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King William Reassessment

Contributed by Karena Funkhouser

Work on the 2027 General Reassessment is coming to an end. If the reassessment notices have not been mailed when this article is printed, they soon will be. Vision Government Solutions was awarded the contract for King William's reassessment with new values to be effective January 1, 2027.

A reassessment is the process of performing all the necessary Market Analysis and Valuation steps to determine accurate and equitable values for all properties within a locality. The Constitution of Virginia Article X Section 2 requires real estate to be assessed at their fair market value. The Code of Virginia §58.1-3252 requires a general reassessment at least every six years. The general reassessment ensures that King William meets its Constitutional and legal obligations.

The reassessment process is intended to fairly and equitably distribute the real estate tax burden among property owners in proportion to the value of their real estate. The purpose is not to raise taxes. In fact, the Code of Virginia §58.1-3321 prohibits a locality from receiving a tax windfall resulting from a reassessment. State law requires the tax rate to be equalized. In 2023, the King William County real estate tax rate decreased from $0.835/$100 to $0.58/ $100 due to the higher assessed values resulting from its reassessment.

The reassessment work began at the end of 2025 with data collection. Vision has employees in the field performing physical inspections of each property. Improvements, dimensions and characteristics were compared to the property record card and any discrepancies were noted. While data collection is being conducted, appraisers review property sales and determine where increases and decreases in value occur.

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King William Ruritans Recognized at Chesapeake District Convention



King William Ruritan Club members (l to right): Gene Campbell, Ronnie Moore, Ed Moren, Mike Morrison, and Chesapeake District Governor Cleve Wright presenting the five gold star awards.

By Gene Campbell

Four members of the King William Ruritan Club attended the annual Chesapeake District Convention November 14-15 at the DoubleTree Hilton Hotel in Williamsburg. The convention brought together Ruritan leaders and members from across the district, including National President David Thompson and other district officials. ***Please see Ruritan, continued on page 14***

Supervisors Introduce New School Superintendent Approve Zoning Revisions



School Superintendent Darrell Pankratz addresses the board

By Gene Campbell

Darrell Pankratz, the new superintendent of King William County Public Schools, was introduced to the King William County Board of Supervisors during its November 16th meeting. Pankratz previously served Newport News Public Schools as executive director of secondary teaching and learning and K-12 programs. He briefed the board on the Virginia School Quality Profiles data, updated in November 2026.

According to the profiles, all four King William schools are fully accredited for the 2025-26 school year. The ratings combine results from the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL's) assessments and the Virginia Alternate Assessment Program.

King William High School was rated "Meets Expectations," while Acquinton Elementary, Cool Spring Primary, and Hamilton Holmes Middle School were rated "Approaching Expectations."

During the new-business portion of the meeting, supervisors unanimously approved a one-year extension for the Wayne King Johnson solar Project, CUP 02-2014. Construction has been delayed by circumstances beyond the applicant's control.

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See AD on page 9!

Publisher's Message



This Thanksgiving take a moment and give thanks for all the good things in our lives. Things like family, close friends, good health, and a comfortable place to call home, and abundant food on our tables. So much to be thankful for. From all of us here at the *Country Courier* have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving.

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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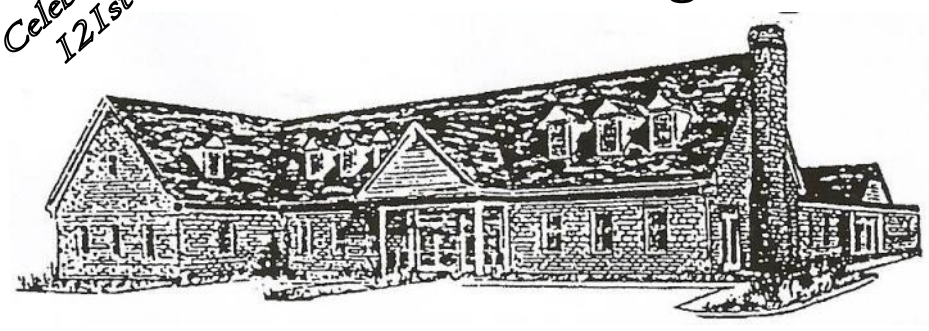
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By Allen Brintley and "Pip"



That's what my Grandpa used to say about his hunting dogs. I guess he meant that he cared more about how good they were at hunting rather than how good they looked while doing it. I used to ask him about a certain dog and he would reply "That dog won't even chase a biscuit!" It's like the old saying that good looks will only get you so far.

The same thing could be said about horses and mules. A lot of old farmers cared more about how well an animal could pull a plow or wagon rather than their looks. We don't use them as much today to work because of modern technology, so most of our horses and mules are for pleasure only. We do have shows that can simulate how well they perform at certain things like cutting cows out of a herd or their athletic ability at jumping or pulling.

I enjoy watching people show their animals and the amazing things they can do. Fall is a good time for trail riding and working with your animals to teach them new things. Enjoy the cooler days to come and stay safe.

Pip and I have so much to be thankful for this holiday season. We hope you have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

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

Thank you KW Ruritan Club



Contributed by Emily Madison

A HUGE thank you to King William Ruritan for helping make our House Valor Day so special! Your generosity and support allowed us to celebrate, encourage, and recognize our students in a meaningful way. We are so grateful for community partners who believe in our students and take the time to invest in their success.

It truly takes a village, and we are thankful to have King William Ruritan as part of ours! Thank you for helping make Valor Day a day to remember!

King and Queen Library Concert Series



Contributed by Erin Lazar

King and Queen County Community Programs enjoyed hosting Andrew McKnight, at the King and Queen County Public Library, for our concert series. The audience enjoyed original songs and the stories behind the songs. This program was made possible with a grant from Virginia Commission for the Arts. Thank you to the King and Queen - K&Q Friends of the Library for the refreshments after the show. For more info on upcoming events please go to Facebook King and Queen county.

