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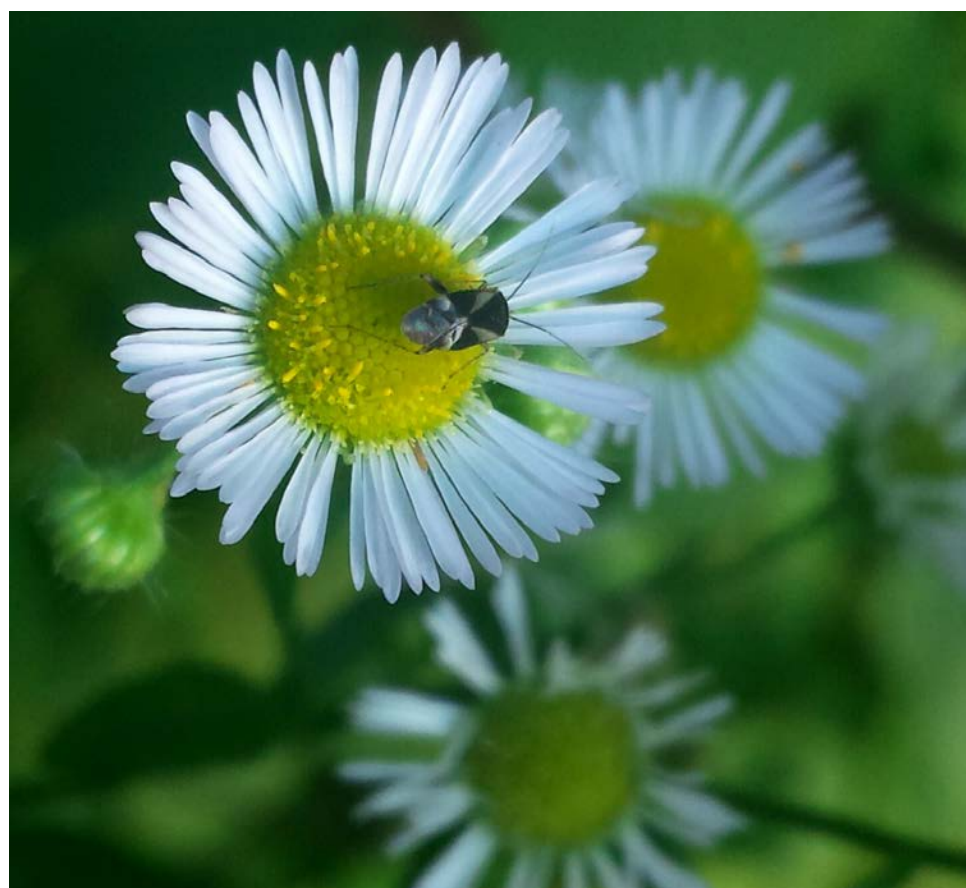
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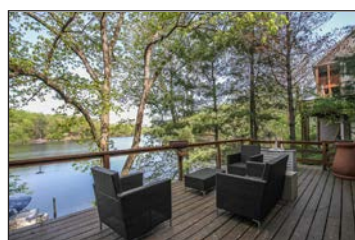
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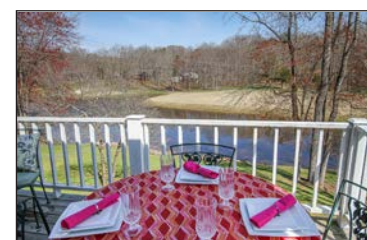
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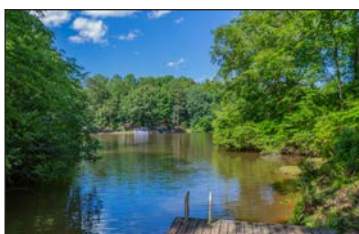
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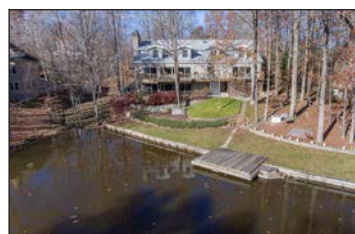
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# Supervisors approve apartment complex

## Mixed-use development slated for Route 53

BY CHRISTINA DIMEO  
EDITOR

A motion to approve died on the floor. So did a motion to deny.

After a lengthy discussion in which the fate of the proposed Colonial Circle development hung in the balance, the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors ultimately allowed the project on a 4-1 vote (Supervisor Trish Eager dissenting).

Supervisors gathered Wednesday evening (June 19) to determine whether Fluvanna would be helped or hurt by a development containing 81,000 square feet of commercial space and 325 residential units. Because Colonial Circle's existence depended on a zoning change and the approval of a special use permit, the board's permission was mandatory for the project to proceed.

Colonial Circle will sit just outside of Lake Monticello on the northeast corner of Routes 53 and 618 (Lake Monticello Road) across the street from Effort Baptist Church. The majority of construction will not begin, however, until the roundabout slated for that intersection is complete.

Representatives from the Virginia De-

partment of Transportation (VDOT) told supervisors Wednesday that the roundabout is proceeding ahead of schedule. VDOT plans to advertise the roundabout to contractors this November.

Colonial Circle will be built on a currently vacant 62-acre parcel of land owned by Steven and Codie Peters on the edge of the Rivanna Community Planning Area. In addition to the commercial space, the development will contain apartment buildings, townhouses, duplexes and single-family homes.

The development will grow gradually less dense as it recedes from the road. Business and apartment buildings are planned for the front near the street, while single-family homes are slated for the rear in an attempt to match the back end of the development with the rural feel of the adjoining land.

Before Wednesday, the property was zoned partially for agriculture and partially for business. Now the land has an R-3 zoning, which allows for a mix of residential and business development. Aqua

Virginia will provide water and sewer service.

The proposed density of the development, at 5.4 dwelling units per acre, received a significant amount of attention. When the Planning Commission heard the case, it recommended approving the rezoning request but denying the special use permit increasing the development's density. By right the developers would then have been allowed 179 housing units, rather than the 325 units supervisors ultimately approved. The lower density, however, may have precluded the development's construction by rendering it financially unfeasible.

Fluvanna needs "rentals for someone who might not have the financial flexibility or freedom to purchase a home," said Kelsey Schlein of Shimp Engineering, the firm representing the owners.

"I like the apartments because I think we lack that type of product in Fluvanna County," said Supervisor Tony O'Brien. "I could see this becoming a place that attracts a large number of seniors that are

aging out of the Lake. The other thing is that millennials are less likely to become single-family homeowners. They don't want the hassle of that."

Booker wasn't so sure. "We do need apartments; I'm not talking against it," she said, but expressed skepticism that the apartments would truly be affordable for lower-income residents. "What's your definition of affordable housing?" she asked Schlein.

Schlein referred to the definition used by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and stated that the apartments' estimated \$1,050 to \$1,200 monthly rent qualifies under that standard.

Booker did not seem convinced that rents of that amount would be affordable to residents of her Fork Union District. O'Brien said that Charlottesville rents of \$1,600 per month put those numbers into perspective.

But even more than affordability, traffic concerns played the biggest role in the board's discussion. The development is expected to generate a significant number of daily trips on surrounding roads. Supervisor Trish Eager said that one of the main reasons the Planning Commission opposed increasing the density of the development was because of the resultant traffic issues.

Shimp Engineering proposes six entrances to Colonial Circle. Three will require 200-foot left-turn lanes. Two will be right-turn only and one will connect directly to the roundabout.

Although neighborhood meetings regarding the development were well attended, only one person spoke during Wednesday's public hearings. While she said she supports growth, she took issue with how Colonial Circle will affect traffic in her neighborhood.

"It's a bad road. At times it's very dangerous," said Crystal Shifflett, an adjoining property owner. She focused supervisors' attention on the other Route 618, Martin Kings Road, saying just as many accidents occur at that intersection with Route 53 as with 53's intersection with Lake Monticello Road.

