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Uncovering the stories within Fluvanna's historically Black cemeteries

BY HEATHER MICHON CORRESPONDENT



Free Hill cemetery. A close up of an almost illegible grave marker.

The Fluvanna County Historical Society is embarking on a mission to uncover the lost stories laying within two historically Black cemeteries in the southeastern part of the county.

Oak Hill Cemetery in West Bottom and Free Hill Cemetery in Columbia both date back perhaps decades before the Civil War and may be the final resting places for both enslaved workers and free people of color.

It's a project FCHS Executive Director Tricia Johnson said she has been "ruminating over" for several years, but the scope of the work, along with the need to make sure it was done "in the most collaborative, inclusive way possible," prevented her from making the project a reality.

Then, last fall, the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation announced a grant opportunity that "seemed to be a perfect match for these projects -- and apparently, CACF agreed," Johnson said.

This funding allowed the Historical Society to hire Charlottesville-based Rivanna Archaeology to survey both cemeteries, including unmarked graves. Work began last week, with dozens of small pink flags now dotting Oak Hill Cemetery to mark potential burials. Fieldwork will take a couple of weeks, and will eventually result in detailed maps of both cemeteries.

But that's just the start of the project. Working with the area nonprofit One Shared Story, local churches, and community volunteers, the society hopes to learn as much as possible about who is buried in these cemeteries and the lives they lived.

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Free Hill cemetery. An obelisk missing its brass plaque.

West Bottom Church has owned Oak Hill Cemetery since 1959, and Free Hill Cemetery is now part of the Columbia Baptist Church. Records of burials at Oak Hill were lost in a fire years ago, and records from Free Hill are limited, but other archival sources could help fill in some of the gaps.

Oral history will also play a large role in the study. Once the pandemic loosens its grip, Johnson hopes to hold local history gatherings and meet with elders and family historians to document their stories on video.

The society will also offer to scan old family photographs and papers, "immediately returning the originals and pro-



Oak Hill cemetery. A very unusual slave grave marker. Photo by Tricia Johnson.

viding digital copies to participants in order to safeguard their family trees," and keeping copies at the churches and at the historical society for future researchers.

"We will also help community members with their own family genealogies, and by doing so will end up creating sort of a 'genealogy of the community,' as well," said Johnson. "There were geographically and demographically small spaces, and many of the people who lived there had interconnected family trees."

The project may also help solve some of the mysteries behind the community of Free Hill in Columbia.

Oral tradition indicates Free Hill Cemetery was established as part of a community of free people of color in Columbia. This community began when David Ross emancipated some of his slaves in the late 18th or early 19th centuries and gave them land to live on.

Johnson said there were few engraved monuments at Free Hill Cemetery, "but I confess to being a bit giddy when Nick Bob-Harper of Rivanna Archaeology pointed out that there was an engraving on a stone that I had through was blank."

They were able to make out the date of death as 1839 and the deceased as Jacob Holmes, son of James and Martha Holmes. James Holmes was on the 1801 census as a free person of color. This means "we have tangible, physical proof -- carved in stone -- that this cemetery was indeed the burial ground of free people of color in Columbia."

Ultimately, "the goal is to come to a better understanding of both communities, to document and preserve locally held history, and to give local residents the opportunity to gain a fuller understanding of the lives of their ancestors," Johnson said.

If you have information on Oak Hill or Free Hill cemeteries or would like to get involved with the project, please contact Tricia Johnson at coldhollowfarm@yahoo.

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Answers to Common Tax Questions

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The EDA is offering tuition reimbursement to minority applicants from Fluvanna for classes offered through Community Investment Collaborative (CIC) and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC). Any residual funds after tuition reimbursement will be available for direct seed money grants to minority businesses for immediate needs to sustain that business.

My hope is to shepherd these new businesses through their first year. The first year of a new business is the most critical to its continued survival. We look forward to the success of this program with a mind to continue and expand it with financial support from the community. We are currently sponsoring 5 owners at CIC for this present class and will recruit 5 more owners for the next class in June The only requirement is that the minority business will be located in Fluvanna County.