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Cavaliers Circle the Wagons - Hold Off Indians in Playoff Thriller



.#1 Xavier Shelton hurdles the Southampton defender



#3 K'Sean Hill tiptoes down the sideline

By Gene Campbell

In a game filled with momentum swings, goal-line stands and late-game drama, the King William Cavaliers held off the visiting Southampton Indians, 29-28, in the opening round of the Class 2 Region A playoffs under Friday night lights at Roger Brookes Field on November 13th.

The Cavaliers prevailed when their defense stopped Southampton's two-point conversion attempt with 2:28 remaining, preserving a one-point win in a game not decided until the final minutes. The Cavaliers' versatile quarterback and running back, K'Sean Hill, powered the Cavaliers' offense with four touchdowns, repeatedly answering every challenge from the Indians.

Southampton struck first, scoring with 2:34 remaining in the opening quarter. King William answered just over a minute later when Hill scored the first of his four touchdowns, setting the tone for a back-and-forth battle. The teams traded touchdowns throughout the second quarter and entered halftime tied 14-14.

The Indians took the lead 22-21 with 3:22 to go in the third quarter, but King William regained control at the end of the third, scoring with 1:50 left and setting the stage for a dramatic finish.

Southampton threatened to erase the deficit early in the fourth quarter, but the Cavalier defense refused to break.

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Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the Museum for pictures!

Enjoy the beautiful decorations and hear about the history.

Obituaries



STEPHENS

Prince Edward Stephens, 81 of King and Queen County went to be with the Lord on Monday November 9, 2026. Born June 16, 1945. He was devoted to his family, his church and the community. Prince was always willing to help anyone who needed it. Prince was an avid gardener. He worked for Southern States for years, he loved to fish and enjoy the outdoors. He was preceded in death by his parents; Edward Willie and Betty Stephens Bauserman, and his siblings, William, James and Suzanne (de de). He is survived by his wife of 61 years Faye Caudle Stephens, his children; Melvin Edward and Donna Stephens Mitchell (Tim Mitchell). Also 2 granddaughters; Nina and Ruby Stephens and 3 brothers and 1 sister; Alfred Lewis (Phyllis), Henry Lee (Deborah), Ernest Brooks (Debbie), and Lucy Martin (George deceased). Visitation was held at BW White Funeral home located at 7837 Richmond Tappahannock Hwy. Aylett, VA at 11 am. Funeral followed at 12 pm. Graveside service at Bruington Baptist Church 4784 The Trail Bruington, VA. Reception followed in the basement. Prince will be remembered for his love, generosity, hard work and he was so organized.

JONES

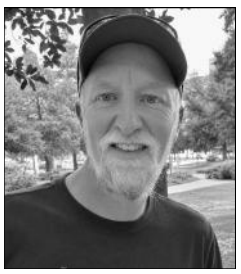
Joan P Jones, 90 of King William, VA passed away on October 31st surrounded by her family.

Joan was born on June 20, 1936 in Bedford County, PA to Edward and Mary Hopkins.

After working for Philip Morris she married William R Jones. Bill and Joan were married for 48 years. After retiring they spent time traveling, camping, spending time with family and she loved working in her yard.

She was predeceased by her parents, her sisters Larue Hennessy and Doris Maxine Reed and her brothers George, Kenneth, Donald and Buddy, along with other friends and family. She is survived by her Son, Michael Mathias (Carolyn), her two grandchildren, Greg Mathias (Kristy) and Sarah Glazebrook (Brandon) and her two great-grandchildren, Hannah Mathias and Tori Glazebrook and her beloved sister, Beverly Horne who cared for her during her last days and many nieces and nephews.

A viewing was held at Colosse Baptist Church, West Point, on Wednesday November 4th at 12:00 followed by a Celebration of Life at 1:00. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The Colosse Baptist Church Building Hope Fund.



BARBER

Matthew C. Barber, 50, of King William, went to be with the Lord Thursday, November 19, 2026. He was preceded in death by his father, William R. Barber, Sr. and is survived by his wife of 23 years, Melissa E. Barber; children, Joel and Hailey Barber; mother, Elizabeth Barber; brother, Robbie Barber; sister-in-law Tiffany Barber; niece Emory Barber; as well as extended family and friends.

Matthew took pride in his job driving big rigs for Bruce and Sons of Mechanicsville. He was passionate about his faith, and served as a Deacon at Sharon Baptist Church for many years. Matthew was a Virginia Tech Graduate where he met his wife. Above all, he loved his family and kids, supporting them whether in their sporting endeavors or life in general.

The family received friends from 2 to 4 pm Sunday, November 22, 2026 at B. W. White Funeral Home on 360 in Aylett. Funeral services were held 1 pm Monday, November 23, 2026 at Sharon Baptist Church. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Sharon Baptist Church, 901 Sharon Rd, King William, VA 23086 or online at sharonbaptistkingwilliam.org



