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KW Supervisors Table Zoning Ordinance Allowing Technology Uses



King William resident Tim Vaughn speaks to the board

By Gene Campbell

The King William Board of Supervisors expressed a collective sentiment of “not enough time to review” as they deliberated on amendments recommended by the Planning Commission to the Zoning Ordinance during their April 13th meeting. Planner Joyce Wolfe introduced proposed amendment to Zoning Ordinance 09 – 26, titled “Technology Uses,” which aims to promote investment in technology sectors, including data centers.

During the public hearing, two citizens raised concerns regarding data centers and the specific language of the amendment. Since the amendment package was only received that morning, the supervisors agreeing with Supervisor Catlett, concluding that both they and the public needed more time to evaluate the proposals and decided to table the amendments for further consideration.

In other business, two additional public hearings addressed zoning matters. William Burrell requested a rezoning of his property to allow a family member to build a second home. Current regulations do not permit a second home due to the lot size. Changing the zoning from Agricultural Conservation to Rural Residential would allow the construction. No comments were made during the public hearing, and the supervisors unanimously approved the change.

Please see BOS, continued on page 18.

King and Queen County Hosts Historic Garden Week



Courtney Tetrault stands in front of beautiful Marlborough, once her childhood home, now owned by Allison Stoneham

Please see full story on page 13.

Raising Voices and Funds for the CornerStone



Cornerstone Community Gospel Choir

By Gene Campbell

On Sunday, April 19th the pews of Sharon Baptist Church overflowed with people, hope, faith and the uplifting sounds of music during the Annual Easter Celebration of Song. This event brought together ten local churches, showcasing their vibrant choirs and talented individuals to raise funds for the CornerStone Community Development Center. The evening painted a powerful picture of collaboration and community spirit, celebrating the resurrection of Christ while addressing the pressing needs of those within the neighborhood.

Sharon Baptist Church Pastor Chad Brannan welcomed the audience, initiating the evening with a heartfelt prayer that set the tone for a night filled with both stirring hymns and lively gospel numbers.

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The KW Ruritan Club Continues a Time-Honored Tradition



The Dakota Kensity Band

By Gene Campbell

When the King William Ruritan Club founders gathered for their inaugural fish fry in 1939, they could not have imagined that they were beginning a tradition that would endure for eighty-seven years. This long-standing tradition has become a celebrated highlight and a true 'rite of spring' within the community, uniting friends old and new. For some, it's an

opportunity to make new acquaintances, while for others, it's a chance to connect once more, sharing greetings like, "By golly, I haven't seen you since the last fish fry!" Held each year on the second Tuesday of April, this event is deeply woven into the fabric of local culture.

Please see Ruritan, continued on page 8.

Publisher's Message



So many events and activities are going on at this time of year. Sometimes it's good for the soul to take time out, see and enjoy our family and friends.

Take care until next time...

Hanny Clark



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By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

There's this nice lady that I know that has always wanted to try horseback riding. She had never taken any lessons or even been on a horse before. She told me a story about her first riding experience.

One day she just decides to give it a try and jumps on this horse without any help and immediately the horse springs into action. It gallops along at a steady pace and she begins to bounce out of control in the saddle. She tries to grab hold of the horse's mane but loses her grip. She decides to try and wrap her arms around the horse's neck to keep from falling. The horse is steadily galloping as she comes out of the saddle and starts to slide down his side. Finally she leaps away from the horse to try and throw herself to safety. Unfortunately her foot has become entangled in the stirrup. She is now at the mercy of the horse's pounding hooves as her head is struck against the ground over and over. As her head is battered



against the ground, she is mere moments away from unconsciousness when her great fortune the department store manager sees her and unplugs the ride.

I was just joking with you to get a point across that we all should think about safety when riding. Things can and will happen unexpectedly when dealing with animals. They can bump into you and knock you down or step on you. A good set of boots and a riding helmet can help with safety.

