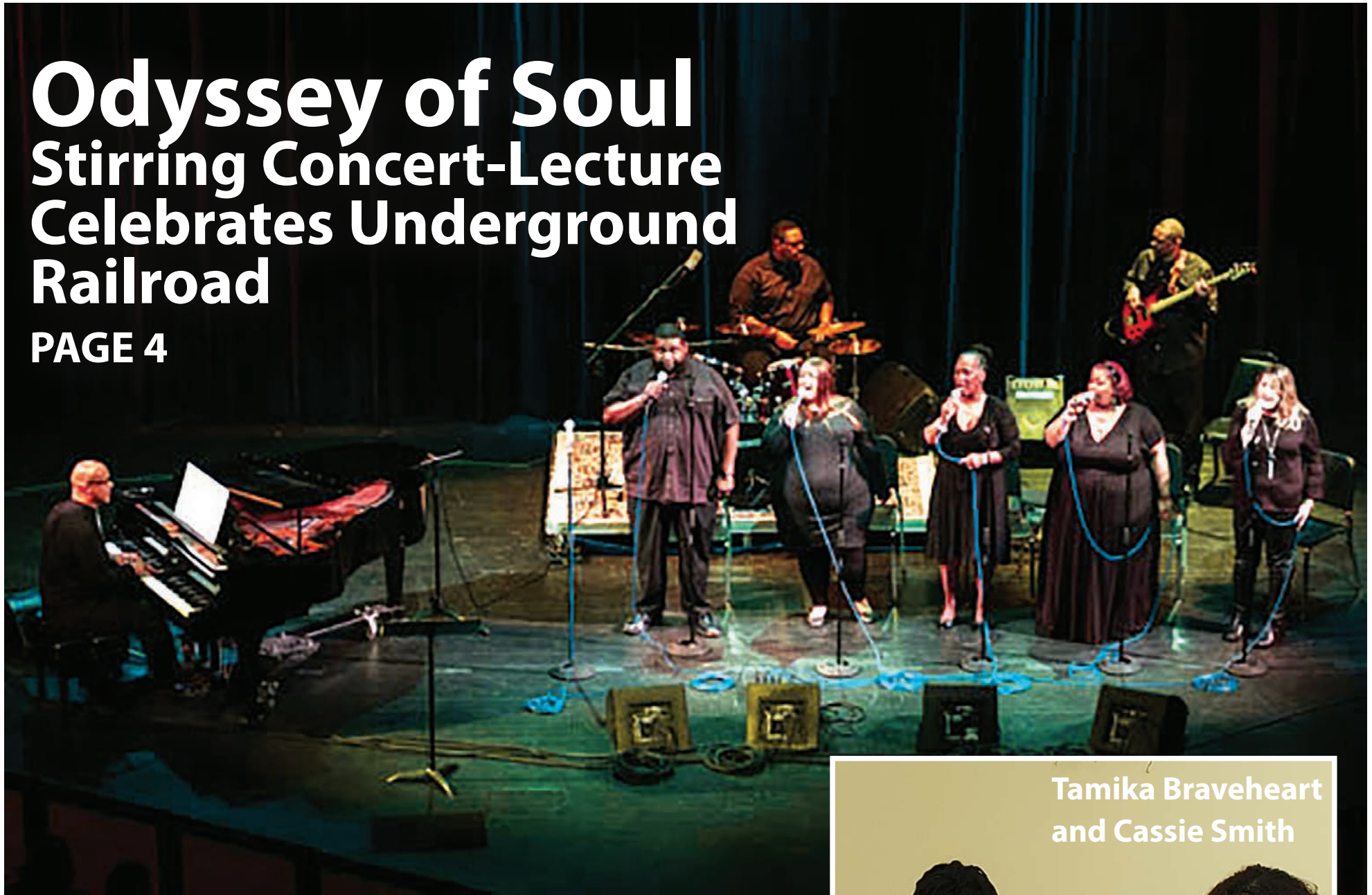


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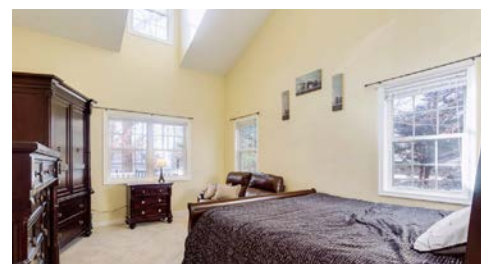
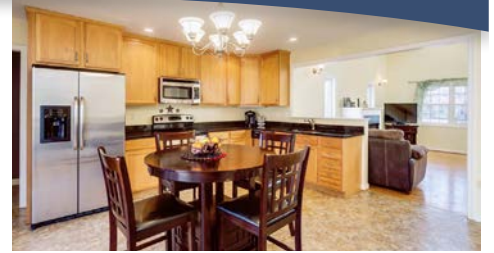


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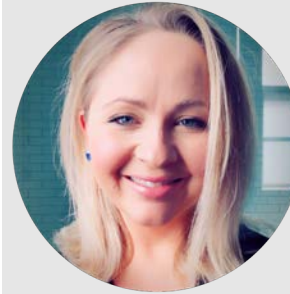


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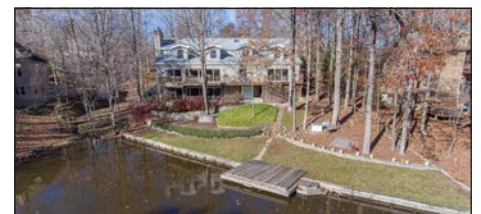
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Stirring concert-lecture celebrates Underground Railroad

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT



Courtesy photo of Odyssey of Soul.

Horace Scruggs and his musical group, Odyssey of Soul, performed at Carysbrook Performing Arts Center to an enthusiastic crowd Feb. 17. They delivered

the third lecture-concert in Scruggs' Odyssey of Soul series, which was entitled *A View from a Train: Decoding the Stories and Music of the Underground Railroad*.

It was a fitting performance for Black History Month.

Not only was the music inspirational and energizing, but the message was interesting and enlightening. As with the past concerts in Scruggs' series, the music illustrated the struggles of African Americans from slavery through the Civil Rights era. He explained unjust laws and quoted the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: "A just law is a manmade code that squares with the moral law or the law of God."

It shed a new light on the relationship between the slaves and those that owned them. Scruggs explained that since slaves couldn't read they were taught the stories in the Bible, and as a collective group of enslaved people they were equated with enslaved Jews in the Bible.

Slaves turned their biblical experiences into real faith and lived in the hope of one day being free, and their music reflected that. The music also had an underlying meaning, and much came to be known

as "signal songs" and "map songs" during the mass resistance known as the Underground Railroad.

"We learned to sing first but in Africa they learn rhythm first with drums. This was a form of communication. Drums were taken away from slaves because when they played drums, bad things happened," said Scruggs. "So songs were used to communicate escape."

