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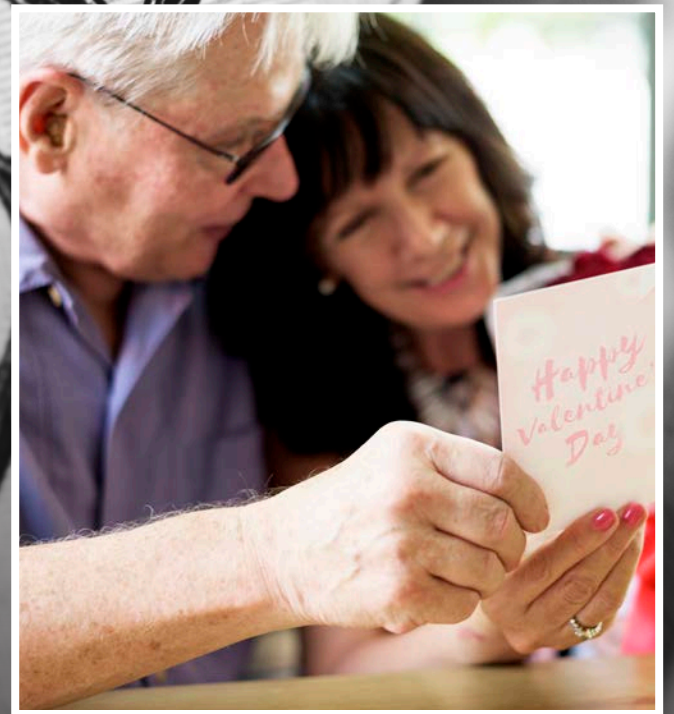
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Nichols proposes 3.36 percent tax increase

Suggests tax rate of 92.3 cents

BY CHRISTINA DIMEO
EDITOR



County Administrator Steve Nichols kicked off budget season by proposing a 3.36 percent tax increase.

The Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors held a work session Wednesday (Feb. 6) evening to hear Nichols present

his recommended budget for fiscal year 2020 (FY20), which begins July 1.

Nichols' budget totals \$80.6 million and includes money for a county-wide fire and rescue chief, an assistant county administrator and a public utilities director. It does not include any additional money for the schools. Superintendent Chuck Winkler and the School Board will formally present their budget request Feb. 20.

If supervisors don't like the tax picture in front of them they will need to make some difficult decisions. "There aren't any departments that are flush or fat. They have all been tightened down in the last seven years," Nichols said. "They are lean to the point of: If you want to make a change, you have to make a programming or personnel change to make a substantive dollar difference."

Nichols proposed a real estate tax rate of 92.3 cents per \$100 valuation. The 2018 real estate tax rate was 93.9 cents. Never-

theless, the new rate would raise taxes.

The value of Fluvanna properties increased by an average of 4.7 percent after the most recent reassessment. Homeowners would pay 4.7 percent more in real estate taxes, therefore, if no steps were taken.

State code prevents supervisors from raising taxes through a reassessment. They are free to set the tax rate as they wish, but they must pinpoint a so-called equalized rate so homeowners can make an accurate comparison. The equalized tax rate is 89.3 cents.

Setting the tax rate at 89.3 cents, therefore, would keep the tax bill the same for the average homeowner. Nichols' suggested rate of 92.3 cents is a 3.36 percent increase.

Nichols' budget made no change to Fluvanna's other tax rates: Personal property tax is \$4.35 per \$100 valuation, business and public utility personal property

tax is \$2.90, and machinery and tools tax is \$1.90.

He suggested supervisors consider changing the way personal property taxes are calculated. Fluvanna's personal property tax bills are competitive when compared to those of other counties, he said, but to a casual observer comparing only the actual tax rate, it does not appear that way.

Nichols identified several concerns exerting pressure on the budget, including water and sewer needs, E911 system maintenance, aging infrastructure, maintaining competitive salaries and benefits for staff, and Fluvanna's high existing debt load.

His proposed budget increases county spending by \$1.78 million, a 2.2 percent increase from the FY19 amended budget. But, he said, his budget cut almost \$4.3 million from the budget requests of various county departments.

Nichols proposed a FY20 capital improvements plan (CIP) totaling \$2.9 million. The CIP generally includes big-ticket items like school buses, ambulances, and new roofs for county buildings.

He warned supervisors that his CIP proposal pushed needed items and maintenance into subsequent years. Recent CIPs have also done this.

"The more you defer, the more it ends up costing you later," Nichols said. He recommended a "sincere, hardcore discussion" on each CIP item.

"There are many items that are important, but not yet critical, that are left out of proposed funding for FY20," he wrote in his budget proposal. "However, the county cannot continue to defer essential maintenance, equipment and vehicles; before long they will be beyond effective life, potentially compromise safety, or fail at a critical time of use. Debt service financing may be required to maintain adequate and safe service levels for the community."

Supervisors listened to the presentation and did not make many comments. They will meet weekly to hash out the budget until they reach a decision. A final vote is scheduled for April 17.



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BY RUDY GARCIA, RIVANNA WOODS FINANCIAL / TAX SERVICES

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While these formulas are kept very secret by the IRS, you can count on having a higher audit probability if you fall into certain categories or report certain things on your tax return.

- 1. Tax protests.** A frivolous tax protest such as filing a return stating that you owe no tax because the dollar is worthless or make some other such protest, will increase your risk of being audited.
- 2. High income.** This category is targeted because auditing higher-income taxpayers is likely to produce more additional tax revenue than auditing lower-income taxpayers.
- 3. Certain occupations.** Occupations producing cash income, such as taxi drivers and waiters are also targets. Self-employed individuals and independent contractors are at risk for

the same reason; they are more likely to have unreported cash income.

4. No preparer or a problem preparer. If you have a complex return and prepared it yourself, or if your return was prepared by someone on the IRS's problem-preparer list, you are more likely to be audited.