"I can sit on my porch and hear the squeal at Martin Kings Road. I don't think that's going to stop," she said. "I don't think people are going to learn patience and give any more grace with more traffic than they are right now. My concern is: Will somebody have to die at Martin Kings Road before we take that into consideration?"



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O'Brien moved to approve both the rezoning and the special use permit, clearing the way for Colonial Circle to proceed, but the motion died on the floor as no one seconded. Eager then moved to deny both requests, barring the development from construction, but again there was no second.

With supervisors clearly undecided, Justin Shimp of Shimp Engineering spoke up.

"If you add [residential] units [in the county] you're going to add traffic anywhere," he said. The coming of the roundabout means the development will be located at "the safest intersection in the county now," he said, adding that people heading into the development will be traveling main thoroughfares, not small winding roads.

"Growth areas are established for the best place for [them], and that's here," he said.

Supervisors asked for hard numbers. Projected morning trips added by the development total 524, and 830 daily trips are predicted for each evening, said Schlein. Currently the intersection sees 10,000 trips per day, and the roundabout can service 21,000 trips per day, she said.

Schlein's figures appeared to generate a consensus among her listeners that Colonial Circle's added traffic would still fall below the roundabout's capacity. The numbers, however, add up to more than 21,000. After the meeting, the *Fluvanna Review* asked county staff if the development's traffic would render the roundabout obsolete as soon as it was built. Staff referred the question to Saunders of VDOT.

Route 53's intersections with Route 618 – both Lake Monticello Road and Martin Kings Road – total 7,000 trips per day maximum, not 10,000, Saunders said. Also, the roundabout will be able to handle up to 25,000 trips per day. Colonial Circle's added traffic, therefore, should still fall well within the roundabout's capacity.

Saunders stressed that traffic study numbers are speculative. The 1,354 daily trips added by Colonial Circle "represent a worst-case scenario," he said. "If they got that number approved, then anything else [below that] would be okay." Closer estimates will be generated based on the development's final site plan.

"We're really not close to the maximum [traffic capacity] that we have, and I do

feel that we need something in Fluvanna County – whether this is it or not – and I think maybe this is a compromise for Fluvanna," said Supervisor Don Weaver at the meeting.

Booker tied his comment into her earlier concerns about Colonial Circle not necessarily providing senior residents with the support they need. "Everything I've ever heard from elderly people is they want assisted living," she said.

"They can't direct assisted living," O'Brien said of the developers. But, he said, a business could take notice of the new residential units and decide to provide assisted living services.

"Promise me," Booker joked.

County Administrator Steve Nichols said that there are currently two locations in Fluvanna involved in discussions about potential assisted living facilities. He predicted, however, that when the inevitable economic downturn arrives the projects will be shelved. He then made the point that an assisted living facility at Nahor, for example, would still generate traffic by requiring workers to travel the roads.

Having a higher residential density at Colonial Circle "will increase the probability that the commercial space gets built," said O'Brien. "I would encourage the board to look at that extra 140 [residential units] as helping to bring in the commercial density there."

At that point Booker seconded Eager's existing motion to deny both the rezoning application and the request for additional density. But when the time came to vote, Eager was the only supervisor to voice a denial.

"I think we should go ahead and approve it," said Weaver.

O'Brien again moved to approve both the rezoning and the special use permit, and this time Eager approved his motion. She voted nay, but the other four supervisors, including Booker, voted in favor. The special use permit vote also passed 4-1.

## Palmyra Area Revitalization Committee (PARC)

Kris Krechowecyj told supervisors all about her committee's efforts to attract visitors to the Village of Palmyra.

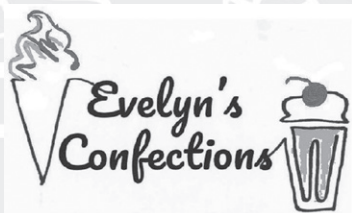
The group has acquired five benches through sponsorships for installation in four areas around the village, she said. They also revised and expanded an existing walking tour to add five additional sites and divided the route into three separate tours to accommodate potential preferences. Eventually the group hopes to add the tours to county and state websites.

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The goal is to create well-informed county citizens, who really understand how the county works, why some issues are difficult, and how to work as a community to solve them. Not coincidentally, the Fluvanna Leadership Development Program also helps most attendees find ways they want to volunteer to help the county.

Clearly it works, because many FLDP attendees go on to leadership positions within Fluvanna County. Now preparing for its 17th year, with more than 300 graduates, at least 70 current Fluvanna County leaders and several senior county employees are graduates of the program, and at least 120 graduates have been involved in county leadership over the last decade, holding more than 200 different positions. Others have gone on to lead groups like the Lake Monticello Owners Association, the NAACP, and various organizations in the county.

Class projects helped create such county projects as PARC (Palmyra Area Renovation Committee), progress toward a Fluvanna Artisan Trail, and helped convince the county board to easing permitting for artisan businesses and ease the limits on commercial signs.

The Fluvanna Leadership Development Program will begin recruiting for its 17th class in July, with the class starting August 29. Classes meet about twice a month on Thursday evenings, 6:30-9. We've already had expressions of interest from nearly enough people to fill this year's class, but some slots still remain.

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Supervisors, from page 4.

of boosting tourism. "This is a nice and lovely little village. We just need to perk it up a bit," Krechowecy said.

The group proposes introducing two historic site signs for Palmyra, replacing the Historic Courthouse marker, and adding additional markers for the Old Stone Jail and Pleasant Grove House.

They also want to cut two sections out of the low wall that surrounds Civil War Park to assist with accessibility. Krechowecy said she witnessed a man with a walker stymied in his attempt to visit the park.

Supervisors expressed appreciation for the efforts of PARC members.

"Everything they've done, they've done with the purpose of bringing people to Fluvanna," said Sheridan.

Eager suggested giving the group money from the Board of Supervisors contingency fund, which has \$50,000 remaining for use by June 30.

Weaver did not agree.

"We have money left over, so let's give it here and let's give it there," he said ironically. "It's not in the budget. You're not even putting it into a motion. People really don't appreciate that... I think it's a

good cause. But the process you use... I think it's lousy."

O'Brien suggested raising the subject during the new business section of the meeting, in which supervisors have the flexibility to address new issues. Weaver countered that because giving money to PARC did not appear on the agenda, residents wishing to protest the decision would not have known to attend Wednesday's meeting.

"Mr. Weaver makes a good point about that, but some things happen on the fly," said Nichols.

"Public comment on this particular matter would probably be nonexistent," said O'Brien.

"The only people who would show up are the people would say, 'Yes, let's do it,'" said Sheridan.

Weaver was not dissuaded. "It wasn't in the budget. We didn't even know we were going to give away \$5,000 tonight. I think it should be more formal," he said. "Oh well, we have extra money left over at the end of the year. Let's go ahead and give it to them. I vote no."

The measure passed 4-1.

## Catherine Garcia receives Community Service Award



Supervisors Mike Sheridan and Mozell Booker, Rudy Garcia, Catherine Garcia, Col. David Coggins of FUMA, and Supervisors Trish Eager, Don Weaver and Tony O'Brien celebrate Catherine Garcia's award. Photo by Christina Dimeo.

The Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors honored Catherine Garcia with a Community Service Award Wednesday night (June 19) based upon her eight years of work with several county and regional organizations.

She began the service-oriented Interact Club at Fork Union Military Academy (FUMA) eight years ago, and in that time has led club members to provide close to 8,000 service hours with 35 com-

munity organizations. Those volunteer hours represent about \$200,000 of paid work.

Garcia has also served as a mentor to FUMA cadets, a Fluvanna Leadership Development Program steering committee member, and the president of the county's Rotary Club. "She has become much sought-after whenever a helping hand is needed," said County Administrator Steve Nichols.

