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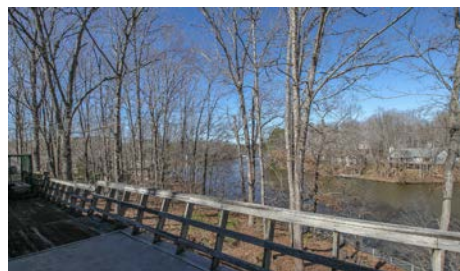
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School Board barely passes budget

BY RUTHANN CARR
CORRESPONDENT

At the same meeting the Fluvanna County School Board honored teachers and staff, it almost didn't pass a budget to pay them.

Superintendent Chuck Winkler presented a fiscal year 2020 (FY20) budget of \$41,896,842 broken down into the following categories:

- Instruction: \$31,785,413;
- Administration, attendance and health: \$2,015,639;
- Pupil transportation: \$2,904,054;
- Operations and maintenance \$3,066,018; and
- Technology: \$2,125,718.

After the April 26 work session the Board told Winkler it was important to them to include a minimum 3 percent raise for all staff. The budget Winkler presented included that money.

Anticipating passage of the budget, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Brenda Gilliam printed out contracts to mail to staff the next day.

Not so fast.

Board Chair Perrie Johnson (Fork Union)

said she didn't approve of the budget because it did nothing to remedy the way teacher raises are structured on pay schedule B. She said she's lobbied for years to follow the guidelines set by auditors to give teachers the biggest raises in the first 10 years rather than in the last five.

"I think our budget should reflect our priorities," Johnson said.

Her priority is to put as much money as possible into instruction.

"As a percent of the total budget, all categories went down [from the FY19 budget] except technology," Johnson said.

Andrew Pullen (Columbia) said he wanted money earmarked for career and technical education (CTE) programs in the middle school.

Charles Rittenhouse (Cunningham) said he'd go along with the budget built around a minimum 3 percent raise just so they can get the contracts out, but thought there were other ways to cut the budget. "I see three buses come down my road every day and each only make one stop," he said. "I

know you can save money there."

Shirley Stewart (Rivanna) said it was important the board find consensus. "I think we'll do more harm than good if we don't approve it tonight," she said.

Brenda Pace (Palmyra) agreed.

Stewart made a motion to pass the budget. Pace seconded.

Pace and Stewart voted yes.

Johnson, Rittenhouse and Pullen voted against.

Silence.

Winkler said the Board needed to guide him on what to do next.

Pullen again noted his desire to have a CTE program at the middle school. He asked if they could take the vote again.

Winkler said only those who voted no can bring it up again for a vote.

Pullen made a motion to vote again and the board agreed unanimously.

Then Pullen made a motion to "approve the \$41,896,842 budget with a CTE program at the middle school."

Rittenhouse seconded.

Pullen, Pace and Stewart voted yes.

Johnson voted no.

Johnson turned to Rittenhouse and asked him what his vote was.

Rittenhouse paused.

"In hindsight, I was illogical" in the first vote, he said. "I vote yes."

Winkler explained how a middle school CTE program could be created without adding money to the budget in an email to the *Fluvanna Review*.

"The CTE position was in the original numbers and the board's requests. We later cut it from the budget as an addition," Winkler wrote. "On Wednesday, it was still removed (originally). Mr. Pullen wanted an overall budget with the position embedded in the numbers. After carefully examining the retirement announcements, we believe there will be funds to support another teacher in the overall budget. The teacher is going to be a CTE position at FMS. Eventually, our categorical budget will probably

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BY RUDY GARCIA, RIVANNA WOODS FINANCIAL / TAX SERVICES

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1. Students should take advantage of tax-free earnings limits. If you anticipate making less than the annual standard deduction (\$12,200 for single in 2019), none of your earnings are subject to federal taxes! If possible, earn at least that amount each year to maximize your tax-free earnings. Remember, if you can be claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return, the limits for tax-free unearned income such as interest and dividends are lower.

Tip: If your annual earnings will be less than the standard deduction, you can claim EXEMPT on your Form W-4. That prevents federal income taxes from being withheld from your paycheck.

2. Independent contractors need to make estimated payments. As an independent contractor, you are responsible for paying all the taxes on your earnings. To do this, you make quarterly estimated tax payments to the IRS using Form 1040-ES. In addition to federal and state taxes, independent contractors need to pay a self-employment tax of 15.3 percent of earnings.

Tip: Track your expenses and save receipts. By doing this, you can subtract eligible expenses like mileage, supplies and

uniforms from your gross earnings. Use this lower income number to calculate your self-employment tax and correctly estimate your income tax obligation.

3. Closely monitor tax withholdings. As an employee, your employer withholds taxes based on what you claim on Form W-4. Unfortunately, the tax tables used by this form to calculate your withholdings do not account for seasonal jobs. This typically results in paycheck withholdings being too low for supplemental income workers and too high for students working during the summer.

Tip: If you anticipate earnings in excess of the standard deduction, you will need to request proper withholdings. A safe approach to determine the correct amount is to claim 0 or 1 on your Form W-4 and see what your first paycheck looks like. From there, a tax forecast that involves your entire year's earnings will help you adjust this amount up or down.

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Field and auditorium naming

In other actions, after hearing accolades for Steve Sheridan's work ethic, coaching skills, inclusion of all athletes, grounds-keeping skills and service as a role model, the board voted to name the high school baseball field after him. Pullen, Pace and Rittenhouse voted for, Johnson voted against and Stewart abstained.

During public comments the Board also heard several people speak of Elva Keys' and Rev. Paul Spraggs' contributions to Central Elementary. The board voted to name Central's auditorium the Paul Spraggs, Sr./Elva F. Key Auditorium. Pace, Pullen and Rittenhouse voted for, Johnson voted no and Stewart abstained.

