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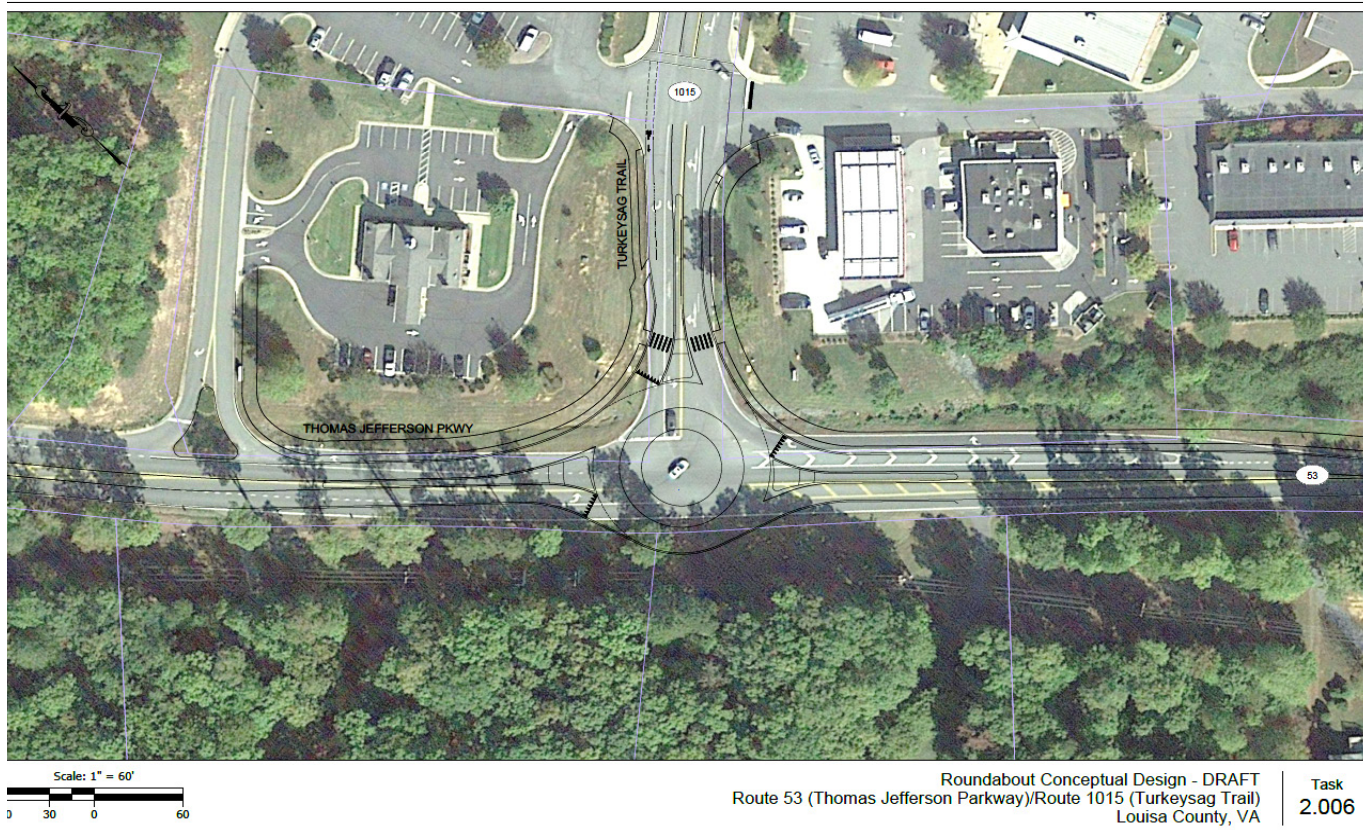


County applies for fixes to dangerous intersections

BY CHRISTINA DIMEO
EDITOR

PD Intersection Analysis

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The Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors agreed Wednesday (July 11) to apply for money to fix four dangerous intersections around the county.

The county will file its applications by Aug. 1 in an attempt to secure funding through the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Smart Scale system.

Topping the list is the intersection between Route 53 and Turkeysag Trail at Lake Monticello. That intersection "is the highest safety concern in the county currently," said Chuck Proctor, VDOT engineer.

VDOT is proposing a roundabout at that location similar to the roundabouts at Routes 15 and 53, Routes 53 and 600, and the one planned for Routes 53 and 618.

The county also wants a fix for the intersection of Routes 15 and 613 (Bybees Church Road). The plan is to add a left turn lane to "reduce the number of crashes and rear-end collisions," Proctor said.

Next on the list is the intersection of Routes 15 and 631 (Troy Road). Bad sight distance due to a crest curve has led to rear-end collisions, Proctor said.

a roundabout seemed like the best solution.

All four projects will be submitted to Smart Scale, but likely not all will receive funding.

"We have several different revenue streams that we'll focus on to fund these projects," said Alan Saunders, VDOT residency engineer. "Just because it doesn't get Smart Scale funding doesn't mean it's not a need."

The Commonwealth Transportation Board will review all Smart Scale applications over the next several months. Any

Fluvanna projects selected for funding will receive money in fiscal year 2021, Saunders said. The road improvements would get underway in 2023.

"We'll still probably need to do some of those [improvements] in the interim because that funding is going to be way out, if we get funding," said Proctor. "We may have to look at other options if they don't get funded... but if you don't apply, you're not going to get funded."

New social services positions

Medicaid expansion has greatly increased the number of people eligible for Medicaid in Fluvanna, said Kim Mabe, director of social services.

Medicaid was expanded to 138 percent of the federal poverty level, Mabe said, and has created a third category for adults who may or may not have children but who are in low-paying jobs. Medicaid will provide coverage to 33 percent of the uninsured in Fluvanna, which translates to about 829 new cases.

