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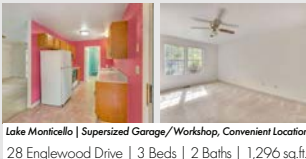
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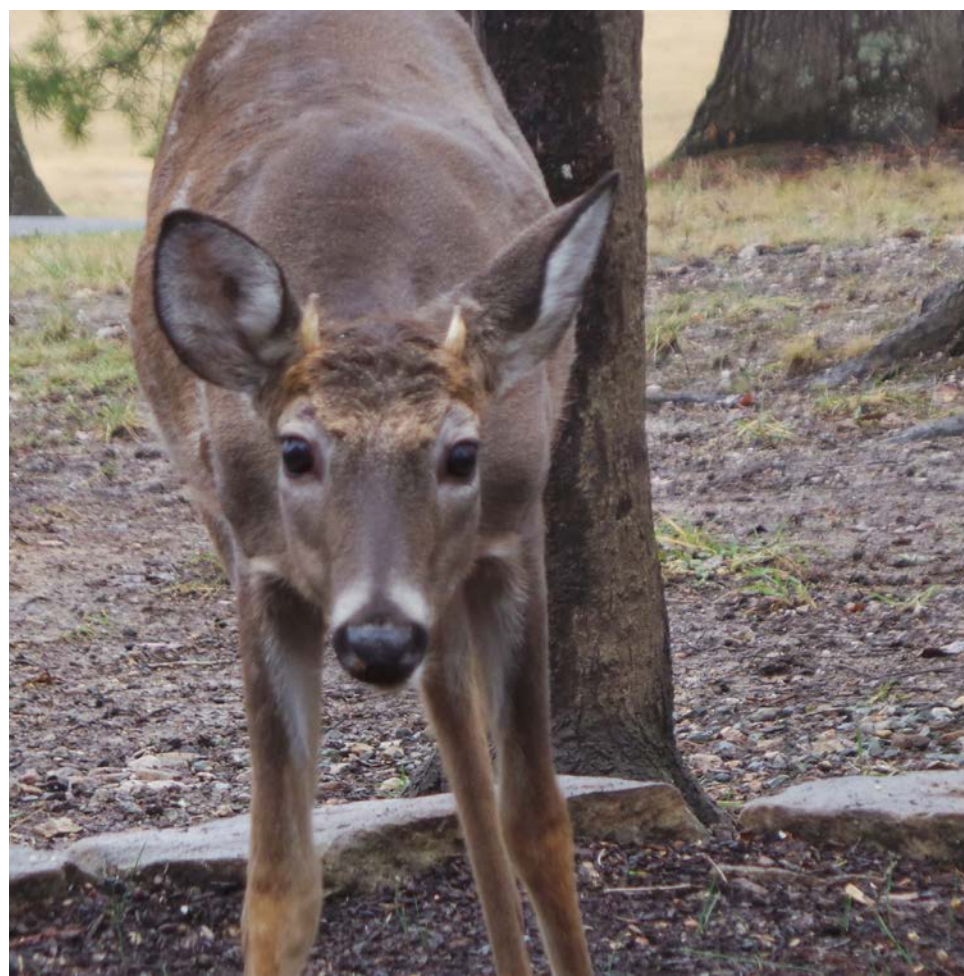
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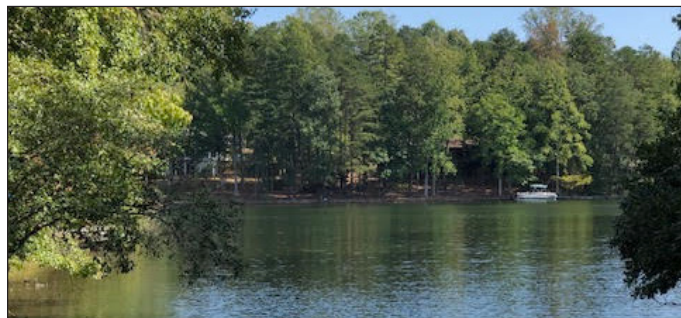


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# SNAP program reaches out to community for help

BY MADELINE OTTEN  
CORRESPONDENT



Christmas party December 2015. Photo courtesy of Mona Holmes.

In 2010, Lauren Fender Reed, a student at Longwood University at the time and now a special education teacher in Fluvanna County, came up with the idea of

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she thought that this could be a helpful program for her son, Caleb. Around 2013, the program fell into the hands of Holmes and she was ready to take action.

The newly named Special Needs Activity Parties (SNAP) has been in the works for ten years and has had as many as 43 participants and averages between 25-28 participants. However, there is still need of help from the community. "The big question for us is 'what is here for our kids after school?'" said Holmes. Currently there is nothing else; no programs established in Fluvanna County to meet these needs. "My son is 20 years old and when these individuals get to that age, what are they going to do?"

With only Holmes and a couple others funding this program, they are in need of help from the community to provide more inclusive activities for this group of individuals. Holmes is very appreciative of the help they are currently getting, especially from volunteers from Fluvanna County High School and FUMA's Interact Club, but she wants more.

In addition to support, Holmes not only wants there to be a supporting program for those students during and after school, but also wants to make sure she reaches all of them who are in need of services and interested in activities. "We want to find them, reach out to them, spread the word about our program, and improve it all at once," said Holmes. With not a lot of activities in the area, the group took action and went in search of help. Holmes reached out to the school about a year ago and spoke with special services.

"The school has been great with access inside the school, such as distributing our flyers and helping spread the word about us," said Holmes. "However, we both agreed that more needs to be done with this population and involving the community."

Holmes has also reached out to Fluvanna County Parks and Recreation for some help. "We are grateful that Aaron Spitzer, director of Fluvanna County Parks and Recreation,

has agreed to help us with our program(s)," said Holmes. "We are thrilled he is open to helping us and it will be a learning experience for all of us."

SNAP holds four events each year; one is an upcoming "Wonderland Dance Party" with celestial like decorations to be held on March 7 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Fork Union Community Center.

"This is a special needs student and family event with food, a DJ, dancing, a photo booth, and lots of fun," said chair of Fluvanna Leadership Program Janice McCormick. "We encourage the entire family to join us for this event," said Holmes.