Stewart explained her abstentions in an email to the *Fluvanna Review*. "Clearly, the people being honored are beloved by this community. I can appreciate how honoring them by naming parts of the school after them is appealing," she wrote. "However, I struggle with the concept of renaming segments of our schools after people. Many deserve this kind of honor, and yet we are selecting just a few. I did not want to dishonor them by voting against it. Therefore, I withdrew my vote from affecting the result."

Johnson also explained her dissenting votes in an email. "I was careful at the meeting to state several times that my vote was not against Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Spragg, or Mrs. Key, all of whom I admire very much," she wrote. "My vote was against naming any school facilities after anyone at this time. In nearby communities, past choices of honorees are being challenged, and I am unwilling to put Fluvanna County Public Schools under any possible examination of our choice by completely unintended criteria such as gender, race, religion or politics."

Textbook adoption

Several teachers and others spoke in public comments regarding textbook adoption. Tamika Braveheart said any social studies books needed to include the contributions of people of color and the LGBTQ population. Braveheart recommended adopting the textbooks.

At the March 13 Board meeting, a committee made up of teachers and Fluvanna residents recommended adoption of a series of high school history and social studies textbooks.

Pullen had said he wanted to read through them before voting.

At Wednesday's meeting, Pullen said he read all recommended books "cover to cover" and took issue with the "Virginia and U.S. History" textbook.

"There are things in here I particularly don't want my daughter to learn about in high school," he said. "I never heard the words white privilege until 18 months ago and it's on the first page of this book."

Pullen said his objection was based on his belief that it is a political view that doesn't belong in schools. "That's my opinion. Some people may not like it but it's my opinion," he said.

Stewart said she had faith in the committee's recommendation. "I trust we have a skilled staff in social studies who participated in the conversation," she said. "I think we want to encourage discussion in our classrooms and have to trust our staff to guide it."

The Board voted 4-1 to approve the textbook adoptions. Pullen voted no.

In other matters, the board voted unanimously to approve the solar panel contract with Sun Tribe Solar. Sun Tribe projected a cumulative cost savings over a 35-year contract of between \$3.2 and \$3.5 million.

Editor Christina Dimeo contributed to this story.

Teachers and staff members of the year honored



Photo courtesy of Fluvanna County Public Schools.

At Wednesday's (May 8) meeting the School Board honored employees voted by their peers to be the teacher or staff member of the year.

Amy Barnabei, principal of West Central and Central Elementary, called up kindergarten special education teacher Tamara Patrick to honor as West Central's teacher of the year.

One person who nominated Patrick stated that she "is able to effectively partner with parents, service providers and colleagues to help ensure she is supporting the whole child."

A nominator honored West Central Primary custodian David Tolliver with these words: "He arrives early and is preparing the school before daylight, and continues to be on constant call throughout the school day, always with a smile and chipper attitude."

Central's teacher of the year was special education teacher Carol Rich, noted for her problem solving, willingness to serve and helpfulness to colleagues.

Central's staff person of the year was Sharon Edmonds, an instructional support staff member.

"She is always willing to help without complaining," one Central colleague wrote about Edmonds.

Carysbrook honored teacher Lucille Williams and custodian Marshall Pompey.

"The staff adores him," Principal Scott Lucas said of Pompey. "He never stops moving and always does an incredible job."

Lucas said Williams was "firm but fair and the kids know they're loved."

Fluvanna Middle School Principal Brad Stang said his staff chose instructional assistant Angela Patterson as staff person and Melissa Powell as teacher of the year.

Stang said Patterson "does everything with a smile and is organized, calm under pressure."

Powell, Stang said, has "positive relationships with students, staff and parents and students know they can learn."

High school Principal Margo Bruce said custodian Doug Tanner works hard and is dedicated. One measure of how much Tanner is revered is the fact his custodian's closet door is often covered with notes from students saying how much they appreciate him.

Testing coordinator Angie Blevins was the high school teacher of the year. "She is over-dedicated," Bruce said. "When the nominations started coming in it was a no-brainer. We saw her name too many times."

District-wide, Powell is teacher of the year and Tanner is support staff member of the year.

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Fluvanna myths: Fact or fiction?

BY MADELINE OTTEN
CORRESPONDENT

How much do you know about Fluvanna County? Did you hear about the bulldozer at the bottom of the lake, or about the ghost that terrorized the Moon family back in the 1800s? While Fluvanna County may be small, it has its history, and with history comes myths, legends, facts and all sorts of rumors.

The Moon Ghost haunted a Fluvanna house: Fiction

John Schulyer Moon reported nights of fright in his estate house, Church Hill, back in 1866. According to Virginia Creeper, a self-described online Appalachian history and folklore magazine, the Moon Ghost started its haunt first by taking articles of clothing. It then escalated from noises in the house to igniting objects on fire. Moon called in community members and students from the University of Virginia to help the family solve the case. Supposedly over 40 people saw the physical form of the ghost and six successfully shot the phantom, though the bullets did no damage. It was not until two years later in 1868 when the disturbances ceased and sources reported the ghost left a goodbye note signed "Jack Ghost." So what makes the Fluvanna Review so sure this story is fiction? Church Hill was in Albemarle County.

Lake Monticello was filled overnight: Fiction

Fifty years ago in 1969, Hurricane Camille trekked through Fluvanna County. It dumped an enormous quantity of water into the lake at Lake Monticello, which led to the belief that the lake filled overnight. Actually, however, the lake had 35 or 40 feet of water inside before the storm. Not only did the hurricane add to the lake's water level, but contents of another nearby lake (which one?) did as well when its dam gave way during the storm.