Curtis Putnam, Chair, Economic Development Authority of Fluvanna County

he Forward Fluvanna program is uniquely situated to assist small and minority businesses with capital growth strategies. Black business owners as well as future Black business owners will have an opportunity to learn directly from other local successful entrepreneurs who can offer first-hand experiences relating to accounting, hiring tips, setting up a budget, and utilizing business software. This program is a worthwhile investment that will yield big dividends in business development and growth. Make the commitment today to partner with the Fluvanna Forward initiative to acquire the business knowledge, skills, acumen, and confidence needed to become a successful vendor in Fluvanna County.

Ben Hudson, Treasurer, Economic Development Authority; Chair, Fluvanna National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

orward Fluvanna is a great opportuminority small businesses in partnership with Community Investment Collaborative. As a Fluvanna resident, I am thrilled to support this initiative.

Shannon Beach, Fluvanna Resident and Director of Programs, Community **Investment Collaborative**

Our Fluvanna Entrepreneurs



Pandora Trent, **Learning Ladder Academy**

I've had the pleasure of supporting development of young minds for over 20 years. I'm obtaining my

bachelor's degree in Child Psychology and currently hold an associates degree. I also hold the CNA and Med Tech certifications, as well as the Child Development Associate credential. My passion and personal mission, albeit extreme, is to save the world one person at a time!

Learning Ladder Academy was originally organized as a daycare/preschool program. Unfortunately, with the pandemic of 2020, we decided to close our program. Although this was a devastating time for everyone, it became a time for me to reflect on the past and to dive head first into my passions. With this revamp, we will be changing our name and giving a fresh new feel to our programs and services.

Our mission is to strengthen our youth and to uplift families and the community through skill enhancement, academic excellence, and community engagement. Our vision is to ensure that all members of the community thrive and continue to grow within the community. We do this by offering a safe space where all are accepted and afforded the same opportunities for

Our desire is to offer programs and services throughout the community, so that our youth will have opportunities to successfully and safely navigate the world and develop needed life and social skills. Our program structure is designed to enhance parental engagement and community support and involvement. Some of our programs focus on life skills, protective factors, overcoming obstacles, navigating barriers, and mental health.

Our motto is "See It, Be It, Talk It, Walk It, ■ nity to reconnect with supporting and Live It!" See the positive path, be empowered and empowering, talk through it, walk your journey, and live confidently!



Raheem Barbour, NavilCo. **Productions**

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Nina Monroe, The Elephantz Trunk

In May of 2017, The Elephantz Trunk opened a retail store in Fork Union. We wanted to offer the community an alternative place to shop

for antique furniture, home decor, jewelry, handcrafted bath & body products, and upholstery services.

In March of 2018, we relocated to the Lake Monticello area of Palmyra. With a larger space, we were able to add more products such as wine and a gourmet food section. The Lake and surrounding area residents have been very receptive and supportive; however, there are many who don't know that I'm here or what I have to offer. Like most small businesses in the area, we shut down in the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. And like most small businesses, we ran the risk of a permanent closure.

Thankfully, we were able to reopen with safety protocols in place and welcome shoppers that are looking to find unique and one-of-a-kind items. This March, we look forward to our 3 year anniversary at the Lake location. And in May, we hope to celebrate 4 years of being in business.



Alice Reuther, Stitches and **Brushes by So**bralia

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My guilting styles range from the classic'stitch-in-the-ditch' technique, through free-motion and the more intricate contour-line quilting.

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Sam H. Agee, III, Sam's Tire & Auto Repair

I am the owner of Sam's Tire & Auto Repair located here in Fluvanna County. My auto repair business was founded

by my father, Sam H. Agee, Jr. in 1984. He was well known in the community for everyone's auto repair, used auto parts, and towing needs. It's my honor to carry on my father's legacy and business and to supply the needs of the community. We are currently in the process of upgrading the image of the shop & equipment in the shop to be able to support your automotive repair needs. It's also our goal to become a Virginia State Inspection Station to support the Fork Union and surrounding areas. With the help of CIC and Fluvanna County we hope to become successful and add a positive addition to the community.