That new work load warrants two full-time workers, Mabe said. She also anticipates a substantial uptick in applications as people who may or may not be eligible for coverage hear about the expansion and apply. Workers are needed to process those applications.

Mabe requested a new full-time benefit specialist position and an upgrade to full-time of a part-time benefit programs specialist. The state contributed \$78,399 toward this cost and at this point there is no local match, Mabe said. Next year the county will need to supply 15.5 percent of the cost of the positions, or \$12,152.

In other matters:

- Supervisors honored former planner James Newman, who is leaving after three years in Fluvanna to become the zoning administrator for Fredericksburg. "I'm hoping the experience he takes from us will benefit him, and we certainly have benefitted from him being here," said County Administrator Steve Nichols.
- Supervisors reappointed Scott Marshall and Curtis Putnam to the Economic Development Authority. They decided to invite Keith Smith and Rudy Garcia, who are applying for the final slot, to speak to them Aug. 1 about why they would like the position.
- Supervisors reappointed Frank Gallo to the Piedmont Virginia Community College Board.
- Supervisors voted to hire Delta Response Team LLC to run rescue calls in the county. More details are forthcoming.

Former police officer sentenced for speeding, eluding

BY HEATHER MICHON, CORRESPONDENT



Travis Scott Dooley. Photo courtesy of FCSO

A former Richmond police officer charged with speeding in excess of 80 mph and eluding police in a late-night incident on Route 600 in January was sentenced in Fluvanna County Circuit Court on Thursday (July 12) after entering into a plea agreement with the Commonwealth's Attorney.

Travis Scott Dooley pleaded guilty to misdemeanor counts of reckless driving and eluding. These charges were reduced from felony counts under the terms of the plea agreement.

According to Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Todd Shockley, on Jan. 7 at around 1 a.m., Sgt. Craig Martin of the Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office was manning a radar on Route 600 (South Boston Road) when Dooley passed him at a clocked speed of 77 mph. Martin turned on his lights and pulled onto the road, but rather than pulling over, Dooley sped up to 80 mph as he continued up the road.

Martin momentarily lost sight of Dooley, but was flagged down by an unnamed passenger heading in the opposite direction, who told him Dooley was hiding behind a building somewhere near the CVS and the Dollar General. He was taken into custody moments later.

Dooley's attorney painted a portrait of a man under enormous stress at the time of the incident. Less than a month before his arrest, Dooley was on patrol with the Richmond Police Department (RPD) when he came under fire during the chase of a suspect in a drive-by shooting. Dooley returned fire, striking the

suspect in the leg. He then gave the suspect emergency aid while waiting for an ambulance.

The attorney asked Judge Melvin R. Hughes to view bodycam footage of the shooting incident "to show what kind of a person the defendant is." After some consideration, Hughes declined.

Dooley was on paid administrative leave when the speeding incident occurred. Shortly after his arrest in Fluvanna, he left the RPD. Today, Dooley is living with his mother in Montgomery County and shuttling vehicles for a transport service.

A letter submitted to the court from his therapist shows he is receiving treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder.

"Travis is my lifeline at the moment," his mother, Susan Smith, said on the witness stand. She testified he has been her primary source of emotional support following the deaths of her father and husband in recent months.

Shockley argued that Dooley's status as a police officer was "a double-edged sword." He deserved credit for his exemplary behavior during the Richmond shooting incident, but his behavior on Jan. 7 had endangered the life of another law enforcement officer, along with anyone else who had been on the road at the time. "He used his government training [in high-speed driving] to endanger other human beings," he said.

"We believe this is a jailable offense," he added, asking for a sentence of no less than 30 days.

Dooley's attorney countered that "because he has special training, it was less dangerous [to drive at high speed] than for other people." She argued that active jail time was not appropriate given the specifics of her client's case.

Hughes sentenced Dooley to three months in jail on each sentence, suspending all but 20 days. He will also have a year of supervised probation and pay \$400 in fines. His driver's license will be suspended for 90 days on each charge, but after some debate on the wording of the applicable law, Hughes ruled that those sentences could run concurrently, or at the same time.

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School Board directs superintendent to pursue unpaid cafeteria tabs

BY RUTHANN CARR
CORRESPONDENT

The School Board directed Superintendent Chuck Winkler to get details on having a collection agency or lawyer help retrieve more than \$40,000 owed for food service bills.

At Wednesday's (July 11) regularly scheduled meeting, the Board debated how to collect the money, which reached a record high in the 2017-18 school year.

Winkler said per Virginia code the school can carry the debt for a year, then must pay it off.

Brenda Gilliam, director of instruction and finance, said Virginia does not allow schools to attach the debt to a person's tax liability.

Gilliam said one option suggested was to contract with a lawyer or agency to



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collect the money. The school would then get a portion of what was collected.

Shirley Stewart (Rivanna) said she was okay with that as long as it didn't have a "negative impact on staff and schools and the relationship between the staff and students."

Andrew Pullen (Columbia) encouraged Winkler to look into collections because "in every other aspect of life if you don't pay" there are repercussions.

Charles Rittenhouse (Cunningham) agreed. "It's not fair to taxpayers to pay for others' food," he said.

In other news, Pullen asked Winkler to see if it's possible to set up a central bus pick-up and drop-off point for students. He said many of his constituents whose children have long bus rides suggested the ARC in Kents Store as a site.

Winkler said he'd look into it.

The superintendent shared the full staff survey with the Board, including comments. Any comment naming someone specific was redacted.

