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Cornerstone Given FeedMore Award, "Built For More"



Contributed by Dr. A. W. Lewis

The CornerStone Community Development Center in Aylett has been given the FeedMore Agency Conference 2026 Award, Built for More, "honoring a partner that continues to innovate, evolve and invest in the future demonstrating what's possible when organizations lead with vision, courage, and an unwavering commitment to community." In giving the award the FeedMore organization commented on how over the years the CornerStone has reached out to fulfill other needs such as in the free clinic, the clothing shed, the diaper project and also hygiene kits, in addition to the food programs. Over the past 25 years, the needs of the community have increased exponentially, and the CornerStone has expanded food programs to include canned goods, fresh produce, meats, dairy, bakery items, weekend backpacks for children and low sodium food for seniors. A number of retail stores, local farms and individuals have supported the food programs and help to supply what is distributed. There were 211 families at the last Mobile distribution. On a weekly basis, food is distributed to more than 200 families.

Please see CORNERSTONE, continued on page 15.

The Floor Trader Outlet Celebrates Grand Opening



Officials celebrate the grand opening of The Floor Trader Outlet in Aylett

By Gene Campbell - County officials, business leaders, and community partners gathered on July 17th to welcome The Floor Trader Outlet of Richmond to King William County. The grand opening was marked by a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the company's new location at 7283 Richmond-Tappahannock Highway (Rt 360) in Aylett. *Please see FLOOR TRADER, continued on page 15.*

The King William Ruritan Club Celebrates Community Spirit



Recipients of Donations (l to r) Frankie Barham (4-H Shooting Team), Ashley Gladden (Walkerton Fire Assoc), Austin Campbell and Donald Lumpkin (Sheriff Dept), Randy Shank (KWEM), Mike Morrison (Ruritan Club), Othell Hall (Walkerton Fire Assoc) and CJ Cosby (Mangohick Fire Dept)

By Gene Campbell - The King William Ruritan Club recently hosted its annual donation night dinner, a long-standing tradition that highlights the organization's enduring commitment to local youth and community services.

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King and Queen Tavern Museum Celebrates 25 Years

Contributed by Dawn Shank

Twenty-five years ago, a group of dedicated volunteers defied the odds and opened a little cultural gem in rural King and Queen County. The King and Queen Tavern Museum evolved from an idea that members of the King and Queen Historical Society had, and a fortunate set of circumstances in the late 1990s.

Come celebrate the museum’s 25th anniversary with a special program on Sunday, July 26 at 3 p.m. in the New Courts Building at King and Queen Courthouse. The museum includes carefully curated exhibits of the people, places, and events in the county from the 1600s to the present. The museum grounds comprise the old tavern, an 1870’s schoolhouse, the Archives Building (the old Clerk’s Office), and the Carriage House that includes the inside of the old Stevensville Post Office and a carriage from “the horse and buggy days”.

After the presentation in the New Courts Building, the museum will be open for more stories and refreshments. The museum is regularly open to the public on Fridays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. from



spring until early December, or by appointment. For more information, visit www.kingandqueenmuseum.org. The museum is located at 146 Courthouse Landing Rd., King and Queen Courthouse, VA 23085.

Publisher’s Message



Finally, some cooler weather. We have been enjoying local fresh vegetables; there is a difference between garden-grown and store-bought. Still time to take a day trip to an area you would like to see. The fall will be here before you know it.

Take care until next time.

Hanny Clark



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By Allen Brintley and “Pip”

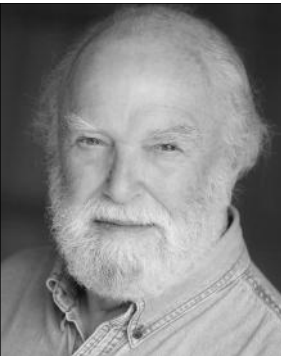
Dealing with animals always has an element of risk that we need to be aware of. When we were growing up, I hardly ever thought about safety. We would go visit my cousins who had a big farm and a bunch of animals. We would jump on the horses bareback and down through the woods we would ride hanging on to their mane until we fell off or got knocked off by a low hanging limb. Sometimes there would be 2 or 3 of us on one horse holding on to each other and the front one hanging on to the mane. We would be laughing and hollering and having a fun time until the horse got tired and dumped us off. I remember that they had a billy goat that would get out sometimes. Once when he got out, my sister started hollering for my uncle that the goat was out. Well that old billy goat didn’t like all that noise and started chasing us. We took off towards the house running and yelling. Their farmhouse had a big front porch. When we came around the corner, I jumped up on the porch to safety. My sister and cousin ran on by and up the front steps with that goat in hot pursuit. They headed inside and slammed the screen door behind them thinking they were safe. That goat never slowed down. He went right up the steps and through the



screen door and into the house after them. Finally my Dad and Uncle caught the goat and got the screen off his horns and put him back in the pen outside. It took about an hour to clean and straighten the house up from everything that the goat tore up. The ride home that day was not much fun, but we still laugh about it today. Nowadays, I still like to have fun but I think about safety first. I guess that comes with age. Pip is pretty forgiving of me. If I do get caught up in the moment and mess up, she usually won’t hold it against me or at least not for too long.