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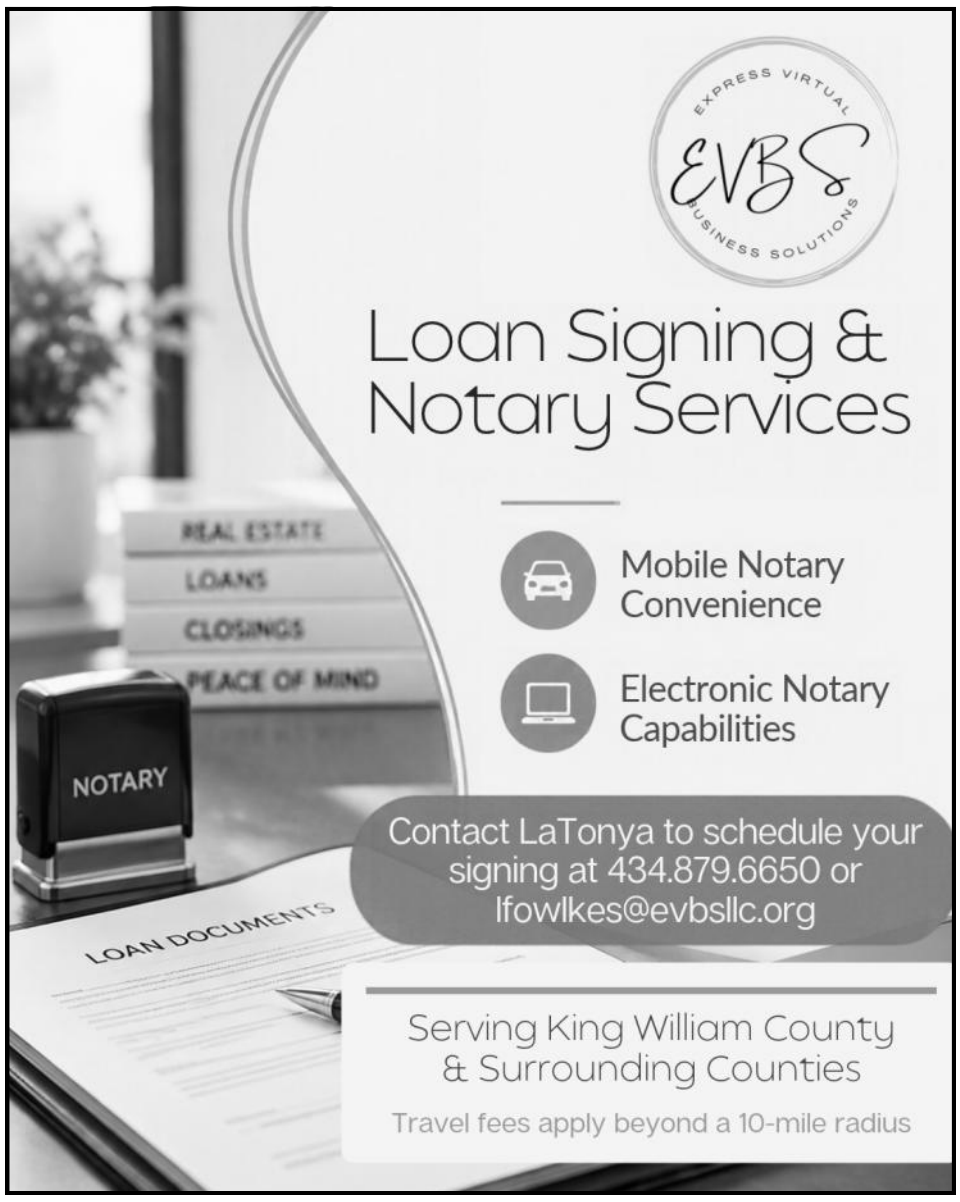
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND KING AND QUEEN COUNTY CODE PART I, CHAPTER 28

Pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-1427, please take notice that the King and Queen County Board of Supervisors will propose an ordinance for passage on Monday, December 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the first floor courtroom, King & Queen Courts and Administration Building, 242 Allen's Circle, King & Queen Court House, Virginia, as follows:

Amend King and Queen County Code Part I, Chapter 28, to update Article II, Road Naming and Structure Numbering, to reflect current practices, road naming, and requirements; and to add Article III, Use of Golf Carts and Utility Vehicles on Public Highways.

A copy of the full text of the proposed ordinance is on file in the office of the county administrator.

Making the Holidays Welcoming for People Living with Dementia

The holidays can bring joy and connection, but changes in routine, busy rooms, and high expectations may feel overwhelming for a person living with dementia. With flexibility and thoughtful planning, families can create celebrations where everyone feels comfortable, included, and valued.

Dementia Friendly America's Dementia-Friendly Holiday Toolkit encourages families to adapt traditions around the person's interests, abilities, and comfort—not give them up. Plan gatherings for the time of day when your loved one is most at ease, preserve familiar routines, and let the person and caregiver decide how long to participate.

Comfort, Connection, and Choice

Keep plans simple. A smaller gathering, quiet place to rest, familiar surroundings, and clear walking paths can reduce stress. Invite engagement without pressure through meaningful activities such as folding napkins, stirring a recipe, looking at family photos, or enjoying favorite seasonal music. Focus on connection, not perfection.

Communicate with Patience

Approach from the front, introduce yourself if needed, and speak calmly. Ask one question at a time, allow time for a response, and avoid correcting details or testing memory. If a story is repeated, listen with warmth. Focus on the connection rather than whether you have heard the story before.

Watch for signs that the gathering is becoming tiring or confusing. A quiet break, familiar music, a short walk, or an early departure may help. Following the person's cues allows them to take part on their own terms.

Support the Caregiver, Too

Offer specific help: bring a dish, provide transportation, spend time with their loved one, or handle cleanup. Ask what would make the gathering easier and respect the caregiver's answer—even if attending is not the best choice this year.

Traditions may look different, but different does not mean less meaningful. When we replace perfection with presence, we preserve what matters most: dignity, belonging, and time together.

For more ideas for hosting inclusive celebrations at home or in the community, explore the Dementia-Friendly Holiday Toolkit from Dementia Friendly America, a program of USAging, available at bayaging.org. If the season also brings questions about caregiving support, call a Bay Aging Options Counselor at 800-493-0238 to discuss your needs and available resources. You do not have to navigate caregiving alone—during the holidays or any time of year.