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# Mike Asip challenges Lee Ware in 65<sup>th</sup> District

PRESS RELEASE



Kathryn Waycaster, chair of the 65<sup>th</sup> Democratic Legislative District Committee, announced Tuesday (June 18) that Dr. Mike Asip, a career educator, is the Democratic nominee to oppose Del. Lee Ware (R-Powhatan) in House of Delegates District 65.

"We are so pleased and excited that Dr. Asip has stepped up to run in this important race," said Waycaster. "At the time of our initial process, we didn't yet have a candidate, deferring the decision to the legislative district committee. After thoughtful consideration and encouragement by many Democrats, Dr. Mike Asip has decided to run. We could not be more thrilled."

"I am not a politician, and I hadn't imagined running for office, but I look around our communities and know we need repre-

sentation that will stand up for affordable, accessible health care and strong public schools," said Asip. "All Virginians should have access to quality health care at an affordable price, with chronic and pre-existing conditions covered. Prescription drug prices simply must be lowered so no family has to think twice about whether to get needed medications."

"All children in Virginia need outstanding public schools preparing them for college or for good-paying jobs. It shouldn't matter whether they live in Powhatan, Chesterfield, Goochland, Fluvanna, Fairfax or Tazewell."

"I am going to the General Assembly to make a significant, positive difference in the lives of our families and our children," Asip said.

## Correction

In last week's article on the State championship baseball game, junior Andrew Ward was described as the first baseman and junior Kevin Ward was described as the DH. In fact, the opposite is true. Kevin Ward was the first baseman and Andrew Ward was the DH. Also, the final paragraph should have read that Jacob Critzer "was steady and reliable behind the plate for all innings of every game."

## Letter to Editor

### Baseball coach thanks Fluvanna faithful

It has been a few days since the Fluvanna varsity baseball team claimed its first state title in school history. I sit here in the eye of a whirlwind of celebration planning, equipment care, field improvement projects and uniform storage trying to decompress and reflect on the meaning for these boys, their families and our school.

Today [Monday, June 17] baseball coaches from around the state got together to pick the VHSL Division 3 All-State baseball team. Fluvanna will be very well-represented on that team. Almost every coach that commented in that meeting said Fluvanna was the best team they had seen in a long, long time. They said the young ladies that managed our team were some of the nicest they had ever met.

My coaching peers don't make such comments lightly. There was a wealth of coaching experience in that meeting. Those that played us at Sheridan Field were in awe of the fan base that turned out to cheer these boys. Those that met us on the road at neutral sites were impressed by how many people traveled to support us so far from home.

Over 30 years as an educator I've taught in districts all over the Commonwealth, and during that span, I was fortunate to be able to coach some great teams in four State title games. I can say without hesitation that nobody supports their kids better than Fluvanna. The reception awaiting this baseball team when they got home was truly unbelievable. Those young men and ladies will never forget that as long as they live. Nor will I.

I speak for the entire baseball program when I say thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

I will sleep soundly tonight knowing that these young men and women will become great husbands, wives, fathers, friends, youth league coaches and community members. How could they not? Their own families and the Fluvanna community at large has shown them exactly how to do just that.

Joel R. Gray  
 Fluco head baseball coach



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# Golf schedule packed at Lake course

BY DUNCAN NIXON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Lake Monticello Golf Course is in excellent shape and a number of events are on the schedule for the coming months.

Three scheduled fundraiser tournaments include the Saints Peter and Paul Golf Tournament that is just around the corner on July 14, the Rivanna Lions Club Tournament that will take place Sept. 14, and the Phil Browning Memorial Tournament on Sept. 29. These events will all be contested in the standard benefit tournament format: four players on a team playing best ball on all holes. In this format, all four players tee off, the best shot is selected and all four players hit their second shot from that point. This continues until the ball is in the hole.

September will be a busy month at the Lake Monticello course. In between the two events listed above there will be the BRAC Golf Tournament on Sept. 24. Lake Monticello golf professional Mark Marshall said that his tournament will be held by a group that has rented the course for the first time. He does not know for certain what the event's format will be.

A number of insider events are also scheduled in the near future. The two

day member-member competition will be contested July 27-28. As its name suggests, this competition is for Lake Monticello members only.

August 17-18 brings the annual championship weekend. This is a medal play competition for all ages and genders. The women's competition is not divided by age; however, on the men's side there will be a men's champion, a senior men's champion and a super-senior men's champion. All golf contract holders and all Lake Monticello property owners are eligible to play.

Another members-only event, the Couples Championship, is scheduled for Sept. 21. There will be a nine-hole competition and an 18-hole competition. The 18-hole competition will start at 12:30 p.m. and the nine-hole competition will start at 2:30 p.m., so that all teams will end up coming into the clubhouse at approximately the same time.

Throughout the summer, the women's nine-hole and 18-hole groups will play Tuesday mornings and the Gray Foxes senior men's groups will compete Thursday and Friday mornings.

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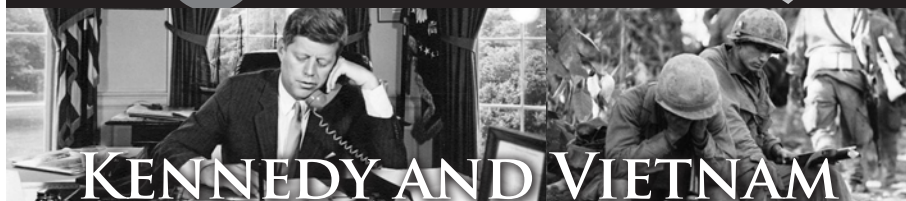
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# County and Lake Monticello partner to offer camps

PRESS RELEASE

Last week, in partnership with Fluvanna County Parks and Recreation, Lake Monticello hosted the first of hopefully many kids' camps.

On Wednesday (June 19) 19 children from the Lake and the greater Fluvanna County area played basketball, pickleball and visited the new Lake Monticello pool. Earlier in the week, the fun included hitting golf balls at the Lake Monticello Golf Course.

"Each morning the camp starts with field games and then moves through different sports," said Eric Armentrout, Fluvanna County recreation program coordinator. "The kids all seem to be having

a great time."

"We are excited to partner with Fluvanna parks and recreation to bring more activities to all county youth," said Steve Hurwitz, Lake Monticello Owners' Association (LMOA) general manager. "We hope this is just the beginning of a continued community partnership."

The next parks and recreation camp to be held at Lake Monticello takes place July 15-19. LMOA has already hosted a few tween and teen Nights at the Ashlawn Clubhouse.



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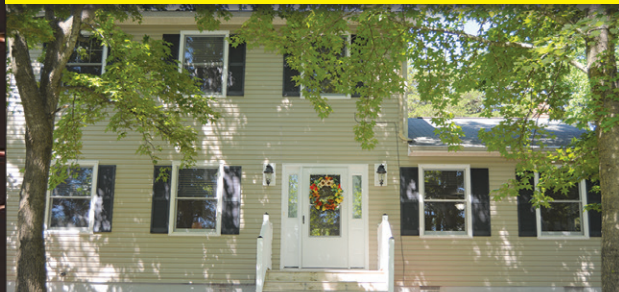
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# History teacher retires after 50 years

BY RUTHANN CARR  
CORRESPONDENT



Jane Ford is retiring after 50 years of teaching; 46 of those in her home county of Fluvanna.

Ford, born Snead, said she's been fascinated by history for as long as she can remember. She was a history teacher for many years and lived and

breathed her subject.

The Snead family came to Fluvanna before 1777 when it was carved out of Albemarle County, Ford said.

Her ancestors owned the land on which Fork Union Academy was built in 1898 and were instrumental in getting it started. She said her great-aunt graduated from the institution before it became an all-male military academy in 1913.

Ford went to Fork Union elementary (now a community center) where her mother was a teacher and later became principal. She graduated from Fluvanna County High School in 1962.

After earning her degree in secondary education from William and Mary in 1966, Ford started her teaching career in Hampton City schools.

"I taught Virginia history and was told I had to teach a unit on Hampton," Ford said. "I learned everything I could about the city and wrote the curricu-

lum myself. My first salary was \$5,200."