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

Obituaries



SADER
Sader, Julian Alan, 85, of King and Queen County, beloved wife, Ann Chenoweth

RICE
Ginger Poynter Rice, born January 28, 1955, of Aylett passed away peacefully June 15, 2026, in her home on Olde Footpath Farm.

Sader, who passed three years ago. He is also preceded in death by his sister Martha, and parents Julius and Barbara Sader. Left to cherish his memory are his daughters Julianna and Mary, sister Nancy, brother Frederick, sister-in-law Janet, brother-in-law Tom, and numerous nieces and nephews. Alan had an extensive acting career spanning six decades both on stage and on screen. He was well-known as the national television spokesman for ChildFund International (previously Christian Children’s Fund) and his role as Mr. Christopher for International Mission Board. Locally, he was the face for Haynes Furniture and Farm Fresh. Alan was a proud member of the Richmond theatre community. He will be remembered for his immense talent and larger than life presence on and off the stage. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Bald Head Island Conservancy: bhic.org/donate. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Ginger was a beloved wife, mother, husband, father, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She was proceeded in death by her father, William “Buck” Poynter. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Robert S. “Buddy” Rice, mother, Gladys Poynter, children Britney Rudolph (Chris), Matthew Rice, and Buckner Rice (Chrissie), grandchildren, Sidney Oliver (Jan), Emily Rudolph, Brandon Rice, Robert Rice, Jonathan Rice, Christopher Rice, Ella Rice, and Elizabeth Oliver. Throughout her life, Ginger was devoted to spreading the Gospel. She was a life-long member of Beulah Baptist Church and enjoyed her many duties including singing in the choir. Ginger enjoyed her family and friends and took every opportunity to gather with them. She was a model of positivity and determination and will be missed dearly. A funeral service was held on June 18, 2026, at Beulah Baptist Church. Visitation was at 1:00pm with the service at 2:00pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Beulah Baptist Church in her memory.



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Remembering Donald Moren

By Gene Campbell

King William County has lost a true “salt of the earth” figure with the recent passing of Donald Trice Moren, a man whose life was defined by profound kindness, unwavering honesty, and a deep, lifelong connection to the land.

A lifelong resident of the county, Donald spent his entire 92 years at his beloved family home, Duane Farm. In a testament to his deep roots, he took his last breath in the very same room where he took his first breath over nine decades ago. Following his graduation from King William High School in 1953, Donald immediately began a career in farming that would span 61 years, working the family farm with dedication and purpose.

While his devotion to the land was evident, his heart belonged first and foremost to his wife, Margaret. Introduced to her by his sister, Tilley Jo, Donald often recalled their first date fondly: a humble “Corn, Soybean and Pasture Dinner.” Their marriage was a cornerstone of his life, lasting 64 years until Margaret’s passing in 2022.

Donald’s sharp wit and playful spirit were always on display. He had a natural knack for storytelling, and if you spent time with him, you might well find yourself the target of one of his characteristic pranks.

He also took pride in his lighthearted role as the “self-appointed” Mayor of Duane,” a title he wore with a twinkle in his eye.

My family shared a lifelong friendship with the Morens. I hold many fond memories of Donald’s later years, when the Moren-Trice family would gather at my parents’ cottage, now my home, on the Mattaponi River for family reunions. My father always said the Morens and Trices had the best home cooking around, a sentiment I can surely attest to.

Donald Moren lived a life of quiet integrity and hard work, firmly rooted in the soil of his ancestors. He leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and a profound appreciation for family. I am certain that when I reach St. Peter’s gate, I will find Donald waiting there with his trademark smile, ready to pull up a chair and say, “Sit down and tell me what’s been going on in King William!”



Donald with his prized ears of corn

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Woodland box turtles are among Virginia’s most encountered reptiles, but conservationists are increasingly concerned about population declines caused by habitat loss, road mortality and collection for the pet trade. According to the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources, woodland box turtle populations are estimated to have declined by 32% over the last century.

“Citizen science is so important,” said Matt Neff, president of the Virginia Herpetological Society. “By collecting this data, we can share important numbers and trends with state agencies and other organizations so they can use the information to guide conservation decisions.”