Among the comments concerning what can be improved, more than 50 dealt with discipline and the need for more consistent, fair and timely discipline. Other topics frequently mentioned were:

- Better communication;
- More access to technology;
- More support staff;
- Less testing;

- Smaller class size; and
- Concerns about building maintenance, safety and cleanliness.

Winkler said he met with representatives of Trane who made energy improvements throughout the school buildings last year. So far, while there have been savings, they haven't been at the level Trane guaranteed.

Because the 2018-19 budget is so tight and is built on the expected energy savings, Winkler said they are keeping an eye on it. They will continue to talk with Trane representatives to make sure they fulfill the savings goal.

When it came to allocating \$6,943.71 for Virginia School Board Association (VSBA) dues, the Board had a discussion.

Winkler said being a member of VSBA gives the Board a lot of benefits, including use of the Board Docs computer system, legal advice and policy access.

Pullen said he fundamentally does not like using taxpayer money to pay for VSBA lobbying.

When Winkler pointed out another advantage of being a member is reduced conference fees, Rittenhouse said they still have to pay to attend the conference.

Stewart said she supports Fluvanna's "continued use of VSBA." Brenda Pace (Palmyra) concurred.

The Board voted 3-0 to pay the VSBA dues. Pullen abstained. Board Chair Perrie Johnson was not at the meeting.

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Hefty Lake fee pushed business to Spring Creek

Life at Lake Monticello is fabulous! The activities that are available to residents are wonderful. There are events and clubs for people of all ages.

Recently, residents began contributing (through a dues increase) to the renovation of the common facilities. I worked on two renovation committees and headed up the sub-committee that designed and facilitated the community survey on the residents' preferences. The results made it clear: Members wanted fine dining and Sunday brunch at Ashlawn (now Lakeside). Final renovations came out beautifully. I'm proud to take guests to the Lakeside Restaurant or the Pub.

Over the weekend of July 7, my husband and I hosted my family reunion for 40 people. I wanted Sunday brunch at Lakeside, just like four years ago at the last reunion. Upon calling, I discovered that at Lakeside I would have to pay a room fee of \$375, in addition to the cost of the 40 meals. I asked about the Pub, but the Pub couldn't accommodate groups that size, unless I paid for a

private room. I would have paid a reasonable fee – say \$75 (which is what the county charges for their facilities for an entire day), but not \$375 (for two hours)! That charge is ridiculous for Lake residents. So I couldn't have the event in my own community!

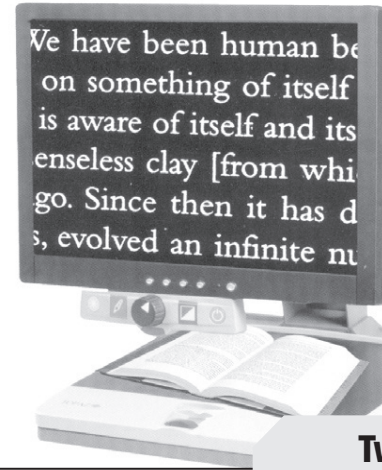
So guess where we had our brunch... Spring Creek, where Skip Alston, our former chef, was happy to get the revenue and have my group in his dining room. Skip provided a fabulous brunch buffet at \$12.95 a person. I thought it was interesting that an employee at Spring Creek was motivated to add revenue to his association's coffers. Our association lost the revenue from 40 meals. How does that help our bottom line?

The Board needs to go back and look at what the residents wanted from the renovations. They wanted fine dining at Ashlawn, not the Pub. The majority didn't want a new golf clubhouse. Some residents didn't even want a golf course at all, since it loses money. Just because several Board members are golfers doesn't mean all activities should be at the golf course. We need to go back to Lakeside being open Thursday through Saturday, plus a reasonable Sunday brunch. If it loses money, so be it. The golf course loses money, but the Board didn't close it down.

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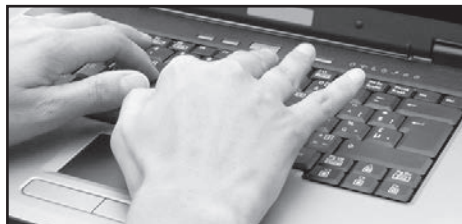
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Spreading the vote throughout Fluvanna

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT



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With a little over three months to go before Virginians return to the voting booth, a new organization dedicated to voter registration and participation is opening a Fluvanna County chapter.

Cristelle Brown, Virginia state director for Spread the Vote, met with about a dozen potential volunteers at Carysbrook Monday (July 16) to explain the organization's mission.

Spread the Vote was established in 2017 to help people in states with strong voter ID laws obtain the documentation they need to vote.

In Virginia, one of five states where Spread the Vote currently has chapters, this means a government-issued photo ID.

Photo ID laws are popular because they theoretically cut down on in-person

voter fraud on election days. However, most studies have shown that in-person fraud is incredibly rare. In 2016, for example, researchers found only four instances of this type of fraud – out of 129 million ballots cast.

Critics say photo ID laws disproportionately impact people of color, people in rural areas, and the elderly. With about 21 million voting-age Americans lacking government IDs, about 11 percent of electorate is essentially disenfranchised.

That's where Spread the Vote comes in, Brown explained. Volunteers are tasked with helping clients obtain whatever they need to get that vital ID card.

Depending on the situation, that can mean helping a client get a copy of their birth certificate or Social Security card, or driving a Fluvanna client into the

Charlottesville Department of Motor Vehicles so they can physically apply for an ID.

In 2016, then-Gov. Terry McAuliffe restored voting rights to convicted felons who had completed their sentences and probation. Brown said many people with past felony convictions didn't know they could now register to vote, while others had run into roadblocks in obtaining the paperwork needed to prove they had served their sentences and paid fines.

