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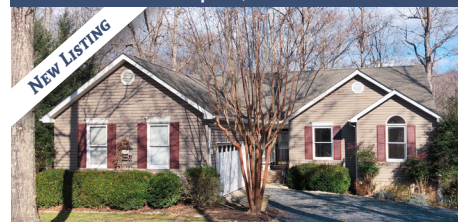
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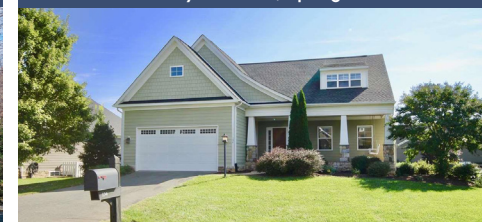
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Ida Swenson found this red-tailed hawk with a broken wing Aug. 4. After rehabilitation, Dawn Zanfardino released it back into the wild Nov. 1 at Lake Monticello. Photo and information courtesy of William Buchholz.

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Space heater likely cause of devastating house fire

Family safe

BY CHRISTINA DIMEO
EDITOR

A space heater likely started a blaze that consumed the Fork Union home of Jane and William Ford.

Just before noon Thursday (Jan. 17) a report of a house fire came into dispatch, said Fluvanna Fire Chief Mike Brent.

"We knew we had a pretty good one going," said Brent. "The first fire company pulled up and saw heavy fire showing at the right-hand portion in the front."

"It's never good when you come up to somebody's house and you see flames coming out of three sides," said firefighter Mike Sheridan. "I was the first on scene. It was already fully involved when I got there."

The only person home at 5288 James Madison Highway was William Ford, and he made it out safe and unharmed, said Brent. "Mr. Ford was in the house sleeping. I don't know what woke him up, but something got him up and he got out."



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The south side of the house had a two-room addition, said Lake Monticello Fire Chief Richie Constantino, and the slate roof over that area of the house had collapsed. "It's a problem in Fluvanna

County," said Brent. "Slate roofs are extremely heavy, and they collapse more quickly than standard roofing."

The roaring fire "was starting to extend to the main house via the attic spaces," said Constantino. "We were able to cut it off from getting into the living portion; contain it to the attic of the residence. It was a very aggressive interior fire attack that [firefighters] did. And consequently we were able to preserve a lot of the

possessions of the owner. We were very fortunate."

Firefighters extinguished the blaze in 20 to 25 minutes, said Brent. "Then we began overhaul operations and investigation, and it appears that the fire started in or around a space heater."

"It's still under investigation but it's been ruled accidental," said Constantino. "It was electrical."

The Red Cross arrived within 30

minutes and began caring for the Fords, said Brent. The organization will give them a place to stay and "vital things like toothpaste, toothbrushes – to get them going till they can get settled a little bit."

"The Fords have been a long-time family in the county," said Sheridan. "Ms. Ford taught me. She was my son Luke's favorite teacher in high school. They got out and everyone was fine, but it's almost a complete loss."

TAX TIPS

BY RUDY GARCIA, RIVANNA WOODS FINANCIAL / TAX SERVICES

Check the Health Care Check Box!

Pay attention to 1040 line 61

Unless you have spent the last twelve months in a bubble, you have heard many news stories regarding the Affordable Care Act. As you prepare to file your income tax return here is an important tip if you receive your health insurance through work.

Check the health card box

Unless you have spent the last twelve months in a bubble, you have heard many news stories regarding the Affordable Care Act. As you prepare to file your income tax return here is an important tip if you receive your health insurance through work.

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2. You are not subject to the shared responsibility payment required for most taxpayers that have no health insurance.

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So when reviewing your tax return, if you have health insurance through work, "check" that you have "checked" the box on your 1040 tax form.

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Fluvanna Business Corner

What is a "Business Cluster" and How Can it Help Your Business?

Rudy Garcia, President Fluvanna Chamber of Commerce

What comes to mind when you hear the term "business cluster"? If you are like me, the first thing I thought of when I heard it, was, well it must be an area in a locality where there are lot of businesses. I was only partially correct.

Businessdictionary.com defines a business cluster as: A network of connected businesses, suppliers, and associates in a specific field that are all located in the same geographical area. Clusters are thought to provide increased efficiency and productivity so businesses can be competitive on a national and global scale.

Read more: <http://www.businessdictionary.com/definition/business-cluster.html>

While it does refer to a geographic area and it does refer to businesses, it is much, much more specific. Here in Fluvanna County, we would be hard pressed to come up with a traditional business cluster. I propose though that if we are a bit loose with the term "same geographic area", we may be able to develop a working model that serves our businesses here in the county.

For instance, we have a number of restaurants in the county. Most of our restaurants have a need for fresh produce and meat products. We also

have a number of local farmers in the county who produce many of the products our restaurants are looking to buy. I propose that if our producers and restaurateurs were intentional about working together, they could soon develop a "network of connected businesses and suppliers" that would benefit all parties.

Likewise, we have many retailers in Fluvanna who sell locally produced items. We also have a large number of artisans and crafts people who are looking to sell their wares to members of the community. As in the case of our farmers and restaurateurs, what if our retailers and artisans and craftspeople were intentional about working together to sell more locally produced items? Wouldn't that help to "increase efficiency and productivity" so our businesses could be more competitive locally?

Oftentimes I hear about how difficult it is to do business here in Fluvanna County. What if we just looked at things from a slightly different perspective? Who knows what the results could be. If you are interested in learning more about reaching out to local businesses to work more cooperatively, give the Chamber a call!

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Letter to editor

Open letter to Riggelman

Besides our voting and free speech rights, we have the somewhat unique opportunity to speak directly to our elected representatives. I exercised that right last week, as you can see below, and urge everyone to do likewise.

Dear Congressman Denver Riggelman: I heard you speak twice at our Fluvanna County veterans' group...and came to the conclusion that you seemed quite reasonable and intelligent enough to successfully contend with our dysfunctional Congress. It's time for payback!

The ongoing, terribly destructive shut-down of 24 percent of our government, rationalized and justified as a national security issue but totally unrelated to HUD, agriculture, treasury, et al., is, quite simply an exercise of partisan government by extortion! The collateral damage, American poor, aged, farmers, etc., being denied essential services and support, and hundreds of thousands of civil servants being denied employment or being required to work without compensation, many of them vets, and hundreds of thousands of government contract employees who not only are being denied employment

but who will never be reimbursed, places our society and government in the ranks of the banana republics. I am profoundly embarrassed by this geriatric-juvenile president!

Having spent some 13 years enforcing immigration law along the Arizona border, from Douglas to Yuma, it was, and is, apparent to those familiar with the area and issues that a wall is a minimally effective, tremendously costly partial enforcement tool...best exemplified by the three tunnels found in the Nogales area in just the past month! Regardless of the president's two campaign promises made regarding the wall, and in spite of the fact that he has had two years with majorities in both houses of Congress to fulfill his promises, yet accomplished nothing, the rational and most effective responses to border and immigration issues are manpower and technology.

