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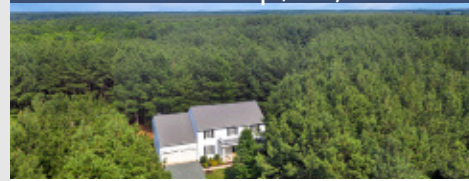
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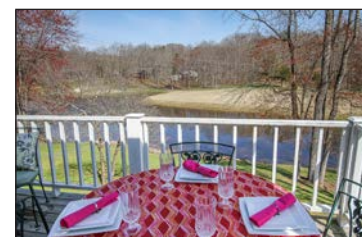
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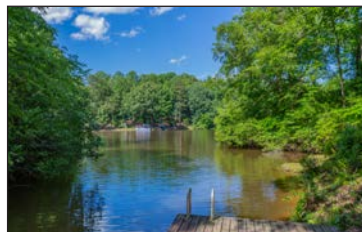
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# Lakers reject increases in landslide votes

## Hinkle and Williamson elected as directors

BY HEATHER MICHON  
CORRESPONDENT

Lake Monticello voters overwhelmingly rejected ballot proposals to raise annual dues and pay a \$50 per household subsidy for the community's two restaurants at the 47<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of members on Saturday (June 29).

Some members in the packed meeting room gasped as Elections Committee Chairperson Jean Booth read the results:

- The proposal for a \$180 dues increase phased in at \$60 per year failed 754-1,346, or 35.9 percent to 64.1 percent; and
- The proposal for the restaurant subsidy failed 467-1,663, or 21.9 percent to 78.1 percent.

Voter turnout was just over 48 percent, with 2,122 of 4,412 potential ballots returned, a turnout rate Booth deemed "exceptional." Of those

ballots, 1,272 votes were cast by mail, 783 online, and 67 in person.

"We will have to check our records, but this voter turnout may turn out to be one of our highest," Lake Monticello Owners' Association (LMOA) Communications Director Judy Fish said in an email to members following the meeting.

The Board of Directors proposed the increases earlier this year, arguing that critical reserve funds for community infrastructure and roads would not be able to keep up with expenses in the years ahead, and that The Pub and Lakeside Restaurant needed an additional annual infusion of money from residents, on top of budgeted amounts from current dues, to remain in operation.

In 2019 LMOA dues were \$861.33, plus all homeowners pay a \$212 im-

proved property fee for a total bill of \$1,073.33. Barcode stickers for entry into the Lake's gates cost \$10 per vehicle per year. The board has the authority to raise dues by 3 percent each year, but additional increases require membership approval.

In online discussions following the vote, some members felt the failure of the ballot measures was a sign that LMOA needs to tighten its fiscal belt and start living within a more modest budget. Others said they understood why the board was requesting the additional money.

Wesley Chambers said he voted for the dues increase because he saw the need to build up reserves for future needs. "Just ask any retiree," he wrote. "Your 401k is never large enough, especially if you make it into your 90s. My brain understands the financial

requirements needed for an association this large. So while I can list the things that madden me, I chose to let my brain overrule my heart."

The restaurants were a major point of debate on local social media channels, with many arguing the community should not be required to support underperforming amenities.

"They are not a necessary amenity and the community has spoken," said JoAnne D'Angelo Spitalo in a Facebook discussion. "If they cannot sustain themselves without funds from the association, then they should be closed. Rent the buildings out as event venues to the community for a little extra income."

Voters also selected two new board members from a group of four candidates. Booth reported the final vote counts:

- Jay Hinkle: 1,090;
- Johnny Williamson: 1,041;
- Jane Zimmermann: 878; and
- Mike Feazel: 785.

Hinkle and Williamson will replace outgoing Directors Marlene Weaver and Larry Cormier.

Both Weaver and Cormier were awarded plaques for their service and praise from board president Rich Barringer.

Barringer credited Weaver with his and Tom Braithwaite's decision to run for the board after watching her "effort to start improving this community when she thought it was going downhill."

"Nobody has worked harder for this community than Marlene," he added. "And I will also tell you, you don't want to get a call from Marlene when she's not happy."

Larry Cormier said it had been a pleasure to work with LMOA staff and community over the years. "Everybody I've ever talked to gave me their opinions. I enjoyed listening to them, and nobody ever got nasty. Even when I didn't agree with them, they would listen to my perspective."

*Editor's note: Chambers and Spitalo gave permission for their quotes to appear in the Fluvanna Review.*



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Armstrong was found at a gas station in Louisa County's portion of Zion Cross-roads by people who recognized him from news and social media posts. He was disoriented but otherwise unharmed, according to the sheriff's office.

Before he was found Wednesday morning, Armstrong was seen at the Central Virginia Community Health Center in New Canton Tuesday at around 4:30 p.m. Earlier he had left home in his red Chevy truck with Virginia plates reading PL9998. Armstrong got lost earlier this year and was located in Nottaway County, according to the sheriff's office.

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BY RUDY GARCIA, RIVANNA WOODS FINANCIAL / TAX SERVICES

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According to the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, nearly 30 percent of businesses are victims of payroll malfeasance, with small businesses twice as likely to be affected than large businesses. Here are four scary payroll fraud schemes you need to know:

**Ghost employees.** A ghost employee does not exist anywhere except in your payroll system. Typically, someone with access to your payroll creates a fake employee and assigns direct deposit information to a dummy account so they can secretly transfer the money into their own bank account.

**Time thieves.** Time stealing happens when employees add more time to their timecard than they actually worked. Sometimes multiple employees will team up to clock each other in earlier than when they arrive or later than when they depart for the day.

**Shape-shifting commissions.** In an attempt to bump up a commission payment or attain a quota, sneaky sales employees may alter a sales contract to their benefit. A typical tactic used by a dishonest salesperson is to make a booked sale appear larger than it is and then slide a credit memo through the system in a later period. Companies with complicated commission calculations or weak controls in this area are the most vulnerable.

**External swindlers.** A popular scam, known as phishing, starts with a fraudster impersonating a company executive through email or over the phone asking an employee with access to payroll data to wire money or provide sensitive information. These imposters can make the correspondence look very real by using company logos, signatures and email addresses.