Volunteers also help people register to vote in their local jurisdictions, and may even drive them to the polls on Election Day.

"We are nonpartisan," Brown said. "We just want everyone to participate in our democracy."

And, she added, photo IDs are useful

for people well beyond the voting booth. "We've found it just helps people lead their lives," said Brown, allowing them to secure jobs, apply for housing, and access services. Chapters often partner with churches, schools, and other social outreach groups to find clients in need.

While the big push at the moment is to get people registered by the Oct. 27 deadline for the 2018 midterm elections, Spread the Vote will continue until every American has what they need to be able to participate. "We're trying to work ourselves out of business," Brown said.

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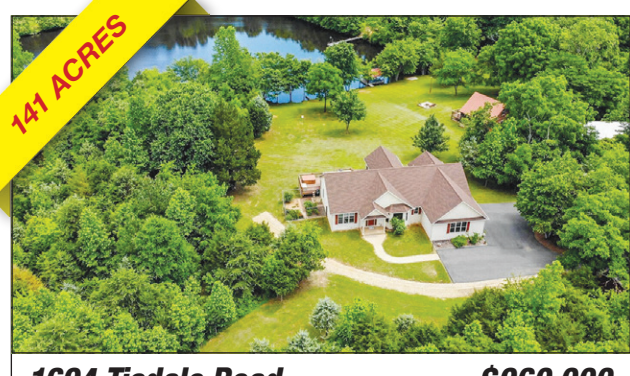
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Obituary

Peter Almonte



Peter Almonte, born in Brooklyn, died peacefully in Brooklyn, N.Y., where he had been living in a senior care facility. Although an architect by profession, he was best known in Charlottesville and Fluvanna County for his interesting and fine watercolors.

Peter fell in love with Lake Monticello many years ago and had owned a plot of land there for many years. His retirement from his architectural practice allowed him to finally make the move to Virginia which opened meaningful opportunities for him. Having the leisure to pursue his painting was certainly at the top of this list but also to enjoy his fellow golf and tennis friends and boating on the Lake,

often with his dog, Tsarina, at the helm.

Peter was a member of several art groups and always enjoyed meeting and talking with fellow artists. Modest and generous, he always bought an item from his artist friends, especially when such friends' work was featured in a gallery exhibit, as a sign of his support.

Peter's caring, gracious, generous, non-judgmental, friendly nature will be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him. He was a fine example of humility and modesty.

Peter is survived by two sons, Paul and Andrew, and a granddaughter, "Annie."

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Painter Peter Almonte remembered

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Peter Almonte, *Poetry in Motion*.

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Those who knew Peter Almonte and his work knew that he was more excited by the subjects he painted than the paintings themselves. This was the essence of his work. He had the ability to translate what he saw and felt into images that beckoned the observer to linger and look at the flawless infinite

detail in his work. Almonte featured unusual subjects and often used several photos he had taken to create one original work.

A longtime member of the Fluvanna Art Association and the Central Virginia Watercolor Guild, Almonte won numerous awards, and many of his paintings

are in private collections. He also exhibited extensively in local galleries. A quiet, thoughtful man, he remained supportive of other artists and mentored them but was always humble in the face of praise for his own work.

Almonte, a former New York City architect, began painting while studying architecture in Cincinnati in the early 1950s. It was his training as an architect that helped him in executing accurate detail within his exquisite watercolors. This is something not easily accomplished by many watercolorists.

A devoted family man, Almonte was married once and even in his 80s would still drive up to New Jersey and visit his son. Then he would return to his studio loft and paint.

Almonte was a resident of Lake Monticello since the 1990s. His house was decorated with various paintings featuring natives working, seaside Asian villages, and churches in Costa Rica. There seemed to be no end to Almonte's love of other cultures and those influences in his work.

His unique house sat on the lake and his studio was a loft in the bedroom reachable only by a ladder. In that loft he created beautiful paintings with depth and meaning, including his famous *Blessing of the Hounds* at Grace Episcopal Church, numerous seascapes and European landmarks, marketplaces, the Middle East, and Africa.

Many of his watercolors were scenes taken from trips with the Charlottesville Friendship Force to such places as England, France, Belgium, Germany and Costa Rica. His scenes of Belgian towns are picturesque. His watercolor of a Nigerian warrior captured the man's ebony skin and the minute details of his headdress with shell beads and braids, along with the firmness and determina-

tion in his eye.

He told the story of one picture he painted while on Victoria Island in Lagos, Nigeria, confined to his living quarters during a coup attempt in February 1976 by a group of dissident military men.

"The country's leader was assassinated, but the coup failed. A sidelight to history is that Nigeria's current president, President Obasanjo, was then the lieutenant general who took over from the slain leader," he said in 2007. "On the beach near our quarters, about a dozen of the ringleaders of the failed coup were publicly executed."

In his later years he experimented with symbolism and more emotional subjects, as exhibited in the theatrical award-winning piece *Poetry in Motion*. Almonte was also a master of color, blending his colors to convey a certain feeling. In one landscape he portrayed a muted red roof of an old sea shanty on a dock, showing the brightness worn over time from the salt sea air and sun. Another depicts a rowboat drifting on the shores of Ireland, alone and solitary, looking out onto the seas ahead. Some of his paintings even had a pop of deep, bright color.

Unfortunately, Almonte began to notice the trembling in his hands and was eventually diagnosed with Parkinson's, which over time robbed him of his innate ability to communicate detail in his paintings. Determined, he tried to work around it, but soon gave up painting, much to the disappointment of those who for years had admired his work.

What had always inspired Almonte was what he saw and what he believed would make a good painting. Like other artists, he mixed up images from various travel photos and sometimes came up with a whimsical Shangri La all his own.