Fluvanna had its very own cowboy: Fact

That is right, Fluvanna County had a cowboy. Richard Omohundro was the first of his family recorded in Fluvanna around 1775. Fast forward to 1846, John Baker Omohundro, also known as "Texas Jack," was born at Pleasant Hill, the family plantation. At age 14 he left for Texas to learn the art of herding cattle, and after the Civil War he met up with another legend, William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody. While he did not spend most of his life in Fluvanna, he is recognized by the county and the Texas Jack Association. A marker on Route 15 memorializes the famous cowboy. In 2004 the Fluvanna County Historical



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Society hosted the Texas Jack Association for a ceremony at Pleasant Hill cemetery.

There is a bulldozer at the bottom of the lake: Fiction

There is not a bulldozer at the bottom of the lake. However, the rumor may have started because, according to the Lake Monticello Owners' Association (LMOA) history webpage, there was in fact a flooded bulldozer on the dam. It was salvaged and subsequently used to cut a gap in the dam to reduce the water pressure from Hurricane Camille.

Chris Daughtry is from Fluvanna: Partial fact

The fourth place finisher from season five of American Idol did graduate from Fluvanna County High School in 1998; however, he was born in North Carolina and only spent about six years in Central Virginia after his family relocated in 1994. Daughtry told C-VILLE Weekly in an interview that he has "great memories of [Central Virginia]; that's where I got into music. That's where I kind of developed who I am." He is one of the top selling American Idol contestants with over 7.35 million albums sold in the U.S. His band, Daughtry, has five albums with their first and self-titled album certified as four times platinum in April 2008.

Fluvanna County sits on a geological fault: Fact

On Aug. 18, 1984, an earthquake measuring 3.8 on the Richter scale struck, and its epicenter was apparently beneath the lake

in Lake Monticello. According to the LMOA history page, Lake resident Jean Burns said it sounded like an explosion and the water appeared to flow from two different directions at once. More recently, on Aug. 23, 2011, the county shook from a magnitude 5.8 earthquake with an epicenter in nearby Mineral. While not much significant damage occurred, the gym floor of the old Fluvanna County high school – now Fluvanna Middle School – was torn up in a corner.

Fluvanna's general helped establish U.Va.: Fact

Upon his father's death, General John Hartwell Cocke inherited land which included 3,184 acres in Fluvanna County, also known as the Bremo Plantation. Construction for the plantation, located on the northern bank of the James River, began in 1808 and ended in 1819 due to war responsibilities. Cocke was an officer in the Fluvanna County Virginia Militia and rose to the rank of brigadier general in the War of 1812. Cocke and his neighbor, Thomas Jefferson, sparked a friendship and ended up working together later in life. Both he and Jefferson served on the first Board of Visitors for the University of Virginia (U.Va.). Historian Phillip Alexander Bruce believes that Cocke's diligent work on the committee of superintendence gave him a place in the university's early history. Another author of Cocke's history, M. Boyd Coyner, called Cocke "one of the three fathers of the University of Virginia." Cocke also designed the jail in Palmyra in 1828 as well as the old county courthouse in the 1830s.



File photo of Chris Daughtry in his Fluvanna days.

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Obituary



Eugene (Gene) Fredrick Deiner

Beloved partner Eugene F. Deiner, 88, died Friday morning, May 3, 2019, at Hospice of the Piedmont following an extended illness. A resident of Palmyra, Va., he was born in Erie, Penn., on Sept. 7, 1930. He was the son of the late Charles Deiner and Winifred Schaefer Deiner Wingerter and stepson of the late Henry Wingerter. Having graduated from Gannon University in 1971 with a B.S. in management science, Gene enjoyed a distinguished career in product marketing and management as well as project management. He worked at NCR and AT&T Headquarters, Basking Ridge, N.J., for 26 years before retiring in 1995. As a young man, he played an active role as an altar boy at St. John's Church in Erie, Penn., and was an avid track and high hurdling athlete. Gene was an avid reader and a lover of fine art. He had a wonderful sense of humor and never met an ice

cream he didn't like. In addition to his parents and stepfather, he was preceded in death by his two brothers, Charles and George R. Deiner, as well as his loyal dog, Penny. Survivors include his long-time companion of 27 years, Myrna A. Levine, and her children, along with several beloved nieces and nephews. To quote his high school yearbook, "Our Gene, he's a handsome lad, he's always happy, never sad." Truer words have never been spoken. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at U.Va. Continuum and Albemarle Rehab as well as U.Va. and Martha Jefferson Hospitals. Interment will be done privately at Trinity Cemetery in Erie, Penn., on May 24, 2019. Memorial contributions may be made in Gene's memory to All Blessings Flow at 2335 Seminole Lane Suite 2000, Charlottesville, Va., 22901 or Caring for Creatures at 352 Sanctuary Lane, Palmyra, Va., 22963.



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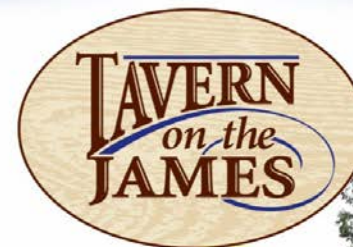
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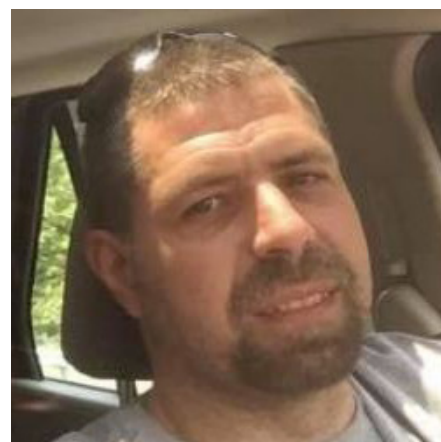
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Missing Scottsville man returns

BY CHRISTINA DIMEO
EDITOR



Richard Johnson, 40, who went missing from his Scottsville home Monday (May 6), returned to work Wednesday (May 8).