He talked about Harriet Tubman, one of the leaders of the Underground Railroad, who lived a horrific life as a slave in Maryland but escaped to freedom. She began to build a network of abolitionist sympathizers who helped her free her people. The group then followed with a stirring rendition of *Go Down Moses*. This song was attributed to Tubman because of the work she did on the Underground Railroad.

"For those slaves who could get into Pennsylvania, it was an easier road to freedom," Scruggs said. "The term 'being sold down the river' was if you were a slave in a state like Maryland or Virginia and tried to escape, you would be 'sold down the river' into the deeper South in Mississippi or Alabama."

Also notable was abolitionist William Still, who was a conductor on the Underground Railroad and kept records of all who passed through. Often called "the father of the Underground Railroad," Still helped as many as 800 slaves escape to freedom.

"He interviewed each person and kept careful records," Scruggs said. "He kept his records carefully hidden but knew the accounts would be critical in aiding the future reunion of family members who became separated under slavery – which he had learned when he aided his own brother Peter, whom he had never met before."

As the music punctuated the history lecture, it brought elements of the past alive and the struggles were vivid. The gospel songs are haunting yet optimistic that there is a better place waiting.

The concert ended with the signature civil rights song, *We Shall Overcome*, which describes a yearning to walk hand in hand, live in peace, and embrace freedom without fear.



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BY RUDY GARCIA, RIVANNA WOODS FINANCIAL / TAX SERVICES

Beware This Year's Tax-Season Scam

Scammers were very successful last year with a scheme to pry W-2 pay stub data away from employers. The IRS warns that it may be one of several techniques they use again this year.

HOW THE SCAM WORKS

Fraudsters identify employees with access to company payroll data and pretend to be a fellow employee emailing from an outside address. "Hi, I work in accounting. Do you think you could send me the payroll data on file? I'm traveling today and working on preparing my tax return."

The IRS said this surprisingly simple tactic worked on more than 200 employers last year and compromised the W-2 information of hundreds of thousands. The stolen data included names, addresses, Social Security numbers, income and withholdings. Scammers then filed fraudulent returns and claimed refunds!

As an employee, it's hard to defend against this kind of scam because the breach happens to your employer. If you file and get an IRS notice that a return has already been filed in your name, you'll know you're a victim.

HOW TO MINIMIZE YOUR RISK

If your refund was nabbed by a scammer, the good news is that the IRS will still

eventually send you a replacement refund. The bad news is it can take a very long time – six months to a year or longer – for the IRS to investigate your case.

If that doesn't sound appealing, know that there are a few things you can do to minimize your risk:

1. File early. By filing early, you close the window of opportunity for scammers.

2. Request an IRS PIN. This one-time-use number provided by the IRS is entered on your 1040 forms as an added measure of security.

3. Minimize excess withholdings. If you had your withholdings calculated properly during the year, you minimize the amount available for scammers to steal.

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What is the latter business doing differently?

While there are quite a few variables here, there are some things that Fluvanna business owners can apply to be more efficient with their approach. I realize some of these are obvious. But if they're a no-brainer, why do so few businesses do them?

1. Provide a great service at a fair price. I realize that's not "marketing", but the businesses that have more work than they can handle tend to have this down pat.

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4. Model those who have figured it out. Do not try to reinvent something that's already been successfully engineered. Find examples of success and duplicate it.

There's more, but I'm out of room. But if you can implement just these four things - if you haven't already - then that's a great start.

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Marianne graduated from Fluvanna High School in 1951, received certification from American Institute of Banking in 1972, and graduated from Louisiana State University School of Banking in 1983. She retired from Sovran Bank, now Bank of America, as vice president of commercial loans in 1988 after 27 years of service.

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CIP funding reveals difficulty in elected official dynamics

BY CHRISTINA DIMEO
EDITOR

A detailed discussion over a seemingly mundane issue – whether technology money should go into the school budget or the capital improvements plan (CIP) – revealed issues between the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors and School Board.

The respectful conversation between the boards Wednesday afternoon (Feb. 20) plainly demonstrated the unavoidable struggle when one elected board holds the purse strings of another.

The schools are asking the Board of Supervisors to up their funding by almost \$1 million, for a total of \$18.4 million. With the uptick of one penny on the real estate tax rate bringing in about \$309,000, this request represents a 3.2-cent tax increase for Fluvanna residents before any other budget considerations come into play.

In Fluvanna, the Board of Supervisors doesn't have control over how the School Board spends its money. Supervisors allocate dollars, and then the School Board takes over.

Supervisors may hear a heartfelt plea for better technology in the schools and decide to raise their citizens' tax rate to supply that need – only to discover that once the money was in School Board hands, it went elsewhere.

On the other hand, the schools rarely, if ever, receive all the money they ask for, and must make needed adjustments when budget realities force them to choose between, for example, technology and a pay raise for teachers.

This dynamic can lead to frustration between the boards.

On Wednesday afternoon, these feelings spilled into a conversation over how money should be allocated.

Capital improvements plan

There is an exception to the rule that the Board of Supervisors can't earmark school money for particular purposes. It's called the CIP.

When money comes to the schools through the CIP, the schools must spend the dollars accordingly.

The very name of the capital improve-

ments plan indicates that the projects belonging to it should be substantial, one-time investments. The CIP contains line items like new ambulances and buses, or roof replacements and building renovations. It also contains improvements such as community pools and spray parks, though these are perpetually pushed into later years and never, as of yet, enacted.

School technology money sits in the CIP as well, and on Wednesday, both boards zeroed in on that line item with laser focus.

Some school technology items are big-ticket one-time investments that meet the requirements for inclusion in the CIP. Supervisor Tony O'Brien referred to a potential \$250,000 server upgrade as such an expense. But Eric Dahl, county finance director, pointed out that recurring costs don't qualify.

"We want to see bonafide big-rock technology," he said. "We don't want to see you buying keyboards and things coming through the CIP."

Supervisor Trish Eager said the Planning Commission has been concerned with expenses tucked into the CIP that don't actually qualify for such placement.

Does it actually matter – to anyone except the accountants, that is – whether these dollars go into the CIP or the regular budget?

Per-pupil expenditure

Per-pupil expenditure is roughly calculated by dividing the school budget by the number of students in the district. Fluvanna's per-pupil expenditure in fiscal year 2017 (FY17) was \$10,557. That puts it fourth-lowest in the area, ahead of Culpeper, Orange and Greene. Buckingham, Louisa, Goochland, Madison, Albemarle, Nelson, Charlottesville, and the state average come in higher.

Any money allocated to the schools in the CIP does not factor into per-pupil expenditure, which measures dollars spent on day-to-day education and not, for example, the cost of the buses that drive children to school.

Both boards acknowledged this reality Wednesday, but neither voiced opinions on whether CIP technology money should be moved into the regular

budget for the purpose of boosting Fluvanna's per-pupil expenditure.