Eric Agee, Agee's Catering and Concessions

Agee's Catering and Concessions is a Fluvanna County catering company. I want to be my own boss and take control of

my life, being all I can be. I am a graduate of the very first Community Investment Collaborative's Entrepreneur Workshop class and have returned for Class 20 (Spring 2021) to sharpen my skills and gain knowledge to pivot in the changes the pandemic has caused. I desire to continue my business and serve the Fluvanna County community.



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FOL makes comeback with museum talk

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD **CORRESPONDENT**

The Friends of the Library made a comeback online on Feb. 24 after an absence of nearly a year with a program on black artists celebrating Black History Month. The speaker was Nancy Hirshbein, who is a docent with the Hirschhorn Museum and the Smithsonian Art Museum as well as a volunteer with the National Gallery, in Washington D.C.

With the museums shut down to the public, Hirshbein, like her fellow docents, were tired of sitting around at home with nothing to do and she formed a group of docents who would go online and give talks on a variety of subjects about museum exhibits. Her specialty is modern and contemporary art. The program called Dial-a Docent has not only reached out to communities throughout Virginia but throughout the entire U.S.

The lecture on art was just as effective online and well-organized and informative as it would have been in person. Hirshbein discussed three specific, influential, and contemporary black artists who were changing the dynamics in the art world through their vision of society. Many art movements have been influenced by many societal changes and Hirshbein pointed out that Black Lives Matter has been a key factor in this present art movement.

"This is a dense subject matter," she

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said, referring to the detailed talk on how museums view their future outlook. She added it was unusual to have a societal movement like BLM affect museums which have been seen as less than progressive when it came to diversity. Museums are now looking at how to define their missions, their audience, displays (including interpreting monuments), and collections.

She explained that the role of museums in the past was to house and maintain collections, usually legacies left by wealthy elitist benefactors. The museums became arbiters of culture.

"They are heavily critiqued because they are the cultural gatekeepers," she said. "Now they are looking at public engagement, diversifying the museum audience." She illustrated her point with an example of a protest against an exhibit called "Harlem on My Mind" at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in 1969.

"The exhibit was inclusive of black curators but not inclusive of black artists." She noted another example from artist Howardena Pindell's analysis of the New York art world in 1986-1987. Pindell's analysis showed that exhibitions were predominantly white and there was a stunning lack of African-American artists.

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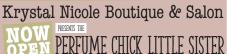
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of first lady Michelle Obama. Sherald began as an abstract painter, eventually evolving into portraits. She noted the lack of pigmentation in the figures and explained why Sherald chose to paint her portraits in grayscale with colorful and bold clothing and accessories. She explained that Sherald had her models pick out things to wear or use that they would gravitate towards and reflected their personalities.

"She did this to let the interior person shine through." Viewers were critical of Michelle Obama's painting because she wasn't smiling. One participant pointed out that in all the masters' portraits, except for the Mona Lisa, no one was smiling.

Michelle Obama's portrait was more about emotion than intent," said artist Susan Lang.

Recontextualization was the subject of Titus Kaphar's work. Deconstructing works of art that were representative of history such as his "Behind the Myth of Benevolence," featuring a painting of Thomas Jefferson as a curtain is being pulled back to reveal a slave woman. It's a strong and compelling work.

"It was referencing the myth that slavery was benevolent because slave owners took care of, clothed, fed, housed, and gave slaves work. Kaphar paints it in the style of the 18th century, calling attention to the narrative we've always heard." She added that the painting was so offensive to the public it was damaged three times.

Another painting, "Absconded from The Household of the President of the U.S." refers to the 22-year-old runaway slave, the dressmaker for Martha Washington, Ona Judge who fled to New Hampshire and was never returned. Kaphar's message is clear yet veiled in strips of old wanted runaway slave posters nailed to his neck.

"It became an obsession with Washington." It is a powerful statement regarding

what we don't know about history and our historical figures.

Museums are looking at their wording of exhibits such as The Dutch Golden Age which also references the slave trade. It may have been their economic golden age but today's museum audiences share a different perspective.

