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# Supervisors Tensions flare over potential paid fire chief

BY HEATHER MICHON  
CORRESPONDENT

Tensions over a potential paid fire chief to oversee Fluvanna's volunteer corps of first responders came to the fore during a budget work session Wednesday (March 20).

Chiefs Richie Constantino (Lake Monticello), Mike Brent (Fluvanna), Dwayne Mayo (Palmyra), and Andrew Pullen (Kents Store) said they were fine with the job description for the position.

However, "I do have some reservations as to when hire," said Constantino, citing the current need for some high-dollar expenses like self-contained breathing apparatuses and replacement emergency vehicles.

A paid fire chief would cost the county about \$96,000 a year in pay and benefits.

Brent, Pullen and Mayo echoed Constantino's concerns. "It'll come, I'm sure, but this is not the time," Mayo said.

Questioned by Supervisor Mozell Booker as to whether the cost was the only issue they had, Brent said he was "hesitant on this position because of what's happened in other places."

The implementation of a paid, profes-

sional fire chief often leads to a loss of volunteer staff and replacement with paid staff.

"My opinion is not a welcome one," Emergency Management Coordinator Debbie Smith told the supervisors when asked for her input.

Smith said she doesn't want to see the county move away from volunteer to career staff, but a professional fire chief could streamline emergency services by consolidating and standardizing equipment and training across departments. "They can always use the excuse that the money isn't there, [but] I really think it's beyond time we do this," she said.

During their regular meeting, supervisors approved the job description for a fire chief by a vote of 5-0, but any decision about when to begin the hiring process will come at a future date.

## Health insurance increase

Jessica Rice, human resources manager, said it looked like health insurance rates

could rise by 30 percent in fiscal year 2020 (FY20) – an increase of \$498,000.

The increase is largely due to three large medical claims by county staff and high costs for medications.

"We're going to work really hard to get those numbers down," Rice told supervisors, but she cautioned that the county has little leverage to negotiate much lower fees.

County Administrator Steve Nichols reminded supervisors that they had \$300,000 set aside in anticipation of a price increase, and it was just a matter of figuring out how to allocate money when the final numbers come in from Cigna in mid-April.

"You always have three choices," he said. "The county pays the increases, the employees pay the increases, or somewhere in the middle."

Rice also presented figures for cost of living increases for county employees. A 1 percent increase would cost approximately \$92,500 in payroll, while a 3 percent increase would cost \$272,300.

She also proposed targeted pay increases for those part-time county employees paid less than \$12 an hour and for full-time employees paid under \$14 an hour.

If passed by supervisors, it would be the first targeted increase since December 2016.

## Controversial new development

Senior Planner Brad Robinson briefed supervisors on a proposed housing development on Route 600.

Island Hill would be constructed on a 25-acre plot between Broken Island Road and Lake Monticello's Riverside Section. Access to the 49 single-family detached units would be just off Broken Island Road. The Planning Commission approved the application Feb. 12.

Several residents, most from Broken Island, spoke during public comments to voice their concerns over the impact of so many new residents accessing an already dangerous intersection. Broken Island Road sits on a sharp corner on Route 600, which has seen several accidents over the years.


"It would be a tragedy for someone to die to prove the point of how dangerous it is," said Broken Island resident Linda Bernick.

During a quarterly update on Virginia Department of Transportation projects in the county, District Administrator Alan Saunders said an additional 50 homes on the road would usually work out to about 500 additional trips per day. Route 600 is one of the most heavily traveled roads in Fluvanna County, with several thousand trips per day.


## Tax advertisement deferred

Due to the packed agenda, supervisors decided to delay setting an advertised real estate tax rate during the meeting as originally planned. Instead, they scheduled the decision for a March 27 work session.


The decision revises the calendar for the final vote on the FY20 budget, which was originally scheduled for April 17. Under state law, the rate has to be published for two weeks prior to a public hearing. To meet that requirement, the board will delay the budget vote until a special session April 24.




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BY RUDY GARCIA, RIVANNA WOODS FINANCIAL / TAX SERVICES

### In the Military? Special Tax Benefits May STILL Apply.

There are special tax benefits to members of the U.S. Armed Forces. If you or someone you know is in the military, prior to filing a tax return it makes sense to review your situation. Outlined here are some of the more common.

**Combat Pay Income Exclusion.** If you serve in a combat zone, certain pay received is not taxable. Usually this combat pay is noted on your W-2 and you will not need to take action to receive this benefit. However, if you are moved from one location to another or are in support of a combat zone, your pay can also be non-taxable.

**Action step:** Review your W-2 each year to ensure the proper pay has been excluded from your taxable income. Combat zones are published in IRS publication 3 each year.

**Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).** Usually you need to have earned income (wages) to receive the Earned Income Tax Credit. However, as a member of the military, you may choose to use nontaxable combat pay to increase your credit. Even better, you can increase the credit but keep the combat pay as non-taxable income.

**Action step:** If you have combat pay, conduct the calculations to maximize your EITC tax benefit.

**Deadline Extensions.** If you are in a combat zone, you may often receive an automatic extension for filing your tax return. Sometimes this extension may include abatement of fines and interest.

**Action steps:** While it is always recommended to file the proper extensions, do not automatically assume if you are late in filing or paying taxes that you are subject to fines and interest if you were in a combat zone. With a few exceptions, these extensions can even be used by those whose spouses are in combat zones.

There may be other tax benefits for military personnel. If in doubt, ask for a review of your situation. Please call us or email us with any questions you may have about preparing your taxes. We are here to help take the complications out of filing your taxes!

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## Fluvanna Business Corner

### Open for Business in Fork Union

Bryan Rothamel

Fluvanna County Economic Development Coordinator

Our next stop in a tour of Fluvanna's commercial areas is Fork Union. Fork Union is one of our oldest business communities in Fluvanna County. The town is centered around the county's largest private employers, Fork Union Military Academy. FUMA started in 1898 and boasts an international reputation with alumni stretching from politicians to military leaders to businessmen to many athletes, including over 100 NFL players. It is natural a school of such reputation had a town grow around it.

Currently Fork Union boasts over 20 businesses in the "Village" and they welcome the many county visitors traveling on Route 15. Just across the street from the academy is Scarlett's Flowers and Gift Baskets, Priority Insurance and Bowles & Assoc.

Fork Union Village Restaurant and Sal's Restaurant are two established eateries and sit just south of FUMA. Sharing the shopping centers with the restaurants are Fork Union Pharmacy, BB&T Bank and Village Coin Shop. Nearby Envoy at the Village nursing home sits just behind Blue Ribbon Re-

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This is just another short tour through a commercial area of the county, but you can see the village has a number of businesses to visit. If I missed any in the area, please feel free to call Economic Development Office or the Chamber of Commerce so we can add you to our list!

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## Correction

In the March 21 edition, an obituary titled George Daniel (Dan) Reuther, Jr. that included Dan's photo had the text of another man's obituary underneath.

The *Fluvanna Review* deeply regrets this most personal of errors and extends apologies to Dan's family and friends. The correct obituary can be found on page 10.

## Letters to the editor

### Don't borrow from our children's future

I was sitting on my sister's porch in her densely-packed small city, thinking how much quieter it is there than at my home at the Lake. Why? Because the air at the Lake is filled with the roar of lawn mowers, chain saws, and leaf blowers, leaf blowers, and more leaf blowers. (Whatever happened to rakes?) And when Lakers are finished slicing and dicing Mother Nature, do they enjoy the fruits of their labor? No. They go back inside their houses, with the doors and windows closed, and miss out on the joy of the clean air and (occasional) quiet of living at the Lake. And yet the Lake is the ideal place to practice being kind to nature.