She met her husband, William Ford Jr., while in Hampton. When they had their only son, William Snead Ford, they decided to return to Fluvanna.

They settled in Fork Union and Ford began substitute teaching at Columbia and Fork Union elementary schools. "It was the easiest job I had but my passion was high school social studies," Ford said.

Soon there was an opening at the high school and Ford began her long career teaching social studies and history at Fluvanna County High School.

While her son was young, Ford and her husband helped start Cub Scouts and Little League in Fork Union. The put a pool in their backyard and regularly entertained children from all walks of life, she said.

Her son was at FUMA at the time and invited his classmates to join them. "It was like the United Nations,"

she said.

During her career, Ford earned a master's degree in psychotherapy and a secondary counseling certificate. She headed the National Beta Club, was in charge of awards assemblies and mentored many new teachers.

Ford represented the schools on the county's family assessment and planning team, facilitated adult education and started the distance learning virtual lab.

Besides history, Ford's strength is in classroom management, she said. "I teach it all, diplomatically and correctly," she said. "I had a way with kids. I was non-judgmental."

Ford's plan for the immediate future is to oversee the rebuilding of her family home lost in a fire in January.

The couple will spend some time in their second home in Florida where their son, daughter-in-law and three grandchildren live.

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# Rigsby memorial dedicated in Palmyra park

SUBMITTED BY KELLY HARRIS



Photos courtesy of Fluvanna County.

Friends and family gathered in Civil War Park for a ceremony of dedication and remembrance Monday (June 17) on the two-year anniversary of the passing of Fluvanna native Gunner's Mate Seaman Dakota Kyle Rigsby, who died in service to his country.

Debbie Smith, Fluvanna County emergency management coordinator, welcomed approximately 50 guests to the dedication of a memorial plaque at the base of a persimmon tree planted in Seaman Rigsby's honor. Board of Supervisors Chair Mike Sheridan provided historical context for the choice of a persimmon tree, noting that persimmon trees were once a point of local pride and could be seen throughout the county.

County Administrator Steve Nichols, recalling his own career in the U.S. Navy, highlighted the "attributes found in the many young men and women who wear the cloth of our nation," noting that while he did not personally know Rigsby, he "knew many like him. He was dedicated to

his family, to service, to his shipmates, and to our nation's defense."

Before the unveiling of the plaque, Lake Monticello Fire Department Chief Richie Constantino offered heartfelt words: "I believe the best way we can properly acknowledge and thank Dakota for his sacrifice can be best described as remembrance. I know that the members of the fire department [remember] Dakota...when we enter the firehouse, we pass by Dakota's gear locker, we see his fire-fighting gear hanging inside. His coat is hanging from the hanger, his boots inside his bunker pants, folded over. His helmet on the top shelf next to his baseball cap and the other personal items he left behind when he left for his naval duty. We remember Dakota."

Rigsby died June 17, 2017, while serving aboard the USS *Fitzgerald* when it collided with a container ship off the coast of Japan. The persimmon tree planted in his honor and the plaque placed at its base are located in Civil War Park in the Village of Palmyra.



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# Jefferson Pharmacy in running for national pharmacy of year

PRESS RELEASE

Palmyra's Jefferson Pharmacy is a national finalist for the 2019 Good Neighbor Pharmacy of the Year award. The award recognizes the top pharmacies within the Good Neighbor Pharmacy network of more than 3,000 independent community pharmacies that display excellence in patient care, community outreach and innovative pharmacy practice.

The annual award will be presented July 26 at Good Neighbor Pharmacy's 2019 conference and tradeshow in Las Vegas, Nev.

"This year's finalists have embraced their independence and have established themselves as a one-of-a-kind healthcare destination in their communities," said Brian Nightengale, president of Good Neighbor Pharmacy. "Independent community pharmacies are pillars of their communities and are, more than ever, vital points of care for their patients. The personalized care they provide truly improves the health and well-being of the patients they serve. This is especially true of our finalists, whose stories exemplify community-based care, consistently demonstrate their values and support patients' needs on a regular basis."

Jefferson Pharmacy has been a staple of the Palmyra community since 2009, when it opened under the ownership of Ron Davis, Jonathan and Kelly Oliver, David Williams, and Kevin and Tracey Williams. Together they provide their patients with customized services to meet their needs, including immunizations, medication therapy management, and support during Medicare open enrollment. The pharmacy has also embraced the importance of digital services with the implementation of a mobile application that allows patients to access their account, set reminders and refill prescriptions any time of the day.

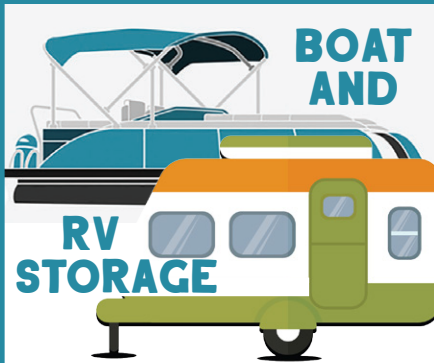
The pharmacy emerged from a field of over 100 nominees as one of three finalists. The two other finalists are Lone Star Pharmacy from Santa Fe,

Texas, and Hemmingsen Drug Store from Marshall, Mich.

Voting for the Good Neighbor Pharmacy of the Year award runs through July 21. Votes can be cast by visiting [GNPPharmacyoftheYear.com](http://GNPPharmacyoftheYear.com) or the Good Neighbor Pharmacy Facebook page, where feature videos of the three finalists are posted.

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## Get to Know County Treasurer Candidate, Ben Hudson

Benjamin (Ben) L. Hudson is a FCHS engineering teacher, deacon, active VFW member, and retired Army Lieutenant Colonel. Over a 25-year military career, Ben served in various leadership and staff roles ranging from command to senior staff officer for a joint geographical command. On August 1, 2008, Ben retired from the Army and Southern Command after recent tactical deployments to Haiti and Afghanistan. Ben wants to transform the Office of the Treasurer into the 21st Century by

seeking to upgrade and integrate new state-of-the-art computer systems, software applications, and customer care practices into the daily operations of the office.

Ben and his wife, Brenda relocated to Fluvanna County in the spring of 2010 near Lake Monticello. Brenda is a licensed acute care nurse practitioner working in the Charlottesville area. Furthermore, Ben has served as a secondary level educator for eight years. Over that period, Ben has taught JROTC, math, computer software design and modeling, and engineering classes. Also, Ben is active in community organizations such as: a deacon for Evergreen Baptist Church of Fluvanna, a committed member of the VFW Post in Scottsville, and president of the Fluvanna County NAACP Chapter. Ben believes volunteerism is essential for providing and sustaining strong relationships between community programs and governmental services.

Ben grew up in Georgetown County, SC which is just north of Charleston, SC along the marsh land areas of the state. Upon graduating from high school, he earned a scholarship to attend Tuskegee Institute. On May 8, 1983, Ben was designated a Regular Army commission and an appointment to the grade of Second Lieutenant from the ROTC department. Subsequently, he received a bachelors of science degree in engineering from Tuskegee University. Over the years, Ben has earned numerous other degrees, certificates, awards, and endorsements. Ben loves his community and the people of Fluvanna County. Ben is asking for your support of his candidacy as Fluvanna County Treasurer and vote on November, 5th.

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# State honors roll in for Fluco baseball

BY DUNCAN NIXON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Flying Fluco baseball team has won the Class 3 State championship, so it came as no surprise that All-State honors would include some Flucos. In fact, a lot of Flucos garnered an impressive array of All-State honors.