I would like to hear from you. Call me at 690-7870 or email Allen@TwinRiversRealty.com. See you on the trails.

MPRA Holds Annual Meeting



The MPRA annual meeting

By Gene Campbell

On Friday, April 24th the Mattaponi Pamunkey Rivers Association (MPRA) held its annual meeting at the King William Ruritan Building, drawing approximately 35 members. Cirse Gonzalez, the Training & Engagement Program Coordinator with the Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (CBNERR) in Virginia and affiliated with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS), delivered an interesting presentation on a recent report concerning the York Watershed System. This region, which encompasses the Mattaponi and

Pamunkey Rivers, is home to over 630,000 residents and retains 75% of its natural landscape.

Did you know that the York Watershed spans 3,254 square miles in size, featuring 27,070 acres of tidal marsh, 8,600 miles of river, and 18,300 acres of lakes? It is a rich habitat for biodiversity, supporting 200 species of fish, 190 species of birds, 50 species of mammals, 26 species of amphibians, and 36 species of reptiles.

Between 2000 and 2020 the watershed experienced an influx of over 170,000 new residents, leading to increased water demands. *Please see MPRA on page 8.*

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Obituaries



WALKER married her childhood sweetheart, Carroll Nora Bates Lee Walker, and they made a home at Acree Walker, Restover and later River Isle in Walkerton, VA. After teaching fifth grade at Hamilton Holmes Middle School for several years, she became a homemaker and loving mother. She was a great early morning believer in helping her community, and served on the Pamunkey Regional Library Board for many years, was a member of the King and Queen Historical Society, as well as the King and Queen Community Development Group. She was most proud of her hard work on the restoration of the Marriott School Building, which was later given back to King and Queen County to benefit the community. She was a faithful member of her church, Bruington Baptist serving on the choir, as a Sunday School teacher, and Deacon.

her family by her side. She was born on February 20th, 1945 to John Cabell Acree, Sr. and Mary Evelyn Turpin Acree. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 52 years, Carroll Lee Walker, her three beloved brothers, John Cabell Acree Jr. (Jacky), Ryland Turpin Acree (Turp), and William Oscar Acree (Bill-O). Her nephew Christopher Bates Acree and a niece, Diana Banoo Kameh, along with many beloved cousins and friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Evelyn Ryland Walker (Carlee); A son-in-law, David Douglas Mann; a grandson, William Walker Acree Mann (Wilks); a nephew, Ryland Turpin Acree II (Turp); A great nephew, Ryland Turpin Acree III (Ryland), a niece, Mary Acree Motley, and her husband Porter Motley; great nephew, Porter Dandridge Motley (Ridge); a niece, Sara Acree Brooks; nephews, John Cabell Acree III, William Maxwell Acree, and Darian Scott Kameh; cousins, Mary Willett, Diane Acree, and Mary Maxwell Cumbia.

Biddy was a graduate of Marriott School in St. Stephens Church, VA, and later received her bachelor's in Education from the College of William and Mary. She

Biddy was an avid gardener and tennis player. She loved her time on the women's bowling league in Tappahannock. She enjoyed swimming and boating on the Mattaponi River. In her later years, she joined a kayaking group and enjoyed many river outings. Biddy especially loved taking nature walks with her Boston Terrier, Coco, around River Isle.

Biddy was known for her friendly, outgoing personality. She never met a stranger. Her kindness was only matched by her huge heart. She was a true Christ follower and lived her life accordingly.

A memorial service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 18th, 2026 at Bruington Baptist Church, 4784 The Trail, Bruington, VA, 23023. A reception at the church followed the service. A private burial took place at Fleetwood.

BELFIELD

Robert Bruce Belfield II, known affectionately as "Bobby Doll" to his beloved wife and "Poppop" to his grandchildren, passed away on April 22, 2026, at the age of 67.