We continue to add to chemical pollution, noise pollution, light pollution, air pollution, water pollution, soil degradation, and climate pollution as if these

things have no effect on the world. Yet the media are full of articles of increasingly violent wildfires, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, and droughts, of children becoming sick from chemicals in the air, water, and soil, of the insects we rely on to pollinate our crops dying off, of beautiful animals, all part of the web of life, suffering and dying in the world we've created.

We've borrowed from our children's future so that we can have luxuries today, and we're paying them back with destruction. If we stop and think about what we're doing, and why we're doing it, and what effects it will have, and what the alternatives are, maybe we'll make decisions that will lead to a healthier world. Business as usual, or our children's wellbeing – I know which I'd choose.

Deborah Weiss  
Lake Monticello

### Stop the slash and burn mentality

Is there a slash and burn mentality in our current era?

Our pioneer ancestors are revered as they desperately fought to survive. During early settlements in our country, slash and burn was a guiding principle. Do we still need to follow that principle? I pause to wonder how much of that mentality we may have inadvertently inherited when we overlook environmental needs toward a more sustainable environment.

Pause with me to consider what we each are doing to help preserve the bounty and balance of nature.

Possible considerations might include: Can I add one more way to recycle? Plant a tree? Reduce chemical fertilizers on my lawn?

What about leaving a natural space on my property (15'X15' has been suggested as a start)? Do I know of any indigenous plantings I could maintain or plant new in my landscaping?

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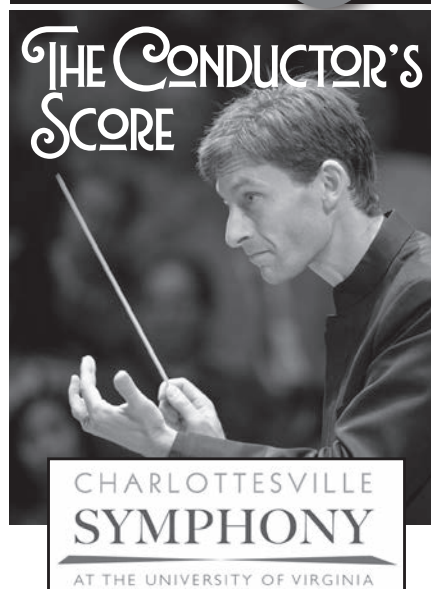
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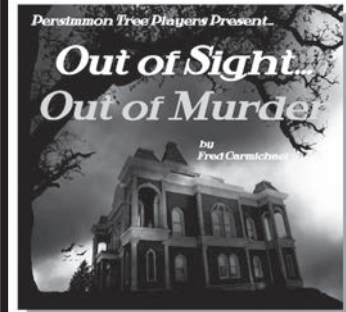
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# Monticello Country Realtors welcomes Cindy Taylor

PRESS RELEASE



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# Dominion customers fund coal ash cleanup through \$5 bill increase

## *Fluvanna included among cleanup sites*

BY ADRIAN TERAN-TAPIA  
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

Environmental and consumer groups applauded Gov. Ralph Northam after he signed legislation this week that aims to protect water quality by cleaning up more than 27 million cubic yards of coal ash from unlined ponds in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Northam signed into law SB 1355, sponsored by Sen. Frank Wagner (R-Virginia Beach), and HB 2786, sponsored by Del. Riley Ingram (R-Hopewell). The legislation seeks to clean up coal ash sites in the city of Chesapeake and in Prince William, Chesterfield and Fluvanna counties.

The ash is the byproduct of coal-fired power plants operated by Dominion Energy. The law will require Dominion to move the coal ash to lined landfills or recycle it in a safe manner. It will also require the closure and removal of any coal combustion residuals units, including coal ash ponds or landfills, within the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

"The potential risks to public health and water quality posed by unlined coal ash ponds in the commonwealth are far too great for us to continue with business as usual," Northam said. "This historic, bipartisan effort sets a standard for what we can achieve when we

work together, across party lines, in the best interest of all Virginians. I am proud to sign this legislation into law."

Ingram echoed those sentiments.

"I was pleased to see that the General Assembly, the governor, House, Senate and Dominion were able to all come together and come up with a great solution for the coal ash ponds and, in my opinion, for the betterment of everyone," Ingram said.

The bills were co-sponsored by several lawmakers, including Sen. Scott Surovell (D-Fairfax) and Del. Jennifer Carroll Foy (D-Prince William). They contributed key components, including a ban on "cap in place" closure of unlined ponds – a method critics said could lead to water pollution. Another component is a requirement that at least 25 percent of the coal ash be recycled for concrete or other beneficial uses.

"I think this represents the first time Virginia has adopted environmental regulations that are more protective of the environment than federal law," Surovell said. "This represents an important step forward for environmental protections in Virginia."

Carroll Foy said she was proud that "biparti-

san hard work" produced the legislation.

"At town halls and meetings with my constituents, I promised that I would fight for legislation to recycle coal ash into concrete and other materials and to excavate and remove the remainder of coal ash to lined landfills because it was the most effective way to protect public health and the environment," Carroll Foy said.

The cleanup is expected to cost several billion dollars. Under the new law, Dominion will be able to pass on the cost to its customers. As a result, state officials have estimated, the average monthly electric bill will increase by about \$5.

The Potomac Riverkeeper Network thanked Northam and state legislators for working across party lines to pass the legislation.

"This legislation, which is a result of four years of persistent work by Potomac Riverkeeper Dean Naujoks and our Virginia partners, is a historic step to solve the serious and lingering pollution problem of legacy coal ash," said Nancy Stoner, the network's president.

Four years ago, Naujoks began testing water wells near some of Dominion's coal ash ponds

and discovered that lead and arsenic had contaminated nearby groundwater, Stoner said.

"The dangers of coal ash leaking into groundwater, drinking wells, our rivers and streams, and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay have long been documented, and we're proud of our role in fixing the problem," Naujoks said.

Kendyl Crawford, director of Virginia Interfaith Power & Light, said the new law was a step in the right direction. But she said the state should have required Dominion to bear the cost of the cleanup.

"It is long overdue that decades-old toxic coal ash is finally being addressed after having poisoned Virginia's waterways. Removing millions of cubic yards of toxic material along waterways to safe, lined landfills is a step towards a healthier and more just state. Now, we have a moral responsibility to ensure that all coal ash, including that outside of the Chesapeake Bay watershed is safely recycled and disposed," Crawford said.

"While we applaud the signing of this legislation that cleans up coal ash, once again Dominion, one of our electric utility monopolies, has shown their influence by pushing the fiscal burden to fall on electricity consumers."



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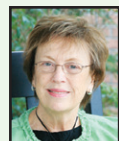
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# Obituary

## George Daniel (Dan) Reuther, Jr.



George Daniel (Dan) Reuther, Jr., passed away in his home March 11, 2019, at the age of 86 after a lengthy battle with prostate cancer. Dan was born and raised in Floral Park, N.Y. After graduation from high school and four years active duty in the U.S. Air Force, he worked for Grumman Aerospace until retirement in 1990.

In June 1992 he moved to his "heaven on earth," Lake Monticello, where he enjoyed many hours on the golf course with his wife and numerous great golfing buddies. He loved going on golf excursions locally and beyond, including the two months he spent annually at St. Simons Island, Ga.

He was preceded in death by his first wife of 22 years, Barbara Mary Ericson, with whom he had two children; his second wife of 23 years, Dolores Evelyn Thomas; his parents, George D. Reuther, Sr. and Ruth Lyes; and his sister, Georgianna Reid.