Johnson had been last seen early May 6 at 4 a.m. driving his wife's red 1998 Honda CRV with Virginia plates reading VZT-9943. He was reportedly headed for job-related training in Harrisonburg, but

investigation did not corroborate that he had such training that day, Capt. Dave Wells of the Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office said in a press release.

His wife last spoke to him by phone May 6 at 9 a.m. Johnson did not report to work in Charlottesville Tuesday (May 7), Wells said in the release.

Johnson, a white male, was reported missing by his wife, according to the release.

After Johnson returned to work Wednesday, the sheriff's office issued a follow-up press release. "There was no reported criminality in his temporary disappearance and the sheriff's office is no longer investigating the matter," Wells said.



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Art association judged show features surprises

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT

After 44 years of judged shows, the Fluvanna Art Association (FAA) has evolved into a creative force of varied artists, styles and mediums. Once a vehicle for a few local artists to display their paintings, it now features photography, 3D, drawing, mixed media and is still growing. The expanding number of artists makes the work difficult to judge, as it is all so varied, creative and executed in different ways.

"It was difficult to choose in each category," said judge Laura Foussekis of the Louisa Arts Center.

Every year the members are surprised by the praise their work garners, yet they indulge in praising their fellow artists. One such artist is Virginia Plisko, who won first in Intermediate. After disappointment in past shows and little recognition for her work, it almost felt as if Plisko would give up trying to win an elusive ribbon. Her *Summer Shower* was revolutionary, breaking Plisko out of her comfort zone. Foussekis admitted

she was so taken by Plisko's piece she almost got Best in Show.

"I love the detail; it is more abstract and creates movement," said Foussekis. The soft watercolor figures with umbrellas in the rain faded into an impressionistic calm much the way people feel in a warm summer rain. Plisko certainly nailed the mood with her choice of medium and colors, turning it into a stunning piece.

Three dimensional (3D), which is a relatively new category, is usually dominated by men, but high school senior Adora Gamage sneaked by them to win third for her wire spider. "Interesting use of wire," said Foussekis.

In first place Tom Ellis won for *Citation 1948*, the Triple Crown winner and jockey in vivid color and glory. Todd Mathes won second for his *Organic Mechanical*, an imaginative offbeat piece flawlessly executed. Honorable mention went to Luke Mathes, Todd's son, with his soccer balls made out of

various woods.

Novice was a small category so no one lost out on a ribbon. Guinevere Gamache won first and third in the category for her musical notes floating in air and *Stripey*, which is based on the rhythms in music. Second went to newcomer Cindy Stenz for *Extreme Doodling*, full of detailed patterns and colors.

Moving on to Intermediate, following Plisko's win was Janet Rugari for her scratch board of *Ginger*. Foussekis commented on the realism of the piece seen in the detail of the bristling hair and the wetness of the nose. Rugari talked about the painstaking detail.

"After I completed it I had frozen shoulder," Rugari laughed. Anyone who draws often or does this type of detailed work knows it is possible. Linda Mullin followed in third with *Floating*, done in alcohol ink with abstract pops of color glowing into one another.

Others who received honorable mentions were Brenda Aluisi for her *Sleeping Fox*, Nancy Shaffer for *Serenity*, and Carmen Gonzales for *Bluebird*.

In Advanced, Betty Scholl took first for her abstract impressionistic *Dusk in Shadows*. "Her dark and lights move your eye around the painting," said Foussekis.

In second place was Page Gifford for *Geishas*. Foussekis commented that like Scholl's work, the eye moved around the work without settling on one focal point. She added she liked the artist's sparing use of bright color and the attention to detail.

Windy Payne won third with her landscape *Afternoon Sky*. The soft colors and puffy clouds had a serene effect. Maria Carter received an honorable mention for

her abstract dragonfly. Carter continues to experiment with abstraction and different ways to paint with great success. Newcomer Nance Stamper also pulled out a win with *Uncle Eddie's Shed*, impressing the judge with her vibrant colors and deep shadows. *October by the Channel*, a pastel by Kathy Scott, also got a thumbs up from the judge and an honorable mention. "I don't work in watercolors and pastels and love to see what other artists create in these mediums," Foussekis said.

In the Master's category, Linda Bethke took first for her watercolor on canvas, *Song of Ascent*. Foussekis commented on Bethke's soft edges and shadows, which allowed the eye to fill in areas. Second was Debbie Burke with *Morning Light*. Foussekis pointed out the subtle background and highlights and her skill at painting transparent glass, which can be difficult when creating realism. Paul Stams took third for his photograph of a butterfly in *Tenacity*. Foussekis, unlike past judges, was able to choose winners among all competing mediums. If a composition was worthy of attention then it didn't matter if it was photography or watercolor or colored pencil, she said. How the subject was represented mattered.

Foussekis liked the detail in William Snow's *Rough and Reddy*, a watercolor featuring an old pickup truck, and gave him an honorable mention. Janie Prete also got an honorable mention for her *Runaway Soul*, done in her signature abstract blended and faded watercolors, featuring half a portrait which Foussekis found unique. "Interesting technique for a portrait, leaving some exposed," said Foussekis.

She liked Shari Cook Schlickbernd's





Farming Hills for its spot-on skill in perspective and architecture of the farm buildings and awarded her an honorable mention. And last but not least was another newcomer, Christine Kidd, who won an honorable mention for her realistic celestial fantasy portrait of performer Laura Daigle.