**TIPS TO COMBAT PAYROLL FRAUD**  
Being aware of the threats is a start, but you also need to know how to stop them. Here are some tips to reduce your companies payroll fraud risk:

**Better internal controls.** While most employees are trustworthy, giving too much control over your payroll to one person is not a good idea. Separating payroll duties and formalizing an approval process protects both your business and your employees.

**Review payroll records.** Designate someone outside of the payroll-processing department to periodically review the payroll records. Have them review names, pay rates and verify that the total payroll matches what was withdrawn from the business bank account.

**Perform random internal audits.** During an internal audit is when you can really get into the details to look for potential payroll fraud. You can do an in-depth review of the whole payroll system or select a random sample of dates and employees. Keep the timing of the audit under wraps to prevent giving someone the chance to cover up their misdeeds.

Managing your business payroll is a daunting task by itself, and actively protecting against fraud adds additional complexity. Please call for help with your business payroll needs. On this 4th of July Holiday, I'd like to ask each of you to take a moment and remember those women and men who have served so faithfully over the past 243 years. In recognition of their sacrifices and their contributions to our community, I am offering a special Tax Planning Discount for all Veterans

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### Fluvanna Chamber Minute: Women's Wellness Forum Review

Ruthann Carr and Rudy Garcia, Fluvanna Chamber of Commerce

On this Fourth Of July Holiday, the Fluvanna Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank the women and men who have faithfully served our Nation for the past 243 years. When duty called, they stepped up and served. We would not be able to celebrate this 243rd anniversary without their service and sacrifices.

The Fluvanna Chamber held its inaugural "Women's Wellness Forum" on June 5th and it was a stunning success! Bright and early Wednesday morning almost 50 members, guests, and interested community members **Connected** at the Lake Monticello clubhouse to be **Educated** by women business owners and learn some tips on how to eat better, deal with stress more effectively, and improve their overall health and wellness.

We had several guest speakers including Masseur Kristina Muldoon, who told her redemption from trauma story and offered chair massages. In addition to the education component, attendees had the opportunity to pick up serious SWAG from our vendors who were supporting us and **Promoting** their businesses.

Another additional benefit many attendees took advantage of were the "no-cost" professional headshots offered by Fluvanna Sports Photography.

After our presenters, panels, and guest speaker finished up, we adjourned to the Lakeside Restaurant where we were served an elegant light lunch and our sponsors and vendors received recognition for their vital support. Finally, after lunch, our attendees had the opportunity to take a boat ride and a quick tour of the lake on several different pontoon boats offered up by Chamber members and guests.

All in all it was a great day and the weather cooperated quite nicely. We plan on doing this event again, hopefully turning it into an annual event. Look for news of the next to be

held in the spring of 2020.

Thanks to UVA Credit Union Branch Manager Kim Tolliver, who was our moderator for a very lively **Education** panel that really did a great job giving us some great tips and ideas to enhance our overall wellness. We also want to give a huge thank you to our business owner panelists and presenters:

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PRESS RELEASE



## Janet Lechner

Janet Lechner passed away peacefully at home in her sleep on June 23, 2019. Janet was born May 10, 1937, in Jersey City, N.J. She worked as a bookkeeper at the Holmdel Township municipal building for many years and retired from the Captains Insurance Agency in Belford New Jersey in 1997.

She relocated to Lake Monticello in Palmyra, Va., where she and her husband George made many friends. Janet enjoyed golfing, playing bridge, and all local activities with her neighbors and friends. She traveled extensively with her husband, George Lechner. Both Janet and George enjoyed one of the most blessed marriages, truly best friends. They enjoyed a wonderful lifetime together blessed with a loving family.

She was predeceased by her parents Charles and Helen Reti, her husband George Lechner, sister Diane Andiorio and brother Charles Reti. She is survived by her daughter Susan Webster and her husband Timothy, son George Lechner and wife Debra, grandson George Lechner and wife Leann, granddaughter Kaitlin McCarthy and husband Sean, and her precious great-grandson George Oliver, whom we are so glad she got to meet.

As per her wishes she will be cremated and a memorial service of entombment at the family mausoleum in the Holmdel cemetery will be at a later date to be announced.



Photos by Flying Flucos Sports Shots.

Fresh off a state title win, Fluvanna County's Jacob Critzer can add another accolade to his growing list of honors. The recent graduate, who helped boost the Flucos to the program's first state championship in baseball, was named the VHSL's Class 3 State Player of the Year on June 17. The 16-10 victory over Tabb was Fluvanna's first title win in nearly three decades.

Fluvanna's Joel Gray earned Coach of the Year honors, while junior pitcher Andrew Ward was selected to the all-state first team.

First baseman Kevin Ward and third baseman Ryan Groome were named to the second team.

Critzer, a 5-foot 9-inch 190-pounder, hit 10 home runs this season, including two in Fluvanna's state playoff games. The catcher propelled the Flucos into the title game with a thrilling seventh-inning walk-off homerun to give his team a win over Brentsville. He amassed 15 career homeruns and was also named the Region C Player of the Year.

"After losing in the semifinals last year, coming in we knew we had to work as a team and that's when we

pulled together. It was pretty cool knowing we were the first team to win a state championship in baseball," Critzer said. "After that last out of the championship game, we finally saw something come together that we'd been working for all season."

Critzer was selected to play in the Virginia High School Coaches Association All Star baseball game June 24 at James Madison University's Veterans Memorial Park. He

represented the Blue squad, while Gray served as one of the team's coaches.

Of note, current Fluvanna assistant Ryan Foster earned a spot on the 2010 VHSCA baseball team as a shortstop.

His senior year, Critzer boasted a .471 batting average and finished with 40 hits and 35 RBI en route to leading Fluvanna to a 23-3 record and its first region and state crowns. He also posted a 1.556 on-base percentage and threw out 70 percent of the base runners who attempted to steal on him.