FLDP has been a huge help for Holmes and her program. FLDP's mission is to inform and educate interested citizens about Fluvanna County and the issues and challenges it faces; to prepare citizen for involvement, and to encourage their participation in keeping Fluvanna desirable place to live, work, and enjoy life. The 17th graduating class will present its projects on March 19 and have graduation on March 23.

Other events that SNAP hosts are a holiday event where the students can go shopping and wrap presents; a back to school event, and an end of the year carnival. This year's carnival will be held on May 1. The students are picked up from school and transported, with signed waivers, to the Carysbrook gym that is filled with carnival games, a bounce house, and fun.

By working alongside Spitzer, Holmes' dream is to have a community center, similar to the Betty Queen Center in Louisa County, which would be inclusive for all people of all ages. Spitzer has a capital improvement plan in the works from 2011 and has a similar vision of a community center.

Holmes understands and does not expect things to change overnight, but is in hopes that the community can come together and accept, respect, and hold more activities that this group of individuals will be able to participate in.

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**2. Know your interest rates.**

As a general rule, the more liquid an account, the lower the interest rate. Checking accounts offer the lowest rates, then savings accounts, which yield lower rates than CDs. Maximizing your earnings is as simple as keeping your cash in accounts with higher interest rates. The overall in-

terest rate earned between all your accounts should be higher than the inflation rate, which is generally around 2 percent.

**3. Make smart moves.**

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### Patricia A. Bellows



Cross and was a Certified Instructor. She was a member of the New England Area National Ski Patrol System. Mrs. Bellows established a home computer business which she ran successfully for many years. She was a founding member of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists and continued her interest in family history throughout her life. She was skilled at needlecrafts including knit, crochet, tatting, cross stitch and dress making. Crafts were her passion.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Bellows moved to Venice, Florida where she became a lifetime member of the Venice Florida Civic Association. Her final residence was at Lake Monticello in Palmyra, Virginia.

Survivors include three sons: Kevin M. Bellows, David B. Bellows, and Bruce J. Bellows; three daughters: Leslie C. Carter, Kathy A. Petell, and Mary E. Rheume; 10 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren.

A gathering of friends and family celebrating Patricia's life will be held on Saturday, March 21, at 9 a.m. at Thacker Brothers Lake Monticello Funeral Home, 138 Heritage Drive, Palmyra, Virginia 22963. A private dispersal ceremony for the family is planned at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Lake Monticello Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Caring for Creatures Palmyra, or USO can be made in her name.

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Patricia A. Bellows, 85, of Palmyra, Virginia, died Sunday, February 9, 2020 at the Laurels of Charlottesville.

She was the daughter of the late Francis Raymond Roughan and Matilda Mary Shaner, and was the wife of the late Leslie D. Bellows.

Born in Staten Island, New York, she was a graduate of New Dorp High School and the Katherine Gibbs School. She was a resident of Sudbury, Massachusetts for over 40 years where she raised six children and was an active member in the community. She was a parishioner of Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church. Mrs. Bellows served as a Troop Leader and Den Mother for the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of America for over 30 years.

She served as Chairman of the Concord Chapter of the American Red

## Author talks about the gifted and education

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD  
CORRESPONDENT



Bruce Holsinger's entire life has been living and breathing education. As a professor of English at the University of Virginia, he also writes academic books. He has also been writing fiction for 15 years. He wrote two historical novels, "A Burnable Book" and "The Invention of Fire," both historical thrillers

set in late medieval England, which is the period he studies and teaches at UVA.

"Writing those novels helped teach me a lot about plot, character development, pacing, and so on. I miss writing in the historical vein and I'll probably go back to it down the road," he said.

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School," is fiction but reflects much of Holsinger's life growing up in Northern Virginia, in Loudoun County with academic parents. His mother taught at a Montessori school and his father was a math teacher who later became a principal in the Fairfax County school system. With most educated parents much is expected of the children to excel and carry on educational traditions.

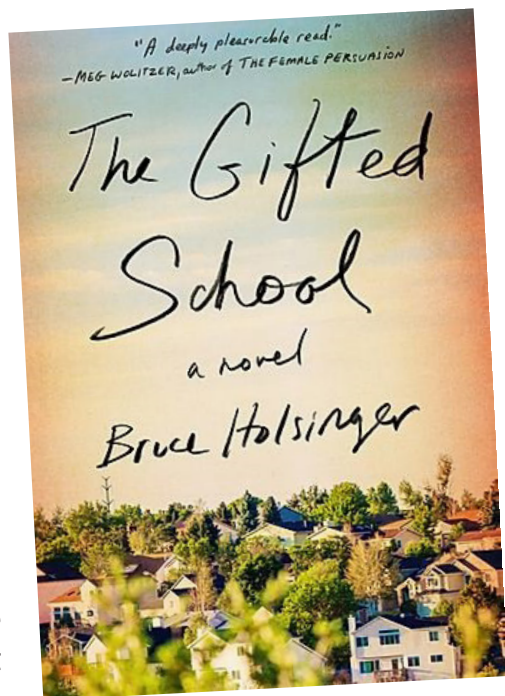
Holsinger was always writing, even in his early years but majored in music at

the University of Michigan before doing his graduate work at Columbia University. He has been at UVA since 2005. Before settling in at UVA, he taught at the University of Colorado for nine years. He adds that the fictional setting of his book, Crystal, is a "lightly re-imagined version of Boulder."

His story emulates the many current aspects of education focusing on a close-knit group of friends in an affluent town who turn against each other when a school for exceptionally gifted children opens in their community.

"The novel is about helicopter parenting, ambition and privilege, race and class--but it's also about friendship, marriage, and love." The book is certainly a departure from his earlier work on medieval England. This work takes a deeper look into the rivalry in education and the sober realization that everything hinges on privilege. Holsinger added that he wrote the book before the college scandals broke

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loose in the news last year.

He says the book has several sources of inspiration.

"The earliest probably comes from my parents, who always believed in a level playing field for early education and had very negative feelings about set-aside programs for gifted students. But I was also inspired by the pressure I felt as a father raising two boys in university towns--the culture of competitive parenting and so on."

As for writing, Holsinger, like many fiction writers has a zest for diving into alternate worlds of their own making.

"I love the process of world-building. I get to imagine an entire little universe, populate it with fictional people, put them in jeopardy and make them fall in love. It's a way to explore our world through a different kind

of lens," he said. "I also enjoy the creative aspects of it, and I am fond of various communities of writers I've met along the way."

He said that there are challenges that require scrutiny to maintain balance between the character and the story.