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Dr. Shelley Viola Murphy, Economic Development Authority (EDA)

The Economic Development Authority works with the County via the Community Development Coordinator. We provide support with marketing and business development, economic development strategy, planning and advocacy. We support the County's economic partnerships (Chamber of Commerce, State and Local Agencies, Nonprofits, etc.).

But as usual it seems as if there is something missing. What is missing is a discussion on Partnerships! Businesses are developing their 2019 business strategies and projections for the year. It is the right time to think about partnerships.

When was the last time you told someone about another business service or product in Fluvanna County? According to the State Corporation Commission we have over 800 registered businesses in Fluvanna County. That does not include the hundreds of sole proprietorships and partnerships that do business here in Fluvanna.

How many of these businesses are working with other Fluvanna Businesses? Could they be more intentional about "partnering" with other like-minded complimentary businesses in the area? Should they? The EDA says yes-partnerships are critical in the sustainability of a business. They are also good for the

community. Maybe it is time to stop thinking of other businesses as competition, see what the common ground and common connections are and think of how we can partner and build up local networking in our area.

There is a lot of evidence showing the benefits of being in partnership with other businesses. Some of those advantages are opportunities created when several businesses are targeting the same customers for different services or products. Combining together for joint marketing can help bring the costs down for both businesses. Sharing challenges can help come up with new ideas to overcoming them.

One recent example of the benefits of partnering is in the Richmond Times Dispatch below:
https://www.richmond.com/business/local/hatch-kitchen-rva-serving-up-co-working-space-for-food/article_42a7c548-9a0b-574c-8052-363d68cce29d.htm

So, Fluvanna Businesses what do you say? We would love to hear your views. The doors of Fluvanna County are open and the possibilities are endless.

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School Board launches budget season

May request an additional \$1.3 million

BY RUTHANN CARR
CORRESPONDENT



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Superintendent Chuck Winkler presented to the School Board Wednesday (Feb. 6) his budget proposal, in which he's asking for close to \$1.3 million more from the county.

It was the board's first look at it. Members will approve a budget in their Feb. 13 meeting.

About \$250,000 of the request is reimbursement for unrealized energy savings promised by Trane, who upgraded lighting, heating and cooling in 2017.

Close to \$1 million would go to staff in the form of step increases and raises,

guaranteeing a minimum of a 3 percent raise to all.

The increase breaks down as follows:

- Baseline fiscal year 2019 (FY19) local funding adopted by Board of Supervisors in April 2018 = \$17,427,579
- Unrealized energy savings = \$224,700
- Adjusted baseline for FY20 = \$17,652,279

Request components:

- Staff raises and step increases, minimum of 3 percent = \$890,000
- Increase in instructional staff: high school English, high school physical education/elective, school counselor, middle school career and technical education, high school special education = \$370,000
- Technology = \$600,000
- Other: Increase substitute pay, field hockey, homebound teacher = \$80,000

Offsets:

- Increased projected state funding = \$1,137,089
- Decrease in projected other local revenue = \$248,708

Total:

- \$1,051,619 plus unrealized energy savings of \$224,700 = \$1,276,319 in total additional local funding needed.

The total proposed school budget is \$42,697,633, up 5 percent from last year, while the total local request is \$18,703,898, up 7 percent.

Board Chair Perrie Johnson (Fork Union)

asked Winkler why he started with last year's budget as a baseline rather than going through the budget line-by-line and making cuts suggested by the board.

"I don't see any reduction in our budget like we suggested" at the seminar, she said. "Instead, you started with the baseline. The things we talked about in the last seminar, how much did we save?"

Winkler said the cuts didn't amount to enough to make a real difference.

"It wasn't \$100,000," he said. "I've looked at the budget. There's not a lot of gold and diamonds in this."

A Fluvanna Review story on the seminar said this: "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 deferring some issues until a later date."

Johnson said she remembered that at the seminar the board "came up with a big long list" that included some positions.

Winkler said there are a couple positions they might be able to do without, but those are standards of quality (SOQ) positions. Raises to SOQ positions are covered by the governor's proposed budget.

If they cut those positions, it would cut down on the state funding the school receives.

Johnson said she wanted to make clear

she is "interested in reallocating resources, not asking for more money."

Johnson passed out a sheet of paper containing a copy of Scale B and the step raises teachers on that scale receive.

"Fluvanna's school efficiency review states, 'Best practices in education compensation suggest front-loading the teacher salary schedules so as to reward early career gains to teacher effectiveness and to provide financial rewards to the teachers most likely to leave the profession,'" she said. "Our proposed teachers' scale B grows very slowly for the first two-thirds of the schedule (20 years) for a total of \$7,020. This compares to much more rapid growth over the last third (only 10 years) with a total of \$12,360."

A lengthy discussion followed about the cost of loading raises on the front end of a career, and the relative merits and disadvantages of pay bands, scales and steps.

Johnson said the reality is getting raises earlier in a career boosts lifetime earnings.

Shirley Stewart (Rivanna) said she understood Johnson's point, but, "The reality of the resources Fluvanna County has is the more money we give to teachers, the less we have for other things."

Fluvanna graduate publishes book



Dr. Luvelle Brown, superintendent of Ithaca City School District in New York, published a book entitled *Cultural of Love: Cultivating a Positive and Transformational Organizational Culture*.

The book was written for all who desire to cultivate a positive culture in any organization. Anyone striving to be a great leader can benefit from the culture development process described in this book. Along with garnering a better understanding of organizations change, readers will gain insight on shifting personal behaviors as well. A leader is not predicated on a title, but instead on a way of thinking, working, and living. Organi-

zations need innovative and committee leaders as technological advances, political, and social changes alter the global community and economy. Those reading this book must feel a sense of urgency in meeting the needs of young people and others they are serving.

Brown graduated from Fluvanna County High School. His family lives in the county.