Pastel artist Lorraine Momper finally won Best in Show for her beautiful garden scene *Color Burst*. Foussekis chose Momper's work for its diagonal lines that draw the eye into the picture, its clean and well-executed perspective, and its interesting details. Momper's work evokes a peaceful moment in the garden. The onlooker feels the sensation of climbing the steps toward something unseen but lovely.



1. *Summer Shower* by Virginia Plisko; first in Intermediate. 2. *Citation 1948* by Tom Ellis; first in 3D. 3. *Farming Hills* by Shari Cook Schlickbernd; HM in Masters. 4. *Geishas* by Page Gifford; second in Advanced. 5. *Afternoon Sky* by Windy Payne; third in Advanced. 6. *Extreme Doodling* by Cindy Stenz; second in Novice. 7. *Laura Daigle* by Christine Kidd; HM in Masters. 8. *Bluebird* by Carmen Gonzalez; HM in Intermediate. 9. *Dusk in the Shadows* by Betty Scholl; first in Advanced. 10. *Organic Mechanical* by Todd Mathes; second in 3D. Photos 1 and 4 by Todd Mathes. Others by Page Gifford.



Former champ wins Faulconer

BY DUNCAN NIXON
CORRESPONDENT



Winner Brian Bassett and Mark Marshall. Photo by Duncan Nixon

The prestigious Faulconer golf tournament at the Lake Monticello Golf Course is scheduled as a two-day event. This year's day one, Saturday (May 11), was a perfect day for golf; day two, Sunday (May 12), not so much. Last year bad weather reduced the tournament to a one-day event. This year it rained Saturday night and off and on all day Sunday. Nonetheless, the golfers persisted and managed to complete 18 holes in the rain.

The champion this year is Brian Bassett, who fired a very impressive two under par 70 on Saturday and then shot 78 playing from the pro tees on Sunday for 148, five strokes better than his nearest competitor. Bassett's 70 was the best round of the tournament. Bassett is a repeat winner. He also won in 2017. Bassett, who is 46 years old and plays out of Farmington Country Club in Charlottesville, was accompanied on the course by his daughter, Charlotte. He played football in college at Columbia University in New York City, rather than golf.

Second and third place went Adam Marshall and Taylor Ratliff who both shot 76 and 77 for 153. Marshall was awarded second place based on a better score on the back nine on Sunday. Scott Garrison and Greg Kozy tied for fourth. Both shot 79 and 75 for 154, with 75 as the best score from the blue tees. Players in the first flight in the Champions division played from the white tees – 6,296 yards on Saturday – and then moved back to the blue tees – 6,930 yards on Sunday. This length is comparable to the shorter courses played by the PGA professionals, and is a

serious test for top local amateurs.

In the seniors division, the winner was Michael Hays who plays out of Virginia Beach. He shot 73 and 74 for 147. Second place went to Phil Mahone with a 148 score on rounds of 73 and 75. Mahone is a longtime top amateur in Central Virginia. He won the Champions division in 2014 and 2015. Third place in the seniors went to Steve DeMasters who shot 74 and 77 for 151.

In the super seniors division, Bill Bascom was the winner, shooting 73 and 75 for 148. John Casstevens and Randy Leyshon both were close behind at 150. Casstevens was awarded second place based on a comparison of scores on the final nine holes on Sunday.

The award for the best score by a junior player went to Preston Burton, who shot 81 and 85 for 166. The award for best score by a Lake Monticello resident went to Eric Parlet, who shot 167 and won on a comparison of score cards over former Lake Monticello police chief Tom Boisvert, who also shot 167.

The Faulconer tournament had 93 golfers signed up to play this year. Thirty played in the Champions division, 30 in the seniors and 33 in the super seniors: a very full and competitive field. Many players thanked Lake Monticello pro Mark Marshall for the efficient way the tournament was conducted and serious kudos go out to the course superintendent Jim Prucnal and his staff for keeping the course in playable condition in light of Sunday's weather issues.

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PUBLIC HEARING Fluvanna County Board of Zoning Appeals Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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BZA 19:03 – Keith Bray: A request for a variance to Fluvanna County Code Sec.22-4-3(G) of the Zoning Ordinance to allow for the reduction of the minimum rear setback, from 75 feet to 51 feet, for the purpose of constructing a new 42' x 70' garage building with a gable roof with respect to 2.5 acres of Tax Map 8, Section 6, Parcel 2. The subject property is located in the Palmyra Election District at the intersection of Lake Monticello Road (Route 618) and White Oak Drive. The property is zoned A-1, Agricultural, General and is within the Rivanna Community Planning Area.

BZA 19:04 – Greenberry's: A request for a variance to Fluvanna County Code Sec.22-11-5 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow for the reduction of the minimum building setback required from a street right-of-way, from 50 feet to 25 feet, for the purpose of constructing a light manufacturing facility with respect to 1.095 acres of Tax Map 5, Section 24, Parcel 6. The subject property is located in the Columbia Election District within the Zion Station industrial subdivision at the intersection of Zion Station Road (Route 1021) and Zion Station Court (Route 1022). The property is zoned I-1, Industrial, Limited and is within the Zion Crossroads Community Planning Area.