Crime Solvers

The Mattaponi Crime Solvers met on Wednesday, November 18, 2026. A deputy with the King William Sheriff's Office reported that the Sheriff's new website, kwcso.gov, will be fully functioning by January 1, 2027. Visitors will be able to view crime statistics, which will be updated monthly, and read the annual report, which will be available in February. They can also report information anonymously to help solve crimes. Information can still be reported by calling the Crime Solvers telephone number, 804-769-3000. The website will also be linked to Facebook and the County's website, kwc.gov. In addition, the King William Sheriff's Office is looking to hire two patrol officers and two dispatchers.

Perry Lightfoot, Resiliency Officer with the King & Queen Sheriff's Office, reported that the first Neighborhood Watch has been established for Byrds Mill Road and that he is actively pursuing more Neighborhood Watches in King and Queen. TRIAD is a partnership among law enforcement agencies and senior organizations focused on reducing crimes against seniors. Its goals are to reduce fear of crime and victimization, raise awareness of scams and fraud, strengthen communication between law enforcement and seniors, and connect older adults with local and state resources. After the success of the first TRIAD meeting in October, Officer Lightfoot is planning another event at the southern end of the County in January. More information will be made available at a later date. King and Queen is currently hiring a deputy and an animal control officer.

A member of the Crime Solvers was a victim of identity fraud, and the officers in attendance shared the following advice to help others avoid becoming victims. If you receive a text or phone call about a bank account or credit card, do not provide any information. Ask for the caller's name and a return number, then call the number on your credit card or contact your bank directly to verify that the request is legitimate. Criminals have become experts at spoofing telephone numbers, so if caller ID shows the call is from ABC Bank, do not assume it is. Tell the caller you will call back. Never provide personal information over the telephone or by email unless you initiated the contact. If you receive a call saying a family member is in jail or needs assistance, and you are instructed to send gift cards or cryptocurrency, HANG UP!

Crime Solvers will not meet in December, January or February. The next Crime Solvers meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2027 at 6 PM at Sharon Indian School, 13383 King William Road. All are welcome to attend.

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Attention Legal Notice
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The second-half of the 2026 Real Estate bills and 2026 Personal Property bills have been mailed. If you have not received your bill(s), please call (804)769-4931 immediately. In accordance with §58.1-3911 of the Code of Virginia 1950 et seq., residents of King William County are reminded that Real Estate taxes must be paid on or before December 5, 2026 and Personal Property taxes must be paid on or before January 15, 2027. If the due date falls on a weekend or a holiday when the office is closed, payments received on the next business day will be considered on time.

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Wittman Loses Bid for 11th House Term Despite Local Support

By Gene Campbell

First District Republican Congressman Rob Wittman lost his bid for an 11th term in the U.S. House of Representatives, ending one of the district's longest congressional careers in modern history. Democrat Shannon Taylor, Henrico County's Commonwealth Attorney since 2012, polled 51% (208,885 votes) to Wittman's 49% (198,766 votes).

Wittman, a Westmoreland County native, won a special election in 2007 to fill the unexpired term of Rep. Jo Ann Davis, who died unexpectedly. He served from December 2007 through 2026. Despite losing across the First District, Wittman carried King William County 66% to 34% and King and Queen County 61% to 39%. Even as a democratic 'blue wave' swept across Virginia and the nation, Wittman maintained strong support in the district's more conservative, rural areas, while Taylor drew support from the Richmond suburbs, driven largely by a 22,506-vote advantage in Henrico County alone.

The departure of the folksy, down-to-earth congressman marks the end of nearly two decades of service in the First District and closes a significant chapter in the region's political history.

In the U.S. Senate race, Democratic incumbent Mark Warner easily defeated Republican challenger Bert Mizusawa, 61% (2,188,657 votes) to 39% (1,378,324 votes), for his fourth term. Warner will serve alongside fellow Democrat Tim Kaine, Virginia's other U. S. Senator.

King and Queen County voters rejected a proposed 1% general retail sales tax on purchases to fund school construction. The referendum failed 61% (2,041 votes) to 39% (1,284 votes).

The three proposed constitutional amendments to the Virginia Constitution also passed statewide. The amendments address protecting abortion and other reproductive healthcare rights; protecting marriage equality; and automatically restoring voting rights for people who have completed felony sentences, and they easily passed. However, King William and King & Queen Counties again bucked the statewide trend, rejecting all three amendments by double-digit margins.

Please see WITTMAN, Continued on page 14.

O' Night Divine: Circle of Love

Presented by Dawn's School of Dance

Sunday, December 6



The true meaning of Christmas can touch your heart at any time, in any place. Dawn's School of Dance will present their annual Christmas Show, O' Night Divine, on December 6 at 3 p.m. at West Point High School's Robinson-Olson Auditorium.

This year's show, titled "Circle of Love," is set at the Waffle House, where a group of weary shoppers stop in for a bite to eat, but end up sharing more than just a meal. It's a celebration of Christmas through dance and song, anchored by an inspiring dancing nativity. Come enjoy the talents of vocalists from our community, DSD's O' Night Divine dancers, and a cast of local players!

Tickets are $5 and all profits will be donated to King William Emergency Ministries and Christmas Dreams. Make this cherished holiday tradition your reminder of the reason for the season!

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King William FFA

Contributed by Kaitlyn Knopp



Members and officers of the King William FFA Chapter demonstrated their commitment to serving their community on Saturday, September 26, by volunteering at the Cornerstone Food Bank. Through their service, FFA members helped support local families and made a positive difference in their community.