Dan is survived by his fiancée of 15 years, Marilyn Hale of Lake Mon-

ticello; his sister Ruth Josephine Graf of Oceanside, Calif.; his daughter, Deborah Jean Munch (Tom) of West Islip, N.Y.; his son Glenn Daniel Reuther (Alice) of Lake Monticello; and his step-daughter, Carol Ann Licardi (Jimmy) of West Islip, N.Y. He is also survived by grandchildren Tara Jean Adams, Christie Ann Munch, Glenn Daniel Umberto Reuther, and Steven and Nicky Licardi; great-grandchildren Nehemiah and Raquel Adams; several nieces and a nephew; and numerous extended family and friends. His best buddy in the whole world, Beji, will forever miss the hours of pet scratching Dan always provided.

A memorial service will be held March 30, 2019, at 11 a.m. at Palmyra United Methodist Church with a reception following from 1 to 3 p.m. at The Pub at the Lake Monticello golf course.

In lieu of flowers, Dan asked that memorial contributions be made to Hospice of the Piedmont, 675 Peter Jefferson Parkway, Suite 300, Charlottesville, Va., 22911.

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# All nicotine products now banned in schools

BY ALEXANDRA ZERNIK  
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE



School boards must ban any tobacco or other forms of nicotine products from all school property and school-sponsored events under legislation signed into law March 6 by Gov. Ralph Northam.

Northam signed HB 2384 and SB 1295, which expands existing law to include:

- A wider variety of nicotine products, such as vapes and e-cigarettes in addition to tobacco; and
- A broader range of school property, such as school buses and school-sponsored events off campus.

The new law, which takes effect July 1, will require all local school boards to develop and implement comprehensive tobacco-free policies.

"The recent and dramatic rise in youth smoking and vaping represents a serious public health crisis that requires our attention and action," Northam said. "We have a responsibility to prevent our children from being exposed to all types of tobacco or nicotine-containing products."

Northam noted that when he was a state senator, he led efforts to enact a statewide smoking ban in bars and restaurants. He sees HB 2384, sponsored by Del. Patrick Hope (D-Arlington), and SB 1295, introduced by Sen. Lionel Spruill (D-Chesapeake), in the same way.

"As governor, I am proud to sign this legislation that will make Virginia schools and communities safer and healthier," Northam said.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that use of tobacco products by American youth is on the rise – largely because of the increasing popularity of e-cigarettes.

Nationwide last year, more than 27 percent of all high school students used a tobacco product within the past 30 days, according to a survey by the CDC.

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About 21 percent of the students had used e-cigarettes, and 8 percent regular cigarettes. Some survey respondents used both types of products.

That represented a big increase in vaping: In the 2017 survey, fewer than 12 percent of high school students had used e-cigarettes in the past 30 days.

Northam noted that as of fall 2017, about 12 percent of Virginia high school students were using e-cigarettes – almost twice the proportion of teenagers smoking traditional cigarettes.

The U.S. surgeon general and the federal Food and Drug Administration have declared the sudden increase in e-cigarette use an epidemic. They fear a new generation of young people may become addicted to nicotine if actions aren't taken to prevent it.

Virginia's secretary of health and human resources, Daniel Carey, praised the legislation signed by Northam.

"This law will not only protect Virginia's children from exposure to second-hand smoke, it will also help to establish a tobacco-free norm, allowing students to make better choices about their health when it comes to saying no to tobacco products outside of school," Carey said.

According to State Health Commissioner M. Norman Oliver, a statewide survey found that 84 percent of adults in Virginia – including 75 percent of smokers – agree that all nicotine products should be banned from school grounds and activities.

"While 40 school districts in Virginia already have established this type of policy, the new law will expand protection to children in all of our public schools," Oliver said.

Northam previously signed into law legislation raising the age to buy tobacco and nicotine products from 18 to 21.

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# New book studies Jefferson's style, etiquette

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD  
CORRESPONDENT



Courtesy photo of Gaye Wilson.

They say that clothes make the man.

In her new book, Gaye Wilson, a historian and costume designer, focuses on how Thomas Jefferson dressed throughout his life and how that wardrobe related to larger political concerns.

Wilson explained that her inspiration for writing the book came from her career as a clothing historian and costume designer for the theater. A professor with a Ph.D. in American history from the University of Edinburgh, a master of fine arts and a bachelor of fine arts from the University of Texas, her knowledge of historical clothing and textiles gives Wilson a solid base for her exploration of Jefferson's image through his attire. She said her background made her aware of Jefferson's appearance in each portrait throughout his life.

"It raised the larger question of how his changing image related to the political scene in which he was a principal player," she wrote in her book. Wilson learned that Jefferson's choice of dress wasn't just about projecting his own image or status in society, but to a broader extent reflected his thoughts as a statesman and his political views.

"I argue in my book that his choice of clothing during his presidency supported his intent that the American Republic be based and function on diplomatic principles," she said. "He worried that the Republic might fall back into a totalitarian regime, as historically many republics had done. The most immediate example was France, as the French Republic came under the dictatorship of Napoleon."

During Jefferson's time period, much of men's attire could be considered excessive. Some of it was meant to highlight one's status in society and could be seen as a hangover from previous centuries of indulgence.

Wilson said that Jefferson and his political colleagues pushed against people who were more inclined to aristocratic and elitist principles. Jefferson dressed down during his presidency in order to identify with the people and show he was simply their representative.

In her book Wilson offers many different stories of how friends and adversaries encountered Jefferson.

"One example was Sen. William Plumer of New Hampshire," Wilson said. "He was surprised when first introduced to the president that a tall man entered the room dressed in old, soiled clothes and worn shoes that he mistook for a serving person. Plumer concluded, 'I certainly dress as well as the first officer of the nation.' But when invited to dinner later, he met a Jefferson dressed in a new black suit, silk stockings, clean linen and shoes, and hair well-groomed and powdered. Plumer added, 'His dinner was elegant and rich.' Jefferson could keep them guessing."

"I have not found a pattern as to when and to whom he chose to dress up or down, but I do think he pushed against the more elegant image set in Washington and was attempting to give a more egalitarian image to the presidency," Wilson said.

Well known for being a southern gentleman and scholar, Jefferson used etiquette to counter his dressing down.

