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Dismay at firings

We, the undersigned, have all served on the Board of Supervisors or as its chairman. We are writing to express our dismay at the manner in which the recent firings of senior county staff was carried out. While not having detailed information on the circumstances involved in the staff pay increases, we are concerned that the punishment meted out by the current board was excessive and has had a devastating impact on our local government.

In just three years, Fluvanna has had three chairs of the board. In addition we have had two county administrators and three acting county administrators. The current board fired one county administrator and now not only fired the acting county administrator but also four department heads. One of the department heads had been in his position for 15 years. All of them had sterling reputations and had done splendid jobs for the people of this county.

These five individuals are five people, not pawns. They have families, and they should be treated with respect. They dedicated their time and careers to Fluvanna, and have tried to serve the county well. If mistakes were made, it is due to a lack of training or obviously a lack of leadership from the board because of the frequent change in county administrators. Brigadier General Mike Bissell, VMI graduate and recipient of the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Distinguished Service Cross, and now Commandant of Cadets at Mary Baldwin’s Virginia Women’s Institute for Leadership, says “Leadership is caring for your people.”

The majority of our board on a 3 to 2 vote has shown an utter disregard for our people.

The callousness of this action is perhaps best illustrated by the fact that one of the department heads who was fired learned about it at breakfast from the local television news. This entire episode again makes Fluvanna County appear totally inept. How will these five experienced people be replaced? Does it matter that the county’s current staff is demoralized and distrustful of those for whom they work? The answer is yes. It does matter.

Charles Allbaugh
Cecil Cobb
Len Gardner
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Board supported

I can only imagine what a difficult time this has been for the Board of Supervisors. Surely, decisive action was needed to resolve the matter, and to reaffirm the standards of ethics and work environment that are consistent with the board’s expectations and those of the citizens of Fluvanna County.

In this regard, I fully support the decision of the Board of Supervisors to terminate the employment of those who failed to honor the trust given to them.

Denny Avers
Palmyra

Fight the Aqua Virginia rate increase

A big thank you to the Board of Supervisors and Chairman Shaun Kenney for the well constructed letter to the State Corporation Commission (Fluvanna Review, March 1). The letter not only makes valid points against the proposed Aqua Virginia water and sewer rate hike, but it also shows that our political leaders are looking out for the citizens. Let’s all encourage our political leaders to reaffirm the standards of ethics and work environment that are consistent with the board’s expectations and those of the citizens of Fluvanna County.

The same Fluvanna Review also quoted an Lake Monticello Owners’ Association official who seemed sympathetic to the increase by referring to “the ‘old sewer equipment’ that was sold when LMOA sold the system. Here it is, and now the rate increase is necessary.”

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are three reasons why we do not need to sympathize with Aqua Virginia:

First, it’s been 14 years since the original sale. Naturally the equipment is old. Keeping equipment operating that long is a business decision not worthy of customer sympathy.

Second, LMOA did not sell the system to Aqua Virginia. A company named Aqua Source bought it. They subsequently resold it to Aqua Virginia.

The terms of the business deal between those two companies are well beyond the responsibility of current users of the service.

Third, the system was originally financed by charging connection fees to each customer. The fees totaled some 50% more than the approximately $8 million LMOA sale price to Aqua Source. Regardless of the age of the system, the first buyer got it at a healthy discount.

This issue affects the businesses and homeowners in and around the Lake Monticello community. At its February meeting, the LMOA board established a committee to work the problem. Now it’s the time to give our input and support to that committee. It’s also time for both business owners and homeowners of the community to make your inputs to the State Corporation Commission and to all of our county and state political officials. Let’s see if overwhelming public resistance makes a difference.

Leroy McCampbell
Palmyra

Not sustainable
You have got to be kidding, has this county completely lost its mind or just the power of reasoning? The proposed tax rate of 68 cents is not sustainable over a three year period or just the power of reasoning? The proposed tax rate of 68 cents is not sustainable or just the power of reasoning? The proposed tax rate of 68 cents is not sustainable over a three year period or just the power of reasoning? The proposed tax rate of 68 cents is not sustainable or just the power of reasoning?

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Adrian Miller
Palmyra

Comments from fluvannareview.com and Facebook
A March 14 Internet story about appointing Carol Tracy Carr to the school board:

“Congrats! Your education background and experience should be a welcomed addition to the board. We, the county, will support you as much as possible. Good luck!” – RMayfield

On a brief Internet story about a brush fire off U.S. 250:

“I am very disappointment in your coverage and details about this incident. If this were to occur in other parts of the County you would have pictures, more details as to the cause, and quotes from fire officials. It seems when incidents happen in the northwestern part of the County there are no pictures included and no follow up information when there should be.” The Charlottesville Newsplex and Channel 29 have beat on this one – Concerned Troy Resident

On recent stories about the firing of five Fluvanna department heads:

“I certainly hope that these department heads are not just scapegoats.” – Huh

These guys are out of control. Fluvanna County has lost a wealth of experience. Who in their right mind would want to work for a Board like this. We’re going to get everyone else’s rejects now. – Guest

What’s out of control is people giving themselves $11,000 raises. You may not mind your tax dollars lining these people’s pockets, but I do. What they did was unethical, and the board was right to fire them. They clearly didn’t have Fluvanna’s best interest in mind. – Jessica D.

I, too, have things that I dislike about the BOS but you can not blame them for peoples dishonesty. People make bad choices and then want to point the finger at everyone except the person/people who are to blame. When you make bad choices there are consequences.

Should a person who robs a bank not be to blame because the robber felt they deserved the money? FYI - They robbed us of our tax dollars! – CL5

I’m not sure why some people in these articles keep talking about the Board like they are the bad guys. They didn’t go looking for this. According to the Fluvanna Review, an employee came forward and told them about what was happening or had happened. The Board had to follow through and look further into it. It’s not like they can ignore something like this. It sound like they did the right thing. – Guest

The problem IS/WAS that raises were given without BOS approval. “Political power grab by the right wing on the board”? Are you for real???? Coffey is not elected, the BOS is. It is their responsibility to oversee all aspects of spending. To “cover up” the fact that raises were given (without permission) is unacceptable! I agree that staff morale will suffer, but I can assure you that they DO understand why their bosses were fired, and will not make the same mistake. And the comment regarding Booker and Chesser caring more for the employees than the other three members of the BOS, ridiculous. Furthermore, if Booker cared, she would not have voted in the Taj Mahal, and left a little money for raises for county employees and teachers, too! – Amazed

I also think the termination of ALL department heads is too harsh unless it can be proven that ALL of the department heads conspired to go around procedure, knowing that they were breaking the rules. I have a hard time believing that. It’s more likely that they were led to believe (by the interim manager) that procedure was being followed. – Toni Carchedi Cox

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Secret pay raises lead to firings, state investigation

BY RUTHANN CARR AND CARLOS SANTOS, CORRESPONDENTS

The surreptitious raises given to over 40 county employees without the knowledge of the Board of Supervisors have been rescinded – but the fallout continues.

Five county department heads – including several seasoned veterans – were fired last week. And a Virginia State Police forensic accountant will be examining the county’s books to determine if any laws were broken.

“Whatever we uncovered merited the involvement of a state investigator,” said Board Chairman Shaun Kenney. “I can’t say what it is.”

Fluvanna County Commonwealth’s Attorney Jeff Haislip confirmed that at the request of board member Don Weaver (Cunningham), he contacted the State Police office at Appomattox to investigate the pay raises.

“From what has come to light, it doesn’t seem that any criminal statute has been violated,” Haislip said.

Corinne Geller, a spokeswoman for the State Police, said the review of the pay raises began this week. “We’re looking into this issue at the request of the commonwealth’s attorney,” she said.

The pay raises came to light at a particularly tough economic time in the county. The economic slowdown has led to a fall in housing prices, numerous foreclosures in the county and a loss of jobs. The supervisors are struggling to pass a budget which must pay for the new high school and other mandates that could raise the tax rate from its current 57 cents per $100 of assessed value to 68 cents.

The pay raise story began to unfold on March 7 when the board publicly disclosed at a special meeting that some county employees had received secret raises.

