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Education Leaders Attend VSBA's 41st Conference

Contributed by Carol Carter

Virginia Beach - Representatives from King and Queen County Public Schools recently joined school board members, superintendents, educators, and education leaders from across Virginia at the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) 41st Annual Conference on Education, held July 16, 2026, in Virginia Beach.

The event marked a historic first for the Association, as the Conference on Education was hosted in Virginia Beach for the first time in its 41-year history. The conference provided participants with opportunities to learn from educational leaders, exchange ideas with colleagues from across the Commonwealth, and explore innovative approaches to strengthening public education and improving student outcomes.

Representing King and Queen County Public Schools were Dr. Carol B. Carter, superintendent (Dr. Carter presented in four mini workshops on Student Voice Matters), Celestine Gaines, Vice-Chair – Newtown District, Harwood Hall – Shanghai District Board member, and Darryl Oakley – Buena Vista Board member.

One of the conference's most distinctive features, and a tradition that has remained at the heart of the event for more than four decades, was its Mini Roundtable Discussions.

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Residents Voice Strong Concerns as Technology Ordinance Takes Center Stage

Residents opposing data centers gather before the meeting

By Gene Campbell,
Pictures by Danny Clark

The King William Board of Supervisors convened on July 27th, balancing a heavy financial agenda with intense public scrutiny of the county's proposed technology ordinance. During the meeting, 14 of 15 citizens who addressed the Board voiced firm opposition to the prospect of data centers in the county, citing deep-seated concerns regarding the potential strain data centers place on local water and power infrastructure, the risk of noise and air pollution, and the erosion of King William's rural character.

County Administrator Derek Stamey presented data that echoed these community sentiments, presenting results from the recent survey on the proposed technology ordinance. Of 506 responses, 83% of residents indicated strong opposition to large-scale technological development.

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VA250 Passports Accomplishment

Contributed by Deserae L. Saunders-Austin

To celebrate 250 years of Independence, my best friend Katie Williams, her son's Jase and Luke, from Hanover County, along with myself and my daughters Allanna and Cailean, from King William, picked up VA250 passports from the Virginia Museum or History and Culture on December 29th, 2025. We researched the passport beforehand and started planning how we could see it all. The passports have been a guidebook, a discount book, and a special keepsake that we will treasure forever.

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King William HS FFA Attends State Convention

KWHS FFA members at the 100 Anniversary of FFA getting it's start in Virginia in 1926. Members are: (left to right) Jackson Freeman, Kaitlyn Knopp, TyQuan Hence, and Gibson Farmer.

Contributed by Howard Hill

On June 8th, the King William high school FFA attended the 100th Virginia FFA State Convention on the campus at Virginia Tech. During the week of June 8-11, FFA members heard messages from numerous guest speakers at the nightly sessions such at Dr. Maria Ferruzzi; Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the Virginia Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Katie Frazier, and Governor Abbigail Spanberger.

The chapter members competed in Crop Judging and Sr. Ag. Mechanics. The Crop Judging team consisted of Jackson Freeman, TyQuan Hence, and Kaitlyn Knopp. The team placed 6th out of 10 teams. Individually Jackson Freeman was the teams highest scorer placing 13th out of 30 competitors. Gibson Farmer completed in Sr. Ag. Mechanics. He placed 64th out of a 100 competitors.

The chapter received 3 awards during the week. The chapter won Superior Chapter, a Gold rating for Public Relations, and the Central Area award for Forestry and Wildlife.

Almost 2,000 FFA members from across the Commonwealth attended the Convention.

Publisher's Message

I had some pretty large trees taken down earlier this year. The limbs were removed and the trees cut into fireplace lengths. A friend of mine had a wood splitter for sale at a fair price. The trees were red oak, perfect for the wood stove. After several hours of help from a friend, we had it all split and put away in the woodshed. When the weather turns damp and cold this winter, the wood will be there ready to make everything warm and cozy.