"Jacob is a true leader. He was our only captain for the past two years when we made historic playoff runs," Gray said. "We will miss him in so many ways as we try to defend our championships next spring. Fluvanna baseball loves this kid and wishes him the best. In his absence, we will try to

practice and play to the standards he helped set for this program."

The four-year varsity starter was selected first team all-region and second team all-state in 2018.

Critzer is a great role model for the youth in his community. In his spare time, he plays for the Montezuma Braves, assistant coaches, umpires games, plays ball with the Fluvanna Youth Baseball teams, and does baseball lessons with the youth at The Baseball Company.

Critzer wants to thank all of his coaches for the guidance over the years. He extends a special thank you to his Invaders coach, Nolan Shaffer, for developing him into the player that he is today. "Nolan was the best coach anyone could ask for; he's been like a second dad to me," Critzer said. He wishes the best to Charlie Critzer, Keen Dickerson, and all of his little buddies on the FYB Yankees team.

Critzer is headed to Lincoln Memorial University in Tennessee to play baseball and earn his degree in business administration. The Railsplitters finished this past season 34-19, advancing to the NCAA Division II Southeast Regional.



# Man dies in James River

PRESS RELEASE

The Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office Emergency Communications Center received a 911 call Tuesday (June 25) at 3:05 p.m. about a man boating on the James River near Brems Bluff who appeared to have some sort of medical emergency and fell off his boat into the water. Rescue units and law enforcement from multiple agencies responded to the area. Units were able

to locate the man in the river and extricate him but they were unable to revive him. He was pronounced dead on scene. The victim's name is being withheld at this time.

As this appears to be an unattended death that occurred on the James River rather than a boating-related death, the Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office is the responsible investigating agency as that

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# Lake resident receives top honors at broadcast convention

PRESS RELEASE



Photo of Harold Wright by Mitchell Husted Wright.

Harold Wright, WVIR-TV/NBC29's general manager and longtime Lake Monticello resident, was awarded top honors June 21 at the Virginia Association of Broadcasters' (VAB) Annual Convention in Virginia Beach. Wright received the C.T. Lucy Distinguished Service Award, named after VAB founder C.T. Lucy, which recognizes a leader in Virginia's broadcast industry.

Wright has been a broadcaster in the Charlottesville market for 58 years. He started with radio in 1961 during his college years at the University of Virginia. He is the principle founder of NBC29/WVIR-TV, which hit the airwaves in March of 1973. Through all the decades since – and with nine television channels now in the Charlottesville market – WVIR-TV remains number one according to Nielsen Media Research, the prime

measurement of television-media audiences.

Next January, Wright will retire from WVIR-TV/NBC29, where he has served as vice president and general manager for 46 years.

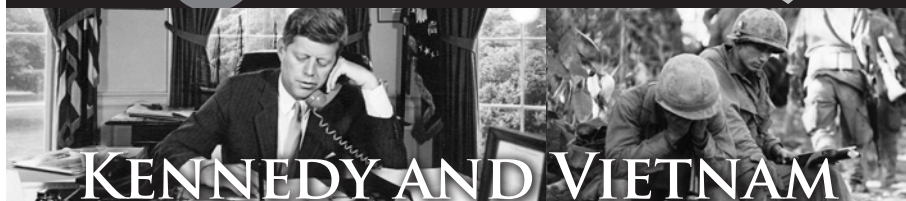
Wright and his wife of 41 years, Angell Husted, have resided at Lake Monticello since 1978. "Living at the Lake all these years has helped me continually love my longtime career – always being excited about what I may find when I get to work," Wright said. "The commute each day into downtown Charlottesville allows me thoughtful preparation for the day ahead, and driving home remains a wonderful, transitional de-stress time."

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# FAST swimmers trounce Elks

BY DUNCAN NIXON  
 CORRESPONDENT



Photo by Duncan Nixon.

In its second scored meet of the season, the Fluvanna Aquatic Sports Team (FAST) overwhelmed the Charlottesville Elks squad 463-249.

Tuesday's (June 25) contest was a home meet for FAST, but was held at the Elks' pool at Pantops because FAST does not have a home pool for meets. FAST Coach Nate Johnson said that his team practices five days a week, in the morning and the evening, at the indoor pool at Fork Union Military Academy; however, they are unable to use that pool for their meets.

This meet opened with the medley relay event, in which four swimmers compete in different disciplines for each team. With a boys' and a girls' competition in four age groups, eight relay races took place in rapid succession. The FAST team won five of these races; the Elks won one; and two had no winner due to disqualification. As a result, FAST was able to open the meet with a commanding lead. In the individual events, FAST was also completely dominant.

In the boys' and the girls' 8 and under freestyle race, FAST captured first and second. Jacob Birkhead and Ella Gray were the winners, both by comfortable margins. In the 9-10 year old freestyle, FAST again won the top places in boys' and girls' events. Harrison Williams and Ava Gray were the winners. In the boys' 11-12 freestyle Jacob Thurston-Wells was the fastest, while in the 13-14 boys' race it was Anthony Caruso who took first place. In the 15-18 age group FAST again won on the boys' and girls' races. Edwin Navarro and Emma DiFazio were winners in comfortable fashion.

In the 8 and under breaststroke, Reed Williams and Abby Caruso captured first place for FAST. In the 9-10 breaststroke races, Harrison Williams and Maya Hernandez won for the FAST team. In the boys' 11-12 race Jacob Thurston-Wells was a winner again. In the 13-14 boys' breaststroke race Anthony Caruso was a repeat winner.

In the 8 and under backstroke, Jacob Birkhead won again for FAST. For the girls, it

was Abby Caruso who was first again. In the 9-10 backstroke, the FAST team again won in boys' and girls' races. Harrison Williams and Maya Hernandez both won. Williams was an impressive 20 seconds better than the second place swimmer. In the 11-12 backstroke, Thurston-Wells won again on the boys' side. In the 13-14 age group, Jackson Kinsella was the winner for FAST in backstroke. In the 15-18 age group the top backstroke swimmers, Edwin Navarro and Joey Hagan, were again from FAST.