The board did not ask employees to return the money, Kenney said, but did not think it necessary to let go what she considered valuable employees.

Coffey was the only department head who did not get a raise. Records show Coffey made $40,500 per hour with the additional stipend of $12.86 per hour once he took over county administration duties. The board appointed Coffey interim county administrator after Jay Scudder resigned as county administrator in November.

Once he wore the interim administrator hat, Coffey told department directors to look through their budget to see if they had any money they could move into salaries, said several sources who asked to remain anonymous. It is legal for departments to move money between budget lines. That is why some referred to the raises as “salary adjustments.” The problem, according to the sources, is some employees were urged to keep the “adjustments” quiet.

It was clear early on that no school employees got the raises nor did the people working for the constitutional offices of the commissioner of the revenue, clerk of courts, commonwealth attorney, sheriff, and treasurer.

Employees in public works, administration, finance, human resources, information technology and facilities and planning received a total of more than $25,000 between Oct. 14 and March 7 when the board rescinded the raises. The board did not ask employees to return the money, Kenney said, because it would have cost almost as much to go after it. Had the board not found out about the raises, the amount given to all employees as part of their annual salary would have totaled more than $114,000.

The smallest raises were 24 cents per hour, given to three employees. It equaled less than two percent of their yearly salary. The two largest raises went to a building inspector and John Robins, the former director of public works. The building inspector received

John Robins is a tremendous asset and a very fine employee. I think (getting rid of him) is another mistake. We’ve lost a major knowledge bank in him. Renee Hoover had high credentials. She straightened up the finances. We had fantastic results in the reports she’s given.”

Chesser said Amos was new to the county and was used to taking orders from her superiors. Prior to becoming the human resources director, Amos worked in the University of Virginia’s human resources department.

“She never worked in a political environment before,” Chesser said. “She always worked in an environment where her immediate boss was the boss and she’s being persecuted for following what her boss (Coffey) said.”

The Fluvanna Review sent e-mails and tried other methods to reach each of the five terminated employees to ask for their comments on the pay raises and on their being fired. As of publication, none responded.

The salary of all public employees is public information. The Fluvanna Review submitted a Freedom of Information Act request last week for county employee salary information from July 2011 through February 2012. The following information is based on information derived from the 492-page document sent to the newspaper by the county.

The report shows 41 employees in county administration received raises. Most went into effect in the Oct. 14 paycheck. Seven employees waited until Jan. 1 to get their pay raise.

Employees got raises under Coffey’s watch as interim county administrator and apparently by his direction, said Chesser (Rivanna). “Darren is the one responsible... but I didn’t want to see him go,” said Chesser, who along with Mozell Booker (Fork Union) voted against firing the employees.

Booker said she was against the secret raises, but did not think it necessary to let go what she considered valuable employees.

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a pay hike of $4.54 per hour which amounted to a 27 percent raise. Robins got an additional $5.11 per hour, a 14 percent increase. The other department directors who were fired also received salary increases. They were: • Hoover (finance) who received $1.20 more per hour; a 3.4 percent increase; • Amos (human resources) who received $2.31 more per hour; a 10 percent increase; • Godwin (parks and recreation) who received $1.29 per hour; a 5 percent increase.

The board decided to hand-deliver written notice of the firings to each employee, Kenney said, because it was counseled not to give them the news via a phone call. Amos and Hoover were at the board meeting and heard the news first-hand. Supervisor Ullenbruch (Palmyra) went to the employees’ offices the next day to give them the letters. None of the employees showed up for work, Ullenbruch said. He went again March 18; still no one. The letters were sent to the employees’ homes via certified mail that day, Kenney said.

The board began interviewing candidates for the county administrator job on March 10 and have more interviews scheduled for March 21. Kenney said a new administrator will be in place by May 1. “The new county administrator will be able to put key people where they are needed,” Kenney said.

Some who heard the board fired the department heads said those people should collectively sue the county. Kenney said such a move doesn’t concern him, noting that Virginia is an “at-will state.” According to the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry website, an employee who believes he or she has been terminated unfairly, does not have a right to challenge the termination.

It states: “Virginia is an employment-at-will state; this means the employer may terminate any employee at any time, for any reason, or for no reason. As a general rule, therefore, the employee has no right to challenge the termination. There are a few very limited exceptions. For example, an employee may not be discriminated against or terminated because he has filed a safety complaint or exercised his rights under OSHA law.”

Pay raise chart

Salaries of county employees are public information. Below is a chart of the 41 employees who received a pay raise given out by department heads without the knowledge of the Board of Supervisors. Though the pay raises were rescinded on March 7, employees were allowed to keep the additional money received since Oct. 14, 2011 when the pay raises began. This data was compiled from information provided by the Fluvanna County Human Resources Department under the Freedom of Information Act.

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The Fluvanna Leadership Development Program graduated 22 new students eager to make their county better.

Monday, (March 19) the group met at the Ashlawn Grille at Lake Monticello for the official graduation ceremony.

Before that, the students presented their graduation projects to the community. On Thursday, (March 15) four teams told more than 50 people gathered at the Palmyra Fire Station their ideas on how to turn the new high school into a “beacon” for the community, highlight historic “Rosenwald” school buildings in the county and how to make it easier for people to learn about volunteer opportunities.

The FLDP’s mission is “To inform and educate interested citizens about issues and challenges facing the county; to prepare its citizens for involvement, and to encourage their participation in keeping Fluvanna’s desirable place to live, work, and enjoy life.”

Before each group presented its projects, Red Pullium, retired Fork Union Military Academy teacher and coach, greeted the attendees and talked about how FLDP got started.

A Virginia Tech professor, Dr. Paxton Marshall, believed the best avenue for successful citizen input was through education and leadership training. Marshall achieved national acclaim for his views, Pullium said.

“In order to be the whole person everyone wants to be you have to volunteer,” Pullium quoted Marshall as saying.

Marshall’s views spawned programs that are now ubiquitous throughout the country. Thousands of citizens have learned more about every aspect of their community and how to get involved in government, schools, community centers helping to create policies and a spirit of volunteerism, said Easton Loving, co-chairman of the FLDP steering committee.

Fluvanna’s group started nine years ago when the gas power plant Tenaska wanted to come into the county, Marshall said.

“We want to turn the high school into a community beacon so people are attracted to it like moths are attracted to a bright light,” Garcia said.

Team Three
Team Three had suggestions on how to use the high school as a revenue stream:

• Actively pursue business advertising and sponsorship;
• Become revenue sharing partner with local colleges;
• Run a pay-as-you-go summer day care program;
• Public-Private partnership for job skill development;
• Active adult continuing education programs;
• Rental of video conferencing facilities.

Team Two
Team Two created software that could be added to the Fluvanna County website where agencies that needed volunteers could advertise. People who wanted to volunteer would then have one central place to find where they might be needed.

Team One
Team One focused on conserving and promoting the Rosenwald schools in Fluvanna County. Rosenwald Schools were built between 1917 and 1935 as a joint venture between the president of the Sears, Roebuck and Company, Julius Rosenwald and Booker T. Washington. Of the seven built in Fluvanna, two are available for conservation and possible use as a community center or museum.

Correspondent

2011-2012 Fluvanna Leadership Development Program Class

Team One: Richard Koepsell, Ed Zimmer, Susan Wolff, Ray Weimer, Ted Bruner

Team Two: David Eddy, Linda Parker, Steve Nichols, Steve Carney, Peggy Smith, Brian Zimmer

Team Three: Georgette Glenn, Rudy Garcia, George Coussoulos, Frances Carney, Tom Hanlon, Bradley Palmer

Team Four: Colin Hunter, Patrick Stenger, Shirley Stewart, Michael Hartford, David James.

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Wells wins
Kayla Corredera-Wells

Kayla Wells, a Fluvanna Middle School eighth-grader, won the 65th annual regional spelling bee Saturday (March 17) and is headed for the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., according to The Daily Progress. Wells correctly spelled the word “didactic” to emerge the winner after more than an hour of competition at Monticello High School. Wells, 14, out-spelled 30 other contestants. A total of 227 spellers will compete at the national Bee which will begin on May 30.