Born on August 28, 1958, Bobby made his home in King William, Virginia, where he built a life centered on family, hard work, and the simple joys that meant the most to him.

Bobby was a devoted husband to Cheryl Belfield, and a proud father to his son, Craig Gooch, and daughter-in-law, Ann Gooch. His greatest joy was becoming "Poppop" to his grandson, Trevor Gooch, and granddaughter, Ryker Gooch—a name given to him by his first grandson that stayed with him and became part of his heart. He is also survived by his sister, Betty Stueber (Mark), and his brothers, Alvin (Candy), Paul (Jackie), and Warren (Marie) Belfield.

He was a part owner of Universal Exterminating Company, Inc., where he was known for his dedication and strong work ethic.

Above all else, Bobby had a deep and unwavering love for his family. They were always first in his thoughts and in his heart. He also had a lifelong passion for music and a true appreciation for it that brought him great happiness.

Bobby found freedom and joy on the open road, riding motorcycles with his close-knit group of friends. Those rides through the country were among his most treasured moments and never failed to bring a smile to his face. In his younger years, he loved hiking the Appalachian Trail alongside his Chesapeake Bay retriever, Ebby, who preceded him in death. He often spoke of being reunited with her again in "the glade."

A prayer service in Bobby's honor will be held at Affinity Church in Mechanicsville, Virginia. Monday, April 27th 10:00-12:00.

Bobby will be remembered for his love, his loyalty, his quiet strength, and the deep way he cared for those closest to him. His presence leaves a space that cannot be filled, but his love will remain with his family always.



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King and Queen March Senior of the Month



Contributed by those facing challenges, showing a level of empathy that is truly rare. Bella Rugile is a remarkable young woman who represents the very best of Central High School.

Jenny Powell, Government teacher, states, "Throughout Bella's high school journey, she has consistently demonstrated diligence, responsibility, and growth. Known for her strong work ethic and exceptional organization, she approaches every project with care, preparation, and attention to detail. From her sincere interest in global affairs, to her empathetic attitude towards others, Bella is consistently aware of those around her. However, what's impressed me even more so about Bella is her recent "blossoming" in the past year, she has developed into a more confident individual, willing to take on challenges and trust her abilities. Such progress is a testament to Bella's determination and quiet perseverance. As she continues to move forward, I am confident she will approach life with the same skills, confidence, and grace needed to succeed in all of her future endeavors and her kind heart will guide her along the way."

for March Senior of the Month. Principal Eddy states, "Bella Rugile has truly earned the honor of Senior of the Month through her dedication, character, and heart for others. She is the kind of student who doesn't just aim to complete her work; she strives to do it right. Bella constantly asks thoughtful questions and shows a genuine curiosity and enthusiasm for learning new material, setting a strong example in the classroom.

What makes Bella stand out is her kindness. She greets everyone with a warm smile, offers encouraging words to both peers and teachers, and demonstrates a deep sensitivity to the feelings of others. She holds herself and those around her to a high standard of compassion and respect, creating a positive environment wherever she goes.

Beyond the classroom, Bella has been a valuable member of the Royal Tigers volleyball team, where her talent and teamwork have made a lasting impact. Her emotional intelligence is one of her greatest strengths. She celebrates the successes of others and feels deeply for

Bella plans on attending Coastal Carolina in the fall to study Early Childhood Education towards one day teaching Pre-K or 1st grade. She is excited to head to North Carolina in the fall for a college experience out of state. "

Cavaliers Dominating the Diamonds



Cavs Hollyn Krukowski slides into home against the Mathews Blue Devils



Cavs outfielder Javon Lewis scores against the Arcadia Firebirds

By Gene Campbell

When you're HOT, you're HOTT!! The King William Cavaliers' softball and baseball programs are on fire, with both varsity and junior varsity teams riding impressive winning streaks!