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Frances Ungemach

Frances Elizabeth Eustace Ungemach was born Sept. 4, 1923, and died Feb. 8, 2019.

Frances lived a full and varied life. Born in the nation's capital on Labor Day, she lived in the South and in the North, in the city, in suburbs, in small towns and in the country. Fran met the love of her life, Richard "Dick" Ungemach, in the midst of WWII, and married him in 1945. Fran and Dick moved to Ithaca, N.Y., while Dick finished studies at Cornell. While living in Burnt Hills, N.Y., they had three daughters. Their young family ice skated, tobogganed, hiked through mountains, camped, canoed, and fished – although Fran's catch occasionally ended up in overhanging tree limbs.

Fran was always active in the Baptist church, and after moving to Arlington, Va., she counseled young mothers and was Scout leader and chauffeur to their daughters. Later they moved to Vienna, Va., where Fran's love of history led her to investigate her family genealogy with frequent trips to the Library of Congress and the Daughters of the American Revolution, until she discovered golf at the age of 62! Taking golf lessons prepared her for their move to Lake Monticello, Va., after Dick's retirement. She loved life at "the Lake," where her beloved Dick passed in 2007.

Seven years later she hated to leave the Lake when she moved to assisted living at RoseWood Village Greenbrier in Charlottesville, Va., where she soon joined in the social activities. Fran always loved baseball, having attended games for the Senators and the Braves. She would dress up for the games of the University of Virginia and Washington, which enlivened her life at RoseWood.

Fran would never miss an opportunity to laugh, to tell a story, to be the center of attention, or to eat ice cream! We hope she is chewing through a big bowl with Dad.

Fran is survived by her sister, Mabel Jean Eustace Essex; her three daughters, Janet Parker, Joan Brumbach (Frederic), and Lee Baszczewski (John); her four grandchildren, Brian Mailley (Jan), Kim Santmyer (Vincent), Carson Drolette (Amy), and Derek Drolette (fiancé Felicia); and her five great-grandchildren, Casey Thomas (Nathan), Melissa O'Brien (Patrick), Benjamin Drolette, Anaka Drolette, and Aurora Drolette.



Bill Shaffer



William "Bill" Lionel Shaffer, 68, of Lake Monticello, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019, at his home, surrounded by family and his pastor, after a sudden diagnosis of metastatic pancreatic cancer.

Bill was born March 6, 1950, in Abington Township in Montgomery County, Penn. He was the son of the late Lionel "Bud" Shaffer and Nelmah (Faust) Shaffer. He was also predeceased by his brother Robert Shaffer.

Bill graduated from Upper Dublin High School (1968) and Penn State University (1972). He enjoyed the challenges of his first career in human resources with UNISYS/Sperry Corporation, but with time he realized that his true life's vocation was learning and tackling challenges in computer systems integration. He shared his talents with a number of nonprofits, including the American Society of Travel Agents, the Association of Fundraising Professionals, and the Cancer Support Community/The Wellness Community.

Along with cherishing any opportunity to spend time with his family, Bill enjoyed sharing his God-given talent of singing – beginning with the Penn State Concert Choir, various churches, and the Cathedral Choral Society – and most recently in worship at South Plains Presbyterian Church in Keswick, Va., and at the church's weekly worship and music outreach at Heritage Inn Assisted Living. His was the voice you turned around for when the congregation started singing. Bill also had a lifelong love for piano and orchestral music, and cheering

on the Penn State wrestling team. (Go Penn State!) He cherished each day of his retirement with his beloved wife, Barbara, at Lake Monticello, actively involved with broadcast productions with the Lake Monticello Broadcast Group, bridge group, choir rehearsals, developing websites for local nonprofits, photographing birds and deer, marveling at glorious sunrises and sunsets, cherishing his and Barbara's rescue dogs and tuxedo cats, and sitting with his feet in the sand at Beach 3.

Survivors include his wife of almost 13 years, Barbara Ann Shaffer of Lake Monticello; three children: Jason Shaffer (Karen) of Huntersville, N.C., Stephen Shaffer (Chrystyna Dail) of Ithaca, N.Y., and Andrea Trevino (Gabriel) of Alexandria, Va.; two step-children: Natalie Apsehoff (Charlie McDonough) of Richmond, Va., and Nicholas Apsehoff of Washington, D.C.; five grandchildren: Erika Ventry, Gabe Ventry, Lelia Shaffer, Emma Shaffer, and Zoe Shaffer; his sister Nancy Shaffer (Greg McFetridge) of Lake Monticello; and numerous extended family and friends.

A Celebration of Bill's Life and Witness to the Resurrection will be held Saturday, March 2, 2019, at 2 p.m. at South Plains Presbyterian Church in Keswick, Va.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to South Plains Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 277, Keswick, Va., 22947, or Caring for Creatures, 352 Sanctuary Lane, Palmyra, Va., 22963.



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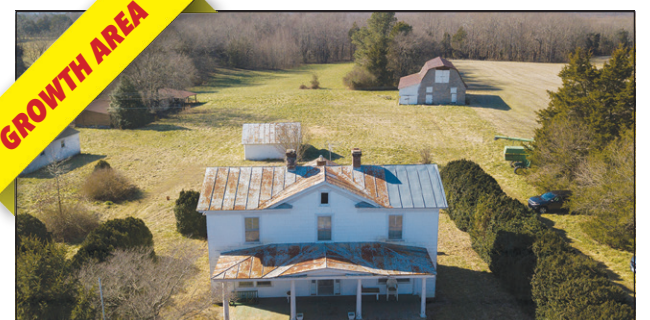
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The true meaning of Valentine's Day

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT



Valentine's Day to many means sentimental cards, flowers, candy and romance. Others have never experienced those moments, or feel that they are reserved for young lovers.

The origin of Valentine's Day is usually associated with romance, but is actually religious. There are varying legends about St. Valentine. One had him marrying young soldiers in secret when Roman Emperor Claudius II declared young soldiers could not marry, because he believed being single made them better soldiers. Once it was found out what Valentine was up to, Claudius had him put to death.