Carr appointed to Fluvanna school board
Carol Tracy Carr has been appointed by the Fluvanna County School Board to fill the Rivanna District seat vacated by D. Brian Phillips who resigned in February.

The appointment was made at a special school board meeting held on Monday (March 12).

Carr said in a statement that she has “always been interested in serving on a school board to be more closely involved with the development and implementation of the policies that govern the operation of a school system, but over the years, my life has taken me to many different locations and in various professional directions, and the timing has never been right. I am now retired, plan to remain in Fluvanna County, and am strongly committed to its development. My involvement with the Fluvanna Leadership Development Program has shown me the importance of finding a volunteer opportunity that fits one’s talents and interests, and I believe this is a good fit for mine and that this is the right time for me.”

According to a press release, Carr is a graduate of the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond where she earned her Juris Doctor. Carr is also a graduate of Wayne State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Education in Secondary Science and a Master of Education in Science Education. Her previous work experiences include practicing law in the private, and working in the public sector as a member of the U.S. Patent Office Examining Corps. She also has worked in the field of higher education both at Georgetown University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Carr presently runs a consulting company, Carol Tracy Carr, University Consulting Services. In addition to these experiences, she has taught at private and public schools as well as in community college and law center settings.

Brush fire in Fluvanna
Firefighters responded to a brush fire in near the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women on Rt. 250 in Fluvanna County on Wednesday (March 14). Palmyra, East Rivanna and Lake Monticello fire departments have responded. Traffic was disrupted before the fire was brought under control. – David Stemple

Lots of talk; but no budget yet

BY RUTHANN CARR
CORRESPONDENT

Under a banner that quoted Yoda saying “Do or do not; there is no try,” the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors did not.

They met for five hours at a special meeting held Saturday evening to discuss the budget. Board Chairman Shaun Kenney (Columbia) made no bones about the fact he expected to come out with an advertised tax rate to present to the public at the next regular Board of Supervisors meeting.

After spending the first few hours of the meeting going over the budget line by line and cutting a few thousand here and there, the group still arrived at a 68-cent rate per $100 of assessed value. That is the same number the budget committee presented on Feb. 8. The only difference was on what the money was spent. Don Weaver (Cunningham) said the proposed rate was too high. He said he would vote for no more than a 60-cent rate. Bob Ullentbruch (Palmyra), who served on the budget committee, said his original compromise was to cut school funding by $1 million. That would reduce the rate to 62 cents.

Mozell Booker (Fork Union) and Joe Chesser (Rivanna) seemed ready to vote for the 68-cent rate. Kenney made it clear he wanted consensus.

Booker pushed Kenney to explain what he considered consensus.

“I’m thinking everyone votes yes,” Booker said. “Is it a 6-cent?”

Kenney said he wanted the entire board to be OK with the advertised rate.

“Fluvanna has been through a lot of divisiveness lately that has sown a lot of ill will,” Kenney said. “Id like everyone around this table to step up and compromise and get behind this. Think of what we gain emerging unified. Think of what we lose if we dont.”

Chesser said he thought Kenney wanted the impossible.

“I dont think you can get what you want,” Chesser said. “You might get four, but you’re not going to get five.”

Booker said someone had to give in and she was not going to vote for a 60 or 61-cent rate.

“If I’m in the minority then so be it.”

Several times the group sat in silence broken only by Kenney asking, “What budget are we presenting?”

Weaver wouldn’t budge from 60 cents.

“It doesn’t matter what I want,” Weaver said. “You’ve got the votes. Let three people decide what they’re going to do. You want the 68-cent budget, go ahead and do your 68-cents. You go on Shaun. You’ve got the votes; move on up you guys.”

As the five sat silently around the table, the clock ticked closer to midnight. They either had to vote to continue the meeting or move to adjourn.

At 11:59 p.m., Kenney asked if someone wanted to make a motion to adjourn. The group voted to end the meeting.

“So what budget are we going to present?” Booker said.

“We don’t have one,” Kenney said.

CORRESPONDENT

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The Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors met Saturday night to discuss the 2012-13 budget, and to announce the winner of the 65th annual regional spelling bee.

The board met for five hours to discuss the budget, but failed to adopt it, and did not announce the winner of the spelling bee. The board plans to reconvene Monday night at 9 p.m. to continue discussion.

Carol Tracy Carr, a Fluvanna County Supervisors member since 2006, was appointed to fill the vacant seat of D. Brian Phillips, who resigned in February, according to The Daily Progress.

Carr, a graduate of the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond and Wayne State University, is a consultant in education, public school management, and university administration, according to a press release.

Carr presently runs a consulting company, Carol Tracy Carr, University Consulting Services. In addition to these experiences, she has taught at private and public schools as well as in community college and law center settings.

Wells, a Fluvanna Middle School eighth-grader, won the 65th annual regional spelling bee Saturday night.

Officials from the Lake Monticello Fire & Rescue Department responded to a brush fire near the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women on Wednesday (March 14) around 3 a.m. The fire was put out by 8 a.m. according to the Fluvanna County Communications Center.

Traffic was disrupted by the fire, which caused Firefighters to place traffic cones around the area.

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To garnish or not to garnish, that is the question

BY RUTHANN CARR
CORRESPONDENT

Smoke wafted through the air on Conestoga Way.

There was barbecuing going on. Barbecue enthusiasts crowded into Crossroads Auto Repair Saturday (March 17) to learn how to become certified Kansas City Barbeque Society judges.

They hope to be chosen to judge Fluvanna’s first KCBS sanctioned barbeque competition June 23 at Pleasant Grove’s first KCBS sanctioned Kansas City Barbeque Society judges.

To learn how to become certified to judge the annual Safeway BBQ competition in Northern Virginia.

“I was born and raised in the South – barbeque is my life,” Williamson said. “I smoke (meat) at home. I love the culture of it. Friends and family. Good times and good eats. I’m also an engineer so I enjoy the science of it. Taking a tough cut of meat – something most cooks wouldn’t bother with and turning it into something everyone wants to get their hands on.”

Close to home were Bob McDermott, Roger Koltz, Dennis Kidd and Dan Nunziato, all from Fluvanna.

Nunziato took the class because he likes to eat and he’s curious, he said.

Ditto for McDermott.

“I've traveled the country and everywhere I’ve gone to I seek out the best barbecue and buy local,” he said. “I want to see what they (judges) are looking for.”

Kidd said he started cooking at 12 “on the dairy farm.” He wants to enter a few state events, he said. Two bands, including the Rondelles from Virginia Beach will play.

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Fluvanna judges-in-training included Bob McDermott, Roger Koltz, Dennis Kidd and Dan Nunziato. Photos by Ruthann Carr.

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Hartwell acknowledged that the judging process has unwittingly weeded out sauces and styles peculiar to different parts of the country.

“We’re not telling you to change your tastes, your preferred flavors,” Hartwell said. “We’re just being consistent. I tell people that if they cook eastern North Carolina barbecue, they’re probably not going to win because most people don’t like that style. Not a lot of people like mustard or mayonnaise based sauces. They’re looking for tomato-based sauces. It has taken the regional element out of cooking, but that’s just the way it is.”

While the students were learning, John Atkins, owner of The BBQ Connection, was outside barbecuing. Just like in a regular competition, the students would receive a white Styrofoam box filled with each of the four cuts of falling off the bone, smoked and seasoned meat.

Timothy Williamson of Reston was one of those paying $90 to learn how to judge competitions. He wants to become certified to judge the annual Safeway BBQ competition in Northern Virginia.

“I'm a competition chili cook,” he said. “I've done some barbeque contests in Kansas City, D.C. and Memphis. I want to get back into it. I'm originally from Texas so I know a lot about brisket.”

While going over the sanctioned garnishes, Hartwell waxed eloquent about the pros and cons of a new trend: parsley boxes.

A few years ago competitors started cutting up fresh parsley and covering the bottom of the box with the garnish, then layering the meats to be judged on top.

“It looks real pretty,” Hartwell said. “But when you pick up the meat it has all these little bits of parsley stuck to it that you have to peel off. It’s kind of a hassle.”