"I want my readers to be rooting for my characters, but the only way to do that effectively is to put them inside a story in which the stakes are high enough for the reader to care. That construction of an emotional life of a fiction character--that's the hardest part of all."

To hear more about Bruce Holsinger's intriguing book, he will be speaking to Friends of the Library on March 4, at 10 a.m. at the Fluvanna County Public Library. His books are also available on Amazon.com.

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## Obituary

### Gunilla G. Moore



Gunilla Lucille (Graesen) Moore, 68, of Palmyra, passed away on Friday, February 21, 2020 at her home surrounded by her daughters and twin sister.

She was born on March 13, 1951, in Vetlanda, Sweden, daughter of the late Carl Gustaf Fredrik Graesen and Lucille Alice Margareta (Johansson) Graesen.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 43 years, Willis Mott Moore, III on December 24, 2016, and her brother Kjell Graesen.

Gunilla grew up in Osby, Sweden, and attended Osby High School and Technical School. With her husband, she owned and operated an antique business for many years. Gunilla was a teacher's aide and retired from Hilton Head Public Schools in 2012. She was an active volunteer with many organizations throughout her life, including being a longtime Girl Scout troop leader for her two daughters. Gunilla was a part of various groups while living

in Lake Monticello, such as The History Club, the Ladies 9-Hole golf club and a book club. She enjoyed traveling, gardening, was an avid reader, and known for her collection of salt and pepper shakers. Gunilla made friends wherever she went, had a witty sense of humor and always wanted to take your picture.

Survivors include two daughters: Kristina Lunardini and her husband, Donald of Lexington, South Carolina and Susanne Derrico and her husband, Joe of Charlottesville, Virginia; five grandchildren: Donnie Lunardini, and Samantha, Joey, Campbell, and Wyatt Derrico; five siblings: Bjorn Graesen and his wife, Lillemor of Alvesta, Sweden, Anita Graesen of Saltsjoo-Boo, Sweden, Margareta Bjellefors and husband, Tony of Stockholm, Sweden, Marie Ekstrand and her husband, Bo of Osby, Sweden, Barbro Cragg and her husband, Austin of Southport, North Carolina; sister-in-law: Inger Graesen of Osby, Sweden, and many nieces, nephews, and other extended family members and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am, Friday, February 28, 2020 at Olivet Presbyterian Church, 2575 Garth Road in Charlottesville. The family will receive friends immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Hospice of the Piedmont, 675 Peter Jefferson Parkway, Suite 300, Charlottesville, VA 22911.

Thacker Brothers Lake Monticello Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Family and friends may share memories and photos at [www.thackerbrothers.com](http://www.thackerbrothers.com).

## Virginia Senate endorses Fluvanna coffeemaker's bill

PRESS RELEASE



The Virginia State Senate has passed House Bill 342 patroned by Delegate Rob Bell, R-Albemarle, to help small vendors at farmers markets.

The bill would create an exemption for vendors from county meals taxes where the sellers' annual income does not exceed \$2,500. Vendors with an income of \$2,500 or less are already exempt from the state sales tax. HB 342 would expand the exemption to also cover prepared foods.

"This was brought to me by Cat Gardner, a Fluvanna resident who sells coffee at local farmers markets as Two Labs Coffee," Bell said.

Gardner testified in Senate committee that her taxes

often totaled only two or three dollars, but the paperwork and recordkeeping were burdensome for such a small business. Virginia Farm Bureau also testified that the bill would help small farmers.

"I am happy to support small vendors who want to be able to sell their products at farmers markets. I think we should try to reduce their costs where we can," said Bell. "This bill would give vendors of prepared foods the same tax exemption as vendors who sell farm products."

HB 342 passed the House of Delegates unanimously 99-0 and the State Senate 38-2. It will now be sent to Gov. Ralph Northam for consideration.



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# Bill banning handheld cellphone use while driving clears House, Senate

BY ANDREW RINGLE  
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

The state Senate voted Tuesday in favor of a bill that would prohibit holding a phone while driving a motor vehicle on Virginia roadways and which implements a penalty for the traffic violation.

House Bill 874 will head to the desk of Gov. Ralph Northam, who has voiced support for prohibiting the use of handheld cellphones while driving. The measure, sponsored by Del. Jeff Bourne, D-Richmond, would go into effect at the start of 2021.

"I'm happy that HB874 passed 29-9 in the Senate," Bourne said in an email. "HB874 will make our roadways safer for all Virginians by prohibiting drivers from holding a cell phone while driving

a motor vehicle."

The House of Delegates approved the bill Feb. 5 with a 72-24 vote after incorporating four bills with similar proposals. Violations of the measures in HB 874 would result in a fine of \$125 for the first offense and \$250 for subsequent offenses. If a violation occurs in a highway work zone, there would be a mandatory fee of \$250.

Bourne said the Virginia Legislative Black Caucus, of which he is a member, supports making Virginia roadways safer without risking "disparate application of law."

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uitably," Bourne said.

Hands-free driving garners bicameral and bipartisan support, according to Brantley Tyndall, director of outreach for Bike Walk RVA. He said the defeat of previous bills with similar measures in past years was deflating, but that Bourne's latest proposal reworked the language to make it successful.

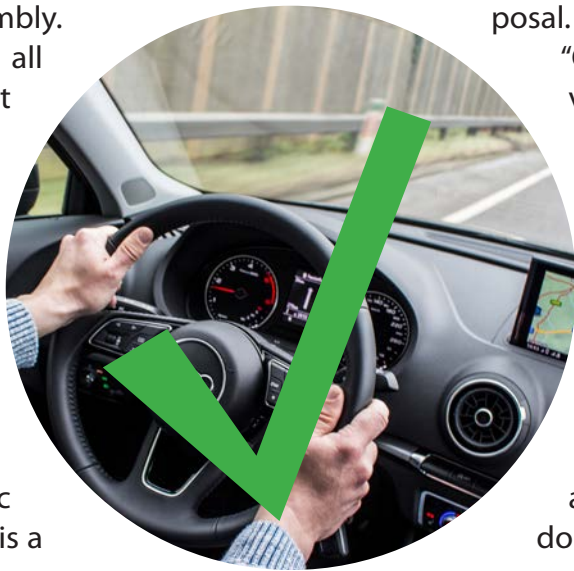
"Bike Walk RVA is happy to see leadership from our area, namely chief patron Delegate Jeff Bourne, choosing to lead this issue on the House side with his bill HB 874," Tyndall said in an email.