"His food and wine served to guests was

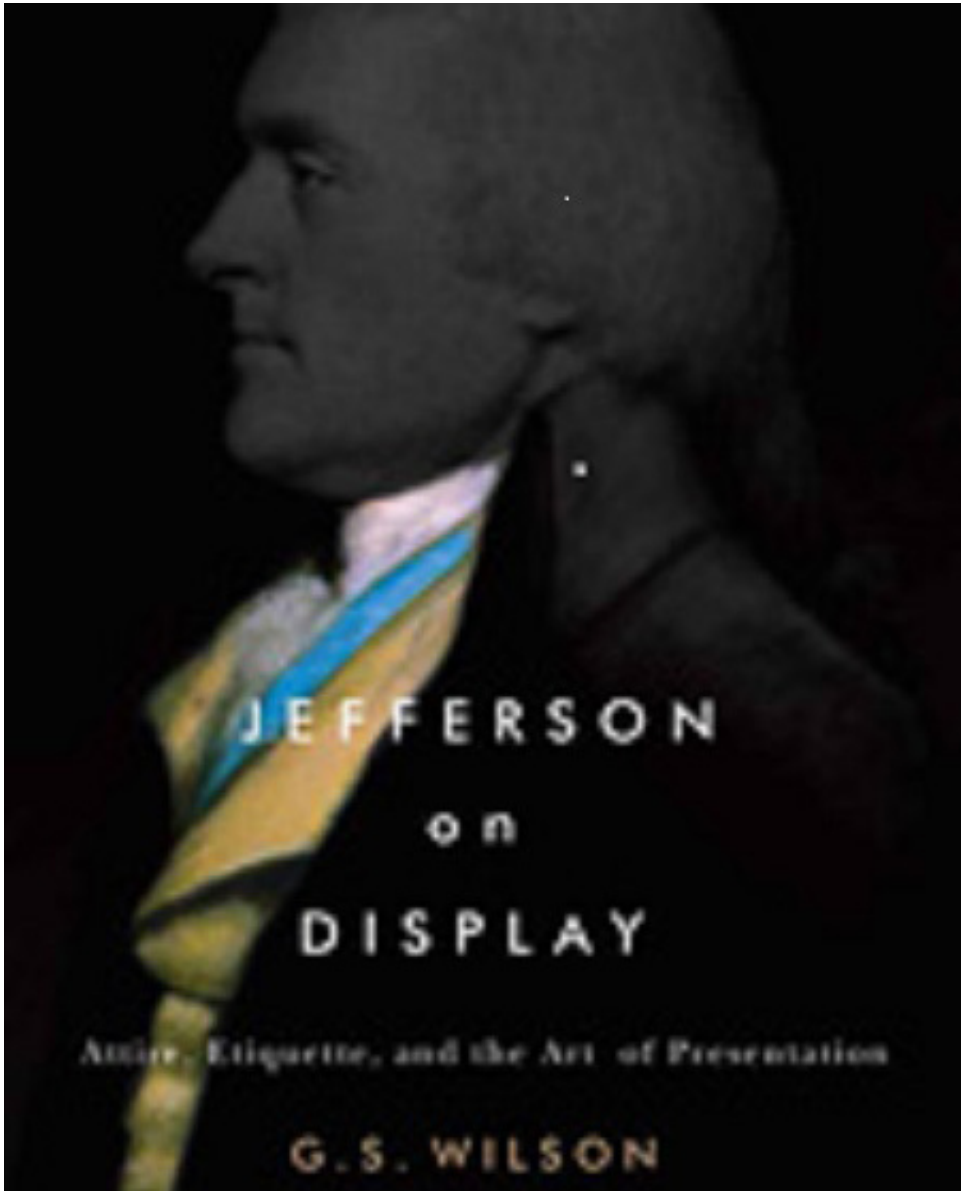
of the best quality and elegantly served. His conversation was reported as scintillating and correct, as were his manners," she said. "Even political adversaries complimented his

taste, intellect and decorum. He might dress in old, worn and mismatched clothing, but he was always the gentleman."

One of Jefferson's first important documents, *A Summary View of the Rights of British America*, published in August 1774, reminded King George "that he is no more than the chief officer of the people, appointed by the laws, and circumscribed with definite powers, to assist in working the great machine of government, erected for their use." This seemed to be the manner in which he saw the office of president: "the chief officer of the people" but not necessarily above the people.

Jefferson's view of fashion seemingly shunned the excesses of a bygone era and its trappings, seen in the velvet, silks, brocades and jewels that elevated those who could afford them to a higher level. Perhaps his dressing down could be seen as rebellion.

Wilson will speak more about her book to the Friends of the Library Wednesday (April 3) at 10 a.m. at the Fluvanna County Public Library. All are welcome.





# Poll: Most Virginians don't want leaders to resign

BY EMILY HOLTER  
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

Virginians have low approval ratings of Gov. Ralph Northam and Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax, but most people say no one should resign or be impeached, according to a recent poll by the University of Virginia's Center for Politics. It found that of the state's three top officials, Attorney General Mark Herring is the best positioned to remain in office.

The three leaders, all Democrats, have been under scrutiny after several scandals, and some politicians and groups have called for their resignations.

Two women have accused Fairfax of sexual assault – allegations he has denied

Northam has been in hot water after the discovery of a photograph in his medical school yearbook showing a man in blackface and another in Ku Klux Klan garb. Northam initially apologized for the photograph and then denied he was in the picture. He later admitted to putting

"a little bit of" shoe polish on his face to imitate Michael Jackson in a 1984 dance competition.

After calling for Northam's resignation, Attorney General Mark Herring apologized for wearing blackface when he was 19 years old to imitate a rapper.

With that backdrop, U.Va.'s Center for Politics asked a representative sample of Virginia adults about their opinions of Northam, Fairfax and Herring.

The poll found that of the three leaders, more people believe Fairfax should quit. Thirty-five percent believe Fairfax should resign, and 28 percent favored impeachment.

Only 17 percent of Virginians approve of the governor's job performance. However, only 31 percent of respondents say he should resign, and 21 percent believe he should be impeached.

According to the Center for Politics, there

was a strong racial divide over whether Fairfax should resign. Thirty-nine percent of white respondents said they favored his resignation, compared with only 8 percent of black respondents.

Of the three officials, Herring had the fewest number of people suggesting

he resign (19 percent) or be impeached (14 percent).

The poll involved interviewing 636 adults from Feb. 15-19. It had a margin of error of 4 percentage points.



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# Get to know CSA coordinator Bryan Moeller

BY MADELINE OTTEN  
CORRESPONDENT



Courtesy photo of Bryan Moeller.

The Virginia General Assembly passed the Comprehensive Services Act in 1992 for at-risk youth and families, which was later renamed the Children's Service Act (CSA) in 2015. CSA is a department of local government that facilitates services to meet the needs of families with children who have or

are at risk of having serious emotional or behavioral difficulties.

Bryan Moeller is Fluvanna County's CSA coordinator and has been in this role for 18 months. He described his position as a connected web of entities that are invisible, due to the many different programs and services with which he works. While some days include meetings lasting the entire day, each day has something new to offer.

"What is challenging about this job is that there are no black or white solutions," said Moeller. "We work with families who are facing hardships and we perform case-by-case [analysis], which means answers for one family may not apply to another."

On Tuesdays, Moeller runs two meetings: the Family Assessment and Planning Team (FAPT) and the Community Planning and Management Team (CPMT). In the FAPT meetings, plans for children are reviewed and approved. More specifically, the team assesses the strengths and needs of at-risk children to determine if they are eligible for CSA funding for needed services.

The CPMT creates and maintains a system

of services and funding that is child-centered, family-focused, and community-based. At the meetings, the team reviews and approves spending for various services. Services include outpatient counseling, intensive in-home services, support for families with temporary aid, and placing children in private day schools.

"It is rewarding to see the children and the families that we work with transform and no longer need our services," Moeller said.

Moeller eventually wants to see the number of children and families receiving CSA services dwindle down to zero. This will be through the evolution and growth of systems in Fluvanna County to reduce the need for CSA's involvement. But for now, Moeller wants to ensure that the programs run as smoothly and efficiently as possible.

Before living in central Virginia, Moeller lived in Ohio for three and a half years, but moved to be closer to family. He previously worked at Region 10 as an intellectual disability case manager, where he monitored the care and treatment of people living in Fluvanna County who received services

related to intellectual disability. He worked with multiple groups of people, including adults and adolescents.

"While this is my first job with Fluvanna County's government, my last position was with Region 10 for children and adults who were intellectually disabled," said Moeller. "I thought it would be difficult transitioning because of knowing different laws and relations, but researching policies and laws transitioned over very well to the CSA coordinator position."

Moeller enjoys walking trails at Pleasant Grove with his dog in tow, Argentine tango, reading about current events, history, and science fiction, and showing his children around the county and region. On the weekends, if Moeller and his family are not spending time together exploring the Blue Ridge Mountains, they are traveling to sightsee in Richmond, an area where Moeller spent some of his childhood.