Brenda Rigsby, of the Chamber of Commerce, sat in the back of the room soaking it all in, excited about the upcoming event.

There will be 31 KCBS certified teams taking part in BBQ, Blues and Brews, including 15 from the area, she said.

Blue Mountain Brewery will bring in 20 craft beers. There will be seven food vendors and as many as 70 craft vendors, she said. Two bands, including the Rondelles from Virginia Beach will play.

“The governor has recognized this as a state event,” Rigsby said. “He’s promoting it. He’s put his stamp of approval on it.”

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Envoy at the Village celebrates at chamber event

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT

Business after hours has always been a venue for area business people from Fluvanna and some from Albemarle to meet, greet, network and exchange information. Most of those who serve on the board of the Fluvanna Chamber of Commerce attended a recent event at Envoy at the Village, which is Fluvanna’s only nursing facility. It is located in Fork Union.

The good news Stephen Reynolds, executive director, and Lori Viar, spokeswoman for Envoy wanted to share, was that the nursing facility was awarded 30 beds. About a year ago they had been seeking 60 beds in a bid to expand the facility. Albemarle who had also been competing for the beds, got 30 of the 60 they had requested.

Envoy at the Village, accepts patients covered by Medicare and Medicaid. This nursing facility currently has 60 beds, making this facility smaller than the Virginia state average of about 112 beds. Envoy at the Village’s houses on the average 53 residents, fewer than the average state nursing facility population of about 99. Due to their size and needs, the facility is always at full capacity which drove its request for extra beds.

According to Viar in an interview last year, she stated that expansion would help the tax base and offer more employment and volunteer opportunities. It’s still viable but with fewer beds than originally anticipated but Viar and Reynolds are excited to have acquired 30 beds.

Many gazed at the precise renderings of what the facility would look like once the addition was complete. The dining area had an open concept, similar to many nursing facilities and semi-private rooms would be created by adding a wall to divide the room rather than a curtain, allowing more privacy for the resident receiving care and spending time with visitors. The nurse’s stations also featured a more efficient layout.

“There is still more that has to be done before the addition can be built,” said Viar. She added that “demographic information shows the area is growing.”

Many of the regulars came out in support, including Sue and Alex Vonderbecke of Inklings, Inc., Forney Shell of Globe Travel, Amanda Randolph of Karlise, Sheriff Ryant Washington, Vicki Karabinus, Debbie Lucado from Union Bank & Trust, and Board Supervisor Joe Chesser and more.

Some took a tour of the facility and it was clear that many of the areas had already had a facelift. The dining area had been painted and new curtains hung and instead of the cold, clinical feeling of bare dining room tables, they were covered with tablecloths and napkins, looking more formal and less like an institution. Improvements will come little by little and soon they will be able to break ground and build the extension. That is a day Reynolds, Viar and the nursing staff are looking forward to.

Lori Viar of Envoy.
Photo by Page H. Gifford
School budget waiting on state budget

BY KRISTIN SANCKEN
CORRESPONDENT

Someone on the school board let out an audible sigh of relief when no one came forward to speak about the budget during public hearing at Wednesday’s (Mar. 14) school board meeting.

The status of the Fluvanna County school district’s budget is up in the air until the governor approves a state budget.

“We’re still waiting to find out what’s going to happen in Richmond, which makes it really difficult to plan for our budget,” said School Board Chair Camilla Washington.

Some good news came last week when the Board of Supervisors accepted a supplemental appropriation to the school district for $111,000 with a large part of that being insurance payments received from lightning storms and earthquake damage from the summer.

“That money can now go to something else, whether it be something in the classroom or fuel for buses,” said Ed Breslauer, Fluvanna County public schools director of finance.

“That’s great! Keep finding money,” said school board member William Hughes.

“If you could find $16 million we’d be straight,” said Camilla Washington.

Other financial worries facing the school district include potential changes to the Virginia Retirement System (VRS). Virginia Senate Bill 497 recently passed concerning VRS, but the legislation hasn’t been published yet.

“We’re not exactly sure what’s in it, but we can guess based on what large media outlets have published,” said Breslauer.

Breslauer’s best guess is that employees will have to pay a five-percent employee share to VRS instead of it being paid by the state or the school district.

“In their minds, it’s all a wash. Clearly they’re not very good at math,” said Breslauer, referring to state lawmakers.

“For Fluvanna County Public Schools the employer cost for the additional VRS and FICA pieces will be approximately $222,000.”

The state senate will be back in session on March 22 to discuss appropriations.

“We need to move forward with our budget process even while the state stalls,” said Breslauer. “Action by the General Assembly on VRS will be accommodated by amending our budget details in April.”

Until details are worked out on the state level, the School Board unanimously approved the Superintendent Keller’s proposed $36.2 million budget. It’s still a supplemental appropriation to the school district.

“This is not the year of the teacher in Virginia,” said Johnson. “In a very bad year for teachers, we accept any positive step in the right direction.”

The school board voiced that Keller’s budget is need-based and bare bones.

“I think we’ve gone as far as we think we can unless someone starts printing some money for us,” said School Board member William Hughes. “In all seriousness, we’ve worked this budget for almost three months. I think what we’re asking for is reasonable. I think it’s something our tax payers will be happy with. I think there is enough here to not satisfy everyone’s need, but for everyone to go away with something and still say that we’re not being greedy.”

Keller encouraged citizens to come to the Board of Supervisors meeting on March 21 at 6 p.m. in support of the school budget.

“I want to see a big crowd there next week,” said Keller.

“It’s encouraging to let us know that you support our efforts,” said Washington.

Saving $1 million

Of the 1,200 Fluvanna employees on the new county self-insured health plan, 800 have a chronic disease and only 19 accounted for 42 percent of spending.

Last year at this time, the Fluvanna County School Board decided to switch to a self-insurance plan for health insurance, choosing Gateway Health Alliance as their health manager. The decision projects to save the district $1 million this year, an important figure in a tight budget cycle.

Brett Jackson, executive director of Gateway Health Alliance, presented an overview of the health plan and next year’s renewal package to the school board at Wednesday’s (Mar. 14) meeting. He stated that in light of the 19 people with claims larger than $10,000, some
benefits within the health care program need restructuring in order to provide sustainable, comprehensive coverage.

“They’re not bad people, it’s not that we want to target those people, but we want to eliminate those claims so it’s better for them, better for us and better for everyone,” said Jackson.

Jackson encouraged the school board to develop wellness incentive and disease management programs to prevent and treat chronic illnesses, and disease management programs.

“Without a doubt obesity, diabetes, hypertension, cholesterol and asthma are the most common health concerns within the school district,” said Jackson.

Fluvanna Superintendent Gena Keller was on board with the idea of creating wellness programs for school employees.

“In the end it helps, it certainly has cost savings, but bigger than that is you have healthy people who have better attendance and more energy to do what we need to do,” said Keller.

The school board tabled action for next month’s meeting, which will be held on April 11 at 5 p.m.

Lazy S Ranch to host “Ag Day”

Local entrepreneur Greg Sclater, owner of Lazy S Ranch and Health Nutz Fitness Center, along with Fluvanna Farm Bureau representative Channing Snoddy, presented an innovative educational opportunity to the school board.

“When we talk about farming and agriculture without any practice, there are a lot of people aren’t educated on what’s going on out there,” said Snoddy. “It’s an education thing. We want everybody to learn. It’s new to us, the farm bureau has tried different things before, but this will be a whole public thing to educate people. A lot of people are going through farmers markets and buying meat locally, but a lot of people aren’t educated on what farmer’s do and how it’s healthy for them.”

If this year’s educational experiment at Lazy S goes well, both Snoddy and Sclater said they hope to do it every year.

New high school update

As the “Fluvanna County High School” sign went up on the new press box in new football stadium, more and more residents are beginning to wonder when they might be able to have an inside glimpse of the new high school.

“We get questioned every day, ‘when are we going to get in there? I want to go see it?’” said School Board Chair Camilla Washington.