It is long past time to approve the appropriation bills, as the recent Republican Congress tried, resulting in a presidential veto. Clean appropriation bills, separate and distinct from the wall issue, is the only sane option at this point! Let's do this thing!

John Neighbours
Lake Monticello

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SUBMITTED BY DAVE MILLER

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2018 deemed second-most rainy of 118 years

BY MADELINE OTTEN, CORRESPONDENT
AND CHRISTINA DIMEO, EDITOR

People who think 2018 was remarkably rainy aren't crazy – they're right.

Last year had the dubious distinction of having the second-highest amount of rain in 118 years of records.

According to data from the McCormick Observatory in Charlottesville, 72.14 inches of rain fell in 2018. Normal rainfall for one year is 47.68 inches. That 51 percent jump put 2018 second only to 2003, which saw 74.55 inches of rain.

The third-rainiest year was 1937, with 72.07 inches. 1969, the year in which Hurricane Camille smashed into Fluvanna, came in 14th with 55.97 inches.

Though the years since 2000 make up 15 percent of the 118 years of records, six of the rainiest years, or 24 percent, occurred since 2000.

Local effects

On May 31, the Rivanna River was recorded at its highest point in 2018 at 25.51 feet. The highest the river was ever recorded was back in 1969 at 39.85 feet.

According to the National Weather Service, starting at 17 feet is when the Rivanna River is considered in its flood stage and overflow begins on right banks, or the banks on the right of the river when looking in the direction of the flow, which affects secondary roads. At 18 feet, the river is out of its banks in Palmyra and some streets are closed in town, as are some secondary roads leading into town. Finally, at 24.8 feet, farmland and roads downstream are flooded.

More rain continued to fall and on June 22, nearly 100 streets closed due to flooding throughout Central Virginia after as much as five inches of rain fell. The National Weather Service stated that six inches of moving water is enough to knock over an adult, 12 inches of rushing water can carry away a small car, and two feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles.

This rainfall sent rivers and creeks over banks, brought down trees, and six roads in Fluvanna County were closed. The next day the Rivanna River was recorded at 19.72 feet.

In July, large trees and debris piled high on the river near the boat ramp by Crofton Bridge, creating a hazard for paddlers out on the water.

It was not until Aug. 20 when a contractor with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) was able to start

removing the large debris pile. Crews accessed the debris from the Crofton boat ramp, which was closed to all traffic. The work was necessary in order to avoid damage to the bridge and to reduce risk of flooding during future storms.

VDOT coordinated the closure with the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) and worked with DGIF and Rivanna Conservation Alliance (RCA) to place signs upstream to warn boaters and paddlers of the debris.

After more rain fell in July and August, the Rivanna rose above 24 feet for the second time in 2018. In September, after the remnants of Hurricane Florence trekked through, the river rose to 24.5 feet and Lake Monticello was recorded at 33 inches above zero, the highest the Lake has ever been recorded. Spillways were opened to drain the lake and reduce the amount above zero.

There was also some damage to roadways. Route 616 (Union Mills Road), between Route 15 and Route 600, was closed due to a washout. Part of the roadway crumbled as a result of heavy

overnight rains. The closure affected Fluvanna County residents and their commute to Charlottesville.

"That's our primary route to Charlottesville, so now instead of leaving and heading west toward Charlottesville, we will have to go east a couple miles then back out to Zion Crossroads to take Interstate 64, which is the only alternative route that we have out here," said Fluvanna resident William McCorkle at the time.

It unfortunately took longer than expected to fix the road due to more rain in October.

On Oct. 11, Fluvanna County received more rain thanks to Hurricane Michael. This also caused Fluvanna to be under tornado and flash flood watches. The Rivanna River rose to 19.97 feet and the heavy amounts of rain caused Fluvanna County schools to close early that day.

Route 616 was closed Sept. 18 and reopened to the public Oct. 29.

"The RCA's river stewards conducted numerous boat trips down the Rivanna River and its major tributaries this year to investigate the impacts of the high waters

and to identify issues that needed attention," said Lisa Wittenborn, RCA deputy executive director. "They helped scout out the serious logjam that occurred at the Crofton Bridge. They also identified many areas with downed trees (a hazard for boaters) and areas with increased river bank erosion, which contributes to water pollution."

Recent weather pushed the Rivanna River back above the flooding stage at 19.57 feet on Dec. 21.

"With increasing precipitation, the potential for polluted runoff and trash entering the river also increases," said Wittenborn. "RCA's river monitors discovered higher levels of bacteria pollution in the waterways this year than in past years. RCA's river cleanup volunteers have been working to remove trash and debris from the river banks and from local streams that washed in during the storms."

The Fluvanna Review thanks Eric Pritchett of NBC29 for his help collecting the statistics.



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Writers discuss author inspirations

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT

Writers approach their craft from varied perspectives. Writing may be guided by opinion, humor, logic, debate, emotion and memory. A picture emerges in the writer's mind, which may be fact or fiction.

For every writer, it is a personal journey; it connects with the spirit, awakening a curiosity to explore, resulting in a soul-satisfying experience. It is a passion too bright and too insistent to ignore. It is something that begins with an electrifying enthusiasm and evolves into a quiet sense of knowledge and completion.

A few local writers shared insights into their journey, including what and why they write, and who inspires them. These writers vary in age from their 20s to their 70s.

Meghan Harris, of the Wednesday evening Fluvanna Writers Group, is just beginning her journey, inspired by a mixed bag of authors from the darkness of Edgar Allen Poe to poet, novelist and playwright Langston Hughes to *New York Times* bestselling author John Green to contemporary writer Markas Zusak.

"I want to write stories that make people think and feel," Harris said. She is in search of a muse and with youth on her side, she will eventually find it.

Her friend, Kristen Petzold, has been writing since high school, creating her own fantasy world and characters for a series of novels; the first she published herself while a freshman in college. Petzold's stories are of a dark nature, looking into the wickedness of man through characters who struggle between good and evil.

Unsurprisingly, her inspiration comes from Poe as well. Her favorite story of Poe's is *The Mask of the Red Death*. She even has Poe's signature tattooed on her arm. Stephen King is also a favorite.

"I love having the ability to create a whole new world and escape into it," said Petzold. Nowadays, she is discovering a different world of literature in her quest to become an English teacher and share her love of writing with others.

For Alden Bigelow there are many authors whose works have inspired him, but he focused on one: Samuel Clemens, known to everyone as Mark Twain.

"I love his simultaneous folksy and satirical sense of humor and the presentation



File photo of Fluvanna Writers Group

of his wisdom through the metaphorical creativity and truth of children, like Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn," he said. Bigelow has learned over time what youths have yet to learn about writing, and expresses it well in his stories.

