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Upper King and Queen Baptist Church Recognized



Joyce Mitchell was presented a resolution recognizing the church's 250 years of service to the community, by Rev. Dr. Nathan L. Taylor.

By Danny Clark

On April 11th, 2026, the Upper King and Queen Baptist Church members and friends gathered for the unveiling of the church's Historical Marker. Church Pastor, The Rev. Dr. David Pepler, welcomed everyone to this Historical event, also adding, "Thanks to Joyce Mitchell for all the hard work she has done in helping to make this happen." This was followed by a standing ovation from church members and guests for Joyce. The guest speaker was The Rev. Dr. Nathan L. Taylor, Executive Director of the Virginia Baptist Historical Society. The unveiling of the church's Historical marker was done by Jamie Ryland and Madena Du Chemin.

Please see **UPPER K&Q CHURCH**, continued on page 13.

Heritage Day: Honoring Our County's Past and Country's Freedom



George Washington (Steve Hawkins) recalling his days at the Tavern



American Heritage Girls recite the Pledge of Allegiance

By Gene Campbell, On Saturday, April 11th, King William County marked two monumental anniversaries: the 324th birthday of its founding and the 250th anniversary of our nation's independence. The much-anticipated King William Heritage Day brought the community together at the courthouse, an event that the King William VA250 Committee has been planning since July 2022.

Please see **HERITAGE DAY**, page 19.

Historical Marker Pays Homage to Local Tribes' Fight for Justice



Chiefs unveil the marker

By Gene Campbell

On April 4th a poignant ceremony took place at the King William County Courthouse, marking Virginia's Indigenous tribes' fight for justice against a law that was aimed to eradicate their existence a century ago. A marker entitled "Racial Integrity and the Tribes of King William" was unveiled by leaders of local tribes. The marker installed by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) and approved by the Virginia Board of Historic Resources was unveiled by Mattaponi Chief Mark Custalow, Pamunkey Chief Kevin Brown, Upper Mattaponi Chief Frank Adams, and former Upper Mattaponi Chief Ken Adams.

Please see **MARKER**, continued on page .

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Oak Grove Baptist Church Hosts First Pre-Easter Carnival



Organizers: Back Row-L to R- Trustee Shelby Vessels, Austin Anderson, Lamont Standberry, Brandi Standberry, Minister Theresa Greer. Front Row-Deaconess Jennifer Dandridge, Minister Tara Temple, Johnella Morrow, and Deaconess Rosalind Dandridge. Not pictured Artie Dandridge, Trustee Carolyn Vessels, and Trustee Donald Morrow

A Day of Fun and Community Spirit

Contributed by Minister Dr. Tara C. Temple

Oak Grove Baptist Church hosted its first Pre-Easter Carnival on Sunday, March 29, 2026, welcoming families from across the community for a day filled with fun, connection, and celebration. Guests enjoyed a variety of activities, including horse rides, a bouncy house, face painting, complimentary haircuts, and freshly made

funnel cakes.

The event reflected a strong sense of community spirit, bringing people together in a joyful and welcoming environment. Organizers worked diligently to ensure that every detail contributed to a memorable experience.

Please see **OAK GROVE CARNIVAL**, continued on page 13.

Publisher's Message



I hope everyone is staying cool on these really hot days. The weather is one thing we have no control over. The best times to work outside are early morning and late afternoon. We can't fight Mother Nature, best to work with her.

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 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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Connecting

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

For thousands of years, people have had connections with animals. Some are emotional connections like pets. Others are physical connections like work animals. Horses and mules have a special connection with people because of their size and the things that we do with them. Years ago, we used them to clear land, plant the fields, harvest the crops, pull wagons, carry heavy loads, ride them to explore or escape danger, and the list goes on. Today we use them mostly for pleasure riding. We still have that special bond and physical connection as we are riding on the back of such large and powerful animals with the wind blowing through our hair. Since I don't have a lot of hair left, I guess it's the wind blowing across my bald head. It's still a special feeling. Taking care of them requires us to provide a safe and clean living space, proper food and fresh water, enough exercise and mental stimulation to be happy members of our families. Everyone loves baby animals, whether it's puppies, kittens, horses, or mules. They are so cute and playful and need a calm and patient person to teach them how to act and help them to understand things as they grow.

Talking about baby animals, reminds me of a story that my buddy Jim told me the other day. He said that he was driving home one evening and saw something moving on the side of the road and pulled over to check it out. It was a baby skunk.