According to Jonathan Hirst, clerk of the works for the building project, the high school is 98 percent complete, and the contract completion date is still scheduled for May 13, 2012.

Right now the contractor is putting on the finishing touches - planting outside and cleaning. The next milestone will be adding the new furnishings.

A few setbacks have come up, pushing the original contract completion date back a month. The failed rain tanks are being replaced with basins and underground steel pipe storage tanks. Some of the flooring has also been deemed “unsatisfactory.”

“The manufacturer has been out several times and we are waiting for the final response from Johnsonite on how they intend to make it right,” said Hirst. “Some of it was having adhesion problems and curled. It won’t be done until it’s acceptable.”

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Artist talks about tree anatomy

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT

For those who have studied art, most had to take a course in human anatomy but for landscape artists, no one ever told them that tree anatomy was necessary. Members of the Fluvanna Art Association discovered that trees could be just as daunting a subject as the human body.

At a recent workshop, members gathered for Woodland Painting with artist and FAA member, Troy Weidenheimer. But for this workshop, Weidenheimer had some useful advice for artists while sharing valuable insights on everything to do with trees.

He began by reminding members of a previous workshop on clouds. “The cloud workshop taught you not to paint whip cream balls in a sea of blue but to paint clouds that were ephemeral and diaphanous, fading into the atmosphere,” said Weidenheimer. “This workshop will focus on trees...We will learn to recognize different configurations rather than specific trees.”

Openly using a folk song to illustrate how trees work, this surprised the members and made them laugh. He stressed not to put foliage on a tree until the tree itself was complete.

Putting foliage on an awkward tree is like putting a necklace on a pig, he said. He reviewed with the group foreground, middle-ground and background, and that all the trees in the background would recede or become softer while the trees in the foreground were the sharpest and largest.

He gave the artists tips on how trees work. Light being the main determining factor when doing anything artistic, trees naturally gravitate toward the sun. Weidenheimer explains that trees lean toward whichever direction the light is coming from and that bottom branches grow out and up from the bottom toward the sunlight. In forests with clumps of trees, limited space forces trees to be less bushy and more vertical and leaner, reaching upward toward the light unlike its bushy counterpart out in a pasture.

He described the limbs and branch growth and how they are affected by steady side winds, crowding of other trees when older branches break off and all this forms the shapes of trees. “As trees age, their branches tend to grow more out than up, in order to give the lower leaves more sunlight,” he said. Showing examples of trees, he noted the details in the branches, the knobs and spurs which give it depth and character.

Once he discussed tree anatomy, he went on to demonstrate painting techniques.

“Trunk, limbs, branches and twigs must slowly taper from beginning to end,” he said. “Masses of tiny branches and twigs at the top of a bare tree should be painted softly, even blurred somewhat.”

Regarding shadows, he reminded artists that branches cast shadows. He then followed this by discussing adding foliage.

“Paint remote branches, leaves, etc. softer and grayer, just as you do all things more distant in a landscape.” He added, “Better to blur or soften all the texture and outer perimeter to suggest the fact that foliage is softer than rocks or buildings and to keep trees from pulling attention away from the center of interest in the painting.” He added that with a forest, lay in dark color first then paint the first row of trees in the front of the forest.

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Sheriff’s office seeks stolen equipment

Construction equipment and tools were stolen from two different locations in Fluvanna County between March 10 and March 16, according to the Fluvanna County Sheriff’s Office.

A Kubota tractor, a John Deere mower, a generator and a side mower were stolen.

Other items taken included an Iron House 25 gallon air compressor, a Titan Advantage paint sprayer, a Craftsman drill press, and assorted hand tools.

Contact Lt. David R. Wells at the Fluvanna County Sheriff’s Office at 434-589-8211 or call Crimestoppers at 434-977-4000.

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Lacrosse raffle
A raffle to support Fluvarinna’s new high school lacrosse program will be held March 24 and 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in front of the Food Lion. Tickets cost $5 each and prizes will include a flat screen TV; one night stay at the Hampton Inn in Charlottesville; a $50 gift card for Dick’s Sporting Goods; one round of golf for two, one-pound bags of Starbucks’ coffee. The raffle is sponsored by Cleats For Kids, a non-profit organization whose mission is to raise money to enable low income families, school sports and local sports programs to purchase cleats and sports equipment.

Game Day is back
Game Day to benefit Lake Monticello Fire and Rescue will be held on March 25 at the firehouse from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Play Mahjong, Bridge, Canasta, Hand and Foot, Poker and more. Prizes, raffles and refreshments. $12 per person.

Pasta for Pets
Lake Bistro Restaurant will hold a “Pasta for Pets” on March 26 starting at 5 p.m. Lake Bistro is across from Food Lion. Twenty percent of the nights’ food sales goes directly to Fluvarinna SPCA.

Job fair
Piedmont Virginia Community College will hold a job fair featuring Central Virginia employers on March 28 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in PVCC’s Main Building at 501 College Drive. Dress professionally and bring résumés. Free parking with shuttle service available at the Stultz Center on PVCC’s campus.

Zero Garbage Challenge
Rose Brown of the Rivanna Master Naturalist club will present the “Zero Garbage Challenge” at the Lake Monticello clubhouse on March 28 at 7 p.m. Brown’s unusable, unrecyclable or uncontrollable garbage each year weighs less than a quarter pound. Call Ida Swenson at 434-589-2777 or email her at dathenia@gmail.com with questions. Brown’s website is http://zerogarbagechallenge.info.

Seedz playing
Scottsville-based Alternative Southern Rock band Seedz will perform March 30 at the Dogwood restaurant at 10 p.m. $5 at the door, you must be 21 to enter. www.theseedz.com.

Rain barrel workshop
The Thomas Jefferson Soil & Water Conservation District will host a rain barrel workshop March 31, at the Lake Monticello Clubhouse. www.tjswcd.org/Rain_Barrels.html.

Easter Egg-stravaganza
Zion United Methodist Church in Troy will hold its Easter Egg-stravaganza on March 31 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. 434-589-1665.

Step Show Classic
The Fluvanna County Branch of the NAACP is sponsoring its third annual Step Show Classic on March 31 to raise money for college scholarships for Fluvarinna County High School students. Participants will include students from area middle and high schools. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the event begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are $8 for adults and $5 for students. Tickets will be sold at the door, or purchased in advance from Ms. Lucille Brown, 434-589-8028.

Easter at Bybee’s
Bybee’s Road Baptist Church will present an Easter cantata on Saturday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 1 at 10 a.m. A Maundy Thursday service will be held Thursday, April 5 at 7 p.m. An Easter egg hunt for children through fifth grade will be held Saturday April 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. A sunrise service will be held Sunday, April 8 at 6:15 a.m. with breakfast following. A regular worship service will be at 10 a.m. 4989 Bybee’s Road, Church Road in Troy. 434-589-8529 www.bybeechurch.org.

Blood drive at Health Nutz
Health Nutz Fitness and Aquatic Center will hold a Virginia Blood Services blood drive on April 4 from 2-7 p.m. Call or stop by the gym at 109 Crofton Place to sign up. Contact Sharon Wolford, 434-589-6100. Walk-ins are welcome.

Relay for life
The Relay for Life team meeting will be held on April 5 at 7 p.m. at Palmyra United Methodist Church.

Resurrection fest
The Galilee Baptist Church at Kents Store will have its second annual “Resurrection Fest” on April 7 from 3-5 p.m. celebrating the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. 434-589-8817.

FSPCA 5K
The Fluvanna SPCA will hold a 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, April 14 at 7:30 a.m. at the Lake Monticello Golf Course in Palmyra. $15 for age 15 and under, $20 for age 16 and over before March 30, and $25 for age 16 and over after March 30. Registration by March 30 guarantees a t-shirt and goodie bag. www.fspca.org/5K.html.

Water rescue training
The Lake Monticello Water Rescue Team will hold a PADI Public Safety Diver course on April 19-22. Divers and tenders at all levels of certification may attend this four day course. Police, fire, and rescue are all welcome. To reserve your spot contact Greg Zajac at Polishtregi@gmail.com.