"I write because it allows me to paint with words pictures I cannot draw, words that may persuade and inspire my audience, or at least entertain them," he said. "There is great power in the pen and when I write I have the opportunity to be a small part of that...and I love to paint the pictures with my words. That is my joy." He added if that those who want to be writers need only to be passionate and relatively knowledgeable about their subject. "Then, all you need to do is sit down at your desk, stare at a blank page, pick up your pen, point it at that blank page and begin. You are now a writer."

Warren Groeger, of the same generation as Bigelow, often draws on his past and memories to create realism and detail in heartfelt scenes from his own life.

"I've always written and have been driven my entire life to get my ideas down on paper," he said. For a writer whose stories reflect his time-consuming genealogical research and thoughts

on the past and present, it is interesting that his favorite authors are Kurt Vonnegut, Gunter Grass and Thomas Mann, the latter of whom is known for his symbolism and irony in his novels as well as the psychological look into the mind of artists and intellectuals.

Somewhere between youth and seasoned is author Leslie Truex, who writes both fiction and non-fiction.

"In non-fiction, I write because it was how I'm able to work from home. Not that I don't enjoy it, but it's essentially my job," she said. "For fiction, something went off in my head 20 years ago, and now characters prattle on and on in my brain wanting their stories told. I enjoy the stories they tell, which goes with the saying, 'Write what you like to read.' In my case, often what I'd really like to read isn't available."

She added that she likes the creativity and control in fiction as well.

"I dictate what happens, although sometimes during the writing process, the characters can do things that are the opposite of or surprising to what I'd planned. But even so, in the end, the bad people always get their comeuppance and the good guys always win...and live

happily ever after," she said cheerfully. Truex loves the worlds she creates and, like Petzold, her stories border on fantasy while being lighter and less forbidding.

Writing a cross between romance and mystery, Truex has a few authors that inspire her style.

"Story-wise, I'm a Jane Austen fan and have paid homage to some of her work in my novels. Career-wise, I'm in awe of Nora Roberts – I love her *In Death* books as J.D. Robb because of her output," she said. "I love the humor of authors like Evanovich and Crusie. I've also been studying the career of a romance author, Lauren Blakely, who is prolific and very successful as an indie author and has sold over a million books. I envy that."

It is clear that every writer is different and is inspired by many authors, from thought-provoking to dark fantasy to lighthearted mysteries. But they share this in common: There is something beckoning them to write.

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Get to know Jason Stewart, director of community development

BY MADELINE OTTEN
CORRESPONDENT

Jason Stewart, Fluvanna County's director of community development, has 13 years of experience behind him and plans to make changes within his new role.

Stewart's first job with Fluvanna began when he was hired in December 2013 as the planning and zoning administrator. He is currently still serving in that capacity, but also became the director of community development this past August.

Before taking on his role with Fluvanna County, he was town manager of his hometown of Gate City in Scott County, Va. He also served in other roles throughout the state, including county planner of Bedford County, senior planner with the City of Richmond, zoning administrator/senior planner of Dinwiddie County, and assistant city manager of Emporia.

"I've had a good working relationship with my last few predecessors in planning and community development and have received a lot of advice," said Stewart. "We are always evaluating our policies, procedures, and ordinances to make sure we are better tomorrow than we were today."

A typical day in the office includes fielding various questions from staff or the public on a wide variety of community development topics. Questions often include the processing of subdivision proposals, boundary adjustments, easement plats, site plans, special use permits, rezoning, variances, and general inquiries. Stewart and his team attend meetings related to county business and training functions to enhance their knowledge of various topics related to their jobs.

Stewart's past experience successfully prepared him for this role. He was involved in local government at the town, county, and city level in Virginia as well as in public utility projects, planning and zoning initiatives, budget preparation, parks and recreation projects, public safety, grants administration, and economic development.

However, with every job comes difficulty. One of the biggest challenges

Stewart and his team face is time – or lack thereof.

"We have a small but dedicated staff committed to making the most of their day to improve the county. Sometimes it's hard to fit in everything we need to do, but we work hard to ensure that everything keeps moving forward," said Stewart.

Another situation that Stewart has to face is balancing conflicting rights of two parties. Zoning decisions, whether they relate to big or small projects, can be difficult if the text of the ordinance conflicts with the desires of the community. Stewart and his team use those situations as opportunities to improve and make recommendations to update the county's ordinances and comprehensive plan.

Nevertheless, in the end, seeing the implementation of a good project or plan is the most rewarding outcome for him and his team.

"I think local government offers the best and most immediate way for one to have an impact on a community," said Stewart. "The variety of different topics you run into day to day keeps the job interesting and you also can see the rewards very quickly compared to other levels of government."

When it comes to short-term goals, Stewart and his team want to continue to prepare for growth in the Zions Crossroads Community Planning Area as the water and sewer projects near the beginning of construction. In the long-term, his goal is to evaluate what came out of the Comprehensive Plan from 2015 and make recommendations to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors for an updated 2020 plan. This new plan will guide growth and development in the county for the next five years.

Stewart graduated from Virginia Tech with a double major in political science and history. He earned his master's in public administration and policy. He also completed coursework in education at the graduate level at West Virginia University.

He is originally from Scott County,



Courtesy photo of Ryan and Jason Stewart

located in far Southwest Virginia near the Tennessee border, but currently lives in Richmond with his wife, Ryan, and their two rescue Jack Russell terriers. Ryan is from Roanoke and is a speech language pathologist. He has lived in the Richmond area since 2007.

On the weekends, Stewart loves to travel and see new things with his wife.

"We travel whenever we can, visit the many restaurants, wineries and breweries in Central and Western Virginia, and occasionally attend Virginia Tech football games," he said.

Palmyra man arrested on drug and child endangerment charges

PRESS RELEASE



A Palmyra man faces multiple charges resulting from an investigation by the Jefferson Area Drug Enforcement (JADE) Task Force and the Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office.

Kenneth Wayne Farish, 37, was arrested Wednesday (Jan. 16) on one felony count of possession with intent to distribute a Schedule I/II drug (cocaine), one felony count of possession with intent to distribute over 10 grams but less than 100 grams of methamphetamine, one felony count of possession with intent to distribute marijuana – fourth offense, and three felony counts of child endangerment.

The JADE Task Force and Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant on Farish's residence in the 400 block of Stage Coach Hills Road in

Palmyra. Investigators seized from Farish's vehicle and inside the residence approximately 42 grams of methamphetamine with an estimated street value of \$4,200; 168 grams of marijuana with an estimated street value of \$3,360; and approximately two grams of powder cocaine valued at \$200.

Farish is being held at the Central Virginia Regional Jail. This is an ongoing investigation with additional charges pending.

The Jefferson Area Drug Enforcement Task Force (JADE) has been in existence since 1985 as regional narcotics task force made up of officers from the Charlottesville Police Department, Albemarle County Police Department and Virginia State Police.