Tyndall called Bourne's bill a "commonsense safety measure" and said he was glad to see support for the bill from old and new leadership in the General Assembly.

"We can all feel a part of saving dozens or hundreds of lives over the next few years, including the one out of every six traffic fatalities that is a person walking or biking," Tyndall said.

Current law prohibits reading or typing messages on a personal communications device while driving. However, holding such a device is legal, except while driving in a work zone.

The bill would not apply to emergency vehicle drivers, such as police officers and firefighters, nor employees of the Department of Transportation while performing official duties. It would also exempt drivers who are parked



legally or at a full stop.

Last fall, Richmond City Council unanimously passed an ordinance to ban using mobile devices while driving. With a signature from Northam, HB 874 would make the same policy statewide law.

Senate Bill 932 proposed adding school zones to the list of areas where holding a phone while driving is prohibited, which is more limited than HB 874's proposal. SB 932 failed to advance from a House subcommittee on Monday.

Richmond Police Chief Will Smith said during a press conference in January that his department supports HB 874 and that anyone with children shouldn't be surprised by the proposal.

"One of the very first things that we all talk about with our kids is, 'make sure that you leave your phone out of your hand and don't text, don't call until you get to your destination,'" Smith said. "Yet we, as an adult society, tend not to obey our own advice."

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As a college professor who has taught at five different Virginia colleges and universities, I know that succeeding in college is about more than how smart you are. Simply understanding what is expected of you and having a plan for how to meet those expectations will greatly increase your chances of success. Over the years, colleagues and I have

noticed students coming to college with less knowledge than ever about their professors' expectations and of college in general. The educational system in college is very different from that of high school, and most college freshmen expect it to be similar.


Growing concerns about today's students led my mother Dana Johnson (a retired math professor from William and Mary) and I to write a book that explains the differences between college and high school and how to meet professors' expectations. The book also explains how developing healthy academic habits in college will benefit new graduates entering the workforce.

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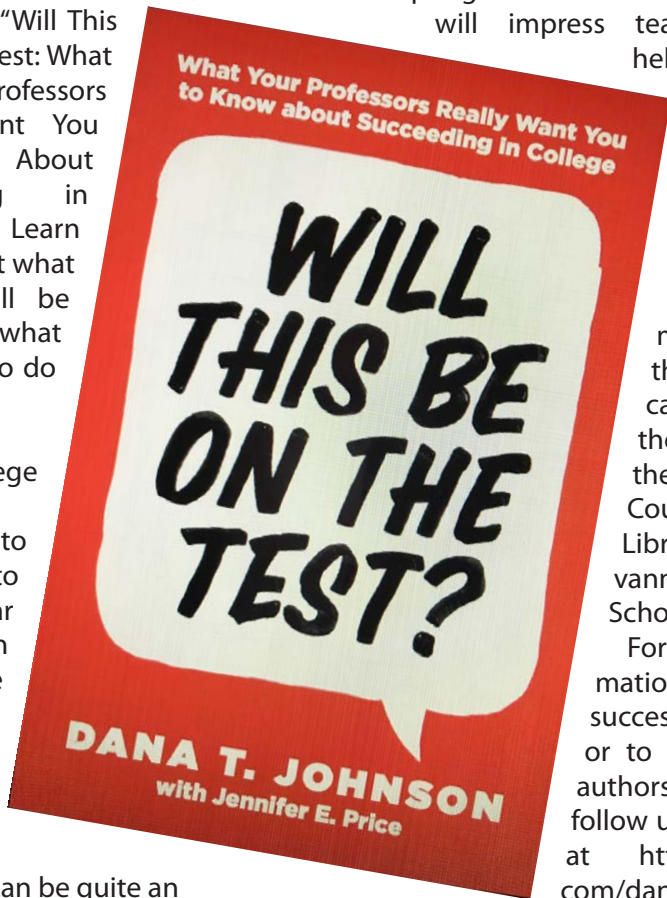
p.m. at the Gordon Avenue Library in Charlottesville for a talk titled "Professors Tips for the College Bound" followed by a question and answer session. Meet the authors of "Will This Be on the Test: What Your Professors Really Want You to Know About Succeeding in College." Learn more about what college will be like, and what you need to do to adjust.

Community college students planning to transfer to a four-year college can also use our advice, as the environment at a large university can be quite an adjustment for them. Many students who are currently in college will also benefit, as we cover how to ask a pro-

fessor for a letter of recommendation, and how college success skills apply to the workplace. The talk is also of interest to younger students, as adopting these habits in high school will impress teachers and help students practice success skills before entering college.

Can't make it to the talk? You can check out the book at the Fluvanna County Public Library or Fluvanna High School Library. For more information on college success issues or to contact the authors, please follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/danajohnson>. Jennifer Price is a local

Fluvanna County author, college professor, and parent.



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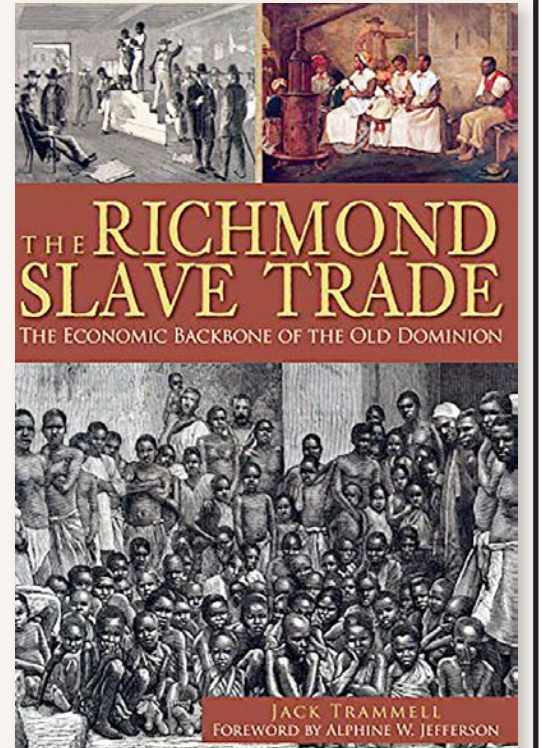
Jack Trammell, Ph.D., is Associate Professor and Chair of the Sociology, Criminal Justice, and Human Services Department at Mount

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This lecture is sponsored by One Shared Story, the Fluvanna Historical Society, and the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation.