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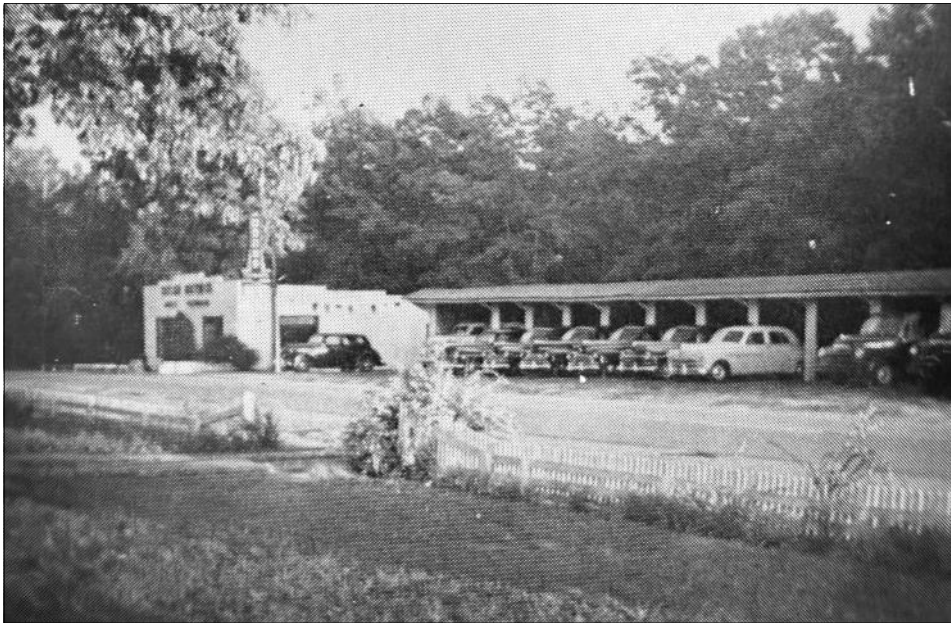
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Hell On Wheels



Taylor Motor Company in 1953

By Gene Campbell

Wayne Greenwood shared a memory with me the other day. In the 1960s, Wayne and his sidekick Berkley Barefoot worked for Taylor Motor Company (across the road from Atkins Exxon Station on Rt 30). They were young bucks and spent their days detailing cars for Gloria Taylor. It was during those years that Wayne bought his first car from the Dodge and Polara dealership, a black 1965 Plymouth. Berkley, not to be outdone, also bought a 1965 Coronet, giving the two friends

matching reasons to be proud of the rides that had worked around every day. Not long after buying their new cars, their work at the dealership led to an unforgettable outing at the State Fair. Taylor Motor Company was a sponsor of Jack Kochman’s Hell Drivers, a popular auto-thrilled attraction of the era.

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Winning News From the National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship



Contributed by Christine Roadman (King William), and Jacob Bass (Powhatan). Coach Chad Adams (Powhatan instructor) is not pictured. The Virginia 4-H National Archery Team took 1st place as Overall National Champions. Youth members include from left, Hunter Smith (Powhatan), Gloria Jamerson (Powhatan), Hunter Carlton (King William 4-H Shooting Sports club member Hunter Carlton took first place in the country in the Overall Individual

category. We are so proud of Hunter’s shooting 4th place. Chandler Eubank accomplished and the incredibly hard work and dedication he has committed to his sport. What a great way to represent 4-H and youth achievement in King William County! The Virginia 4-H Shotgun Development Team, including King William 4-H Shooting Sports club members Chandler Eubank and Robert Rice, placed as follows: overall team 5th place, team skeet

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Please join us in wishing heartfelt congratulations to all of our King William 4-H Shooting Sports Club members that competed at Nationals. Their hard work and dedication deserve to be honored. Congratulations to all of the amazing 4-H individuals and coaches on both Virginia National teams!

Box Turtles, continued from page 5

Woodland box turtles can be found in a variety of habitats, including hardwood forests, mixed oak-pine forests, pine flatwoods, maritime forests, hardwood swamps and areas bordering agricultural land. While adaptable, the species faces challenges as development continues to fragment its habitat. “As you would expect, declines are most notable in heavily urbanized areas such as in the Northern Virginia-D.C. metro, Central Virginia-Richmond metro and Southeastern Virginia-Tidewater,” said John Kleopfer, DWR state herpetologist. Unlike other wildlife species, box turtles often spend most of their lives within a relatively small home range. When roads, housing developments and other forms of development divide those habitats, populations can become isolated from one another. Because woodland box turtles typically take more than 10 years to reach reproductive maturity, the loss of adult turtles can have long-lasting effects on populations. The collection of box turtles for the pet trade and as personal pets also has contributed to population decline. Thousands of turtles have been removed from the wild over the years. In response, the Virginia DWR banned the private possession of the native woodland box turtle in 2021. Other programs such as the Virginia Master Naturalist program also are taking strides toward preserving the woodland box turtle populations through efforts like their box turtle monitoring on the Northern Neck. “We have just put a request into VDOT to place seasonal turtle warning signs at three hot spot locations,” said Bob Dunstan, co-leader of the Virginia Master Naturalist Northern Neck project. “Something that has never been done before in Virginia.” Residents interested in reporting woodland box turtle sightings and helping conservationists better understand and protect the species can visit virginiaherpetologicalsociety.com.