In the girls' 8 and under butterfly event Ella Gray was the winner for the FAST team. In the boys' 9-10 event, Riggins Botkins was the winner for FAST. On the girls' side Ava Gray was the winner. At 11-12, the boys' butterfly winner was Landon Mayhew. In the boys' 13-14 race, Anthony Caruso again won for FAST. The winners in 15-18 age group in the butterfly event were both FAST swimmers. Edwin Navarro was the winner for the boys and Emma DiFazio had another win on the girls' side.

The final event of the meet is the distance freestyle race. For the 8 and under swimmers it is a 50-meter event; for the swimmers from 9 on up it is a 100-meter event. In the 8 and under age races, FAST was dominant. Jacob Birkhead won again for the boys and Abby Caruso won again for the girls. In the 9-10 age group, FAST took first on both sides with Riggins Botkin and Maya Hernandez topping the event. In the 13-14 boys' event, Jackson Kinsella was a repeat winner finishing 18 seconds ahead of the closest competitor. In the girls' 15-18 race, Emma DiFazio won again. She also topped the competition by 18 seconds.

Johnson said that FAST has 66 swimmers registered this season and noted that the team is probably strongest in the under 10 age category, which bodes well for the future. FAST is swimming in the third division of the Jefferson Swim League this season. Its record in scored events is now 1-1.

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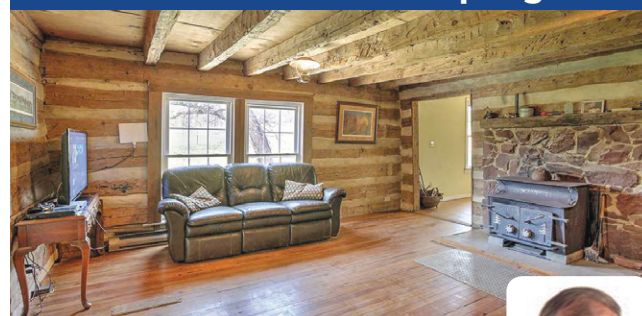


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# Stitches in time: Quilt teaches local history

BY RUTHANN CARR  
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Nel Stofberg stands with the quilt. Photo by Carolyn Talley.

of the quilt and point to different squares and ask if they know what it represents," Talley said.

There are 30 squares, many showing aspects of life in Fluvanna. Some illustrate industries such as farming, navigation and tobacco. One of the squares is a can of Glennacres tomatoes representing the canning industry that thrived in Fluvanna from the 1920s until after World War II.

Stofberg created eight of the squares, including the one depicting the June 1930 fire that destroyed most of the Village of Palmyra.

Other squares are dedicated to John Baker "Texas Jack" Omohundro, the gateway to Fork Union Military Academy, the Old Stone Jail, Civil War Park and the covered bridge that first spanned the Rivanna River in 1884.

Stofberg said she was recently looking through her fabric for a yellow piece.

"I found a yellow fabric that was all jagged and wondered, what did I use this for," she said. "Then I realized it was the same fabric I used to cut out the flames for the fire."

She said when Talley told her she had the quilt cleaned she wondered if some of the appliques may have frayed.

"It's easy to stitch a straight line of fabric, but to stitch around points is really hard," Stofberg said.

She was thrilled to see the quilt came back unscathed. "It was clean and absolutely undamaged," she said.

The names of the quilters stitched into the final panel are: Ellen Miyagawa, Nel Stofberg, Irene Jaworowski, Sally Gaither, Millie Martin, Dot Salter, Kathryn Rison, Sue Reeder, Emma Fry, Sarah Stone and Florence Leslie. Ruby Schumaker did not make a square, but stitched the Glennacre Tomato can because it represented her family's business.

Anyone interested in seeing the quilt can attend the Historical Society's next Second Sunday on July 14 at 2 p.m. in the Village of Palmyra.

A newly retired chemistry professor moved with her husband to Lake Monticello in 1988.

While Nel Stofberg wasn't a stranger to knitting and sewing, she wasn't familiar with the art of quilting until she moved to the Lake.

She joined a group who call themselves the Piecemakers. Quilts are made of sections of fabric sewn, or pieced, together.

"I wanted to try something new," Stofberg said. "I love it. The results you have, that you made yourself. When you're all finished you think, 'That's something I created.'"

Ellen Miyagawa moved with her husband to Fluvanna 10 years prior to Stofberg.

Miyagawa immersed herself in learning Fluvanna history and became a familiar name associated with the Fluvanna Historical Society. She was also well known as an artist. The Historical Society sells a book of Miyagawa's pen and ink drawings of historic Fluvanna buildings.

Some may not know Miyagawa was also an avid quilter. She and Stofberg became quilting buddies.

"Ellen Miyagawa saw a historical quilt, I think it might have been in Orange, and she said, 'Shall we make a historical quilt for Fluvanna?'" Stofberg said.

Without a pattern, they took on the task of creating and stitching together a quilt that told the story of Fluvanna.

The quilt took nearly two years to complete, with Stofberg, Miyagawa and 10 other piecemakers working on the masterpiece that now hangs in the Old Stone Jail Museum in the Village of Palmyra.

Weeks ago, museum volunteer Carolyn Talley took the quilt down to be cleaned and realized it had been 25 years since the quilters presented it to the historical society.

"There is one square that lists the names of all the quilters who worked on it and the date it was presented," Talley said. "I wondered if any of the quilters were still around."

Miyagawa died in 2006.

The only quilter she could get in

touch with was Stofberg.

Stofberg was pleased to learn the quilt is not only admired by visitors,



Photo by Ruthann Carr.

but also used by Talley and other volunteers to teach student groups about Fluvanna history.

"I sit the children down in front

# Get to know county's new community development director

BY MADELINE OTTEN  
CORRESPONDENT



Courtesy photo of Douglas Miles, community development director.

Recently, Fluvanna County's former community development director, Jason Stewart, was hired by Transylvania County, N.C., as their planning and community development director. This left a vacancy in Fluvanna's government office, and Prince George County resident Douglas Miles took the opportunity to make it his.

