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Mangohick Motor Co – Watch the Fords Go By

By Gene Campbell

While the Town of West Point has always boasted a Ford dealership, many may not know that King William County once had its own Ford dealership located in the upper end – Mangohick Motor Company. From the 1930s until the early 1960s, residents could purchase a brand-new Ford V-8 at this establishment, situated along Rt. 30, just down the road from Woody’s Garage. Owned by Vivian McGeorge, Mangohick Motor Company featured a service center complete with a one-bay car lift and served as an ESSO dealer.

Please see Mangohick Motor, continued on page 7.

KWBOS Welcomes New County Administrator

By Gene Campbell

The King William Board of Supervisors held its first meeting of the month on March 9th. It was a relatively short but productive meeting, highlighted by the introduction of the new county administrator, Derek Stamey, who previously served in the same role in Cumberland County. Prior to the evening meeting, a budget work session was held, during which Finance Director Stacey McBride presented projected revenue and expenditure figures. Currently, there is a \$1.7 million deficit between projected expenditures of \$40,731,871 and projected revenue of \$38,975,672. The 2026-27 budget is still a work in progress, and county staff have considerable work ahead.

The evening agenda included two public hearings focused on subdivisions.

Please see KWBOS, continued on page 18.



Derek Stamey

Art Meets Leadership



Fellow art judges Dr. Joy Davis and Betsy Donoghue

By Gene Campbell

On March 3rd, educators and school board members from twelve counties and two towns gathered at Hollyfield Manor for the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) Eastern Region Division meeting, hosted by King William Schools. The dinner meeting was part of the Spring Network Forum, which featured a vibrant art competition showcasing local students' talents across various grade levels.

Before dinner, entries from elementary, middle, and high schools showcased their artistic skills in a spirited art competition. I had the distinct privilege, along with my fellow judges, Betsy Donoghue and Dr. Joy Davis, of selecting the first, second, and third-place winners in each division. The creativity and talent displayed in the entries were truly impressive, reflecting the vibrant artistic spirit of the region’s youth.

King William School Board member and VSBA Eastern Region Chair, Veda Frazier, warmly welcomed the approximately 50 educators in attendance, praising their dedication to education and community involvement. King William Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Charles Wagner, and VSBA Executive Director, Gina Patterson, spoke prior to the keynote address delivered by Tiara Booker-Dwyer, Deputy Superintendent of Outcomes and School Quality for the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE).

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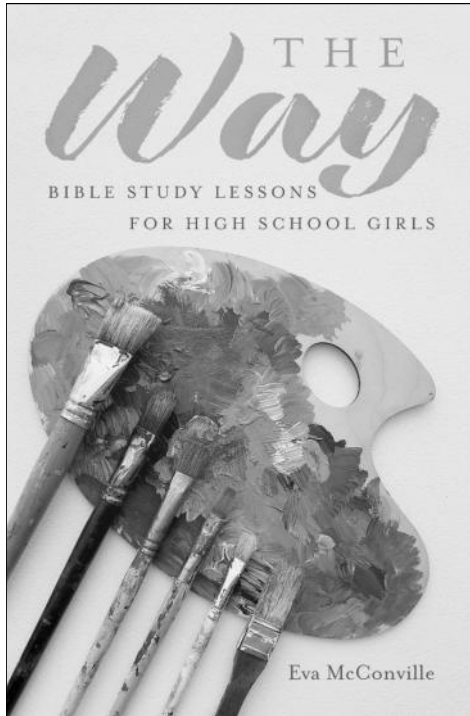
You're Invited!

By Gene Campbell and Eva McConville

Eva McConville, a senior at King William High School, is excited to announce the launch of her first published book, *The Way: Bible Study Lessons for High School Girls*. What started as a small, in-home Bible Study that Eva initiated in 2023 has blossomed into a comprehensive devotional designed to help teenage girls build genuine sisterhood and deepen their relationship with Christ.

Authored by a high school student for her peers, *The Way* features engaging and Scripture-centered lessons, providing a welcoming space for young women to gather weekly, focus on Jesus, and strengthen their bonds with one another and with Him. Drawing on her own experiences in Bible study groups, Eva's book speaks directly to the hearts of teen girls seeking community, purpose, and meaningful, faith-based friendships.

To celebrate the release, Eva will host a family-friendly Book Release Party at Alturia Farms (6101 Dabney's Mill Road, Manquin, VA) on Sunday, March 22nd, from 4 to 7 PM. Guests are welcome to drop in anytime to enjoy desserts, fellowship, and the opportunity to purchase the book. Those who pre-order or buy their copy at the event will receive



a special gift. The evening will also feature sample lessons from the devotional and a fun scavenger hunt.

The entire community is invited to come together and celebrate this exciting occasion! Many thanks to Eva McConville for this information.

Publisher's Message



February and March proved it can be unpredictable. Mother nature tells us she has the last word. Hopefully things will level out now and we can start enjoying the approaching spring.

Take care until next time.