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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NATURE OF INCIDENT / TOTAL

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911 MISDIAL	12
911 OPEN LINE	5
ANIMAL CONTROL CALLBACK	11
ADULT WELFARE/PUB SAFETY CHK	5
ALTERED LEVEL OF CONCIOUSNESS	1
ANIMAL CARCASS	3
ANIMAL WELFARE	2
ANIMAL BITE WITH INJURY	1
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	1
ASSAULT W/ NO INJURY	1
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE RECEIVED	1
BE ON LOOKOUT	12
BURGLARY IN PROGRESS	2
BURGLARY PAST OCCURRANCE	1
SHERIFF'S OFFICE CELL CHECK	1
CHILD WELFARE/ABUSE/ENDNGMNT	1
CIVIL INFORMATION REQUEST	3
CIVIL PAPER RECEIVED	8
CIVIL PAPER SERVICE	64
COMMERCIAL BURG ALARM	6
COURTHOUSE SECURITY CHECK	5
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY	2
DIFFICULTY BREATHING	1
DISABLED VEHICLE	2
DISTURBANCE	11
ECO TDO CALL	3
FINGERPRINTS	2
FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION	11
FRAUD	2
GUN PERMIT RECEIVED	2
VCIN CHECK	1
LARCENY/THEFT	10
PHONE CALL RETURN	57
LIVESTOCK CALL	3
MAGISTRATE WALK IN	6
MENTAL WELFARE CALL NO INJURY	1
MISSING ADULT	1
MVC WITH INJ OR UNKNOWN INJ	6
MVC WITH NO INJURY	1
OBVIOUS DEATH	2
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MVC INJURY/UNK	01:34:53	05/04/19
2000 BLK ANTIOCH RD		
MVC INJURY/UNK	14:39:42	05/04/19
WEST RIVER RD & WINNSVILLE DR		
MVC NO INJURY	07:59:04	05/05/19
BROKEN ISLAND RD & SOUTH BOSTON RD		
MVC INJURY/UNK	05:05:26	05/09/19
8360 BLK THOMAS JEFFERSON PKWY		
MVC INJURY/UNK	17:54:59	05/09/19
7350 BLK JAMES MADISON HWY		

TOTAL CRASHES 7

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MAY 7 AT 3:17 P.M.
HOME ADDRESS: PORT SAINT LUCIE, FLA.
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MAY 7 AT 9:35 P.M.
HOME ADDRESS: TROY
CONTEMPT OF COURT
MAY 9 AT 12:34 P.M.
HOME ADDRESS: PALMYRA
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TOTAL ARRESTS 6

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ACROSS

- 1 Umpire's shout
- 5 Carnation color
- 9 Little hooter
- 14 Scandinavian capital
- 15 Math computation
- 16 Poem property
- 17 Fight site
- 18 Essence
- 19 Raptor's roost
- 20 Riot-control substance
- 22 Camping item
- 24 Trial partner
- 25 Breadmaker's need
- 26 Powerball, e.g.
- 29 Playground fixture
- 33 Industrial mechanic
- 37 Gardening tool
- 38 Arrival time, for short
- 39 Oil source
- 41 Naught
- 42 Jonathan Larson musical
- 44 AARP concern
- 46 Come to light
- 48 Sports complex
- 49 Jousting gear
- 51 Part of SSgt
- 55 Wrongdoing
- 58 Soft-shell clam
- 60 Pull strings?
- 61 June 6, 1944
- 63 Sandwich spot
- 64 Blackjack option
- 65 Vegas "lady"
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- 67 Water-logged
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- 69 McNally partner

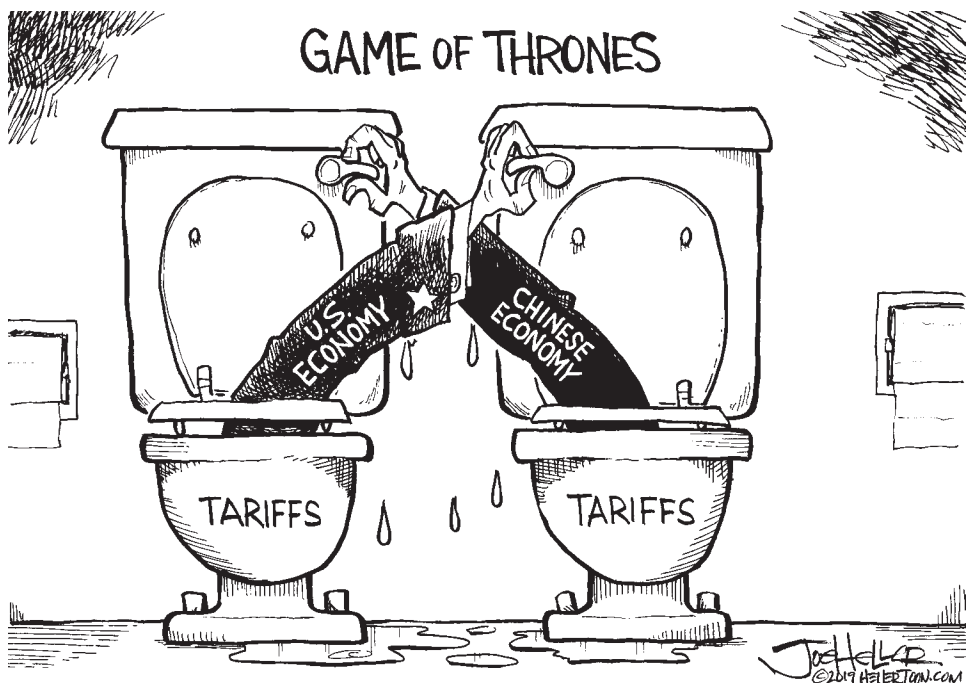
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Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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FAST swimmers set personal records

SUBMITTED BY AMY WILLIAMS



Abby, Anthony and Josie Caruso. Photo by Edna Caruso.

When the Fluvanna Aquatics Sports Team's (FAST) year-round team competed in the Jim Frye Invitational Long Course Meet in Richmond May 5-6, every swimmer earned at least one personal best time in the races, according to Coach Nathan Johnson.

