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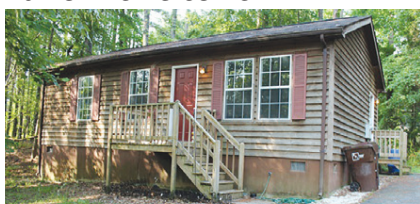
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Schools prep for solar power switch

BY RUTHANN CARR
CORRESPONDENT

The Fluvanna School Board decided to take advantage of the sun and voted unanimously on May 8 to harness solar energy.

Soon Sun Tribe Solar will begin putting solar panels on and around the county's school buildings – at no cost to the schools.

Besides no upfront expense, the move is predicted to save between \$4-6 million over the 35-year contract, according to Sun Tribe estimates.

As part of the power purchase agreement, the schools locked in a flat rate for electricity that is lower than the 10 cents per kilowatt hour it pays Dominion Virginia Power.

Superintendent Chuck Winkler began researching ways for the schools to be more environmentally friendly last October.

"This endeavor had a money savings aspect for the taxpayers," Winkler said. "A few school divisions around Virginia were exploring it. I

went to a few sites that had it in place and talked with a number of individuals. When we ran the numbers, it just made sense."

When Winkler first suggested the project to the School Board, members were skeptical.

Charles Rittenhouse (Cunningham) asked how Sun Tribe made money. "This looks too good to be true," he said.

Sun Tribe representative Tony Stephan explained the company makes money on the licensing agreements and the agreement with banks that loan it the money for the project.

Sun Tribe will use its in-house engineering and construction teams to design, permit and build the panels. It will own and operate the system for the life of the 35-year contract.

Andrew Pullen (Columbia) had several questions about roof-mounted panels and the effect they'd have on warranties.

After long periods of questions and answers – and a trip to visit Middlesex County Schools, which signed a similar agreement with Sun Tribe two years ago – the board was convinced it was the right way to go.

Shirley Stewart (Rivanna) was particularly impressed with the grant Sun Tribe gives for teachers to learn about solar energy and teach it in the classroom.

Winkler enumerated the benefits he sees, which include money savings back to the school budget, a large educational component and tie-in to the Standards of Learning tests, professional development and resources for continued education offered by Sun Tribe, and possible career and technical education benefits and future employment opportunities for Fluvanna graduates.

Taylor Brown, Sun Tribe solar chief technical officer, said the company was impressed by the amount of

study Fluvanna schools put into the decision.

"From the start, Superintendent Winkler and the School Board have been laser-focused on ensuring that this has been a community-focused process – asking tough questions and fighting for real savings of taxpayer dollars. We look forward to continuing to work closely with Superintendent Winkler and his team to power Fluvanna's schools through renewable energy today and for years to come," Brown said. "We're excited by the opportunity to partner with Fluvanna County Public Schools, who are embracing a cleaner energy future while also saving millions that can be used to support educators, facility modernization and classroom instruction throughout the district."

Sun Tribe estimates that 100 percent of the energy needs of Carysbrook Elementary, West Central Primary, Central Elementary, and Fluvanna Middle School will be met. It will also provide 61 percent of the energy needed to power Fluvanna County High School.

Winkler said the schools hope to have Central and Carysbrook operational by next January or February, with the middle and high schools to follow about a year later.

Fluvanna joins other Virginia school districts going solar, including: Arlington, Augusta, King William, Middlesex, Powhatan, Richmond City and Westmoreland.

"I'm certainly a fan of alternative energy sources, especially solar, and I was aware of other schools systems that were installing solar panels through various articles and publications, but until Sun Tribe made its presentation, I had no idea that we could save so much money in the coming years and that they could provide such an offset from the grid," Pullen said.

"Sun Tribe did an excellent job explaining everything to the board and answering our questions. I admittedly was hesitant, mainly because we were mistakenly told that we'd save so much money through the contract with Trane that the county entered into, but after much research, I was excited to make the motion to enter into a contract with Sun Tribe," Pullen continued. "I also excited to see the



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Winkler addressed the Trane contract in an email, saying: "Trane installed all new HVAC equipment in Central and Fluvanna Middle School. They installed new LED lighting in all of our buildings. They installed new HVAC controls that are digitally web-based in all of our schools to help increase energy efficiencies.

"Trane's original projections showed significant savings over a five-year period, but they indicated their savings in fuel gallons and kilowatts," Winkler continued. "The county calculated those rates into dollars using a formula that wasn't entirely accurate given our current reduced fuel rates. Therefore, over a five-year period we have not seen the actual dollars in savings. However, we have seen the gallons and kilowatt savings as projected."

TAX TIPS

BY RUDY GARCIA, RIVANNA WOODS FINANCIAL / TAX SERVICES

Never Take on the IRS Alone

Sleuthing your way through a tax audit by yourself is not the same as fixing a leaky faucet or changing your oil. Here are reasons you should seek professional help as soon as you receive a letter from the IRS:

IRS auditors do this for a living – you don't. Seasoned IRS agents have seen your situation many times and know the rules better than you. Even worse, they are under no obligation to teach you the rules. Just like a defendant needs the help of a lawyer in court, you need someone in your corner that knows your rights and understands the correct tax code to apply in correspondence with the IRS.

Insufficient records will cost you. When selected for an audit, the IRS will typically make a written request for specific documents they want to see. The list may include receipts, bills, legal documents, loan agreements and other records. If you are missing something from the list, things get dicey. It may be possible to reconstruct some of your records, but you might have to rely on a good explanation to avoid additional taxes plus a possible 20 percent negligence penalty.

Too much information can add audit risk. While most audits are limited in scope, the IRS agent has the authority to increase that scope based on what they find in their original analysis. That means that if they find a document or hear something you say that sounds suspicious, they can extend the audit to additional areas. Being prepared with the

proper support and concise, smart answers to their questions is the best approach to limiting further audit risk.

Missing an audit deadline can lead to trouble. When you receive the original audit request, it will include a response deadline (typically 30 days). If you miss the deadline, the IRS will change your tax return using their interpretation of findings, not yours. This typically means assessing new taxes, interest and penalties. If you wish your point of view to be heard – get help right away to prepare a plan and manage the IRS deadlines.

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Andy Sorrell

Chair Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Council

Those living in Fluvanna already know it's a great place to call home. In an era where sprawl has overtaken many communities, over the last 30 years, the County done a super job of preserving and protecting its natural and cultural resources. But a new age is dawning, and it is built upon fast internet. As many of us saw in the news last week, Governor Northam was here Thursday celebrating the expansion of broadband - first to the eastern part of the county and soon to the rest of the Fluvanna. With fast internet on near horizon, it is time to really begin using it to our advantage by connecting our special resources with those who want to enjoy them.