Hanny Clark



The Country Courier welcomes letters from our readers, which will be published with the writer's signature and county of residence. We accept calendar items at no charge for 50 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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Two Words

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

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

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



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

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

And The Crown Goes to...Tucker Townsend, Mr. Cavalier



Mr. Cavalier Tucker Townsend

By Gene Campbell

The excitement was electric as you entered Cool Spring Primary School on the evening of Friday, March 6th, as the King William High School Student Council Association (SCA) hosted its annual Mr. Cavalier contest. With an enthusiastic crowd cheering them on, sixteen talented students took the stage to vie for the coveted title and showcase their unique skills in a night of fun and entertainment.

The evening began with a parade of contestants introduced to an eager audience, each radiating confidence and personality. Spectators could feel the energy in the air as the young men competed in various segments, including a talent showcase and interviews with the judges.

The talent competition highlighted a diverse array of performances, from musical acts and dance routines to displays of humor and charisma. Contestants wowed the audience with

their abilities, from eventual talent winner Camden Meriwether's guitar performance to Tucker Townsend's mesmerizing rendition of Frank Sinatra's 'My Way.'

Following the talent competition, the judges conducted interviews, asking each contestant thought-provoking questions. After careful deliberation, the moment everyone had been waiting for had arrived. Applause erupted as the emcee announced Tucker Townsend, the new Mr. Cavalier, with supporters rushing to congratulate him. Camden Meriwether was named runner-up.

As the curtain fell on another successful Mr. Cavalier contest, the King William community congratulated these young men on their charisma and confidence, which will inspire them to become the leaders of tomorrow.

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Drone Competition - King and Queen (JROTC) at Central High School



Contributed by SGM (RET) Ronald Howard

On February 28th, Central High School transformed into a hub of high-tech competition as the King and Queen Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) hosted a remarkably successful Drone Competition. The event drew a diverse crowd of competitors, including visiting schools from as far away as North Carolina and local Navy JROTC units, creating an atmosphere of intense but friendly rivalry. The 128th Aviation Battalion from Fort Eustis, Virginia, provided invaluable professional support, ensuring the cadets were held to the highest standards of aviation excellence.

This competition was designed to test much more than just basic flight

maneuvers; it was a comprehensive evaluation of the modern "citizen-soldier." Cadets were pushed to demonstrate elite teamwork and leadership, sharp written communication skills, and precise data analysis. The challenges were split between manual piloting missions and autonomous skills, where cadets had to rely on complex computer coding to navigate their drones. By bridging the gap between physical skill and digital literacy, the event highlighted how technology is reshaping the landscape of modern leadership.

The King and Queen JROTC program proved to be the dominant force of the day, securing first-place trophies in four out of six major categories: **Coding, Communication, Teamwork, and**

Airmanship. These victories serve as a testament to the hard work and forward-thinking mindset of our cadets, who are truly on the front lines of the technological "wave of the future." We extend a massive congratulations to all participating cadets for their discipline and technical achievements during this rigorous event.

Success like this is only possible with a strong community foundation. We would like to extend a special thanks to the REC

Foundation, Superintendent Dr. Carol Carter, and members of the school board, Principal Eddy for their unwavering support. Furthermore, the event thrived thanks to the dedicated parents of the Junior Reserve Parent Program. If you are interested in joining this winning team and exploring the world of JROTC, please contact Sergeant Major Ronald Howard or Staff Sergeant Scott at **804-785-6110** or via email at **rhoward@kqps.net**.



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Obituary



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 John Wayne "Rabbit" South, 85, a lifelong resident of King & Queen County, went to be with the Lord on March 9, 2026. He was born on August 15, 1940, to the late John T. and Lillian C. South.

Wayne retired from the telephone company of Gloucester after 31 years, never missing a single day from work. He was a member of Olivet Baptist Church where he served as trustee and deacon. Wayne was a member of the Central King & Queen Fire Department where he served as chief for over 40 years. He was president of Little Plymouth Hunt Club for over 40 years and enjoyed many days

of hunting and fellowship with his hunting buddies. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Margaret C. South; a sister, Marlene S. Vannoy and brother's-in-law, William B. Carlton and James C. Gresham.

Very special thanks to all who visited him and to a loving caregiver, Barbara Nworgu.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 14th at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th Street, West Point, VA 23181. Interment will follow in Olivet Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Olivet Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o William B. Carlton, treasurer, PO Box 25, King & Queen Courthouse, VA 23085. Tributes may be posted at www.vincentfh.com.