The Varsity boys are charging ahead with a record of 10-3, having been victorious in their last nine games. They've been dominant at the plate, scoring a whopping 68 runs in their last six games while allowing just 12 runs, including three shutouts. In their latest matchups, they shutout the Arcadia Firebirds 3-0, crushed the West Point Pointers 20-0, and tamed the Nottaway Cougars 18-1.

The Varsity Lady Cavs are burning up the base paths too, boasting an impressive 10-1 record and an eight-game winning streak. They're racked up 93 runs in their last seven games, surrendering only 9 runs, with three shutouts to their credit. Their latest victories include 11-0 shutouts against the Charles City Panthers and the West Point Pointers, followed by an 18-1 mauling of the Nottaway Cougars.

The Junior Varsity boys are undefeated at 9-0, while the Junior Varsity girls hold a strong 7-1 record! Come out and support these incredible and talented young athletes. Check out their schedules on Facebook or Max Preps. GO CAVS!!

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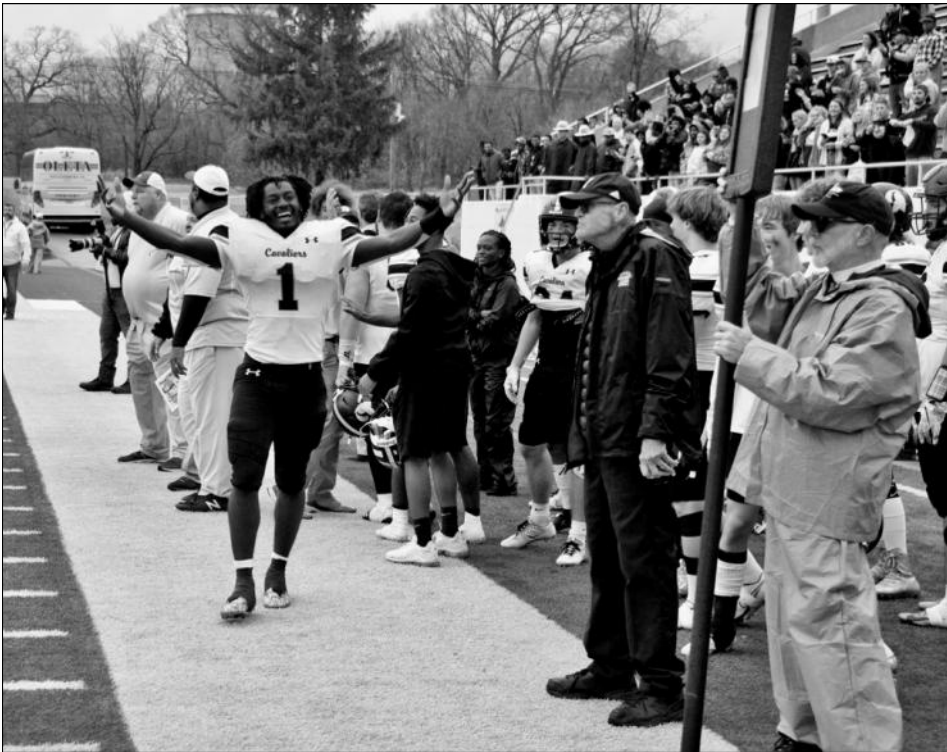
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Demond Claiborne Makes History as First KWHS Graduate Drafted into the NFL



Demond's SMILE says it all



King Williams Cavs #1 Demond Claiborne

By Gene Campbell

In a moment that will be forever etched in the hearts of the King William community, Demond Claiborne, a beloved standout from King William High School, has made history by being selected in the sixth round of the NFL Draft by the Minnesota Vikings, making him the first Cavalier to reach the NFL. Drafted 198th overall, this achievement represents a significant milestone for both Demond and the entire Cavalier family, as well as for the King William community that has supported him throughout his journey.