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# The ABC's of Larry Davies: author, blogger, clergyman

BY CAROL BARFIELD  
CORRESPONDENT



Larry Davies is a blogger, columnist and retired clergyman.  
Photo courtesy of Larry Davies

Larry Davies is having an impact on Louisa County. As author, blogger, columnist and retired clergyman, he has much to share about life and how to live it with energy and spirit.

Larry first came to my attention through his column, "Sowing Seeds of Faith," in the Central Virginian newspaper. The topics were lively, interesting and made me look forward to flipping through the paper each week to see what he would say next. From the funny topic of handling a seismic temper, to a thoughtful piece

about a box of blessings, to a somber and frank talk about suicide, Larry draws the reader in to share life and its pleasures and pain.

Dropping into Larry's website at [www.sowingseedsoffaiht.com](http://www.sowingseedsoffaiht.com), I discovered many interesting topics: "Worry and Softball," where Larry writes of his daughter Lisa and their growth through the game; "Barbecued Encouragement," in which he expresses what he has in common with a little roadside BBQ stand and "Time to Laugh," in which he writes

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about how laughter calms your fears, restores your hope, eases your pain and strengthens your resolve.

Learning from a mutual friend that he is also part-time pastor of two local churches, I reached out to find more about this man who came out of retirement and commutes from his home in Chancellorsville to serve two Mineral congregations. Larry, a tall man with smiling eyes and a welcoming demeanor, explained his background: "I was not originally a pastor. For more than a decade I worked my way through the ranks in a Honda dealership first as salesman, then finance manager, general manager, and was poised to purchase a Chevrolet dealership when I made a discovery—God didn't want me to only be a Christian automobile dealer!"

Larry had come to faith through Zig Ziglar's ministry, specifically after reading Confessions of a Happy Christian. "I

used to be someone who thought I didn't need to use my Sundays, get dressed up in a suit and go to church. I became someone who needed that day to get me through the other six." Sleepless nights and soul searching led him to announce to his family and friends that he was answering a call to the ministry. Few could fathom how Larry could make such a decision—handing over a profitable career and heading into the unknown. He sold his car and his house and began divinity school. "I had horrible grades at Tech, so Duke accepted me only on a trial basis. I never earned less than a B, though, and within six months was a full-time student pastor in a church. My first year in seminary my kids qualified for free lunches and we were on food stamps!"

People offered helping hands along the way, including an older lady who was drawn to help poor seminary students by offering lodging. She also introduced him to many parishioners and brought him to exciting revivals meetings. Through grants from Duke and gifts from many people, he finished school and began full-time ministry. During this period, his marriage faltered, and brought him into

a deeper understanding of human failings. "I never knew what to say to those with marital troubles before my own divorce. It really changed me, and I related to people in a closer way. Ultimately that led me to start a divorce recovery ministry. I grew up thinking that church was full of only "good" people, but I discovered they also have human failings, just like me, and I had every right to be among them."

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***-Larry Davies***

Larry has also been a writer for almost 26 years. In his early days pastoring three tiny churches, he felt he was speaking to the same people each week and thought perhaps he could reach more people by putting his sermons in the paper. He first attempted this in the Amelia Bulletin Monitor in 1993. "I discovered that in preaching to congregations, I spoke with a certain vocabulary and voice; in

writing to everyone outside of that arena, I needed a different approach. Surprisingly, doing that helped me improve my sermons. I began to focus more on delivering the stories in a way everyone could relate to. The story is the important thing."

Larry was a voracious reader at an early age. He put fake covers on books so he could read them in school without getting caught. To this day he devours two to three books per week. Among his favorites are *The Prayer Box*, by Lisa Wingate, and *The Purpose Driven Church*, by Rick Warren. He chuckles and says, "I'm not a literary snob, though; David Baldacci mysteries find their way onto my stack!"

Remarriage to Mell, an elementary school teacher, was a special blessing. Larry's 45 years as pastor included an unheard of 16-year stint in Lynchburg, eight years as pastor of Timberlake, and eight as district superintendent of more than 100 churches. During his time as a pastor, he wrote four books, including *Live the Light*, which includes his parish's world ministry in Sri Lanka after the 2004 tsunami and their work in Biloxi, Mississippi, after Hurricane Katrina.

On two beaches worlds apart, everything was washed away except the lighthouses. The lighthouse became a special symbol to Larry.

As a self-proclaimed type A personality, (Larry admits to maybe being a type AA!) he does not just practice a symbolic faith, but an energetic one. As the spearhead of the Lynchburg Campaign, his congregation helped rebuild the fishing industry of Kalmunai, Sri Lanka, by raising money and purchasing 30 boats for the villagers. While he and a camera crew were visiting the beaches, a false alarm sounded for another tsunami. The fear and panic were immense, bringing close to home for Larry the horror these people had lived through.

In 2017, while pastor of the Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, Larry suffered a heart incident requiring three stents. "I felt I was heading for an early death, so decided to retire." After a year of recovery, he became certain there was more for him to do in ministry and began the search for a part-time opportunity. During a two-week stint as guest preacher in Mineral, he found that good fit. As a surprise bonus, he came face-to-face with member Sharon Wills, former parishioner and musician from his Lynchburg church, who now teaches middle school music in Louisa.

Striking the balance between service and a healthy retirement is new territory for Larry. "It is always an interesting question, who I am separate from my faith. I have to work on my habits on days off now." It's tempting for Larry to get caught up in the challenges of the church. Rather than seeing people get mired in how important their part of the picture is, he tries to show them the bigger picture and help them see how their part fits in.

Too much thinking of the details

is what he calls, "majoring in the minors...Even now the Methodist church is going through some turmoil, but it is important to know what the vision is. There may be three or four different sides to an issue, but all are welcome in our church. We are so polarized in America right now—we don't relate as well as we used to. It seems we'd rather fight than talk. I am a fixer, yet I must fight against the temptation to give a 15-minute presentation of a problem during a sermon then give an answer to solve it. That is not a real solution. Some problems you don't get rid of. I am not supposed to fix all the problems; in fact, I can't. God is there, and it's up to me to trust Him to fix it."