Lawson Marriott Elementary School



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Heritage Day Festival

Contributed by Deborah Moren, Museum Chair

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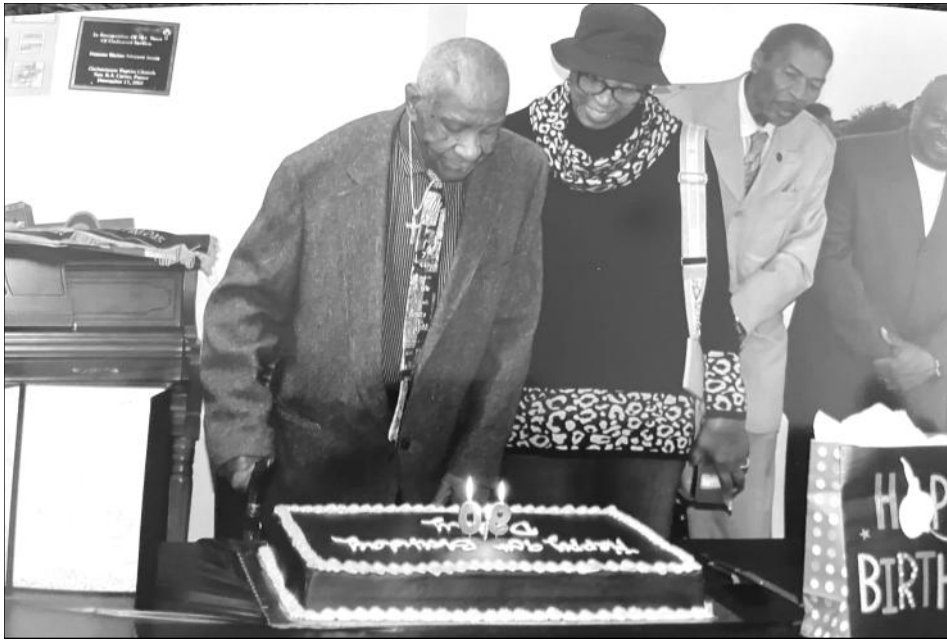
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Mangohick Motor Company

Tragically, according to longtime King William resident Donald Moren, Vivian experienced deep personal heartbreak shortly after opening the dealership; his wife passed away during their honeymoon in Washington, DC.

Additionally, Mangohick resident Ivy Sizer shared that Junior Woody, famed for his wrecking service, began his career as a mechanic at Mangohick Motor Company before launching Woody's Garage. Ivy also told me Hopson Moran sold cars there, and Miran Fox worked there, some names that old timers may recognize. Tee Woody, Junior Woody's son, told me he possesses an old placemat and original bill of sale from Mangohick Motor Company.

The revolutionary Ford V-8 engine, introduced by Henry Ford in 1932, was a groundbreaking innovation known for its power and efficiency. It quickly gained

widespread popularity. Notably, in 1934, the famous bank robber Clyde Barrow of the infamous Bonnie and Clyde duo wrote Henry Ford to express his gratitude for the V-8, exclaiming, "For sustained speed, the Ford V-8 has got every other car skinned. It is a dandy getaway vehicle!"

Sadly, the legacy of Mangohick Motor Company came to an abrupt halt in the early 1960s, when the building was destroyed by fire, according to local resident Dereck Carter. Even several years after the incident, the remnants of the one-bay car lift could still be seen in the ground, serving as a poignant reminder of the dealership's storied past.

I hope the information in this article is correct. If not, I am 'all ears' to hear more information, especially from the 'old timers', or if I am incorrect.

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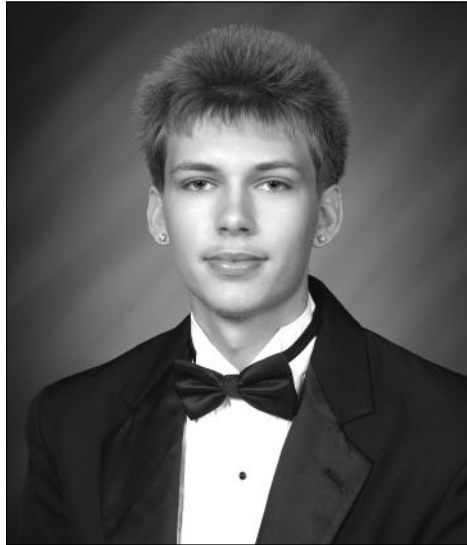


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Senior of the Month

Ayden Gibson consistently gives with his heart. He wants to do the right thing; most of the time, that's showcased in his ability to "show up." He's been a true leader on the basketball team (helping to keep the boys motivated and connected), he's a team player in numerous extracurricular organizations, and he is willing to devote his time/energy to various school activities/events (most recently, the Junior High Activity Night). CHS can count on him to be there to help, encourage, and/or listen to his fellow Tigers because Ayden continually leads with his giving heart.



Ayden is a young man of strong character, quiet leadership, and genuine heart. He approaches his work with care and determination, always striving to truly understand what he is learning rather than simply finishing the task. Ayden consistently goes the extra mile, whether that means staying engaged in thoughtful discussion or helping clean up a classroom without being asked.

"high school social status" with respect and compassion. He is polite and courteous to all faculty and staff -- and he is dependable beyond measure. From the classroom, to service organizations, to the basketball court, Ayden *shows up*. He leads not only through talent, but through character, humility, and collaboration. He makes his school community better just by being himself.