Another story emerged that had him helping Christians escape Roman prisons. When his behavior was discovered, he landed in prison. In one legend he fell in love with the jailer's daughter; in another it was a judge's daughter. Prior to his execution sent her a letter signed "your Valentine."

This legend formed the basis for the many

romantic cards sent to lovers throughout the centuries. In these legends Valentine is considered benevolent, romantic and courageous.

In actuality, Valentine's Day began as a western Christian feast day honoring saints named Valentinus. St. Valentine became associated with romance in the 14th century when courtly love flourished, but it wasn't until the 18th century in England that lovers expressed themselves with tokens of affection like cards, candy and flowers. That tradition has continued to the present.

Martha Rossi kept her valentine cards from her husband Al, an artist who has been deceased for many years. The most special were the ones he designed and drew himself, such as one that featured a self-portrait. She smiled as she remembers their moments together.

Beth Sherk shared her thoughts about her husband, Grant.

"The best valentine was the first one I

ever got from my husband," she said. "It was a heart drawn on notebook paper, written in crayon, and it said 'love conquers all.' At the time I was on the precipice of indecision, fearing the commitment of marriage. Looking back 38 years later, I know that it was a good choice we made and that it's so very true: Love does conquer all."

Some in solid marriages are low-key about their approach to Valentine's Day. Their affection and love is not reserved for one day of the year, but instead is practiced throughout.

"We don't really do a lot for Valentine's Day – it's more that there's romance every day," said Sue Mink. "I think about day-to-day things that Al does that make me feel loved. One of them is that he makes the coffee in the morning, and every morning when I get out of the shower, there's a hot cup of coffee sitting on the bathroom counter waiting for me."

Leslie Truex, who writes romance novels,

said her husband may get her a plant to show his love and appreciation.

Sue VonderBecke's husband also gives her plants, because plants, unlike flowers, are lasting.

But Valentine's Day can come in many forms, as Jennifer Jordan Beckman described.

"My father always gave my sister and me a valentine. But after he died I knew I would never have another valentine from him," she said. "After he passed I was going through his things and found one last valentine from him that he knew I would find after he passed away."

Retailers benefit by selling jewelry, flowers and candy, but cards are most meaningful to people like Rossi, who cherish them over time, or Beckman, who clings to that one last valentine from her father. With a few kind words or thoughtful gestures, love can be celebrated not just one day but the other 364 as well.

Supervisors settle lawsuit for \$130,000

BY CHRISTINA DIMEO
EDITOR

The Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors has agreed to pay \$130,000 to settle a lawsuit against them.

Katie and Walker Ward filed suit Jan. 19, 2018, over the board's December 2017 decision to rezone a 90-acre parcel of land off Route 250 in Troy from agricultural to industrial. LKQ Corporation, a Fortune 500 company, intends to build an auto reclamation facility on the land.

The Wards, who own 70 acres adjacent to the LKQ site, passionately opposed the rezoning, saying the auto reclamation facility would severely impact the peace and rural atmosphere of the land.

Supervisors and the Wards signed a Feb. 4 settlement agreement in which the board agreed to pay the Wards \$130,000. The board approved the agreement following a closed session meeting Feb. 6.

Supervisors also agreed to provide for clean-up of the stream that runs between the LKQ parcel and the Wards' land. The stream will be tested quarterly by the Department of Environmental Quality. The board pledged to request that the unoccupied house on the LKQ parcel be examined to determine both its possible historical significance and whether it houses any historically significant artifacts.

The settlement is an agreement between supervisors and the Walkers on mutually acceptable terms for resolving the dispute. It is not an admission of liability or other improper or unlawful conduct.

Both supervisors and the Wards have requested that the court permanently dismiss the case.

Lawsuit details

The Wards' lawsuit claimed that proposed LKQ facility would "lower their property value through increased traffic, noise, dust, offensive smells, environmental harms through leakage of toxic fluids into the creek that adjoins [their] property, and the replacement of serene natural views with industrial buildings and junked cars."

They also alleged that supervisors issued inadequate notice of the proposal to rezone and failed to submit the rezoning proposal to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). They claimed the rezoning failed to serve a genuine public purpose.

Supervisors filed a demurrer stating

that they complied with the law when issuing notice of the rezoning and that they did, in fact, inform VDOT about the proposal.

While not all Fluvanna residents agreed with the board's rezoning decision, and opposition to the proposed LKQ facility clearly existed, supervisors claimed their decision was nevertheless reasonable.

The demurrer quoted the Virginia Supreme Court's rubric to evaluate reasonableness of a county's zoning action: "Legislative action is reasonable if the matter in issue is fairly debatable. An issue may be said to be fairly debatable when, measured by both quantitative and qualitative tests, the evidence offered in support of the opposing views would lead objective and reasonable persons to reach different conclusions."

Reactions

The two primary lawyers involved in the lawsuit had differing opinions on the outcome.

"The settlement of the Ward case vindicates the board's decision to rezone the property and clears the way for an important step toward economic development," said County Attorney Fred Payne, who represents the Board of Supervisors.

"In general, cases challenging zoning decisions are almost impossible to win," said John Simpson, the Wards' attorney. "That Fluvanna County paid my clients \$130,000 to dismiss their case is no insignificant matter."

Katie Ward reflected on why she and her husband decided to settle. "We are just regular people," she said. "Perhaps if we had unlimited resources, we may have taken a different path. But the emotional and financial strain of this lawsuit was taking its toll on us, and I know going to trial, regardless of the outcome, would have left us hurting even more. We had to make the best decision for our family. The settlement will cover our legal fees, provide some compensation for adverse impact on our property from the junkyard, and allow us to move on with our lives.