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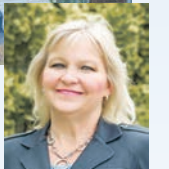
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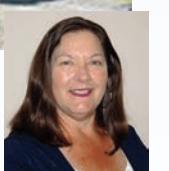
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BY DUNCAN NIXON, CORRESPONDENT



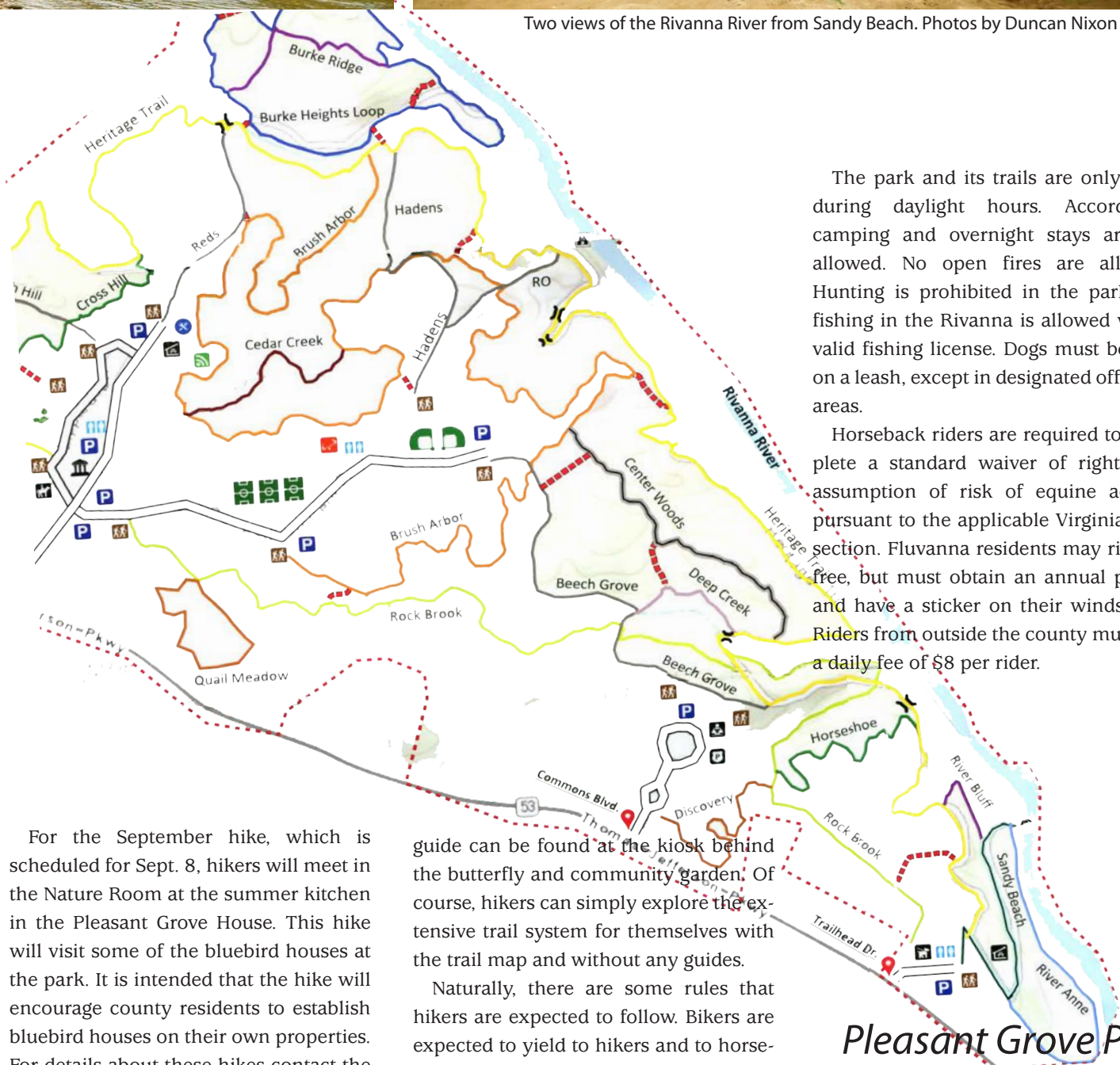
Two views of the Rivanna River from Sandy Beach. Photos by Duncan Nixon

Pleasant Grove Park is a wonderful asset that Fluvanna residents should utilize at every opportunity. The main park entrance is located in the center of the county on Route 53 just east of Fluvanna County High School. A second entrance that takes visitors to the dog park and several hiking trails is just west of the Route 53-Route 15 traffic circle.

Pleasant Grove is a very large facility for a county the size of Fluvanna. It boasts 23 trails that extend over approximately 22 miles. Naturally, there are easy flat trails and also some trails that present a change in altitude challenge. Some trails are heavily wooded and others are much more open. A few of the trails take the adventuresome hiker down to the edge of the Rivanna River. Several foot bridges along the trails have been constructed by Fluvanna County Boy Scouts working to achieve Eagle Scout status.

Fluvanna Parks and Recreation has a master naturalist summer guide program with guided hikes once a month. The June and July hikes have already occurred. A birding hike is scheduled for Aug. 11. Hikers will meet at the equestrian parking area by the old oak tree. This area is to the left of the main entrance road just short of the cemetery. This hike will be conducted through the wildlife meadows. It is anticipated that hikers will “experience the variety of birds, plants and animals that inhabit these grasslands, long prized by Native Americans,” according to a parks and recreation brochure.