As a faithful member of the National Honor Society, he has attended every meeting and event, demonstrating his commitment to service and responsibility. Ayden is a true gentleman who takes pride in his school, treasures his friendships, and deeply values his family. He represents the very best of the senior class.

Ayden dreams of attending William and Mary as his first choice for college. He is still in the application process. He has already been accepted to Randolph Macon and Richard Bland to major in business or sports management.

Ayden is the kind of student who leaves a lasting impact wherever he goes. With an incredible heart and genuine kindness, he treats *everyone* no matter their age or

We can't wait to see where his future leads him!

EDA Scholarship



Contributed by Erin Lazar

King and Queen County EDA (Economic Development Authority) established two \$1500 scholarships for local businesses to be used for marketing. The scholarship was based on feedback from business owners stating a big need to gain help with their marketing/social media. Many of the businesses in King and Queen are small and don't have the capacity to develop a complete marketing strategy or plan. The EDA hopes this scholarship with help businesses gain critical resources to expand their marketing. The EDA is grateful for the partnership with Stephanie Heinatz, owner of Consociate Media and Deborah Newman, owner of Petite Taway for sharing their expertise with our winners. Both Ms. Heinatz and Ms. Newman have also graciously given their time over the last year to offer educational seminars focused on marketing, social media and networking to

local business owners.

The scholarship winners are Art & Stitchery owned by Mariia Smolina and Planters Grove owned by Stacy Richardson.

Mariia plans to use the scholarship to focus on developing a structured marketing strategy to maintain a consistent social media presence for her designed apparel and merchandise. Art & Stitchery serves local businesses by providing branded apparel and merchandise.

Stacy Richardson hopes the scholarship with help with a focused marketing strategy that will encompass all her businesses and grow the agritourism business.

The EDA Chairman, George Longest is looking forward to seeing the impact these scholarships make on these local businesses.

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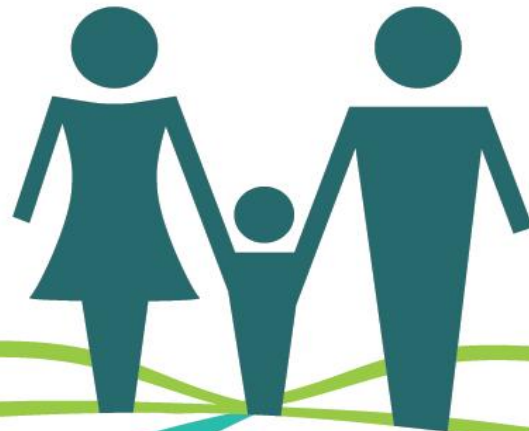
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Roane Named Chief Operating Officer for VCU



Contributed

Jeniece Smith Roane, Ph.D, RN, NE-BC, a graduate of King William High School, has been named the permanent Chief Operating Officer (COO) for VCU Medical Center.

Dr. Roane has been a registered nurse for 32 years. Her clinical background is in pediatrics and pediatric critical care. She has held formal leadership roles in nursing and hospital administration since 2002, most recently serving as the vice president of operations for Children’s Hospital of Richmond at VCU (CHoR) before taking on the interim COO role.

Notably, from 2020 through 2022, Fr. Roane served as the interim chief nursing officer for VCU Medical Center. In that role, she partnered with her colleagues to lead the organization and nursing service through its fourth successful Magnet designation and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Roane’s leadership has been recognized locally and regionally. She is the 2024 recipient of the Paul A. and Veronica H. Gross Achievement Award, which recognizes her substantial contributions to nursing. In 2021, Dr. Roane was recognized as the YMCA’s Outstanding Woman in Health and Science for the Richmond Region. And, finally, in 2015, Dr. Roane was recognized by her VCU Health colleagues for her transformational leadership style.

Dr. Roane gives back to the community through community board service activities. She is currently a board member of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Richmond and Greater Richmond SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now).

Condensed article released by Jim Willis, President VCU Medical Center. Shared by Susan Newman Richards, MSN RN, Virginia Commonwealth University.

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King and Queen County Awards Grimm + Parker Architects Contract

King and Queen County, VA – March 4, 2026– King and Queen County has awarded Grimm + Parker Architects the contract to develop the schematic design and wetlands delineation for construction of a new elementary school and academic campus. The project will proceed with further stakeholder engagement and public input opportunities to ensure that the final plan aligns with the needs and vision of King and Queen County leaders and citizens alike. The county continues to provide real-time project updates through the county website, social media, and Board of Supervisors meeting reports.

A work group, comprised of key stakeholders, has met and engaged with Grimm + Parker to continue the work begun during the master site plan phase of this project. The schematic design phase will include determination for quantities and sizes of all spaces, as well as a complete school site plan and floor plan,

based on the foundational work completed in the Master Planning Site Study.

“We are excited to continue working with Grimm + Parker Architects as we continue to develop this state of the art learning environment for the students of King and Queen County,” said Mark Berry, Board of Supervisors Chairman. The new school will be built on a 61-acre parcel acquired by King and Queen County in 2024. The property adjoins the existing King and Queen Central High School campus, forming a 91-acre educational hub designed to facilitate shared resources, extracurricular collaboration, and long-term educational planning. The new school is currently anticipated to open for student occupancy in the fall of 2028.