The County's Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee (EDTAC) is working on ways to do just that. We are fleshing out a listing of 101 things to do in Fluvanna (actually many, many more things than 101, but that's a catchy name!) a list of all the events, activities, eateries, wineries, breweries, meaderies (and hopefully a few cideries and distilleries too) and the natural and recreational amenities we have here – the three rivers, the hundreds of acres at Pleasant Grove, the Route 76 Bike Route (that runs through Fluvanna from Yorktown, VA to the state of Missouri!) to name a few. Now can you imagine a self-guided "create-your-own" trail that you could pull up on your phone that guided you and your family on

a Fluvanna adventure based upon what you wanted to do? That helps you make an online reservation for overnight lodging and then guides you to a cool historical sites, artisans, pick-your-own farms or perhaps for a float of the James with an evening at one of our local wineries or dinner in Fork Union or Scottsville. With all the new infrastructure at Zion Crossroads, fast internet in the county and all of great natural and cultural resources Fluvanna has – we just need to keep cataloging what we have and use today's technology to connect the world with all Fluvanna has to offer.

Andy Sorrell serves as the chair of the Fluvanna County Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee. He and his family have lived in Palmyra for 15 years. The purpose of the Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Council (EDTAC) is to advise, assist, support, and advocate for suitable economic development and tourism policies, programs, and activities. The council helps maintain a County-wide perspective in support of a diversified economy, employment creation, higher paying jobs, and an expanded revenue base for local government services, while preserving and protecting the County's rural and agricultural character, heritage and cultural resources, and tourism opportunities. Contact Bryan Rothamel if you are interested in serving on the Council.

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Pickleball emphasizes fun, friendship and fitness

BY DUNCAN NIXON
CORRESPONDENT



Warren McIvor to serve. Photo by Duncan Nixon.

The United States of America Pickleball Association (USAPA) website claims that pickleball is the fastest growing game in America. The site reports that pickleball was invented in a backyard on a badminton court in 1965, and that there are now over 3 million players in the U.S.

Pickleball is a game that resembles tennis and badminton. Paddles are used to hit a plastic whiffle ball back and forth over a tennis net. The court is lined off like a tennis court, but is considerably more compact. Accordingly, there is far less side-to-side action required to play at a reasonable level. Singles play is allowed but the vast majority of pickleball games are doubles play, with mixed doubles play extremely common.

This sport is very popular in retirement communities, but it is decidedly not just for retirees. There are professional tournaments for men and women as well as for senior professionals. On a recent Saturday there were teens and 20-somethings playing at the Lake Monticello courts.

At Lake Monticello and in Fluvanna County, the game has a solid core of adherents. Warren McIvor said that his email list of interested players includes about 50 individuals. There are three places to play in the county. All

of the tennis courts at the main clubhouse at Lake Monticello are lined for pickleball. Pickleball players have reserved two courts every Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Individuals who wish to play on the Lake Monticello courts at the main clubhouse are required to pay a fee of \$100 a year. Free play is available on the Lafayette tennis courts within Lake Monticello and indoors at the Carysbrook gym. Available times for the indoor courts are determined by Fluvanna Parks and Recreation.

McIvor said that there is no league play and that local players emphasize the three Fs: fun, friendship and fitness. He also pointed out that players are able to arrange games on all days of the week. On July 11 at the 10 a.m. start time, there were 15 players on hand with two courts reserved for pickleball play. As a result, eight players were competing at a time with seven players waiting to move onto the court.

As with pick-up basketball, the winning team generally stays on the court to take on the next twosome. The action can be fast as the ball is volleyed from close distances. Reaction times matter, but there is far less sideway and back and forth movement as compared to tennis. Only a

step or two in any direction is required. On a hot day, players can work up quite a sweat.

Enthusiasts from Lake Monticello and Fluvanna County sometimes play at nearby locations, such as Louisa and Charlottesville, and can often find a game when traveling. Players who are visiting the Lake and the county are welcome to join in with the locals.

Anyone interested in joining the pickleball players at the Lake and in the county can call McIvor at 434-774-6724 or email him at gwmci@yahoo.com, or email Rachel Perez-Baum at fluvannapickleball@gmail.com. New players are welcome.

Letter to the Editor

Register for leadership program

I am writing to encourage county residents to take advantage of a wonderful opportunity that is available to each of us: the Fluvanna Leadership Development Program (FLDP).

My wife and I recently moved to Virginia from out of state to be near our children and grandchildren, which we are fully enjoying. But we soon realized that we wanted to know more about our new community, meet people and make new friends. We signed up for the Fluvanna Leadership Development Program, which met all of our needs. We learned about our community, the county government and all it has to offer, and met many new interesting and exciting people whom we continue to see.

I encourage you to register for the program.

Roger A. Burns
Lake Monticello



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Governor celebrates Fluvanna broadband expansion

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT



State Sen. Mark Peake (R-Lynchburg), CVEC Director George Goin, Gov. Ralph Northam (D), Del. Lee Ware (R-Powhatan), CVEC Director Gloria Vest, CVEC President and CEO Gary Wood, CVEC Director Roberta Harlowe, CVEC Director Frank Baber, CVEC Director H.T. Brown, CVEC Director Jace Goodling, Del. Rob Bell (R-Albemarle). Photo by Steve Johnson.

The sun came out just long enough on Thursday afternoon (July 11) to greet Gov. Ralph Northam, Central Virginia Electric Cooperative (CVEC) President Gary Wood, and county officials as they celebrated the next step in Fluvanna's technological evolution through CVEC's new subsidiary, Firefly Fiber Broadband.

About 60 people gathered under the pavilion at Lyles Baptist Church.

Board of Supervisors Chair Mike Sheridan noted that the 245-year old

church didn't have electricity until 1939. Today, they're waiting for reliable wifi.

They aren't alone. A 2017 survey conducted by the county found 15 percent of residents didn't have an internet connection at home, and 22 percent rely on inadequate or expensive services. Fork Union, Columbia and Cunningham Districts, in particular, lack service.

The survey also found that 19 percent of K-12 students don't have

internet in the home.

Sheridan, a long-time educator, said increased internet service would help students excel. "With this, these students will be able to come home, do the work, and take care of getting that education...so that hopefully, one day, they can take care of me," he joked.

"It's not uncommon to drive by our library in the evenings and see families and kids sitting in the parking lot using the free wifi we have there," said County Administrator Eric Dahl.

Northam has made rural broadband expansion a priority of his administration. In March, he announced \$4.9 million in grants for almost a dozen projects statewide. CVEC received \$641,967 for Fluvanna County, some of which will be used to extend service from its Columbia substation to 450 homes in Fluvanna and Cumberland counties.