"I think the one good thing to come out of all of this is that we shed light on how important it is for our elected officials to do their due diligence," Ward continued. "Especially after this case, I hope our representatives will actually listen to

us, and be more transparent, purposeful, and thorough when such decisions have to be made in the future. We proved to the county that Fluvanna residents aren't sitting idly by while impactful decisions are being made."

"In the pursuit of economic development, it has been my experience that it is natural to encounter opposition," said Supervisor Tony O'Brien. "Looking back at the heated debate that was held when Tenaska applied for two plants, and all the fear and concern, I believe that it is fair to say the county would have benefited from both plants. I think the same is true for LKQ. It is a Fortune 500 company that will bring needed jobs to the area, reinforces the county's investment in infrastructure at Zion Crossroads, and highlights the strength of the area. I expect that, just like Tenaska, LKQ will prove to be a great corporate citizen.

"The settlement and the board's commitment to targeted economic develop-

ment are key toward the continued competitiveness of our county and our ability to provide quality core services while diversifying the tax base," he said.



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Workshop sheds light on landlord and tenant rights

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

About 20 people gathered at Fluvanna County Public Library on Saturday (Feb. 9) for a presentation on landlord and tenant rights.

Martin Wegbriet, director of litigation for the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society (CVLAS) in Richmond, walked participants through the basics of tenant law, including fair housing, leases, nonpayment of rent, repairs and evictions.

The major takeaway from Wegbriet's presentation was that tenant law is complex, and there's no one-stop source for information.

One example is criminal history. There are no specific protections in fair housing law for people with criminal histories, and landlords are allowed to ask prospective tenants about their criminal record.

But Wegbriet cautioned: "Even though it's a neutral question, it can have a disparate impact."

African Americans and Hispanics are incarcerated at a disproportionate rate, and if a landlord had a blanket rule against renting to people with criminal histories, it could be a violation of fair housing laws.

"We're not saying that you have to rent to anyone with a criminal record," he said, but each applicant has to be looked at on a case-by-case basis.

Wegbriet stressed that this is a contractual relationship, and both landlords and tenants have to abide by laws that ideally protect them both.

He also urged the audience to get information from legal experts, not just the internet. "If you Google something, it may be right, it may be wrong; it may be updated, it may not."

According to the 2010 census, 15 percent of housing units in Fluvanna County are occupied by renters.

That figure may have grown in the past

decade, and is likely to expand further with new zoning laws that allow the construction of multi-unit dwellings in the northern part of the county.

For those who were unable to attend

the weekend session, Wegbriet will be repeating the presentation Thursday, March 14 at 6 p.m. at the Fluvanna Community Center in Fork Union.

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Three of four constitutional officers will seek re-election

BY CHRISTINA DIMEO
EDITOR



Commonwealth's Attorney Jeff Haislip, Sheriff Eric Hess, and Commissioner of Revenue Mel Sheridan will jointly announce their bids for re-election at a press conference Friday (Feb. 15) at 9 a.m. at the Historic Courthouse in Palmyra.

Supporters are invited to attend the announcement.

Treasurer Linda Lenherr has not yet announced whether she plans to run for re-election.

Tristana Treadway, clerk of the circuit court, is the only constitutional officer to serve an eight-year rather than four-year term. She is not up for re-election until 2023. The election is Nov. 5.

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Fluco girls top Monticello

Head to Regional tournament

BY DUNCAN NIXON
CORRESPONDENT



In the opening round of the Jefferson District's year-end tournament, the Fluco girls' basketball team hosted the Monticello Mustangs on Friday (Feb. 8). Early in the game, the Flucos had trouble pulling away from a team that they beat twice in the regular season. However, a solid third quarter performance, followed by an effective slowdown in the fourth quarter, led to a 38-26 victory. This win qualifies the Flucos for the Region 3 Class C tournament.

The scoring started very slowly, as both teams moved the ball carefully and had trouble getting their shots to fall. The Flucos were pressing effectively and dropping back into a man-to-man defense. Fluco junior forward Mya Wright started the scoring with a lay in, but it was almost six minutes before the Flucos scored again. Late in the quarter

junior guard Nevaeh Ivory made a short jump shot for a 4-3 lead. As the quarter ended, junior guard Maggie Wentz made one of two from the line and with only a few seconds left in the quarter. Freshman center Khamare Steppe put back a rebound for a 7-5 lead at the buzzer.

The second quarter opened with Steppe making a nice pass to fellow freshman Emma Russ for an uncontested lay-in. The quarter was a defensive struggle with neither team able to break out to any kind of lead. The Fluco were still up by two at halftime, leading 14-12.

In the third quarter, Ivory started to hit her stride. She posted eight points in the quarter on three lay-ins and two free throws: more points than the whole Fluco team had scored in either of the first two quarters. Steppe nailed a three-pointer and made two free throws, and Wright

had a basket for a 15-point quarter and a six-point lead at 29-23 going to the fourth quarter.

The fourth quarter began with Ivory making one of two from the line, but Monticello responded with a three-pointer to cut the lead to four. Wright promptly responded with a three-point shot to up the lead to seven. With about four minutes to go, Coach Chad White had his squad go into a stall to protect their lead. At the high school level stalls can be effective, because there is no shot clock. However, the defense is bound to start pressing hard for steals or turnovers. To

succeed with a stall, you must have solid and unflappable ball handlers. Fortunately, that is exactly what White has. With point guard Jules Shepherd, Ivory and Wright handling the ball, the Flucos were able to effectively run down the clock and keep the ball out of the Mustangs' hands.

The Flucos made some free throws as the clock ran down, and Steppe made a couple impressive blocks when the Mustangs did get the ball. The early three-pointer was the only basket Monticello made in the final eight minutes and the Flucos coasted to a 12-point win.

After the game, White noted that his





team has been averaging over 50 points a game, but he was perfectly happy with a low-scoring win. He noted that he was very pleased with the tough play of Russ, a freshman who is getting more playing time of late. As usual, the Flucos were led in scoring by Ivory with 13. Steppe contributed 10, while Wright chipped in with nine.