Only a week into this position, Miles has big plans for the county.

One of the biggest projects going on right now is the water and sewer infrastructure improvements at Zion Crossroads. Since the goal for localities is to achieve a 70 percent residential and a 30 percent commercial tax base ratio, Miles plans to work with county administration, staff, and the business community

to make continuous progress toward that goal.

"I have enjoyed assisting small business owners the most throughout my career and I look forward to doing that in Fluvanna County," said Miles. "Small business owners may not be aware of the additional resources that are available to them to operate and expand their business to be more profitable and successful. We are able to help them find the resources or we will try to find a better way in the planning process to accommodate business owners."

Before he transitioned to Fluvanna County, Miles started his career in Chesterfield County in the planning department at the front counter in November 1992. He learned how to provide good

customer service during a very high-growth period in the county.

About 10 years later he went to Prince George County and undertook the role of planning manager and zoning administrator during the largest expansion of Fort Lee, which is also one of the largest employers in the Richmond region. In addition, he provided training through the Richmond region in the Virginia Association of Zoning Officials, a statewide zoning organization that deals with legal, technical and managerial skills.

Miles and his wife, Christine, are currently in the process of moving from Prince George County to Fluvanna. They chose Fluvanna because they wanted to live and work in a similar location and be in between the Charlottesville and Richmond metropolitan regions. Fluvanna was perfect.

Miles' typical day in the office could include commercial site plans and resident subdivision plat reviews, assisting a county resident with questions about adding a deck onto her house, and responding to all zoning enforcement complaints.

"The planning department also prepares and implements the county's comprehensive plan that deals with strategic and long-range planning initiatives that provide the foundation for many of the land use and budgetary decisions by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors," said Miles.

What some people may not know about planners is that they typically work in 10- or 20-year planning timeframes with other regional and state agencies, such as VDOT or surrounding counties that are all a part of the Thomas Jefferson

Planning District Commission.

Planners have to balance current planning tasks and long-range planning goals in order to properly achieve what the Board of Supervisors and the community envision for the county.

"Planners such as myself enjoy seeing our short-term and long-term goals realized as a team," said Miles.

Miles earned his bachelor's from Penn State University in political science in 1991 and earned his graduate certificate in public administration and planning from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1998. He also has certifications with the American Institute of Certified Planners and is a certified zoning administrator.

He earned his Eagle Scout in 1985 and he and his wife are members of the United Methodist Church. His personal interests include football, specifically the Penn State Nittany Lions and the Los Angeles Rams, and spending time with his family and friends.

"My wife and I also like to go to area farmer's markets in smaller towns and purchase items from small business owners and artists," said Miles.

They are both members of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond and enjoy attending live music events and theatrical performances in the region. They also have a black lab rescue mix named Sadie.



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# Rising freshman stands out in track and field

BY DUNCAN NIXON  
CORRESPONDENT



Fluvanna High boys' track and field coach Steve Szarmach said that Jaden Ferguson finished his eighth grade track season by qualifying for a National outdoor track meet sponsored by New Balance. The meet was held June 13 at North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro, N.C.

Ferguson took part in three events at this meet in the junior high division. Ferguson won a gold medal and a bronze medal. His triple jump distance of 41 feet 8 inches claimed the gold. In the long jump, he sailed 19 feet 11.75 inches for bronze. Ferguson also placed 19<sup>th</sup> in the 100-meter dash.

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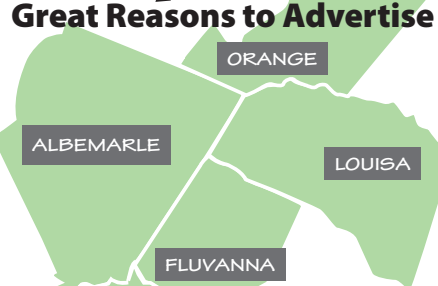
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# Sharks sweep events in meet against Swordfish

SUBMITTED BY KARI WAKSMUNSKI



JSL President and LMST parent Devin Creamer attended the first LMST meet at the new pool. Photo courtesy of JSL.

The Lake Monticello Swim Team (LMST) hosted The City of Charlottesville Swordfish in its home opener Wednesday (June 26). The evening began with a celebration ceremony for the first meet at the new Lake Monticello pool. Devin Creamer, Jefferson Swim League (JSL) president and LMST parent, spoke to the crowd, and Chris Long, pastor of Lake Christian Church, gave a blessing.

The competition started with relays. LMST girls took first place in three different age brackets of the 200-meter medley relay and LMST boys in the 15-18 age bracket won their 200-meter medley relay. A medley is a combination of four different swimming styles – butterfly stroke, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle.

Despite an overall 412.5-468.5 loss, LMST swimmers swept many of the events.

Grace Farist, 14; Megan Farist, 14; and Julia Tamaras, 13, swept the girls 13-14 50-meter freestyle event; Lila Robinson, 9; Madison Clark, 9; and Kayleigh Herring, 10, swept the girls 9-10 100-meter freestyle event; and Emily Farist, 13; Grace Farist; Tomaras; Megan Farist; Anne Robinson, 14; and Abbie Ford, 13, clenched the first six places in the girls 13-14 100-meter freestyle event.

Luke Gustafson, 17; Connor Bridge, 16; and Owen Strickland, 16, swept the boys 15-18 50-meter freestyle event; Jaxon

Brooks, 12; Art Maqani, 12; and Landon Creamer, 12, swept the boys 11-12 50-meter backstroke event; Hunter Strickland, 16; Nathaniel Smith, 16; Bridge; and Gabe Nardone, 16, clenched the first four places in the boys 15-18 50-meter backstroke event; and Hunter Strickland, Gustafson, Smith, and Owen Strickland clenched the first four places in the boys 15-18 100-meter freestyle event.

In addition to the 100-meter freestyle, Lila Robinson also won the girls 9-10 50-meter freestyle event and the girls 9-10 50-meter breaststroke event.

Abigayle Harlow, 16, finished the girls 15-18 100-meter freestyle event with a nine-second lead over second place. She also finished with a six-second lead in the girls 15-18 50-meter breaststroke event.