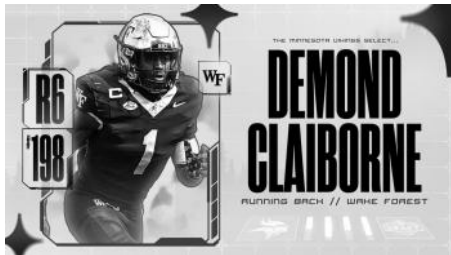
Demond first captured the spotlight as a star running back on King William's VHSL Class 2 State Football Championship team in 2021. His remarkable talent, determination, and tenacity propelled the Cavaliers to an

unforgettable victory that December day in Salem. After an outstanding high school career, Demond took his talent to Wake Forest University, where he continued to shine as a formidable athlete.

The news of Demond's selection in the NFL Draft swept through the King William Community like wildfire, igniting a wave of PRIDE AND JOY among residents. To see one of our own make it to the NFL is a dream come true for all of us. Demond embodies the spirit of King William, and the community will be cheering him on every step of the way.

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The crowd enjoying the annual Fish Fry

Originally a gathering for club members and their friends to catch shad on the Mattaponi River, it has evolved into a vibrant fundraising event, raising well over \$500,000 to date to support local charitable organizations.

This year's fish fry held April 14th was an occasion filled with sunshine, laughter, good food and treasured memories. Over 500 attendees enjoyed deliciously prepared catfish and all the

fixins' along with a special bonus of steamed shrimp this year. The atmosphere was lively and joyous, enhanced by the 'get down' music of the "Dakota Kensity Band," as guests mingled and reminisced about the 'good old days.'

The King William Ruritan Club extends its heartfelt gratitude to all its supporters and sponsors who included Atkins Petroleum & Propane, Cranemasters, Old Dominion



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Miracles happen everyday, change your perception of what a miracle is and you'll see them all around you.
Jon Bon Jovi

MPRA, continued from page 4

The land use activities associated with population growth and development are outpacing improvements in water quality. Alarmingly, from the 1970s to 2009, tidal marshes equivalent to the size of 409 football fields has been lost. To ensure sustainable development, ongoing research and innovation are crucial in addressing current and emerging challenges.

presentation, the 2026 MPRA officers were elected: President Audrey Mitchell, Vice President Dave Slack, Secretary Mary Shipman, Treasurer Steve Mitchell, and Board members Clyde Christman, Grace Daughtrey, April Deacy, Leslie Anne Hammond, Tammy Heath, Alison Patterson, Josh Rellick, Christine Roadman, Dawn Shank, Tommy Tupponce, Amanda Walker and Armistead Saffer.

Following Ms. Gonzalez's

Do You Know Her?

By Gene Campbell

An oil portrait of a young woman has been found along Dabney's Mill Road (Rt 604) in the vicinity of Woodlin Drive. The artwork in surprisingly good condition appears to have fallen from a passing vehicle. It was found by ValJean Davenport in the ditch near her mailbox. In an effort to reunite the artwork with its rightful owner, please contact the *Country Courier* at 804-769-0259 or email office@countrycouriernews.com.



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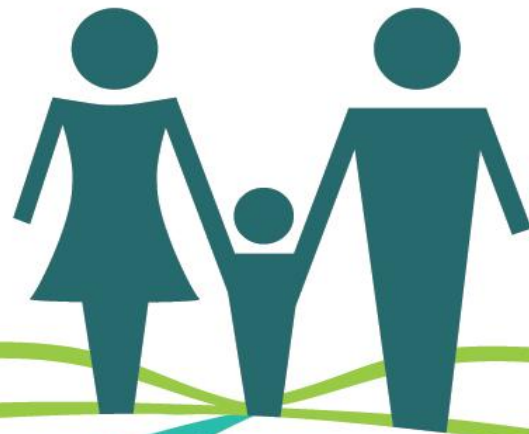
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Contributed by Turner Minx
Associate Extension Agent

Virginia Cooperative Extension agent Turner Minx had the opportunity to showcase a research plot in King and Queen County. This research plot is investigating the possibility of growing wheat for two purposes at the same time – both for grain and for grazing. Wheat is commonly known as a grain, but it is also a grass. In this research, Virginia Cooperative Extension allowed cattle to graze the wheat in early spring. The cattle

were then rotated to a different pasture to allow the wheat to grow to maturity for grain. The goal of this research is to find a way to diversify farm income, while also increasing farm sustainability and improving soil health.