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Pleasant Grove Park
Trail Map

For the September hike, which is scheduled for Sept. 8, hikers will meet in the Nature Room at the summer kitchen in the Pleasant Grove House. This hike will visit some of the bluebird houses at the park. It is intended that the hike will encourage county residents to establish bluebird houses on their own properties. For details about these hikes contact the parks and recreation office at 434-589-2016.

There are also opportunities for self-guided nature hikes. Parks and recreation has a printed guide to numbered signs that are posted along the trails. The

guide can be found at the kiosk behind the butterfly and community garden. Of course, hikers can simply explore the extensive trail system for themselves with the trail map and without any guides.

Naturally, there are some rules that hikers are expected to follow. Bikers are expected to yield to hikers and to horseback riders. All those using the trails should stay on the trails and not cut through from one trail to another as this can lead to damage to native plants and to unwanted erosion. Alcohol is not permitted.

The park and its trails are only open during daylight hours. Accordingly, camping and overnight stays are not allowed. No open fires are allowed. Hunting is prohibited in the park, but fishing in the Rivanna is allowed with a valid fishing license. Dogs must be kept on a leash, except in designated off-leash areas.

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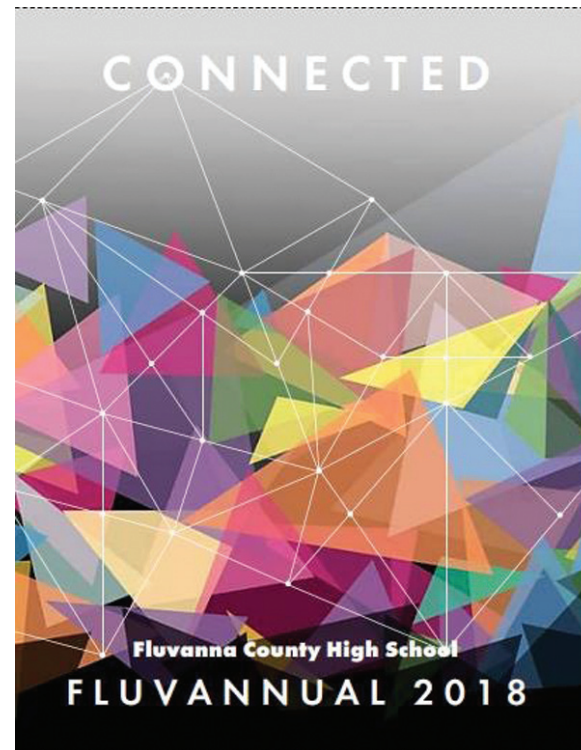
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Sharks narrowly fall to Key West

Prepare for championship meet

CONTRIBUTED BY KAREN MILLER



The Lake Monticello Swim Team (LMST) had another great week at its swim meet against Key West Club Wednesday (July 11). The night started out with a few thunder delays forcing both teams to sit out of the pool for a while; however, once the thunder cleared the Sharks were ready to get racing.

The official meet results had not been posted prior to this article going to print, but LMST had a remarkable showing and secured many victories contributing to the final meet score. LMST gave a great effort and the final score was 432-501,

making it a narrow loss for the Sharks. Many swimmers contributed to the 432 points the team earned and the coaches are proud of each of them.

Head Coach Carly Csapo said, "Despite a few storms, the Sharks had a successful meet against Key West. We had many swimmers complete new events for the first time and had many personal best times. With the championship meet only two weeks away we are in high gear to achieve all of our personal and team goals we set for the summer. I'm very proud of the sportsmanship and spirit our team has showed so far this

summer and can't wait to see our swimmers perform in the big meet."

LMST is proud to have each swimmer as part of the large team this year and so many supportive parents as well. It has been an exciting season thus far.

The Sharks wrapped up their season Wednesday (July 18) when they hosted Glenmore Country Club at the Shark tank. The team is now preparing to head into the Jefferson Swim League Champs event which takes place at the University of Virginia Aquatics Center July 27-28.

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8U team earns prestigious spot at Florida tournament

SUBMITTED BY LAURA VOGT



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FAST readies for championships

SUBMITTED BY AMY WILLIAMS



Jacob Birkhead. Photo by Ashley Birkhead

The Fluvanna Aquatics Sports Team (FAST) continues training in preparation for the Jefferson Swim League (JSL) Championships, to be held at the University of Virginia Aquatics and Fitness Center July 27-28.

Throughout the regular season, JSL tracks swim times across all three of its divisions and compiles a list of the top 50 swimmers in each event and age group. Sixteen of the FAST swimmers have made the most recent top 50 lists:

- 5-6 years old: Jacob Birkhead (25-meter freestyle and 25-meter backstroke), R.J. Crawford (25-meter backstroke), and Reed Williams (25-meter backstroke);
- 7-8 years old: Abby Caruso (50-meter freestyle and 50-meter backstroke);
- 9-10 years old: Leanna Collier (100-meter individual medley),

Harrison Williams (50-meter backstroke), and James Johnson (50-meter breaststroke and 100-meter individual medley);

- 11-12 years old: Tyler Davis (50-meter butterfly and 100-meter individual medley);
- 13-14 years old: Joey Hagan (50-meter backstroke), Joseph Sam (50-meter breaststroke), Jackson Kinsella (50-meter butterfly and 100-meter individual medley), and Anthony Caruso (50-meter butterfly);
- 15-18 years old: Emma DiFazio (50-meter freestyle, 50-meter backstroke, 50-meter butterfly), Brady Woodside (100-meter freestyle and 50-meter backstroke), Noah Klipp (50-meter breaststroke, 50-meter butterfly, and 100-meter individual medley), and

Aiden Johnson (50-meter butterfly and 100-meter individual medley).