Other top female finishers include Allyson Lounsbury, 15, who won both girls 15-18 50-meter freestyle and 50-meter backstroke events; Sarah Beth Robinson, 12, who won the girls 11-12 50-meter backstroke event; and Madelyn Ford, 6, who won both girls 6 and under 25-meter freestyle and 25-meter backstroke events.

Top male finishers include Mateo Achmad-Guzman, 7, who won the boys 8 and under 50-meter freestyle event; Jack Pace, 10, who won the boys 9-10 50-meter freestyle event; Creamer, who won the boys 11-12 100-meter freestyle event; Ivan Patchett, 11, who won the boys 11-12

50-meter breaststroke event; and Owen Strickland, who won the boys 15-18 50-meter breaststroke event.

"I'm really proud of how well all our swimmers did in the first home meet on Wednesday. It was great to see everyone race for the first time in our new pool. Since it's a new pool, a number of the swimmers had the opportunity to set a

pool record. I'm excited to see what the rest of our season holds for the sharks," said Head Coach Sito Arroyo.

Swimmers of the week were Cameron Fisher and Isabelle Thompson.

The Sharks took on the Farmington Country Club Frogs on Tuesday (July 2). The last home meet will be July 17 against the Key West Killer Whales.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE – ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a water body in Fluvanna County, Virginia.

Public Comment Period: July 4, 2019 to August 5, 2019

**PERMIT NAME:** Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater (Permit No. VA0082228) issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:** County of Fluvanna; P.O. Box 540, Palmyra, VA 22963

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY:** Carysbrook WWTP; 9172 James Madison Hwy, Fork Union

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The County of Fluvanna has applied for reissuance of the referenced permit. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewater at a rate of 0.012 million gallons per day into the Rivanna River in Fluvanna County in the Rivanna River/Carys Creek watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: organic matter, solids, chlorine, bacteria, and pH. Sludge from the treatment process will be pumped and hauled to Moores Creek Advanced Water Resource Recovery Facility where it will undergo further treatment.

**HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING:** DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax, hand delivery, or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requester, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

**CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Name: Dawn Jeffries

Address: Valley Regional Office, 4411 Early Road, P.O. Box 3000, Harrisonburg, Virginia, 22801

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The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.



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

**ZTA 19:01 – Fluvanna County Zoning Ordinance – Industrial Setbacks:** An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 22 Of The Fluvanna County Code By The Addition Of A New Subsection 22-11-5 And 22-12-5 To Reduce The Minimum Building Setbacks For Properties In Industrial Subdivisions.

Copies of the complete text of the above ordinances and associated plans are available for public review at the Fluvanna County Planning Department 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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ADULT WELFARE/PUB SAFETY CHK	3
ANIMAL BITE	2
ANIMAL CARCASS	2
ANIMAL WELFARE	3
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	2
ASSAULT W/ NO INJURY	1
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE RECEIVED	5
BE ON LOOKOUT	18
SHERIFF'S OFFICE CELL CHECK	1
CHILD WELFARE/ABUSE/ENDNGMNT	2
CIVIL INFORMATION REQUEST	2
CIVIL PAPER RECEIVED	3
CIVIL PAPER SERVICE	52
COMMERCIAL BURG ALARM	7
COMMUNICATIONS OFC CALL-OUT	1
COMMERCIAL FIRE ALARM	1
COURTHOUSE SECURITY CHECK	9
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY	1
DISABLED VEHICLE	12
DISTURBANCE	7
FINGERPRINTS	9
FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION	12
FRAUD	3
GUN PERMIT RECEIVED	9
HARASSMENT PHONE/OTHER	2
LARCENY/THEFT	8
PHONE CALL RETURN	63
LIVESTOCK CALL	5
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MVC W/ INJ OR UNKNOWN INJ	5
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LOUD NOISE COMPLAINT	2
NUISANCE WILDLIFE	1
OTHER LAW CALL	9
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GENERAL PAIN	1
PEDESTRIAN IN ROAD/INTOX PEDES	1
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**TOTAL INCIDENTS 593**

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<b>MVC W/ ANIMAL</b>	<b>02:14:36</b>	<b>06/21/19</b>
710 BLK VENABLE RD		
<b>MVC NO INJURY</b>	<b>23:59:28</b>	<b>06/21/19</b>
2070 BLK MARTIN KINGS RD		
<b>MVC W/ ANIMAL</b>	<b>00:13:14</b>	<b>06/22/19</b>
3650 BLK THOMAS JEFFERSON PKWY		
<b>MVC INJURY/UNK</b>	<b>20:01:11</b>	<b>06/22/19</b>
PLAIN DEALING RD & CEDAR LANE RD		
<b>MVC INJURY/UNK</b>	<b>14:24:55</b>	<b>06/23/19</b>
14840 BLK JAMES MADISON HWY		
<b>MVC INJURY/UNK</b>	<b>10:29:56</b>	<b>06/26/19</b>
6580 BLK THOMAS JEFFERSON PKWY		
<b>MVC INJURY/UNK</b>	<b>16:31:36</b>	<b>06/26/19</b>
SOUTH BOSTON RD & LAKE MONTICELLO RD		
<b>MVC INJURY/UNK</b>	<b>16:31:47</b>	<b>06/26/19</b>
LAKE MONTICELLO RD & SOUTH BOSTON RD		
<b>MVC NO INJURY</b>	<b>11:10:51</b>	<b>06/27/19</b>
14280 BLK WEST RIVER RD		

