## KING & QUEEN... CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY <u>AND</u> THE WORLD King

& Queen County residents are invited to propose a name for the soon to-bedeveloped community's electronic village web site. The site will host, among other things, a resident directory, business directory, civic and arts directory, online conferencing system and a message board. The individual or group submitting the winning name entry will receive a \$100.00 U.S. Savings Bond, courtesy of Virginia Cooperative Extension, and be recognized officially on the site.

King & Queen County is one of nine rural Virginia counties selected by The Technology Opportunity Program (TOP) project grant, funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce, and will join in efforts to "Get Rural Virginia Connected."

Led by the Blacksburg Electronic Village (BEV), Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) and a Project Team of King & Queen citizen volunteers, the TOP Program is designed to permit communities to take control of and use technology as a tool to improve local economic conditions and include more citizens in community decision-making processes.

"TOP provides technical expertise, network systems and leadership, but it is the citizens of King & Queen County who must support and sustain this effort through involvement at a grass-roots level," notes Alinda Uzel, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, VCE. "The first step residents of King & Queen County can take is to help the Project Team name the proposed community web site."

The deadline for name submissions is Friday, October 4. This allows time for the selection committee to choose ten (10) entries that will be displayed at Community Pride Day so county residents can vote on

the name they feel best reflects the county's heritage, history and uniqueness. Submit your suggested site name by dropping it off at the Extension office at the Courts and Administration Building, e-mailing it to auzel@vt.edu, or mailing it to: "The Name Game", c/o Alinda Uzel, K&Q Cooperative Extension, P.O. Box 68, King & Queen C.H., VA 23085. (Be sure to include your name, mailing address, telephone number and, if applicable, e-mail address.) 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.