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Ruritan, continued from front page



Scholarship recipients (l to r) Stevie Walton, Josie Durose, Joel Barber, Chloe E. Harley, Sarah K Coffee, and Ruritan Pres. Mike Morrison.



4-H Shooting Team member Hunter Carlton addresses club members as teammates Chandler Eubank and Robert Rice look on.

This year’s event saw \$14,500 distributed to various local organizations and students, underscoring the club as a vital pillar of support in the community.

After a delicious meal, seven \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to King William High School graduating seniors to further their education. Scholarships were given to Leah Brown (Coastal Carolina University), Chloe E. Harley (University of Virginia), Joel Barber (Liberty University), Josie Durose (James Madison University), Sarah K Coffee (Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing), Stevie

Walton (Virginia Tech), and Karleigh Gooding (Randolph-Macon College).

In addition to supporting individual students, the club recognized the achievement of the King William 4-H Shooting Club. Three of its members just returned from the National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship in Nebraska. The Virginia 4-H Shotgun Development Team included King William members Chandler Eubank and Robert Rice and placed as follows: Overall Team, 5th place; Team Skeet shooting, 4th place; Trap Shooting individual, Chandler Eubank, 8th place.

The Virginia 4-H National Archery Team, including King William team member Hunter Carlton, placed as follows: Overall Team, 1st place; FITA: Team 1st place; individual Hunter Carlton 1st place; Field archery: Team 1st place; individual Hunter Carlton 2nd place; 3D: Team 1st place; individual Hunter Carlton 1st place; and Overall individual: Hunter Carlton 1st place. The Ruritan Club also presented the King William Shooting Club with a \$2,000 donation.

The spirit of giving extended to essential community services as well. The club

presented checks totaling \$5,500 to the Walkerton and Mangohick Fire Departments, the King William Sheriff’s Department, and King William Emergency Ministries, which provide critical services to the community.

These contributions bring the club’s total support for the community to a remarkable milestone. Since its chartering in 1938, the King William Ruritan Club has donated over \$500,000 to local causes. As always, the club THANKS the community for their support!

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"USDA's Disaster Assistance Recovery Tool is easy to use and allows farmers to quickly drill down to the emergency program or programs available in the county where they experienced losses," noted Tony Banks, senior assistant director of agriculture, development and innovation for Virginia Farm Bureau.

"As the drought progresses, additional localities may be designated as disaster areas," he continued. "I encourage farmers to check the discovery tool regularly or reach out to their local Farm Service Agency office."

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Wythe County High School Student Transformed Tragedy into Cry For Awareness

Farm Bureau - Olivia Crigger was first inspired to help save lives when a local farmer was fatally struck by another vehicle while driving his tractor in September 2022. “This tragedy made me realize how quickly something preventable can take a life,” Crigger reflected. “It inspired me to take action and become a voice for safer rural roads.” What began as a community service project for her Girl Scout Gold Award blossomed into a long-term safety campaign through the Virginia Farm Bureau SAFER contest. Crigger was among 16 diverse organizations and individuals to participate in the contest last year.

“The SAFER contest was created to raise awareness about the presence of farm equipment on our roads and ultimately change behaviors to keep both farmers and drivers safe,” explained Matt Nuckols, VFB safety coordinator. “It’s about giving communities the tools and encouragement to take that message locally and make a real impact.”

Crigger knows firsthand how dangerous it can be to drive slow-moving farm equipment on roadways. She often escorts friends and family during spring planting and fall harvest seasons, using her vehicle’s hazard lights to warn approaching drivers to slow down. A car traveling 55 mph takes 5 seconds to brake 300 feet—the length of a football field—to avoid colliding with farm equipment moving up to 20 mph. “But many people will just

keep going 55 miles per hour,” Crigger lamented. “My family, friends and I have experienced many close calls and near-misses.”

Using the slogan, “One close call is one too many,” Crigger developed posters, flyers, graphics and videos to display at local businesses, community events and on social media—educating a wide range of audiences about safe driving practices, tractor hand signals and the challenges of operating large farm machinery. She solidified her message with a real tractor display at Rural Retreat Heritage Day, where she petitioned for tractor warning signs along local roads—sparking vigorous community support and approval from the Virginia Department of Transportation.