In his remarks on Thursday, Northam said that increasing broadband would keep state and local economies thriving. "If you're going to have a business come to you in Virginia, invest in rural Virginia, and if you're going to help a business

Letter to the Editor

Resident unhappy with Nichols' performance

In reply to Supervisor Tony O'Brien's letter to the editor ("Nichols transformed county administration," in the July 11 issue) concerning former County Administrator Steve Nichols: I have had conversations with Mr. Nichols on at least four different occasions. I found the man to be extremely rude and a very poor example of what someone in public office should be. On two different occasions in his office our conversations were extremely one-sided. The man seems to enjoy talking at someone as well as talking down to them. He would ask you a question and before you could answer he would answer his own question. I have spoken to members of the Board of Supervisors on several occasions, including Mr. Don Weaver as well as Mr. Mike Sheridan concerning his attitude towards the public. I was told that Mr. Nichols would return my phone calls; I am still waiting for those calls. I have resided in this county for nearly 26 years now. I have had contact with several county officials over the years and found most all of them to be very professional. Mr. Nichols, in my opinion, never understood the fact that taxpayers like myself are entitled to voice their concerns and opinions. He was a very poor representative of this county. I can only hope that his replacement does not follow in his footsteps.

G. H. Carlin
Cunningham

grow, there is no way you're going to do it without access to the internet," he said. "Businesses are not going to come to parts of this country where they don't have access, in 2019, to broadband. It's just that simple."

Wood thanked Northam for the grant, which is a part of the company's \$110 million investment in fiber lines that will connect all 37,000 customers across 14 counties over the next five years.

"Rural people are very patient," he said. "They've been waiting here to stream sermons and events for a long time."

Wood praised the county for its support of the project's development over the past two years. When CVEC approached the county early on, Wood said, the county "stepped up and said, 'We'll help.'"

When the project is complete, Wood said Fluvanna County won't just have internet, but rather internet "as good you'll find anywhere in the world, right here in these woods."



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Obituary



Melanie Mae Stewart

Melanie Mae Stewart, 73, of both Stockton Springs, Maine, and Palmyra, Va., passed away on the afternoon of July 2, 2019. She was born to the late Wesley Jacob Steesy and Marcella Mae Steesy on June 28, 1946.

As the daughter of a naval officer, young Melanie called many cities her home – including San Diego, Calif.; Adak, Alaska; and Norfolk, Va. – before settling in Silver Spring, Md., in 1955 with her parents and two older brothers, Walter and Riley Steesy. A graduate of the University of Maryland, Melanie was a special education teacher for several years. In 1974, she made the life-changing career move to full-time motherhood and spent the next 22 years as CEO of her household, raising her three children. Following in her father's entrepreneurial footsteps, she took over his advertising business for a number of years, and even launched her own wedding invitation business, An Elegant Invite, that

she ran from her home office. She was an avid volunteer in school PTAs, gardening clubs, her women's club and her church.

In 1989, she married the love of her life, Wilson "Bill" Stewart, and they had 30 wonderful years together. For 23 years they split their time between Maine and Maryland. In 2012, Melanie and Bill traded Maryland for Virginia, finding a lovely home and neighborhood in Lake Monticello. Here she became extremely involved in their local Methodist church, founded a number of book clubs and became active in her history and wine clubs. She fell in love with the community and the rich history of the Charlottesville area.

Melanie enjoyed gardening, swimming, reading and even writing – authoring a number of nature and adventure books for each of her seven grandchildren.

Melanie is survived by her husband, Bill, her three children and her seven grandchildren, whom she loved traveling to visit for weeks at a time each year.

- Kenneth Rogers Clore II, his wife Erika, and their children Kenneth (12) and Landon (10);
- Erik Riley Clore, his wife Lisa, and their children Emme (8) and Sam (5); and
- Melinda Mae Staab, her husband Steve, and their children Madeline Mae (12), Gabriella (11) and Jack (7).

In lieu of flowers, donations would be gratefully accepted to Salem United Methodist Church, 840 Salem Church Rd, Palmyra, Va., 22963.

Obituary



MG George Rogers Robertson

George Rogers Robertson, Major General, U.S. Army (Ret.) passed away Saturday, July 6, 2019, at the age of 84.

MG Robertson served 31 years in the U.S. Army, retiring as the assistant chief of engineers. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1958 and served two tours in Vietnam. He commanded at many levels, including the 36th Engineer Battalion in Vietnam; Engineer District in Anchorage, Alaska; the MX Missile Program at Norton AF Base, Calif.; the U.S. Army En-

gineer Middle East Division in Saudi Arabia; and the North Pacific Engineer Division in Portland, Ore.

Upon retirement from the military, MG Robertson served as the associate director and deputy project manager for the Superconducting Super Collider Laboratory project in Waxahachie, Texas. He subsequently became the associate director for operations at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Batavia, Ill.

MG Robertson and his wife, Gale, retired to Lake Monticello in Palmyra, Va., in 2001. In June 2017 they relocated to The Fairfax Retirement Community at Fort Belvoir, Va.

MG Robertson is survived by his wife of 61 years, Gale Babcock Robertson; son COL (USA-Ret) Russell and his wife LTC (USA-Ret) Susan of Fairfax Station, Va.; son Randall and wife June of Rockledge, Fla.; daughter Christina Paxson of Troy, Va.; daughter Robin Von Tagen of Brentwood, Tenn.; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at noon on July 20 at the Palmyra United Methodist Church at 258 Palmyra Way, Palmyra, Va. He will be buried at a date to be determined at the Arlington National Cemetery with military honors. Visit www.fairfaxmemorialfuneralhome.com for more information.

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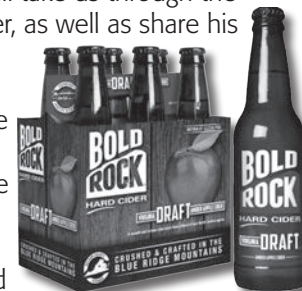
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Sharks swim a mean backstroke

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Liam Poole cheering on teammate Lauren Hockman in backstroke event.



Reese Yowell, Kayleigh Herring, Isabelle Thompson and Lila Kate Robinson. Photos by Erin Denby.

The Lake Monticello Swim Team (LMST) Sharks took on the Hollymead Hammerheads in a July 10 away meet. Despite their loss to the Hammerheads, LMST had several swimmers place in the top three in many events.

The Sharks took at least one of the top three places in 10 out of the 12 backstroke events. LMST earned five first place ribbons in backstroke by swimmers Liam Poole (5), Anna Amato (12), Megan Farist (14), Hunter Strickland (16) and Allyson Lounsbury (16).

Six second place ribbons were won by LMST swimmers Elias Drake (6), Matthew Farist (9), Reese Yowell (10), Art Maqani (12), Cole Gustafson (13) and Nathaniel Smith (16). Rebecca Creamer (6), Sophie Pace (11) and Olivia Strickland (19) took third place in backstroke for LMST.

In addition to their strong showing in backstroke, half of the Sharks who placed in the top three also improved their best backstroke time. Poole dropped 12.34 seconds from his seed time to complete the boys' 6 and under 25-meter backstroke event in 39.50 seconds. Drake had a significant time improvement in the same event, dropping 4.18 seconds for a final time of 42.94. Megan Farist dropped 2.34 seconds to complete the 13-14 girls' 50-meter backstroke in 36.94 seconds. Other time improvements include Chloe Kennedy placing fifth, dropping 8.77 seconds, and Kara Denby dropping 6.61 seconds in the girls' 8 and under 25-meter backstroke.