**TOTAL CRASHES 9**

**ARRESTS**

<b>JUNE 22 AT 10:58 P.M.</b>
HOME ADDRESS: NOT SPECIFIED
DUI/DUID
<b>JUNE 24 AT 5:21 P.M.</b>
HOME ADDRESS: PALMYRA
OBTAINING GAS, OIL, CABLE TV; TAMPERING WITH METERING DEVICE; DAMAGE TO REALTY, PERSONAL; PETIT LARCENY
<b>JUNE 25 AT 6:27 P.M.</b>
HOME ADDRESS: NOT SPECIFIED
DUI/DUID; REFUSING BLOOD/BREATH TEST; DRIVING ON A SUSPENDED/REVOKED LICENSE; ELUDING OFFICER/FAILURE TO STOP
<b>JUNE 26 AT 5:16 P.M.</b>
HOME ADDRESS: LOUISA
FAILURE TO APPEAR
<b>JUNE 26 AT 6:45 P.M.</b>
HOME ADDRESS: PALMYRA
TWO COUNTS OF OBJECT SEXUAL PENETRATION; FORCIBLE SODOMY
<b>JUNE 27 AT 9:20 P.M.</b>
HOME ADDRESS: FORK UNION
POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

**TOTAL ARRESTS 6**

**SUDOKU**

Edited by Margie E. Burke

Difficulty: Easy

		2			3	8		
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**HOW TO SOLVE:**

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

Answers to Last Week's Sudoku:

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

**The Weekly Crossword**

by Margie E. Burke

**ACROSS**

- 1 Fizzy drink
- 5 Toned down
- 10 5:1, e.g.
- 14 Large-scale
- 15 Join together
- 16 Medic or legal starter
- 17 Take it easy
- 18 Something to recycle
- 20 Completely surround
- 22 Back out (on)
- 23 Rudimentary seed
- 24 Net-surfer's stop
- 25 "War of the Worlds" star
- 27 James Garner title role
- 31 Like some criticism
- 32 On the wagon
- 33 Woman with a habit
- 34 One who raised Cain
- 35 "Grab \_\_\_!"
- 36 Bring on board
- 37 Newton fruit
- 38 "Humble" dwelling
- 39 Adorable sort
- 40 Period of unbridled activity
- 42 Day spa offering
- 43 Fail to mention
- 44 Winter wear
- 45 Radio noise
- 48 Guiding light
- 51 Free-market proponent
- 53 Scrabble draw
- 54 Furthermore
- 55 In need of a massage, maybe
- 56 Divisible by 2
- 57 "\_\_\_ there, done that"
- 58 Like a beaver
- 59 "It's a Wonderful Life" actress Donna

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
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**DOWN**

- 1 Like the Sahara
- 2 Doing business
- 3 Talk out of
- 4 Protests, e.g.
- 5 Bodybuilder's goal
- 6 Quitter's cry
- 7 Bad thing to blow
- 8 Posting at JFK
- 9 Like the needy
- 10 First game of the season
- 11 Social outing
- 12 Type of race
- 13 After-Christmas event
- 19 Coin collector?
- 21 Football play
- 24 Fine fur
- 25 Like the needy
- 26 Diameter halves
- 27 Prone to sulking
- 28 Ambition
- 29 Vatican tribunal
- 30 Prepare to be dubbed
- 32 Young hog

- 35 Give up the throne
- 36 Shoddy goods seller
- 38 Fess up (to)
- 39 Be concerned
- 41 Skin soother
- 42 Hesitate
- 44 Outlaw chasers
- 45 Healing sign
- 46 Saga
- 47 Cathedral recess
- 48 Metallic sound
- 49 On the safe side, at sea
- 50 Tear
- 52 Pastoral setting

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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A	M	O	S		A	N	T	E		L	I	B	E	L
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# Fluvanna-trained K-9s join Charlottesville police

BY MADELINE OTTEN  
CORRESPONDENT



Corporal Chris Huber with Kai. Photos courtesy of the Charlottesville Police Department.

Two new K-9 officers completed their training in May at Fluvanna's Rivanna K-9 Services and are now working with the Charlottesville Police.

Bono, who is two and a half, and Kai, almost two, are both Belgian Malinois dogs that came from the Netherlands. The dogs are half-brothers, sharing the same father, and their breed is considered a working dog to assist in searches, narcotics and explosives. Belgian Shepherds, Dutch Shepherds, German Shepherds and mixes of these breeds have proven to be the most suited for law enforcement and military work. This breed is also trained in criminal apprehension so that they can perform building or area searches for dangerous criminals.

Bono, Kai and their handlers, Officer James Tennyson and Corporal Chris Huber, trained for 12 weeks with Armin Winkler at Rivanna K-9 Services. They encountered initiative training concepts, tactical solutions and decoy, and attended seminars. They also continue to have a group training day every two weeks.

"We select K-9 candidates, evaluate them as to their suitability and prior training, and also their unique personalities," said Winkler. "From there we match them with the handlers selected by the departments or agencies, and after we train daily to teach the skills the teams need to serve the

community."

During one of the training sessions, Huber and Tennyson had to learn how to be a decoy for the other dogs in the training group – and that meant getting used to being in the bite suit. While a bite suit might sound protective, the handlers must catch the dog correctly to avoid injury not only to themselves but also to the dogs.

"We have to learn how to read the dog, adjust movements to help, and learn about canine behaviors and drives – such as prey, hunt and defense drive – to help us better understand them," said Huber. "It is important that we also keep up with court rulings that dictate K-9 usage. We need to have a good understanding of the Constitution, specifically Fourth Amendment search and seizure."

The training does not end there. Handlers and dogs take advantage of any down time during patrol shifts to train some more.

What makes these dogs so important to the law enforcement team is their nose. Most people know that dogs have a great sense of smell, but Huber described it more specifically. While humans can walk into a room and smell chicken noodle soup, he said, Kai and Bono can smell the soup, spices and other ingredients that are cooked with it. Since their sense of smell is much more enhanced than that of humans, the dogs can help

take dangerous drugs off the streets and can be used to track down suspects.

Even though these dogs are put to work in intense situations, they are just like any other dog in that they want affection and fun.

"They enjoy their jobs and love the working aspect of it, but also know how to turn that component off and just have fun and play with their toys like any other dog," said Huber.

"Their end goal for the day is go home, have fun, and do whatever they need to do to get their toys," Tennyson added.

Now that Kai and Bono have joined the Charlottesville Police Department, there are three K-9 units spread across three shifts to assist on calls when requested. A fourth dog is in training at Rivanna K-9 Services for explosives detection. It is set to graduate in August and will help the Charlottesville Police Department increase security and safety for the city.