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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A Tiny Cabin

By Allen Brintley and "Pip"

When you have animals, you have to take extra precautions when a storm is coming. I remember one from awhile back. I went about putting everything away that could fly around in the wind and filled up a big water tank in the back of the truck in case of power outages. I usually leave Pip loose in the pastures to come and go rather than stalling her. The storm continued through the night. I couldn't do much in the dark except worry and wait. At first light, I went to check on Pip. I saw a few downed trees and some limbs that had broken off. I called for Pip and she came out from behind a downed tree chuckling and hawing at me. I know she was saying "Where have you been?" I checked her out from top to bottom and front to back. She was in good shape. You've heard the saying, when life gives you lemons, you make lemonade. Well Pip's saying is when you have downed trees, she will eat the leaves. She helped by doing her part in the clean up effort by eating the leaves off all the downed tress over the next week or so.

I'm reminded of a story about some rich city folks that came out to the country after a big storm to survey the damage. They came upon the tiniest little cabin that they had ever seen in their life. The rich lady gets out and knocks on the door and says "Is anybody home?" A little boys voice answers back "Yeah." The lady asks "Is your father in there?" The little boy says "No, Pa left just before Ma came in." The lady asks "Is your mother there?" The little boy says "No, Ma left just before I got here." The rich lady says "My goodness. Aren't you ever together as a family?" The little boy yells back through the door "Heck Yeah! But not in here, this is the outhouse!"

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

Obituaries

ASHLEY

Edward "Bobby" Ashley, 88, of Little Plymouth, VA passed away July 22, 2026, with his family by his side. He was a long-time member of Olivet Baptist Church where he served as a deacon. As a young man, he served in the Army National Guard. After many years of service, Bobby retired from the West Point Paper Mill in 1989. He farmed his whole life from 1964 until 2014 and worked at Ashley Logging as a truck driver where he was better known by his CB handle, Junior Johnson. Bobby was an avid hunter, Nascar and sports fan, and enjoyed watching basketball and football games. Above all, Bobby cherished his family and was a steady, loving presence in the lives of those who knew them. Bobby was preceded in death by his parents, Steve and Evelyn Ashley; brothers, Sonny, Tommy and Camb Ashley. Bobby is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Bertha Crowe Ashley; a sister, Jean Ashley Jeffreys (Michael); a brother, Michael Ashley (Pam); sisters-in-law, Dorothy, Wilma and Myrna Ashley; a brother-in-law, Walter "Frog" Crowe; God Daughters, Amber Bobby Kurfees and Sarah Rogone; a God Son, Brian Ashley; and many loving nieces and nephews. A funeral service will be held 3 p.m. Sunday, July 26, 2026, at Lower King & Queen Baptist Church, 204 Timber Branch Road, Little Plymouth, VA 23108. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. before the service at the church. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to Wounded Warriors, www.woundedwarriorproject.org. Online tributes may be posted at www.vincentfh.com.

REED

Barbara Barden Reed, 91, of Aylett, departed this life on Tuesday, July 28, 2026. She was preceded in death by her husband, George F. "Pat" Reed; parents, Ira and Lillian White Barden, and her siblings, Sonny, Evelyn, Jean, Doris, Doug, Bubba and Sissy.

Barbara is survived by her children, Pat (Steve) Dalton, Debbie (Donald) Latham, Robin (John) Massei, Franky (Bettina) Reed, and Matt (Kazan) Reed; 11 grandchildren and 14 great- grandchildren, and many extended family members.

Over the years, Barbara and Pat welcomed many children into their home, including their bonus daughter, Denise (Mike) Sumski and family.

Barbara worked in the HR department of the Virginia Department of Transportation aka "the highway department". Later in life, she drove the school bus for King William County Public Schools, retiring after 40+ years.

As an active member of Epworth Methodist Church, Barbara worked as a class teacher, VBS director, plus the annual live outdoor nativity and Country Church coordinator. For years, she and Pat operated a community food bank from their carport.

A meet and greet gathering was scheduled at 1 PM on Monday, August, 3, at Epworth Methodist Church with a Celebration of Life service at 2 PM, followed by a graveside service at the church. In lieu of flowers, kindly consider donations in Barbara's memory to Epworth Methodist Church, 11 Epworth Rd., Aylett, VA 23009.

Public Invited to Learn about Scammers Targeting Seniors

The Upper King William Senior Center at 8306 King William Road, Aylett, will be offering a public learning session on August 11th from 11am-12pm to discuss how scammers are targeting our seniors in the community through various fraudulent schemes. We will have a representative from King William Sheriff's Office discuss how scammers are targeting seniors through various means and provide information and tips on how to avoid becoming a victim of fraud.