School Board member Andrew Pullen said per-pupil expenditure isn't a good way to judge school performance. "It's not the big picture," he said.

Brenda Gilliam, the schools' executive director for instruction and finance, said that a lower per-pupil expenditure amount shows sacrifices are being made. "I'm not saying that we're not providing a quality basic education to every kid," she said. "But there are things that you give up as a community when you have a lower per-pupil expenditure. That's just the facts."

Baseline funding

Once the county gives money to the school system, the assumption is that the following year the schools will receive at least the same amount of money. One year's funding level becomes the next year's "baseline funding," and the schools typically ask for more on top of that.

This is why school funding requests are usually spoken about in terms of additional dollars sought. While the schools' FY20 request is for \$18.4 million, both boards will mostly focus on the almost \$1 million figure, as that is the amount of new money sought.

If school technology dollars are allocated in the regular budget, they become part of the baseline funding for the following year.

Money allocated in the budget for a Chromebook replacement cycle would therefore reappear the following year, said O'Brien. The schools would not then need to request additional money for the expense. But whether this actually happens is confusing, he said.

"That's the problem... Here's where this issue is about... Is it earmarked? Is it going to be used for that? Does it actually happen?" O'Brien said. "That's an example of where we [supervisors] struggle with these numbers."

A bigger expense, such as the \$250,000 server upgrade, should be dealt with through the CIP, both because it is a one-time significant expense and so that it does not inflate the baseline,

O'Brien said.

"It makes sense, then, to revisit what the rules are and what the expectations are, because I can tell you in my short time in this role, that's been a little confusing," said Gilliam.

Saving \$50,000 per year for five years within the regular budget would not work, both boards agreed, because the schools don't have a savings account. Unused money is returned to the county at the end of the year.

"That's why it needs to be in the CIP," said County Administrator Steve Nichols.

Differing perspectives

Issues of control between the two boards understandably exist. Neither is trying to dictate to the other, but their missions – to best serve their respective constituents – can conflict at budget time.

Supervisors want to know that when they raise taxes specifically to meet a need within the school system, the money will be spent for that purpose, and the need will not reappear the following year as a pressing, unaddressed issue requiring more spending.

But when the School Board receives less money than needed to fulfill its budget plan, members must modify that plan to prioritize the greatest needs, and resist what can be seen as a reach into their autonomy to spend the money as they think best.

If the schools don't allocate budget money to technology, O'Brien said he would rather see the dollars in the CIP.

"There was a fear a few years ago that – excuse me for characterizing it this way – 'Oh, woe is me, we've got no money to spend on technology,'" Nichols said. "The Board [of Supervisors] wanted to guarantee that there was money spent on technology, and you guys [the School Board] wanted to spend money on technology, so there was a wedge put in the CIP because it

was guaranteed. You had to spend it on that because you can't spend it on anything else."

Nichols said the issue is complicated. "I don't know how to solve that," he said. "It's just a trust issue between the two boards."

"When's the last time this Board [of Supervisors]...feels that we got an actual increase in our budget – our baseline budget – that was specifically an increase aimed at technology?" asked Superintendent Chuck Winkler.

Supervisor Chair Mike Sheridan and Nichols denied that supervisors ever gave a marked increase for anything. "We give you an amount of money and you spend it as you deem appropriate," said Sheridan, who is also a Fluvanna schoolteacher.

Winkler rephrased. "When's the last time this board gave us whatever increase it was that you thought any portion of that increase was going directly toward technology?"

"Every single year," said Nichols. At the same moment Sheridan said, "Last year." Winkler was clearly surprised.

Sheridan said that he has seen new technology in the schools.

"We got it through CIP," said Winkler.

Nichols disagreed. Out of last year's budget, he said, "you spent...some of that...on technology... Therefore there is a sunk base."

Conversation shifted before the disagreement was resolved.

Trust affirmed

"This discussion that's going on every year, about where these things should be, needs to be figured out," said Nichols.

School Board Chair Perrie Johnson, who along with Pullen were the two School Board members in attendance, spoke passionately on behalf of her board.

"We don't just ask for add, add, add. We do go back and look at how our priorities have changed and how we can change with them," she said. "This is the first time I remember that we took a long list of potential cuts [and] reallocations, put them up on the wall and went through them, with people sitting right there that it affected. It was uncomfortable but important, and we did it and we did it again, and we costed it out, we narrowed it down, and this [budget request] is the result of that."

"I wish, rather than feeling penalized for the transparency of looking at costs and what we can change, you will, rather than penalize us, trust us that we want the same thing you want," she said.

Supervisors appeared concerned. "How do you feel penalized?" O'Brien asked.

"Just that when we put something up there, we're letting you know what we're considering living without," Johnson said. "That's how it could be a potential penalty."

Winkler said that "naysayers" see those potential cuts and seize on them as unnecessary expenses.

Supervisors and county staff seemed sobered, and assured the school personnel that recent transparency has been welcome.

"The budget before was mystery and mumbo jumbo," Nichols said to Winkler. "Quite frankly, your predecessor [former Superintendent Gena Keller] and your board are laying it out to the community because it's the community's taxpayer dollars. I think it's fantastic."

"It's a really good dialogue," he continued. "It doesn't mean you're going to get every penny you ask for this year...because [supervisors] are going to have to make lots of decisions that might be hard, but it's not because they're penalizing [you], it's just because...we have to sometimes make hard decisions, and sometimes that means...we just can't do this one this year."

Sheridan said that supervisors have increased the school budget by over \$4 million in recent years. "We've had a lot of faith in the school system in the last five years," he said. "We're trying to work with y'all and do everything we can."

Schools request almost \$1 million more in FY20

The schools have requested \$991,319 in additional dollars from the county for FY20, for a total of \$18.4 million.

Staff raises – a minimum of 3 percent – and step increases account for \$890,000 of the request.

There are staffing concerns at the high school, said Superintendent Chuck Winkler. High school enrollment is projected to increase to 1,510 next year – an increase of 41 students from this year, which itself saw an increase of 38 students from last year.

Positions needed include a high school English teacher, a high school physical education and health teacher, a high school elective teacher, a high school special education teacher, a school counselor, and a middle school career and technical education teacher. The schools have requested \$370,000 for these positions.

Technology needs, such as Chromebooks, teacher laptops, and a copier lease renewal, account for \$600,000 of the request. "All of our servers in the tech building will be... antiquated in March of next year," Winkler said. "We need to plan on that, and we won't have the support from the company" due to the age of the servers.


Other needs make up \$60,000 of the request. The schools want to increase substitute pay, add field hockey, and hire a new homebound teacher.

"We haven't increased sub pay since I've been here, in eight years," said Winkler. Substitute teachers with a college degree currently earn \$75.50 per day, he said. Substitutes without a college degree earn less. He wants to raise their pay by \$5.

Starting a field hockey team would require a one-time \$20,000 investment. "Just about every VHSL school around here has field hockey for girls," he said.