Nathan Johnson, FAST head coach, commented on the success of both young, new swimmers and more experienced senior swimmers. Johnson pointed out Jacob Birkhead, a 6-year-old swimmer in his second summer with FAST, as an example of one of the younger swimmers who is having an outstanding season. "Jacob is a very talented swimmer," Johnson said. "He always shows up to practice with a smile on his face and is always laughing and having a great time in the water. He works hard, sometimes showing up to two practices a day to try and learn new skills."

Jacob said his favorite stroke is the backstroke and he looks forward to swimming more races and joining the Battlefield Area Star Swimmers (BASS). Jacob said he's "super excited for champs" and

hopes to "get a ribbon or two." Outside of swimming, Jacob is an avid outdoorsman, who loves camping, fishing, catching bugs, lizards and snakes. He also likes to play soccer and wants to play basketball this winter.

On the other end of the experience spectrum, Johnson mentioned 17-year-old Noah Klipp. Noah has been swimming since he was Jacob's age. He favors freestyle and has a goal of swimming in college. Noah is a fitness enthusiast who enjoys learning about and practicing fitness in all forms. Johnson described Noah as "an amazing role model for our younger swimmers because of his unmatched work ethic and coachability. He always does what is asked of him, without any complaints, and is always ready to step up to the plate to work hard."

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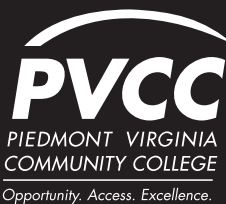
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Type of incident/Total incidents

911 hang up	8
911 misdial	4
911 open line	4
Abdominal pain	1
Animal control callback	3
Animal control follow up	1
Adult welfare/public safety check	3
Animal carcass	1
Animal welfare	5
Assault with no injury	1
Assault with a weapon	1
Attempt to locate received	1
Be on lookout	4
Child welfare/abuse/endangerment	1
Civil information request	2
Civil paper received	7
Civil paper service	51
Commercial burglar alarm	7
Destruction of property	3
Difficulty breathing	1
Disabled vehicle	9
Disturbance	7
Emergency/temporary custody order	1
Fight in progress	1
Fingerprints	2
Follow up investigation	6
Fraud	8
Gun permit received	11
Harassment phone/other	1
Larceny/theft	4
Phone call return	48
Magistrate walk in	4
Mental health call with injury	1
Mental welfare call, no injury	2
Motor vehicle crash w/ injury or unknown injury	2
Motor vehicle crash w/no injury	2
Drug-related incidents	1
Loud noise complaint	1
Obvious death	1

Other law call	9
Overdose	1
Prisoner transport	5
Repossession	1
Residential burglar alarm	1
Select patrol	21
Sexual-related offenses	1
Shots heard	1
Stray dog	9
Suspicious person	15
Tips/information received	3
Direct traffic/funeral traffic	2
Traffic hazard	7
Traffic stop	68
Trespassing/hunting trespass	2
Virginia Criminal Information	
Network query run	3
Warrant received	10
Out serving warrant	2
Total incidents	382

Arrests

July 7: Driving under the influence/driving under the influence of drugs, driving on a suspended or revoked license, damage to real or personal property

July 7: Carrying a concealed weapon, transportation or possession of a firearm by a felon, selling/giving/distributing marijuana less than five pounds

July 10: Failure to appear

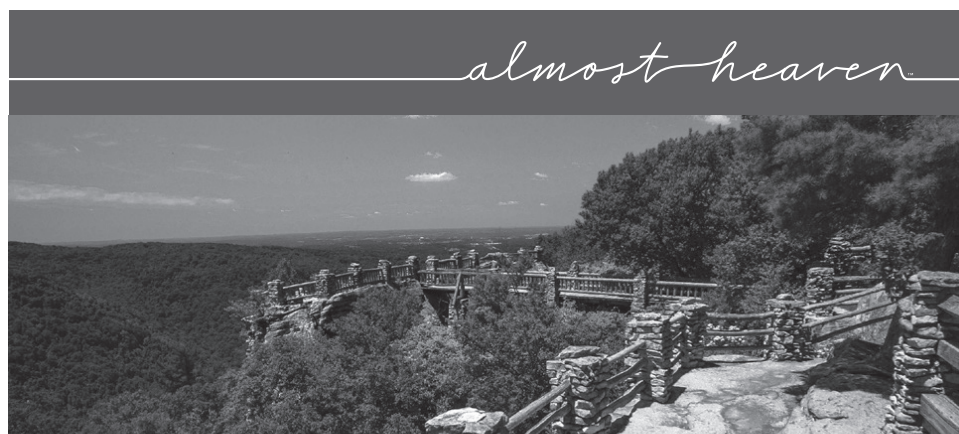
July 11: Probation violation

July 11: Failure to appear

July 12: Driving under the influence/driving under the influence of drugs

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR



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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:

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

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Cogged wheel
- 5 Hit hard
- 10 Mumbai princess
- 14 Wheel shaft
- 15 Long-necked wader
- 16 Something in the air
- 17 Like some changes
- 19 2012 film set in Tehran
- 20 Ethically indifferent
- 21 Button accordion
- 23 Part of a list
- 25 "Nail" anagram
- 26 Insertion mark
- 29 Will Smith title role
- 32 Like some goodbyes
- 35 Token of peace
- 38 Tell a whopper
- 39 Cornmeal cake
- 40 Dreadlocks wearer
- 41 Part of the Hindu trinity
- 42 Toupee, in slang
- 43 Tuba cousins
- 45 Cop to
- 47 Disney dwarf
- 48 Pearl Jam bassist Jeff
- 49 Unknown author, briefly
- 51 Counter covering
- 53 Traveler's document
- 57 Pasture pile
- 61 Ceremony
- 62 Like healthy food
- 64 It may be big or bright
- 65 Revolutionary group
- 66 Small wild ox
- 67 Microbe
- 68 2001 film, "_____ at the Gates"
- 69 Watch over