With this win over Monticello, the Flucos qualified for the Region tournament, regardless of how they do in the rest of the Jefferson District play-offs.

The Region play-offs are scheduled to begin Friday (Feb. 15). The location of the Flucos' game is to be determined. Normally, the top two teams in the Region play-off move on to the State tournament.

The Fluco boys lost 38-66 at Albemarle in their Jefferson District first round game. They hosted a Region play-in game against Monticello Wednesday (Feb. 13).

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Swim and dive

The boys' and girls' swim teams headed to the Charlottesville YMCA Feb. 1 for the regional qualifier against Western Albemarle and Charlottesville. Both teams finished in second place behind Western Albemarle, with the Lady Flucos scoring only three points fewer than the Warriors. Swimmers that are now qualified for Regionals from the girls' team include senior Olivia Strickland (100 breast), junior Emma DiFazio (200 freestyle and 100 back), junior Jocelyn Notman (500 free), sophomore Abby Harlow (200 IM), freshman Meghan Dech (500 free), and freshman Grace Farist (100 free).

Not only did six Lady Flucos qualify for Regionals, but four of them broke school records. Sophomore Abby Fuller broke a Fluvanna record for the 200 free (2:01.03) and the 100 breast (1:08.63). She was also a part of the team that swam a 1:49.29 in the 200 medley relay.

The boys' team also had a successful meet, with 10 swimmers now qualified for Regionals. The list includes sophomore Hunter Strickland (200 freestyle and 100 back), sophomore Owen Strickland (200 freestyle and 100 free), senior Jack Kershner (50 free and 100 back), junior Conner Bridge (100 free), freshman Anthony Caruso (100 fly and 200 free), sophomore Eddie Navarro (100 fly), sophomore Austin Fairbanks (100 free), senior Rhett Jones (500 free), freshman Jacob Ondek (200 free relay), and sophomore Tyler Harris (200 free relay). Multiple school records were broken by the boys' team as well, including the 200 medley relay (1:45.86) and the 400 free relay (3:31.86).

In addition, sophomore Hunter Strickland broke a record in the 200 free (1:51.34). "It was pretty fun because I know all the older people on the swim team and I knew who held it before me," he said.

Many Flucos have now qualified for States as well, including Strickland (200

free, 100 back, and men's 400 free relay), Abby Fuller (200 free), Jack Kershner, Owen Strickland, and Gus Jones (men's 400 free relay).

Meanwhile, the Fluco dive team competed at Fairview Pool in Charlottesville Feb. 2 for the regional qualifier. Senior Sterling Ruff is now qualified for Regionals. "I was super thrilled and ecstatic, and can't wait to compete," said Ruff. There are now five Fluco divers qualified for Regionals, including Ruff, junior Jason Dech, senior Kamden Shephard, sophomore Lauren Davis, and junior Logan Brophy.

Girls' basketball

On Feb. 1 the Lady Flucos also traveled to Louisa for an away conference game against the Lions. Varsity played passionately and ultimately won by a score of 59-47. "Blocking out all the noise, along with everybody's energy and confidence," was what sophomore Kelise Thomas said was key to their victory. Junior Nevaeh Ivory led the Flucos with an outstanding 29 points and four rebounds. Following the win, the Lady Flucos were on the road again at Western Albemarle Feb. 5. Losing by only nine points, Fluvanna proved to be a challenging opponent for the nearly-perfect 20-2 Warriors. Despite the loss, the Flucos are still a solid 12-8 and 10-4 in the region so far this season.

The JV girls lost by a score of 48-22 in their away matchup against Louisa Feb. 1. The JV Lady Flucos couldn't bounce back against Western Albemarle Feb. 5, losing by a tight score of 33-40. The losses drop the team to 6-13 for the year.

Boys' basketball

The varsity team traveled to Louisa Feb. 1 to take on the Lions, but had a tough game, losing 71-100. Looking to overcome that loss, the Flucos hosted Western Albemarle at home Feb. 5. The boys battled hard, taking the game against the second-best team in the region into overtime, but fell short 44-48. "Knowing we lost by 30 last time we played them, we

had the fire in our gut to come out, slow the game down to our pace, and play excellent offense and defense," said sophomore John Rittenhouse, who scored a career high of 21 points.

Meanwhile, the JV team beat the Lions 38-28. "Just running our plays worked well. Executing was big, and doing what our Coach [Jason Barnett] told us really helped," said sophomore Marquel Franklin, who led the team with 17 points. For their last game, the Flucos hosted Western Albemarle, battling against an undefeated JV team, but lost 29-46. Despite this, the Fluco JV team finished the season with a positive overall record of 14-7.

ACE

The Fluvanna ACE team made its way to Western Albemarle for the regional competition Feb. 2. While the Flucos won three of their seven matches, it wasn't quite enough for them to move on, so their season came to an end. However, team members remained focused on the positives, such as being able to answer a question on Henry Clay correctly. "We're pretty evenly-matched and we won sometimes," said freshman Joseph O'Connor, who said he excels at history questions.

Track and field

The team made its way to Fork Union Military Academy for the Jefferson District meet Feb. 2. The following ladies received All-District honors: sophomore Kaitlin Bower (55m dash and long jump), junior Kieri Hart (500m and 4x400 relay), junior Hattie Lintecum (500m and 4x400 relay), sophomore Summer Craig (100m run), sophomore Emily Smeds (1,600m run), junior Amina Wilson (pole vault), senior Ashlee Pieno (pole vault), sophomore Hannah Feith (triple jump), sophomore Skylar Solga (4x400m relay), freshman Olivia Farruggio (4x400m relay), and freshman Shea Hart (high jump). "I was a little disappointed because I didn't hit the

time I wanted to, but I'm very close to it and I know I can hit that at Regionals," said Kieri Hart.