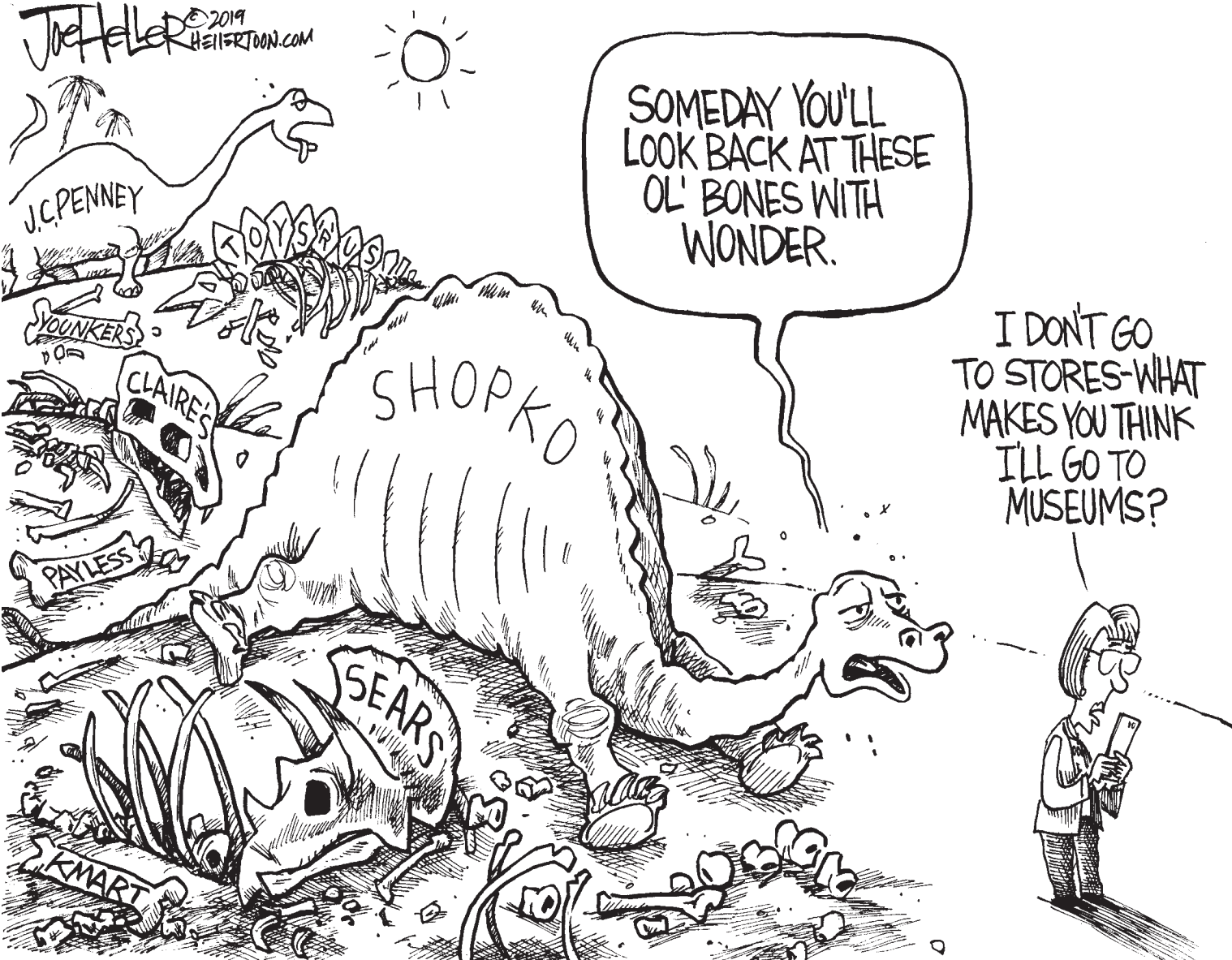
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# Boys' lacrosse falls to Patrick Henry

BY DUNCAN NIXON  
CORRESPONDENT



The Flying Fluco athletic schedule for Friday (March 22) was very full; however, it rained all day Thursday, so most of the activity had to be canceled. An exception was boys' lacrosse, which was played on the artificial turf field at Phil Browning Stadium. One of the reasons for having an artificial turf field is to minimize cancellations due to bad weather.

The Fluco boys hosted Patrick Henry, a team they had played earlier in the year at the Patriots' field in Hanover County outside of Richmond. The Flucos lost that contest by eight goals, so Coach Eric Allen was pleased that his squad was much more competitive in this game. In fact, the two teams appeared to be more closely matched than the final score of 2-6 indicated.

Unfortunately for the Flucos, the Patrick Henry squad scored two very quick goals at the outset. The first goal came 17 seconds into the game, as Patrick Henry won the face-off and took the ball straight down the field for an immediate score. Approximately one minute later the Patriots scored again for a 2-0 lead. At that point, it looked like the game might be a one-sided rout. But the Flucos settled down and played tough defense for the rest of the game.

For the next eight or nine minutes it was the Fluco offense that controlled play and several scoring opportunities were just missed. Sterling Ruff on attack was especially effective for the Flucos. In the final minute of the first quarter the teams exchanged goals, with sophomore Sam Shackelford putting the Flucos on the board with a strong shot. The first quarter ended with the Patriots leading 3-1.

In the second quarter, there was only one goal. The Patriots scored on a low shot from in close that Fluco goalie Caleb Stoltz had no chance of stopping. Stoltz was strong all game long and he and the Patrick Henry goalie were both instrumental in keeping the score in this game below the norm for lacrosse.

In the third quarter, both teams moved the ball around the perimeter trying to find openings for good shots. The defense was strong on both sides and scoring opportunities were few and far between. The third quarter ended without a single goal being scored, which is not unheard of in lacrosse, but definitely unusual.

Fluco defenders Ethan Vernatter, Kent Snoddy and Jason Drumheller all strongly supported the good goal tending of Stoltz. The best scoring opportunity for the Flucos in the third quarter came late in the quarter



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when Fluco attacker Pharaoh Harris was denied from in close on an excellent save.

Early in the fourth quarter, the Patriots started to reassert themselves and they took control of the play for the first half of the quarter. Stoltz made several good saves but the Patriots managed to fire home two hard shots at 9:40 and 5:20 for a commanding 6-1 lead.

With 4:20 remaining Fluco junior midfielder Alex Williams responded with a goal from out front. His first shot was stopped by the Patrick Henry goalie, but Williams scooped up the rebound and fired it home. That ended the scoring.

After the game, Allen noted that his team is making strides in controlling the ball and moving it around the perimeter seeking scoring opportunities. He emphasizes to his squad that "they can't score when we have the ball." The Flucos were successful in this game in that regard, controlling the ball virtually equally with the Patriots.

Allen also reported that the Fluco boys scored their first victory of the year March 19, recording a 12-0 win over Matoaca High School in Chesterfield.

The boys' lacrosse team was scheduled to play at Fork Union Military Academy March 26. It will then play host to Glen Allen High March 30, and to the Monticello Mustangs April 9.





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## Tennis

The Lady Flucos had a successful meet at Waynesboro March 18. Singles winners were senior Adora Gamage, junior Sarah White, freshman Anja Baja, senior Lydiah Napier, sophomore Nika Ackenbom, and senior Saige Patchett. In the doubles, Gamage and White, Baja and Ackenbom, and Napier and Molli White all won their matches.

Gamage said she felt good about her singles match. "Even though I found myself losing focus in the middle, I was able to refocus to beat my opponent," she said. Patchett also struggled to stay focused during her match. "I let the other girl get to me and I wasn't playing my best game until Coach [Feda Morton] pulled me aside and told me to play my game," she said. Once she refocused, she was able to play at her own pace and win the match.

The boys' team did not fare so well in their home meet against Waynesboro March 18. They gave it their best efforts, but in the end, lost all their matches. Coach Mitchell Pace said the key to high school tennis is unforced errors. "We need to eliminate our mistakes and be consistent enough to beat our opponents," he said.