These budget requests do not add up to the nearly \$1 million total in requested new money due to several factors, the most significant of which is expected additional state funding.

Supervisors are scheduled to finalize the budget and tax rates April 17. Public hearings take place April 10.



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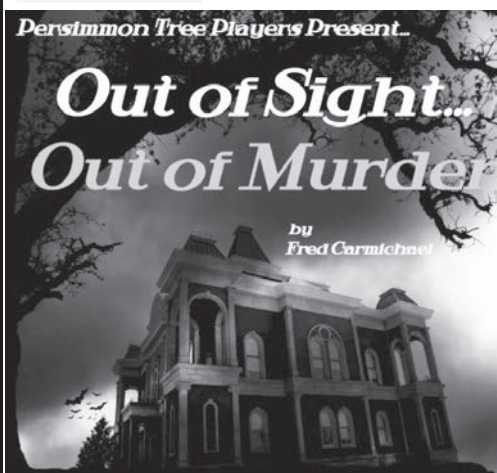
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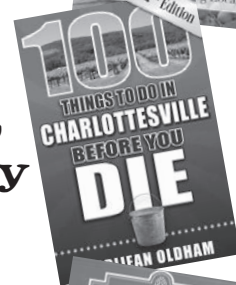
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Jefferson Pharmacy celebrates 10 years

BY MADELINE OTTEN
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The Good Neighbor Jefferson Pharmacy, located in Palmyra's Food Lion shopping plaza, opened in March 2009. Ten years later, the pharmacy plans to celebrate, and is inviting the community to join the fun.

Jefferson Pharmacy will celebrate its 10th anniversary Saturday, March 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be free food, hotdogs, chips, cake and drinks, face painting, a free

children's vitamin program, special giveaways every hour, gift and home décor sales, and a free raffle to win a \$250 store gift certificate. The first 25 people will receive a free t-shirt.

Good Neighbor pharmacies are locally owned pharmacies that offer products, prices competitive with chain stores, and personalized customer service to the local

community.

Before the pharmacy opened, owner and manager Tracey Williams worked at the Good Neighbor Pharmacy located in Fork Union. Then in 2009, she was offered the position of manager of the new Jefferson Pharmacy. She does the bookkeeping and manages taxes, payroll and the staff. One of Williams' favorite activities that comes with her position as manager is interacting with the staff and customers.

After being manager for two years, Williams was offered a partnership in 2011 and became one of the owners of the pharmacy. The pharmacy has three other owners: Ron Davis and Jonnie and Kelly Oliver. Davis is responsible for starting the pharmacy and is one of the pharmacists. He can be found in the pharmacy on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday mornings. He is also a mentor to Williams. Jonnie Oliver joined the team almost six years ago and is the front-end manager. Kelly Oliver is also one of the pharmacists who has been with the pharmacy for over five years.

"We are a neighborhood pharmacy that

excels in customer service and we want to take care of our patients," said Williams.

Over the past 10 years, the store saw steady growth within the business as well as in its customers. The store began with 10 employees and now has 15. One of the pharmacy's biggest goals was to focus on customer service, treating patients, and taking care of them. It shows. On Google, the Jefferson Pharmacy has a five-star rating from local customers admiring the staff for their work.

In the future, those running the pharmacy hope to collaborate more with physicians. Their goals pertain to clinical services that help patients, staying involved with physicians, and becoming part of a health-care team.

"Our goal is to take care of customers and patients. This could be finding the right products to live healthier lives, the right medication, medical equipment such as walkers, rollers, compression stockings, and more," said Kelly Oliver. "Every day is different when it comes to helping our customers."

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March launches golf season

BY DUNCAN NIXON
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The 18th hole of the Lake Monticello Golf Course. Photo by Deborah Nixon.

The Lake Monticello Golf Course may have been under snow recently, but Fluvanna County golfers are ready for the 2019 season.

Lake Monticello golf contracts run from March 1 to Feb. 28, so serious Fluvanna golfers need to sign up for the coming

season. The handicap fee also needs to be paid by golfers who plan to play in men's or women's leagues.

As usual, there is a lot of activity on the schedule at the Lake Monticello course, the only course in Fluvanna County. The first

event on the schedule is the annual St. Patrick's Day tournament March 16. This is a tournament with a four-man captain's choice format, which is the most common format for charity tournaments. In this format the best of the four players' drives is selected and all players hit their second shots from there. This procedure is followed with all players hitting or putting from the best result after four shots or putts.

On March 23 the Black and Blue tournament is scheduled. This traditionally is a tournament between two teams selected from those who sign up by Mark Marshall, the PGA pro, and his assistant, Dan Henry. A junior girls' tournament is slotted for March 30-31.

On Sunday, April 14, the Master Pro-Am is scheduled. The men's and seniors' match play qualifiers are due to be played April 20-28. The annual Habitat for Humanity charity event is April 27.

May is a busy month. The Fork Union Military Academy golf tournament is set for May 4. The most prestigious event of the year comes on the weekend of May 11-12, when the Faulconer Invitational will be held. This tournament brings top amateur players from all over Virginia to the difficult Lake Monticello course for a competition that is part of the Battle trophy series of tournaments. May concludes with the Fluco girls' softball tourney May 19 and the flag tournament May 25.

June brings the annual men's member guest June 8-9, the Lake Monticello Fire and Rescue tournament June 15, the U.S. Open Pro-Am June 16, and the Red, White and Blue tournament June 30. The Red, White and Blue tournament is played on a weekend close to the Fourth of July and players tee off alternately from the red (women's) tees, the white (regular men's)

tees, and the blue (men's championship tees).

Golfers who play in the various leagues at the Lake Monticello course are anxious to get back into action. The senior men's Gray Foxes competition will begin in March. There is an 18-hole league that plays Thursday mornings and a nine-hole league that plays Friday mornings. Competitors in these leagues must be 50 or over and a yearlong contract is not required to compete. However, players must have established handicaps, which means the annual handicap fee must be paid. A variety of competitions are played weekly, with payouts to the top performers in two or three flights, which allows players of all ability to win money.

The ladies have 18-hole and nine-hole leagues, as well. Both of the leagues play Tuesday mornings. These leagues also require that participants have established handicaps. These leagues also play different competitions each week with payouts to the top performers. The ladies emphasize that players of all ability levels are welcome. In addition, ladies who are just starting out or just returning to the course can ease back into play by joining the Pink Flamingos.

There are also a couple of evening nine-hole leagues at the Lake. On Mondays, a mostly couples competition is followed by a dinner at The Pub. On Wednesdays, a number of top players compete in a nine-hole event in which real money is in play.



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Carlson runs an eye clinic in Medor while children look on.

Lake Monticello and Fluvanna County attract people with almost unlimited experience in the arts, medicine, military and diplomatic careers, education, music, and more.

Sue Carlson, of Lake Monticello, has achieved remarkable things. She exemplifies the experience that fills Fluvanna on a daily basis.