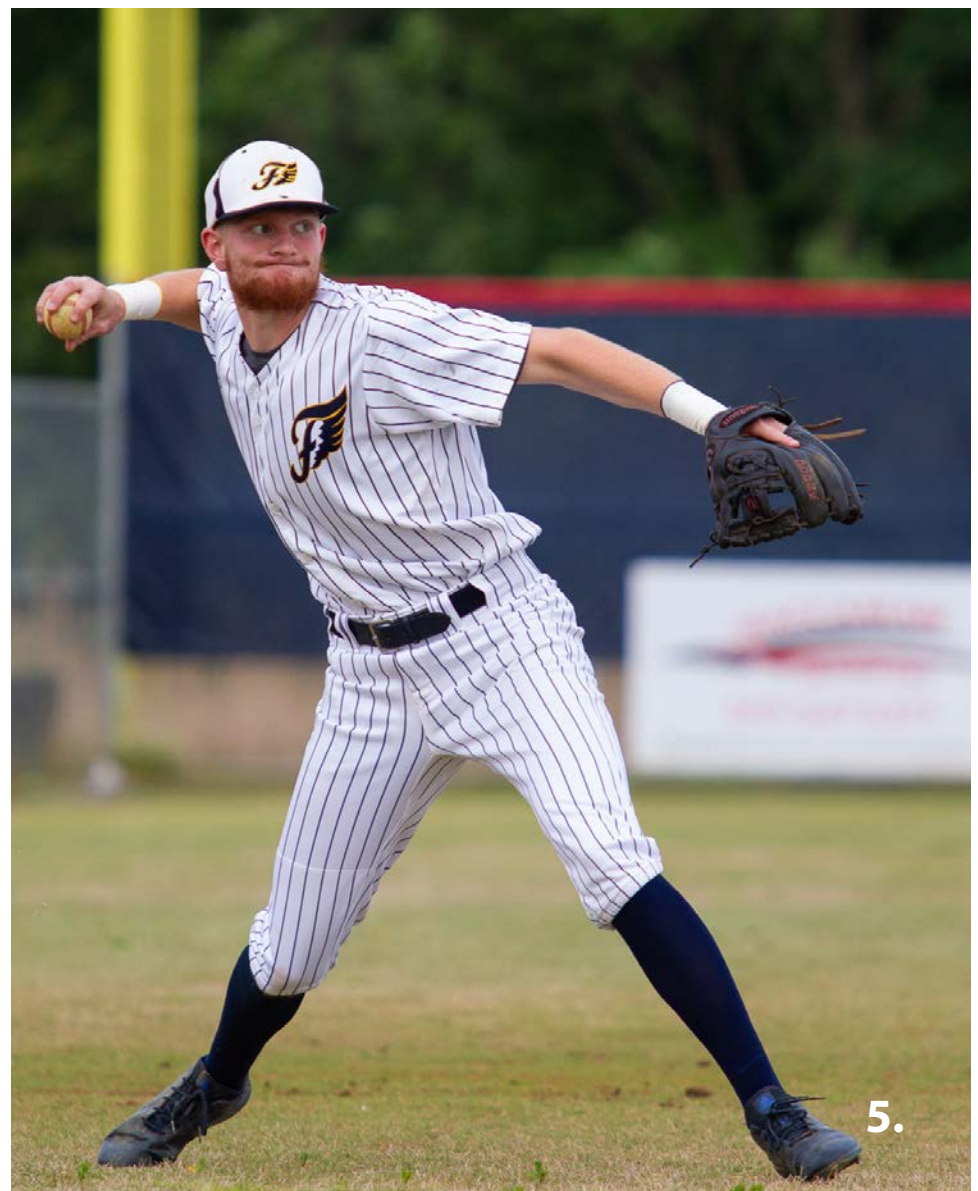
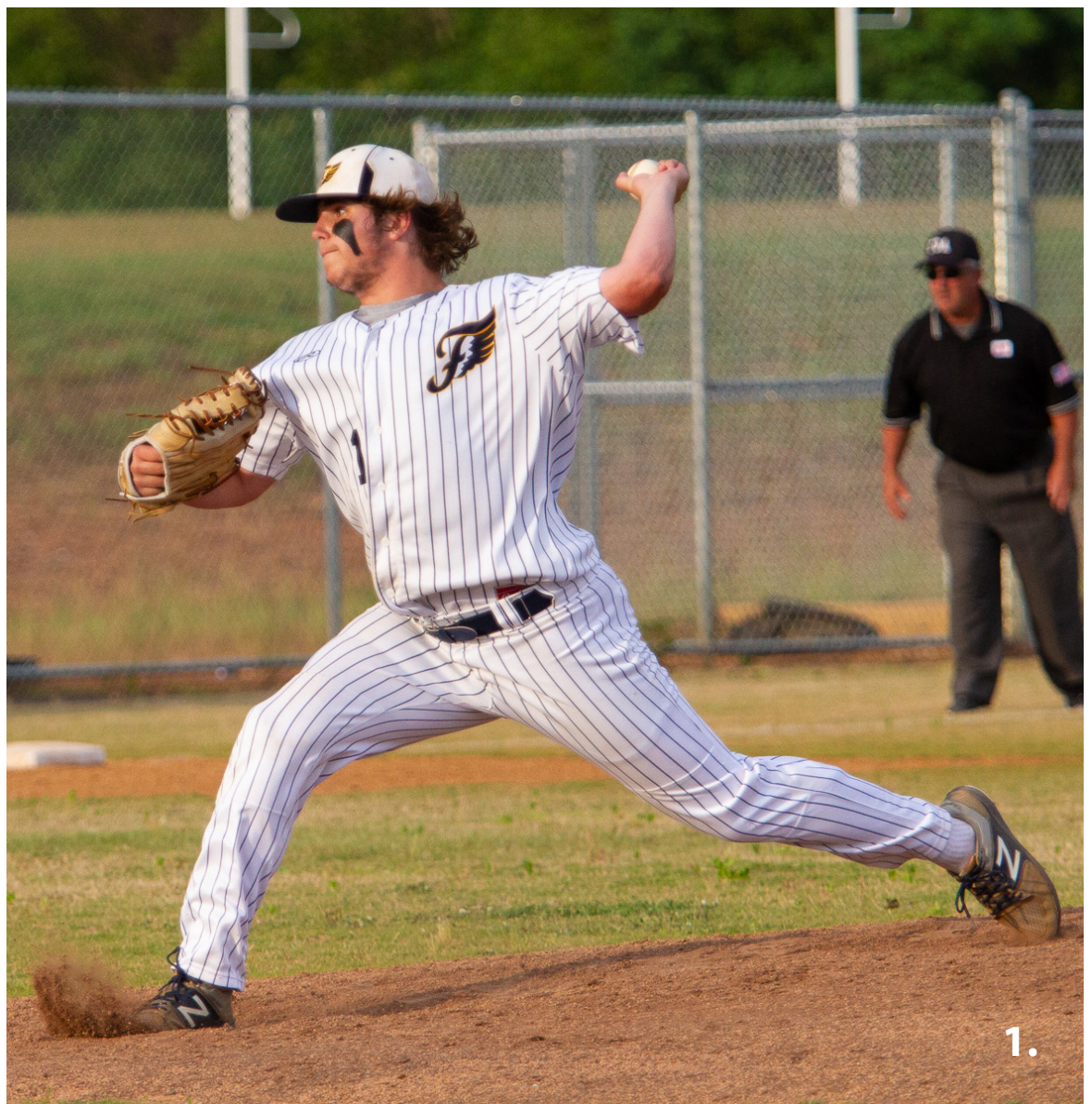
Junior pitcher Andrew Ward and senior catcher Jacob Critzer were named first team All-State. In addition, Critzer was named player of the year in Class 3. Fluco Coach Joel Gray was similarly honored, as he was selected coach of the year in Class 3.

Second team All-State honors went to junior first baseman Kevin Ward and senior third baseman Ryan Groome.

Critzer is also off to an all-star game for top players from around the state.