## Softball

The varsity team hosted Spotsylvania March 18. Although the Flucos played

hard, they were beaten 12-22. "We had problems in mental errors and not talking," said senior Gracie Walton. "We did, however, hit the ball much better and got a lot more people in to score."

The girls then traveled to Harrisonburg March 20, where they won 21-3. Sophomore Liyah Allen said it was an improvement from Monday's game. "Everyone stuck together and worked and talked as a team," she said.

The JV girls tied 2-2 in their game against Spotsylvania March 18. Freshman Shelby Clements said they had to work on scoring sooner and more frequently in their upcoming games. Their next game, at Harrisonburg on March 20, was a huge improvement, as the Lady Flucos beat their opponents 21-0. "We continued to communicate, but we have to work on hitting slower pitches," said Clements.

## Girls' lacrosse

The varsity team lost its home game against Patrick Henry March 15 by a score of 2-24. Junior Charlie Lasocki said that the game was a "great learning experience for the team," especially since the team made a sharp rebound in its home game against Matoaca March 19, winning that match by a score of 20-1. Lasocki scored seven times in that game.

Junior Alison Sawyer, who scored twice in the game against Matoaca, said, "It's great how our energy changed from getting beaten that badly to winning. I hope that we can keep that energy."

Both the JV and varsity games against Patrick Henry scheduled for March 22 were postponed until April 10. Meanwhile, both teams looked forward to matches at Liberty on March 26, and scrimmages at Orange on March 27.

## Boys' lacrosse

Also on March 15, the varsity boys played a home match against Patrick Henry. They lost by a score of 7-14. As with the girls' varsity team, they pulled things around on March 19, beating Matoaca by a score of 12-0.

Senior Ethan Vernatter said that he thinks the team played really well: "We showed we can play and that we know what we're doing and we're not just messing around. We showed we can play offense and defense."

JV took on Blue Ridge on March 21, losing 1-6. Aiden Valentine, the only Fluco to score in that game, said, "We played pretty good for this first game, but there are a lot of improvements to be made."

Varsity and JV are planning a home scrimmage against Orange on March 27.

## Girls' soccer

The varsity team traveled to Waynesboro March 18, beating them by a score of 4-3.

Proud of her teammates, junior Mackenzie Fain said, "The team stayed connected and played hard until the last minute. We worked the ball around the field well and capitalized on many scoring opportunities."

Meanwhile, the JV team also won its game at Waynesboro, walking away with a win of 3-0. Sophomore Abigail Fuller said the team "played well and did good connecting passes." She also said, "I played okay. I made a few mistakes that I'll improve next game."

Both teams looked forward to games against Monticello March 25, and home games against Orange March 28.

## Boys' soccer

On March 18 the varsity team had a nail-biter in its home game against Waynesboro. Ultimately the Flucos won the game with two minutes left in overtime, beating Waynesboro 1-0. Junior Ethan Hartung said the team "played pretty good, but still have room for improvement." Up next are away games against Orange on March 28.



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# SHERIFF'S REPORT | MARCH 14-21

## NATURE OF INCIDENT / TOTAL

911 HANG UP	6
911 MISDIAL	5
911 OPEN LINE	2
ANIMAL CONTROL CALLBACK	9
ANIMAL CONTROL FOLLOW UP	1
ADULT WELFARE/PUB SAFETY CHK	3
AGGRESSIVE ANIMAL	1
ANIMAL WELFARE	4
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	2
ASSAULT W/ NO INJURY	3
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE RECEIVED	2
BE ON LOOKOUT	9
CARDIAC ARREST	1
CHILD WELFARE/ABUSE/ENDNGMNT	1
CIVIL PAPER RECEIVED	4
CIVIL PAPER SERVICE	34
COMMERCIAL BURG ALARM	7
COMMUNICATIONS OFC CALL OUT	1
COURTHOUSE SECURITY CHECK	8
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY	2
DISABLED VEHICLE	9
DISTURBANCE	3
FINGERPRINTS	11
FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION	13
FRAUD	1
GUN PERMIT RECEIVED	5
VCIN CHECK	6
LARCENY/THEFT	3
PHONE CALL RETURN	42
LIVESTOCK CALL	1
LOST ANIMAL	1
MAGISTRATE WALK-IN	4
MENTAL WELFARE CALL NO INJURY	1
MVC WITH INJ OR UNKNOWN INJ	3
MVC WITH NO INJURY	5
MVC W/ ANIMAL	2
OPEN DOOR	1
OTHER LAW CALL	12
PEDESTRIAN IN ROAD/INTOX PEDES	1
PRISONER TRANSPORT	2
PROJECT LIFESAVER RELATED CALL	1
REPOSSESSION	3
ROAD NAME SIGN DOWN	1
SELECT PATROL	97
SEXUAL RELATED OFFENSES	1
SHOTS HEARD	2
STRAY DOG	6
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY/PERSON	16
DIRECT TRAFFIC/FUNERAL TRAFFIC	13
TRAFFIC HAZARD	1
TRAFFIC STOP	26
TRESPASSING/HUNTING TRESPASS	1
VCIN HITS RECEIVED	2
VCIN QUERY RUN	4
WARRANT RECEIVED	3
OUT SERVING WARRANT	13

TOTAL INCIDENTS 421

## CRASHES

MVC NO INJURY	19:18:48 03/14/19
2300 BLK BRANCH RD	
MVC W/ ANIMAL	05:43:23 03/15/19
EAST RIVER RD & HOLMHEAD CIR	
MVC INJURY/UNK	17:27:23 03/15/19
1080 BLK KIDDS DAIRY RD	
MVC W/ ANIMAL	18:18:54 03/15/19
RICHMOND RD & ZION RD	
MVC NO INJURY	23:58:59 03/16/19
SOUTH BOSTON RD & RIVER RIDGE DR	
MVC NO INJURY	04:23:51 03/17/19
330 BLK SCLATERS FORD RD	
MVC NO INJURY	13:01:52 03/17/19
8260 BLK THOMAS JEFFERSON PKWY	
MVC INJURY/UNK	00:32:50 03/18/19
3540 BLK JAMES MADISON HWY	
MVC NO INJURY	11:00:14 03/20/19
5720 BLK JAMES MADISON HWY	
MVC INJURY/UNK	06:51:02 03/21/19
JAMES MADISON HWY & EAST RIVER RD	

TOTAL CRASHES 10

## ARRESTS

MARCH 15 AT 7:40 P.M.	HOME ADDRESS: NOT SPECIFIED
DUI/DUID	
MARCH 15 AT 9:14 P.M.	HOME ADDRESS: CHARLOTTESVILLE
TRESPASSING, DISTRIBUTION/POSSESSION OF	DRUG PARAPHERNALIA, POSSESSION OF A
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, DAMAGING/INTERFERING WITH PROPERTY	
MARCH 15 AT 9:30 P.M.	HOME ADDRESS: CHARLOTTESVILLE
TRESPASSING, DISTRIBUTION/POSSESSION OF	DRUG PARAPHERNALIA, DAMAGING/INTERFERING WITH PROPERTY
MARCH 20 AT 6:13 P.M.	HOME ADDRESS: PALMYRA
NO OFFENSE SPECIFIED	
MARCH 21 AT 10:53 A.M.	HOME ADDRESS: STANARDSVILLE
POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA	
MARCH 21 AT 2:43 P.M.	HOME ADDRESS: SCOTTSVILLE
ASSAULT AND BATTERY, POSSESSION OF A	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

TOTAL ARRESTS 6

## SUDOKU

Edited by Margie E. Burke

Difficulty: Easy

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

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## HOW TO SOLVE:

Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

Answers to Last Week's Sudoku:

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

## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Wait state  
6 Normal beginning?  
10 Lot size, maybe  
14 Archer's ammo  
15 Erelong  
16 Type of rug  
17 Crowning ceremony  
19 Tattered duds  
20 Part of BTU  
21 Grant  
23 Director's cry  
24 Over-the-hill horse  
25 Bee or Em  
26 Take on, as a challenge  
28 Shocked  
30 Prophetic  
32 Engrave on glass  
33 Make a sweater  
34 Coastal bird  
35 Blue hue  
37 Have a hunch  
39 \_\_\_\_-ran  
42 Vegan no-no  
44 Office note  
47 Feature film preceder, once  
49 Sarcastic  
51 Move unsteadily  
52 Forest dweller  
54 Chic getaway  
55 Polished off  
56 Strip  
58 Study all night  
59 Name as a source  
61 Breakfast melon  
63 "I had no \_\_\_\_!"  
64 Get the pot going  
65 Speck in the sea  
66 Fender bender result  
67 Fortune teller  
68 Over yonder

### DOWN

- 1 Manuscript gap

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
14						15					16			
17					18						19			
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55				56		57					58			
59			60		61					62				
63					64					65				
66					67					68				

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- 2 Period when forging began  
3 Dream guy  
4 Tony Lama item  
5 Part of MYOB  
6 Eucharistic plate  
7 "Friends" actress  
8 \_\_\_\_ canal  
9 Comment on, in a way  
10 Berne's river  
11 One of a cereal trio  
12 Bar fixture?  
13 Tampa's time zone  
18 Have an edge against  
22 WWII female  
25 Pale as a ghost  
27 Butcher's offering  
29 Approach boldly  
31 Break in relations  
33 Kind of pad  
36 NBC show, "\_\_\_\_ Got Talent"  
38 Ruler of the east  
39 Stomach remedy  
40 Danger for small boats  
41 Add sugar to  
43 How some prefer their pasta  
45 Govern badly  
46 In theory only  
48 Roulette bet  
49 Software test version  
50 Germ cell  
53 Aromatic compound  
57 Wind instrument  
58 Brit's bludgeon  
60 Chow down  
62 Liquored up

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Glass Slipper

The Glass Slipper prom dress sale event will take place **March 30** from 9 a.m. to noon at Effort Church in the sanctuary building. Dresses are \$25. For more information email kimfeight@gmail.com.

### Cuba travelogue

Scottsville Presbyterian Church will host a Cuba Travelogue led by Stots Reeley Friday, **April 5** at 7 p.m. Refreshments following. For more information call Gay at 434-409-3324.

### Movie premiere

The public is invited to the movie premiere of The Fluvanna County African American History Exhibit at the Fluvanna Library **April 6** from 2-4 p.m. Featuring Fluvanna County students, the premiere tells the story of the exhibit on display at the Old Stone Jail and is narrated by Historical Society Director Tricia Johnson.



# PROPERTY TRANSFERS | FEBRUARY

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Hanson, William J & Michael to Loft Realty & Investments LLC 17198 Allied Street Charlottesville VA 22903. Lot 335 Phase Three Montpelier LM \$107,000. Ja-Zan, LLC to 4933 R\$ichmond Road, LLC P.O. Box 332 Keswick VA 22947. 1.651AC \$235,000. 2/04/19  
Ja-Zan, LLC to Holding Tree Ventures II, LLC 1610 Quail Run Charlottesville VA 22911 Palmyra Magis Distr 1.095 AC \$120,000. 2/04/19  
Barlow, Tommy James & Mary A to Carter, Rodney 570 Meeks Lane Kents Store VA 23084. 31.058 AC \$110,000. Liberty Homes, Inc to Goepferich, Kevin B & Sharon 127 Kathy's Lane Troy VA 22974. 4.399 AC \$300,000. Thomas, Vander L II to Meeks, Jordan A 12 Eaglewood Drive Palmyra VA 22963. Lot 200 Phase Five Tufton LM \$180,000. 2/05/19  
Keller, Joseph H jr. & June to Alan D Steward Irrevocable Trust 81 Woodridge Rd Palmyra VA 22963. Lot 125 Phase Three Montpelier Addition One LM \$32,500. Sheridan Funeral Home, Inc to Sheridan, Paul Holland 4626 Cedar Lane Rd Kents Store VA 23084. See document for full description \$213,000. 2/06/19  
Peterson, Sean L to Ernest, Debbie J & Sarah L 36 Begum Road Palmyra VA 22963. Lot 394 Phase Five Tufton LM \$170,000. 2/08/19  
Babbitt, Samuel G & Denae to Prometheus Trust P.O. Box 699 Fork Union Fork Union VA 23055. See document for full description \$60,000. 2/11/19  
JT Enterprises, Inc to Rowell, Mayra I 704 Rosewood Scottsville VA 24590. Lot 24 Rosewood Manor Sub \$276,062.83. Commonwealth Asset Services, LLC to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp N/A N/A, XX Cunningham Magis Distr 3.471 AC \$166,527.90  
Reed, Molly Kaye to Tweed, Ashley R 735 Justin Dr Palmyra VA 22963. Lot 84 Phase 3 Sycamore Square Sub \$296,500. 2/12/19  
Westbridge Builders, LLC to Wells, Octavia Shantell & St 1331 Haden Martin Road Palmyra VA 22963. Cunningham Magis Distr 2.22 AC \$338,000. 2/13/19  
Hourihan, Tara to Kingrea, Bessie Juanita 128 Shannon Hill Road Columbia VA 23038. Columbia Magis Distr 2.00 AC \$40,000. Southland Homes, Inc to Garwell, John D & Sadiha 50 Pine Shadow Court Troy VA 22974. Lot 17 Phase 3 Meadow Brook Sub \$485,000. 2/14/19

William A Cooke, Inc to Valentine Associates, LLC 2055 Valpark Dr Oilville VA 23219. See document for full description \$25,000. Dort, Suzanne E & David J to Carter, Jyl 17 Riverwood Court Palmyra VA 22963. Lot 82 Phase Seven Crofton LM \$258,000. 2/15/19  
Dunforde, Jeanne to Harrell, Williams Whitmil P.O. Box 74 Barboursville VA 22923. Columbia Magis Distr 9.297 AC \$50,000. Mix, William Avery & Luciennn to McNally, Julie C 54 Bunker Boulevard Palmyra VA 2293. Lot 223 Phase Four Fairway LM \$380,000. Hilsinger, Howard & Laurie to Toms, James O, jr. & Ann C 5153 Union Mills Rd Troy VA 22974. 3.00 AC \$229,000. Kennedy, Susan M to Pennymac Loan Services, LLC 6101 Condor Park Drive Moorpark CA 93021. Fork Union Magis Distr 8.395 AC \$185,606.41. 2/21/19  
MacBean, Edgar Craig to Mix, William Avery & Lucienn 16 Oak Grove Rd Palmyra VA 22963. Lot 231 Phase Four Fairway LM \$295,900. Miller, Daryl & Summer Chyla to Smith, Michael Todd 476 Jefferson Dr Palmyr VA 22963. Lot 427 Phase Five Addition One Tufton LM \$259,900. Leonard, Cheryl J to Swales, Susan 193 Blinkys Road New Canton VA 23123. See document for full description. 1.317 AC \$50,000. Gray, C Michael to Morris, Steven C & Wanda Sue 5821 W River Road Scottsville VA 24590. 10.844 AC \$50,000. 2/22/19  
Harding, Charles Eugene to Passerell, Michael John 295 Glendower Rd Scottsville VA 24590. Cunningham Magis Distr 2.274 AC \$45,000. Dellinger, Steven R & Debra to Marshall, Jacob D 2537 Kidds Dairy Rd Scottsville VA 24590. Cunningham Magis Distr 2.00 AC \$191,900. Breeden, Marion Gregory to Tigert, Tommy M, II & Stacy 4414 Thomas Jefferson Pkwy Palmyra VA 22963. 1.00 AC \$180,000. Platt, Mihael C & Kenneth W to Bislimi, Faton & Aferdita 13 Parrot Lane Palmyra VA 22963. Lot 312 Phase two Shadwell LM \$139,000. John Paul Properties, LLC to Harris, Kathryn L & Brian L 3500 Kidds Dairy Rd Scottsville VA 24590. 22 AC \$315,000. SONABANK to Young, Gordon Wesley, jr Country Creek Way Palmyra VA 22963. Lot 39 Section III Fox Hollow Sub \$43,000. 2/25/19  
Schlangowski, Elfriede to Johnson, Gary 21 Tanglewood Rd Palmyra VA 22963. Lot 12 Phase Eleven Falcon Hills LM \$30,000.

