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# Monacans speak out against James River **Water Project**

BY HEATHER MICHON CORRESPONDENT

Members of the Monacan Indian Nation and their supporters appeared before the James River Water Authority on Tuesday (Aug 13) to protest a planned water pumping station atop what they believe to be the site of the historic settlement of Rassawek.

Many of the speakers made it clear they are ready to go to court if the authority refuses to move the project.

"It is clear that you will attempt to pit the taxpayers of your county against the interests of those who believe that Rassawek is too important to destroy," said Marion Werkheiser of Cultural Heritage Partners, a law firm working with Monacan tribal leaders.

The James River Water Project (JRWP) is a multimillion-dollar joint venture between Louisa and Fluvanna counties to provide water to Zion Crossroads and other parts of Louisa County. A pumping station at Point of Fork, at the confluence of the James and Rivanna rivers near Columbia, will eventually draw

over 6 million gallons of water per day to a new treatment plant near Ferncliff.

But archaeologists have long believed Point of Fork was once the village of Rassawek, one of the most culturally significant sites in Monacan history.

A 2018 archaeological survey requested by the Army Corps of Engineers on the recommendation of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) found pottery sherds, human remains, and other artifacts dating back as far as

While this does not conclusively prove the Rassawek was once located at Point of Fork, archaeologists have called for more exploration of the site.

The Monacan tribe has been in discussions with the authority since 2017. In November 2018, they requested the authority relocate the pumping station.

In comments to the authority on Tuesday, Chief Kenneth Branham said his tribe was ready to protect the graves of their ancestors.

"We don't know exactly where they are, could be any place in that 100 acres...and because of that, we are fighting this to the end. And we will fight this to the end," he said. "I don't think any of you gentlemen would like to see your grandparents and great-grandparents

"Yes, mistakes have been made," he added. "Man up."

Branham was supported by Chief Frank Adams of the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, Chief Robert Gray of the Pamunkey Indian Tribe, and Earl Evans of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe.

"Tribes are not anti-development," Evans stressed in his remarks. "We have to live here too. We implore you to be a good neighbor."

"These aren't just old bones to us," he

Dr. Jeffrey Hantman, professor of archaeology at the University of Virginia, has been working with the Monacan tribe for decades. He called Rassawek "the most important site in the Piedmont and it should be preserved."

"In my opinion," said Hantman, "no amount of proposed mitigation can balance the destructive effects of this historic site and this sacred site."

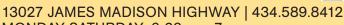
Angelo Lomascolo, a retired lawyer living in Louisa, had some sympathy for the water authority members. "You're here to get the financing off the books of the county, and you're here to take the heat for stuff like this," he said.

Lomascolo pointed out that the counties were racing against time to meet water needs for the Zion Crossroads area, and the longer it took to get water to the area, the more likely it was that there would be a water crisis.

In his opinion, getting into a legal battle over the current proposed site was counterproductive. "It's time to find a new site. Let's get the water up here," he concluded. "It will be years before this litigation is over."



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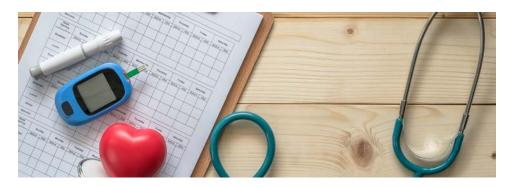
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# luvanna Business Corner

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**Bryan Rothamel** Fluvanna County Economic Development Coordinator

spent some time in this space traveling through the various business communities of Fluvanna. We have visited Zion Crossroads, Fork Union, Crofton, Turkey Sag and Slice Road. We have named over 150 businesses in just these locations.

It is important to do these trips through our writing but also through actual, physical travel too! It is vital because it builds community. Shopping local doesn't build a community just because it helps a local store. Shopping local is a form of placemaking.

Placemaking is a buzzword among economic development and planning officials alike right now. Placemaking simply is activities, ideas or policies that cause residents to be even more attached to their home community. When we shop local, yes we undoubtedly are utilizing a store which in turn helps it stay in business, but that business in turn is hiring people who live nearby and they are shopping around

ver the last few months we have the same community. And the store is also hiring accountants, cleaning staff, drivers, and landscapers that also can be local.