1. Andrew Ward
2. Kevin Ward
3. Coach Joel Gray
4. Jacob Critzer
5. Ryan Groome

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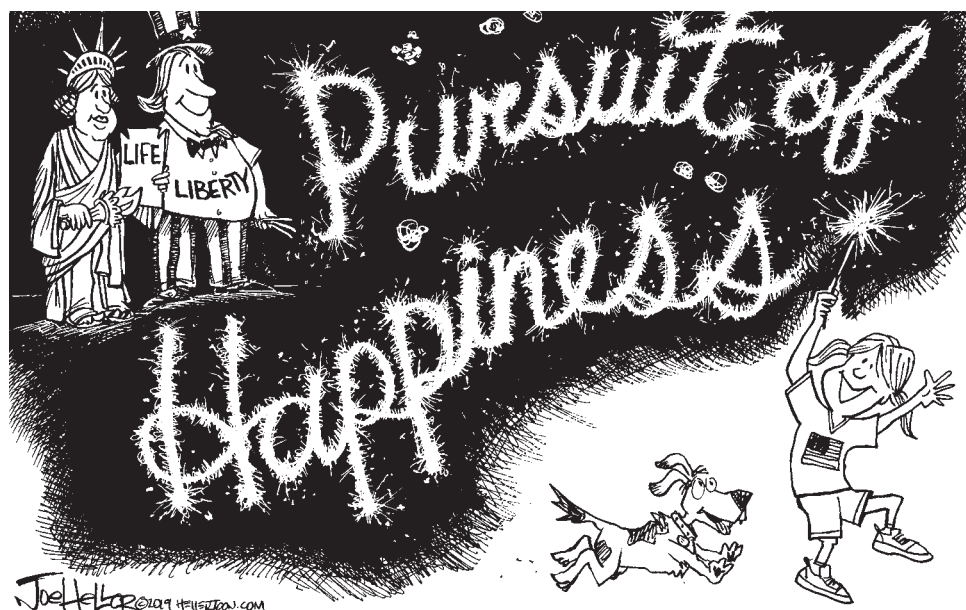




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# FAST swimmers host Culpeper

SUBMITTED BY AMY WILLIAMS



Christian Gray. Photos by Karen England.

The Fluvanna Aquatics Sports Team (FAST) hosted the Culpeper Country Club swim team at Fairview Swim Club Wednesday (June 19). FAST fielded just 43 swimmers, compared to the 82 sent by Culpeper. Despite having only slightly more than half the number of swimmers, FAST remained competitive, falling by just 95 points (426-521).

Just as FAST's 8-and-under boys 100-meter freestyle relay team of Jacob Birchhead, Weston Mayhew, Reed Williams and RJ Crawford touched the wall to finish first in the initial race of the evening, lightning drove swimmers for cover.

Once the band of storms had safely passed, the meet resumed with the individual medley (IM) races, in which Emma DiFazio, 17, grabbed first in the girls 15-18 100-meter IM. That win would set the stage for a successful night for Emma, who finished first in all her other races, including 50-meter backstroke, 50-meter butterfly and the 200-meter 15-18 freestyle relay, with teammates Joey Hagan,

Amy Navarro and Elle Botkin. Emma has been swimming since age 4, but her passion lies in coaching younger swimmers. Between her winning races and a second brief weather delay, Emma could be found ushering FAST's young swimmers to the start blocks and cheering their finishes. Assistant Coach Brennan King praised Emma for her leadership both in and out of the water. "She's a great motivator for our team," he said.

FAST has a large batch of up-and-coming 8-and-under swimmers this season. Among them is Christian Gray, 7. Christian has been swimming only a few weeks, and Wednesday's meet was his first. He swam cleanly in both his 25-meter freestyle and backstroke events. "Christian comes to swimming with a background in karate, baseball and basketball. He's a natural athlete and 100 percent muscle. I'm super proud of him," said King.

Head Coach Nathan Johnson drew attention to siblings Ellie Sam, 12, and Joseph Sam, 15, whom he described as

having great team spirit, always cheering on the younger swimmers, and being good leaders. After four years of swimming, the Sams have proven to be an integral part of FAST, always turning in solid performances in their respective age groups. Ellie, who in addition to swimming loves horses and photography, had an exceptional meet, with second place finishes in her 100-meter IM, 50-meter backstroke, and 13-14 200-meter freestyle relay, along with Shelby Crawford, Karsyn Botkin and Lexi Collier. She scored third in her 50-meter breaststroke.

Joseph, who when not in the pool can be found on the soccer field, took third in his 50-meter breaststroke and backstroke events. He dropped 1.6 seconds to finish first in his 50-meter freestyle. Joseph and teammates Landon Mayhew, Jacob Thurston-Wells and Edwin Navarro finished second in the 200-meter freestyle relay.

FAST hosted the Elks Tuesday (June 25). A group of FAST swimmers, coaches and parents will swim in Lake Monticello's annual Swim across the Lake event held July 4.



Ellie and Joseph Sam.



Emma DiFazio.



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**ZTA 19:01 – Fluvanna County Zoning Ordinance – Industrial Setbacks:** An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 22 Of The Fluvanna County Code By The Addition Of A New Subsection 22-11-5 And 22-12-5 To Reduce The Minimum Building Setbacks For Properties In Industrial Subdivisions.

Copies of the complete text of the above ordinances and associated plans are available for public review at the Fluvanna County Planning Department during normal business hours. The public is invited to attend these hearings at which persons affected may appear and present their views. Questions or comments may be directed to Planning & Community Development Department, at (434) 591-1910.

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Tax Map 29-3-2

Fluvanna County, Virginia

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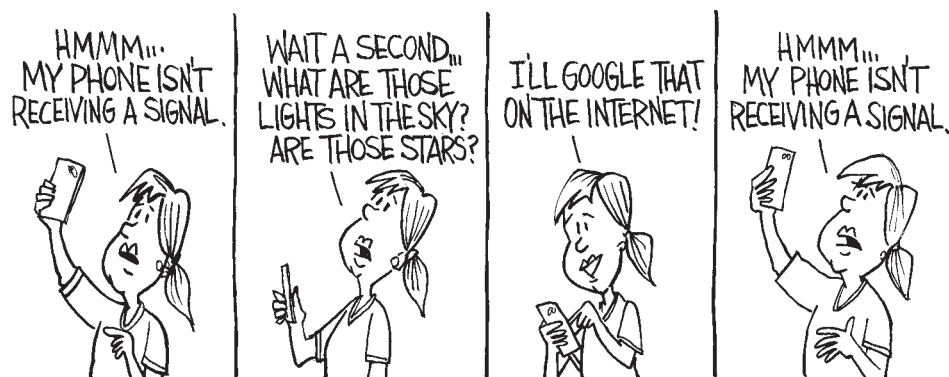
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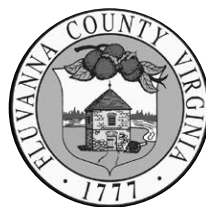
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- PRISONER TRANSPORT 3
- PROJECT LIFESAVER RELATED CALL 6
- REPOSSESSION 1
- RESIDENTAL BURGLAR ALARM 7
- ROAD NAME SIGN DOWN 1
- SELECT PATROL 95
- OUTSIDE SPILL WITHOUT FIRE 1
- STRAY DOG 7
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY/PERSON 16
- TIPS/INFORMATION RECEIVED 4
- DIRECT TRAFFIC/FUNERAL TRAFFIC 1
- TRAFFIC HAZARD 4
- TRAFFIC STOP 74
- UNRESPONSIVE 1
- VCIN QUERY RUN 1
- WARRANT CHECK IN/OUT 14
- WARRANT RECEIVED 9
- OUT SERVING WARRANT 6
- WATER RESCUE CALL
- OTHER/EXPLAIN 1