For more information and updates on the school consolidation master site plan, please visit kingandqueenco.net and kqps.net

Letters to the Editor

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

Garden Tour

Contributed by Cynthia Carter

Tour Features King and Queen County’s Bruington Historic District Garden Club of the Middle Peninsula Friday, April 24, 2026

A sure sign of spring is the Garden Club of Virginia’s Historic Garden Week, April 18-25, 2026, when houses and gardens are open throughout Virginia. This year’s tour hosted by the Garden Club of the Middle Peninsula will be on Friday April 24, featuring beautifully preserved 19th-century homes and historic churches in King and Queen County’s Bruington Historic District. Uniquely immersive in history, the tour will offer visitors a rare and moving tribute to the lives, struggles, and triumphs that shaped a community and a nation. Of the special activities planned, the Rev. Cora Harvey Armstrong, one of Virginia’s most sought after Gospel artists and King & Queen County’s own, will sing gospel songs twice on tour day.

Properties on the tour include THE VINEYARD, a beautifully preserved Federal-style home circa 1816, ERIN, a rare example of mid-19th century brick architecture in this area, built circa 1857, CLOVERLY, the last large antebellum home built in the area, and MARLBOROUGH, a striking Greek Revival home. At the heart of The Historic District stands BRUINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH, dating to 1790 (the current building was erected in 1851). Bruington is the "mother church" to several congregations, including two African American Baptist churches—Bethlehem and New Mt. Zion—founded by formerly enslaved members after the Civil War.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH shares a rich history with the area, reflecting its founders' determination during challenging times for African American communities in rural Virginia. More information about the tour and special activities planned throughout the day will be in upcoming issues of this paper.

More information about the tour and tickets may be purchased (\$45) by visiting <https://gcvirginia.org/historic-garden-week/>. Children's tickets (\$15) are also available on the website. Homemade box lunches may be pre-ordered until April 18 at www.gardenclubofthemiddlepeninsula.com or by mailing a check (\$20) to New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 944 Pea Ridge Rd., Bruington, VA 23023. Visitors can look forward to an enriching and inspiring day exploring the historic properties and rural Bruington area on April 24, with events planned throughout the day.

The Garden Club of Virginia operates as a non-profit organization comprised of 48 member clubs and 3,400 volunteers. Proceeds from Historic Garden Week, fund the restoration and preservation of Virginia’s historic public gardens and provide graduate level research fellowships. The Garden Club of the Middle Peninsula includes members from Essex, King and Queen, King William, and Middlesex Counties.



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Mattaponi Indian Tribe and Reservation is posting this notice pursuant to the Section 106 Review Process of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) per the regulations at 36 C.F.R. 800 et seq. The Tribe has secured funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide rehabilitation to Mattaponi citizens' homes. This project is thus considered an undertaking pursuant to 36 C.F.R. 800 et seq., which requires compliance with the Section 106 Review Process, including notice to the public.

The Tribe proposes to provide rehabilitation to 7 Mattaponi citizens' single-family dwellings. The scope of work will include exterior renovations such as a new roof, siding, windows, and gutters, as well as interior renovations involving structure, accessibility, and updated home systems. Ground disturbances will be minimal to none. The proposed project, Mattaponi Housing Rehabilitation Project, covers approximately 11,000 sq/ft with the potential to impact 7 acres that comprise the Area of Potential Effect (APE). There are no known recorded historic resources within the APE.

The Tribe has consulted with the State Historic Preservation Office, Virginia’s Department of Historic Resources (DHR). After submitting documentation and performing a thorough review, DHR determined that no historic properties will be affected by the proposed undertaking. The Tribe has also worked with the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) throughout this process. HUD concurs with the SHPO’s determination that no historic properties will be affected by the proposed project undertaking, and the project complies with Federal regulations.

If you would like to learn more about this project or provide comments, please contact our Tribal Offices at (804)353-5908 with any comments or questions within 30 days of the posting of this notice.

King William County Voter Registration & Elections Special Election Tuesday, April 21, 2026 POLLS OPEN 6 a.m. – 7 p.m.

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

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(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, March 6th – April 18th 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 11th 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 18th 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

(April 18, 2026, 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, April 10, 2026: 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, April 21, 2026: Election Day ALL BY MAIL ballots must be returned or post marked by Tuesday, April 21, 2026.

King William County Voter Registration & Elections Office
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email: general.registrar@kwc.gov

Church Calendar

Attention: This space is Contributed.

*Under 60 Words please. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN

Christ Community Church Meeting Sunday morning Beulah Church - 1539 Lewis B Puller Memorial Hwy. east, (SR 33E, Saluda 23149) (804) 370-5035 Service starts at 0930. All invited to join.