> That local store has an owner you see at the grocery store or at the soccer field. The cashier is a member of your local volunteer group. Also, the store was there when you were a kid or is a store you hope your kids will remember fondly when they reminisce about growing up in Fluvanna.

> The push to "shop local" can often feel contrived and almost like a guilt trip. That's not a goal of placemaking or our goal either. The placemaking goal is creating a strong community that is a big cheerleader for new residents coming to the area or when our team wins a state championship or when a company is looking to expand into our area.

> We hope you have learned or enjoyed the places we've taken you. And we hope you've even bumped into a few you didn't realize we had!

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# School Board defers action on testing for second time

BY HEATHER MICHON CORRESPONDENT

For the second time in as many months, the Fluvanna School Board deferred a decision on whether to eliminate a standardized testing program known as Measures of Academic Progress, or MAP.

The issue was not originally on the agenda for the meeting on Tuesday (Aug 13), but Andrew Pullen (Columbia) moved to add it as an action item. "We keep talking about it and talking about it and talking about it and talking about it," he said, "so I'd rather take it up for a vote."

Superintendent Chuck Winkler made the case for keeping the program, which he called "the best tool that we have right now" to chart a student's progress across time and to identify issues early in a school career.

MAP is given to children up until Grade 7 and is not mandated by the state. Winkler acknowledged some members of the teaching staff who would prefer it be eliminated but based on his three decades' experience as an educator, his recommendation was to keep it. "I think you'd be doing a huge injustice to this school system academically by just saying 'we're doing away with MAP.""

Shirley Stewart (Rivanna) argued that putting it up for a vote at the last minute meant teachers didn't have the opportunity to voice their thoughts on the program. "I cannot imagine how they and other staff would feel to have the board vote on such a thing and they didn't know it was going to be on the agenda nor have the opportunity to come and speak about it."

"I've brought up MAP time and

time again, so I feel like the discussion has been out there," countered Chair Perrie Johnson (Fork Union).

As the discussion went on, it was clear a lack of consensus among school staff allowed board members to stake out positions on both sides of the issue. Pullen and Johnson argued that teachers and staff didn't want the testing; Pace and Stewart acknowledged the difference of opinion but felt that it was a valuable diagnostic tool and the testing decisions were better left to professionals like Winkler and his staff.

Charles Rittenhouse (Cunningham) said there were valid arguments for and against elimination, but added if there were repercussions for eliminating MAP, as Stewart warned, "we could just as easy reinstate it."

Just as Johnson called for a vote, Pullen withdrew it.

"I will rescind my motion for thirty days so that teachers have the opportunity to speak," he said. He added that he didn't feel that having the teachers restate their arguments would change anything.

The board then debated whether teachers would only be allowed to speak on the topic during public comments or during a separate presentation. "I prefer to leave it to public comments to keep it as neutral as possible," said Johnson.

"I have a question," said Pace. "If we vote this to be done away with, does the board have an answer to some other tool to be used to measure the growth of our children or lack thereof?"

"The point is less testing," said

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Johnson, "not substitute testing."

# Insurance

Retired teacher Chris Ann Ludwig raised an issue with her insurance during the first round of public comments.

A thirty-year veteran of Fluvanna schools, at the time of her retirement, Ludwig understood that long-standing policy allowed her and her family to enroll in the school system's health insurance plan at any point in the future, even if she had opted out in the past.

She was initially covered under her husband's plan but said it had always been her intention to return to the school system's plan when he retired.

When she contacted the administration, however, "it came to my attention that the policy had changed" just a few months earlier. She was told she could not be grandfathered into the program.

"I cannot tell you how upset and frustrated I was by this news." She asked the board to review the policy.

After Ludwig departed, the issue was added to the night's agenda.

Winkler explained that "Mrs. Ludwig is an extremely unusual situation," and believed there would be few if any similar claims in the future.

Following a brief discussion, members voted 5-0 to grandfather Ludwig into the insurance program.