This research drew the attention of agriculture leaders from across the Commonwealth. On the morning of April 20th, a delegation met at the plot to discuss the project and celebrate the innovative work being performed in King and Queen County.

Cornerstone, continued from front page

“We may come from different congregations, but we are united in our purpose to uplift those in need,” exclaimed Brannan. During intermission, a love offering raised an impressive \$3,280 for the Cornerstone.

Members of choirs, soloists and instrumentalists from Epworth Methodist Church, McKendree Methodist Church, New Morning Star Baptist Church, St. Paul Episcopal Church, Third Union

Baptist Church, Broadus Church/Hebron Campus Praise Team, Sharon Baptist Church, Colosse Baptist Church, Providence Baptist Church, and the Cornerstone Community Gospel Choir filled the air with electrifying performances, reminding everyone of the strength found in togetherness. A reception in the fellowship hall followed the inspiring performances.

Garden Week, continued from front page



Current owner of Marlborough, Allison Stoneham said, "This home has an inviting heartbeat everyone who enters can feel."

By Danny Clark

The quiet roads of King and Queen county were definitely busy last Friday. The Garden Club of the Middle Peninsula hosted garden week in the historic Bruington area in King and Queen County. Featured tour locations included The Vinyard, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Erin, Bruington Baptist Church, Cloverly,

and Marlborough. Many visitors, some from as far away as Georgia, were able to step back in time and experience the heart of southern history and architecture in beautiful King and Queen County. One of the tour sponsors, Catherine Stanley said, "We are so thankful for perfect weather, and such a tremendous turn out for this special day."

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Christian Fellowship Ministries

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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, King and Queen. Easter Services: Sunrise Service at 6:30am in cemetery followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, Bible Study and

Sunday School 9am, Worship Service 10am. Community Clothes Cupboard open first Saturdays from 10am. until noon. Rev. Brian Harfst, pastor. Contact us at 804-769-3246.

Colosse Baptist Church Come worship with us this Sunday! Contemporary service 8:30AM Sunday School 9:45AM Traditional service 11AM.

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.

Mangohick Baptist Church 147 Mangohick Church Road Hanover 23069. Come worship with us each Sunday morning @9AM. Sunday School following morning worship 10:30AM. Bible Study Tues & Thurs at 6PM. Wednesday Morning Inspiration at 6AM both via Teleconference: 978-990-5181 Access Code: 1850844# Rev. Dr. Elijah L. Campbell Pastor Email:Mangohickbaptistchurch147@gmail.com Facebook: Mangohick Baptist Church (804)994-5390

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

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!

May Day

Pamunkey Baptist Association Join us at May Day for a fun-filled community event that's completely FREE! Enjoy a lively parade starting from Acquinton School, plus delicious food vendors, games, and so much more for all ages. 18627 King William Rd, King William, 23086

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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.

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, 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.

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: 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 mckenree23106@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

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. stjohnewp.org; info@stjohnewp.org

St. David's Episcopal Church Aylett "To Know Christ Jesus and to Make Christ Known" 11291 West River Road, Aylett (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 10AM. Nursery and Sunday School during the service. Refreshments and Bible study following the service. Choir directed by Kristi Reynolds. stpaulsmillers Tavern.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

New Song Church

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Rehoboth Bible Church 5904 Acquinton Church Road, KW, Sunday Worship service at 10:30am. 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 mrmelissarice@aol.com.