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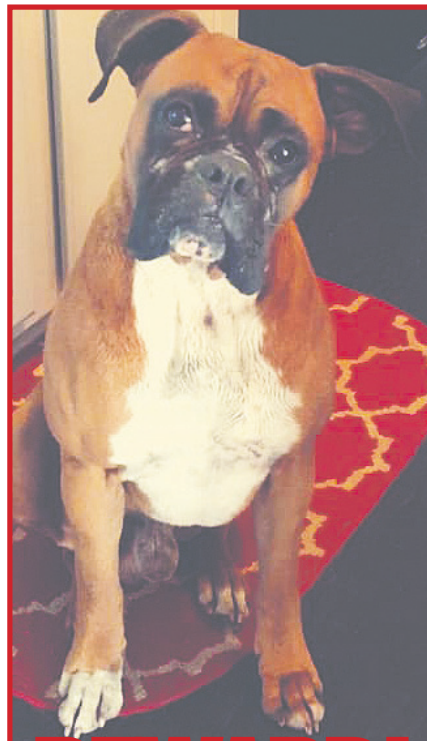
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School Board adds make-up days to calendar

Tackles teacher pay

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

Members of the Fluvanna County School Board met Thursday (Jan. 18) for a half-day seminar on the budget for the 2020 fiscal year.

Chair Perrie Johnson (Fork Union), Shirley Stewart (Rivanna), and Andrew Pullen (Columbia) formed a quorum. Brenda Pace (Palmyra) and Charles Rittenhouse (Cunningham) were not in attendance.

There was one action item on the agenda: Winkler asked for approval of two make-up days in February to offset instructional time lost to snow days.

Between heavy rains and flooding in the early fall and recent bouts of snow and ice, Fluvanna County schools have already seen seven days of closures, early dismissals, and late starts.

Winkler said he couldn't remember missing seven days at this point in the school year. "It's the craziest fall and winter we've had," he said.

Every year, the school banks up to 10 days for school closures that don't need to

be made up to meet state guidelines for the total number of instructional hours in a school year.

But with almost two months of potential weather issues ahead of them, Winkler is concerned the schools might soon run out of banked time. This reduces instructional time, which can have a negative impact on grades and test scores. Make-up days added to the end of the school year in May do not come in time for standardized testing.

After a lengthy discussion about the implications for teachers, students, and parents, the board voted to approve making Friday, Feb. 15 and Monday, Feb. 18 into school days. Previously they were scheduled as a staff day and the Presidents Day holiday.

Teacher pay

Superintendent Chuck Winkler and Brenda Gilliam, director of curriculum and instruction, walked the members through the financial picture for the coming year

and asked for input on many issues.

The suggestions and view of the board will be incorporated into the preliminary budget Winkler will bring back to the board Feb. 6.

Some of the lengthiest discussions centered on staff compensation.

One plan would raise most salaries by a minimum of 3 percent. Another would raise most salaries by 3 percent, plus give teachers their normal annual step increase as they move up in seniority. The board approved the "step plus 3 percent" plan.

Winkler also suggested looking at moving some of the staff, including custodians, drivers, and secretaries, to a pay band scale, which would make across-the-board pay increases easier to apply. The board asked him to survey the affected staff to see how they felt about that plan before looking at a formal proposal.

The board generally approved Winkler's recommendations with a few nips and tucks, trimming \$40,000 from one line item and \$30,000 from another, and de-

ferring some issues until a later date. All their input will be worked into the preliminary proposal and is likely to be tweaked further before it is presented to the Board of Supervisors in late February.

Wants versus needs

Budget season means going through every position and every program and thinking about what to keep and what to potentially cut. "It's awkward and uncomfortable," Johnson noted during the discussion, "but it's necessary."

The task is made more complicated by the various local, state, and federal revenue streams that form the system's \$40 million budget.

Gilliam noted that they don't yet know what the Virginia General Assembly will do with Gov. Ralph Northam's education budget and how it might impact their revenue. If Northam's plan is approved, Fluvanna could see about \$900,000 in additional state dollars.

"We're in a wait-and-see what the

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Ivan Becerra
Angie Betancourt
Lucas Black
Avery Blackburn
Karsyn Botkin
Talan Botkin
Chloe Brown
Zachary Butler
Ciara Cannady
Sydney Chipperfield
Madison Collins
Hunter Cooper
Rachele Cracchiolo
Ethan Dahl
Madison Daidone
Morgan Drumheller
Emily Farist
Jackson Farley
Austin Feith
Abigail Ford
Sydney Gibson
Taylor Gillian
Zachary Harris
Keira Haseltine
Gabriel Helverson
Ian Hoffman
Taneya Jackson
Jalen Johnson
Noah Jones
Lauren Kelly
Christian Lambert
Kyle Landes
Cullen Long
Allison Monfalcone
Tyler Nelson
Ariana Nolte
Jack Oliphant
Jalyn Ondek
Madison Owen
Kyle Park
Linwood Perkins IV
Alexis Perry
Jaydn Pieron
Kessler Potter
Kai Reece
Sarah Robinson
Rianon Runnett
Madeline Schmidt
Ryan Scopelliti
Macon Sheridan
Anna Shiflett
Jaden Steger
Kayla Stevenson
Kaylie Stewart
Lionel Straus
Julia Tomaras
Brandon Watkins

7th Grade A and B Honor Roll

Derek Addison
Vaile Altherr
Aidan Apelt
Janyah Armstrong
Karissa Baber
Lilla Ball
T'Keyah Barbour
Claiborne Barnabei
Marika Bates
Vivian Blanchard
Isaiah Bradley
Chloe Brandon
Hayden Bridge
Elaina Brown
Timothy Brown

Kirsten Chapman
Axandrea Chittenden
Michaela Clements
Dylan Conley
George Davis
LeAnn Dean
Sydney Derrickson
Krista Donahue
Gabrielle Etchison
Jonathan Farmer
Annelise Fierro-Ramirez
Lily Foltz
Isabelle Garrett
Alivia Gibson
Sage Gibson
Matthew Gresham
Anthony Guseman
Bailey Hall
Noah Hamilton
Ny'Asia Harris
Jackson Harris
Michael Hartling
Melia Hartling
Ciara Henson
Jackson Hopkins
Isiah Hurdle
Nicole Igo
Lance Jackson
Malachi Jackson
Tanya Jackson
Tasya Jackson
Tanasia Jasper
Conner Jeffries
Carter Johnson
Emma Johnston-Jure
Rebekah Kraft
Meredith Laufer
Madison Lewis
Logan Marchant
Reece Matula
Mandy McDaniel
Camden Melton
Kristen Morales
Trevor Morris
Serenity Opie
Megan Osteen
Harmonie Palmer
Reagan Pascua
Tierra Patterson
Ryder Petrylak
Martin Plourde
Brenna Rea
Olivia Reardon
Thomas Ritenour
Jamie Rodriguez
Annabelle Rumfelt
Nakierra Shelton
Meredith Sisson
Noah Smith
Brooke Smith
Madison Thacker
Mason Trull
Paris Turner
Jerry Vest
Caleb Walker
Gabriella Wallis
Kaiden Ward
Maddox Warren
Taylor Webber
Abby White
Michael Wiese
Brianna Williams
Sierra Wood
Mason Yowell