# **Broadcasting**

At the July meeting, Winkler was tasked with researching the costs involved with making audio or video recordings of board meetings available to the public.

On Tuesday, Winkler and director of Information Technology Josh Gifford said that YouTube or Facebook Live were probably the best options, with Giffords leaning towards Facebook

Both platforms are free to use and archived video would be available for later viewing. Gifford said no special equipment would be needed.

Use of a third-party hosting platform might also relieve some concerns about compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). In July, Winkler told the board that the school's legal advisors were worried that posting audio on the school's website might open the board up to an ADA lawsuit.

The members requested that they try a broadcast of an upcoming meeting, perhaps as early as September.

# Other items:

- •The school year began on Thursday (Aug 8), and Winkler reported that it was "an extremely successful first four days."
- With a growing number of students participating in Fluco athletics, the members voted 5-0 to approve the hire of an additional athletic trainer to monitor student safety during training and events.
- •Winker advised approval of an insurance policy to cover students and staff during foreign travel. The policy costs \$2,000 annually. The motion passed 3-2, with Pullen and Rittenhouse voting no.

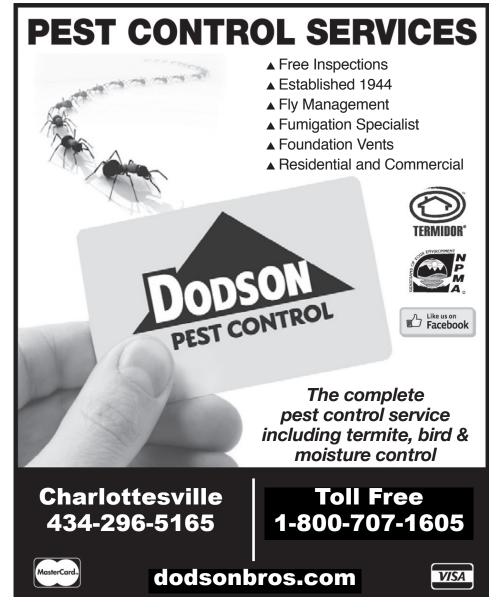




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# Obituary

# Joan Rainey

Joan Rainey, 70, of Palmyra, Virginia, passed away in her home on Friday, August 9th, 2019. She was born in Hampton, Virginia on June 11th, 1949 to Ruby A. and Albert Gerald (Jerry) Rainey. In 1963 she moved with her family to Williamsburg, Virginia. Joan graduated from York High School in 1967. During her senior year she served as editor of the school's literary magazine, The Eboracum, and was a founding member of the Quill and Scroll Club. Reading was a lifelong passion for Joan.

She also loved caring for others. She earned an associate degree in nursing from J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College in Richmond, Virginia. In 1980 she completed the Family Nurse Practitioner Program at the Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University. The same year Joan began working in the emergency room at the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville. She was very proud of her twenty-two years of service with this hospital.

In addition to caring for people, Joan passionately loved animals. She was an active participant in animal rescue and rehabilitation and personally adopted numerous dogs and cats from rescue organizations and shelters. During retirement Joan enjoyed a peaceful country life filled with animals, reading, music, gardening and cooking. She is loved and missed by her sister, Nan Rainey of Savannah, Georgia and brother, Don Rainey and wife Carol of Pembroke, Virginia and their daughters Erin Hoffman of Bristol, Virginia and Ann Danielson of Portland, Oregon.

For information on the memorial service contact Nan Rainey at 912-508-5220 or nanrainey1@ gmail.com. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Caring for Creatures animal shelter, 352 Sanctuary Lane, Palmyra, VA 22963 or the Fluvanna County Animal Shelter, 5239 Union Mills Road, Troy, VA 22974.