He looked everywhere to see where the parents were but found nothing. He decided to take the baby skunk home and raise it. His wife was none too pleased when he got home. Jim fed it some milk and then went and found a big cardboard box to keep it in. He put a towel in the box for bedding. His wife asked "Jim, where are you going to keep that skunk at?" Jim said "I'm going to put him the box and keep him beside our bed at night so I can keep a check on him." Jim's wife said "What about all those scary noises and that terrible smell all night long?" Jim said "Honey, don't worry about that little skunk. He'll get used to you just like I have!" I think Jim and the skunk slept on the couch that night.

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

Obituary



MASSEY, Deanie will be remembered for her keen sense of fashion, her love of family, and her devotion to her grandchildren. She "Deanie," 87, also enjoyed trying new recipes and passed them away sharing them with loved ones. A dedicated fitness enthusiast, she attended aerobics classes for more than thirty-five years. She was a native of King William County, Deanie preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Robert Lee Massey. She was employed by Drs. Richard Michaux and Wyatt Beazley III until the birth of her second child.

A private graveside service was held at Corinth Church Cemetery in Manquin, VA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America at: alzfdn.org

survived by her brother, Raymond Muire (Catherine); her son, Douglas Massey (Patricia) of Leesburg; her daughter, Kelly Owens (Rob) of Mechanicsville; and five grandchildren, Henry Massey (Abigail), Ben Massey, Julia Massey, Tyler Owens (Kaitlynn), and Cassidy Owens.

Grateful

The members of New Mount Zion Baptist Church, Walkerton, graciously thank the following: Mr. Scott Mitchell for granting us the privilege of advertising and holding our annual bake sale at his store front on Saturday, April 4, 2026. We appreciate the generosity, kindness and support that you have given us for many years. Mrs. Sharon Gathercole for the donation of a scrumptious baked cake. You too have supported us through the years. Mr. Jimmy May for the donation of lovely Azalea plants that were sold in support of our bake sale. We thank all who came out to support and to ensure a successful day.

All blessings are from God.

Circuit Court Clerk Launches VA Deed Alert to Help Protect Property Owners from Deed Fraud

King William, Virginia – The Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court for King William is encouraging property owners to enroll in VA Deed Alert, a free, voluntary notification service designed by the Office of the Executive Secretary (OES) to help Virginians protect their property from deed fraud.

VA Deed Alert allows residents to receive electronic notifications whenever a document is recorded in the local land records that matches their name or Tax Map/Parcel ID number. These alerts can provide early warning of potentially fraudulent activity, such as unauthorized deed transfers or filings.

"Deed fraud is a growing concern nationwide," said Tina T. Glazebrook, Clerk of Circuit Court for King William. "VA Deed Alert gives property owners a simple and effective way to stay informed and take quick action if something doesn't look right." The service does not prevent documents from being recorded, nor does it validate the legality of a filing. Instead, it serves as an additional layer of awareness, enabling property owners to review activity related to their property and contact the clerk's office or seek legal advice if needed.

Key Features of VA Deed Alert:

- Free to use
- Available to all property owners in Virginia
- Notifications sent by email
- Users can monitor their name, business name, or Tax Map/Parcel ID number.

Enrollment is quick and can be completed online in just a few minutes.

How to Sign Up:

Property owners can visit <https://risweb.vacourts.gov/VADeedList/#/login> or King William Circuit Court website under Land Records to register and begin receiving notifications.

For questions about VA Deed Alert or local land records, residents may contact the King William Circuit Court Clerk's Office at (804) 769-4936

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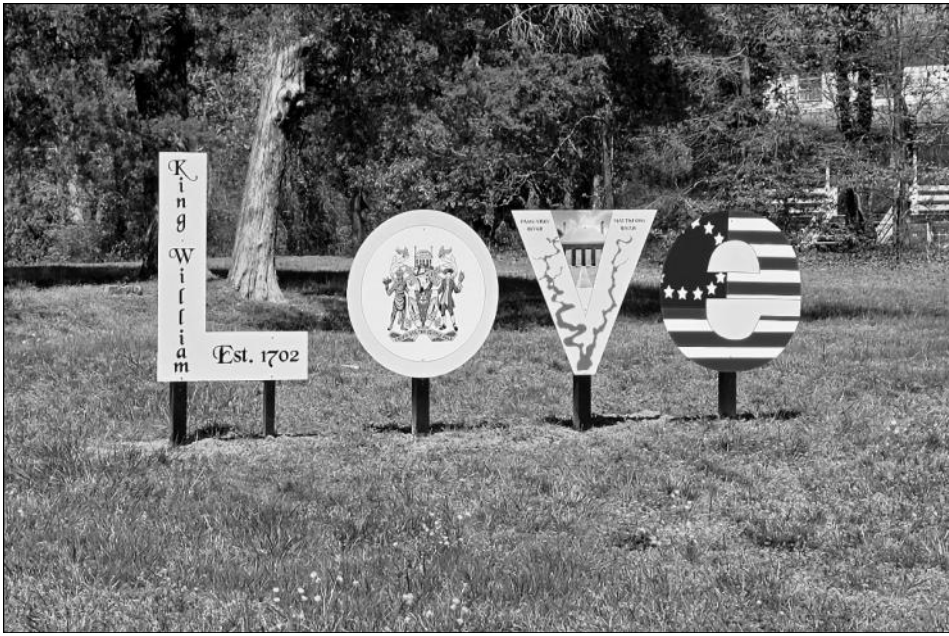
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King William County LOVE