Christian Fellowship Ministries Join us at 304 W. Chinquapin Rd., King William on Sundays at 11 am in the sanctuary and Bible Study 7pm Wednesdays on Zoom. We will begin our Annual 40-day Fast on February 18-March 29. Revival will be held every Wednesday-Friday throughout the Fast at 7 p.m. on Zoom - ID: 890 008 8851 Password: 6iayfH.

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

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

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

BAPTIST

Bethlehem Baptist Church Route 14, 4389 The Trail Bruington, 23023 Pastor James T. Hill, Sr. Come worship with us every Sunday morning at 11:00 AM. For directions or questions, call 804.769.7033 or email us at n1871bbc@gmail.com. Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/ourBBC1. All Are Welcome!

Beulah Baptist Church Sunday School, all ages 9:45AM, Worship Service 11AM. View sermons, via YouTube/Facebook at beulahbaptistva.org. Follow, like YouTube/Facebook, be notified of upcoming livestream. 4805 West River Road Aylett, 23009. PO Box 846 Aylett, 23009 804.539.2191 kwbeulahbaptistchurch@gmail.com beulahbaptistva.org

Broadus Church Hebron Campus Sunday worship at 9:30am Bible Study for all ages at 10:45am. Mid-week Bible Studies Tues. evening. Youth 6pm, ladies and men group at 6:15pm. Food Distribution 2nd Monday each month from 6-8pm. Free firewood or used furniture call 804-779-2700 ask for Pastor Jeff. Come SEE what GOD is doing!

Bruington Baptist Church

4784 The Trail, Bruington, VA, King and Queen County. Please join us for our Easter Services: Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. in the cemetery followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, Bible Study and Sunday School at 9 a.m., and Worship Service at 10 a.m. Community Clothes Cupboard open first Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon. Rev. Brian Harfst, pastor. 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.

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. All 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, 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 2nd & 4th Wed. during Daylight Saving Time. Services live Zoom at: <http://bit.ly/MBCLIVE> (Meeting ID: 871 964 216) & FBLive. Visit Facebook for news/schedule changes: @MattaponiBaptistChurchVa. 13466 The Trail, King & Queen C.H. 23085. Pastor Stephen Rountree: 804-514-5715.

Mattaponi Friends Meeting 942 Buena Vista RD. Shackelfords 23156. Join us in-person and Zoom for Quaker Worship in silent meeting at 10A.M. and worship sharing/discussion at 11. First Sunday business meeting at 11. Third Sunday potluck lunch at 12noon. For more info 804-785-9401.

New Hope Memorial Baptist Church Rev. Dan Grantham 14173 New Hope Road Shackelfords, Va 23156 Worship service at 10am

Oak Grove Baptist Church, 46 Townique Farm Rd, Hanover, VA Join us on Sunday, March 29, 2026, for our Pre-Easter Carnival starting at 12 noon! Fun for all FREE FOR ALL. Questions? Contact Johnella Morrow at (804) 519-7545.

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 Are you looking for something different? Revival Baptist Church is a 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. Learn more

at visitrevival.org.

Rock Spring Baptist Church 4134 Manfield Road Aylett 23009. Rev. Pagie Hancock, III, Pastor. Join us weekly for Sunday School at 9:15am, Sunday Worship Service 10:15am. Annual March Rally is scheduled for Sunday, March 15, 2pm, benefit Building Fund. Special Musical Guests. Members are to see their Captains for donations. Any donations or special contributions are welcome! All are welcome to attend!

St. Paul Baptist Church, 1995 Globe Rd, Aylett. The Women's Ministry of St. Paul Baptist Church cordially invite you to our celebration of **Women's History Month** as we recognize and honor "Women That are Faithful Servants", on Saturday, March 28, 2026 at 1:00 pm. **Guest Speaker: First Lady Deloris Weeden**, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Lanexa, VA. **Music** by **Eternal Community Choir**. Join us and be Blessed. Live Streaming on YouTube: St. Paul Baptist Church, Aylett, VA.

Sharon Baptist Church 901 Sharon Rd, King William, 23086 804-769-2320, Office hours Tuesday through Friday 9am to 2pm Pastor Chad Brannan, Sunday School 9 am, Worship 10:15am Tuesday Morning Bible Study- 10am Wednesday Youth Group - 6pm Awanas - 6:30pm. Wednesday Night Prayer Group - 6:45pm

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 452 Walkerton Rd, Walkerton, KW. Deacon Deaconess and Trustee Day on Sunday, March 15. Theme 157 years of Service to Mankind Through Faith, Prayer and Love. 1Peter 4: 10-11. Rev. Dr. Stephanie Wilkes and The Baptist Liberty Church Family will be our special guest. Service will begin at 11am. Please plan to join us.