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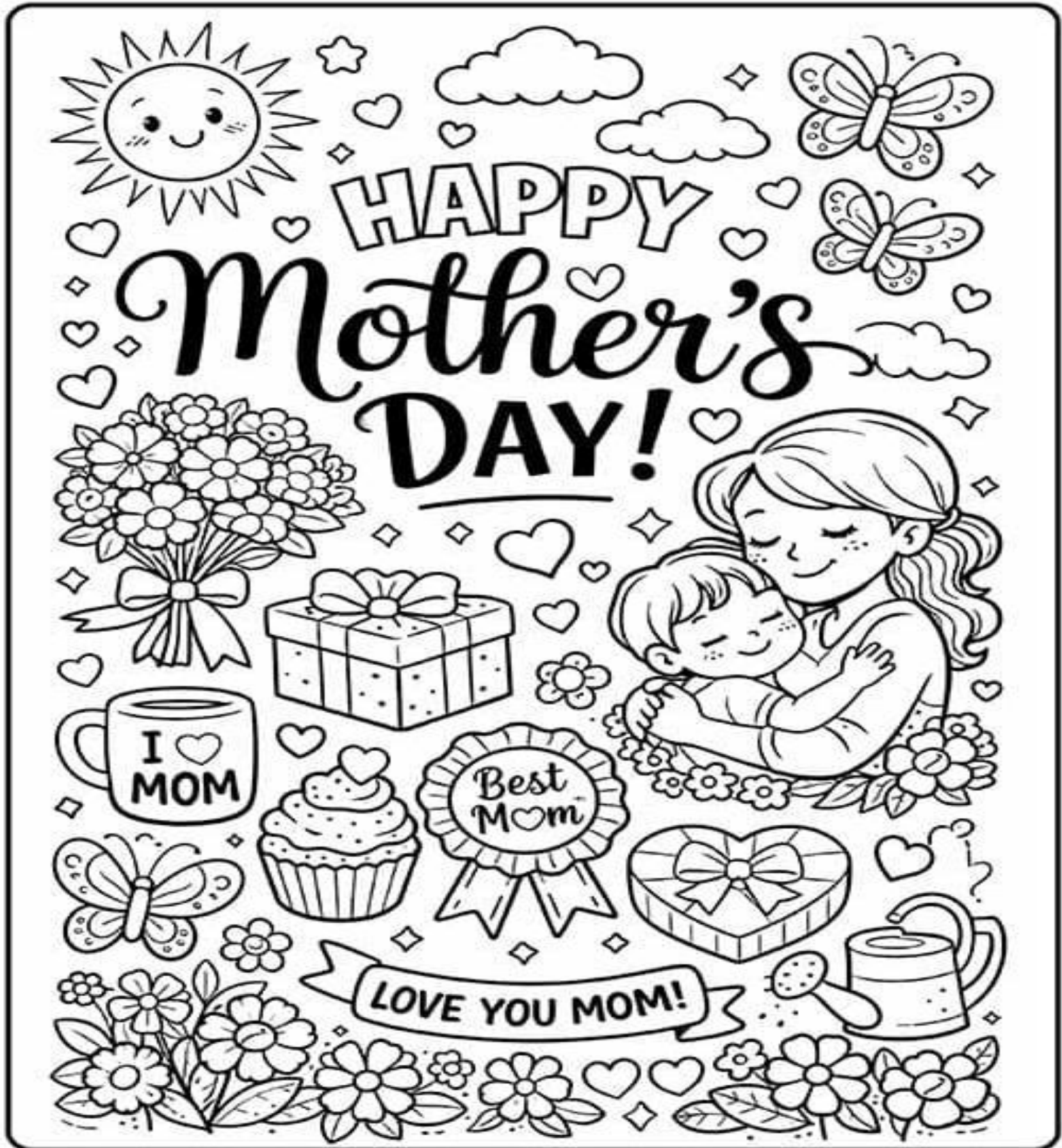
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King and Queen Drill Competition

Contributed by SGM (RET) Ronald Howard

The King and Queen Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program recently embarked on a journey to Northern Virginia, participating in a high-stakes drill competition that drew elite programs from across the region. The atmosphere was charged with intensity as numerous schools arrived to represent their colors and demonstrate their mastery of military discipline. For King and Queen, this wasn't just another meet on the calendar; it was a proving ground where months of grueling practice and unwavering dedication would finally be put to the ultimate test against some of the best units in the area.