Nineteen Lady Flucos are now headed to the regional meet, including Kieri Hart, who finished second in the 500m, and senior Ashlee Pieno and junior Amina Wilson, who both finished third in pole vault. The 4x400 relay team finished third at the Jefferson District meet and will now compete for victory at Regionals. "I was really proud and I want the rest of our girls to do well so we can qualify for States," said Lintecum.

On the same day, the Fluvanna boys' team finished second out of eight teams. Multiple Flucos placed first in their respective categories, including junior Leduc Reid (55m hurdles), senior Colby Martin (triple jump), and junior Eli Hartzog (shot put). "When he [the starter] said 'set', my mind-state was just driving forward and I was just thinking about States," said junior Leduc Reid.

The team was extremely competitive overall, with senior Dante Eddings achieving his season best in the 55m dash, 300m dash, and long jump. Junior Cameron Holland, who finished fifth in the long jump, also achieved a season best of 19-5.75.

Wrestling

The Flucos had seven wrestlers compete in the District championships Feb. 2. Out of the seven, six placed for Regionals. Placing fourth were Wyatt Dillon, Jariq Henson, Mason Justus, Tyler Stoy, and Dakota Mundy. Ethan Vernatter came in second.

"It was all right. I could've done better. I need three wins this coming Saturday to go to States, so four wins would be good," said Stoy. Meanwhile, Vernatter said, "I feel pretty good. The dude I lost to was pretty good, so I was a pretty even match. My goal is to place at States."

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Petitioners

In re: The adoption of a child to be known as Maria Jessica De Juan Ricciotti, a minor, born on February 16, 2010

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of the above-styled suit is to grant Petitioner's Petition for Anthony Roy Ricciotti, Jr. to adopt Maria Jessica Aungon De Juan.

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RESIDENTAL BURGLAR ALARM	5
SELECT PATROL	31
STRAY CAT	1
STRAY DOG	6
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY/PERSON	20
TIPS/INFORMATION RECEIVED	3
DIRECT TRAFFIC/FUNERAL TRAFFIC	18
TRAFFIC HAZARD	3

TRAFFIC STOP	8
TRESPASSING/HUNTING TRESPASS	2
UNRESPONSIVE	1
VCIN HITS RECEIVED	2
VEHICLE FIRE	1
WARRANT RECEIVED	5
OUT SERVING WARRANT	14

TOTAL INCIDENTS 480

CRASHES

MVC NO INJURY	08:13:29	02/01/19
160 COMMONS BLVD		
MVC W/ ANIMAL	02:40:44	02/02/19
GOOCHLAND COUNTY		
MVC INJURY/UNK	14:41:31	02/03/19
THOMAS JEFFERSON PKWY & RURITAN LAKE RD		
MVC NO INJURY	08:06:54	02/04/19
MONISH DR & THOMAS JEFFERSON PKWY		
MVC NO INJURY	19:39:50	02/05/19
101 CROFTON PL		
MVC NO INJURY	16:05:08	02/06/19
1918 THOMAS JEFFERSON PKWY		

TOTAL CRASHES 6

ARRESTS

FEB. 1 AT 4:25 P.M.
HOME ADDRESS: TROY
ASSAULT AND BATTERY OF A FAMILY MEMBER
FEB. 2 AT 3:19 P.M.
HOME ADDRESS: PALMYRA
INADEQUATE CARE - COMP ANIMAL, LICENSE - COMP ANIMAL
FEB. 2 AT 3:26 P.M.
HOME ADDRESS: LOUISA
POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
FEB. 3 AT 11:11 P.M.
HOME ADDRESS: SCOTTSVILLE
FAILURE TO APPEAR TRAFFIC OFFENSE
FEB. 4 AT 1:08 P.M.
HOME ADDRESS: PALMYRA
NO OFFENSE LISTED
FEB. 4 AT 4:10 P.M.
HOME ADDRESS: PALMYRA
TWO COUNTS OF SHOPLIFTING
FEB. 5 AT 7:36 P.M.
HOME ADDRESS: TROY
TWO COUNTS OF ASSAULT AND BATTERY OF A FAMILY MEMBER

TOTAL ARRESTS 7

SUDOKU

Edited by Margie E. Burke

Difficulty: Easy

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

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

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Diner dish
- 5 Altar area
- 9 Nevada's Great _____ National Park
- 14 Enough, for some
- 15 Soft French cheese
- 16 Dwelling place
- 17 Storybook monster
- 18 Captain, e.g.
- 19 Layered rock
- 20 Wrestling hold
- 22 Preserved, in a way
- 23 Austrian peak
- 24 Horse's tidbit
- 25 Letter opener
- 26 Send the wrong way
- 29 Fourposter, e.g.
- 32 Glasses, briefly
- 34 Classic Atari game of the 1980's
- 36 Graph or mobile starter
- 37 Give it _____
- 38 Marine growth
- 39 Four-run homer
- 42 Drunk as a skunk
- 43 Moray, e.g.
- 44 Without reluctance
- 46 Minuscule
- 47 Score of zero
- 48 Apply gently
- 51 Packing a punch
- 54 Tear
- 56 Pitcher's place
- 57 Cast a ballot
- 58 "Nay" sayer
- 59 Cantilevered window
- 60 Revered one
- 61 Heroin, slangily
- 62 Netflix category
- 63 Eagle's roost (var.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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62						63				64		

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- 64 Roll-call response
- 29 Greek restaurant performance
- 30 Drop-off point
- 31 Out of juice
- 32 Herb in stuffing
- 33 Squeaky clean
- 35 Sandbox toy
- 40 Taper off
- 41 Croon a tune
- 42 Look up and down
- 45 "_____ done!"
- 46 Printer need
- 49 Perfume base
- 50 Carpet color
- 51 E.P.A. concern
- 52 Hightailed it
- 53 Make a mess of
- 54 Prospector's find
- 55 Poison ivy woe
- 57 By way of

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

B	A	C	H		A	G	E	S		F	L	O	P	
O	C	H	E	R		G	O	A	T		R	U	N	E
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P	A	L	A	T	A	B	L	E		R	O	G	U	E
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E	D	G	E		T	O	T	E		S	E	A	T	

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Black History Month program

The Fluvanna NAACP will sponsor a Black History Month program entitled, "Generational Perspectives" on Saturday, **Feb. 23** at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Thessalonia Baptist Church. The program will consist of Black History Month observed, a panel discussion, and light refreshments. Moderated by Rudy Garcia. Admission is free.