6th Grade Principal's List

Avery Abel
Salma Alsamarae
Anna Amato
Alexandra Ball
Kaylee Beirne

Gracie Bossieux
Jasmine Brewster
Sophia Brown
Carly Brown
Anna Broxon
Jillian Davis
Elizabeth Everitt
Nona Frye
Dylan Fulk
Alexandra Fuller
Noelle Girard
Cara Landsberg
Naia Haendle
Isabella Higginbotham
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Joseph Adams
Kelaja Agee
Daniel Almarode
Aryauna Anderson
McKenzie Baty
Brian Bauer
Alexis Bickers
Logan Blevins
Katherine Bond
Breelyn Boucher
Caidan Bradley
Joshua Brennan
Shakira Brice
Kaiden Bryant
Amara Butler
Olivia Carter-Johnston
Rocco Cianfrani
Cayman Coca-Guerrero
Chloe Colvin
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Sean Costanzo
Thomas Custer
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Zoie Deane
Benjamin Denby
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Aleeyah Dillahunt
Jessie Dillon
Morgan Donnelly
Michelle Dowling
Katie Dunn
Madeline Esch
Neveah Ferguson
Daniel Firewicz
Dion Gaines
Jasmine Gonzalez-Rollins
Ava Goodfield
Minami Gragg
Kameren Green
Victoria Gross
Anthony Halpin

Caden Harris
Makayla Henderson
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Nicholas Hourihan
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Logan Shaffer
Tristan Smith
Jaidon Smith
Diamoni Spellman
Carolyn Spence
Dylan Spillman
Ikeena Spruill
Noah Stover
Jack Stull
Corey Suling
Lily Thompson
Arianna Tinsley
Camdyn Via
Ashton Wheaton
Samantha Wills
Claire Wishart
Ashlyn Wolkowicz
D'lilah Wright
Jessica Wyant
Jennifer Wyant

5th Grade Principal's List

Abdulrahman Al Mulhem
Wade Ball
Cole Barth
Christopher Beirne
Sophia Branch
Kyle Butler
Margeaux Cantagallo
Zachary Carter
Gloria Cauley

Madison Cavanaugh
Virginia Chiesa
Mia Childress
Brennan Chiovaro
Brady Crisp
Noah Day
Ruby Frazier
Corina Frye
Madison Gifford
Charlotte Gross
Samuel Guseman
Madeline Hamel
Tristan Hodson
Adrian Holman
Joseph Hunsaker
Charles Ingalls
Andrew Jamison
Jack Jeffries
James Johnson
Samuel Loving
Cayden Lucas
Luke Manzano
Hayden Marchant
Lila Mathews
Molly McCall
William McKinley
Cecily McMillian
Kayla McNamara
Carson Melton
Emma Melton
Maraleine Milligan
Ashley Monahan
Angus Notman
Isabella Ott
Sophia Pace
Savannah Peterson
Brennan Pezalla
Jessie Phillips
Davin Pieron
Brianna Plasencia-Villa
Eliana Portman
Carson Raines
Hudson Reese
Cassidy Relyea
Gabriel Rhea
Allison Rhoades
Emma Sample
Alex Schmidt
Kailynn Smith
Sean Southall
Ayden Spitzer
Taylor Stringer
Mackenzie Thompson
Kaylen Tinnell
Alexia Ward
Christopher Williams
Kennedy Yowell

5th Grade A and B Honor Roll

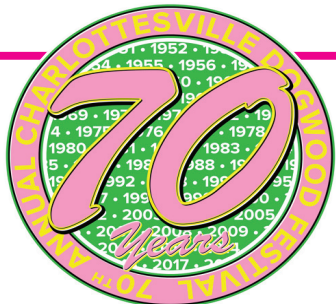
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Brogan Andersen
Colton Ball
Aryann Baskfield
Jersie Belew
Katherine Best
Ryleigh Birkhead
Riley Bishop
Cooper Botkin
Emma Breedon
Julieth Bridges
Nathan Brown
Adrienne Burruss
Lily Calvo
Richard Canete
Josiah Cantu
Kaelyn Caron
Nickole Cayton
Lydia Cox
Cristian Crawford
Gavin Dietrich

Mia Dixon
Kilee Donahue
Keelin Donohue
Zion Douglas
Megan Drumheller
Samantha Fontenot
Carter Ford
Chloe Ford
Elizabeth Garrett
Lyla Gergerich
Tavien Glasgow
Ruby Godlewski
Natalie Gomez
Abigail Gordon
Emily Graves
Kenna Hardee
Audrey Harlow
Hadon Hartung
Maya Hernandez
Brett Hicks
Isiah Hill
Caylee Holsapple
McKenna Jaeger
Joshua Jasper
Henry Jeffries
Brayden Johnson
Christopher Johnson
Carson Johnston
Joseph Jones
Leland Koiner
William Lambert
Hayden Lyons
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Cameron Overweg
Carson Perry
Megan Pounsberry
Mariah Quinn
Matthew Rea
Cora Rivers
Victoria Scotto Di Vetta
Lydia Seibert
Amina Seiden
Alexandria Sheffield
Royal Shelton
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Thomas Storie
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Damari Turner
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Gavin Vandevander
Yoselynn Vazquez
Anthony Waguespack
Haley Walker
Arianna Wallis
Maya Ward
Victoria Watson
Christian Wood
Reagan Wood

General Assembly does," Gilliam said.

They also have to contend with unknowns, including health insurance rates for next year and utility and fuel rates.

Winkler and Gilliam broke down "needs" and "wants" in their presentation. For example, they see a need for at least one new counselor and staff for special education, English, health and physical education, and an elective. But an apprentice coordinator and a middle school career and technical education elective are positions that would be good to have, but aren't considered an absolute necessity.



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Wrestlers host Billy Wensel classic tournament

BY DUNCAN NIXON
CORRESPONDENT

The Fluco wrestling team, under Coach Michael Gore, hosted the third annual Billy Wensel classic invitational Saturday (Jan. 19). The tournament is named for a long-time Fluvanna resident who was a wrestler and a wrestling coach and is suffering from ALS. Wensel and his family were in attendance for the tournament.

Seven teams came to Fluvanna County High School to wrestle in the main gym on three mats. The competition began at 9 a.m. and continued well past noon. Teams came from near, such as Fork Union Military Academy, and far, like Stone Bridge from Chesapeake. Also competing were Chancellor High, John Marshall, Colonial Heights-Hopewell and Charlottesville High.

The tournament format was a little complicated, but the matches came off like clockwork. The squads were divided into two four-team pools and each squad



wrestled two teams in its pool in the initial rounds. The top two teams in each pool then went into the top play-off bracket, while the bottom two teams from each pool went into the lower bracket.