“Olivia provided VDOT locations where she felt that farm equipment signs were needed for the safety of farmers in our region. Our staff evaluated the locations and determined the need for 14 signs on six routes, and all 14 signs have been installed,” said VDOT Wytheville Residency Administrator James Schwartz. “Our team was impressed with Olivia’s initiative, and we were happy to work with her in her effort to improve safety for farmers.”

Nuckols said that the newly installed safety signs “can have a lasting impact by raising awareness in the moment, and pairing them with Olivia’s story—a young leader who chose to make a difference—is the kind of



connection people remember.” Farm Bureau supported Crigger with guidance on campaign ideas, branding and messaging; printed educational materials for distribution; and connected her with local partners and resources.

“Efforts like Olivia’s are exactly what the SAFER contest was designed to inspire: Local leaders identifying a need, engaging their community and taking action,” Nuckols added. “That kind of grassroots impact is

what ultimately strengthens safety across Virginia.”

Crigger gave a presentation on farm equipment roadway safety at the Virginia 4-H State Congress last month, where she received a blue ribbon and overall win in the public speaking category. She looks forward to amplifying her message through additional outreach opportunities and partnerships.

Rappahannock Tribe Rematriates an Additional 704 Acres of Land at Fones Cliffs

Press Release

Richmond County, Virginia – On Friday, June 12, 2026, the Rappahannock Tribe rematriated 704 acres of historic land at Fones Cliffs on the Rappahannock River. Fones Cliffs is part of the ancestral homeland of the Rappahannock Tribe and has been designated by the National Audubon Society as an Important Bird Area with global significance for bald eagles and other migratory birds.

The acquisition of these 704 acres increases the Tribe’s stewardship of land at Fones Cliffs to a total of 2,391 acres. This includes land the Tribe co-stewards through partnership with the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge, as well as land that has been regained between 2017 and 2026, totaling 2,139 acres. The newly acquired land, mostly comprised of forest and deep ravines, was purchased from the Chesapeake Conservancy with support from federal funding, the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation, and The Conservation Alliance.

The rematriated land is protected in perpetuity through conservation easements held by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, with the Tribe serving as co-steward incorporating

traditional ecological knowledge. Within this landscape, two parcels have easement exceptions totaling approximately 38 acres, allowing the Tribe to build structures for tourism and tribal use.

While the return of this land is a historic milestone for the Tribe, it is part of a much larger story.

Fones Cliffs itself is a four-mile stretch of land rising 100 feet above the Rappahannock River Valley. For generations, this was home to the Rappahannock people and three of their fourteen historic towns: Pissacoack, Matchopick and Wecuppom. The high ground of the cliffs provided expansive views up and down the river and served as a place of protection for the Rappahannocks. In the summer of 1608, when Captain John Smith mapped the Rappahannock River, the Tribe used the cliffs to their advantage to defend their homeland against English invasion.

By the 1650s, the Tribe’s connection to the cliffs was severed for the Tribe. Settler colonists claimed Rappahannock land, without payment, destroying tribal towns and forcing the Rappahannock people to abandon their ancestral homeland on the Northern

Neck. Pushed off the River, the Tribe relocated to their hunting grounds on the Middle Peninsula, along the ridge between the Rappahannock and Mattaponi rivers, where the Tribe is headquartered today.

Chief Anne Richardson said, “For millennia, the power of this place has shaped tribal identity and connected the people to the land and to the river that bears our name. It is very rewarding to be able to restore the lands of our ancestors to our citizens of today and for future generations.”

“This rematriation reflects what true partnership looks like when many hands and hearts come together and work tirelessly over time. Inspired and guided by Chief Anne Richardson and the citizens of the Rappahannock Tribe, this work honors the enduring spirit of a people who are the true stewards of these lands,” said Chesapeake Conservancy CEO Susan Shingledecker. “As the nation marks its 250th anniversary, there is

something profoundly fitting about this moment. The Tribe will once again steward its ancestral homeland in perpetuity. I am grateful to donors, funders, conservation nonprofits, and government partners whose support made this work possible over many years.”

“It has been an honor to support the Rappahannock Tribe, USFWS, and the Chesapeake Conservancy in the quest to preserve thousands of acres at Fones Cliffs. We are confident that under the joint management of the Tribe and USFWS, the environmental, historical and cultural assets at Fones Cliffs will yield untold returns for generations to come,” said Richard Remmer with the Dr. William Dodge Angle Conservation Office.



College Student Helping Local Families With Education Needs

Press Release

Emory Ontko, a university student from Texas A&M University, is helping families this summer with their at-home learning. Her hometown being College Station, Texas, she’s participating in a long-standing sales and leadership program that finds her talking to thousands of families and learning the ins and outs of running a business in King William and New Kent Counties. She is living in Aylett with a local family who is hosting her for the summer.