Friends of library

Scottsville Presbyterian will host "To Israel and Palestine," a presentation led by Judy Brown on her trip to the Middle East, on Sunday, **Feb. 24** at 7 p.m. Refreshments follow. For more information contact Gay Einstein at 434-409-3324 or e-mail gleinstein@gmail.com.

Virginia moves to raise age for buying tobacco products

Potential legislation includes vaping devices

BY SERENA FISCHER
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE



Legislation making its way through the General Assembly would raise the legal age for purchasing and possessing tobacco and vaping products from 18 to 21, drawing mixed reactions from young adults who would be affected by the new law.

The House and Senate have passed similar bills to increase the age to buy or possess products containing tobacco or nicotine. Each chamber is now working on the other's measure.

In the state that gave birth to the tobacco industry, not everyone is happy about the legislation. William Bechtle, a 20-year-old computer science major at Virginia Commonwealth University, believes it would infringe on people's rights.

"If an 18-year-old who is legally an adult wants to make the horrible choice to start smoking, they have that right," said Bechtle, who smokes cigarettes. "If they don't, then why is the age of adulthood 18 and not 21?"

Other young smokers do not seem to view the bills as a threat – only as an inconvenience.

"I can get older friends, people at that age limit, to get it for me," said Katie

Breighner, a freshman at Centreville High School in Fairfax County. "Regardless of your age, someone can find a way to get it."

Some lawmakers also oppose the proposals to raise the smoking age – but apparently not enough to derail the legislation.

The House voted 67-31 in favor of its bill (HB 2748) Feb. 5. That measure has been referred to the Senate Courts of Justice Committee.

The Senate passed its bill (SB 1727) on a 32-8 vote Jan. 29. The House Courts of Justice Committee approved that measure 9-6 on Feb. 6 and sent it to the full House for consideration.

If the legislation becomes law, Virginia would join six other states in raising the tobacco purchase age to 21.

The Senate bill was sponsored by Sen. Thomas Norment (R-James City). Thirteen Republicans and all 19 Democrats in the Senate supported the measure; eight Republican senators opposed it.

The House bill was introduced by Del. Christopher P. Stolle (R-Virginia Beach). Forty-six Democrats and 21 Republicans voted in favor of the bill, while 29 Repub-

lican delegates and two Democratic delegates voted against it.

Fluvanna lawmakers – Senator Mark Peake and Delegates Rob Bell and Lee Ware – voted against the legislation.

Among the opponents was Del. Mark Cole (R-Spotsylvania).

"I have no problem with raising the age to purchase tobacco products up to 21, but I think it should be done in a step

process, because there are, whether we like it or not, 18-, 19-, 20-year-olds who are using these products now," Cole said. "While I applaud the intent of this legislation, I think it has problems."

The legislation targets all tobacco and nicotine products, not just cigarettes. A primary goal is to combat the recent trend of teen vaping, which the U.S. surgeon general has called an "epidemic."

The number of teens who have vaped in the past 30 days has almost doubled since 2017 and includes children as young as eighth grade. While some may argue that vaping is healthier than smoking cigarettes, many are unaware that one Juul pod (a popular method of vaping) contains as much nicotine as 20 cigarettes.

That's why students like Reem Alul view the legislation before the General Assembly as a sign of progress. Alul, a biology major at VCU, hopes new laws will help curb youth addiction to nicotine.

"As someone who's been smoking for over a year now, I know how addictive and toxic nicotine is to my quality of life," Alul said. "Although minors will still have access to these products, it'll be much harder to get a hold of it on short notice."



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Sunrise: Aug. 24, 1960. Sunset: Feb. 6, 2019.

Tony was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. to Benny Brown and Gloria Green, raised with love by Cyrus Thomas and Gloria Thomas. His loving parents preceded him in death, but they left him with a phenomenal legacy to embrace. He accepted Christ as his personal savior.

From the beginning of his diagnosis, Tony kept a positive attitude, relied on the promise of God and the support of his dedicated family to face the long journey. Even in his transition there is victory because he receives everlasting life minus the pain and suffering in a mansion not constructed by man.

Tony resided in Lake Monticello, Va., since 1992. He was the owner of Tony-T Sweet Shop, which was one of the first businesses located at the Lake.

He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife of 38 years, Lily Thomas; his beautiful children Anthony "Mee Mee" David Thomas, Melanie Irene Thomas and his goddaughter Solana Knox; his beloved brother Alan (Amanda) Thomas of Atlanta, Ga.; four phenomenal sisters, Robin (Alvin) Washington of Pensacola Fla., Sharon Renee Thomas of Atlanta, Ga., Rena Rochester of Garfield, N.J., and Anita "Choo-Choo" (Harvey) Middleton of Homestead, Fla.; his in-laws Adam Raju (deceased), Richard Raju (deceased), Maria Raju, Theresa (JR) Arroyo of Palmyra, Va., Irene (Rick) Garcia of the Bronx, N.Y., and Susila Raju of Palmyra, Va.; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

The Greatest Commandment from Matthew 22:34-40 reads: "Hearing that

Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: 'Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?' Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments.'"

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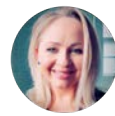


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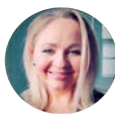


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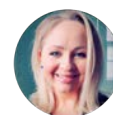
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