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# Author's novel reflects on artificial intelligence

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD **CORRESPONDENT** 



Erik A. Otto's book "Detonation," a dystopian novel reflecting society's worship of technology and chronic innovation is flagged with warning signs in reality. Many authors of this genre have expressed similar concerns, including George Orwell in his classic "1984" or Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World," and "Ray Bradbury's groundbreaking "Fahrenheit 451." They have an uncanny way of looking into the future with a "what if" attitude they apply to their works of science fiction, making their audiences see things in a different if not frightening

"Science fiction evokes a sense of wonder while at the same time allowing readers to wrestle with philosophical or social issues that they wouldn't otherwise consider. I always loved to extrapolate on a theme or conflict or technology and see where it could take us, and with science fiction, you can do that in a thought-provoking and entertaining way," said Otto. "Also, the fact that much of what we write about in science fiction could happen gives the narrative a greater gravity compared to other sub-genres of speculative

Otto's education is in biomedical engineering and business. He worked for Johnson & Johnson for twelve years, mostly evaluating new technologies and

business partnerships for their diabetes monitoring business. He then managed a small start-up business that was developing a software app ecosystem that alerted people with diabetes to risky blood sugar patterns. He is currently focusing on his writing but also trying to get a small non-profit off the ground called Ethagi that is advocating for the safe and ethical use of advanced artificial intelligence.

It was these scientific fantasy worlds that led Otto to his interest in writing. As a teenager, he was an avid reader of science fiction and fantasy and used to create sophisticated role-playing games in his basement. Even though he only played these games a few times he couldn't refrain making up new ones.

Some of the sci-fi authors that have shaped his views of the future include Ursula K Le Guin, one of his favorite

"Her work is always thought-provoking and entertaining. She is incredibly efficient with her prose, and she doesn't overwhelm you with exposition. I loved the "Left Hand of Darkness" and the "Hainish" novels." He also enjoys the works of Orson Scott Card. "You can tell he is trained as a playwright because the dialogue is so well controlled and each scene is a self-contained experience with

a beginning, middle and, end." He is also a fan of Isaac Asimov, Frank Herbert, and David Brin. "These names are perhaps a bit cliché but there is a reason they are on so many people's lists; they are masters at creating immersive and thought-provoking science fiction."

As for writing, that came later in his life. He calls himself a late bloomer and didn't do much writing in his youth but in the last twelve years, he says it has become a great passion. He has completed five fulllenath books.

"I have always loved being immersed in other worlds, and I think that is at the root of what inspired me to write." His novel "Detonation" is a narrative that shows the darker side of innovation between two societies and their struggles with a super intelligent machine. Realizing the chilling consequences leads them into conflict with an inexhaustible enemy. It is reminiscent of Rod Serling's "Twilight Zone" which often preached about such future occurrences with stunning results.

"I have been interested in AI from a young age, predominantly through science fiction books and films like "A Space Odyssey 2001" and "Artificial Intelligence." At the time it was a fascinating vanguard to explore in terms of human-machine interactions and the meaning of life. In the last few years my interest has been heightened because we are closing in on that vanguard with the incredible progress we are making in the field," he said. "I do believe we are approaching the singularity—a point when artificial intelligence surpasses human-level intelligence. When that happens, whatever machine intelligence we create will have more impact on our civilization than any other technological

paradigm, and if we don't set the initial conditions right, it could be very problematic for us as a species.

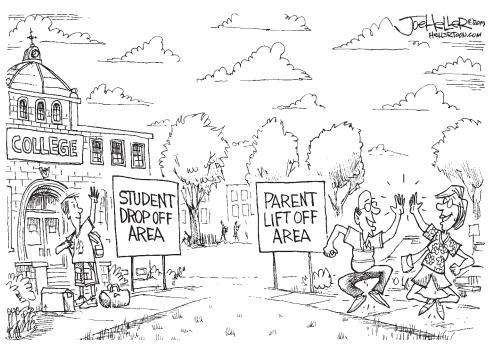
The idea for "Detonation" came late in 2016 when Otto was looking into the latest developments in machine learning. Hearing descriptions on how advanced AI is and how it could impact us in the longterm concerned him.

"I read books like "Superintelligence" by Nick Bostrom and "Life 2.0" by Max Tegmark, hoping to have my concerns assuaged. These books only amplified my fears. I realized that while there were many books and films about AI, there wasn't anything that did a good job illustrating how our society is so ill-equipped to understand the existential risks. This was the seed that inspired me to write Detonation."