"They are moving away from using such phrases and now call it 17th -century Dutch painting." Reconceptualization is changing how we view, think about, and understand art. Emma Amos, a multifaceted artist uses realism and abstraction along with symbolism to tell her visual stories. Her "Falling" series features a painting called equals which shows an African-American woman falling into a montage of past and present symbols. But when viewing it, it appears she may not be falling but pushing forward toward something better and more hopeful than what she has known.

Wrapping up her discussion she mentions British artist Hurvin Anderson, who is known for his unique paintings of Jamaican life and cited one featuring American icons of the Civil Rights movement.

One interesting question came from a local artist who asked if white people should paint African-Americans?

"That is an interesting question," said Hirshbein, who paused to ponder her answer. "I'm not sure how to answer that but I can give you an example of an artist, Dana Shutz, who painted Emmett Till in his casket. The painting received criticism." The painting was abstract but many saw it as non-representative of the black experience and a mockery at best.

Those who attended were left with a new perspective on art. Nowadays, museums will be thinking about the narrative when setting up exhibits and their effect on the audience who views them.

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Where did working people live in Scottsville?

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The Terrell House in Scottsville. Photo by Connie Geary, 2010.

Scottsville boasts a number of large, beautiful houses, such as Old Hall, Cliffview, and The Shadows, but where did ordinary working people live?

There is a neighborhood of modest houses at the junction of Valley and Warren Streets. Some of these were built in the 1940s to house workers at the Uniroyal plant, but at least one is much older. This is 732 Valley Street, a house built in the 1870s on an earlier foundation, perhaps from the 1830s. Charles L. Terrell, born in slavery in 1859, trained as a blacksmith, and in 1889 bought this property as well as an-other building on Valley Street, which served as his shop. The 1870 census showed that there were 245 Black heads of household and 175 Whites in Scottsville, but only three Black people owned property.

Terrell and his wife, Martha Jane, had nine children, two of whom followed their father into the black-smithing trade. Another Terrell ran a restaurant at the corner of Jackson and Valley Streets.

Charles died in 1928, having spent the rest of his life in his house, and the 1930 census showed his wid-ow living there. His son, Charles, Jr., was continuing to run the family business. At one time Scottsville had four blacksmiths, who not only shoed horses but made iron tools and plows and re-paired machinery.

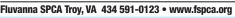
We know of several other Black families living in this neighborhood in the late 19th and early 20th centu-ries. In the 1930s, Dr. Stinson bought these houses, and Black families moved out to the edge of town. Others left Scottsville as part of the Great Migration. From a population that was more than half Black, Scottsville today has only a handful of Black citizens--32 out of 566 (2010 census)

The house looked pretty shabby in the late 20th century, but it has been wonderfully restored by Steven Meeks. Meeks added an addition to the back, a front porch, and a parking space. The little green house sits very close to the road, as was the custom of those early days. Probably there was not so much noisy traffic on Rt. 20 at that time. The Terrell house is an ornament to the entrance to Scottsville and reminds us of a time when there was a significant Black population here.

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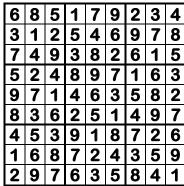
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Answers to Last Week's Sudoku:



The Weekly Crossword

The weekly Crossword by Margie E. Burke															
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37 Melville setting 38 Talk like Porky Pig

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40 Slot machine icon

41 Pop-ups, e.g.

42 Chevenne shelter

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44 Navy clerk

46 Tactful

49 Koontz creation 51 Within earshot

52 Ivory tower

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59 Piercing site

60 Assessment

62 Chutzpah

63 Now or

64 Edit menu choice

65 Gives the heave-ho

66 WTO's concern

67 Pound sound

DOWN

1 Close, as an envelope

2 Tackle box item

3 Blue flower 4 Cheap insult

5 Sing the blues 6 You-here link

7 Tiny amounts

8 Willow for basketmaking

9 Craft anew

10 Pep in one's step 11 Impossible to fill

12 Got an A+ on

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18 Try, as a case 22 Raring to go 24 and go

26 Test, as ore 27 Glove leather

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31 Cause of a red face

32 Medium's card 35 Oktoberfest

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- Assessment Increase: Total assessed value of real property, excluding additional assessments due to new con-struction or improvements to property, exceeds last year's total assessed value of real property by 6.87 percent.
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- 3. Effective Rate Increase: The County of Fluvanna proposes to adopt a tax rate of \$0.92 per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the proposed rate would be \$0.55 per \$100 or 6.4 percent This difference will be known as the "effective tax rate increase"

Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above percentage

4. Proposed Total Budget Increase: Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues the total budget of Fluvanna County will exceed last year's by 7.9 percent

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate and increase above will be held on Wednesday, April 14th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Fluvanna Library Building, Palmyra, Virginia.