Larry writes and preaches about good stories. Inevitably, for him, it comes back to God. In his stories there is usually a small reference to scripture. For instance, he states, "In Matthew 6:25, the Bible says do not worry, but in the verses before that, Jesus shows people how to get to that place of peace."

Before Larry changed his career and gave his life to God and His ministry, his mother brought him to a breakfast to hear an African missionary speak. The missionary took his hands in hers and said, "You're Larry...I have a word of knowledge for you from God. Keep your nose buried in the Word." Larry Davies took that to heart. He is a craftsman with words and a preacher of The Word. "I'd like to make sure if God were listening, it would be the story He would want me to tell."

Check out Larry Davies' websites: [sowingseedsofffaith.com](http://sowingseedsofffaith.com), [Praywithyou.org](http://Praywithyou.org), [LarryDavies.org](http://LarryDavies.org) (Larry is minister at Mt. Pleasant UMC and Mineral Methodist Church.)



Mell and Larry taking a break at Colonial Beach. Photo courtesy of Larry Davies.

# Boys' indoor track and field squad wins Region 3C meet for the first time

BY DUNCAN NIXON  
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Boys' track and field team. Photo courtesy of Coach Steve Szarmach.

In close match-up with Western Albemarle, the Fluco boys track and field team relied on an extremely strong showing in field events to top the Warriors by three points and outscore 14 other schools for the Region 3C title in a meet held on Feb. 19 at Fork Union Military Academy's indoor facility.

Boys' Coach Steve Szarmach

notes that he believes that this is the first time the Flucos have ever finished first in a Region 3C year-end meet. Leading the way for the Flucos was multi-sport freshman athlete Jaden Ferguson. Ferguson was named outstanding male athlete for the meet, as he recorded two first place finishes and one second place. Ferguson

also played on the football team and is on the basketball team. In the long jump, Ferguson sailed 21-07 to best his teammate senior Cameron Holland who finish second, by just under three inches. In the triple jump (once known as the hop-step and jump), Ferguson's distance was 43-08 which was more than a foot better than the second-place finisher. Holland also scored points for the

Flucos in this event with a fifth-place finish. In the high jump, Ferguson cleared 6-04 for a second-place finish. Fluco Trace Harris was sixth in this event.

Another top performer in a field event for the Flucos was senior Eli Hartzog whose throw in the shot put was an amazing six feet better than the second-best throw. Coach

Szarmach said that Hartzog has qualified for the Nationals in this event. Also scoring points for the Flucos in field events were, Jariq Hensen and Rob Holbrook who finished third and sixth respectively in the pole vault.

While the Fluco boys, scored very well in field events, they also picked up some crucial points in the track events. Ledric Reid finished first in the 55-meter hurdles, winning by more than three tenths of a second, a solid margin in such a short event. Also, Eric White took third in the 500-meter run. The Flucos also gained points by taking third in the 4X800 relay and fourth in the 4X400 relay.

On the girls' side of the Region 3C meet the Flucos finished a respectable fifth. First place finishers for the girls were Emily Smeds in the 3200 meter run and Shea Hart in the 55- meter hurdles. Smeds finished in 12-27.71, winning by less than a second in a two-mile run. Hart's winning time was 9.10 to win by 0.22. Others who gained points for the Fluco girls were, Hattie Lintecum with fourth place in the high jump, Amina Wilson with fourth in the pole vault, Carmen Smith with sixth in the shot put and Evelyn DeMers with sixth in the 500 meter. The Fluco girls also were in the top six in two relay races.



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# Fluco girls end season with two tough play-off losses

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On Feb. 17, the Flying Fluco girls' basketball team traveled to Albemarle High for a Jefferson District play-off game. In a low scoring, hard fought game the Flucos took a two-point lead into the final quarter but could not prevail, as the Patriots outscored them by seven in the final quarter and the Flucos fell out of the Jefferson District play-offs, losing 35-30. Despite the loss, the Flucos qualified for the Region 3C play-offs as the number seven seed, out of

eight. They had to play on the road at the number two seeded Charlottesville Black Knights. During the regular season, the Flucos fell to the Black Knights twice by double digit margins. Nevertheless, the Fluco put up quite a battle against Charlottesville.

The Flucos outscored the Black Knights 44-35, if you don't count the first three minutes and the last three minutes of the game. The game started with Charlottesville making its first two shots, both from three-point range. Two free throws by the Black Knights upped their lead to 8-0 with five minutes to go in the quarter. The Flucos responded with three-point baskets by senior Nevaeh Ivory and junior Nevaeh Bishop. The Flucos trailed 13-9 at the end of the first period. The Flucos outscored Charlottesville by two in the second quarter for a half time score of 22-20. Ivory had six in the second quarter.

The third quarter saw the most offensive production of this very tightly played game. The Black Knights could not pull away as the Flucos fought hard on defense and managed some offensive production as well. The Flucos got three-point baskets in the quarter from Ivory and senior guard Mia Wright. Wright and junior post player Khyariah Davis-Heinrich both scored two baskets inside on some excellent passes. The third quarter ended with the Flucos still

trailing 39-36.

The Flucos opened the fourth quarter strong with baskets by Davis-Heinrich and Ivory sandwiched around a Black Knight free throw for a tie score at 40. After a Fluvanna time out, Ivory scored inside on a pass from senior Jules Shepherd and the Flucos led for the first time 42-40. Charlottesville scored on a short jump shot and one for two at the line to regain the lead. Ivory passed to Davis-Heinrich inside for a basket and the Fluco were in the lead again 44-43 with three minutes remaining.

Unfortunately, the Flucos failed to score in the final three minutes and the Black Knights hit two free throws and a short jump shot for a 47-44 win. Ivory led the Flucos in scoring with 21 points. She also had ten rebounds for a double double. Wright finished with nine and Davis-Heinrich had eight. After the game, Coach Chad White was moved by the end of their Fluco careers for his seniors. However, he said that both Ivory and Wright will be continuing their basketball careers at the college level.

In their Jefferson District play-off game at Albemarle, the Flucos fell behind 8-0 at the outset. The first quarter ended with the Flucos trailing by six. The Flucos bounced back in the second quarter with Ivory scoring six and Wright hitting a three. The Flucos trailed by only one at half time 17-16. The third

quarter was a grinding defensive struggle that saw the Flucos outscore the Patriots by 6-3. The Flucos led by two 22-20 going to the final quarter. Unfortunately, the Patriots came alive in the fourth quarter to outscore the Flucos 15-8 and record a five-point win. The Flucos were seriously hurt in this game by going only 7 for 24 from the free throw line. Ivory led the scoring for the Flucos with 13, while Wright had seven.