**TOTAL INCIDENTS 494**

## CRASHES

- MVC W/ ANIMAL 20:26:15 06/13/19**  
6040 BLK THOMAS JEFFERSON PKWY
- MVC NO INJURY 21:22:21 06/13/19**  
JEFFERSON DR & PONDEROSA LN
- MVC NO INJURY 01:05:12 06/14/19**  
640 BLK GEORGES MILL RD
- MVC NO INJURY 10:56:13 06/14/19**  
3290 BLK JAMES MADISON HWY
- MVC INJURY/UNK 16:25:05 06/14/19**  
1130 BLK THOMAS JEFFERSON PKWY
- MVC NO INJURY 22:53:53 06/14/19**  
980 BLK WEST BOTTOM RD
- MVC W/ ANIMAL 14:32:50 06/16/19**  
SOUTH BOSTON RD & LAKE MONTICELLO RD
- MVC W/ ANIMAL 04:33:07 06/17/19**  
1910 BLK THOMAS JEFFERSON PKWY
- MVC NO INJURY 21:34:28 06/17/19**  
UNION MILLS RD & JAMES MADISON HWY
- MVC NO INJURY 01:32:59 06/18/19**  
JAMES MADISON HWY & BREMO RD
- MVC INJURY/UNK 09:01:40 06/18/19**  
THOMAS JEFFERSON PKWY & LAKE MONTICELLO RD
- MVC W/ ANIMAL 02:23:15 06/19/19**  
CUNNINGHAM HEIGHTS LN & BRANCH RD
- MVC NO INJURY 10:08:43 06/19/19**  
LAKE MONTICELLO RD & SOUTH BOSTON RD
- MVC ENTRAP/BLD 18:04:20 06/19/19**  
RIVER RIDGE DR & SOUTH BOSTON RD
- MVC INJURY/UNK 10:43:38 06/20/19**  
RICHMOND RD & ZION RD
- MVC INJURY/UNK 13:08:10 06/20/19**  
JAMES MADISON HWY & WINNSVILLE DR

**TOTAL CRASHES 17**

## ARRESTS

- JUNE 13 AT 8:40 P.M.**  
HOME ADDRESS: PALMYRA  
NO OFFENSE SPECIFIED
- JUNE 13 AT 10:47 P.M.**  
HOME ADDRESS: PALMYRA  
HIT AND RUN, DUI/DUID
- JUNE 15 AT 6:18 P.M.**  
HOME ADDRESS: PALMYRA  
DUI/DUID, REFUSE BLOOD/BREATH TEST
- JUNE 15 AT 10:38 P.M.**  
HOME ADDRESS: SCOTTSVILLE  
POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA
- JUNE 15 AT 10:45 P.M.**  
HOME ADDRESS: NOT SPECIFIED  
POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA
- JUNE 16 AT 1:11 A.M.**  
HOME ADDRESS: PALMYRA  
DUI/DUID, DRIVING ON A SUSPENDED/  
REVOKED LICENSE, RECKLESS DRIVING -  
FAILURE TO MAINTAIN CONTROL
- JUNE 17 AT 1:09 P.M.**  
HOME ADDRESS: PALMYRA  
FAILURE TO APPEAR

**TOTAL ARRESTS 7**

# SUDOKU

Edited by Margie E. Burke

Difficulty: Medium

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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:

8	7	5	6	3	1	4	2	9
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9	4	1	2	6	5	7	3	8
7	2	6	3	9	8	5	1	4

## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Waiter's handout
- 5 Zodiac crossover
- 9 \_\_\_\_ of the art
- 14 Andy's radio partner
- 15 Poker pot starter
- 16 Defame in print
- 17 Spanish Steps city
- 18 Street sign
- 19 Strongman of myth
- 20 "We Built This City" band
- 22 Cunning plan
- 23 Coop denizen
- 24 Token
- 26 Eject, as lava
- 28 Nightmarish street
- 29 Make a seam
- 32 Acquired relative
- 34 Tart fruit
- 37 Ecclesiastical residence
- 39 Like a spreadsheet
- 40 Fit for distances
- 42 Part of a book
- 43 Period's place
- 44 Go kaput
- 45 Kind of wave
- 46 Two parts of MIA
- 49 High ball
- 52 Timeout spot
- 55 Something detested
- 57 Take down a peg
- 58 Wide-mouthed jug
- 59 Hardly \_\_\_\_ (rarely)
- 60 Certain two-wheeler
- 61 Spots for shots
- 62 Toy block brand
- 63 Insignificant
- 64 Memory unit
- 65 Map out

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63							64				65			

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### DOWN

- 1 Wet land
- 2 Ham it up
- 3 Dangerous area
- 4 Anagram for "ruse"
- 5 Mixed-nuts nut
- 6 Disentangle
- 7 Bottle sealer
- 8 Get-up-and-go
- 9 Give in a rope
- 10 Church contribution
- 11 Up to the task
- 12 Bulls or Bears
- 13 "Who \_\_\_\_?"
- 21 Kabob rod
- 22 Brazilian dance
- 25 Writing tablet of old
- 27 Gut feeling?
- 29 House style
- 30 Snap
- 31 "Where \_\_\_\_ you?"
- 32 Like some threats
- 33 Kind of sign

- 34 Sour sort
- 35 Playing hooky
- 36 Insect stage
- 38 Clerk of the 4077th
- 41 Heist planner's concern
- 45 Raspy
- 46 Map within a map
- 47 Poor
- 48 Like helium
- 50 Last Greek letter
- 51 Title of nobility
- 52 Summer destination, for scouts
- 53 Reed instrument
- 54 Deeply absorbed
- 56 "S.O.S.!"
- 58 Kind of tide

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

C	H	A	T		A	N	N	E		S	P	A	S	M
A	O	N	E		M	A	I	L		T	R	U	C	E
L	U	T	E		B	I	L	E		R	O	T	O	R
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# Animal advocate warns against puppy mills

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD  
CORRESPONDENT



Courtesy photo of Rose LeMaster and her Yorkie.

Imagine a Yorkshire Terrier puppy, a poodle, or most likely a so-called “designer” breed like a Yorkie-Pooh, whose sole purpose in life is to breed while living her life in a rabbit hutch. Her paws are lacerated from walking on the wire mesh floor of her hutch, her hair matted, tangled and knotted, and her teeth rotting away.

Males are used as studs then discarded when they are too old to be useful. While they’re kept around, they suffer the same fate as the females in the same living conditions. Puppies too sick to make it to market are thrown into dumpsters.

Their human contact is non-existent. Their paws have never touched grass. Their mundane life as a commodity is the only existence they have ever known. These are the puppy mill dogs with no other purpose but to be used for breeding “designer” or hybrid dogs for thousands of dollars.

Rose LeMaster is one among many advocates, along with Kara Moran and Jaimie Ashton of Virginia Pawsivity, who are fighting

against the greed and animal abuse in which some pet stores participate.

LeMaster was president of Peaceful Passings for two years, a volunteer with the Cat Action Team of Virginia involved in a program to trap, neuter and release feral cats, and volunteers with Green Dogs Unleashed.

“I had to become educated about puppy mills,” she said, describing the condition of her Yorkshire Terrier, Ginger, when she was saved from a puppy mill. Because of Ginger, LeMaster explored more of this horrific business and discovered things she couldn’t imagine.

She estimated that Ginger was between 7 and 9 years old when she came into LeMaster’s life. Her spirit was broken and she sported all the signs of a puppy mill dog.

“She had lacerated paws from the wire mesh floor of her hutch,” she said. “The reason these are not normal kennels is the dog’s waste falls to the ground below and it is hosed away.” She added that some dogs may even break legs because

of these wire mesh floors.

Other than the lacerated paws, which are a classic sign, Ginger also had mammary tumors, matted and knotted hair and teeth so rotten she eventually lost most of her lower jaw. She could not eat or drink.

“They never ate from bowls but automatic feeders, and do not know how to lap water because they get their water from containers meant for gerbils and rabbits,” LeMaster said. As the images of what Ginger lived through roll in her mind, LeMaster doesn’t deny her anger as she cringes at the thought of such flagrant abuse. “Most dogs are terrified of thunderstorms, but for these dogs the noise is magnified beyond what is normal and it is horrifying,” she said.