Free tax service
The AARP Tax Aide program provides free tax preparation services to low and middle income Fluvarinna residents. This service is offered at the Fluvarinna Library Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. plus Wednesday and Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. Call 434-589-2691 for an appointment.

Send your Fluvarinna happenings to carlos@fluvarinna.com.
Boys’ tennis
The boys’ tennis team was supposed to play against Goochland on March 15. However, the game was unexpectedly cancelled. While the boys still have yet to play, they continue to work hard every day to improve. “While we play in one of the toughest AA districts in the state, we are still working hard to be as competitive as possible,” said Head Coach Jason Davis. “We are hoping to improve on a daily basis, and hope that we can see progress by the end of the season.” The team is eagerly anticipating its upcoming games as well. “We have a strong team this year and I have faith that we will do well this season,” said senior Chance Cheney. “Oh, and we will crush Western,” he added.

Girls’ tennis
The girls’ tennis team unfortunately lost their game against Goochland on March 15 with a final score of 2-7. How-ever, it was the first game of the season, and the girls know that with practice they can make a comeback. “I’m looking forward to bonding and becoming closer as a team,” said Terry Crichtenberger. Crichtenberger is the only senior player this year. There are 12 players in total on the team, seven of them freshmen. “[The freshmen] have the potential to make really great players in the future,” said Coach Connie Banton. For now, “the girls are practicing diligently, using their acquired skills, and applying techniques for new weapons on the court. I tell them daily that ‘you are only as good as your daily performance’,” she added. “Ultimately, it would be great to advance into the region and have a strong finish to the season,” he said.

Boys’ soccer
The varsity boys’ soccer game against Spotsylvania was supposed to be played on March 12, but due to a scheduling error was rescheduled to March 20. However, the boys dominated in their game at Goochland on March 20 with a final score of 6-0. “Our opponents played rough,” said junior Kristian Franco, “but we kept our composure and kept playing smart soccer.” Coach Earl Gibson was also pleased to start off the new season with a victory. “My hopes for the boys’ soccer team this year are to continue to build on the success of past seasons and to remain competitive within the district,” he said.

Girls’ soccer
The girls are very enthusiastic about this spring season, but have not forgotten the loss of a fellow player, Alli Buck. “We are just hoping to have a great season and all we want is to enjoy ourselves and play soccer together.” said junior Megan Macaulay. “I know she’ll be with us and we want to make her proud.” The girls did just that in their game against Goochland on March 15, winning 5-0. “Our offense did a great job of getting the ball in the net and our defense stayed strong,” said player Taylor Dean. But she added that “we do need to work more on connecting passes, playing with composure, and capitalizing on every ball in front of the goal.”

Girls’ lacrosse
This season, FCHS welcomed the edition of a lacrosse team to its sports line-up, thanks to a $20,000 grant given by US Lacrosse. The varsity boys’ team played its first game of the season on March 13, losing 1-9 to Liberty High School. “We definitely have room for improvement,” said junior John Marshall. “We play the same team on [March 20], so we’ll see what happens,” he added.

Baseball
The boys’ lacrosse team played Spotsylvania on March 13 and won by four points with a final score of 8-4. The boys also beat Goochland on March 15 with a score of 10-1. The team is excited to see what’s in store for this season. “I think we’ll go pretty far again this year,” said junior Cody Herndon. “Even though we lost a few players, [Josh Barringer and Kyle Pillow] we’re all hoping to go back to regionals.” They played a double header against the Central Virginia Home School team on March 17. The team won both games with final scores of 8-2 and 4-0.
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Three restaurants is a charm

just a few months ago, many of my friends were feeling badly that Palmyra lost two neighborhood restaurants in the Lake Monticello area. Fortunately, two new restaurants have been resurrected in their place and today’s column is about Lake Bistro. The third restaurant created by Mike Hartling is in the spot of the defunct Lakeside Grill. Mike also owns and operates The Dogwood Restaurant and Bar and the Eagles Nest at Lake Monticello’s golf course.

So the question everyone has been asking is - if you own two successful restaurants in the area, why open a third? And Mike’s answer is pretty straightforward. “If you like what you are doing and you do a good job, why not do more.” He credits a lot of his success to the good team he has working with him. Mike says that he has an incredible staff that is reliable and helpful. He believes that customer service extends from the time you are seated, to the preparation of the food in the kitchen to how it is served at the table. It is clear that customer service is a top priority.

Lake Bistro has a different vibe than his two other restaurants. With its mint green walls in the dining room, lilac wall in the bar and interesting artwork on the walls, Lake Bistro has a more sophisticated feel. The menu reflects that same sophistication while keeping the prices affordable. And the menu continues to change both seasonally and due to comments and suggestions made by diners. Williams chutney chicken is named after regular diners, Mr. and Mrs. William. They told Mike about a favorite chicken wing dish they liked and Mike adapted it to a unique menu item of chicken strips that are hand breaded, fried and tossed in homemade honey tomato chutney sauce.

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Obituary

Cornelia Miller Eddy (April 19, 1924 - March 17, 2012)

Cornelia Miller Eddy was born on April 19, 1924 in Albany, Georgia the eldest child of Jerry and Susie Miller. She is preceded in death by her mother and father, her sisters Carolyn and Sandra Leigh, and her brother Max.

Cornelia is survived by her husband of sixty-eight years, George Lee Eddy. She is also survived by her son David Lee Eddy and her wife Carol who live in Palmyra, Virginia. Also surviving Cornelia are nieces Maggie Granger of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Leigh Powers of Newton, Massachusetts, Susan O’Reilly of Charleston, South Carolina, special cousin Susan Rodriguez of Clarksville, Virginia, and several grand nieces and nephews.

Cornelia met her husband George in 1942 at Turner Field in Albany, Georgia. After a two-year, war-time courtship, they married in March of 1944. Cornelia was a telephone operator for Southern Bell in Albany and later at Turner Field. After the war they moved to Newport News where she was a clerk/typist for her husband’s accounting office. Their son, David, was born in 1950. After living in Norfolk and Charlotte, North Carolina, Cornelia and George moved back to Newport News in 1966. In 2006 they moved to Palmyra to live with their son and daughter-in-law. Cornelia made and kept friends wherever she went. Her activities and interests were all related to staying in touch with family and friends.

In her late seventies she took a computer course so that she could keep in touch by email. It is her legacy that she kept everyone updated on matters of interest. If Cornelia had your address, you were forever a part of her life.

She was an accomplished cook whose holiday dishes were legendary. She was a great reader and an avid bridge player, but, most of all, she was always ready to plan a party. Her last great pleasure was to take part in her own sixty-eighth anniversary party only two weeks before she passed away. She was beautifully dressed and even though she was confined to a wheelchair, she still played the part of the perfect party hostess.

Her love of her family and the respect she had for everyone she met are her lasting influences. She will not only be missed, but she will be emulated by many who knew and loved her.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at Cunningham United Methodist Church in Palmyra by the Reverends Tom Frost and Emerson Shelton. Burial will follow in the church cemetery, after which the family will receive friends in the fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Cunningham U.M.C., 5436 Ruritan Lake Road, Palmyra, Virginia 22963.

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Family and friends may share memories and photos at www.thackerbrothers.com.

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T-shirts representing Fluvanna County’s six public schools have been designed and are now available for purchase. Proceeds from the sale of these shirts benefit the schools through their parent organizations.

Orders can be submitted to any of the schools, to the attention of PTO/PAC/PTA.

The second T-shirt is specific to Fluvanna Middle School, the front of which displays the Fluco logo and the inscription “Celebrating the End of an Era of 8th graders at Fluvanna Middle School 2011-2012.” The shirt’s back lists all current eighth-grade students under the heading “Class of 2016.” Shirts are $12 each and are available in adult sizes (small to 3x). Orders for these shirts should be submitted to Fluvanna Middle School, to the attention of PTO.

Order forms will be sent home with all students and forms will also be available on any of the schools’ websites by going to http://www.fluco.org. For more information, contact G. Murray-Key at gthings@gmail.com or Electra Davis at Edjd374@hotmail.com. Orders are being taken now and will be ongoing.