Background

Sue Carlson, M.D., a resident at Lake Monticello since 2007, is a recently retired ophthalmologist. While working full time at Kaiser Permanente for 28 years, she spent much of her free time and her vacations working with the people of Haiti as well as in other developing countries. She retired so that she would have more time to work with the people of Haiti.

What inspired Carlson to provide pro bono eye surgeries?

Since 1999 she has volunteered with surgical eye missions in Vietnam, Ecuador, Honduras, twice in Ethiopia, the Philippines, Cambodia, Peru, Bolivia, the Republic of the Congo, India and five times in El Salvador, India and Ghana.

Paying her own costs for each mission,

Carlson has performed at least 800 free cataract surgeries for underprivileged patients who were legally blind prior to the surgery.

"I have been blessed with many gifts and opportunities and feel that it is my responsibility to share my talents with others," Carlson said. "When I traveled to the countries listed above, it was not to go sightseeing, but to help people to see. How cool is that?"

How did her involvement in Haiti begin?

Carlson has worked with and for the people of Medor, Haiti, through her church's Haiti committee since 1999 and has been the chairperson of the committee since 2005. Her church, Our Lady Queen of Peace (OLQP), in Arlington joined St. Joseph Church of Medor, Haiti, in a parish-twinning relationship in 1997. Since that time OLQP has supported and cost-shared with St. Joseph parish various educational and health care initiatives.

Carlson first went to Medor as an adult chaperone for a group of teens from her church. She said she fell in love with the people there. All these years and 27 trips

later, she said her heart is always with the people of Medor.

What is Medor like?

St. Joseph parish of Medor is located in the Caho Mountains of rural Haiti. It is spread over 74 square miles and is inhabited by approximately 40,000 people, mostly subsistence farmers. The parish is composed of the village of Medor, and 12 chapel areas (the "suburbs"). There is no electrical grid, no running water or sewage system, no postal service or trash removal and limited phone and internet service.

Its roads are impassable most of the year, requiring a hike or mule ride to get there. It is 30 miles as the crow flies from capital city Port au Prince to Medor, but travel conditions are such that it can take up to 15 hours to reach Medor from the Port au Prince airport.

What has been accomplished in the 22-year relationship between the churches?

In 1997 St. Joseph parish of Medor had only a primary school, with just 320 students. No one went to school beyond the sixth grade. Today the parish

educates over 3,000 students in grades K-13, in Medor's primary and secondary schools, as well as in primary schools in three outlying chapel areas. Dozens of Medor's secondary school graduates now attend university – just a pipe dream 22 years ago.

The twinning relationship made it possible to build Medor's secondary school, as well as a new primary school to replace the buildings destroyed in Haiti's 2010 earthquake.

The secondary school has a solar-powered computer lab, and all secondary school students receive regular computer instruction. Students and teachers do computer-based research using "Haiti Internet in a Box," a device containing educational material in Creole, French, Spanish and English. It is ideal for places like Medor with limited internet connection and few books.

The original church in Medor was small and could not accommodate the many people attending Sunday Mass. OLQP was able to help fund the building of a new church, which was dedicated in 2007 and has a capacity of 2,500. When aftershocks from the 2010 earthquake damaged the church's foundation, OLQP applied for and received grant funding for needed repairs.

A number of programs have improved health in the area, and some have saved lives. All school children receive a school lunch, improving their nutritional status. Families are encouraged to participate in the Klorfasil water purification program to decrease water-borne illness. The importance of using a latrine is stressed, and 332 families now have household composting latrines called arbor-loos. Classes have been conducted on cholera prevention and treatment. Medor now partners with Haiti Air Ambulance, a helicopter service that transports seriously ill patients to a hospital. OLQP health care specialists have conducted five medical missions and nine eyeglass missions in Medor, and contribute to the pharmacies of two medical clinics run by nursing sisters.

The agro-forestry program in St. Joseph parish, paid for by OLQP, has transplanted 699,500 trees from eight tree nurseries onto the mountainsides since 2010, while teaching improved farming techniques and the care of the trees and crops. Par-



Carlson with primary school children of St. Joseph of Medor parish.

participating farmers receive a tool to use in the tree nurseries and in their personal garden plots. There are sustainable bean seed and animal sharing co-ops. Farmers attest that the agro-forestry program has improved their livelihoods.

The solar energy program provides power for the rectory, church, convent, and parish clinic, as well as the computer lab.

The successes of the twinning relationship between the St. Joseph parish of Medor and OLQP in Arlington rest on prayerful solidarity as the churches work together to improve Medor's standard of living. All residents are encouraged to participate, regardless of religious affiliation. In each of the joint efforts, both parishes strive for sustainability. St. Joseph parish requests each shared program. Haitians do the actual work, from engineers who design earthquake-resistant buildings, to children who carry stones on their heads to the construction sites. Medor families contribute the funds they can afford. Over the 22 years of partnership, both churches have been nurtured as the two parishes love, pray for, and serve each other.

How many times has Carlson visited Medor?

Carlson has visited Medor 28 times and is currently planning another trip for March. When in Medor, she checks on the programs that OLQP shares with St. Joseph parish and works to strengthen the relationship between the two churches while enjoying the many friendships that she has nurtured there over the years.

Describe the Raising Haiti Foundation and its core project, the 3Legs Program.

When she retired in January 2017, in addition to working with the people of Medor, Carlson took on a new responsibility for Haiti: accepting the volunteer executive director position for the Raising Haiti Foundation (RHF). This organization supports the 3Legs Program, conceived by Haitian priest, Father Joseph Philippe.

The goal of the program is to sustainably empower rural Haitian communities to create wealth. Leg one encompasses a local grassroots organization through the formation and training of a local development committee (LDC). Leg two is human resource development by providing university scholarships to three secondary school graduates per community to study agronomy, veterinary medicine and business, with the promise to return home after graduation. Leg three includes local business formation using plans developed by the community's LDC and university students, and seed money provided by RHF.

The 3Legs Pilot Project is currently underway in six rural communities, each having an LDC, and three students in their third year of study at the University of Fondwa, Haiti's rural university. Recently, RHF announced the launching of the third leg in the 3Legs Pilot Program: a business incubator challenge. Each of the six communities' uFondwa students and LDC members are developing a business plan for their community. This March the plans will be shared with a panel of business experts who will select one or more

plans for funding in the community that developed the plan. The community's LDC will own the business and any profits will go toward university scholarships and the initiation of other businesses in that community.

The long-term goal of the RHF is to enroll each of Haiti's 572 rural communities in the 3Legs program, empowering Haitians to turn the tide against Haiti's persistent condition of super-poverty.

What are the main impediments to faster growth?

The challenges in Haiti are many. Poor infrastructure – especially the lack of a road in Medor's case – sets limits on some

Is there need for more money?