This free and informative learning session is open to all that want to attend and will be hosted at the Upper King William Senior Center at 8306 King William Road. Please contact the Center Manager Karen Sutton at 804-807-0913 or centermanager@enterprisemgmtinc.com with any questions.

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Hill Attends Summer Conference

Contributed by Howard Hill

On July 13th Howard Hill Agriculture teacher and FFA Advisor attended the 2026 VAAE (Virginia Association of Agriculture Educators) Summer Conference at the Natural Bridge Hotel in Natural Bridge, VA. While at the conference, which ran from July 13th-16th, Hill attended sessions with DOE on new protocols within the Ag Ed curriculum and heard updates on the National and State FFA from the State FFA Specialists.

Hill also attended and worked in an all day workshop on Sports Turf at Washington Lee University in Lexington, VA. The workshop taught and educated teachers on how to maintain natural and artificial sports surfaces. Educators learn how to sprig Bermuda grass on a low cost budget, how to check field temperatures for safety, how to check moisture rates on a natural surface, and how to do a water sprinkler audit to make sure your grass is getting adequate watering. Teachers were educated on robotic mowers to cut down on work time and how drones are used to help maintain sports turfs.

Other educational workshops Hill attended were Drone Technology in the classroom, Safe Shop Blueprint, and the Beef Quality Assurance Certification program.

Educators went on a field trip of a robotic dairy in Lexington, VA called Leech Farm Dairy, where they milk over 500 Holstein cows daily. They also explored one of Virginia's aquaculture operations and learned about trout production, water management, and marketing. On Wednesday night the VAAE held its Annual Awards Banquet. Hill from King William was recognized for his 37 years as an Ag. Educator in Virginia and was also presented a Bronze rated certificate for putting former students in the Ag. Education field.

Howard Hill, AG teacher and FFA advisor at King William High School, receives the bronze award for the number of his former students going back into the AG Education profession.

In the state of Virginia, there are almost 300 Agriculture Education programs across the state.

Medicare Fraud and Abuse

Contributed by Jennifer White

It cannot be said enough, "Each of us are the first line of defense against Medicare fraud and abuse." Below are reminders of simple things to do to protect oneself from Medicare fraud and abuse.

Record doctor appointments (dates/times) on a calendar. Note any tests, items, and services received. Save receipts and statements from providers. If you need help keeping track of dates and services, you can ask a friend, family member, or caregiver for help.

Review your claims and statements as they contain important information. Look for signs of fraud in claims you don't recognize on your Medicare Summary Notice or similar statements from other insurance providers. Compare receipts and statements from providers. If you think the charge is incorrect, call your provider's staff. They will give you information that helps you better understand the services or supplies you received. Or they may find an error that needs to be corrected. Some inconsistencies are simply coding errors that can be easily corrected.

Report suspected Medicare fraud by calling Medicare at 1-800-633-4227. Have your Medicare Number and the claim ready to speak to a representative. You can also call the fraud hotline at the Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General at 1-800-447-8477. People who have Medicare Advantage plans or Medicare drug plan can also call the investigations Medicare Drug Integrity Contractor at 1-877-772-3379.

Remember to guard your Medicare card and don't give your Medicare number or Social Security Number to anyone except your doctor or people you know should have it. Never give your Medicare Number in exchange for money, gifts, or for special offers from companies, like free medical care or equipment. Never let someone use your Medicare card and never use another person's card. Ask questions. You have the right to know everything about your medical care, including costs billed to Medicare in your name.

As the outreach specialist for Bay Aging's Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program and Senior Medicare Patrol, I am available to present to groups. Bay Aging does not sell insurance. Our goal is simple, provide the unbiased tools people need to make the best decisions for their health care and to learn how to protect themselves against Medicare fraud and abuse. Jean Duggan can be reached at jduggan@bayaging.org.

Education, continued from front page

These interactive sessions brought together participants and educational experts in small-group settings to discuss current issues facing public schools, share successful practices, and engage in meaningful conversations about the future of education in Virginia.

The conference featured a distinguished lineup of speakers, including Dr. Jeff Smith, Virginia Secretary of Education, who delivered greetings on behalf of Governor Abigail Spanberger. Secretary Smith welcomed attendees and emphasized the importance of strong partnerships among educators, school boards, families, and communities in supporting student success across the Commonwealth.