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# SUDOKU

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## HOW TO SOLVE:

Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

Answers to Last Week's Sudoku:

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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 After all?
- 5 Number for one
- 9 Gives the axe to
- 14 "That hurt!"
- 15 Boisterous play
- 16 Unaccompanied
- 17 Something in the air
- 18 Manage somehow
- 19 Battle bravery
- 20 Awfully dull
- 22 Blackbeard, e.g.
- 23 Take the wrong way?
- 24 Ski race
- 26 1996 presidential hopeful
- 28 Starbucks staffer
- 32 Be a pain
- 35 Murphy Brown star

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- 37 Within reach
- 38 Meadow sounds
- 40 Plain as day
- 41 Lysol target
- 42 Capri or Wight
- 43 Like most wedding cakes
- 45 Ballet dance step
- 46 Wood finish
- 48 Side by side?
- 50 Whitaker of Hollywood
- 52 Moolah
- 56 Plain awful
- 59 Ornamental climbing vine
- 61 Up and \_\_\_\_\_
- 62 High school subj.
- 63 Horse gait
- 64 Boxer's quest
- 65 Tolstoy heroine
- 66 Place for an ace
- 67 Anesthetic of old
- 68 Lab procedure
- 69 Like the Sahara
- 2 Check the books
- 3 Something to settle
- 4 Sewing kit item
- 5 Chevron competitor
- 6 Hotel amenity
- 7 Urge onward
- 8 Tarzan extra
- 9 Jesus, for some
- 10 Causing worry
- 11 Bubbly drink
- 12 Maritime speed
- 13 Moistureless
- 21 Messy one
- 22 Window box, e.g.
- 25 Anomalies
- 27 Dance class attire
- 29 Escape slowly
- 30 Fictional plantation
- 31 Kind of race or dealer
- 32 Egyptian bird
- 33 Skin reaction
- 34 Curly cabbage
- 36 Word from the Beaver
- 39 Colonists' quest, maybe
- 44 Financial worry
- 47 Linger aimlessly
- 49 Queen of Soul
- 51 Sty dwellers
- 53 Slip-up
- 54 Garlicky sauce
- 55 No longer in mail or crime
- 56 Word before mail or crime
- 57 Final words?
- 58 Tim of "The Hateful Eight"
- 60 Louver piece
- 62 Cave dweller

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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### DOWN

- 1 Pillages

# SHERIFF'S REPORT FEB. 14-20

## NATURE OF INCIDENT / TOTAL

911 HANG UP	14
911 MISDIAL	11
911 OPEN LINE	6
ANIMAL CONTROL CALLBACK	5
ANIMAL CONTROL FOLLOW UP	5
ADULT WELFARE/PUB SAFETY CHK	2
ANIMAL BITE	2
ANIMAL CARCASS	1
ANIMAL WELFARE	2
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	1
ASSAULT W/ NO INJURY	1
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE RECEIVED	4
ATTENDED DEATH	1
BE ON LOOKOUT	7
SHERIFF'S OFFICE CELL CHECK	1
CHILD WELFARE/ABUSE/ENDNGMNT	2
CIVIL INFORMATION REQUEST	2
CIVIL PAPER RECEIVED	6
CIVIL PAPER SERVICE	57
COMMERCIAL BURG ALARM	4
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY	1
DISABLED VEHICLE	8
DISTURBANCE	7
LITTERING/DUMPING TRASH	1
ECO TDO CALL	3
FINGERPRINTS	5
FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION	8
FRAUD	3
GUN PERMIT RECEIVED	3
INJURED PERSON	2
LARCENY/THEFT	1
PHONE CALL RETURN	28
LIVESTOCK CALL	1
LOST ANIMAL	1
MAGISTRATE WALK IN	3
MENTAL WELFARE CALL NO INJURY	3
MVC W/ENTRAPMENT OR INTO STRUC	1
MVC WITH INJ OR UNKNOWN INJ	1
MVC WITH NO INJURY	3
DRUG RELATED INCIDENTS	1
NUISANCE DOMESTIC ANIMAL	1
NUISANCE WILDLIFE	1
OPEN DOOR	1
OTHER LAW CALL	6
PEDESTRIAN IN ROAD/INTO PEDES	3
PRISONER TRANSPORT	11
PROJECT LIFESAVER RELATED CALL	2
RADIO TOWER SITE LOG	1
RADIO/911 SYSTEM ISSUE	1
REPOSSESSION	5
RESIDENTIAL BURGLAR ALARM	2
SELECT PATROL	39
SEXUAL RELATED OFFENSES	1
SHOTS HEARD	1
SICK CALL	1
STRAY DOG	6
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY / PERSON	12
TIPS/ INFORMATION RECEIVED	1
DIRECT TRAFFIC/FUNERAL TRAFFIC	14
TRAFFIC HAZARD	1
TRAFFIC STOP	94
TRESPASSING/HUNTING TRESPASS	1
VCIN HITS RECEIVED	1
VCIN QUERY RUN	2
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<b>MVC NO INJURY</b>	<b>15:53:40 02/18/20</b>
1910 BLK THOMAS JEFFERSON PKWY	
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JAMES MADISON HWY & PINE LN	

**TOTAL CRASHES 5**

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<b>ARREST DATE: 14:15:00 02/20/20</b>
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# Senate committee endorses Bell's bills for school asthma inhalers, bus drivers

PRESS RELEASE



The Senate Education and Health Committee has unanimously endorsed three bills by Delegate Rob Bell, R-Albemarle, to address school asthma inhalers, EpiPens and the shortage of school bus drivers.

The first, House Bill 860, would make it possible for school nurses to stock albuterol asthma inhalers and to administer the medication to students in emergencies. Under

current law, school nurses can only administer the inhaler if the student provides the medication. In addition, the bill would provide "good Samaritan" protections.

"Virginia already lets schools stock EpiPens. Letting schools stock inhalers will help kids who are having an asthma emergency," Bell said.

The problem was presented to Bell by Albemarle County school

nurses Eileen Gomez and Kristina O'Meara. Gomez testified about the measure before the House subcommittee.

The second, House Bill 999, would require public schools that stock EpiPens to have an employee able to access and administer the drug during school hours.