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Gilly Fin rallies for the Lake

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT

An estimated 50 people with children and grandchildren in tow stopped by March 10 to greet Gilly Fin (none other than Thelma Stowell) the mascot for Rally For Our Lake. It was a good turnout for the educational program for children regarding keeping Lake Monticello healthy.

There were activities and face painting was done by Deborah Nixon, president of Fluvanna Art Association and Lake resident. Activities included decorating a Lake mural, a bean bag toss, and a sing-along with Bob Brown. Steve Carney discussed composting, focusing on the role of worms in the soil.

Special guest, Robbie Savage, executive director of the Rivanna Conservation Society, explained via an interactive educational program, how a watershed works and how to keep contaminants from polluting the lake, the Rivanna and James Rivers and the Chesapeake Bay.

"We are part of the Rivanna watershed, connecting to the James River and the Chesapeake Bay," said Savage.

She mentioned the federal government's Clean Water Act. Illustrating for the children, using examples of contaminants, including a leaking car battery, motor oil, brake fluid, pesticides, fertilizers, dog and farm animal excretion, Savage discussed pollutants. She explained that if allowed to leak into the lake, these pollutants could affect drinking water and harm the fish through contamination of the water. She also discussed the build-up of silt in lakes and what effect that has on aquatic life. She added that storm water pollution is a factor. When it rains, all these contaminants drain down into the lake.

She told the group of children that as for the animals, everyone should clean up after their dog and as for farm animals; there is no provision in Virginia State laws for keeping farm animals from having access to streams.

She used gummie worms to inspire the children to discuss other forms of aquatic life and then asked them for suggestions on how they could help keep the lake healthy. Most of the children cited cleaning up after the animals but only one boy raised his hand and suggested looking at the use of household chemicals.

The program ended with Ida Swenson hosting a puppet show performed by the 4-H Junior Naturalists. Building on Savage's talk about pollution, the puppets illustrate daily activities that can contaminate and damage the Lake.

Thelma Stowell as mascot Gilly Fin.

Photos by Page H. Gifford.

Steve Carney explains the role of worms.

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A hog wild time at Stars and Stripes

Everything about the annual Stars and Stripes basketball competition between the Central Elementary parents (Stripes) and the teachers (Stars) March 16 was hot and wild: Kids danced the cha-cha, the players turned up the heat with crazy antics on the court, and the school nurse kissed a pig.

More than 500 people packed the bleachers at the Fluvanna High School gym, a.k.a. the Shoebox, for what has become one of Central PTO’s largest annual fundraisers. The event raised twice as much as last year due to cost reductions, pre-sale tickets, and more donations from community businesses.

The PTO will use the proceeds from the event to fulfill teacher requests at Central Elementary and Carysbrook Elementary, which will open next academic year.

The game is played for entertainment purposes only but for those keeping score, the parents narrowly defeated the teachers 50-47.

Lite Rock 295 morning show host and DJ Sherry Taylor, who served as the Mistress of Ceremonies, kicked things off by singing the Star Spangled Banner. Taylor not only has a great radio voice but some serious vocal pipes.

NBC-29 co-anchor Steve Rappaport and John DeMorro, former meteorologist with NBC-29, provided lively commentary over the raucous crowd noise.

Don Stribling, who played for the Stripes and will be the principal at Carysbrook Elementary, took foul shots blindfolded during a halftime competition (and sunk at least one in the basket!). Parents captain Amy “The Momanator” Ondek got into a quarrel with Teacher captain John “Big Sky” Helbert, which resulted in the kiss that Patterson smacked with lipstick applied by a student, puckered up to Olivia, the large, white hog. Like the children’s story character, Olivia looked lovely and wore a colorful lei for the occasion. Judging by the squealing, the pig appeared more grossed out by the kiss than Patterson. The nurse and the audience members were only slightly less disturbed. Patterson thanked the swine to keep a promise she made to her students with diabetic conditions if they learned to self-administer their shots.

The fundraiser would not have been a success without the support of the local businesses and their generosity. Ed “Hot Shot” Lauterbach and Vince “The Kid” Madison not only put in great effort on the court but also provided financial support for the game. Please give back by patronizing the following community businesses:


U.Va. student volunteers contribute to Heritage Trail

CONTRIBUTED BY MARVIN MOSS

The Fluvanna Heritage Trail Foundation will be welcoming several dozen University of Virginia volunteers for a trail work day on Saturday (March 24). For many years now the foundation has had a terrific working relationship with the students from the Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity at the school – a service fraternity of both men and women.

Once more this year, the students will come out to work on our trails under the supervision of our many volunteers. They have been extraordinarily helpful over the years both in clearing new trails and maintaining our existing system. They also enjoy a hearty lunch at the picnic pavilions at Pleasant Grove after their morning of work – a homemade meal which is much enjoyed by these youngsters. We very much appreciate their enthusiastic assistance each year.

The Alpha Phi Omega students will meet at 9 a.m. on Saturday at the Eastern Trailhead at Pleasant Grove. This particular day they will be working on clearing the area in front of the new wildlife overlook and removing weed trees along the Heritage Rail Trail in Palmyra.
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By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated December 28, 2007, and recorded in Deed Book 754, Page 181 in the Clerk’s Office for the Circuit Court for Fluvanna, VA, securing a loan which was originally $157,500.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at Main Entrance of the Circuit Court for Fluvanna, VA, located at 132 Main Street, Palmyra, VA on April 11, 2012 at 4:15 PM improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of All that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being situate in the Palmyra Magisterial District of Fluvanna County, Virginia, containing 2.851 acres, more or less, by survey, on the southeast side of and adjoining Virginia State Highway No. 708, designated as Lot 2 and described by metes and bounds on plat survey made by Robert L. Lum, C.L.S., dated March 30, 1989, in the Clerk’s Office for the Circuit Court for Fluvanna, Virginia, in Deed Book 754, page 839. The said Joe Dillow having died January 18, 2000, hereby vesting fee simple title unto Ruby Dillow, by operation of law. The improvements thereon being known as 135 Blue Ridge Drive, Troy, VA 22974, and as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lake Monticello Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. will meet 4/5/2012 at the firehouse, located at 10 Slice Road, Palmyra, VA 22963 at 7:00 PM, in a public hearing pursuant to the requirements of Section 147 (f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, on a proposal that the Lessee enter into a Lease-purchase agreement with Republic First National Corp. under the “Code” in order to finance the acquisition of equipment. The equipment to be financed consists of One (1) New Fouts Bros. Small Rescue Truck (the “Equipment”) and will be located at the firehouse in Palmyra, VA 22963. To finance the costs of such Equipment and to pay costs and expenses incidental to the financing, the Lessee proposes to enter into the Lease-purchase agreement with Republic First National Corp. in the maximum aggregate principal amount of $150,000.00. The Lessee will be required to pay all expenses of the operating, maintaining, and insuring the Project and to pay all taxes on the Equipment. The rental payments due pursuant to the Lease-purchase agreement will be payable and secured by a security interest Lien on the Equipment above mentioned. All persons interested may appear and be at said time and place or may file written comments with the department prior to the hearing set forth herein above. 3/22/2012. By the order of the Lake Monticello Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc.
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Answer to last week’s Sudoku

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Raising the steeple at Grace and Glory

CONTRIBUTED BY JOE SHAVER

It all began more than 11 years ago in February of 2001, when the Grace and Glory Lutheran Church held its first worship service. In doing so, and now having been around for more than a decade, Grace and Glory is established as the oldest and the newest Lutheran church in Fluvanna County. They first were meeting in the aerobics room of the Armstrong Fitness Center (now Health Nutz) in the Crofton Center. The members at that time carried in their own lawn chairs to sit on. In 2004 they moved to the cafeteria of the Fluvanna Middle School and have worshiped there since. Through all this time they have become a welcoming congregation, and the mission of the members is to be “caring Christians sharing God’s message of grace.” The emphasis has always been upon finding avenues to develop ministries that may be of service to the Fluvanna County community. The congregation has been active with Habitat for Humanity and the Fluvanna Christian Service Society. Volunteers are actively involved with prison ministry at the Fluvanna Correctional Facility, as well as many others. We have also watched a growing corps of youth who have become very active in the life of the church with many of the church’s activities.