Attendees also heard from keynote speaker Dr. Phil Gore, a nationally recognized author, researcher, and leadership expert. Dr. Gore challenged participants to think differently about leadership, organizational culture, and the role innovation plays in preparing students for an ever-changing future.

During the luncheon program, participants heard from Madeline Duffy, Virginia's 2027 Teacher of the Year. Duffy, a special education teacher and dropout prevention coordinator with Nottoway County Public Schools, shared her experiences working with students and offered reflections on the impact educators have in helping

students reach their full potential. In addition to the keynote presentation and roundtable discussions, attendees participated in breakout sessions featuring innovative programs and successful initiatives from school divisions throughout the Virginia. Topics included board governance, workforce readiness, student engagement, community partnerships, school leadership, and strategies designed to improve student achievement.

The annual Conference on Education is one of VSBA's premier professional development events and provides educational leaders with an opportunity to learn from one another, strengthen professional networks, and bring new ideas back to their local communities.

Passport, continued from front page

The passport features 71 participating museums and historic sites across five regions of the Commonwealth: Central Virginia, Northern Virginia, Shenandoah Valley, Southwestern Virginia and Tidewater, including 7 signature sites and we have been to every site!

All together we traversed the Commonwealth covering everywhere from the Stateline in Bristol to the Eastern Shore and everywhere in between to visit the museums that house the Commonwealth's history and our role in American Independence, over 5,000 miles. The amazing part about our participation in this program is that we were able to complete the entire 71 passport stops and over 100 additional historic sites around the Commonwealth within six months.

We completed the passport on the 4th of July at Mount Vernon, where General George Washington stamped our passports!

We have learned so much this year and our journey has been one we will never forget!

KING AND QUEEN COUNTY BUS ROUTES 2026-27

King and Queen Elementary Bus Routes

Route 1
Start on The Trail, left on Devils Three Jump, right on Dabney, left on Coldwater, continue to stop sign, keep straight onto Liberty Hall, turn right onto Union Hope, right onto Rock Spring, turn around, right on Poplar Grove, right on White House, left on Lily Pond, left on The Trail, left on Shiloh Road, turn around, right on The Trail, left on Bunker Hill, left on Mantapike, turn around, right on Bunker Hill, head to KQES.

Route 2
Start on Centerville Rd., right on Lewis B. Puller Memorial Hwy., right on Chain Ferry Rd., turn around, right onto Lewis B. Puller Memorial Hwy., left on Virginia Ave., turn around, right onto Lewis B. Puller Memorial Hwy., right onto Brookshire, turn around, right on Lewis B. Puller Memorial Hwy., right onto York River Rd., left onto Taylorsville Rd., left onto Stratton Major Rd., left onto Travelers Rd., right onto York River Rd., pick up at Winter Lane, head to KQES.

Route 3
Start on Lewis B. Puller Memorial Hwy., turn around at the apartments, left onto Buena Vista, right onto Stratton Major, right on Tuckers, turn around, right on Plainview Dr., right on Cherry Rowe, pick up at Guthries Green, turn around, right on Plainview, right onto Kingstown Rd., turn around at the hunt club, right on Buena Vista, u-turn, left on Lewis B. Puller Memorial Hwy., right on The Trail, pick up at Waterfence Rd. and The Trail, head to KQES.

Route 4
Start on The Trail, left on Centerville Rd., left on Clancy Rd., left on Union Hope, left on Milbytown Rd., turn around, left on New Hope Rd., right on Elsom Mascot Rd., right on Lombardy Rd., turn around, right on The Trail, right on Carlton's Corner, turn around, head to KQES.

Lawson-Marriott Elementary Bus Routes

Route 1
Start on Powcan Rd., right on Poor House Ln., pick up at Providence Rd. and Poor House Ln., left on Deshazo Rd., right on Lilly Pond Rd., right on The Trail, left on Walkerton Landing, left on Canterbury Rd., right on Rosemount Rd., left on Pea Ridge Rd., left on The Trail, right on Fleets Mill Rd., right on Richmond Tappahannock Hwy., u-turn, right on Minor Rd., turn around, right on Richmond Tappahannock Hwy., head to Lawson-Marriott Elementary School.