Union Hope Baptist Church 571 Union Hope Road, King William: Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM (In-person & Teleconference) Teleconference: (774) 220-4000, PIN 57187 Follow us on Facebook: Union Hope Baptist Church, King William, The Food Bank Ministry Hours of Operation (Monthly from 1pm-3pm) Every Tuesday, 1st Friday and 3rd Saturday

Upper King and Queen Baptist Church invites you to worship with us at 11:00 A.M. Sunday with Sunday School at 10:00 A.M. Pastor Dr. David Pepler Visit us on Facebook.com/upperkingandqueenbaptist

Zion Baptist Church King and Queen Courthouse, 615 Zion Church Road, King and Queen Courthouse, 23085. Mailing Address: P. O. Box 82. Worship Service (in-house), Each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Virginia "BeeBee" Harvey Young, Pastor.

CATHOLIC

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church 3570 King William Ave. W.P. 23181. 8048433125. worship 5pm Sat. 9am Sunday, 10:15am Sunday- Bible Study & Sunday school.

METHODIST

Epworth Methodist Church 11 Epworth Road, Aylett. Phone 804-769-1949. Sunday Worship 9AM, Fellowship 10AM, Sunday School 10:30AM. Facebook Page & Website. Wesleyan Class Meetings

Sunday 5PM and Thursday 10AM. Member Global Methodist Church, Pastor Tera Ertz.

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 McConville. mckendree23106.org mckendree23106@gmail.com. CARE will not meet January through March.

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

EPISCOPAL

Immanuel Episcopal Church 190 Allen's Circle King & Queen Court House. For information on a particular Sunday call 804 -514-5952.

St. John's Episcopal Church 916 Main Street, PO Box 629, West Point. 804-843-4594. 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. stjohnswp.org; info@stjohnswp.org

St. David's Episcopal Church Aylett "To Know Christ Jesus and to Make Christ Known" 11291 West River Road, Aylett VA (Beside the Public Boat Landing) Vicar Rev. T. Gustavo Mansella All Are Welcome! All Sundays - 11 AM Eucharist Service

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

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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

NON DENOMINATION

Rehoboth Bible Church 5904 Acquinton Church Road, KW, Sunday Worship service at 10:30 am. We are a church that still walks the old paths while shining the light of truth in today's world. Monthly Blue Grass Gospel Jam held the 3rd Tuesday of each month from March to October from 6:30 to 9:00. (804)769-8400.

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 Schools Preschool Registration

for 2026-2027, Wednesday, March 18th from 1pm to 5:30pm at King & Queen Elementary and Tuesday, March 24th from 1pm to 5:30pm at Lawson-Marriott Elementary 804-769-3116. Children eligible if they turn 3 or 4 years old on/before September 30. For info and appointment, call 804-785-5981.

King and Queen Library

Book Club- Swamp Fox by John Oller Thursday, Open Pickleball every Wednesday @ 1pm Free Tax Preparation with AARP every Friday and Saturday 10am-2pm (call to make an appointment) Stich Fix (knitting/fiber) every 3rd Wednesday @ 6pm All events are FREE and open to everyone!!

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DCSE Service Point Assistance

DCSE Contact Information: 1-800-468-8894

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School Board Appreciation Month



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The first hearing addressed proposed amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance concerning exempt subdivisions.

After several questions from the Supervisors, they unanimously voted to return the amendments to the Planning Commission for further review. The second public hearing centered on the repeal of the Farmstead Subdivision provision, which pertains to parcels of 15 acres or more. Given its infrequent use, the Board unanimously approved its elimination.

During the public comment period, a resident advocated for replanting trees

along Rt. 30 and Sharon Road at the high school, where they once thrived. The Supervisors suggested reaching out to the School Board for their input, and everyone agreed that it was a worthwhile pursuit. In other matters, the Supervisors appointed Pastor Douglas Riley to the Bay Aging Board.

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Monday, March 23rd, beginning at 6:30 PM at the administrative building in the courthouse complex. Stay INVOLVED, it is YOUR county.

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As the evening came to a close, the King William community can take pride in hosting an event that brought together individuals devoted to the success of students and schools throughout the Eastern Region, playing a vital role in shaping the future of education in Virginia.

Aylett Country Day School

Honor and Merit Roll

Mrs. Tara Garner, Head of School at Aylett Country Day School, is pleased to announce the names of students in grades four through eight who have shown outstanding academic achievement for the 2nd trimester of the 2025-26 school year.

Students earning Honor Roll status, all A's, for the 2nd trimester are:

- Grade 4: Morrigan Fincannon, Sara Parker, and Mary Alice Smith
- Grade 5: Nora Ginn, Hudson Sgroi, and Elea Wise
- Grade 6: Abigail Ambrose, Joslyn Earhart, Michaela Hall, Willow Jones, Jeremiah Small, and Katherine Wechsler
- Grade 8: Sydney Hundley and Cameron Moore

Merit Roll (A's and B's) students for the 2nd trimester are:

- Grade 4: Eloise Doig, Ally Fisher, Hank Ginn, Benjamin Mundie, Susannah Osburn, and Lilly Simons
- Grade 5: Sadie Atkins, Gabe Broadus, Sawyer Clark, Jack Fowler, Truman Kent, Wade Parker, Jade Small, Ellie Wolford, and Garrett Wolford
- Grade 6: Ann Layton Gawen, Carley O'Bier, Dylan Spivey, Lauren Sprouse, and Henry Underwood
- Grade 7: Barrett Keeton and Abigail Wolford
- Grade 8: Piper Atkins, Isabella Bevard, Harper Boyle, Chesley Brooks, Megan Copeland, Ashleigh Dilworth, Gracie Fisher, Hadleigh Keeton, Blake Kosek, Bryce Matthews, Corbin McConville, Madison Mundie, and Eli Wise

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Join us for games, crafts, snacks, and more!