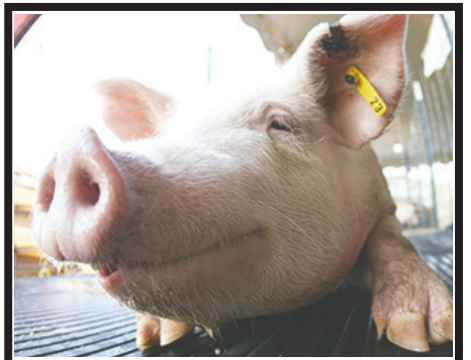
Although too numerous to mention all, other notable time improvements in their respective age bracket included Tyler Harris (15), placing fifth, dropping 2.81 seconds; Brogen Anderson (10) dropping 4.69 seconds; and Jayden Walding (12) dropping 7.8 seconds in the boys' 50-meter freestyle. Cassidy Hall (5) dropped 26.07 seconds in the girls' 25-meter freestyle. Landon Poole (10) placed fourth with a 3.75-second time improvement in the 9-10 boys' 50-meter breaststroke. In the 50-meter butterfly event, Landon Kovarik (9) placed fourth, dropping 3.62 seconds; Reese Yowell (10) placed second, dropping 2.78 seconds; Kayleigh Herring (10) placed sixth, dropping 12.95 seconds; and Jordan Franco (17) dropped 2.08 seconds, placing sixth.

The swimmers of the week were Addison Kimble (10) and Nicholas Kalinosky (8). Addison is always looking for ways to improve by coming to see her coaches after every race at meets and asking questions during practice. She is frequently seen cheering on her teammates. Nick comes to practice with a lot of enthusiasm and is always ready to learn something new. Nick was taught breaststroke and was able to swim it in a meet within a week.

Coach Sito Arroyo expressed his excitement for his swimmers' continued success by saying, "I am extremely proud of how much time our swimmers are dropping in the pool. Just this week we had to go request more

time improvement ribbons."

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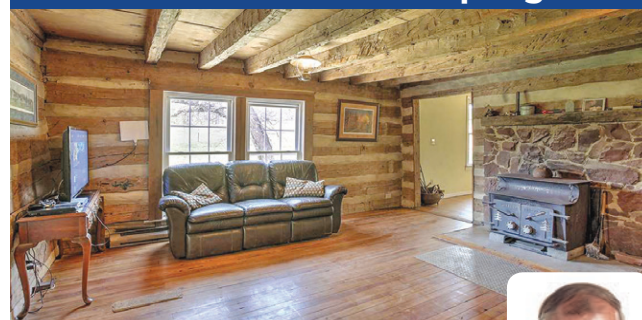


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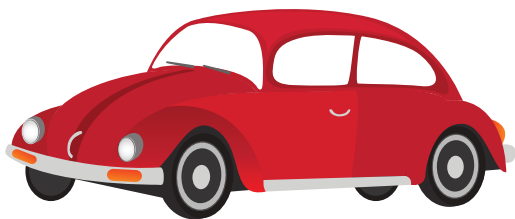
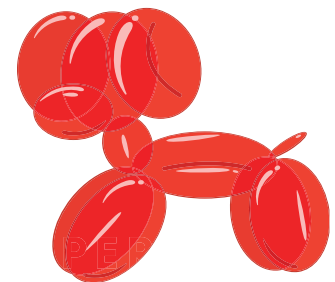


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FAST swimmers drop time

SUBMITTED BY AMY WILLIAMS

The Fluvanna Aquatic Sports Team (FAST) traveled to Stanardsville July 10 for a meet against the Greene Hills Gators. FAST fell to the Gators in a close 425-484 finish.

Four FAST swimmers swept their individual events. Abby Caruso (8) grabbed first in the 25-meter freestyle in an impressive 19.81 seconds, the 25-meter backstroke in just 22.94 seconds, and the 25-meter butterfly in 21.91, a more than two-second drop. Bela Varga (12), in his first meet of the season, scored wins in the 50-meter freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke events. Jackson Kinsella (14) swept with wins in the 50-meter backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. Emma DiFazio (17) led in the 50-meter freestyle, 50-meter backstroke with a time drop of 1.14 seconds, and the 50-meter butterfly.

FAST put up wins in the 50-meter freestyle events, with finishes by Harrison Williams (10), who dropped 1.76 seconds; Maya Hernandez (10), who dropped 1.04 seconds; and Anthony Caruso (14), who dropped 0.17 seconds.

In the backstroke, Ruth Grace D'Alessandro (10) and Shelby Crawford (13), with a significant 4.35-second time drop, secured firsts.

Wins in breaststroke went to Esther D'Alessandro (7) in the 25-meter, and Joey Hagan (15) in the 50-meter.

Finishing first in the butterfly events were Reed Williams (7) in the 25-meter, and Maya Hernandez (10) and Landon Mayhew (11) in the 50-meter.

The meet ended with the long

freestyle events. Esther D'Alessandro (7) swam to first in her 50-meter freestyle, while older sister R.G. took first in the 100-meter. Elizabeth Bryant (11) dropped 2.23 seconds to win her 100-meter freestyle. Anthony Caruso (14) and Joey Hagan (15) each captured their second wins of the night in their 100-meter freestyles.

FAST's final regular season meet took place Wednesday (July 17) away with the Louisa Gators. The Jefferson Swim League Championship Meet will be Friday and Saturday (July 26-27) at the University of Virginia Aquatics Center.



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PRESS RELEASE

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The six fatal crashes occurred in the counties of Highland, Loudoun, Lunenburg, Nelson, Pittsylvania and Spotsylvania. The Spotsylvania County crash on July 5 resulted in two deaths. Altogether, the crashes claimed the lives of four drivers and three passengers. Four of the deceased were not wearing seat belts.

"Recognizing the potential for more holiday travelers and festivities with July 4 falling on a Thursday this year, we made certain to have every available trooper working Virginia's highways during the holiday weekend," said Colonel Gary T. Settle, Virginia State Police superintendent. "Even though state police did its part to enhance its response times and traffic safety enforcement efforts, too many mo-