Route 2
Start on Bottom Rd., turn around, left on Newtown Rd., right on Lynnville Rd., turn around, right on Newtown Rd., right on Byrds Mill Rd., turn around at the dragway, right on Salvia Rd., right on Vessels Rd., turn around, left on Newtown Rd., right on Poplar Hill Rd., left on Spring Cottage Rd., left on Eastern View Rd., turn around, stop at The Forge and Eastern View Rd., right on Newtown Rd., cross Richmond Tappahannock Hwy., left on Chatham Hill, turn around, head to Lawson-Marriott Elementary School.

Route 3
Start on Bradley Farms Rd., right on Newtown Rd., left on Peach Grove Rd., turn around, right on Newtown Rd., right on Bradley Farms Rd., left on Root Swamp Rd., turn around, right on Bradley Farms Rd., left on Indian Neck Rd., right on Owens Mill Rd., pick up at Martin Town Rd. and Owens Mill Rd., left on Smithfield Rd., left on Smithfield School Rd., turn around, left on Smithfield Rd., right on Richmond Tappahannock Hwy., right on Green Chambers Rd., right on Patty Swamp Rd., right on Newtown Rd., left on Todds Bridge Rd., turn around, left on Newtown Rd., head to Lawson-Marriott Elementary School.

Central High School Bus Routes

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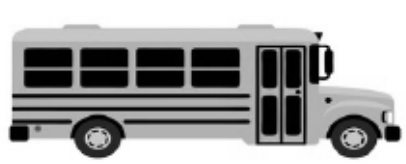
Route 2
Start on Elsom Mascot Rd., right on The Trail, right on Lilly Pond Rd., left on Deshazo Rd., right on Poor House Rd., left on Norwood Rd., turn around, left on Powcan Rd., right on The Trail, left on Mantua Rd., turn around, right on Stevensville Rd., left on Bunker Hill Rd., right on Rivers Reach, turn around, right on The Trail, left on Carlton's Corner, turn around, right on The Trail, head to CHS.

Route 3
Start on Kingstown Rd., left on Buena Vista Rd., right on Par Cooks Rd., left on Lewis B. Puller Memorial Hwy., u-turn at the county line, left on Centerville Rd., right on Clancy Rd., right on New Hope Rd., left on Clancy Rd., left on Airville Rd., left back on Clancy Rd., right on New Hope Rd., left on Oak Ln., turn around, right on New Hope Rd., left on Milbytown Rd., turn around, left on New Hope Rd., right on Elsom Mascot Rd., left on Lombardy Rd., turn around, left on Coldwater Rd., left on Dabney Rd., right on Devils Three Jump, turn around, right on The Trail, pick up at Carlton's Corner and The Trail, head to CHS.

Route 4
Start on Level Green Rd., left on Newtown Rd., left on Bottom Rd., turn around, left on Newtown Rd., right on Peach Grove Rd., turn around, right on Newtown Rd., right on Lynnville Rd., left on Indian Neck Rd., turn around at the end, stay on Indian Neck Rd., right on Owens Mill Rd., left on Smithfield Rd., pick up at Smithfield School Rd. and Smithfield Rd., right on Richmond Tappahannock Hwy., right on Green Chambers Rd., left on Patty Swamp Rd., left on Newtown Rd., head to CHS.

Route 5
Start on Bruington Rd., left on Richmond Tappahannock Hwy., right on Minor Rd., turn around at Maple Valley Rd., right on Richmond Tappahannock Hwy., u-turn, u-turn again, left on Fleets Mill Rd., left on The Trail, right on Pea Ridge Rd., right on Rosemount Rd., right on Canterbury Rd., turn around at Morning Star Church, back on Canterbury Rd., pick up at Bewdley Rd. and Canterbury Rd., right on Canterbury Rd., left on Walkerton Mill Rd., turn around, left on Canterbury Rd., left on Walkerton Landing, right on The Trail, head to CHS.

Route 6
Start on Bradley Farm Rd., right on Indian Neck Rd., left on Lynnville Rd., right on Newtown Rd., right on Byrds Mill Ln., turn around at the dragway, right on Salvia Rd., right on Vessels Rd., left on Newtown Rd., right on Roundabout Rd., turn around, right on Newtown Rd., right on Poplar Hill Rd., left on Spring Cottage Rd., left on Eastern View Rd., pick up at The Forge and Eastern View Rd., stay on Eastern View Rd., right on Newtown Rd., right on Todds Bridge Rd., turn around, right on Newtown Rd., head to CHS.