LOVE sign in King William

Submitted by Ed Moren

When you get a chance, head down Route 30 towards West Point and the historic courthouse. Look just east of the fire tower and you'll notice a new "LOVE" sign which was just recently installed. As of earlier this year there were over 300 unique signs across the Old Dominion – designed to promote tourism and to reflect the local character of the community. In this design the "L" shows the date King William was established; the "O" has the County coat of arms; the "V" shows the two rivers which border King

William (Pamunkey and Mattaponi) as well as a photo of the "Oldest Courthouse in the United States still in continuous use"; and finally the "E" honors the original 13 colonies with stars and stripes. The brainchild of KW Historical Museum Chair Debi Moren over 2 years ago, the LOVE sign was presented to and approved by the KW Historical Society—which also provided 100% of the funding. A special thanks goes to sign-makers Dave, Dee Dee and Ray of Dave Tench Signs. Stop by and check it out!

If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.
Wayne Dyer

Redistricting Referendum

Contributed by Lindsay Robinson
Area Voters Urged to Reject Redistricting Referendum at Local Meeting KING WILLIAM – Local residents gathered Thursday evening, April 9, at Rehoboth Bible Church for an informational meeting on the upcoming redistricting referendum that will appear on the ballot in the special election on April 21. The event was organized by the King William Republican Committee to help voters better understand the implications of the proposed constitutional amendment and to lay out reasons supporters believe citizens should vote "no." State Senator Richard Stuart and Delegate Keith Hodges addressed the crowd, outlining their concerns about how the redistricting proposal could affect rural communities like King William County. Senator Stuart emphasized that decision-makers in more urban areas often lack a clear understanding of rural life. "They don't understand the way we live in rural Virginia, it's urban versus a rural lifestyle," Stuart said, warning that changes to the redistricting process could further dilute the voice of smaller localities. Delegate Hodges stressed the importance of voter turnout, particularly among younger residents, and raised concerns that the measure would push Virginia toward a centralized, uniform model of governance.



L-R Senator Richard Stuart, King William, GOP Chair, Lindsay Robinson, Delegate Keith Hodges

Please see VOTE, continued on page 13.

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Proposed Constitutional Amendment

To be voted on at the April 21, 2026, Special Election

BALLOT QUESTION

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to allow the General Assembly to temporarily adopt new congressional districts to restore fairness in the upcoming elections, while ensuring Virginia's standard redistricting process resumes for all future redistricting after the 2030 census?

EXPLANATION FOR VOTERS (Approved by House and Senate Privileges and Elections Committees on February 20, 2026)

Present Law

Virginia's eleven congressional districts are drawn once every ten years by the Virginia Redistricting Commission, a legislative body made up of eight legislators and eight citizens, with an equal number of Republicans and Democrats. Virginia's congressional districts were last redrawn in 2021 and will next be redrawn in 2031.

Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment would give the General Assembly the authority to redraw one or more of Virginia's congressional districts before 2031 in limited circumstances. In the event that another state redraws its own congressional districts before 2031, without being ordered by a court to do so, the General Assembly would then be able to redraw Virginia's congressional districts. The General Assembly's power to do so would continue until October 31, 2030, and the Virginia Redistricting Commission would reassume the responsibility of drawing the congressional districts in 2031.

The proposed district map has been approved by the General Assembly and would take effect only if the constitutional amendment is approved by the voters.

A "yes" vote would allow the General Assembly to redraw Virginia's congressional districts, since other states have done so, in addition to giving effect to the proposed district map in time for the 2026 Congressional elections, and return the responsibility of drawing the congressional districts in 2031 to the Virginia Redistricting Commission.

A "no" vote would leave the authority to draw congressional districts with the Virginia Redistricting Commission once a decade and Virginia's current districts would remain in place.

FULL TEXT OF AMENDMENT

[Proposed new language is underlined. Deleted old language is ~~stricken~~.]

ARTICLE II.

Franchise and Officers

Section 6. Apportionment.