Ontko, a Business major, has spent the last three summers with Southwestern Advantage, the nation’s oldest entrepreneurial program for college students. Southwestern Advantage has conducted the program since 1868 – just after the Civil War. The company offers students the opportunity to learn how to manage their own business, gain valuable soft skills not often taught in a classroom, and help offset their educational expenses. Each summer, around 1,000 students from over 200 college and university campuses worldwide participate.

Ontko, visiting families at their homes through referrals and cold-calls, says she

has felt very welcome in King William and New Kent Counties and that the products she has shared have been well received by families. In addition to meeting new people and helping with what is sometimes a pain point in the home (learning & homework), Ontko is grateful for the opportunity to learn and grow from an experience that is not-so-common as it once was: door-to-door sales. While it can be challenging, it can be very rewarding as well.

She’s excited about the skillset she is acquiring and her resume experience will now include many new things that will help her land a future job and set her apart from peers. A few of those things include goal-setting, schedule, communication, problem-solving, money management, and many other skills.

Learn more about Emory’s summer adventures and her insight into your community by setting up a time to talk to her. Trey Campbell, APR – Phone: 615-391-2801; Email: tcampbell@southwestern.com

Local Artist Karleigh Gooding Releases New Single "Lead Me to the Rock"

Contributed by Karleigh Gooding

King William native Karleigh Gooding has released her newest original song, Lead Me to the Rock, which became available on July 10. As a young Country/Christian artist and as a recent high school graduate, Gooding continues pursuing her passion for music professionally while sharing songs that reflect her faith and personal journey.

Inspired by Psalm 61, Lead Me to the Rock carries a message of seeking God as a refuge and source of strength during difficult seasons. Drawing from the verse, “Lead me to the rock that is higher than I,” the song emphasizes faith, hope, and trusting God even in moments of weakness and uncertainty.

Through heartfelt lyrics and a worship-centered message, the song encourages listeners and serves as a reminder that God



remains faithful through every season of life.

Gooding has been actively sharing her music through live performances and social media while continuing to grow her audience and pursue her musical goals. The release of Lead Me to the Rock marks another step in her journey as an artist and songwriter.

To stay updated on Karleigh Gooding’s music, performances, and future releases, follow her on Instagram: [@karleighgoodingmusic](https://www.instagram.com/karleighgoodingmusic).

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		SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE/PERSON	40
		ACCIDENTS	37
		FRAUD	9
		THEFT/LARCENY	10
		FIGHT/ASSAULT/DOMESTIC	25
		ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	113
		WELFARE CHECK	18
		BUSINESS/RESIDENCE CHECK	272
		ARRESTS	27
		TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	
		1511	
		TOTAL 911 CALLS	
		CALLS ANSWERED	557
		TOTAL COURT DAYS	
		JUVENILE/DOMESTIC RELATIONS	5
		GENERAL DISTRICT	4
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Floor Trader, continued from front page

The Floor Trader of Richmond is a locally owned and operated family business with deep roots in King William. The operation is a true family affair, with three generations of the Sawdy family currently working together and a fourth generation preparing to join the business. As one of the largest stocking-floor dealers in the Richmond area, the store offers an extensive selection of hardwood flooring, luxury vinyl, laminate, carpet, and tile, along with professional installation services.

The event drew a strong showing of local leadership, including County Supervisors Keith Fogg, and Lindsay Robinson, Brenton Bohannon, County Administrator

Derek Stamey, and Senior Director of Community and Economic Development Jason Smith. Members of the Economic Development Authority and various county staff were also on hand to mark the occasion.

"Business expansion like this is exactly the type of investment we want to celebrate," said County Administrator Derek Stamey during the ceremony. The new outlet represents a significant addition to the local commercial landscape, bringing expanded retail options and specialized services to the Aylett community.

Wheels, continued from page 6

Because of that sponsorship, Wayne and Berkley were able to get into the State Fair free of charge, drive around the track in their cars, and enjoy the show from a special vantage point, the infield.

After the Hell Drivers' performance and everyone had left, Wayne and Berkley looked at each other and said, "Let's race around the track!" Just as they rounded the third lap and headed for the finish line, Gloria met them on the track with a stern message: they had better get off the track or their car warranties would be null and void immediately.

It was a classic moment that turned a memorable evening into a lifelong

memory. For Wayne and Berkley, it was the kind of experience that captured the excitement of the 1960s, when cars and small-town connections made events like that feel larger than life.

The story is a reminder of how local businesses once helped create experiences that people would talk about for decades... and still do! For Wayne and Berkley, Taylor Motor Company was not just where they worked and bought their first car; it was where friendship, community, and a love of automobiles came together in a way they would never forget. This article is dedicated to the memory of Berkley Barefoot.

Extinguish Your Risk of Sparking a Wildfire While Tidying up the Lawn

When safety falls by the wayside, summertime yardwork can trigger catastrophic consequences.