The Caruso family of swimmers – Anthony, 14, Josie, 9, and Abby, 8 – had an exceptional weekend. Anthony competed in the 13 and over division, finishing in the top 20 in three of his four races. He finished seventh in the 50-meter fly with a time of 34.66 seconds by dropping 4.63 seconds; he grabbed 17th in the 200-meter backstroke after dropping 8.75 seconds and finishing in 3:09.62; and he came in 18th in the 100-meter breaststroke with a time of 34.66 seconds, down four seconds.

Sister Josie dropped time in all of her 12 and under races, including 1.31 seconds in the 50-meter backstroke, 31.76 seconds in the 50-meter breaststroke, and 14.34 seconds in the 50-meter freestyle. Josie

placed 20th in the girls' age 9-12 100-meter breaststroke with a time of 2:09.33, down 3.15 seconds.

Youngest sibling, Abby, took top 10 places in each of her girls' 12 and under events. She finished third, with a time of 51.42 seconds in the 50-meter butterfly; she dropped 16.99 seconds in the 50-meter backstroke to finish fourth in 47.72 seconds; her 50-meter freestyle time of 43.25 seconds (down 2.14) earned her a sixth; and in her 50-meter breaststroke, she dropped an impressive 34.06 seconds to finish ninth in 1:04.79.

The next long course meet is the 757 Spring Splash held May 31 through June 2 at the Collegiate School Aquatic Center in Richmond.

Summer swimming has kicked off with twice a week practices throughout the month of May and daily practices through June and July. Summer swimming is open to swimmers of all abilities aged 4 to 18. Learn more at iswimfast.org.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Spring fling

Salem United Methodist Church on Salem Church Road will hold a spring fling Saturday, **May 18** from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a huge yard sale, baked goods and lunch available. All proceeds donated to the local food bank and PACEM.

High school reunion lunch

Those who attended the original Fluvanna County High School built in 1934 at Carysbrook are invited to join the '60s students sharing lunch, memories and pictures at the Dogwood Restaurant every odd-numbered month. The group next meets Monday, **May 20** at 1 p.m. RSVP to Carolyn Bugg Butler at 434-286-3795.

Revival

Emmanuel United in Faith Baptist Church will hold revival services Monday, **May 20** through Wednesday, **May 22** with prayer and praise at 7:15 p.m. and worship at 8 p.m. Prophet William Coleman will speak. The church is located in Starlite Park in Troy. All are welcome.



The Fluvanna County Garden Club held a program May 3 for children at the library called Pots for Tots. Each child planted a blooming flower in a peat pot to take home for his or her garden. The garden club hopes to inspire future Fluvanna gardeners. Submitted by Cheryl Parker.



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FLUVANNA COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL JOURNALISM PROGRAM

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Girls' soccer

The varsity girls beat Powhatan at home 1-0 on May 6. "We battled hard and played with high intensity the whole game and possessed the ball well. This season, I feel the team enjoys each other's company, and as the season has gone by and we all want to get better each day, we're at practice and help each other get better," said junior MaryAnn Chittenden.

Boys' soccer

Varsity traveled to Powhatan May 6, where they tied 1-1. "It was frustrating that we couldn't convert in the second half and overtime," said senior Finn McLaughlin. Team captain Kamden Shepard shared the same sentiments, saying, "It was a very physical game. We played well, but we just couldn't finish opportunities."

The JV team also traveled to Powhatan May 6. They played hard throughout the game, but fell short and lost 1-3.

Girls' tennis

Continuing an overall winning season, the Lady Flucos traveled to Louisa May 6 to take on the Lions. The girls played well and came up with the win, beating Louisa 7-2. Due to only having three courts, the Flucos played doubles first and swept them 3-0 with wins from doubles teams senior Adora Gamage and junior Sarah White, freshman Anja Bajs and sophomore Nika Ackenbom, and senior Lydia Napier and sophomore Molli White.

"It required a lot of endurance, especially in Adora [Gamage] and Sarah [White's] doubles match. It went to a tie-breaker, so they had lots of sets to play, and there was a lot of suspense watching them," said senior Saige Patchett.

The girls then took on Powhatan at home May 7. This was Senior Night for the Lady Flucos and, although they fought hard, they ended up losing 3-6. Gamage said she felt the team played well overall.

"Although we lost, there were several really close matches. We just couldn't close it out," she said.

The girls are 7-6 overall as they prepared for their next match against Albe-marle.

Boys' tennis

Hosting Louisa May 6 for Senior Night, the Flucos came up with a win, beating the Lions 5-4. "It was very suspenseful because our win was dependent on the first two doubles matches," said team captain Eugene Chow. The Flucos then traveled to Powhatan May 7 where they played hard, but lost 1-8.

Head coach Mitchell Pace said the team has improved a lot from last year, winning three matches compared to one match last season. Pace credited part of the improvement to Chow, as well as key players junior Caleb Buglia and sophomore Billy Ruffa.

Track

The Lady Flucos claimed a win at Louisa May 7, with the 4x8 team, 4x4 team, and 300 hurdler team all qualifying for Regionals. The team finished second overall as they moved on to prepare for the Fluco Invitational May 10.

Meanwhile, the boys' team saw a major success that day. Although some of the 4x4 team rested, the boys managed to qualify for States. They needed to shave two-tenths of a second off for their time to qualify, but managed to scratch off 2.6 seconds. "I'm very proud of our team's work ethic. Everyone on the team wants to be better each and every single day," said senior Jared Newman.