During their time at the food bank, chapter members worked together to assist with tasks that helped support the food bank's mission of providing food and resources to those in need. Their volunteer efforts reflected the values of FFA, including leadership, service, and making a difference in the lives of others.

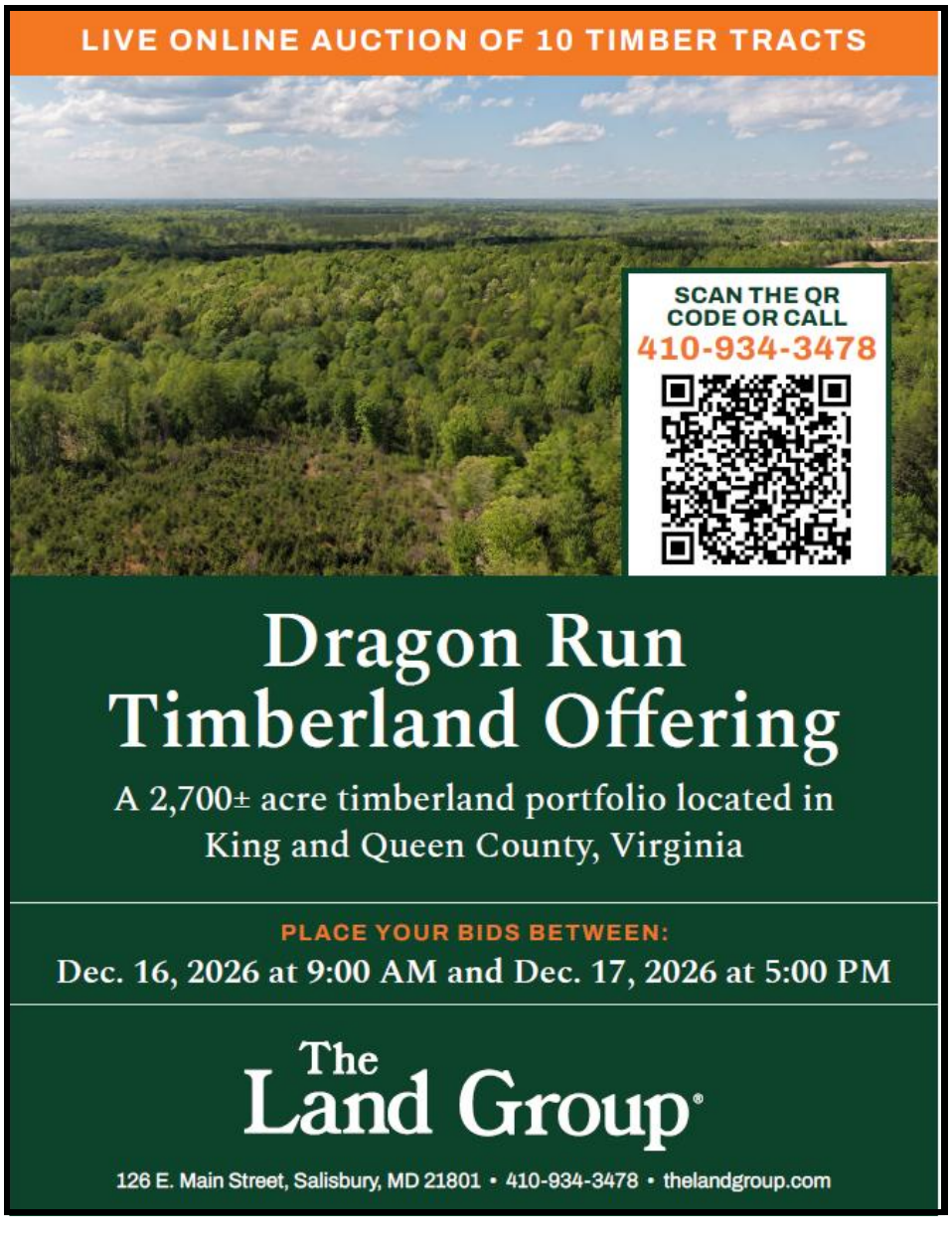
Community service is an important part of the FFA organization, giving members opportunities to develop leadership skills while helping to address needs within their communities. By volunteering at Cornerstone Food Bank, King William FFA members put these values into action and showed the importance of working together to support others.

The chapter's visit also provided members with an opportunity to connect with their community and recognize the impact that even a few hours of service can have for local families. Their willingness to give their time and energy demonstrated the spirit of service that FFA encourages in its members.

The King William FFA Chapter is proud to support its community through volunteer activities like this one. By partnering with local organizations such as Cornerstone Food Bank, members continue to live out the FFA motto: "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve."

Through their service on September 26, King William FFA members showed that leadership extends beyond the classroom and into the community, where small acts of kindness can make a lasting impact in the community.