For the last two years the Haitian government has made a minor contribution toward the operation of the primary school in Medor. Other than that, all the work done in Medor and the 3Legs communities has occurred without any assistance from the government of Haiti.

Contributions toward the work in Medor and to the 3Legs Program will allow the vital work described above to continue. For more information about how to contribute, email Carlson at the address at the end of the article. Contributions are tax-deductible.



Carlson and her colleague examine cataract surgery patients in Cambodia.

Photos courtesy of Sue Carlson.

initiatives. Poor capacity on the part of RHF's Haitian partner has slowed the 3Legs Program and is being addressed by hiring a Haitian project manager. Because of close monitoring, corruption has not been an impediment to the work. Without a doubt, the development in Medor and the communities in the 3Legs program could occur with greater speed if more funding were available.

Contact information

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NAACP explores generational perspectives

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Xavier Frederick, Tamika Braveheart, Cassie Smith, Ben Hudson, Shelley Murphy and Bertha Armstrong spoke on the panel. Photos courtesy of Catherine and Rudy Garcia.

The Fluvanna County NAACP explored generational perspectives of Black History Month with a panel discussion Saturday (Feb. 23) at Thessalonia Baptist Church in Fork Union.

Between 50 and 60 Fluvanna residents gathered to hear the panel members speak.

The evening started off with an interesting historical background of Black History Month. Eboni Brice told the story of how Carter Woodson first instituted Negro History Week in 1926 to highlight the accomplishments and contributions of African Americans alongside those of whites. It was not until 1976 that Negro History Week was expanded to a month-long celebration, and not until 1978 that President Jimmy Carter officially recognized February as Black History Month.

Once Brice laid the groundwork of the historical significance of the month, the panelists for the evening were introduced. Bertha Armstrong represented the Silent Generation. The Baby Boomer Generation was represented by Ben Hudson. Tamika Allbaugh Brave-

heart represented the viewpoint of the Generation X cohort and Cassie Smith shared the viewpoint of the Millennial Generation. Dr. Shelley Murphy was also on the panel as an accomplished genealogist and expert advisor on some the historical aspects that came up during the discussion. Rounding out the panel and representing the Gen Z or Post-Millennial Generation was Fork Union Military Academy cadet Xavier Frederick.

The panelists were asked for their generational perspective on questions such as: What does it mean to have a voice in the public domain? What impact do you see social media playing in either promoting or limiting the observance of Black History Month? What, in your opinion, is the greatest hindrance to racial harmony? Do you believe that here in Fluvanna County we adequately celebrate the achievements made by local African Americans?

As one can imagine the responses were not all the same. Smith and Braveheart agreed that social media has expanded the public domain in a way that has brought about some unlikely con-

sequences. Hudson thought that just having a voice wasn't enough. He felt that people need to be impactful and positive in their use of their platform. Armstrong felt that having the right to participate in the public domain in and of itself was a powerful freedom, and Murphy reminded the audience that one's "voice is short-lived."

On the question concerning racial harmony, Frederick said that he felt "racial appropriation in society" had a negative effect. He said that Black History Month helps educate, breaks down barriers and allows people to interact in a different, more positive manner. Murphy indicated that she felt that each person is the hindrance, in that society isn't properly taught to share and that people don't always know how to teach sharing.

Comments from county residents who attended were all positive. "Events like this one are so educational," said Commonwealth's Attorney Jeff Haislip. "They help to inform me personally but also in how I do my job."

"I think it was a great event that

helped bring us all a little closer," said Sheriff Eric Hess.

Fork Union Supervisor Mozell Booker said she was pleased that so many citizens showed up to be educated.

For more information on getting involved with the Fluvanna NAACP, visit <https://fluvannanaacp.org/>.

Obituary

Ellen Carol Bennett



Ellen Carol Bennett, 68, of Fluvanna County, Va., died Feb. 16, 2019. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Joseph Cleary and Norine Purcell Cleary. She is survived by one son, William Robert Bennett II and his wife, Suzanne Antonacci Bennett of Gordonsville, Va.

A celebration of life will be held Friday, March 1, 2019, from 2-4 p.m. at Effort Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Effort Baptist Church. Sheridan Funeral Home of Kents Store is handling the arrangements.

VDOT replacing Kents Store bridge

Detour in place

PRESS RELEASE

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will close the Route 629 (Deep Creek Road) bridge over Middle Fork Kent Branch for approximately seven months for replacement.

The bridge, located 0.2-mile east of Route 631 (Dogwood Drive), will be closed beginning March 6. Weather permitting, the road is expected to reopen

to traffic Oct. 4.

During the closure, motorists will use Route 631 to Route 601 (Venable Road) to Route 659 (Kents Store Way) to Route 626 (Jordan Store Road), which carries traffic back to Deep Creek Road.

The bridge carries about 130 vehicles daily, according to a 2014 traffic count.

Message boards are in place to notify

the public of the closure.

Under a \$1.07 million construction contract, VDOT contractor Crossroads Bridge, Inc. of Rural Retreat will replace the existing timber deck, steel girder bridge. The bridge was built in 1969 and has a three-ton weight restriction. After construction, the bridge will be open to all legal-weight vehicles.



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Boys' track

The boys' track team placed second in Regionals Feb. 16, and several athletes placed well and were named All-Region.

Ethan Yancey, Cameron Holland, Ledrick Reid, Christian Holland, Colby Martin, Eli Hartzog and Jared Newman went on to represent Fluvanna at the state meet Feb. 22-23 at Salem. Dante Eddings, who placed first in the 55m and fourth in long jump, also joined them in the state meet. Eddings said he credits his success to "hard work and dedication" along with "just staying healthy and stuff like that."

Girls' track

The girls' indoor track team placed third in the regional meet Feb. 16 at Heritage High School, with several athletes receiving All-Regional honors.

Kieri and Shea Hart, Kaitlin Bower, Ashlee Pieno, Amina Wilson, Emily Beckman, Hattie Lintecum, Emily Smeds, and Summer Craig then moved on to the state meet at Salem Feb. 22-23. Beckman admitted to being "nervous, but mostly excited," and added that she had been "working hard trying to do whatever I can to get there."

Girls' basketball

Coming off of a long and successful season, the varsity Lady Flucos finally ended their run with a loss in their Regional game against Spotswood Feb. 19. The score was 48-73. Although they lost, junior NeVaeh Bishop had her peak night for three pointers.

Coach Chad White said, "It's been a very good year. I think we surprised a lot of people as to how far we made it." He added, "It's a great group of girls that I love, and I'm proud of the way [the season] ended."

Boys' basketball

After a challenging few months, the varsity Flucos' boys lost their final game against Heritage High School in Lynchburg Feb. 15 by a score of 37-64. Drew Pace scored 13 points and Kobe Edmonds scored 12 points. "We started off really well. We were up 10-4, but the pressure wore us down and we missed a lot of shots we normally make," said Coach Jason Davis.