The Flucos' first match was against the powerful squad from Stone Bridge High. The Flucos were handicapped by the fact that they were not able to field a wrestler in a number of weight classes and had to give up forfeits in those classes. The final score was Stone Bridge 50-Fluvanna 18.

Two outstanding performances were turned in by Fluco wrestlers. Wrestling at 120 pounds, Jaiqr Henson recorded a pin for the Flucos as did Shawn Metcalf who wrestled at 145 pounds. Ethan Vernatter, one of Gore's most experienced and strongest wrestlers, won by forfeit, as Stone Bridge did not contest the 170-pound class.

In its second match in Pool A the Fluco squad competed against Huguenot High. Huguenot had even more empty weight classes than the Flucos. The Flucos managed to top the Falcons by a score of 36-23.

In this match, Vernatter was able to score a pin at 170, and the Flucos piled up a number of points on forfeits. The Fluco squad also had the following wrestlers in action: Wyatt Dillon wrestled at 126, Mason Justus competed at 132, David Taylor was the Fluco wrestler at 138, while Tyler Stoy took the mat at 145. Dakota Mundy was the 160-pound contestant for the Flucos.

The Flucos will wrestle at Heritage High Saturday (Jan. 26) and then compete in the Region wrestle-in at Monticello High Jan. 30.



Above photo: Coach Gore applauds Billy Wensel
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Senate kills bill to raise minimum wage in party-line vote

BY MARYUM ELNASSEH
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE



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A Senate bill that would have raised Virginia's minimum wage is dead – much to the dismay of more than two dozen advocates who braved the cold to rally for the bill Monday morning.

Introduced by Sen. Rosalyn Dance (D-Petersburg) SB 1200 would have increased the minimum wage to \$10 on July 1 and eventually to \$15 in July 2021. It was defeated Monday (Jan. 21) afternoon in a 19-21 party-line vote.

"It's been 10 years since Virginia workers received an increase in wages,"

Dance said. "Meanwhile, the price of everyday goods continues to go up. In 2009, the average price for a gallon of gas in America was \$1.78 – today, it's \$2.41."

There are 30 states with a minimum wage higher than Virginia's \$7.25 – which is the federal minimum wage.

Speaking in opposition of the bill, Sens. Mark Obenshain (R-Rockingham) and Thomas Norment (R-James City) argued that SB 1200 would hurt businesses and working Virginians.

Norment voted last week in the

Committee on Commerce and Labor to advance the bill, but voted against it Monday. He said that raising the minimum wage to \$12 would cost Virginia 24,000 jobs.

"If we raise the minimum wage in the manner described in this bill, those jobs, opportunities and learning experiences are going to disappear," Obenshain said. "And we're not going to be able to provide that to the kids graduating from high school, people entering the workforce. We're going to hurt an awful lot of businesses that depend on providing those opportunities to those just entering the workforce."

Countering Obenshain's view, Sen. Jeremy McPike (D-Prince William) said there is a misconception that the majority of workers who earn less than \$15 an hour are teenagers working part-time jobs.

"In fact, many of these workers are adults working full time, trying to earn enough to support their families and their futures," McPike said. "Without the opportunity to earn a living wage, these workers have to work two and three jobs to make ends meet. That means time away from their kids."

According to the Economic Policy Institute, the average age of workers who would be affected by a minimum wage increase is 35 years old.

McPike was one of 10 Democratic senators who spoke in favor of the bill, sharing stories of their constituents who are unable to meet their needs, as well as research conducted on states with higher

minimum wages.

Sen. Richard Saslaw (D-Fairfax) said that a recent study shows that Arizona raised its minimum wage but did not lose any jobs.

Before the Senate convened Monday afternoon to vote on the bill, constituents rallied outside the Capitol in support of HB 1200. Organized by the labor union SEIU Virginia 512 and the organization New Virginia Majority, the rally drew more than two dozen people.

"You can't survive on 7.25," the group chanted, as senators passed by to enter the Capitol.

There are several other bills this session that would also increase the minimum wage:

- HB 1850 would raise the minimum wage to \$9 on July 1 and eventually to \$15 in 2023.
- HB 2157 would raise the minimum wage to \$10.10 in 2020.
- SB 1017 would raise the minimum wage to \$8 on July 1 and eventually to \$11.25 in 2022.

Here is how senators voted:

Yea: Barker, Boysko, Dance, Deeds, Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Howell, Lewis, Locke, Lucas, Marsden, Mason, McClellan, McPike, Petersen, Saslaw, Spruill and Surovell (19).

Nay: Black, Carrico, Chafin, Chase, Cosgrove, DeSteph, Dunnivant, Hanger, McDougle, Newman, Norment, Obenshain, Peake, Reeves, Ruff, Stanley, Stuart, Sturtevant, Suetterlein, Vogel and Wagner (21).



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The regularly scheduled meetings will take place at the Fluvanna County School Board Office located at 14455 James Madison Highway, Palmyra VA.



NOTICE

The Fluvanna County School Board will meet on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's Proposed Budget for FY20 at the Fluvanna County School Board Office.

The Fluvanna County School Board will hold a Budget Public Hearing at 6 p.m. on the FY20 Budget. The Fluvanna County School Board Office is located at 14455 James Madison Highway.

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NATURE OF INCIDENT / TOTAL

911 HANG UP	9
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ANIMAL CONTROL CALLBACK	8
ANIMAL CONTROL FOLLOW UP	2
ADULT WELFARE/PUB SAFETY CHK	1
ANIMAL BITE	1
ANIMAL CARCASS	1
ANIMAL WELFARE	5
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	5
ASSAULT W/ NO INJURY	1
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE RECEIVED	2
BITE STING OR SNAKE BITE	1
BE ON LOOKOUT	1
BURGLARY PAST OCCURRANCE	1
CHEST OR CARDIAC PROBLEM	1
CIVIL INFORMATION REQUEST	1
CIVIL PAPER RECEIVED	8
CIVIL PAPER SERVICE	42
COMMERCIAL BURG ALARM	4
COMMUNICATIONS OFC CALL OUT	1
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY	1
DIFFICULTY BREATHING	1
DISABLED VEHICLE	1
DISTURBANCE	6
DRUG TAKE BACK	1
ECO TDO CALL	1
FINGERPRINTS	12
FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION	10
FRAUD	2
GUN PERMIT RECEIVED	5
HARASSMENT PHONE/OTHER	1
VCIN CHECK	2
LARCENY/THEFT	3
PHONE CALL RETURN	34
LIVESTOCK CALL	5
MAGISTRATE WALK IN	2
MEDICAL ALARM	1
MENTAL WELFARE CALL NO INJURY	1
MISSING JUVENILE	1
MVC WITH INJ OR UNKNOWN INJ	2
MVC WITH NO INJURY	7
MVC W/ ANIMAL	3
OTHER LAW CALL	7
PRISONER TRANSPORT	8
REPOSSESSION	4
RESIDENTIAL BURGLAR ALARM	5
SELECT PATROL	47
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY	1
SICK CALL	1
OUTSIDE SPILL WITHOUT FIRE	1
STRAY CAT	1
STRAY DOG	8
STRUCTURE FIRE	1
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY/PERSON	14
DIRECT TRAFFIC/FUNERAL TRAFFIC	7
TRAFFIC HAZARD	5
TRAFFIC STOP	31
VCIN HITS RECEIVED	1
WARRANT RECEIVED	7
OUT SERVING WARRANT	17