He agrees that to an extent his dystopian novel has warning signs for technologically obsessed future generations if they become complacent with potential misuse.

"Al development, in particular, is governed by a Silicon Valley mindset of "fail fast" so you can get better, whereas for advanced AI approaches we should be looking at it like the Manhattan Project, or a trip to Mars. There are lots of ways to fail, and failure should not be an option, because it will be hard to rein in something that is a million times smarter than us once we let it loose."

Otto will be discussing his work at the next meeting of The Friends of The Library on Sept. 4, at 10 a.m. at the Fluvanna County Public Library. He adds he always welcomes more in-depth discussions about advanced AI and writing. People can get in touch with him via his author website; erik-a-otto.com.



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# Dolley Madison Quilters Guild – Celebrating the Art of Quilting for 30 Years

BY BARBARA WIMBLE CORRESPONDENT

After attending the July meeting of the Dolley Madison Quilters Guild, I took out the flannel patchwork quilt I inherited from my Mennonite grandmother that I had stored for years in my cedar chest. (I am changing where I store my guilt because Guild members have informed me that cedar is bad for cotton fibers.) This worn but still cozy quilt had been

lovingly hand-stitched by the ladies of her church. Although my grandmother sewed her own dresses and aprons and some of her family's clothes on her old treadle machine, she did not have time to guilt and participate in the church sewing circles. Raising a large family on a small farm during the Depression was hard, and there was an enormous amount of work to be done. As she wryly recalled about those years, "I always meant to have a nervous breakdown, but never found the time!" As I examined the stitches and stroked the soft flannel fabric, I wondered about whose worn shirts from which the squares were cut and who placed all of those tiny and even stitches.

Quilts tell stories. And they have been telling them throughout history.

# "When Life Hands You Scraps, Make a Quilt"

For centuries, women have been bowing their heads in concentration over their needlework, pricking their fingers in spite of the thimbles they wore, creating beautiful functional art, and socializing with other women at "sewing bees."

But first, what is quilting? And what is a "bee"? As a noun, a quilt means a three-layer stitched bedcovering. Quilt is also used as a verb, meaning the act of stitching through the layers to hold them together. Think of a quilt as a cloth sandwich, with a top (the decorative part), a filler in the middle, and a back. A bee is a meeting for communal work or amusement.

Quilting is believed to have been around long before European settlers arrived in the New World. People in nearly every part of the world used padded fabrics for clothing, bedding, and even armor. According to Quilting-in-America.com and FaveQuilts.com, although most women did make quilts in Colonial America, the quilting bee became a popular way to pass the time in the 19th century, especially for settlers of the Great Plains. These bees not only provided a chance for women to create a quilt, they were also an important social event. The gatherings were (and still are) a part of community life, like corn-husking bees and barn-raisings in Amish communities. The quilts created during these bees would often be used to commemorate special events, such as

weddings or births. The quilt as we know it was originally a strictly utilitarian article born of the necessity of needing warm covers for beds and hangings for doors and windows to keep out the cold. When money was scarce or imported textiles limited, many women had to become creative in their use of materials on hand. Pieced or patchwork quilts were generally the everyday bedcover. Every scrap of fabric and usable portion of worn garments were saved and used in quilts. These frugal women developed skills using these remnants and bits and pieces of recycled clothing, blankets, and feedsacks. Quilts were passed on from one generation to another and were cherished as precious heirlooms.



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# The Dolley Madison Quilters Guild

In the 21st century, quilt-making is still practiced, although now more for relaxation than out of necessity. There are 76 quilting guilds (comprising thousands of quilters) throughout Virginia that are part of the Virginia Consortium of Quilters, and Orange County boasts a very active one.

The Dolley Madison Quilters Guild was founded in 1989 by a few women who were employees of James Madison's Montpelier and wanted to learn quilting. They contacted Marty Moon, who had a quilt shop, Early Times Workshop in Charlottesville. She got them organized, and they have been keeping each other in stitches ever since. Their first meetings were held in Montpelier's north cellar kitchen. They met at a few other Orange locations until they found their current home, Dogwood Village Senior Living, for their monthly meetings.