From the moment the first command was called, the King and Queen cadets displayed a level of precision that set them apart from the competition. In the Armed Drill category, the rhythmic clatter of rifles and the synchronized movement of the platoon commanded the attention of every judge in the arena. Their execution was flawless, characterized by sharp pivots and a collective focus that made the unit move as a single, unstoppable

machine. This dominant performance earned them a well-deserved first-place trophy, signaling to the other schools that a new standard of excellence had been set.

The momentum continued to build as the team transitioned to the Unarmed Drill phase of the event. Without the use of rifles, the cadets relied entirely on the cadence of their boots and the strength of their bearing to convey their discipline. The performance was a masterclass in poise and synchronization, with every arm swing and halt executed in perfect harmony. By sweeping this category as well, King and Queen proved that their success was not limited to one specialty, but was instead rooted in a comprehensive mastery of drill fundamentals.

When the final scores were tallied, the King and Queen JROTC program was officially crowned the Overall Champion of the entire event. Claiming the top spot in Armed Drill, Unarmed Drill, and the General Classification is a rare feat that requires an extraordinary level of consistency across the board. The sheer volume of talent present in Northern Virginia made this victory



even more significant, as the team had to outshine dozens of other motivated programs to stand alone at the top of the podium.

This victory is more than just a successful weekend; it is a moment where these cadets truly achieved greatness and made history. This level of a clean sweep had never been done before in the program's history, marking a turning point for the

battalion. By pushing past their limits and maintaining their composure under pressure, the King and Queen JROTC program has cemented its legacy as a powerhouse in the region, leaving an indelible mark that will inspire future classes of cadets for years to come.

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Wolfe also presented Ordinance 08-26 which amends regulations for single lot subdivisions. The current ordinance requires a 25-foot easement for a single-lot subdivision and a 50-foot easement for minor subdivisions (2-4 lots). The Planning Commission addressed concerns about the potential reduction of easement space when combining single-lot subdivisions, even in areas where larger easements are necessary for traffic safety. No comments were made during the public hearing. Following the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the board unanimously approved the amendment prohibiting the connectivity and creation of a minor subdivision through the combination of single lots.

John Becker of Arcadia Real Estate Advisors presented plans for a marina and condominium complex along Seventh Street in West Point. The project is set to include 100-120 boat slips and 88 condominiums across three buildings with hopes of starting construction in 18 to 20 months.

During the public comment period, resident Tim Vaughn raised concerns about the budget process, highlighting

the use of reserve funds to balance finances, potential tax increases on personal property, and questioning the lack of involvement of the Citizens Advisory Board (created last year to help with the review of finances) in the budget process.

Clerk of the Court Tina Glazebrook requested funding to cover benefits for an employee hired to manage the extra work required by the Sealing Bill (sealing of certain misdemeanor and low-level felony convictions from public view) passed by the General Assembly which goes into effect July 1st. The board unanimously approved the funding, which will cover benefits only, as the employee's salary is funded by the State Compensation Board.

In closed session the board appointed Mrs. Upchurch from the Fourth District to the Social Services Board.

The next meeting of the King William Board of Supervisors is scheduled for May 11th beginning at 6:30 pm in the administrative building in the courthouse complex. Stay involved, it is YOUR county.



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- OIL CHANGE
- TIRE PRESSURE
- BRAKE INSPECTION
- AIR FILTER
- BATTERY
- FLUID LEVELS
- WIPER BLADES
- LIGHTS



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