Critzer, Dale L & Lori Ann to Critzer, Christopher D & Bra 1600 West River Rd Scottsville VA 24590. 2.86 AC \$106,000. Loving, Betty Page to Snyder, John E, III & 117 Riverside Drive Palmyra VA 22963. Lot 147 Phase Six Riverside LM \$245,000. BT Lake Holdings, LLC to Armstrong, Jarrell Laron 5 Timberlake Terrace Palmyra VA 22963. Lot 67 Phase Two Shadwell LM \$125,000. NVA Properties, LLC to Southern Property, LLC 170 South Pantops Dr Charlottesville VA 22911. See document for full description \$80,000. 2/16/19  
Loft Realty & Investments, LLC to Jackson, Beverly A 2865 Mountain Hill Road Palmyra VA 22963. 0.86 AC \$159,900. 2/27/19  
Goetting, Marianne M & Thomas to FFC Properties, LLC N/A N/A XX Lot 372 Phase Four Fairway LM \$159,500. Schurman, Roy W & Marjorie P to Pierce, Nancy S 5 Mesquite Place Palmyra VA 22963. Lot 259 Phase Nine Knollwood LM \$173,000. 2/27/19  
Federal National Mortgage Assoc to French, Lloyd F & Amy K 16 Long Leaf

Ln Palmyra VA 2293. Lot 267 Phase Three Montpelier LM \$144,500. 2/28/19  
Strang, Danielle Johanna to Strang, Harold Roger & Alice 27 Old Homestead Circle Palmyra VA 22963. Lot 366 Phase Five Tufton LM \$150,000. 2/28/19  
Dorman, Linda F to Hamner, Clifton Anderson, jr 14 East Point Road Palmyra VA 22963. Lot 69 Phase Six Riverside LM \$155,500. Bourne, Donald G to Smajlovic, Nermin N/A N/A XX Palmyra Magis Distr \$105,000. Palmer, Ryan M & Bridgette to Ragland, Litonia & Shanice 5 Cliftwood Rd Palmyra VA 22963. Lot 194 Phase Twelve Edgewood LM \$202,000. Esposito, Joseph J & Diane to Bautista, Tommy Jayson & Joan 52 Nahor Dr Palmyr VA 22963. Lot 352 Phase Eight Nahor LM \$217,000. Blankenship, James A & Catherin to Bruscia, Michael & Florence 3 Chip Court Palmyra VA 22963. Lot 34 Phase Four Fairway LM \$195,000. Irvine, John, V & Frances L to Vestering, Brent M & Jessica 9 Forest Drive Palmyra VA 22963. Lot 167A Phase Three Montpelier LM \$165,000.

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# Animal abuse penalty increased to felony

BY ADRIAN TERAN TAPIA AND MARIO SEQUEIRA QUESADA  
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE



Tommie the pit bull's memorial at Abner Clay Park in Richmond. Photo by Capital News Service.

Every state in America, and at least nine countries. That is how far the story of Tommie, a dog tied to a pole and set on fire, traveled as people rallied for his survival and donated money for his treatment. Tommie suffered burns on 40 percent of his body after he was doused in an accelerant and set on fire in a Richmond park. Despite round-the-clock care, he died five days after rescue.

If the dog had survived the attack, under current law the person responsible could have faced only a Class 1 misdemeanor charge punishable by up to 12 months in jail and a fine up to \$2,500.

That's why the crowd following Tommie's story turned its attention to SB 1604, introduced by Sen. Bill DeSteph (R-Virginia Beach). The bill would increase the penalty for animal abuse from a misdemeanor to a Class 6 felony, which can draw up to five years in prison.

Five days after Tommie's death, the House passed the bill unanimously Feb. 20. It cleared the Senate unanimously Feb. 5.

Under current law, a person can only be charged with a felony if the cat or dog dies. DeSteph's bill would make the penalty of torturing a cat or dog a Class 6 felony re-

gardless of whether the animal survives. DeSteph said he introduced the bill after a dog named Sugar was attacked by her owner with a machete. Because the dog did not die, the owner was only charged with a misdemeanor. DeSteph said that the act alone should warrant the felony charge, not the outcome of it.

"People who torture a dog, or any animal like this, their next step is to go after a human," DeSteph said. "They're truly a threat to public safety and to society and should be dealt with severely."

House co-sponsor Del. Kaye Kory (D-Fairfax) said Tommie's story helped the bill gain more support. She said some members of the Animal Welfare Caucus even suggested the legislation be named Tommie's Bill.

Robert Leinberger is an animal control supervisor with Richmond Animal Care and Control (RACC), the city shelter that led Tommie's rescue and recovery efforts. He said donations poured in from around the world for Tommie, which boosted the reward to \$25,000 to help find and convict his attacker, who is still at large.

Tabitha Treloar, with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said SB

1604 empowers the SPCA's mission to protect more animals.

"There is a big gap in the current law. It does not consider the advances of veterinary medicine," Treloar said.

Treloar said that veterinarians can often save animals from critical injuries, which helps the attacker avoid felony charges. That could have happened in Tommie's case.

"It was sickening what happened to him," she said. "The bill is a big step that I think the commonwealth can take to demonstrate that this type of cruelty will not be tolerated."

Leinberger, who has worked in animal control for 27 years, called Tommie's case "by far one of the worst cases of cruelty" he had ever seen. "What is really scary is what will be next, or even worse -- who will be next."

He encouraged people to report the first sign of cruelty.

"If you even think of mistreating an animal, don't," Leinberger said, adding that there are many ways to find a pet a new and safe home.

Shaun McCracken agreed. She rescued her 7-year-old dog Pippin, who was suffering from a severe joint illness.

"The SPCA changed my life," the theater

professor said at a recent Dog Kissing Booth fundraiser. "She is better because of the care, time and effort they put in her."

McCracken said Tommie's case really affected her and that something must be done to avoid future tragedies.

"I think this person should never be allowed near any animal, or any human being," she said.

DeSteph said that party lines don't and shouldn't matter when it comes to animal welfare legislation. "We have great laws in place regarding animal protection, but I think this is one that had gaps to fill."

RACC receives one or two cases of negligent animal cruelty a week, Leinberger said. He hopes the passage of SB 1604 will help reduce the number of attacks.

"It has been a roller coaster of emotions, almost every single emotion you can think of," he said.

More than 6,000 people signed up to attend a memorial service for Tommie. As a result, RACC held open houses for members of the public to pay their respects to the dog.

Anyone with information about the crime can contact Metro Richmond Crime Stoppers at 804-780-1000.



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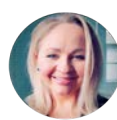
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