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BOS, continued from front page

Supervisors recognize members of the softball team

Supervisors recognize members of the baseball team

In response to the feedback, the Board announced it would reopen the survey to gather further input. The Board also outlined a roadmap for the ordinance, which includes site visits to existing technology facilities, upcoming town hall meetings in West Point and Central Garage, and holding workshops with industry experts to ensure the Board makes an informed decision.

The ordinance is set to undergo at least two more revisions. A draft will be presented at upcoming town hall meetings for community review and discussion, after which staff will incorporate public feedback and expert recommendations into an updated version. The county anticipates the remaining adoption process will take approximately 120 to 150 days to complete.

Beyond the ordinance debate, the Board took a moment to formally recognize the King William High School softball and baseball teams for their outstanding athletic performances this season. The girls won the VHSL Class 2 State Championship, and the boys reached the Class 2 semi-finals.

In financial matters, County Treasurer Abbi Carlton reported a strong tax collection rate of over 98% for assessed real estate taxes in this tax cycle. Furthermore, the county's strategic investment approach, including participation in the Virginia Investment Pool, has generated over $440,000 in earnings for the fiscal year ending in June.

On the administrative front, the Planning Department is now fully staffed following Ashley Gault's promotion and the hiring of Mary Roseblock as Planner I. The Board expects this to significantly expedite building approval timelines.

The Board adopted budget amendments reflecting higher-than-projected state funding for constitutional officer cost-of-living adjustments and library support, allowing the county to balance its budget without drawing from reserve funds. Additionally, following a recommendation from Fire Chief Ron Brown, the Board approved the purchase of a new ambulance using grant funding. The ambulance was secured as a demo model at a reduced cost.

In a move to boost local tourism, Director of Community and Economic Development Jason Smith presented a resolution designating "Visit West Point and King William" as a Virginia Destination Marketing Organization, a move expected to unlock state-level resources and support. The Board unanimously approved the resolution.

The next meeting of the King William County Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Monday, August 24th, beginning at 6:30 pm in the administrative building at the courthouse complex.

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FFA Members Attend State FFA Camp

KWHS FFA members attended the One Day State FFA Camp. Members seated Hunter Kersey and Sarah Riffe, Back row Logan Madison and Ryan Carr.

Contributed by Howard Hill

On July 6th members from the King William FFA Chapter attended State FFA Day Camp at Graves Mountain Lodge, in Syria, VA. Members attending were Sarah Riffe, Ryan Carr, Logan Madison, and Hunter Kersey. Members attended leadership classes which worked on the traits of a good leader in the morning. After lunch, the members took classes on ice cream making, and stream testing along with fishing.

Members also participated in field games and games showing their leadership skills. The day concluded with a variety and talent show along with a quiz bowl event dealing with FFA history. Members were treated to a delicious lunch and dinner provided by the Graves Mountain staff along with ice pops and ice cream to cool everybody down.

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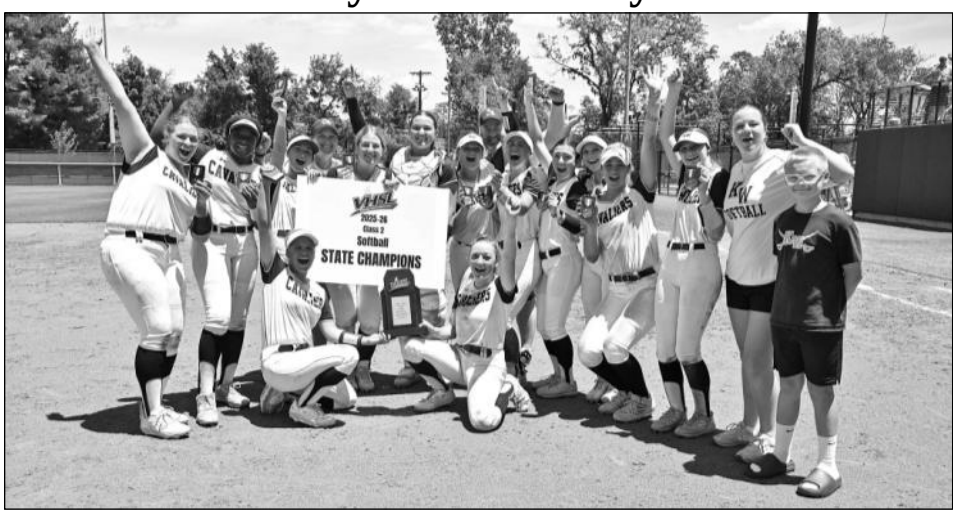

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By Danny Clark

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This was their 2nd State Championship in three years. They would also like to thank Ray Muir of Manquin, for his time and effort in making this possible.