Members of the House of Representatives of the United States and members of the Senate and of the House of Delegates of the General Assembly shall be elected from electoral districts established pursuant to this section and Section 6-A of this Constitution. Every electoral district shall be composed of contiguous and compact territory and shall be so constituted as to give, as nearly as is practicable, representation in proportion to the population of the district. Every electoral district shall be drawn in accordance with the requirements of federal and state laws that address racial and ethnic fairness, including the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, and judicial decisions interpreting such laws. Districts shall provide, where practicable, opportunities for racial and ethnic communities to elect candidates of their choice.

The Commonwealth shall be reapportioned into electoral districts in accordance with this section and Section 6-A in the year 2021 and every ten years thereafter, except that the General Assembly shall be authorized to modify one or more congressional districts at any point following the adoption of a decennial reapportionment law, but prior to the next decennial census, in the event that any State of the United States of America conducts a redistricting of such state's congressional districts at any point following that state's adoption of a decennial reapportionment law for any purpose other than (i) the completion of the state's decennial redistricting in response to a federal census and reapportionment mandated by the Constitution of the United States and established in federal law or (ii) as ordered by any state or federal court to remedy an unlawful or unconstitutional district map.

Any such decennial reapportionment law, or reapportionment law modifying one or more congressional districts, shall take effect immediately and not be subject to the limitations contained in Article IV, Section 13, of this Constitution.

The districts delineated in ~~the decennial~~ any reapportionment law shall be implemented for the November general election for the United States House of Representatives, Senate, or House of Delegates, respectively, that is held immediately prior to the expiration of the term being served in the year that the reapportionment law is ~~required to be~~ enacted. A member in office at the time that a ~~decennial~~ redistricting law is enacted shall complete his term of office and shall continue to represent the district from which he was elected for the duration of such term of office so long as he does not move his residence from the district from which he was elected. Any vacancy occurring during such term shall be filled from the same district that elected the member whose vacancy is being filled.

SCHEDULE

Section 6. Application and duration of certain redistricting amendments.

The authorization in Article II, Section 6 authorizing the General Assembly to modify one or more congressional districts at any point following adoption of a decennial reapportionment law in the event that any State of the United States of America conducts a redistricting of such state's congressional districts at any point following that state's adoption of a decennial reapportionment law shall be limited to making such modifications between January 1, 2025, and October 31, 2030, in response to actions taken by another state between January 1, 2025, and October 31, 2030

Cavaliers continue Winning Ways



Zoey Robinson slides into 2nd base

By Gene Campbell

The King William Cavaliers are rolling along, as the JV and Varsity teams are making their presence known on area high school diamonds.

The Boys Varsity baseball team dominated the visiting Essex Trojans with a score of 6-1 on Tuesday, April 7th. The Cavaliers took the lead in the bottom of the third inning when a Trojan error allowed one run to score, followed by a single from Dallas Thompson that brought in two more runs. Left-handed pitcher Hunter Thorpe secured the win for the Cavaliers, delivering an impressive performance. He allowed just two hits and one run over four innings, striking out eight batters and walking five. Henry Kite and Zai Shelton came in as relief pitchers, effectively shutting down the Trojans' offense.

Stevie Walton led the Cavaliers at the plate, achieving two hits in four at-bats,

while both Thompson and Walton contributed with two RBIs each. Javon Lewis and Walton also showcased their speed, stealing multiple bases throughout the game. The Cavaliers displayed solid defense, finishing the match without an error.

The Cavaliers continued their winning ways the next two days, defeating the Westmoreland Eagles 15-0 and the Northumberland Indians 6-4. Their record stands at 4-3.

The Lady Cavs Varsity softball team defeated the Glen Allen Jaguars 7-6 in a seven-inning thriller on April 8th with Chloe Harley's walk-off single in the bottom of the seventh inning. Their record improves to 4-1.

The JV Boys and Girls teams are showing their strength, with the boys standing undefeated at 7-0 and the girls at 2-1. GO CAVS!

Please see page 13.

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

Pursuant to Va. Code § 58.1-3007, the Board of Supervisors of King and Queen County will, on **Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** in the King and Queen County First Floor Courtroom located in the King and Queen County Courts and Administration Building, 242 Allen's Circle, King and Queen Court House, Virginia, hold a public hearing to consider the following proposed local tax rates for the calendar year 2026. All citizens of the County have the right to attend the hearing and share their views about the proposed tax rates subject to reasonable time limits as determined by the Board of Supervisors.