Davis added, "This team was special because they refused to stop competing. A lot of close losses during the season could have made us give up, but this team rallied and played their best ball at the end of the year. Making it to a regional game was a just reward for the hard work these 12 young men put in."

Wrestling

Two Flucos made it all the way to the varsity state wrestling tournament Feb. 14. Senior Ethan Vernatter and sophomore Shawn Metcalf both went 1-2 at the event. While they didn't place, Vernatter said they put on a "pretty good show, though, I think."

"I could've been better. I didn't live up to my potential, but it's okay, I've got two more years to train and get better," said Metcalf.

Spring sports

Winter sports have ended, and the only team left in active competition is the speech and forensics team, which heads to Super Regionals March 2. The Flucos are in the process of shifting to their spring season. Tryouts were the week of Feb. 18, and the first scheduled spring game is a varsity girls' soccer scrimmage March 2 at Monticello.

General Assembly passes Bell's DUI bill

PRESS RELEASE



On Saturday (Feb. 23), the Virginia General Assembly passed House Bill 1941, which would apply felony penalties for drunk drivers who cause serious bodily injuries to other drivers or pedestrians. The bill also increases the existing penalties for drunk drivers who cause injuries that result in permanent and significant impairment.

The bill was prompted by an accident in Fluvanna County that seriously injured a young girl. Her parents, John and Amanda Petrylak, testified about her near-fatal injuries and arduous recovery. Fluvanna County Commonwealth's Attorney Jeff Haislip also testified.

"The passage of this measure is almost

entirely due to their hard work," Bell said. "They came down to Richmond and testified in the House and then twice more in the Senate. When the time came to make hard budget choices, it was their personal advocacy that got the bill over the top."

"When someone causes these very serious injuries, it should be a felony," Bell said. "Absent extraordinary healthcare at U.Va. Hospital and a lot of good luck, their daughter would have suffered life-long impairment."

The bill will now be sent to Gov. Ralph Northam for consideration. If he signs the measure, the new law will take effect July 1.

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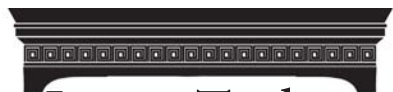
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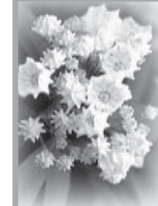
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In execution of a deed of trust, from MICHAEL A. TOLLIVER, JR. and SHANEEKA R. TINSLEY, dated March 8, 2006, in the principal amount of \$82,466.61, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia, in Deed Book 675, at page 865, (Seth E. Twery, P.C. having been appointed Substitute Trustee under instrument of record in said Clerk's Office in Deed Book 935, at page 547), due to default in payment of the debt secured, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in front of the Courthouse for the Circuit Court of Fluvanna County, Virginia, on the 7th day of March, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., that certain tract of real estate known as 905 Spring Rd., Bremono Bluff, Virginia 23022, situated in the County of Fluvanna, Virginia, being more particularly described as follows:

All that certain lot or parcel of land, with appurtenances thereunto pertaining, lying and being situate in the Fork Union District of Fluvanna County, Virginia, containing 5 acres, more or less, lying on the west side of and adjoining Virginia State Route No. 642, designated as Fluvanna County Tax Map Parcel No. 59-A-51.

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PUBLIC HEARING
Fluvanna County Planning Commission
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2204, a public hearing will be held in the Circuit Court Room at the Fluvanna County Courts Building in Palmyra, Virginia for citizens of the County to have the opportunity to appear before and be heard by the Planning Commission for the following items:

ZMP 18:01 Steven L. & Codie C. Peters / Colonial Circle – A request to rezone, from A-1 Agricultural, General and B-1 Business, General to R-3, Residential Planned Community, 61.95 acres of Tax Map 8, Section A, Parcel A14A. The property is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Thomas Jefferson Parkway (Route 53) and Lake Monticello Road (State Route 618). The property is within the Rivanna Community Planning Area and the Palmyra Election District.

SUP 18:05 Steven L. & Codie C. Peters / Colonial Circle Density – A request to increase density above 2.9 dwelling units per acre with respect to 61.95 acres of Tax Map 8, Section A, Parcel A14A. The property is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Thomas Jefferson Parkway (Route 53) and Lake Monticello Road (State Route 618). The property is within the Rivanna Community Planning Area and the Palmyra Election District.

SUP 19:01 National Communication Towers – A request for a special use permit to construct a 199' Self-Support Tower, with respect to 12.7 acres of Tax Map 39, Section A, Parcel 29. The property is located off of West River Rd. (State Route 6), approximately 0.6 miles northeast of the intersection with Rockfish Run Rd. (State Route 683). The parcel is zoned A-1 Agricultural, General and located within the Rural Preservation Planning Area and the Fork Union Election District.

SUP 19:02 Amy and Stephen Beyer – A request for a special use permit to convert an existing building into a "low-volume medical clinic" with respect to 3.81 acres of Tax Map 29, Section A, Parcel 89. The property is located off of Thomas Jefferson Pkwy. (State Route 53), approximately 500 feet west of the intersection with Stage Coach Hills Rd (State Route 1010). The parcel is zoned A-1 Agricultural, General and located within the Rural Residential Planning Area and the Fork Union Election District.

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

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GUN PERMIT RECEIVED	8
HARASSMENT PHONE/OTHER	3
HEMORRHAGE/UNCONTROLLED BLEED	1
VCIN CHECK	1
LARCENY/THEFT	3
PHONE CALL RETURN	51
LIVESTOCK CALL	5
LOST ANIMAL	2
MAGISTRATE WALK IN	2
MISSING ADULT	2
MISSING JUVENILE	1
MVC W/ENTRAPMENT OR INTO STRUC	2
MVC WITH INJ OR UNKNOWN INJ	5
MVC WITH NO INJURY	10
MVC W/ ANIMAL	1
DRUG RELATED INCIDENTS	2
OBVIOUS DEATH	1
OTHER LAW CALL	22
PRISONER TRANSPORT	5
PROJECT LIFESAVER RELATED CALL	1
RESIDENTAL BURGLAR ALARM	1
SELECT PATROL	88
SHOTS HEARD	1
STRAY DOG	2
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY/PERSON	19
DIRECT TRAFFIC/FUNERAL TRAFFIC	15
TRAFFIC HAZARD	5
TRAFFIC STOP	96
TREE DOWN	14
TREE ON POWER LINE	1
UNRESPONSIVE	1
VCIN HITS RECEIVED	1
VCIN QUERY RUN	1
VEHICLE FIRE	1
WARRANT RECEIVED	4
OUT SERVING WARRANT	2