Mattaponi Indian Tribe Files Appeal to Protect the Mattaponi River

Contributed by Sara Jefferson —

The Mattaponi Indian Tribe has filed a formal appeal challenging the Commonwealth's approval of a large water-intake structure tied to Caroline County's plan to draw up to nine million gallons of water a day from the Rappahannock River. After that water is used, it would be discharged into the Mattaponi River basin — the Tribe's home waters.

The appeal asks Virginia's courts to require that the full downstream harm to the Mattaponi River be honestly and completely weighed before a project like this is allowed to move forward.

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Christian Fellowship Ministries
Join us at 304 W. Chinquapin Rd., King William on Sundays at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary and on Zoom. Also, join us for Bible Study at 7p.m. on Wednesdays via Zoom. Zoom ID: 890 008 8851 Password: 6iayfH.

Jerusalem Christian Church We invite you to worship with us, in person service. Adult Sunday School at 10:00am. 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. 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 kwbeulahbaptistchurch@gmail.com beulahbaptistva.org

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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: @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

New Mt. Zion Baptist Church
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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.

Second Mt. Olive Baptist Church
August 9, at 11 AM Annual Homecoming service. Speaker Rev. Dr. Barbara A.F. Brehon, Associate pastor of Beulah Baptist Church. Revival August 11th -14th, at 7 PM. The theme is "It's Good to be Home."
Tuesday: Rev. Virginia of Zion Baptist Church. Wednesday: Rev. Vincent Williams - Mt. Nebo Baptist Church. Thursday: Apostle Jessie Ransom - Make - A - Way.

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)

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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.

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. stjohnswp.org; info@stjohnswp.org

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

Community Calendar

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King and Queen Library

Thursday, August 6th 5-8:30pm: National Night Out King and Queen Court House Monday, Aug 10th 11am- Back to School Family Bingo Thursday, Aug 13th 6pm: Book Club Wednesday, Aug 19th 6pm: Stitch Squad Every Tuesday @ 11am: Story Time with Mr. Jesse Every Wednesday @ 1pm: Quilting Group Every Friday @ 10am: Card Players Group

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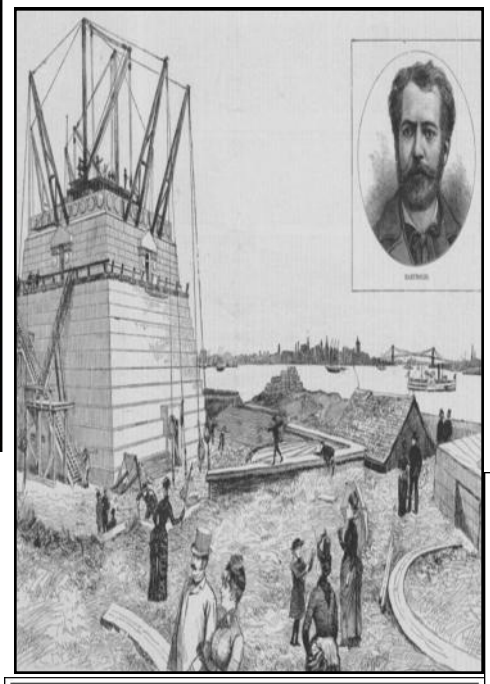

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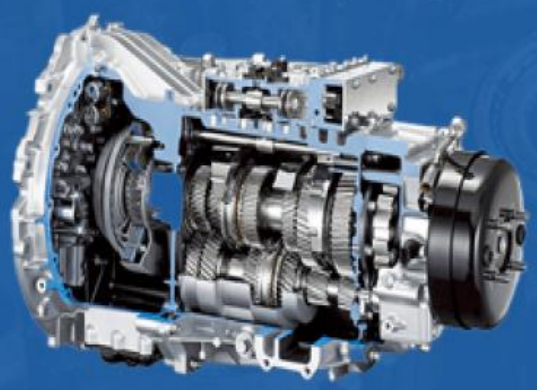

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