KING AND QUEEN COUNTY CALENDAR YEAR 2026 TAX CLASSIFICATIONS AND PROPOSED RATES

Per \$100 of Assessed Value

Real Estate:	\$0.55 (.03 Increase)
Aircraft:	\$1.58 (No Increase)
Personal Property:	\$3.94 (No Increase)
Machinery and Tools:	\$1.10 (No Increase)
Merchant's Capital:	\$0.65 (No Increase)
Manufactured Homes:	\$0.55 (.03 Increase)
Farm Machinery & Livestock:	\$1.10 (No Increase)
Public Service Corporations:	\$0.55 (.03 Increase)

The PPTRA rate for calendar year 2026 is estimated to be set at 37% to be applied as a credit for qualifying vehicles.

Authorized by Vivian R. Seay, County Administrator

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
KING AND QUEEN COUNTY PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET**

Pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-2506, the King and Queen County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Courtroom at the Courts and Administration Building, **242 Allen's Circle, King and Queen Court House, Virginia**, to receive public comment regarding the proposed fiscal year 2027 budget. A brief synopsis of the proposed budget is set forth below; a full copy of the proposed budget is available at the office of the county administrator, 242 Allen's Circle, Suite L, King and Queen Court House, and at the King and Queen County Public Library, 396 Newtown Road, St. Stephens Church, Virginia.

TOTAL FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET \$43,217,039

GENERAL FUND REVENUE		GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	
Real Estate Taxes	\$7,244,096	General Administration	\$3,031,796
Personal Property Taxes	\$3,105,559	Property Maintenance	\$529,020
Manufactured Homes	\$53,545	Economic Development	\$161,396
Machinery & Tools	\$567,325	Courts/Court Services	\$648,538
Merchant's Capital	\$57,992	Emergency Services	\$3,609,806
Penalties and Interest	\$145,000	Sheriff	\$3,296,220
Other Local Taxes	\$737,489	Other Constitutional Officers/Elections	\$1,176,093
Recordation Taxes	\$75,000	Solid Waste	\$840,112
Licenses, Permits, Fees	\$405,500	Regional Jail	\$800,640
Fines, Forfeitures	\$185,000	Airport Authority	\$92,000
Use of Money, Property	\$5,795,500	Animal Shelter	\$250,000
Rescue Services, Radio System	\$400,000	Other Community Agencies	\$353,550
Recovered Costs, Miscellaneous	\$73,200	Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	\$9,387,303
Commonwealth of Virginia	\$3,354,474	Transfer to Regional Radio System Fund	\$200,000
Federal Government	\$31,500	Transfer to Social Services Fund	\$632,381
Transfer from General Fund Reserve	\$7,851,000	Transfer to CSA Fund	\$320,000
		Transfer to CSA Administration Fund	\$6,147
		Transfer to School Fund	\$4,417,176
		Transfer to School Capital Projects Fund	\$165,000
		Transfer to Landfill Contingency Fund	\$165,000
TOTAL	\$30,082,180	TOTAL	\$30,082,180
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND REVENUE		CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND EXPENDITURES	
Transfer from General Fund	\$9,387,303	Real Property Construction	\$10,286,303
Grants	\$2,000,000	Real Property Maintenance/Repairs	\$230,000
		Equipment Replacement	\$130,000
		Vehicle Replacement	\$741,000
TOTAL	\$11,387,303	TOTAL	\$11,387,303
REGIONAL RADIO SYSTEM FUND REVENUE		REGIONAL RADIO SYSTEM FUND EXPENDITURES	
Transfer from General Fund	\$200,000	Operations	\$127,935
		Increase in Fund Reserve	\$72,065
TOTAL	\$200,000	TOTAL	\$200,000
SOCIAL SERVICES FUND REVENUE		SOCIAL SERVICES FUND EXPENDITURES	
Transfer from General Fund	\$632,381	Program Expenditures	\$2,203,881
State and Federal Funding	\$1,571,500		
TOTAL	\$2,203,881	TOTAL	\$2,203,881
CSA FUND REVENUE		CSA FUND EXPENDITURES	
Transfer from General Fund	\$320,000	Program Expenditures	\$1,000,000
Commonwealth of Virginia	\$680,000		
TOTAL	\$1,000,000	TOTAL	\$1,000,000
CSA ADMINISTRATION FUND REVENUE		CSA ADMINISTRATION FUND EXPENDITURES	
Transfer from General Fund	\$6,147	Program Expenditures	\$19,552
Commonwealth of Virginia	\$13,405		
TOTAL	\$19,552	TOTAL	\$19,552
SCHOOL FUND REVENUE		SCHOOL FUND EXPENDITURES	
Transfer from General Fund	\$4,417,176	Instruction	\$8,380,811
Commonwealth of Virginia	\$7,351,425	Administration/Attendance/Health/Nutrition	\$1,117,269
Federal Government	\$732,732	Transportation	\$1,012,037
Other Sources	\$32,500	Operation/Maintenance	\$1,340,455
		Technology	\$683,260
TOTAL	\$12,533,833	TOTAL	\$12,533,833
SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE FUND REVENUE		SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES	
Local Sales and Funding	\$95,325	Food Services	\$633,297
Commonwealth of Virginia	\$13,699		
Federal Government	\$524,273		
TOTAL	\$633,297	TOTAL	\$633,297
SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND REVENUE		SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND EXPENDITURES	
Transfer from General Fund	\$165,000	School Bus	\$165,000
State Grant Revenue	\$0	School Construction	\$0
TOTAL	\$165,000	TOTAL	\$165,000
COURT SECURITY FUND REVENUE		COURT SECURITY FUND EXPENDITURES	
Use of Fund Balance	\$50,000	Court Security	\$90,000
Court Security Fees	\$50,000	Uniforms and Equipment	\$10,000
TOTAL	\$100,000	TOTAL	\$100,000
LANDFILL CONTINGENCY FUND REVENUE		LANDFILL CONTINGENCY FUND EXPENDITURES	
Income from Operator	\$165,000	Professional Services	\$165,000
TOTAL	\$165,000	TOTAL	\$165,000
E-SUMMONS FUND REVENUE		E-SUMMONS FUND EXPENDITURES	
Use of Fund Balance	\$25,000	Program Expenses	\$40,000
Court Fees	\$15,000		
TOTAL	\$40,000	TOTAL	\$40,000