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DOWN

- 1 Big bash
- 2 Midterm or final
- 3 Additionally
- 4 Labrador's job
- 5 Bullock film, "_____ You Were Sleeping"
- 6 Farm layer
- 7 Lily variety
- 8 Sheep shelter
- 9 Mournful chime
- 10 Band tour toter
- 11 It may give you a rush
- 12 Scrapped, as a mission
- 13 Pressing need?
- 18 Flat finish
- 22 Solemn vow
- 24 Plunder
- 26 Coconut meat
- 27 Audibly
- 28 Big-top bigwig
- 30 Cattle catcher
- 31 Still in one piece
- 33 Split apart
- 34 Leavening agent
- 36 Sib for sis

- 37 Haberdashery item
- 41 Rather
- 43 "Knock it off!"
- 44 Sainly circles
- 46 Trousers measurement
- 50 Time being
- 52 In a chilling manner

- 53 Stuffed shirt
- 54 _____-de-camp
- 55 Horse coloring
- 56 IV part
- 58 Coniferous tree
- 59 Knowing, as a secret
- 60 "Good grief!"
- 63 Ewe's mate

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

B	E	S	T		S	P	E	A	R		O	R	A	L	
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A puppy makes a new friend. Photo by Bob and Jean Clouse



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And an offer.

Carnival Cruise wanted to negotiate with Darian. If he handed over the rights to his Snapchat handle, they would offer him something in return. That's when it got interesting, as what Carnival Cruise was offering seemed to go on and on.

But first, Carnival Cruise wanted to find Darian, so they put on a media blitz that ended up being covered by national and even international news agencies. From Fox News, MSNBC, Good Morning America, the New York Times, the Washington Post, and Inside Edition, the news of Darian's deal with Carnival Cruise went viral.

It started out on March 28 with a very large panel truck driving through the Town of Farmville and village of Prospect, where Darian lives, with Shaquille O'Neal's face on the side saying, "Have you seen Darian?" Other similar signs were posted throughout the county and town, seeking out the teen.

The offer was amazing. For giving up his handle, Darian and his family would be given a Mediterranean cruise on the new ship, Carnival Horizon, including the flight to Spain and hotel accommodations. Along with two staterooms, the cruise would be specialized for him, publicizing the act of giving up the Snapchat handle. He was also given \$5,000 in cash, a \$20,000 scholarship for college, and the possibility of an internship with the company. All for simply giving up #CarnivalCruise.

Darian agreed, and that's when the fun started.

The company went all out to honor his presence on the ship. When he and his family arrived there were signs everywhere on the ship announcing, "Our ship is your ship, Darian," "We love you, Darian," and "Welcome, Darian." His face was plastered everywhere on the ship and there were personalized messages on the video screens from Shaq O'Neal.

While on the cruise, Darian was involved in filming commercials which are now on the Carnival Cruise website. There were many gifts, including personalized bathrobes, luggage and a mosaic picture of him made from candy.

This experience went on for three days before the family returned, via Italy, to the States. Since then Darian and his family have also been flown to New York so that the teen could be part of the celebration of the Carnival Horizon arriving in U.S. waters for the first time. Darian, along with the Carnival Cruise officials and Queen Latifah, who is the godmother of Carnival Horizon, were part of the event.

Next year Darian and his family will be given another free cruise. When he turns 18, Darian will also be given the opportunity to do an internship with Carnival Cruise's administrative offices, either in New York or Miami.

In spite of the spotlight, Darian appears very low-key about the attention. He is working during the summer as a life-guard and spends a lot of time with his family. "When I was on the Mediterra-

For those of you who don't know what Snapchat is or the value of having just the right "handle" then you might want to pay close attention to this story.

Darian Jon-Claude Lipscomb, a 16-year-old rising junior at Buckingham County High School, knows the value of the multi-media app, as it has taken him and his family across the world while paying for a large part of his college education.

Let's start at the beginning.

Darian's family enjoys taking cruises. At the age of 12, after returning from a Caribbean cruise, Darian took the Snapchat handle #CarnivalCruise as his user name. "I was young and it was sort of random," said Darian. "I couldn't think of another name to use, so I chose that. I had no idea what would happen."

What happened next was pretty life-altering.

Turns out Carnival Cruise was getting ready to launch a new ship and wanted to use the handle as part of its promotion. "Sometime this past spring I got a message from them on my phone about the handle," said Darian.

The message said: "Hi Darian! I'm with Carnival Cruise Line and would like to talk with you and your family about your Snapchat handle. Let us know when you can chat."

Darian was somewhat taken aback. "I didn't say anything to my parents as I thought it was a joke," he said.

So did his mother, Michelle, when she got a letter from the travel company. "I was also apprehensive and thought it might be a scam," she said. Finally it became more of a reality when a FedEx package arrived with a hat, letter, and a variety of Carnival Cruise merchandise.



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mean cruise I really liked having to film the commercials and work with the Carnival Cruise staff," he said. "There were not a lot of teens on the ship, so it gave me something to do."

Sounds like, if things go right, Darian will have quite a bit to do after high school graduation. Although he plans to attend a four-year college, he recognizes the value in an intern relationship with Carnival Cruise and looks forward to the experience.

So, imagine again. A simple Snapchat handle has taken this young man to places he never imagined. It has allowed him to learn the ropes on a cruise liner, get behind the scenes, meet famous people, and have a nest egg of \$20,000 for college.

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