Therefore, last Thursday (March 15), was a significant day in the life of Grace and Glory Lutheran Church. A lot had been purchased in 2003 across Rt. 53 from the library. A capital campaign was conducted beginning in 2007 for funds to build the congregation’s first worship center. A ground breaking service was conducted on the church property (then in the library when a thunder storm came in) in August of 2011. Construction began shortly thereafter, and we could feel the excitement, both within the congregation and from those outside, who commented, “Hey, you’re finally getting started on building a church.” March 15, 2012 will certainly be a day to remember as the steeple for the new worship center was placed upon the building, which is under roof with work on the interior to begin very shortly.

In anticipation of this event, Pastor Ken Albright of Grace and Glory reminds us that for centuries the steeple was a place to house church bells, which chimed to announce the services of worship. While there will be no bells in the steeple at Grace and Glory, the spire serves as a reminder that first and foremost our building will be a place where people gather to worship. Pastor Albright is reminded of the words of Jesus in John, Chapter 12 “…and I, when I am lifted up, will draw all people to myself.” Jesus was lifted up, once and for all on the cross, that we may be made whole, and be in a restored relationship with God, humanity, and all of God’s creation. Pastor Albright and all the members of the community of faith, which is the Grace and Glory Lutheran Church, are extremely excited and see this new worship center as a fantastic opportunity to expand upon its many ministries and to carry out the work of God in being of service to those in Fluvanna County and beyond. The community is encouraged to keep their eyes open for notices of events and activities after the worship center opens in late summer. Anyone wishing to see the progress of the building or to learn about Grace and Glory may view the website at www.graceandglory.org.
The Choral Department’s Winter Schedule Leads to Spring Concert

The Fluvanna County High School Choral Department has had a busy schedule since the beginning of the school’s second semester. Under the direction of Horace Scruggs, the department boasts three choirs, all of which have had several performance opportunities.

Campus Choir, the school’s beginning ensemble, is the largest of the three with a roster of 58 students. This group of 9 – 12 grades concentrates on the foundations of choral singing as they progress through the semester.

Varsity Singers, which consist of 44 young women, has seen an increase in size from last year. Made up of students in grades 11 – 12, they perform music especially written for female voices.

Madrigals’ roster includes sixteen auditioned 11th and 12 grade students. The students in this group not only perform standard classical literature, but also entertain audiences a set of show choir music and full choreography.

African-American History Month provided all three choirs with performance opportunities at the middle school, and for Madrigals, Cunningham and Columbia elementary schools. With the theme of “We’ve Come This Far By Faith” the African-American History presentation included readings on historical figures such as Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, and Dr. Martin Luther King. The readings focused on how their religious faith gave the strength to endure the troubled times in which they lived.

Gospel music was of course the centerpiece of the 30 minute program. The choirs performed for their own school, FCHS, on February 29.

On March 15, the choirs traveled to Nelson County High School to participate in the Virginia Choral Director’s Association’s District Choral Assessment. This event involves each choir performing two selections for a panel of three judges. The choirs are then rated on a scale of I to V (I being the highest or superior rating and V being the lowest or poor rating) for their individual performance. “Faithfulness to score,” “balance and blend,” “rhythmic accuracy” and “vocal projection” are a few of the criterion upon which the singes are judged. At this year’s event Campus Choir and Varsity Singers received a rating of II or excellent, the second highest level, and Madrigals received the highest possible rating earning the score of I or superior from all three judges.

Now the choirs turn their attention to Sunday (March 25) on which they will present to the community their annual spring concert. This concert will consist of music from all the prior performances as well as music the choirs have yet to publically perform. The selections include a wide variety of styles including classical; folk songs, gospel, and vocal jazz. The concert will be held in the Central Elementary Auditorium at 4 p.m. and there is a $3 general admission charge to support the choral department.

Other spring performances include, “Mad Jazz” a concert that will feature Madrigals and the FCHS Jazz Band on April 21 and the FCHS Pops Concert on May 13. – Contributed by Horace Scruggs

American History Essay Winners Announced

CONTRIBUTED BY BEA BRITtain

The Point of Fork Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution proudly announced the winners of the American History Essay Contest for 2010-2011 at its March meeting held at the Fork Union Baptist Church. This year’s topic was titled, Young America Takes a Stand: The War of 1812.

The essays were judged on historical accuracy, adherence to the topic, organization, interest, originality, spelling, grammar, punctuation and neatness. They were 600-800 words in length. A total of 99 essays were submitted. Ten winners were chosen this year. The following Chapter and Medal winners read their essays for the members and received official DAR certificates from Feda Morton, chairman of the American History Essay Committee, and bronze DAR medals for excellence in history and an American flag from Point of Fork, DAR Regent Betty Holland. The meeting was well attended and the students read their essays to an appreciative audience and gracioulsy received their awards.

Light refreshments were served as all orators were congratulated for their outstanding work.

Fifth Grade

Chapter Winner: Graham Newman

Sixth Grade

Chapter Winner: Emily Cristofaro
Medal Winner: Caden Koslowski
Medal Winner: Naomi Jackson

Seventh Grade

Chapter Winner: Harrison Lee
Medal Winner: Emily Rea
Medal Winner: Nicole Kent

Eighth Grade

Chapter Winner: Jonathan Corbin
Medal Winner: Madalyn Messier
Medal Winner: Gabriel Vincent

Chapter winning essays by Graham Newman, Emily Cristofaro, Harrison Lee and Jonathan Corbin were submitted to district level competition for each grade. Harrison Lee and Jonathan Corbin were selected as district winners for their outstanding essays and received district level certificates.

The American History Essay contest has been open to students in the county for the past fifty-nine years. The Point of Fork Chapter and the teachers in Fluvanna schools have been actively helping students participate for the past twenty-six years. During the past eleven years, Fluvanna students have submitted essays which have won at the district level twenty-one times and the state (regional) level three times with one state winner going all the way to nationals. That young man was Luke Bashore.

The Point of Fork Chapter of DAR is very proud of these students and the work.
Going bald for St. Baldrick’s

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT

A group of 18 were signed up to have their heads shaved in the great shave-off at Salon DeShano to raise funds to fight childhood cancer for St. Baldrick’s. Fifteen had their heads shaved in 45 minutes.

“This is a happy occasion everyone gathered to celebrate raising funds,” said DeShano, proud of her donors. A couple of the youngest volunteers willing to have their heads shaved included seven-year-old Timothy Sheridan and nine-year-old Jordan Brooke.

The St. Baldrick’s Foundation is the largest volunteer-driven charity dedicated to raising money for childhood cancer research. The foundation kicked-off of its 2012 head-shaving fundraising events by hosting more than 220 events so far and there are more than 780 events scheduled to take place during March alone – the DeShano event being one of them.

So far this year, the foundation has raised more than $13.9 million to date for life-saving childhood cancer research, thanks to 33,000 volunteers, including more than 4,000 females, who have registered to shave their heads at events hosted worldwide.

Brooke had shoulder length hair and shaved it all off, raising over $4,500 of the $8,000 raised by the DeShano donors and volunteers. Salon DeShano matched the first $1,000 she raised.

The St. Baldrick’s Foundation is a volunteer-driven charity committed to funding research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives. The Foundation funds more in childhood cancer research grants than any organization except the U.S. government. Funds awarded also enable hundreds of local institutions to participate in national pediatric cancer clinical trials. Since 2005, the Foundation has funded more than $78 million in childhood cancer research.

Special Offer to Fluvanna Residents

Camp Friendship is extending a very special offer to all Fluvanna Residents this summer.

This year we are celebrating our 46th summer serving children from all over the world and this nation. It would be our pleasure to welcome many more campers from our local community. Camp Friendship will honor a 50% discount off our residential summer tuition for all Fluvanna County families attending the weeks of June 17th – June 23rd, 2012 and/or June 24th - June 30th, 2012. This equates to a savings of $500-$600 depending on the program of choice. We are very committed to helping our local families take part in the camp experience at Camp Friendship.

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