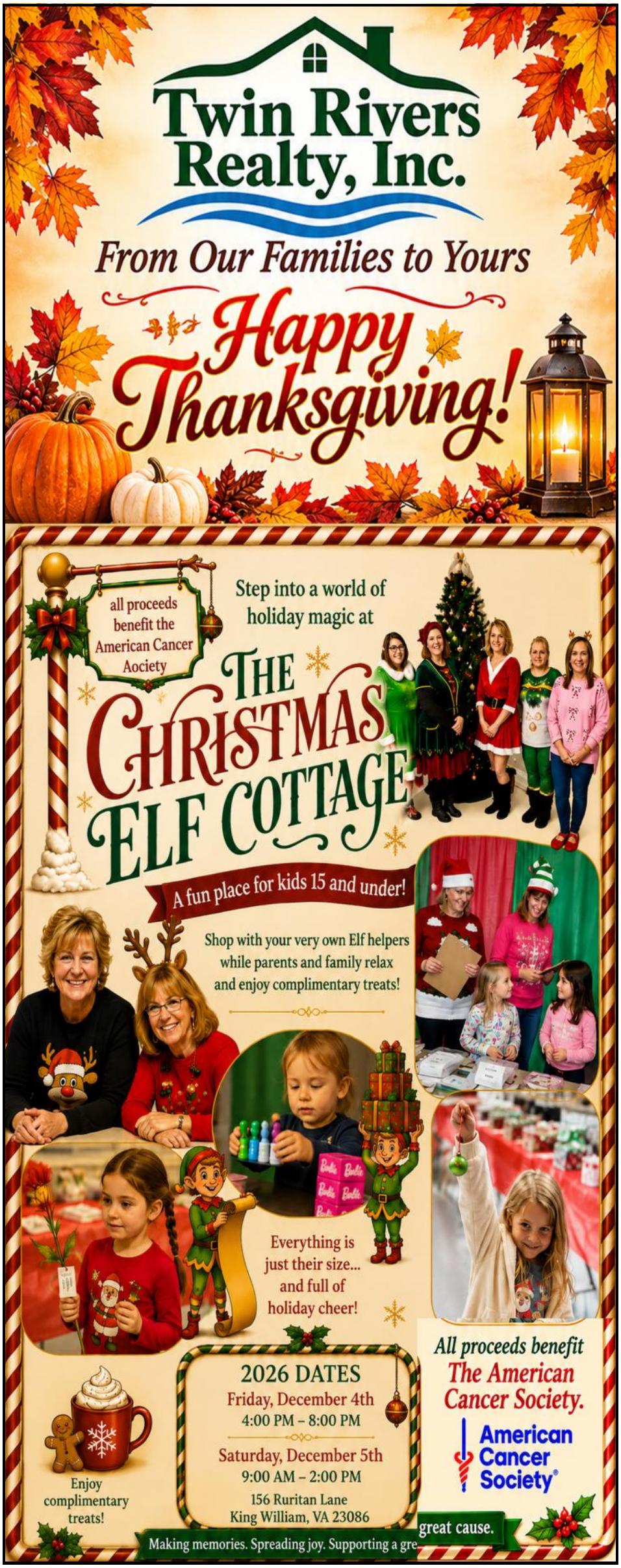
Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom awards over $35,000 in Grants

Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom has awarded 75 grants in 50 Virginia localities for the 2026-27 school year. The grants, totaling $35,886, will provide 26,000 youth in urban, suburban and rural areas with unique agricultural experiences related to gardening, animal agriculture, nutrition, STEM integrations and leadership development. These grants and the projects they support also help youth gain a better understanding of food production and career opportunities in the agriculture field.

"We're excited to see a diverse range of projects this year," said Lynn Black, Virginia AITC director of education. "We've got everything from aquaponics and smart greenhouse technology to historical gardens and popcorn!







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The board approved Resolution 26-87, authorizing Christmas bonuses for the King William Circuit Court staff using funds from the court's non-reverting operating account; and Resolution 26-89, amending the county's fiscal year 2027 school budget. The budget amendment provides up to $300,000 to replace the primary well that supports Cool Springs Primary School, Acquinton Elementary School, and Hamilton Holmes Middle School.

County Planner Mary Roseblock presented four zoning ordinance amendments recommended by the Planning Commission. The amendments addressed definitions and revisions to the Business Management Area (BMA) and Use Matrix. The changes would allow outdoor storage and merchandise displays while removing screening requirements for such storage.

The revisions are intended to protect the public interest while making it easier, not more difficult, for businesses to invest in King William County. No one spoke during the public hearings on each amendment, and the supervisors unanimously approved all four amendments.

Three citizens spoke during the public comment period, with concerns about possible data centers locating in King William County.

County Administrator Derek Stamey provided updates on the county's capital improvement projects and work plan during the administrative matters portion of the meeting. Stamey also announced that a Joint Workshop with the Board of Supervisors, EDA, and Planning Commission will be held at the new clubhouse at Queenfield Golf Club on December 14th. He also announced the county will host a Christmas event at the courthouse complex on Friday, December 11th. As the county's first official Christmas event, the gathering is intended to bring residents together for an evening of Christmas festivities and seasonal cheer. Stamey said he hopes it will become a new holiday tradition. Additional details will be announced soon. The next meeting of the King William Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Monday, December 14th, beginning at 6:30 pm at the courthouse complex.

Stay INVOLVED; it is YOUR county!



Ruritans, continued from front page

Representing the King William club were club president and past National President Mike Morrison; District Zone 3 Governor and District Chaplain Ronnie Moore; Club Secretary Ed Moren; and Club Director Gene Campbell.

The King William club received recognition for its outstanding community service, receiving five gold awards, the highest honors presented, for its work in the community. Over the past year, the club donated nearly $23,000 to local organizations and community causes. The contributions supported groups and programs serving residents throughout the area.

The awards highlighted the club's continued commitment to volunteerism and its mission of helping strengthen the community through service and financial support.

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With 9:49 remaining, King William stopped the Indians at the goal line, preserving its seven-point lead. The Indians eventually found the end zone with 2:48 left, cutting the deficit to one. Southampton elected to go for the win with a two-point conversion, but the Cavaliers' defense came through once more, stopping the attempt and protecting the 29-28 victory.

King William's defense made the difference when it mattered most, twice denying Southampton in critical fourth-quarter situations. Hill led the offense with 212 rushing yards, followed by Xavier Shelton with 109 rushing yards and Daniel Holmes with one carry for 7 rushing yards. Jawon Thomas had one reception for 10 yards and a receiving two-point conversion; Jordon Spivey had one reception for 5 receiving yards, and Julius Schools had one reception for 12 receiving yards.