Lawn mowers, tractors, brush cutters and other popular yard equipment can potentially spark wildfires during the dry, hot summer months.

"Rising temperatures, low relative humidity and gusty winds can all play a factor in what the fire service calls 'red flag warnings,'" explained Michael Downey, Virginia Department of Forestry assistant director of fire and emergency response.

The Virginia DOF responded to 356 wildfires that burned 4,920 acres from Feb. 15 through April 30, and 57 wildfires spanning over 200 acres in May alone.

Wildfires are especially dangerous to people who use forests and outdoor areas or live in nearby homes and communities. They also wreak havoc on the environment—harming wildlife and their habitats.

Lawn mowers can spark a fiery chain reaction in myriad ways—like when dry debris ignites on hot engine surfaces, leaking fuel reaches the exhaust, or mechanical sparks ignite fuel vapor or faulty wiring.

Mower fires most commonly ignite when blades hit a rock and generate sparks, and from equipment without spark arrestors.

"These are safety devices designed to trap or cool hot exhaust particles expelled by internal combustion engines," Downey explained.

He emphasized the importance of proper maintenance and equipment care in helping mitigate fire risk.

Before starting up the mower, the Virginia DOF advises keeping the following safety tips in mind:

Mow before 10 a.m. while humidity is still high and temperatures are cooler.

Avoid mowing dry grass or when it's windy.

Keep your mower well-maintained to prevent overheating, and inspect before each use.

Remove rocks, debris and other potential strike hazards from the mowing area.

"Up to 90% of wildfires in Virginia are human-caused and primarily from debris burning," Downey noted. "If precautions are not taken, life and property are at risk."

He encourages Virginians to skip mowing and transform manicured lawns into bustling pollinator habitats.

Virginia Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co.'s homeowner and farmowner policies provide coverage for fires caused by lawn mowers that damage covered property.

For more wildfire prevention tips, visit dof.virginia.gov.

Cornerstone, continued from front page

The volunteers who have been picking up, delivering, and then helping with distribution of the food, clothing and other items are treasured members of the community who have shown commitment to serving their neighbors. On average there are 27 volunteers to pick up and put away the food. Eleven others sort and pack the boxes, and seven additional volunteers help with the distribution in Aylett on Saturdays. As the demands of serving the community have increased so much so has the need for more storage space. Plans have been drawn up to increase the storage capacity on the property that is at the corner of River Road and the Richmond-Tappahannock highway. While the award from FeedMore is a good start, much more will need to be raised in order to accomplish this.

Approval for this expansion is pending, and the total amount of funds needed will be known once that is done. A partial list of the CornerStone services include the Free Clinic that sees uninsured patients, the Lily Field serving those in need of clothing, Back to school program and the Undercover program, Aylett Toys for Tots, the Diaper project, and Hygiene kits for those needing them. Donations to help support the programs of the CornerStone from individuals or groups are always welcome and can be sent to P.O. Box 68, Aylett, Va. 23009 or by way of the website of the Cornerstone Community Development Center, <http://www.cornerstoneaylett.org>. Especially with the expansion project on the horizon, community support will be needed more than ever.



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CHRISTIAN

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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 10:00am. 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

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. VBS Weird Animals, July 20-24 9AM-Noon. View sermons, via YouTube/Facebook at beulahbptistva.org. Follow, like YouTube / Facebook, be notified of upcoming livestream. 4805 West River Road Aylett, 23009. PO Box 846 Aylett, 23009 804.539.2191

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Bruington Baptist Church 4784 The Trail, Bruington, King and Queen County. Please join us at Sunday School on Sundays at 10am. and Worship Service at 11am. Community Clothes Cupboard open first Saturdays from 10am. until noon. Rev. Brian Harfst, pastor. Contact us at 804-769-3246

Colosse Baptist Church The Glory Bound Express is sponsoring a fun evening of music and will be taking up a love offering to help with medical expenses for a husband and wife from the Aylett area, who are dealing with health issues. 6:30 p.m. Sunday, August 23, 2026, in sanctuary. In addition to songs provided by the Glory Bound and congregational hymns, you will hear special selections from Colosse's children and youth choirs, and other special selections. All money raised will go directly to JoAnne and Daniel Finneyfrock to help with the cost of JoAnne's cancer medication and to help with Daniel's surgery cost.

Gethsemane Baptist Church

1890 Dunluce Rd, KW. Annual Homecoming Celebration on Sunday, August 23 with service starting at 11am. Message delivered by Rev. Marcus Hickman of Wayland Baptist Church, Stevensville. Annual Revival Tuesday, August 25 through 27. Praise and Worship will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the worship service at 7:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there!

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&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.

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 11am. 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:

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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.