Garden Tour

This is the second of two articles highlighting the history of Bruington and the six unique properties that will be open next week, Friday April 24, 2026, 10:00AM to 5:00PM, on the Garden Club of the Middle Peninsula tour in King and Queen County. Members of the Garden Club of Peninsula, which includes King and Queen, King William, Middlesex, and Essex Counties, are excited to present this special tour, rich in history and community. The two churches and one house are profiled here. The deadline for pre-ordering box lunches is April 18 (detail below).

BRUINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH (4784 The Trail, Bruington) At the heart of Bruington stands Bruington Baptist Church—a treasured landmark with deep spiritual and architectural roots. The earliest Baptist activity dates to 1772 and is known nationally and statewide because of the efforts of Reverend Robert Baylor Semple until 1831 as a strong leader who helped to establish the Baptist denomination. Today's building, erected in 1851, showcases Greek Revival elements including an embellished cornice, dentiled pediment, and scrolled brackets. 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. At 2:00PM Dr. A. W. Lewis will share his multi-year experience about gaining recognition for the Bruington Historic District.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH (4389 The Trail, Bruington) Bethlehem Baptist Church was founded in 1871 by African American members who separated from Bruington Baptist Church. Seeking self-governance, spiritual freedom, and mutual

support, they created a community cornerstone. The congregation first met in a simple meeting house on land donated by Samuel P. Ryland, a Bruington Baptist deacon. Though smaller than its mother church, Bethlehem reflects its founders' determination during challenging times for African American communities in rural Virginia. Distinctive architecture welcomes visitors: double front entrance, Gothic-arched windows, and tin roof tiles atop its spire. Today, Bethlehem Baptist Church remains a beloved part of Bruington's heritage. The Rev. Cora Harvey Armstrong, King & Queen County's own Gospel recording artist, will sing gospel songs twice on tour day, 11:00AM and 1:00PM, a truly special and inspirational treat for tour visitors.

MARLBOROUGH (1070 Marlborough Rd., Bruington. Enter via Pea Ridge Road ONLY, do not follow GPS) Visitors approach Marlborough along a scenic drive through farmland before reaching the striking Greek Revival home. Marlborough is both regal and welcoming, fronted with four soaring two-story columns and gracious porch. Now an elegant equestrian farm, Marlborough features a two-story barn with stables, paddocks, and riding ring. Built circa 1835 as a modest Dutch Colonial with English basement, the house was dramatically transformed in the 1850s as Joseph and Priscilla Ryland's family grew to thirteen children. Nearly doubled in size, a Greek Revival addition created today's impressive structure. Original wood floors, millwork, and exposed-brick walls remain. Thoughtfully updated interiors reflect 19th-century elegance with family heirlooms and period furnishings.

TICKETS AND INFORMATION. In addition to activities scheduled to take place



at the Bruington Baptist and Bethlehem Baptist churches, several activities will take place at the **King and Queen Library** housed in the historic **Marriott School** (396 Newtown Rd., St. Stephens Church). The **Learning Garden** located on the grounds of the will host a talk by Executive Director Jay Grebe of Just Harvest, at 11:00AM and 1:00PM "A Learning Garden Enriches." **Bartlett Trees** will also be present on the Learning Garden grounds to share horticulture information and pass out free trees on tour day.