“Another common trait is they pace, which is a result of never being out of their hutches, and house breaking is a nightmare,” she said, and added that socialization is another issue difficult to address since these dogs don’t know whom to trust and are combative with other dogs.

Her second Yorkshire Terrier, a male named Toby, was tossed out after he had outlived his usefulness. LeMaster described him as half-dead and emaciated with overgrown nails, rotted teeth and lacerations, most likely from fights with other dogs.

“Pulling dogs out of these puppy mills, you have to keep your composure when dealing with these monsters,” she said. She went on to describe a Maltese that had maggots from lying in her own feces.

Statistics show that 2-4 million dogs are bred in this environment. This practice gives a bad name to legitimate breeders who love their breed and causes problems for animal shelters trying to compete with the “designer dog” market, which can come with a price tag up to \$3,500.

Ashton is also well aware of the problem and is working hard with Moran to get legislatures in Virginia to make this practice illegal. Both she and LeMaster are in favor of good breeding techniques and are working with breeders to educate the public.

“There are 19 pet stores in Virginia and more popping up, and they

usually lease the dogs through a leasing company,” LeMaster said.

“They will lease a dog to a potential pet owner for \$3,500 but the person who is leasing the dog is not the owner. Even after they have paid \$10,000 to \$20,000 in vet bills and even paid off the loan, they still do not own the dog,” said Ashton. While the process of leasing a pet usually starts in a retail pet store, the loan is made by a third-party contractor. The revenue model for pet leasing is the same as car leasing. The borrower enters a contract, typically for two years, and agrees to monthly payments. The customers are often people who are paying more than they expected and cannot afford it.

Both LeMaster and Ashton want people to be aware of the pitfalls of this scam.

“They are now creating a new cross-breed known as a Parti Yorkie (crossing a Yorkshire with a Brevor),” said LeMaster. “You create these micro dogs by withholding nutrition to keep them small. These are the unicorn fairy dust breeds of designer dogs.” The fee for Parti Yorkies is \$3,499, compared with a small golden doodle for \$2,499.

“Dogs also are transported across state lines from Ohio and Pennsylvania, coming from compromised breeders,” LeMaster continued. “In Georgia, 400 dogs were surrendered to the USDA and local shelters. A week later 400 more and it turned out to be 700-plus dogs rescued from this puppy mill.”

The advocates want people to be aware and adopt dogs from shelters, rescues or reputable breeders, not pet shops. They agreed that this inhumane practice of high-volume breeding of sick and unsocialized puppies for profit has to stop.

“Customers are contributing to this vicious cycle unknowingly,” said LeMaster.

Giving her puppy mill dogs a home and a new life is challenging, LeMaster said, but she never gives up on them because the rewards are great.

# Hidden gem: Buckingham's St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary

BY SUE A. MILES  
CORRESPONDENT



One of only five in the world, the seminary is a work of art inside and out. The smaller building to the right is still under construction and will hold administrative offices. Photo provided by St. Thomas Aquinas.

Completed in 2017, the St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary sits on a high and majestic hill in the middle of dense woods in the western part of Buckingham County. The driveway, off Ranson Road, meanders through a tall pine forest, leading up to a panoramic view of beautiful mountain ranges – and to a building unique and resplendent: the seminary.

There are many layers to the story of the seminary, including thousands of years of history up to the current logistics of its present purpose and structure.

In a given year, the seminary has about 80 students living on the grounds, who after seven years of studies hope to be ordained as Catholic priests. “The formation that the seminarians receive is traditional in every aspect: doctrine, liturgy, re-

treats [and] daily schedule,” the seminary’s website states. “The core of the seminarians’ study is the philosophy and theology of St. Thomas Aquinas, while moderate proficiency in Latin is required before ordination. A typical day in the life of the seminarian contains three hours of prayer, three hours of classes, four hours of study, and an hour and a half of recreation.”

The remoteness of the seminary especially supports two of its goals: silence and individual prayer.

That being said, with the blessings of the Rev. Father Yves le Roux, head of the seminary, seminarian students Joseph Skees and the Rev. Albert Bumb led a walking tour of the building and grounds.

It took over five years to build the 120,000 square foot seminary, with hundreds of tradespeople involved,

many coming from all parts of the world. Each part of the building is unique in that all almost of the woodwork is handcrafted. In fact, every aspect of the seminary was designed for beauty and permanence. There are only five such seminaries in the world, and Buckingham hosts one.

The St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary hopes to have an open house in in the spring or summer for those interested in touring the building and grounds.

For more information on St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary go to <https://www.stas.org>.

The seminary provided the following construction-by-numbers statistics:

Bricks used: 530,600;

Concrete blocks used: 295,726 (stacked end on end, these blocks would exceed the height of 401 Eiffel Towers);

Pounds of combined bricks and blocks: 11 million;

Board feet of custom woodworking: over 50,000;

Handmade doors: 49 (36 of African mahogany and 13 of ash) each weighing roughly 200 pounds;

Pounds of slate on the roof: 810,000;

Light fixtures: 1,250; and

Geothermal bore wells for the heating and cooling systems: 160 vertical wells at 400 feet deep.

# Get to know Mary Anna Twisdale

## New county finance director

BY MADELINE OTTEN  
CORRESPONDENT

Fluvanna County found itself in need of a new finance director when Eric Dahl, former finance director and current deputy county administrator, began preparations to succeed County Administrator Steve Nichols upon his July 3 departure. Mary Anna Twisdale, who has worked for the county in several financial capacities, was ready and willing to step into the role.

Twisdale and her husband, Burt, initially moved to Fluvanna in 1999, but left a year later when her husband's employer transferred him to Virginia Beach. They returned in 2013, and in July 2014 Twisdale landed her first job as management analyst in the county finance department.

Before settling in Fluvanna, Twisdale graduated from Old Dominion University with a bachelor of science in business administration. She

worked as an internal service fund and procurement accountant for the City of Chesapeake as well as a management and budget analyst for the City of Virginia Beach. Both of these roles gave Twisdale financial experience in local government.

After her return to Fluvanna, Twisdale acquired many roles within the county. After starting out as a management analyst, she also earned the roles of financial services specialist and Child Services Act coordinator. In her various roles, she worked closely with both Nichols and Dahl to create and maintain the county's budget. Both of these positions helped Twisdale gain hands-on experience within the finance department.

"I really enjoy budget," she said. "It's like a puzzle where you work to pull all of the pieces together to develop a financial plan for the county."

Twice, in 2016 and 2018, Twisdale

returned to Virginia Beach for family reasons, spending less than a year away each time. Upon both of her returns, Nichols told the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors how pleased he was to have her back due to the high quality of her work.

Now, as the director of finance, Twisdale oversees the finance department, which includes processing the county payroll, managing accounts payable, working with the budget, and completing various other financial assignments.

"The department has been run so well under Mr. Dahl, there are big shoes to fill," said Twisdale. "Now that Steve Nichols, the previous county administrator, is retiring, Eric Dahl will be taking over that position. I feel the transition will be seamless."

One of Twisdale's main financial goals for Fluvanna government is to make sure the county is fiscally

sound, or in other words, financially stable. Eventually, she would love to see the county have more economic growth to take some of the tax burden off the residents.

"I really love Fluvanna County and I have the best team in the world. Each member of the finance department works hard and brings their best every day," said Twisdale. "During difficult times we work as a team and handle all situations professionally. I am lucky to work with dedicated people who are excellent problem solvers."

Living in Virginia Beach for some time has impacted Twisdale. She enjoys the beach, whether it is the on the ocean or a lake. She also enjoys working in the yard and boating. She has been married to Burt for 25 years and has two stepchildren and three grandchildren.

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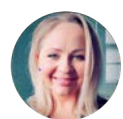


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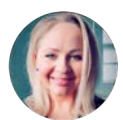
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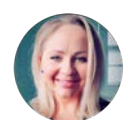
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