 22, 5:00 - 6:30pm Ages 18 and up. **Tabletop Game Night** Tuesday, May 27, 5:00 - 6:30pm **UKW Book Club** Ages 18 and up. We are reading "East of Eden" by John Steinbeck. **Make Your Own Firestarter** Tuesday, May 27, 1:00 - 2:30pm All Ages.

Upper King William Branch Library

"Color Our World" Summer Reading Program begins June 1. Crafternoon Monday, June 2, 3:00 - 4:00pm Ages 4-12. supplies provided. **Family Storytime** Wednesdays, June 4, 11, 18, & 25,

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. For ages 0-5 with caregiver. **Coloring, Coffee and Donuts** Thursday, June 5, 10:30am - noon Ages 18 and up. **Ice Cream Party** Saturday, June 7, 11:00am - noon All ages. **Learn How to Cross-stitch** Tuesday, June 10, 5:00 - 6:30pm (Ages 18 & up) **Virginia Living Museum Presents "Nature's Palette"** Thursday, June 12, 11:00 - 11:45am **Tabletop Game Night** Tuesday, June 24, 5:00 - 6:30pm All ages. **The Stitching Hour** Thursday, June 26, 5:00 - 6:30pm Ages 18 and up.

West Point Branch Library

Upcoming Programs at the West Point Branch Library **Naughty Knitters** Thursdays, June 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:00am - noon **Family Storytime** at the West Point Branch Library Fridays, June 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. **Stay & Play** Fridays, June 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11:00 a.m. - noon **Henna for Teens** Saturday, June 7, 10:30 - 11:30am **Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's** Wednesday, June 11, 10:30am - noon **Virginia Living Museum Presents "Nature's Palette"** Thursday, June 12, 3:30 - 4:15pm **Legos** Friday, June 27, 4:00 - 5:00pm Grades K-5. Call 804-769-3731 or visit the library at 694-J Sharon Road for more information.

DCSE Service Point Assistance

DCSE Contact Information: 1-800-468-8894

Good Homes Needed For Good Pets

Regional Animal Shelter, 20201 King William Road, King William 804-769-4983. www.petfinder.com email: animalshelter@kingwilliamcounty.us

Three Rivers SWCD Board of Directors' Meetings

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

KW Children First Lions Club

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

Kiwanis Club of the Tri-Rivers

Meetings will be held on the second and fourth Wednesday's of the month. The Kiwanis mission is to change the world one child and one community at a time through volunteer service! Our next meeting is at 6pm at Vinny's in King William. New members encouraged & welcome.

KW Parks and Recreation

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

KW Community Watch

Interested in a community watch? Call Lisa Mayville at 804-551-3267 or Email: lisamayville@atlanticbb.net. Any crime call King William Sheriff Office at 804-769-0999 or kwso@kingwilliamcounty.us Crime tips call Robin Bostic with King William Victim/Witness Program at 804-525-8838 or email: rbostic@kingwilliamcounty.us

KW NAACP Branch #7082

Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10am at 694 Sharon Rd, Suite K, King William, VA 23086. Questions, please email us: info@naacpkwva.org King William Virginia NAACP Branch #7082

CornerStone Community Development Center, Aylett

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