Tickets for next week's tour (\$45) are available for advance purchase by visiting <https://gcvirginia.org/historic-garden-week/>. \$55 pp day of the tour, online or at Bruington Baptist

Church, cash or check only. Children's tickets are available online only, \$15, ages 5 to 17 prepaid. Delicious homemade box lunches may be pre-ordered until April 18, \$20 prepaid www.gardenclubofthemiddlepeninsula.com. Lunches may be picked up at the King and Queen Library between 11:00AM and 2:00PM. Full tour details and a brochure may be downloaded by visiting <https://gcvirginia.org/historic-garden-week/>. Proceeds from Historic Garden Week fund the restoration and preservation of Virginia's historic public gardens and provide graduate level research fellowships.

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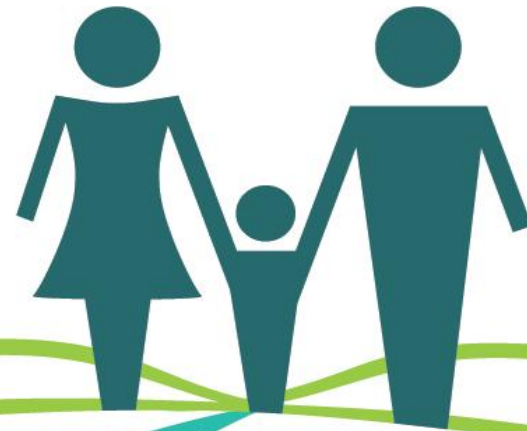
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REC's Bylaws require that any member-owner who seeks election to the Board of Directors submit a nomination petition signed by at least 25 REC member-owners.

Nomination petitions will be distributed by Director — Governance and Executive Administration, Whitney Watts, electronically or by scheduling an appointment to pick up the petition in person. To request the nomination petition, email directorelections@myrec.coop or call 540-891-5889.

Nominations will not be accepted at the Annual Meeting in August.

The completed nomination materials and petition must be returned to the office of REC's president by 5 p.m. on April 24, 2026.

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Upper King and Queen Baptist Church continued from front page



The Unveiling of the church's Historical Marker by, Jamie Ryland and Madena Du Chemin.

Jamie Ryland said, "Thanks again to Joyce Mitchell for her help in making this possible, and thanks to everyone for coming today. We are very proud to have this Historical marker here today. Upper King and Queen Baptist Church was constituted in 1774.

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Garrett Penny pitches a shut out

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Oak Grove, continued from page 2

Dr. Raymond L. Palmer, pastor of Oak Grove, along with Minister Theresa Greer, youth advisor, and Youth Ministry President Johnella Morrow, played key roles in planning and leading the event.

"This event is just the beginning," said Johnella Morrow. "We look forward to creating more opportunities to bring our community together and share the Word of God."

Youth Ministry Vice President Austin Anderson also expressed appreciation for everyone involved, noting that the teamwork and dedication were evident throughout the

day. The success of the carnival was seen in the smiles of children and adults alike, as families shared meaningful moments together. Community members expressed excitement and hope that the carnival will become a lasting tradition.

Oak Grove Baptist Church now looks ahead to future events, continuing its mission to be "About Our Father's Business" and serve the community. Plans are underway for a Youth Vacation Bible Study June 2, 2026 through June 5, 2026. Stay Tuned for more information.

Vote, continued from page 5

"We need to get the young folks out to vote, they want to apply a one size fits all approach, I don't want to be like Fairfax," Hodges said. Lindsay Robinson also spoke, highlighting the broader grassroots movement that has taken shape not only in King William but across the Commonwealth in opposition to the referendum. She encouraged those interested in getting involved to assist on Election Day.

Anyone willing to volunteer on April 21 is asked to contact the King William Republican Committee for more information and opportunities to help. The special election will be held Tuesday, April 21, and organizers of the event are urging all eligible residents to educate themselves on the referendum and make their voices heard at the poll.

Marker, continued from front page

King William Historical Society President Dr. Dave Brown, Ph.D., welcomed the approximately 70 attendees and provided insightful introductory remarks that set the tone for the occasion. DHR representative Ashley Spivey, Ph.D, a member of the Virginia Board of Historic Resources and a Pamunkey citizen, spoke, sharing her contributions to the marker's verbiage after collaborating closely with the tribes. She highlighted the profound impact of the 1924 law that sought to protect "white purity," which led to the erasure of most Native American identities in state documents, a practice that has been referred to

as "paper genocide." This legal discrimination hindered the tribes' efforts to achieve state and federal recognition. In 1967, the United States Supreme Court deemed the law unconstitutional.