Date: March 28
 Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
 Location:
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Bring your baskets and come enjoy a fun afternoon for the whole family!

Donation to King and Queen Schools from the Chesapeake Chorale



Dr. Cheryl Brown Davis, Principals Eddy, Bartlett and Clarke.

Contributed by Carol Carter

At the February School Board meeting, Dr. Cheryl Brown Davis, Artistic Director for the Chesapeake Chorale, presented to the principals of King and Queen County Public Schools a donation check of \$200 each for their music programs.

The Chesapeake Chorale began as the vision of founding President and Artistic Director, Kimberly Leggett. The Chorale's mission of enhancing and sustaining school music programs benefits the community both culturally and financially. All proceeds collected from ticket sales are given to area schools to keep music programs alive and thriving. Since their founding in 1996, this non-profit, volunteer community choir has grown in size from 30 to nearly 100 members at one point and donated in excess of \$260,000 in equipment and money for the improvement of school performance facilities and music programs.

Artistic Director - Dr. Cheryl Brown Davis was educated in the Richmond City and Chesterfield County Virginia Schools. In 1970 she received a Bachelor of Music Ed. degree from Madison College, in 1971 a Master of Music in vocal performance and choral conducting from the University of Michigan, and in 1990 a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Virginia. In 1972, Dr. Brown Davis began her teaching career in

the Cheboygan, Michigan Public Schools. She subsequently taught choral music at Ferguson High School in Newport News, in Rockingham County, Virginia, in Ann Arbor Michigan Public Schools, and for five years she taught at North Dakota State University. From 1998 - 2007, Dr. Brown taught vocal music in Albemarle County, Virginia. After her husband retired in 2007, Dr. Brown Davis returned to Newport News and Taught at Riverside Elementary School until her retirement in 2011. Dr. Brown Davis has been a frequent guest conductor and vocal music adjudicator in district and state festivals for the past thirty-five years in Virginia, Michigan, and North Dakota. She continues to perform as a guest soprano soloist and choral conductor.

She conducts the Annual Messiah "Sing-In" each December held at Kilmarnock United Methodist Church. She retired from teaching in June 2011 and lives in Heathsville with her husband, William Davis. She became Artistic Director of the Chesapeake Chorale in 2013 and also directs Nouvelet Chamber Choir. She is currently serving as President of the Virginia Federation of Music Clubs and is a member of the Northumberland County School Board.

King and Queen County Public Schools wish to thank the Chesapeake Chorale for this donation.

Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.

Marie Curie

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Kiwanis Club of the Tri-Rivers Names Thomas "Quinn" Agnew 2025 Teenager of the Year



WEST POINT The Kiwanis Club of the Tri-Rivers is proud to announce that **Thomas "Quinn" Agnew** has been selected as the **2025 Teenager of the Year**. This prestigious award recognizes a local student who demonstrates exceptional leadership, a spirit of volunteerism, and a deep-seated commitment to their community and peers.

Quinn, a junior at **West Point High School**, has distinguished himself as a versatile leader and dedicated student-athlete. His contributions to the school and local community are extensive, spanning athletics, the arts, and service leadership.

A Legacy of Leadership and Service

Quinn's selection was based on his unwavering dedication to the greater West Point community. Highlights of his involvement include:

Service Leadership: Quinn serves as the President of the Key Club, where he spearheads initiatives that benefit local

residents and organizations and **Athletic Excellence:** A standout athlete, Quinn competes in Cross Country, Indoor Track, and Track and Field, demonstrating the discipline and teamwork inherent in the Kiwanis mission.

Artistic Contribution: Quinn is an active member of the school chorus, contributing his talents to the school's vibrant arts program.

Celebrating Excellence

The Kiwanis Club celebrated Quinn's achievements with a special reception for him and his family on March 11th. During the event, members of the club spoke to Quinn's ability to inspire others and his consistent effort to lead by example.

"Quinn embodies the very best of our community's youth," said club president Dr. Helen Williams. "His leadership among his peers and his genuine heart for service made him the clear choice for this year's honor."

KING WILLIAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE		MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT	
		FEBRUARY 2026	
TRAFFIC STOP	223	TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	1286
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE/PERSON ACCIDENTS	29		
FRAUD	42	TOTAL 911 CALLS	433
FRAUD	8		
THEFT/LARCENY	7	TOTAL COURT DAYS	6
FIGHT/ASSAULT/DOMESTIC	22		
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	89	GENERAL DISTRICT	4
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