Lacrosse

As their tough season continued, the varsity Lady Flucos' game against Powhatan May 7 ended in a 3-20 loss. "We did well in the first half, but fell behind

in the second half. It was Senior Night and players lost focus on the game," said senior Sadie Conner.

As for boys' varsity, their May 7 home game against Powhatan ended in defeat. With a close match all the way up to half-time, the opposing team took the lead, ending the game with a score of 9-12. "I think we're improving. We've been improving. I think we just need to keep on doing what we're doing and at the end of the season we'll be in a good spot," said senior Ethan Vernatter. The next game for the boys will be May 14 away at Western.

Baseball

The JV team lost its game against Greene May 6 during the eighth inning with a score of 7-8. Sophomore Nathan Dieter pitched. The team suffered another loss at Powhatan, scoring 0-4 at its May 7 game with sophomore Pierson Barnabei pitching.

The varsity team took on Powhatan at the May 7 game and went on to claim a solid win with a score of 10-0. Junior Kevin Ward threw a no-hitter, senior Chris Critzer scored two homeruns, and junior Andrew Ward took a single home run.

Softball

The varsity girls played at Powhatan May 7 and lost 0-6. They had two double plays and "had a much better game this time against Powhatan than the last time," said senior and catcher Gracie Walton.

Development too concentrated

The Fluvanna County Planning Commission held a public hearing May 7 and discussed two rezoning requests regarding Colonial Circle, 62 acres for commercial and residential use at Route 53 and Lake Monticello Rd. One request would increase density from 179 housing units to 418 units. The commission voted to recommend that the Board of Supervisors disapprove the increase to 418 housing units.

Public comments included impacts on traffic, roads, water and sewage, schools, safety resources, and the amount of development occurring around the Lake Monticello community. Along Route 53, Lake Monticello Road and South Boston Road, there are currently 10 residential developments, including Lake Monticello, where housing units are under construction. None is fully built out, although the Lake is close to being built out. Adding to the 10 existing developments, Colonial Circle and multiple housing developments along South Boston will dramatically increase the density in this small corner of Fluvanna County.

The three roads mentioned above are beautiful, winding country roads. When we bought our house at the Lake 11 years ago, the three roads mentioned above had speed limits of 55 miles per hour (mph). Now all three are 45 mph for safety reasons. When the 10 existing developments are fully built out and the three or more in the pipeline are complete, the congestion on these three roads will increase. Might the next speed limit change be 35 mph? Will these beautiful country roads have to be widened and straightened to three lanes and ruin the rural appeal? What will that do to our taxes?

We can't stop development, but this small corner of the county is quickly being over-developed. The Board of Supervisors should approve only the lowest number of housing units possible in Colonial Circle and the developments along South Boston Road.

Karol Forsberg
Lake Monticello

Tough inning drives softball loss to Albemarle

BY DUNCAN NIXON
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Fluco nails a Patriot pitch. Photos by Deborah Nixon.

One bad inning was all it took for the Fluco softball team to fall seriously behind Thursday (May 9) against the Albemarle Patriots.

The game started with a scoreless first inning. The Flucos got a single by second baseman Loren Black and a walk by third baseman Lindsay Ward but failed to score. In the second, the Patriots put up three runs, but the Flucos responded in the bottom of the inning with a single run. Consecutive two out singles by right fielder Kaitlin Gordon, shortstop Hannah Breeden and centerfielder Catera Marsh resulted in the Fluco score. The third innings was also scoreless.

The top of the fourth was the Flucos' bad

inning. The Patriots had several solid hits, but the Fluco defense was not functioning on all its cylinders and a couple of physical and mental errors resulted in a five-run inning for Albemarle. Down by a score of 1-8, the Flucos did not give up, rallying for three runs in the bottom of the inning to cut the deficit to 4-8. The Fluco fourth started with a ground out. Gordon then walked and Breeden and Marsh both singled again to load the bases. Black grounded into a force play at second that drove in a run. Catcher Gracie Walton walked to reload the bases and Ward singled to score two runs.

In the fifth inning, the Patriots added another run to make the score 4-9. The Flucos lost an out in the bottom of the

inning when the Patriot catcher, backing up first, pounced on an errant throw from the shortstop and gunned down a Fluco trying to take second base. The sixth inning was scoreless.

In the seventh the Patriots lengthened their lead again as they added two runs to bring the score to 4-11. In the seventh and final inning, for the first time in the game, the Flucos got their leadoff batter on base. Ward reached first on an error. Left fielder Montana Dudley grounded into a force out at second. After a pop out, Kendra Paschall singled to put runners at first and second. Gordon doubled to right to score two runs but the Patriots managed to tag Gordon at second for the third out to end the game. The final score was 6-11.

The Flucos managed 10 hits and six runs,

which is normally enough offense to win in softball. But their one bad inning was devastating. After the game, Coach Tre Smith noted that 10 hits for the Flucos is fairly common as most of his starters are hitting at or around .300. Smith also praised Gordon, who had two hits and a walk, as a real leader, who has come on strong and is a senior captain. Breeden and Marsh also had two hits and Ward was on base all four at bats with a walk, a hit by pitch, a single and an on base on error.

The softball team played its next-to-last regular season game on Tuesday (May 14) at Western Albemarle. Their final regular season game is Thursday (May 16), when they host Louisa County. The play-off picture is still not clear and will depend on the final games of the season.



Kaitlin Gordon at bat for the Flucos.



Hannah Breeden shows good form at bat.



Tori Koczan fires to the plate.

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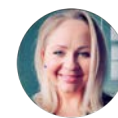


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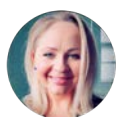
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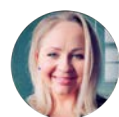
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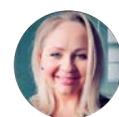
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