The Guild currently has 45 members, most of whom are retired and therefore have more time for leisure activities like quilting. They are from all walks of life and professions - making up a "crazy quilt" of friends. Most of the Guild members learned to quilt from a family member, but quilting today is very different from their grandmothers' quilting. Quilters now have sophisticated computerized sewing machines, and hand-sewing is rarely done. What has not changed is that women (and men) are still getting together in churches and community centers to sew just as their ancestors did. They enjoy the fellowship of their quilt-enthusiast friends and the thrill of piecing together and creating beautiful art.

Rita Flyzik and Brenda Morris are the oldest active members of the Guild. Brenda started in 1998 when her neighbors Becky Grymes and Bett Herndon invited her to a guild meeting. She got hooked, or shall I say "sewn in," to the



Suzanne Mowbray and Catherine Gillespie at the quilt raffle booth in 2005.
The Hospice of the Rapidan was the beneficiary of the proceeds of that Show.
Photo courtesy of the Dolley Madison Quilters Guild.

craft of quilting. "Kit" Kat Terry, who has been quilting since she was eight, is the youngest at 29. There are three couples in the Guild – David and Joan Bennett, Robert and Betty Counts, and Don and Donna Mongeon. Yes, there are now men in the Guild!

The Guild adopted the "Dolley Madison Star" block as their pattern. According to the "Origin and History of Patchwork Quilt Making in America," the pattern was created in Virginia in the early 19th century to commemorate "the first Mistress of the White House." The design was developed in red and blue on a white background to signify the new Republic.

Did the Guild's namesake "sew a fine seam?" Hilarie Hicks, Senior Research Historian at James Madison's Montpelier, noted that, although there are references that Dolley did sew, mend, and made clothes such as shirts and baby bonnets for her friends and family, there is no mention of Dolley ever quilting.

# Dolley Madison Quilters Guild Quilt Show

The Dolley Madison Quilters Guild will be hosting their biennial Fall Quilt Show on September 21 and 22, and the show promises to be memorable. There will be approximately 200 quilts on display, including several "Best in Show" quilts from past years. There will be quilts for sale, a "Name your Price" White Elephant sale of sewing-related materials, hand-crafted items, and "Shirley's Table," which will offer fabric in honor of a former member. Christmas shopping anyone?

Another highlight of the show will be the raffle of a king-size quilt made by the Guild. The 110" x 110" "Blue Ridge Beauty" pattern quilt took the Guild members almost eight months to complete and every member participated in some way. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5, and will also be sold in advance at the Orange Street Fair on September 7.

Quilt, see page 12.



Many of the stunning quilts on display at the 2000 Quilt Show benefitting Habitat for Humanity. Photo courtesy of the Dolley Madison Quilters Guild.





Quilt, from page11.

Show attendees will receive a ballot to vote for their favorite quilt in each of the six categories at the show – large, medium, small, wall hanging, miniature, and other. Ribbons are awarded to the top three quilts in each category, and there is a "Best in Show."

For each show, the Guild chooses a charity to receive the proceeds from the admissions and the quilt raffle. Each year, between \$2,500-\$3,000 is raised for the charity. This year, proceeds will go to the Shining Hands Caring Kidz Program, which provides weekend meals for elementary school-age children in Orange County. Past recipients include the Christian Emergency Council, Orange Free Clinic, Habitat for Humanity, Hospice of the Rapidan, Love Outreach Food Pantry, Michael's Gift, and Piedmont Regional Dental Clinic. Money raised from the show is also used by the Guild for educational programs.

# Busy (Quilting) Bees and Caring Hands

The donation of Quilt Show proceeds is not the Guild's only charitable work. Guild members are busy quilting "bees!" The Guild has donated quilts to benefit the Arts Center in Orange, new Habitat

for Humanity homeowners, and Project Linus, a non-profit that provides blankets to children under duress. (Guild member Joan Bennett has made over 1,000 quilts for Project Linus!)