Anyone needing additional information or special assistance/accommodation due to a disability in order to attend the hearing should contact the County Administrator's office, at (434) 591-1910, not later than 5 p.m. on April 7, 2021.

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¹The total budget increase is based on all revenues received by the General Fund of Fluyanna County



PUBLIC HEARINGS County Planning Commission

March 9, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2204, four public hearings will be held at the Fluvanna County Library, located at 214 Commons Boulevard in Palmyra, Virginia for citizens of the County to have the opportunity to join virtually and be heard by the Planning Commission on the following requests:

SUP 20:03 Steven L. & Codie C. Peters – A Special Use Permit request in the R-3, Residential, Planned Community District to permit both car wash and gas station uses with respect to 60.9 +/- acres of Tax Map 8, Section A, Parcel A14A. The property is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Thomas Jefferson Parkway (Route 53) and Lake Monticello Road. The subject parcel is within the Rivanna Community Planning Area and the Palmyra Election District.

ZMP 21:01 Christian & Associates Excavating – A Conditional Rezoning from A-1, General Agricultural to the B-1, General Business District on 14 +/- acres of Tax Map 9 Section A Parcel 12A. The property is located on the north line of Lake Monticello Road and 0.1 miles west of River Run Road. The subject parcel is within the Rivanna Community Planning Area and the Palmyra Election District.

SUP 21:01 Christian & Associates Excavating – A Special Use Permit request in the B-1, Business, General District to permit a contractor's storage yard with respect to 14 +/- acres of Tax Map 9 Section A Parcel 12A. The property is located on the north line of Lake Monticello Road and 0.1 miles west of River Run Road. The subject parcel is within the Rivanna Community Planning Area and the Palmyra Election District.

SUP 20:04 Cunningham Solar, LLC – A request for a Special Use Permit in the A-1, Agricultural, General District to construct a utility, major use (solar energy facility) on 62.4 +/- acres, Tax Map 18, Section A, Parcel 44. The property is located on the east side of South Boston Road (SR 600), approximately 0.2 miles north of its intersection with Thomas Jefferson Parkway (Route 53). The subject parcel is within the Rivanna Community Planning Area and the Fork Union and Palmyra Election Districts.

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held virtually due to the Public Health Emergency and physical (in-person) access to meetings has been suspended. Instructions for public participation during the meeting will be made available on the Fluvanna County website: https://www.fluvannacounty.org Interested persons may submit written comments prior to the scheduled meeting to dmiles@fluvannacounty.org and any questions may be directed to Douglas Miles, Community Development Director at 434-591-1910, between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, M-F.



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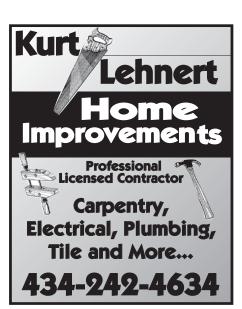
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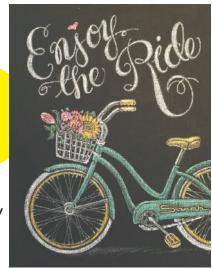
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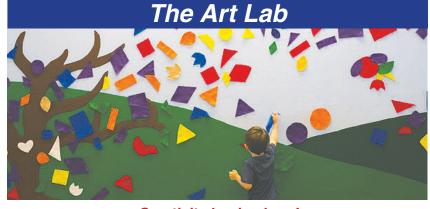
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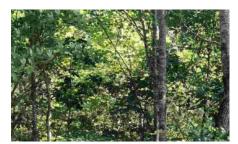


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