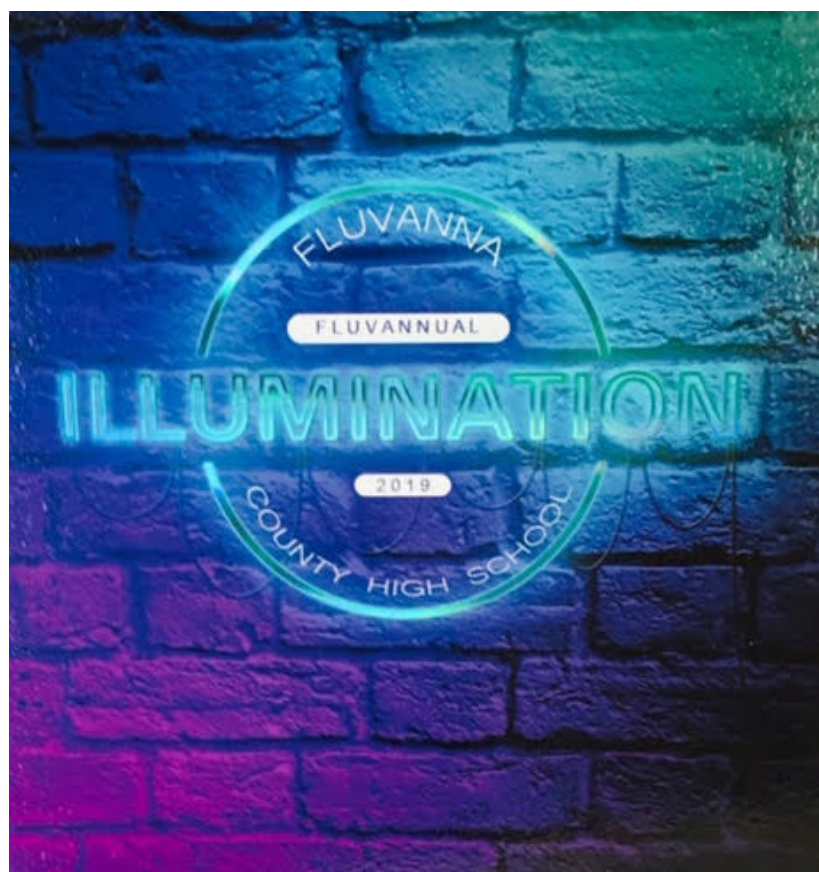
torists still put their lives and others at risk during the holiday weekend by failing to drive smart, safe or sober."

During the Operation Combined Accident Reduction Effort's (CARE) three-day statistical counting period, Virginia troopers arrested 79 drunk drivers. In addition, state troopers cited 5,389 speeders and 1,752 reckless drivers, and issued 723 citations to individuals for failing to obey the law and buckle up. During the holiday statistical counting period, Virginia State Police responded to a total of 548 traffic crashes statewide and assisted 1,791 disabled or stranded motorists. Operation CARE is a state-sponsored, national program intended to reduce crashes, fatalities and injuries due to impaired driving, speed and failure to wear a seat belt.

"We are at the height of the summer travel season, which is why we need every Virginian committed to being a safe, responsible driver," said Settle. "Please put as much attention into driving, buckling up and complying with speed limits as you do with planning the summer getaway. You and your family's safety depend on it."

Recent grads invited to pick up yearbooks

SUBMITTED BY ELIZABETH PELLICANE



Before heading off to college or careers, 2019 Fluvanna County High School graduates will be able to pick up pre-ordered 2019 yearbooks on two dates this summer.

To minimize the impact on staff members preparing for the new school year, graduates can pick up or purchase the 2019 book, entitled *Illumination*, on Thursday, July 25 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the front office. Books will also be available for graduates on Tuesday, Aug. 6 from noon to 6:30 p.m. Grads who do not pick up pre-ordered yearbooks on those dates will have to wait until after Sept. 1.

The 156-page book, which covers all 180 days of the 2019 school year, was created by the school's journalism team and features a cover with iridescent foil accents designed by two-time yearbook editor Denise Fierro-Ramirez.

Underclassmen will receive pre-ordered books on Friday, Aug. 13 during lunches.

Books are \$78 while supplies last. Online sales for the 2019 book are closed at this time, but you can still purchase 2019 copies by contacting epellicane@apps.fluco.org.

Parents of underclassmen who want to secure the lowest price of the year on the 2020 yearbook, *Perspectives*, can purchase them for \$65 on the Aug. 6 back to school night at the yearbook table at the school. *Perspectives* will be created by 2020 yearbook editors Maddie Grubbs, McKenzie Moore and Clio Schurtz.

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Food Lion launches To-Go grocery pick-up service

PRESS RELEASE

Food Lion began offering its To-Go grocery pick-up service Monday (July 15), at Turkeysag Trail location in Palmyra. The Scottsville Food Lion is also participating in the new grocery service.

To help introduce customers to this new service, Food Lion is offering shoppers their first pick-up for free. Prices are \$1.99 for a two-hour pick-up window with purchase of \$35 or more and \$5.99 for a pick-up under \$35. Prices are subject to change and a minimum purchase of \$10 applies.

The launch of this new, convenient service enables Food Lion to continue to deliver on its promise to ensure an easy, fresh and affordable grocery shopping experience, and it allows customers to order and pick up their groceries in as little as an hour.

"We are so excited to bring this convenient service to our Palmyra store and allow customers to spend more time on what matters most to them," said Wilby Hodson, Palmyra Food Lion store manager. "With the Food Lion To-Go service, our associates become personal shoppers and are able to hand-pick the freshest produce and best cuts of meat, just as they would for their own family. We look forward to

continuing to nourish our neighbors with this new convenient service."

Food Lion wants to give Palmyra residents the option to shop through the channel they prefer: in-store or online. With the click of a button, Food Lion To-Go allows customers to experience the same low prices and fresh food items without having to ever enter a store. The online service lets customers fill a virtual cart with the grocery items they need and schedule a pick-up time that works for their schedule.

Customers can visit shop.foodlion.com and select the closest participating store based on their zip code. Next, they may add items to a virtual cart. Once they are done filling their cart, customers can check out and pick a day and hour window in which they want to pick up their groceries and proceed to check out. A Food Lion associate will then accept the order and prepare it at the store for the customer's designated pick-up timeframe. Upon arrival, To-Go shoppers may park in the designated parking area, where a Food Lion associate will deliver their order directly to their car. Food Lion To-Go is available seven days per week from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Holistic outreach services offered to veterans

PRESS RELEASE

Holistic Outreach for Veterans (HOV) will host its first event in Fluvanna County, offering holistic services free of charge to veterans. The group will meet at Salon DeShano Monday (July 22) from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Subsequent events will be held the fourth Monday of every month.

HOV is a volunteer program for veterans focused on stress reduction and relaxation to promote the body and spirit's natural abilities to heal and recover from trauma. Services will be offered on a drop-in, first-come first-served basis in a group setting where veterans will receive all services fully clothed. Licensed, trained practitioners will be providing the treatments.

Group founder Kim Munson is a reiki master teacher and mindfulness meditation instructor who lives, practices and teaches in Fluvanna County. Her father was a WWII Army veteran and her son is an Operation Enduring Freedom Marine veteran. The experiences of her father and son showed her the real need for and benefit of these services.

Holistic modalities treat the physical and emotional effects of trauma by gently

bringing the body into a state of calm and balance. Through gentle, noninvasive touch, the central nervous system relaxes into a restorative state of rest. Many services can also be rendered without touch.

Veterans will be treated in a caring, compassionate and confidential environment. These modalities have been shown to be helpful with pain, fatigue, anxiety, depression, PTSD, concentration, addiction, sleep disorders, musculoskeletal issues and much more.

Types of modalities offered are reiki, massage, craniosacral therapy, reflexology, acupressure, zero balancing, meditation, aromatherapy and nutritional counseling, depending upon available practitioners.