TOTAL INCIDENTS 371

CRASHES

MVC NO INJURY	08:28:36	01/11/19
THOMAS JEFFERSON PKWY & SOUTH BOSTON RD		
MVC W/ ANIMAL	17:52:31	01/11/19
1790 BLK RICHMOND RD		
MVC W/ ANIMAL	18:17:58	01/11/19
EAST RIVER RD & BRYANTS FORD RD		
MVC NO INJURY	09:25:22	01/12/19
LAKE MONTICELLO RD & THOMAS JEFFERSON PKWY		
MVC NO INJURY	12:28:07	01/12/19
260 BLK TURKEYSAG TRL		
MVC NO INJURY	10:26:28	01/13/19
3950 SOUTH BOSTON RD		
MVC INJURY/UNK	10:36:21	01/15/19
SOUTH BOSTON RD & THOMAS JEFFERSON PKWY		
MVC W/ ANIMAL	00:49:07	01/16/19
DEER CROSSING DR & FIELDSTONE DR		
MVC NO INJURY	08:27:18	01/16/19
2760 THOMAS JEFFERSON PKWY		
MVC NO INJURY	08:18:46	01/17/19
100 SOUTH BOSTON RD		
MVC NO INJURY	11:33:11	01/17/19
1910 BLK THOMAS JEFFERSON PKWY		
MVC INJURY/UNK	17:46:13	01/17/19
LAKE RD & JAMES MADISON HWY		

TOTAL CRASHES 12

ARRESTS

JAN. 11 AT 6:42 P.M.
HOME ADDRESS: PALMYRA
DRIVING AFTER FORFEITURE OF LICENSE
JAN. 11 AT 9:57 P.M.
POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA
JAN. 13 AT 5:02 A.M.
HOME ADDRESS: PALMYRA
DUI SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN 5-10 YEARS
JAN. 14 AT 7:02 P.M.
HOME ADDRESS: BREMO BLUFF
FAILURE TO APPEAR
JAN. 16 AT 12:06 P.M.
HOME ADDRESS: PALMYRA
VIOLATING A PROTECTIVE ORDER
JAN. 16 AT 11:20 P.M.
HOME ADDRESS: PALMYRA
MANUFACTURING/SELLING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, SELLING/GIVING/DISTRIBUTING MARIJUANA LESS THAN 5 POUNDS
JAN. 17 AT 11:04 A.M.
HOME ADDRESS: PALMYRA
MISDEMEANOR
JAN. 17 AT 7:20 P.M.
HOME ADDRESS: SCOTTSVILLE
FAILURE TO APPEAR

TOTAL ARRESTS 8

SUDOKU

Edited by Margie E. Burke

Difficulty: Medium

6			9			4		
9		4		2				5
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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:

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

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 In need of a map
- 5 Bank heist, e.g.
- 10 Wished, as a farewell
- 14 Feedbag fill
- 15 Way past plump
- 16 Responsibility
- 17 Teachers at the prom, perhaps
- 19 Revival setting
- 20 Airline's home base
- 21 Early 20th-century art movement
- 22 Walk like a show horse
- 24 Hang back
- 26 Happen upon
- 28 Pricy wheels, slangily
- 31 Street-smart
- 32 Highest point
- 33 Bite off too much
- 35 Pipe material
- 38 Snack bar?
- 40 Military bigwig
- 42 Work on a tan
- 43 "Always on My Mind" singer
- 45 Way to pay
- 46 Copycat
- 47 Like some birthday parties
- 49 Some three-digit numbers
- 53 Before, in verse
- 54 Type of owl
- 55 Gyro holder
- 57 Harbor vessel
- 60 Every which way
- 61 Kirk's ship
- 64 Potatoes, perhaps
- 65 Lord's subject
- 66 Doomsayer's sign
- 67 Follow, as advice
- 68 Shopping binge
- 69 "___ #1!"

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
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64						65					66		
67						68					69		

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DOWN

- 1 Ness, for one
- 2 Where Pearl City is
- 3 Ranch worker
- 4 Cooking meas.
- 5 Elizabeth McGovern's character on "Downton Abbey"
- 6 Home
- 7 Sinner's punishment
- 8 Opposite of WNW
- 9 Defendant in a lawsuit
- 10 Horticulturist's study
- 11 About, old-style
- 12 Conical-cap wearer
- 13 Fragrant compound
- 18 Perimeter
- 23 Talk a blue streak
- 25 Congregation's cry
- 27 Freight
- 28 Overhead items
- 29 Shade of beige
- 30 Example-setters
- 34 Bona fide
- 35 8 to 11, on TV
- 36 Flower holder
- 37 Outfitted
- 39 Chilling, say
- 41 ___ and anon
- 44 Sovereign's staff
- 46 Like a cheater's deck
- 48 Run-down car
- 49 Put to shame
- 50 Textile fiber
- 51 Lose ground
- 52 Military blockade
- 56 Nursery purchase
- 58 Kind of ID
- 59 Actor Wilder
- 62 Quick drink
- 63 Theater section

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

M	O	O	T	S	C	U	D	B	A	W	L	S		
A	C	R	E	E	A	S	E	E	T	H	I	C		
M	E	A	L	T	R	E	S	E	R	I	C	A		
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A	N	E	M	O	N	E	G	R	O	P	E			
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C	O	U	C	H	U	R	G	E	O	L	D	S		
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E	N	D	O	W	H	A	R	E	S	T	Y	X		

Senate panel kills stricter seatbelt law

BY ADRIAN TERAN-TAPIA
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

Virginia will continue to have one of the weakest seatbelt laws in the country after a Senate committee killed a bill to require rear-seat passengers in a motor vehicle to wear safety belts and to make violating the state's seatbelt law a primary offense.

The Senate Transportation Committee voted 6-5 Wednesday (Jan. 16) to "pass by indefinitely" SB 1282, which sought to

expand Virginia's seatbelt requirements. Currently, only the driver and front-seat passengers must wear a safety belt, and children must be secured in car seats. Violations are a secondary offense, meaning officers cannot pull drivers over and ticket them simply for not wearing a seatbelt.

Sen. George Barker (D-Fairfax), who introduced the bill, shared his concerns

regarding passenger safety with the committee.