Mt. Sinai Baptist

Church family are praising God as we prepare to commemorate our 157th Church Anniversary on Sunday, July 26, at 2:30 p.m. We rejoice to welcome God's servant Rev. Dr. Stephanie Wilkes, Associate Minister of Baptist Liberty Church of King William, Va as our guest preacher. We would be honored family and friends join us for this special occasion.

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

New Morning Star Baptist Church, Walkerton, celebrates its 149th Homecoming Service on Sunday, August 2, 2026, at 11:00 AM. Reverend Dr. Sylvia Corbin Berry will deliver the message, and the combined choirs will provide music. Lunch immediately follows the service. All are welcome to fellowship and celebrate this milestone. Theme: "Welcome All to Hope, Healing, and Home,".

New Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Walkerton, celebrating Family and Friends Day, July 26, at 11am. Pastor David Brown of For His Global Ministries, (Tappahannock) will deliver the message. The musical ministry of Chosen 4 Glory and special quests will lead us in worship through song. Please join us for an enjoyable celebration.

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, Va.23009 Rev. Pagie Hancock, Iii Pastor. Join us for Sunday School at 9:15 am and Morning Worship at 10:25 am. The Annual Homecoming is Sunday, August 9, 2026 at 11:30 am with the Pastor, Rev. Pagie Hancock, III as the Speaker. Dinner will follow the morning service. Revival will be held Monday through Wednesday August 10-12 nightly with Prayer and

Praise at 7:00 pm and Revival Service at 7:30 pm. Monday's Guest Speaket is Rev. Russell Shacklefod of Zion Baptist Church of Chance, Va.Tuesday's guest Speaker is Rev. Charles Gilliam, III of Fauquier Baptist Church, Goochland, Va. with the guest choir of Gethsemane Baptist Church of Kung William. Wednesday's speaker Rev. Charles Gilliam, IIII of Fauquier Baptist with the choir, ushers and members as guests. All are invited to attend.

St. Paul Baptist Church

Globe Road, 139th Homecoming Sunday, August 2, at 11am. Theme "Building on a Firm Foundation". Fellowship, meal served after the Morning Worship. Evening Service with Praise and Prayer 2:30pm, Worship Service 3pm. Keynote Speaker, Bro. Joshua Comfort, Washington, D.C. Revival Nights Tuesday, August 4th to Thursday, August 6th. Prayer and Praise at 7:00pm, Worship Service at 7:30pm. Keynote Speakers will be ministers from the area with visiting ushers and choirs.

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 9am, 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

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

August 16: Homecoming: Prayer & Praise -10:45AM; Morning Worship-11AM; Guest Speaker- Elder William Gary- High Hill BC, Lugoff, SC, Lunch to follow (Theme: Moving Forward, Phil 3:13-14)

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 Peppler 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.

Church, continued

Community Calendar

NON DENOMINATION
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 mrsmelissarice@aol.com.
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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 Zoom. 2nd & 4th Wednesday Holy Eucharist with healing prayers in Church Library at Noon.
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Community Calendar
King and Queen Library
7/28- Fairfield Foundation Story Time 11am. 7/30- Summer Watercolor Painting with Ms.

Whitney (registration required) 6pm. Every Tuesday- Story Time with Mr. Jesse 11am. Sunday, July 26, The Tavern Museum is celebrating their 25th anniversary and will have a special program and reception at 3pm in the General District Courtroom 242 Allens Circle King and Queen Court House.
Grand Opening of the Upper King William Branch Library
Saturday, August 8, 11am. – 1pm. 7890 Richmond Tappahannock Highway Aylett, 23009. This community celebration marks an exciting new chapter for the King William County Library System and will feature: Meet & Greet with King William County organizations, Family-friendly activities, crafts, and games, Library merchandise giveaways, Local food trucks, Celebration of the End of Summer Reading Program.
King William County Library System, Upper King William Branch
“Upper King William Branch @7890 Richmond Tappahannock Hwy. Current hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10am-6pm. Tuesday, Thursday 10am-8pm. Saturday 10am-2pm. Storytime Wednesdays 10:30am. KW Yarncraft 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 1pm Coloring & Coffee 7/28 10:30am 10:30am LEGO Club 7/25 11am. Play-Doh Time 7/27

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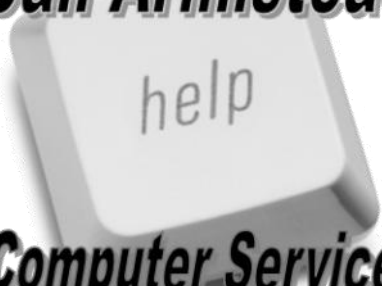
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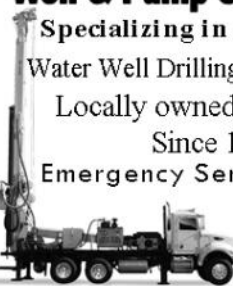
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