Salon DeShano is located at 202 Turkey Sag Trail #2 in Palmyra. Owners Jacqui and Jeff DeShano are also a military family. They are donating the use of the salon for this community program.

Contact Kim Munson at 434-249-1806 or Roy Hughes at 434-202-9703 for more information. To volunteer, visit HOV via Facebook or email holisticoutreachforveterans@yahoo.com.

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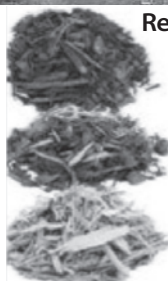
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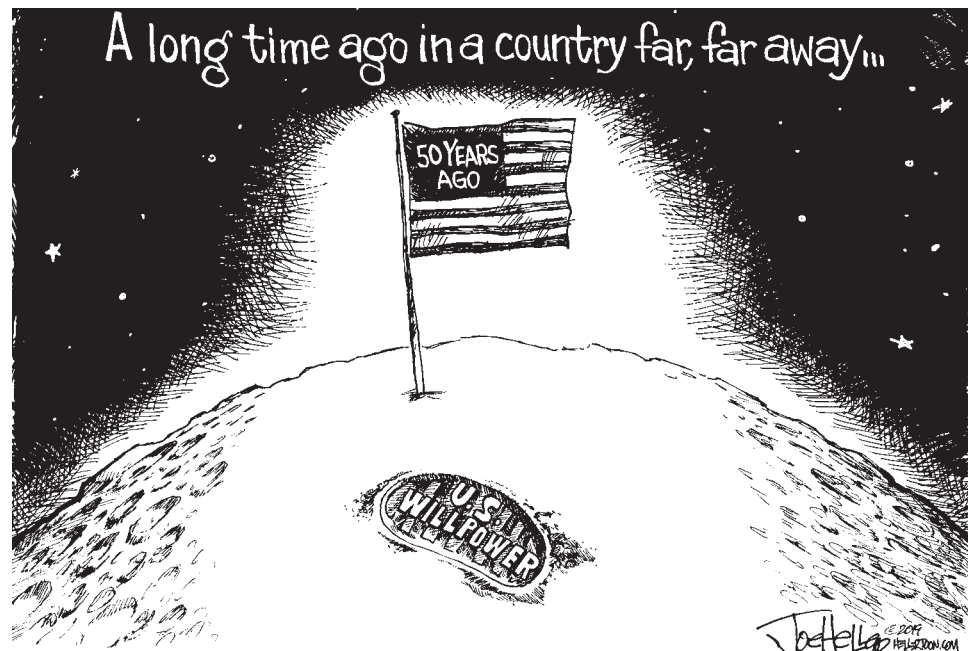
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LOUD NOISE COMPLAINT	5
NUISANCE WILDLIFE	2
OPEN DOOR	1
OTHER LAW CALL	17
PEDESTRIAN IN ROAD/INTOX PEDES	4
PRISONER TRANSPORT	5
PROJECT LIFESAVER-RELATED CALL	2
REPOSSESSION	1
RESIDENTIAL BURGLAR ALARM	4
ROAD NAME SIGN DOWN	1
SELECT PATROL	166
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY	1
STRAY CAT	1
STRAY DOG	11
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY/PERSON	40
DIRECT TRAFFIC/FUNERAL TRAFFIC	1
TRAFFIC HAZARD	2
TRAFFIC STOP	120
TREE DOWN	1
TRESPASSING/HUNTING TRESPASS	1
VCIN HITS RECEIVED	1
VCIN QUERY RUN	5
WARRANT CHECK IN/OUT	4
WARRANT RECEIVED	4
OUT SERVING WARRANT	10

TOTAL INCIDENTS 699

CRASHES

MVC NO INJURY	14:53:26 07/03/19
4000 BLK THOMAS JEFFERSON PKWY	
MVC W/ ANIMAL	05:55:30 07/04/19
NORTH BOSTON RD & BROOMSEDGE DR	
MVC NO INJURY	08:43:26 07/04/19
EAST MAIN ST & POPLAR SPRING RD	
MVC NO INJURY	18:24:40 07/04/19
1180 BLK THOMAS JEFFERSON PKWY	
MVC INJURY/UNK	18:43:15 07/04/19
TROY RD & JAMES MADISON HWY	
MVC INJURY/UNK	10:31:51 07/05/19
COMMUNITY HOUSE RD & COVERED BRIDGE RD	
MVC NO INJURY	16:23:25 07/05/19
1290 BLK SHORES RD	
MVC NO INJURY	17:28:05 07/05/19
CHIPPEWA LN & LAKE MONTICELLO RD	
MVC INJURY/UNK	13:58:43 07/08/19
2510 BLK CARYSBROOK RD	
MVC NO INJURY	14:38:50 07/08/19
6270 BLK THOMAS JEFFERSON PKWY	
MVC NO INJURY	16:51:28 07/09/19
3360 BLK THOMAS JEFFERSON PKWY	
MVC INJURY/UNK	04:27:19 07/10/19
LAKE MONTICELLO RD & TUSCARORA DR	
MVC NO INJURY	13:05:27 07/11/19
THOMAS JEFFERSON/COMMONS BLVD	

TOTAL CRASHES 13

ARRESTS

JULY 3 AT 5:07 P.M.
HOME ADDRESS: BREMO BLUFF
FAILURE TO REGISTER AS SEX OFFENDER
JULY 4 AT 12:27 A.M.
HOME ADDRESS: CHARLOTTESVILLE
DUI/DUID
JULY 5 AT 12:37 A.M.
HOME ADDRESS: NEW CANTON
DUI/DUID, REFUSING BLOOD/BREATH TEST,
DRIVING ON A SUSPENDED/REVOKED
LICENSE, DRINKING WHILE OPERATING
VEHICLE, DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT
JULY 8 AT 3:24 P.M.
HOME ADDRESS: PALMYRA
POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED
SUBSTANCE
JULY 8 AT 7:34 P.M.
HOME ADDRESS: PALMYRA
VIOLATING A PROTECTIVE ORDER
JULY 8 AT 8:19 P.M.
HOME ADDRESS: PALMYRA
NO OFFENSE SPECIFIED
JULY 10 AT 5:37 P.M.
HOME ADDRESS: PALMYRA
TWO COUNTS OF FAILURE TO APPEAR, PRO-
BATION VIOLATION CAPIAS
JULY 11 AT 1:51 P.M.
HOME ADDRESS: BUCKINGHAM
DRIVING ON A SUSPENDED/REVOKED
LICENSE

TOTAL ARRESTS 8

SUDOKU

Edited by Margie E. Burke

Difficulty: Easy

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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:

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Long way off
- 5 As well
- 9 Cathedral topper
- 14 Garage service
- 15 Gladly, old-style
- 16 Judge's shout
- 17 Skin softener
- 19 FDR affliction
- 20 Spooky
- 21 Like some bookstores
- 23 Oversee
- 24 Kind of tea
- 26 Astronomer's concern
- 28 Nudge, as memory
- 30 Lab fluids
- 32 Animal pouch
- 33 Egyptian bird
- 35 Firearms science
- 40 Hunter's feast
- 42 Banderas of film
- 43 Good thing to keep in an interview
- 45 Enlarge, as a hole
- 46 Sedona maker
- 47 Salacious look
- 49 Antagonist
- 50 Tori of TV
- 54 Urban garden spot
- 56 Arrived
- 57 Swamp stalk
- 59 Animal snares
- 62 Open, as a toothpaste tube
- 64 Cantankerous
- 66 Superman portrayer
- 67 Copter's fore-runner
- 68 Pizazz
- 69 Group of ships
- 70 Player's cards
- 71 Libraries do it

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- 2 Get angry
- 3 Indigenous Australian
- 4 Piece of history
- 5 1996 Olympics torch lighter
- 6 Substitution word
- 7 Like some massages
- 8 Frequently
- 9 Set of instructions, briefly
- 10 Bodyguard, e.g.
- 11 Slacker
- 12 Jockey's handful
- 13 Lose ground?
- 18 Wranglers alternative
- 22 Exhume
- 25 Suave
- 27 Expansive
- 28 Bee Gees hit "___ Talkin'"
- 29 Do as told
- 31 Fly off the handle
- 34 Some time off
- 36 Loafer's lack
- 37 Beyond words
- 38 "Bye now"
- 39 "___ Like It Hot"
- 41 Gardener's purchase
- 44 Africa's largest nation
- 48 Drilling grp.
- 50 Scaly dry skin
- 51 Control ___
- 52 Run the show
- 53 Stable sound
- 55 Bay window
- 58 Mild expletive
- 60 Scheme
- 61 E-mail option
- 63 Furry friend
- 65 Ground cover

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

A	C	M	E		A	V	A	I	L		R	A	F	T
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School Board hits brakes on testing discussions

BY RUTHANN CARR
CORRESPONDENT

In many ways the Fluvanna School Board meeting Wednesday (July 10) was a study in frustration.

After lengthy discussions on testing, the cost of getting audiotapes of meetings and the fiscal year 2019 (FY19) budget, no action was taken on those topics.

Chair Perrie Johnson (Fork Union) brought up her concerns about testing for what seemed like the umpteenth time.

"I agree with Virginia's secretary of education who went on record this spring saying he wants to move away from what he called toxic standardized tests," Johnson said. "I agree with Ted Dintersmith, an author we brought in to speak to our students, who included in his book five pages of negative comments about standardized tests and test preparation. I agree with parents who've contacted me about testing, every one of them concerned about the negative effect a high level of testing has on their children."

Johnson then said Andrew Pullen (Columbia) early on made a motion to eliminate the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) test because it's not required by the state.

"I understand that we're required to measure student growth, but after hearing from the testing committee about the assessments they prefer, I agree with Mr. Pullen and propose we

reduce testing by discontinuing MAP and follow the example of the high school, which uses existing pre- and post-tests tied directly to classroom instruction to determine student growth," she said.

Pullen said he still felt eliminating the MAP test was a step in the right direction, but that he considers it "just a start."

Shirley Stewart (Rivanna) said she was uncomfortable zeroing in on testing without a clear instructional aim. "We need to make sure the tests we're giving are measuring what we want to measure and what we want them to learn," she said.

Stewart also said people complain about the use of technology and she'd rather look at that than eliminating a piece of testing.

Brenda Pace (Palmyra) said she noticed in the staff survey comments many said they preferred MAP testing.

Superintendent Chuck Winkler said the testing committee suggested cutting back on testing.

"I know we're testing too much and the recommendations of the testing committee do reduce testing," Winkler said. "We have to listen to parents, yes. We are the experts and we have to trust the experts."

In the end, there was no consensus, so Johnson said she'd quit bringing up the issue during the unfinished business section of meetings.

Meeting recordings

A year ago the board asked Winkler to audiotape the meetings and make the recording available to the public. He discussed it with the school's legal team who advised him posting the recording on the school website would open the board up to a possible lawsuit for violating the American with Disabilities Act.

At that time, he told the board it would take up clerk Brandi Critzer's time to copy the recording onto a CD because she'd have to sit and watch the recording to make sure it didn't stop and if it did, she would need to start it back up at the right place.

Winkler suggested a cost of \$75 for a request for a CD meeting recording. In the fall, the board approved that.

People are free to come in at no cost and listen to the meeting recording at the School Board office.

Johnson opened the discussion Wednesday by saying she was in favor of lowering the cost.

Pullen said he'd rather see recordings more accessible. "I'd like to eliminate the cost altogether and post them online and not charge anything," he said, noting that's what the county does with its Board of Supervisors meetings.

Winkler said if someone wanted them posted in Spanish or Braille, they'd have to do that to be equita-

ble. Satisfying that requirement could be costly.

He didn't explain why a sight-impaired person couldn't listen to the recording.

County Administrator Eric Dahl told the *Fluvanna Review* that the county has been posting recordings of the Board of Supervisors meetings online since 2010, and that there has been no request to have the recordings translated since at least 2015.

At one time high school media students videotaped the meetings, but it became too time-consuming.

Stewart asked Winkler to research what it would cost to make the recordings available online. Charles Rittenhouse (Cunningham) agreed

Year-end budget

Talking about the year-end FY19 budget, Winkler and Brenda Gilliam, executive director of finance and curriculum, said June's bills were higher than expected.

At the June meeting, Winkler said he felt comfortable they would end the year with a \$1.4 million surplus.

However, on Wednesday he said the surplus will be \$851,607, in part because of \$1,125,000 more spent in June than budgeted.

Gilliam said there is still unrealized revenue coming in from state, federal and other local money that amounts to a little more than \$1.2 million.

That anticipated revenue should balance out the amount overspent in June, leaving the anticipated FY19 surplus to be \$851,607.

Pullen and Johnson both questioned the amount spent on technology in June.