"After years of decline in traffic fatalities, we are now seeing an increase number of traffic fatalities – to some extent related to distracted driving issues," Barker said. "This bill is something that can help address that and something we need to do to help ensure the safety of those

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Senate committee votes to legalize guns in churches

BY JAYLA MARIE MCNEILL
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE



Republicans voted Monday (Jan. 21) to advance a bill that would legalize concealed weapons in places of worship in Virginia.

The Senate Courts of Justice committee voted 7-6 along party lines to advance SB 1024. The bill would repeal a Virginia law that makes it a Class 4 misdemeanor to

carry or conceal "any gun, pistol, bowie knife, dagger or other dangerous weapon without sufficient reason, to a place of worship."

Introduced by Sen. Robert Black (R-Loudoun), the bill is designed to address the "ambiguous" Virginia laws on the use of guns in places of worship,

Black previously told the Loudoun-Times Mirror.

"I believe Virginians have the right to protect themselves," Black stated on his website. "I support the right of competent, law-abiding citizens to own arms to defend themselves and their families."

The bill recalls President Donald Trump's assertion in October that armed guards would have prevented the mass shooting at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Penn.

"If there was an armed guard inside the temple, they would have been able to stop him," Trump said to reporters.

Eleven were killed during the attack, which was called the "most deadly anti-Semitic hate crime in American history" by the Anti-Defamation League.

Last year, an identical bill was endorsed by Sen. A. Benton Chafin, Jr. (R-Russell). Chafin's bill successfully passed the

Senate, but died in the House.

Some congregations nationally already allow concealed weapons, including The River at Tampa Bay Church in Florida. The church's decision came in response to the 2017 shooting at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, which left 26 dead.

As a means of "warning" individuals, the congregation put up a sign stating that the property is "heavily armed."

"Yes we are a church," the sign reads, "and we will protect our people."

Supporters argue that allowing concealed weapons in places of religious worship is a necessary form of preparation against potential threats. Critics maintain that stricter gun laws would better prevent attacks.

SB 1024 awaits a vote from the full Senate before moving to the House.



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riding in a vehicle in Virginia."

Since 2014, Virginia has seen a 20 percent increase in traffic-related fatalities and a 20 percent increase in fatalities related to unrestrained passengers and drivers, according to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. In 2017, the latest year for which data are available, 308 unbelted drivers and passengers died in crashes.

Traffic safety groups supported Barker's bill calling for primary enforcement to seatbelt usage for both front and rear passengers.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has found that states with primary seatbelt enforcement laws "consistently have higher observed daytime belt use rates and lower fatality rates than secondary law states." Virginia is among 16 states where seatbelt violations are a secondary offense. If someone is ticketed for the offense in Virginia, the fine is \$25.

The Senate Transportation Committee split along party lines over the bill. The six Republicans on the panel voted to kill SB 1282; the five Democratic committee members voted to keep the bill alive.

Republican Sens. Amanda Chase of Chesterfield and John Cosgrove of Chesapeake questioned how police officers would enforce the seatbelt statute as a primary law.

After the vote, Georjeane Blumling, vice president of public affairs for AAA Tidewater Virginia, said she was disappointed but not surprised that the committee killed the bill.

"We knew that moving to a primary enforcement law was going to be a challenge," Blumling said. "It has been [a challenge finding] balance between personal liberty and public safety for many years, and we appreciate Sen. Barker putting forth a bill to try to increase that safety by making seatbelts both in the front and back required and a primary offense."

Kurt Erickson, president of the Washington Regional Alcohol Program, which promotes traffic safety, said he would continue to push for stronger seatbelt laws. "The bottom line is that the routine wearing of seatbelts is the single most effective measure to reduce crash-related deaths and injuries," Erickson said.

Erickson and Blumling will now wait for the House of Delegates to decide on

a similar bill proposed by Del. Paul Krizek (D-Fairfax).

Krizek's bill, HB 2264, calls for primary enforcement of the seatbelt requirement for drivers and front-seat passengers but secondary enforcement for rear-seat passengers. The measure has been assigned to a subcommittee of the House Trans-

portation Committee.

Here is how the Senate Transportation Committee voted. A yea vote was to pass by the bill.

Yea: Carrico, Cosgrove, DeSteph, Chase, Suetterlein and Peake (6).

Nay: Deeds, Marsden, Favola, Edwards and McClellan (5).



Sen. George Barker (D-Fairfax) urging the Senate Transportation Committee to support his bill to strengthen Virginia's seatbelt law. Photo by Adrian Teran-Tapia

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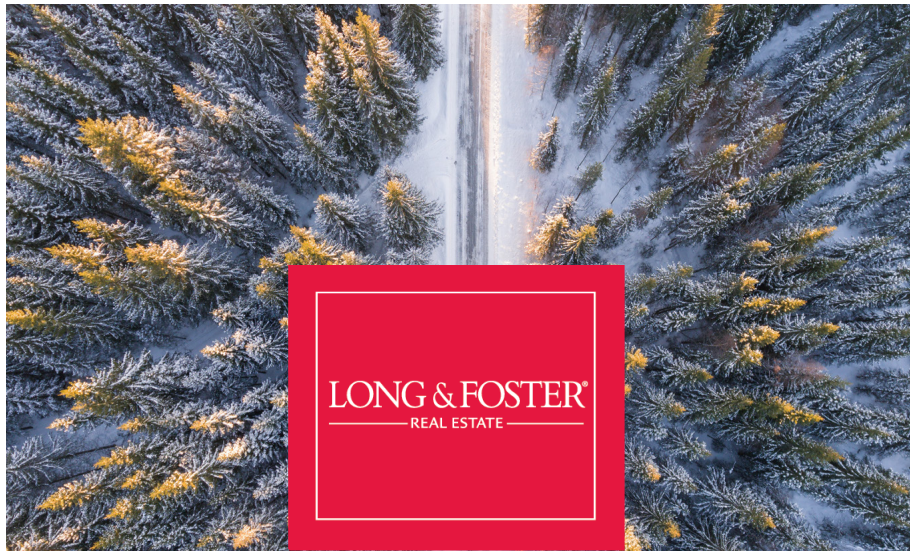
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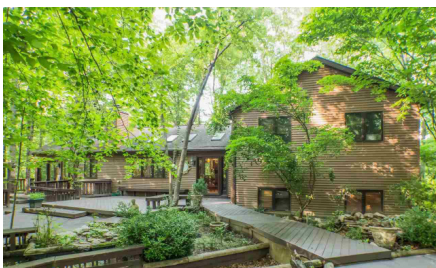
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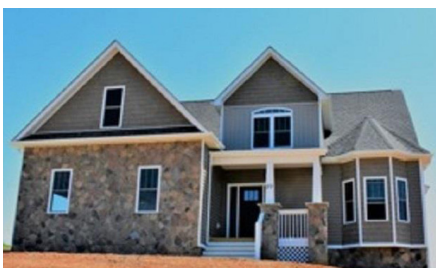
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