

***“Getting Rural Virginia Connected” Initiative Kicks Off in King & Queen.*** On Thursday, August 1, a community informational meeting was held at the Courts and Administration Building in King and Queen to kick off the development of an “electronic village” for King and Queen County. Jon Johnson, Community Technology Development Specialist, VA Tech, shared with attendees an overview of the TOP project, benefits that can be gained and how the community will be involved. A citizen committee will give direction to the naming, design and marketing of this exciting project. When this “village” is completed, each church, fire department, civic organization, business, government agency and others can be linked and communicate across the County. Not only can residents access information about the county in which they live, people from all over the world can discover the uniqueness of King and Queen County. This is a joint project of VA Tech, the Blacksburg Electronic Village and VA Cooperative Extension with support from local government. If you would like more information or would like to be involved in the process, please call Alinda Uzel at 785-5979 or 769-5005. (To see an example of an “electronic village” connect to the Internet and go to [www.bev.net](http://www.bev.net)). Virginia Cooperative Extension programs and employment are open to all, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, veteran status, national origin, disability, or political affiliation. An equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.