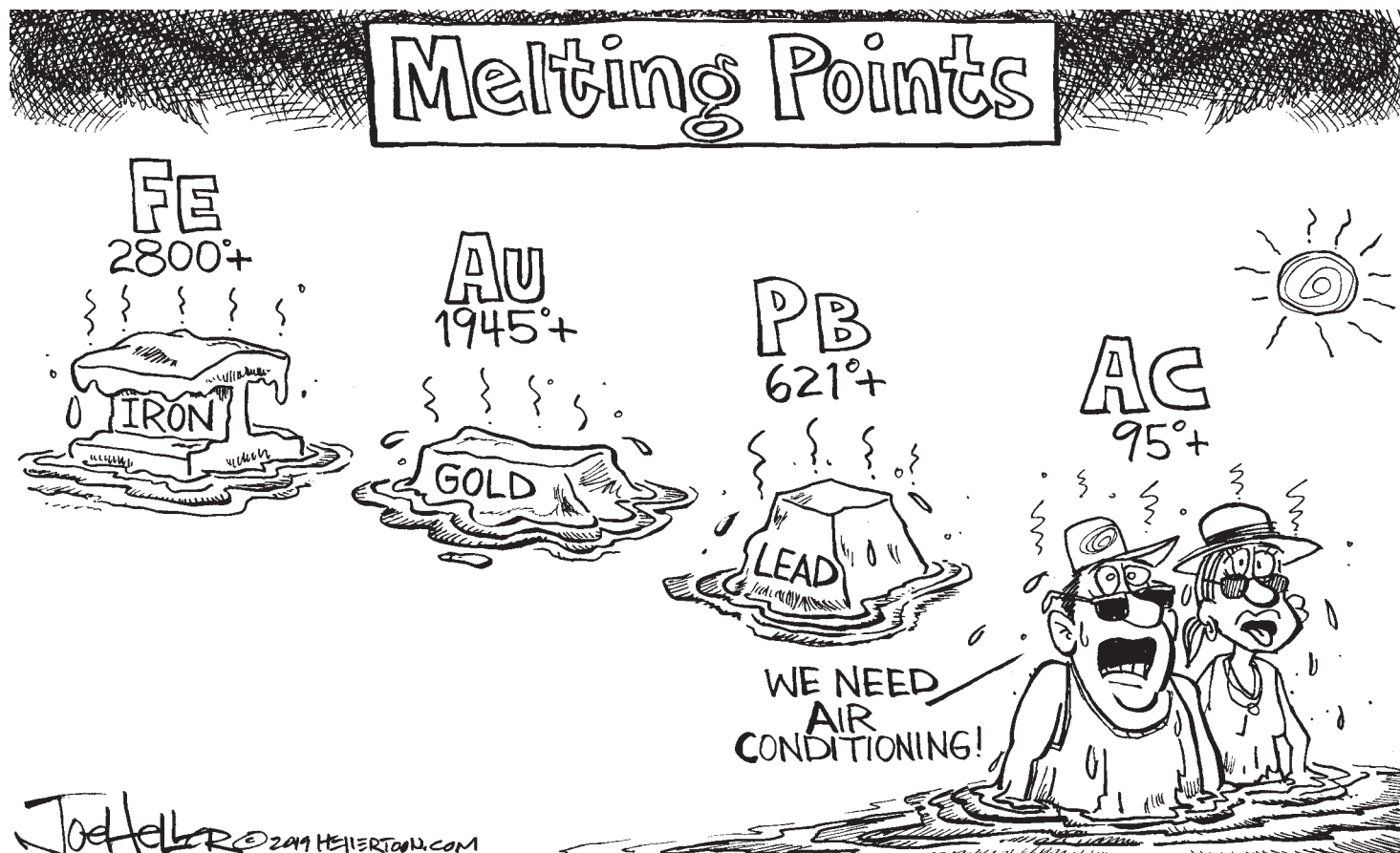
Winkler said they bought Chrome books for students and laptops and other equipment for teachers. Johnson said she still didn't understand the numbers and how it appears what was spent came close to \$3 million.

If the carryover in June was projected to be \$1.4 million, Johnson asked, how did they get the \$3 million it appears was spent in June?

No one else on the Board expressed similar concern.

Gilliam didn't have the same numbers Johnson was looking at and promised to go over her records to find the discrepancy.

Johnson said she eventually wanted a better explanation of the technolo-



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Saving horses a passion for local woman

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT



Lori Brown and Luna. Photos courtesy of Lori Brown.

Those who have owned, ridden and loved horses may not be aware of what happens to these beautiful animals when they have outlived their usefulness.

Lori Brown, a former horse show mom who traveled the circuit with her three daughters, devotes her time and love to horses in a different way now that her daughters no longer show. Her mission nowadays is to use her horse farm as a halfway house for rescued horses, and a sanctuary for those put out to pasture until their last days.

Her farm sits on 245 acres in the Cunningham area of Fluvanna. Brown bought the farm in 1999 and initially owned hunters and jumpers, but in 2012 when her daughters went to

college and moved away, she found a new purpose. Her farm is not a rescue but is rather a private farm that cares for retired and rescued horses for a nonprofit organization in New Jersey. She currently houses 96 horses, but her numbers can change as horses find their forever homes or pass away.

Since Brown had the facility and the experience, she was able to help when she was contacted by the Standardbred Retirement Foundation, looking to board horses in Virginia.

"Our weather is nice, not too hot and not too cold. It's easier for horses to grow old without extreme temperatures so I agreed to take in a few of their retired horses and that's how it began," said Brown. All these horses have been Standardbred racers,

meaning they pull sulkies or carts and are pacers or trotters as opposed to thoroughbred racing. Most have had second and third jobs in life, primarily as riding horses, and then they come to Brown to retire.

Brown began rescuing horses a year ago when another nonprofit organization, Save Our Standardbreds from Slaughter (SOSS), contacted her to take in a couple horses that had been saved from a kill buyer in Louisa. SOSS's mission is to rescue these horses, rehab them and find forever homes.

"Unfortunately they are not always able to do that," Brown said. "The kill buyers keep getting in horses, good people keep paying their bail money to save them, but without a home offer they have no place to go and the retirement foundation is forced to retire them in their program. At this time the foundation is full to capacity so unfortunately, unless a horse has a home offer, he cannot be saved."

Most of the rescued horses Brown has at her farm come from auctions in New Holland, Penn. "Every one of my horses has a story," she said. "There are stories of hard work, stories of abandonment, love stories, stories of life – just like people."

She then told the story of Luna. "One horse was a little different than the usual horse coming from New Holland, and seemed to have been cared for by somebody before she ended up in the horse auction and then to me by way of the kill buyer." The horse was pregnant and gave birth to a little filly born on the full moon before Easter. Brown named

her Luna.

Grumpy Jake, his registered name, was nothing like his name but was instead what Brown calls an absolute sweetheart. Jake's is a love story. Brown was contacted by a man from Ontario, Canada, desperately trying to find a place for his horse to stay until it was well enough to make the trip home. This man gave his horse away to a friend several years ago, who promised to keep him forever. That was not the case and the friend sold the horse. The original owner then found the horse in a sale in Canada but he needed \$5,000 to buy the horse back and didn't have the money. He lost the horse again. For the next five years he searched for this horse.

"He told me there wasn't a day that went by that he didn't think about him," Brown said. "He contacted every rescue organization to please look for his horse, Grumpy Jake. Well, he [finally] got his phone call...that Jake had been found at a kill buyer in Virginia." He paid for Jake immediately, but Jake was not healthy enough to travel to Canada. Brown was contacted and Jake is with her, rehabilitating. He will eventually be reunited with his owner, who was crying so hard on the phone at the good news that his wife had to take the call.

"My goal is to give each horse the best quality of life for its remaining years," Brown said. "The key to that is not only medications and feedings, but grouping them with others by needs and personality. But we have to be their voice and tell their stories."



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