With the win, the Cavaliers advance to face the Poquoson Bull Islanders in a rematch of last year's Class 2 Region A semifinal scheduled for Friday, November 20th, at Poquoson. GO CAVS!

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In the Town of West Point, incumbent Mayor Jack Lawson was re-elected, defeating local contractor Joe Sanders, by 59% (854 votes) to 41% (584 votes). James Pruett and John Nein were re-elected to Town Council, while newcomer Taylor Nash Brown also won a seat.

Voter turnout reached 59% in both King William and King and Queen counties, exceeding the statewide turnout of 54%. Your vote is your voice; USE IT!

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This was also by far the most competitive year we've had, with the most grant applications submitted in the history of our grant program. These hands-on projects will give thousands of youth—from preschool through high school in public and private educational settings—opportunities to learn and broaden their education."

The Virginia Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that promotes a greater understanding and appreciation of agriculture through education and outreach activities. To learn more and support, visit virginia.agclassroom.org.

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Apple Award

Contributed by Carol Carter

At the October School Board meeting, Dr. Carter awarded the Apple Award to Principal Clarke. This award is given quarterly to a divisional staff member and one from each school chosen by the principal. Principal Clarke is serving in her 2nd year as the principal for King and Queen Elementary School (KQES) and as the Director of Gifted Services.



Pam Pate, secretary/bookkeeper for KQES states, "Watching Principal Clarke connect with our students truly fills my heart with joy - whether she's greeting them with a smile and a big hug, joining in on fun activities, sitting with them, or simply taking the time to listen. She leads with heart, and it's clear she loves our students and makes sure they know it. Her organization, dedication, and infectious energy have been a breath of fresh air for our school community. From day one, she's made a lasting impact, and we're so lucky to have her at KQES. Thank you, Principal Clarke, for all you do! You are loved and appreciated more than you know!"

Joyce Burton, Early Childhood Special Education teacher, states, "Principal Clarke is always so understanding and supportive to her staff. She is so caring and loving to the students and staff. She is an awesome principal."

Principal Clarke is a well deserved recipient of the Apple Award!

Thanksgiving at Plymouth



Jennie Augusta Brownscombe, *Thanksgiving at Plymouth*, 1925; Oil on canvas, 30 x 39 1/8 in.; National Museum of Women in the Arts, Gift of Wallace and Wilhelmina Holladay; Photo by Lee Stalsworth

King William Reassessment continued from front page

It is custom to review property sales over an 18-month period. Appraisers establish parameters to estimate the value of property that has not been sold. Appraisers review the collected data and apply the determining factors of the sales analysis to value each property.

Once the property owner receives their reassessment notice, they should review their property record card for accuracy. Detailed property record cards will be available at https://www.kwc.gov/185/Real-Estate-Tax-Cards If the property owner disagrees with the new value stated on the reassessment notice, they have three opportunities to have the value changed. The documents "Understanding Your Property Card" and "Understanding Local RE Assessments" will be helpful if pursuing a change in value and are available on the same website.

The first option to have the value changed is to schedule an informal hearing with Vision's appraisal staff and is strongly recommended. Instructions on scheduling a hearing will be included in the Reassessment Notice. During the informal hearing, the property owner will have an opportunity to voice concerns, discuss inaccuracies or discrepancies and provide information that can result in a change in value. The appraiser will determine whether a reinspection and/or valuation change is necessary and notify the property owner of the review results. Vision appraisal staff can be reached at 804-769-3166 and at assessor@kwc.gov

If the property owner is not satisfied with the informal hearing result, they will be provided with information on how to file an appeal with the Board of Equalization. The Board of Equalization hearings will be conducted in the County Administration Building in the Board Room. The hearings will be recorded and minutes taken. The property owner will present their case to the five-member Board of Equalization. If the property owner is not satisfied with the BOE result, they will be provided with information on how to file an appeal with the Circuit Court.

The Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue maintains the real estate records for the County. The Office updates property record cards continuously to change ownership, add new construction, create subdivisions, change mailing addresses, etc. For questions or concerns not related to the reassessment, contact the Commissioner of the Revenue Office at 804-769-4225 or to cor@kwc.gov

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

Christian Fellowship Ministries Join us at 304 W. Chinquapin Rd., King William on Sundays at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary or 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

Smyrna Christian Church located at 3655 Powcan Road, Bruington. Ph (804) 238 9086 email: billford@smyrnacc.org website: www.smyrnacc.org "Find a true church family and deep, faithful teaching of God's word at Smyrna."

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, VA 23023 Pastor James T. Hill, Sr. Come worship with us every Sunday morning at 11:00 AM. For directions or questions, call us on 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

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!

Colosse Baptist Church 11/21 West Point multipurpose room craft Bazaar lots of vendors, silent auction and food for sale.

Gethsemane Baptist Church will be having is 148th Church Anniversary on Sunday, November 22, at 10:00 a.m. The message will be delivered by Rev. Roy Bell Sr. Come be part of the celebration, we look forward to celebrating with you!

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. Meal & Movie every Wed. night at 6-8. 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.

Mt. Sinai Baptist Church Sponsoring "Walking in Purpose: Pray It. See It. Build It. Walk It Out. Together!", hosted by Manifest • Plan • Prosper (MPP). Saturday, November 21, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM Free This faith-centered family event is open to all ages. Bring canned goods or nonperishable food items to support Thanksgiving meals for families in our community. Donations are greatly appreciated, but not required.

New Hope Memorial Baptist Church 14173 New Hope Road Shacklefords, 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!

Poroporone Baptist Church Sunday School - 9:30am Worship Service - 10:30am Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:30pm www.facebook.com/PoroporoneBaptistChurch.