"School nurses are certainly the best qualified for this, but if they are not available in an emergency, it is important that someone be able to access and administer the EpiPen," Bell said. "This bill was brought to me by a constituent."

The third, House Hill 351, would make it easier for schools to re-hire retired employees as school bus drivers.

The bill would allow the state superintendent to identify regions with "critical shortages" of school bus drivers. For these regions,

retired drivers and other employees could be rehired as school bus drivers without impacting their retirement benefits.

"All across the state, schools have a desperate need for bus drivers. Meanwhile, many retired school employees are qualified and would be happy to help. This bill would make it a lot easier for schools to rehire them," said Bell. "The bill was brought to me by Albemarle County schools, but other schools have come forward to say it would help them as well. Albemarle County school officials testified in the General Assembly in support of the measure."

All three bills will now be transmitted to the full Senate for consideration. If the bills pass there, they will be sent to Gov. Ralph Northam for consideration.

# School Board presents budget to Supervisors

BY HEATHER MICHON'  
CORRESPONDENT

The Fluvanna County School Board presented their proposed \$43.3 million budget to the Board of Supervisors on Wednesday (Feb. 19).

Superintendent Chuck Winkler gave an overview of the proposal, which was passed by the school board on Feb. 12 by a vote of 3-2.

The Fluvanna County school system serves around 3,400 students ranging in age from 2 to 21. Per pupil expenditures were expected to rise from \$11,177 in 2019 to \$12,183 in 2020, a 9 percent increase.

Some of the challenges for FY21 include replacement of aging school buses, a mandated increase in contributions to the state retirement fund, the need for additional teaching and coaching staff, and poten-

tial increases in health insurance rates.

The school system's funding comes from a mosaic of local, state, and federal sources--but how much they stand to receive is usually not known at budget time, requiring a lot of guesswork on the part of school officials.

Winkler said Governor Ralph Northam's budget "is probably one of the best budgets, from an educational standpoint, that I've seen come out of the state in over a decade." However, that budget could be altered by the legislature before it passes, either upward or downward.

Some of the drags on school finances over the next year stem from a mandated 1 percent increase in mandated contributions to the Virginia Re-

tirement System. Winkler said that contribution would have a bigger impact on their budget than originally anticipated. "We don't have any choice," Winkler said. Health insurance costs are another unknown.

"We spent a great number of weeks going through this with a fine-tooth comb, finding opportunities for savings and finding sort of a common ground amongst the board in terms of what's important," said Winkler.

School Board chair Perrie Johnson said she hoped the supervisors would accept the budget as presented, because she and her fellow board members had already battled over the numbers. "This is the budget that we passed, and we think will do the best job under

all circumstances to meet our needs," she said.

## Convenience center fees

Finance Director Mary Anna Twisdale presented a revised schedule of fees for the Fluvanna County Convenience Center in an effort to meet the increase costs of hauling trash and hazardous materials from the West River Road facility.

Most fees would increase by just a few dollars, with the cost for dumping household waste, construction debris, yard waste, and scrap metal rising from \$57 per ton to \$60 per ton.

Mattresses and box springs would see the biggest jump. Previously, the cost for dropping those items was \$0. Twisdale suggested an increase to \$15 each.

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With those amendments, the motion passed 5-0. Rate increases could go into effect in early April.

## FUSD

Rates for customers of the Fork Union Sanitary District (FUSD) could also see some increases later this year.

County Administrator Eric Dahl said FUSD had seen some real improvements in recent years but had not seen any rate increases since 2014. Currently, FUSD customers pay a minimum of \$21 a month for fees and up to 2,000 gallons of usage. Dahl proposed raising the minimum to \$21.42 a month.

Those who use between 5,000 and 500,000 gallons per month would also see price increases

ranging from \$1.10 to \$110 over current rates.

This was a preliminary report, and no action was taken by supervisors at this time.

## Remembering Minnie McGeehee

Supervisors also passed a resolution honoring Minnie McGeehee, the longtime Fluvanna County historian who passed away in November. The resolution noted her work in designating the Rivanna as the first Virginia Scenic River and the 57 publications she wrote on Fluvanna and Virginia history over 57 years. Several members of Mrs. McGeehee's family were on hand to accept the plaque recognizing her contributions.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Grief Share at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

Grief Share is a 13 week program for those who have lost a loved one. It is a Christian based program. It will be held in the Parish Hall Room 122 from **March 4 till May 27** from 7 to 9 p.m. every Wednesday. There is a \$20 fee for materials for the program. If interested contact the church office 589-5201 or Cynthia Aycock 434-589-3347 or email [cynthia.b.aycock@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.b.aycock@gmail.com)

### Byrd Chapel UMC Spaghetti Dinner

Byrd Chapel UMC is having a spaghetti dinner fund raiser on Friday, March 13. It will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted. There will be takeout orders also. Byrd Chapel is located at 5371 Venable Road (Rt. 601) Kents Store. If any questions, please call 434-589-2142.

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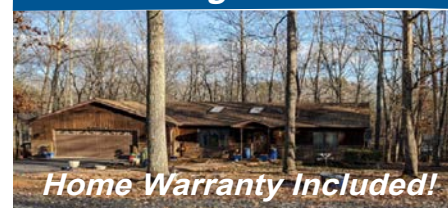
### 11 Rockwood Lane - \$215,000



One Level Living

- 3 bedrooms / 2 baths / 1556 fin sq ft
- Spacious ranch close to Tufton Pond
- Gas log fireplace / Level lot
- Gourmet kitchen / Vaulted Great Room
- Large bedrooms with laminate flooring

### Coming Soon



Home Warranty Included!

- 3 Bedrooms / 2.5 baths / 1708 fin sq ft
- Immaculately maintained home
- Open floor plan / Gourmet kitchen
- Split bedrooms / Screened porch
- Finished basement / 2-car garage

### 000 Bells Lane - \$197,500



Louisa County

- 45.31 acres - Recreation Property
- Woods, stream, potential pond site
- Numerous private home sites
- One family division right
- 1031 Tax Exchange honored

### 58 Jefferson Drive - \$206,900



Under Contract

- 4 bedrooms / 3.5 baths / 2297 fin sq ft
- Cape Cod style / First floor master suite
- Large kitchen / Stainless appliances
- Heat pump 2019 / Near marina
- Water views / Finished terrace level

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