Rivanna K-9 Services is located right off Route 608 near Courthouse



Officer James Tennyson with Bono.

Road in Palmyra. Winkler said he was looking for a place to settle with his family in 2001, and Fluvanna County felt like a place they could call home.

Winkler grew up training dogs in Europe. He continued his love by earning his diploma in dog training for law enforcement. According to his

website, he is listed as a certified instructor through the Justice Institute of British Columbia and Department of Criminal Justice Service.

Winkler took his first step in his career in the mid-1970s in Ontario, Canada, where he owned and operated a K-9 security service that trained security dogs for the private sector and provided instruction regarding their use and deployment. Winkler then progressed into lecturing and instructing internationally on theoretical training concepts as well as hands-on real-life training.

"My wife and partner have also been training dogs since a very young age," said Winkler. "We discovered over the years that we are blessed with a unique gift when it comes to understanding the K-9 mind. We combined that with extensive education and many years of experience to not only assist the men and women on the front lines, but also to enable us to do this job in humane and scientifically based methodologies that dogs respond to extremely well."

Throughout his years working in the field, Winkler has had great success teaching specialty K-9 seminars and courses for military K-9 programs for the U.S. Army Special Operations Command, U.S. Rangers, U.S. Special Forces, U.S. Naval Special Warfare Development Group, the Brazil Navy and National Guard, the Royal Australian Air Force, Germany (KSK), and civilian law enforcement special operations programs, according to his website.

Though the law enforcement situations encountered may be similar between patrol officers and K-9 units, one major element makes a dog and handler stand out: companionship.

"We always have a partner and best friend with us," said Huber. "Patrol officers in Charlottesville mostly work solo in the car, but these dogs truly are our best friends. They can read our emotions without us having to say anything. There is an unconditional bond between us that is extremely special and unique."

# Artist discovers magic in her tools

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD  
CORRESPONDENT



Jane Prete. Photo by Page Gifford.

Artists live by their tools, and the quality of those tools can make or break a project. With watercolor painters, paper is the foundation of any creative endeavor. Whether you are a beginner or a professional, it makes all the difference.

Local artist and Fluvanna Art Association member Jane Prete spoke to members at the monthly meeting held June 21 about Yupo, an innovative paper that is not exclusive to watercolor but can be used for a variety of mediums.

Prete started her journey as an artist nearly 30 years ago and during that time explored many different ideas, mediums and tools. The “what if” factor played a role in her creativity, and the behavior of paint and paper are critical to the outcome of the exploration.

“I had a little bit of everything in my studio: alcohol, gesso, canvas, you name it, I had it all but something was missing,” said Prete. “I got tired of following all the rules, though you have to learn basic techniques and follow the rules, but something was still off.” She found Yupo opened a door to discovery when she learned about it from artist George James. “I loved it; it matched my personality. It was the idea of seeing color and another color and running together.”

She pointed out that, unlike other watercolor papers where the paint sinks into the tooth, Yupo allows the paint to sit on top. The paint doesn’t sink in, the paper is forgiving and artists can use both sides. Members were curious but cautious, and those who tried it didn’t have a concrete opinion.

“A lot of it is a fear of messing up,” she said, referring to artists’ reluctance to try something new. She told the story of a friend who tried it and told her she never wanted to see that paper again.

“I made the paper work for me rather than me working for it,” Prete said. She wore gloves to handle the

paper; because of its unique qualities, dirt and oils hinder the artistic process. Absorbing oil from her skin would cause the paper to resist paint in some areas. It is also recommended to remove spots and fingerprints with soap and water before use.

Yupo is a 21st century marvel, a non-traditional alternative to traditional papers that yields unique effects. It is a synthetic machine-made paper made of polypropylene. It is waterproof, stain resistant, extremely strong and durable, acid-free and recyclable. Prete likes its flexibility. The non-absorbent surface resists buckling and remains flat, eliminating the need for soaking, stretching or taping paper prior to watercolor work. It also comes in three weights: light, medium and heavy. The lightweight she feels is flimsy; she loves the heavyweight but finds it expensive.

Its effect is stunning. As Prete swiped pure color onto the paper, it remained vibrant and strong, never fading as it dried. She cautioned that washes have to dry before laying down another color on top (glazing), otherwise the other color comes off since color sits on top and does not sink. It dries by evaporation. Using a hair dryer is not an option to speed up drying time since it makes Yupo expand and warp.

Another advantage is that mistakes can be much more easily erased, as long as the paint hasn’t yet dried. It can be lifted with paper towel or tissue, and these items can also be used for

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effect within the work. Sponges and squeegees are also an option for certain effects and making shapes.

Some artists lay out their compositions in pencil. Erasing regular pencil will leave areas that resist paint. Therefore, it is recommended to use watercolor pencil because it can be erased with water, maintaining the integrity of the paper.

Another advantage is that Yupo is of archival quality and can preserve work for years to come. However, Prete joined other artists in recommending use of a fixative on the work when it is complete.

"An artist sold a \$3,000 painting to someone in Florida but after a while the painting was affected by the humidity and began to drip," she said. "Therefore, it is wise to use a fixative and keep it in its place." She suggested Krylon for a sealer.

The paper can be used with other mediums but has drawbacks with pencil because of lack of ability to blend; also, layering is difficult with colored pencil. Watercolor pencils are better but blending and layering is still difficult. Oil pastels and markers reveal interesting effects but inks, watercolor, acrylics and oils are the best media for Yupo.

After all was said and done, Prete recognized that a tool has allowed her to explore outside the basic rules of art. Though she still obeys them, she is freer to let her inner artist play and have fun without constraints.

"When artists tell me they can't draw and are not willing to try and to learn, that tells me they don't have the passion," she said. Passion is the strength and the drive behind what Prete and other artists like her do.

"I no longer have the mindset to set goals," she said. She simply experiences her passion for art.



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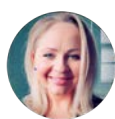
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