TOTAL INCIDENTS 514

CRASHES

MVC NO INJURY	18:22:32	02/16/19
CARYSBROOK RD & JAMES MADISON HWY		
MVC INJURY/UNK	14:14:20	02/17/19
JAMES MADISON HWY & MORRIS RD		
MVC W/ ANIMAL	06:50:47	02/18/19
JAMES MADISON HWY & FRIENDSHIP RD		
MVC INJURY/UNK	13:29:16	02/18/19
SOUTH BOSTON RD & LAKE MONTICELLO RD		
MVC NO INJURY	17:48:46	02/18/19
EAST MAIN ST & POPLAR SPRING RD		
MVC NO INJURY	15:53:05	02/19/19
980 BLK THE CROSS RD		
MVC NO INJURY	08:48:56	02/20/19
660 BLK KENTS STORE WAY		
MVC NO INJURY	10:05:02	02/20/19
1240 BLK UNION MILLS RD		
MVC NO INJURY	10:15:34	02/20/19
JAMES MADISON HWY & TANNER LN		
MVC NO INJURY	12:48:58	02/20/19
WEST RIVER RD & CUNNINGHAM RD		
MVC NO INJURY	13:32:36	02/20/19
670 BLK TROY RD		
MVC ENTRAP/BLD	13:39:45	02/20/19
1470 BLK NORTH BOSTON RD		
MVC ENTRAP/BLD	13:40:46	02/20/19
NORTH BOSTON RD & LARKSPUR RD		
MVC NO INJURY	17:20:55	02/20/19
1170 BLK COURTHOUSE RD		
MVC INJURY/UNK	18:44:11	02/20/19
15610 BLK JAMES MADISON HWY		
MVC INJURY/UNK	21:36:55	02/20/19
560 BLK LITTLE CREEK RD		
MVC NO INJURY	17:26:48	02/21/19
THOMAS JEFFERSON PKWY & JAMES MADISON HWY		
MVC INJURY/UNK	21:41:03	02/21/19
1110 BLK SHORES RD		

TOTAL CRASHES 18

ARRESTS

FEB. 15 AT 11:29 P.M.
HOME ADDRESS: TROY
DUI/DUID
FEB. 17 AT 4:13 P.M.
HOME ADDRESS: CHARLOTTESVILLE
DUI/DUID, POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA
FEB. 18 AT 11:13 A.M.
HOME ADDRESS: PALMYRA
TWO COUNTS OF VIOLATING A PROTECTIVE ORDER/STALKING, USE PROFANE INDECENT TELEPHONE
FEB. 18 AT 6:02 P.M.
HOME ADDRESS: TROY
SHOOTING/STABBING WITH INTENT, ASSAULT AND BATTERY OF A FAMILY MEMBER, CONTEMPT OF COURT, PROBATION VIOLATION
CAPIAS, FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH BOND CONDITIONS
FEB. 21 AT 10:57 P.M.
HOME ADDRESS: PALMYRA
DUI/DUID, CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON

TOTAL ARRESTS 5

SUDOKU

Edited by Margie E. Burke

Difficulty: Easy

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		7	9		2	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:

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

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- Ballroom move
- Skirt feature, sometimes
- M, to Einstein
- Study aide
- Garden walkway
- Death notice, briefly
- Addams Family's Fester, e.g.
- Law firm newbie
- Something huge
- Seller of Alaska in 1867
- UPC part
- Foreshadow
- In the direction of
- Big bully
- SNL segments
- Refinery residue
- Scruff of the neck
- Biblical boat
- Understanding
- Greyhound, e.g.
- Commuter line
- Right on the map?
- Seize illegally
- Abstract style of the '60s
- In a monotonous way
- Merlot, for one
- "___ here long?"
- Embroidered hole
- Success at the expense of others
- Anteater's cousin
- "The Audacity of Hope" author
- Big cat
- Palindromic term of address
- Xbox enthusiast
- Repair, as clothing
- Nose out

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
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60						61			62			
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65 Tear apart

DOWN

- Concert memento
- It can be hard to carry, for some
- Cut into glass
- Skunk
- Sudden gush
- Whip's blow
- "___ a deal!"
- Leaving no stone unturned
- Wet
- Put down
- Peaceful protest
- Place of another
- Penitent's emotion
- Rudely terse
- Simon's couple
- Chris of "Jurassic World"
- Ivan the Terrible, e.g.
- Creole veggie
- Online prefix with -pedia

- Great time
- Flat replacement
- Go up against
- Knitting stitch
- Perceive
- In the _____ (for now)
- Christmas crackler
- Area prone to flooding
- Marine hazard
- ___ Piper
- Attorney's charge

- Bailiwick
- Eagle's home (var.)
- Exorcist's target
- Ecological community
- Stars and Stripes, e.g.
- British title
- Word said before opening the eyes
- Fabric quantity
- Little fella

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

B	E	E	C	H	S	W	A	T	A	C	I	D			
E	N	V	O	I	P	O	S	H	B	O	D	E			
A	N	E	N	T	L	O	S	E	H	A	L	E			
R	U	N	T	C	E	D	E	T	O	T	E	R			
D	I	S	A	B	L	E	S	P	U	R	T				
				G	O	I	N	G	S	O	N	A	R	K	
A	C	T	I	O	N	R	O	T	A	T	I	O	N		
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General Assembly passes Bell's mental health bill

PRESS RELEASE

The Virginia General Assembly passed Delegate Rob Bell's bill to improve mental health care in Virginia jails (HB 1942).

"The bill will require the Board of Corrections to establish standards for mental health care in Virginia jails," said Bell (R-Albemarle), who represents part of Fluvanna in the 58th District. "It will also require jails to coordinate the care with the inmate's mental health providers in the community after release."

The bill was prompted by the death of Jamycheal Mitchell, a mentally ill inmate who died in the Hampton Roads Regional Jail after being arrested for shoplifting. The

bill was drafted and endorsed by the Deeds Commission, which works year-round to study mental health reform for the General Assembly. Bell serves as vice chairman of the commission.

"Many mentally ill Virginians cycle in and out of jail for minor offenses," Bell said. "We would like to divert them from jail where possible. However, when they are in jail, we want them to receive the most effective mental health care and to better coordinate with the care they receive in the community."

The bill will be forwarded to Gov. Ralph Northam for consideration.

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Friends of library

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Fish fry

The Knights of Columbus will hold a fish fry at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church on Fridays from 5-7:30 p.m. Dates include **March 8**, March 15, March 22, March 29, April 5 and April 12. The cost is \$10 per plate. For more information contact 434-589-5201.

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NAACP presents Booker with community engagement award

SUBMITTED BY VON HILL



The Fluvanna NAACP hosted the second installment of the community engagement series award on Tuesday, Feb. 5. The award was presented to Mozell Booker by Benjamin Hudson, Fluvanna's NAACP president, during the regular meeting at the Fluvanna Library. Booker gave an informational presentation about the history of slavery, early education, and accomplishments of Fluvanna residents. The Fluvanna NAACP meets on the first Tuesday of each month in the conference room of the Fluvanna Library at 7 p.m.

Ben Hudson and Mozell Booker.
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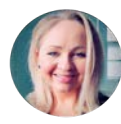


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