Revival Baptist Church Are you looking for something different? Revival Baptist Church is a new Independent Baptist Church! Come join us on Sunday mornings at the King William High School Cafeteria! Sunday School at 9:00am, and Morning Service at 10:00am. Learn more at visitrevival.org.

Rock Spring Baptist Church 4134 Manfield Road Aylett 23009 Pastor, Pagie Hancock III. Join us on Sundays at 9:15 am for Sunday School and Morning Worship at 10:15 am. The 149th Church Anniversary will be celebrated on Sunday November 15 at 11:30am , Dinner to follow and Evening Service at 3:00 pm, Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Damion Batts of Portsmoth. All are invited to attend!!

St. Paul Baptist Church – 1995 Globe Road, Aylett 23009 invites you to worship with us on December 20th at our 11am service as we celebrate the Birth of our Savior Jesus and the joyous time of the Christmas Season. Also, we will be celebrating birthdays and/or wedding anniversaries during this service.

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 (Theme: Moving Forward, Phil 3:13-14)

Third Union Baptist Church located at 452 Walkerton Rd, Walkerton, in King William County, where our Pastor is the Rev. Dr. Wilbert D. Talley. We will be celebrating our Ushers Anniversary on Sunday, November 15th at 10:30 AM. The Theme is "Use Your Gifts to Serve" – 1 Peter 4:9-10. Our very own Minster Johnson will deliver the message. Please plan to join us.

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

Upper King and Queen Baptist Church invites you to worship with us at 11:00 A.M. Sunday with Sunday School at 10:00 A.M. Pastor Dr. David 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.

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METHODIST

King William Wesleyan Methodist Church 21076 King William Road King William, 23086 Pastor Michael Marshall Sunday: Sunday school 10:00 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m., with children's services available. Afternoon service 3:30 p.m., Wednesday prayer and praise 7:00 p.m. 804-769-4457. A warm welcome awaits you!

Church Calendar, continued

Church/Community Calendar

McKendree Methodist Church Sunday School: 10:00 - 10:30am. Worship: 10:30 - 11:30am Fellowship Time: 11:30am 4347 Manfield Road, Manquin. Pastor: Corey McConville

Old Church Methodist Church Route 14, 25614 The Trail, Mattaponi Sunday Worship: Join us Sunday mornings at 11:00 AM with Pastor Doc Pardon. Bluegrass Jam: Held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. Facebook: Old Church Methodist Church in King and Queen Email: lgoins45@gmail.com Welcome All

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

New Song Church King William. YOU are invited! Join us for worship on Sundays at 10am at Cool Spring Primary School (7301 Acquinton Church Rd, King William, 23086). New Song Church: King William is a United Methodist faith community that Loves ALL! Jesus Said So!

Old Church Methodist Church Route 14, 25614 The Trail, Mattaponi. Come worship with us Sunday mornings at 11:00 am. Bluegrass Jam is held the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. follow us on Facebook: Old Church Methodist Church in King and Queen email us at lgoins45@gmail.com Welcome All

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 10am, 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

St. David's Episcopal Church Aylett. "To Know Christ Jesus and to Make Christ Known" 11291 West River Road, Aylett VA (Beside the Public Boat Landing) Vicar Rev. T. Gustavo Mansella. All Are Welcome!! All Sundays - 11 AM Eucharist Service Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 24 Dec 2026 5pm

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. stpaulsmillerstavern.org

PRESBYTERIAN

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.

Community Calendar

DCSE Service Point Assistance DCSE Contact Information: 1-800-468-8894

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Crime Solvers The next Crime Solvers meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2026 at 6 PM at Sharon Indian School, 13383 King William Road. All are welcome to attend.

King and Queen County Library Wed, Dec 2, 5:30pm Herbalism Class with Rappahannock Tribe & Rich Earth Farm Fri Dec 4 10am Wreath Making Class with Arts Alive* Sat, Dec 5 5pm, 3rd Annual Christmas Tree Light at Court House Complex. Mon Dec 7 12:30pm Bingo Thur Dec 10 6pm Rural Readers Book Club. Wed Dec 16th 6pm Stitch Squad. Sat, Dec 19th 11am-1pm Cookies, Cards, and Stamping- Drop In Free Fun for the Whole Family. *Registration Required. Every Tues @ 11am Story Time with Mr. Jesse. Every Mon and Thur @ 2pm Chair Yoga with Beth Hayes. Every Fri @ 10am Card Players.

Upper King William Branch Library 7890 Richmond Tappahannock Hwy. For more information, check kwcls.org. Storytime Wednesdays 10:30am, Lego 11/28 11am, Yarncraft 12/1 1pm, Mr. Eraser Butter Squishy Craft 12/3 10:30am, Adult After Hours Book Club 12/3 6pm, Water coloring for teens 12/4 10:30am, Adult Craft Cone Trees 12/5 11am, Homemade Swap 12/7 5pm, Health & Wellness Night 12/8 4pm, Ornament Swap 12/9 6pm.

The CornerStone Community Development Center, Aylett (*11235 West River Road, Aylett) Food Distribution -Saturday food distributions are from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. November 28) The Lily Field Clothing Shed - Open on Saturdays, 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. DONATIONS - drop off at the clothing shed on Wednesday mornings before 9 a.m.

The CornerStone Free Health Clinic (8270 Richmond Tappahannock Hwy., Aylett) No walk in appointments. Christmas@Aylett - Christmas Luncheon for Seniors TBA; Families may request toys. Apply online, Aylett Toys for Tots -Home-Toys for Tots. Saturday, December 5 Hunters Lunch Proceeds towards programs of The CornerStone, Aylett. Call 804 769 2996 OR EMAIL theccdc@gmail.com





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