The newly unveiled historical marker stands as a tribute to the unwavering spirit and resilience of our local tribes, acknowledging their struggles and contributions to the region's rich history. King William County is home to three of the eleven tribes officially recognized in Virginia that are descended from the Powhatan Confederacy that inhabited Tidewater Virginia in 1607.

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Christian Fellowship Ministries Join us at 304 W. Chinguapin Rd., King William on Sundays at 11 am in the sanctuary and on Zoom for Bible Study at 7pm on Wednesdays. 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

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Lower K&Q 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. Shacklefords 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 Shacklefords, Va 23156 Worship service at 10am

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The Rock Spring Baptist Church 1434 Manfield Rd. Aylett, 23009. Rev. Pagie Hancock, Pastor. Sunday School at 9:15 and Worship Service at 10:15 am.

The Usher's Ministry is sponsoring a Pre-Mother's Day Dinner on Saturday, May 9, 2026 at 3:00 pm in the Church Fellowship Hall. Contact; Wanda Johnson 1-804-517-7843 or Deacon Carolyn Ford 1-804-385-5360 for tickets and information.

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.

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Union Hope Baptist Church 571 Union Hope Road, King William: Sunday Morning Worship 10:30AM In-person & Teleconference (774)220-4000, PIN 57187 Follow us on Facebook Union Hope Baptist Church, King William, Food Bank Ministry Hours (Monthly from 1pm-3pm) Every Tuesday, 1st Friday and 3rd Saturday. Apr 19: Pastor & People 3rd Anniversary at 3PM: Pastor Kevin Childs- Bethel Baptist Church

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

Wayland Baptist Church of Stevensville. Annual Family and Friends Day program. The event will take place on Sunday, April 19, at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Benjamin Kelly will be the guest speaker. We would be honored to have you join us for this special occasion. Please come out and enjoy a day of fellowship, fun, and other activities. Casual attire is encouraged.

Zion Baptist Church King and Queen Courthouse, 615 Zion Church Road, King and Queen Courthouse, 23085. Mailing Address: PO. 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 McConnville. mckendree23106.org mckendree23106@gmail.com. CARE will not meet January through March.

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

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

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Easter Celebration of Song will be hosted by Sharon Baptist Church, King William on April 19,2026 to benefit 'The CornerStone Community Development Center' Aylett which is a 501(c)3 organization. Churches and individuals in the community plan to gather to offer

musical offerings to raise funds to support the food and free health clinic programs of the organization. Over 500 families benefit from distribution of supplemental food and free professional medical services. A clothing shed is open to those in need. Donations may be mailed to Box 68, Aylett, VA 23009.

K&Q County Historical Society

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Museum,kingandqueenmuseum.org The Tavern will be open on Fridays, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00, starting April 24.

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Heritage Day, continued from front page



The "British are coming" musket demonstration



The "Historical Gang"


The day was filled with inspiring speeches from re-enactors Benjamin Franklin and King William's native son, Carter Braxton, both acclaimed signers of the Declaration of Independence, as well as the esteemed General George Washington. The atmosphere was filled with musical performances from the King William Community Band and Passion Community Church, while students from Dawn's School of Dance captivated the audience with energetic routines.

After the American Heritage Girls led the Pledge of Allegiance, Veronica Rosso sang

our National Anthem, and Deucalion Johnson delivered an invocation. County Administrator Derek Stamey made some opening remarks after an introduction by Emcee Karen Funkhouser, chairperson of the King William VA250 committee. Benjamin Franklin (portrayed by yours truly) shared intriguing accounts from King William's history while Carter Braxton (portrayed by Marc Holma) and General George Washington (portrayed by Steve Hawkins) entertained the crowd with stories from their remarkable lives. Pamunkey Chief Kevin Brown and Upper

Mattaponi Chief Frank Adams offered valuable insight into their ancestors' experiences. The Rev. Joshua Lewis of Jerusalem Christian Church concluded the event with a heartfelt benediction. Meanwhile, attendees mingled and connected with local businesses, organizations, and community services, highlighting the county's unique offerings. Many took the opportunity to visit the Historical Museum to learn more about King William's storied past, including a glimpse into the oldest courthouse in continuous use in the United States. A


highlight of the day was the "The British are Coming" musket demonstration. As King William Heritage Day concluded, participants left with a deeper appreciation of their local history and a stronger pride in their community, underscoring the vital role of preserving and celebrating the legacy of King William County. Many thanks to the King William VA250 Committee for their work in planning this event.




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