Guild member Donna Mongeon's mother taught her to quilt, but Donna was not able to devote time to quilting until she was in her 40s. A few years ago, she found she had more than enough quilts, and decided to give some away. She started an annual quilt drive for veterans, and last year, the Guild donated 100 quilts to veterans in the McGuire Veterans Hospital in Richmond. Guild members and their spouses (several of whom are veterans themselves) delivered the quilts on Christmas Eve. They found that the veterans' hospital rooms were often stark and impersonal, and the colorful and cozy quilts brought comfort and cheer. The first year, they made mostly feminine floral patterns, but they realized that most of the patients were men. Therefore, they have included more masculine colors and patterns. However, one gent chose a lavender pattern last year because it was his wife's favorite color.

In appreciation to Dogwood Village Senior Living for accommodating the Guild for their monthly meetings, Guild members make lap quilts for wheelchairs, walker bags, and twin-size quilts for the residents. They also assisted the residents in a project making rice bags for cancer patients in the infusion units at UVA Hospital.

In 1997, the Guild donated a quilt to James Madison's Montpelier. This was a project shared with Madison descendants who were sent quilt pieces to complete and sign with indelible ink. Descendants completed thirty-nine blocks and returned them to the Guild, who put them together and finished the quilt. The quilt was dedicated and displayed in the Montpelier Visitor Center for years. It is a one-of-a kind creation and a wonderful gift to the Madison descendants and to Orange County.

In 2000, the Guild presented to the community the Orange Millennium Quilt, which depicts scenes from the Town of Orange. It was designed by former member Bett Herndon and compiled by the Guild. The quilt blocks include images from Orange in 2000 – the Coca Cola sign, Grymes Drug Store, the Orange County Court House, the James Madison Museum, Lacy's Florist, the Taylor Park Fountain, Sparks' Deli, and the Train Station. It is on permanent display at the Orange County Visitor Center at the train station.

The Guild's members' generosity, compassion, and commitment to care for each other are remarkable. A former member started several quilts but found she could no longer sew. Pat Koczur, president of the Guild, and Don and Donna Mongeon completed five quilts and sent them to the former member's family.

# What is Longarm Quilting?

Member Joan Bennett calls paying someone to do the finishing of her piece, "quilt by check." Most members piece their tops and pay to have the finishing done by a longarm quilting machine. Four Guild members have longarm quilt businesses – Jennifer Evans of Peaceful Hill Quilting, Wanda Hlavka of Lake View Quilts, and Donna and Don Mongeon of

Blackberry Knoll.

Donna and Don graciously invited me into their home to observe and learn about what longarm quilting is all about. The computerized longarm machine stitches the three layers of a quilt together. The Mongeons have two 12-foot longarm machines. Originally, they bought a simpler version for Donna, but she didn't like running it. Don tried it, found he enjoyed it, and took over the quilt finishing. They originally quilted just for themselves and friends, but for the last 12 years they have been operating their longarm business. Donna helps clients choose their thread and pattern selections, and think through their ideas. Don, a retired engineer, became the first male member of the Guild ten years ago. He loves working with his hands and enjoys the mechanics of running the machines. He also cuts the pieces and does machine embroidery. They work from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. most days - and love what they do. In 2017, they finished 500 quilts.

Donna worked for 30 years estimating jobs for builders and contractors. Her background in reading house plans has helped her in picturing finished quilts. To generate continued interest in quilting, Donna started her "Sew Happy" group. These sewing days or "sew-ins" are held periodically at Rhoadesville Baptist Church, where Donna is a member. Her classes are open to anyone, not just Guild members. The quilters bring their materials, projects, and sewing machines and spend all day, sometimes for a three-day seminar, sewing, learning, and enjoying the fellowship of other quilters.

Jennifer Evans, a native of Madison County, has been quilting since 2001. She learned to quilt from her grandmother, who believed that every new mother should make her baby a quilt to keep warm. Jennifer began free motion custom-quilting when her husband was deployed overseas. It was her "me" time at night after her children went to bed, a way to relax and do something creative. After he returned, Jennifer rented time



David Bennett describes his blue paint chip challenge quilt next to his wife Joan's pink quilt.

Photo by Barbara Wimble.





on a longarm quilting machine, and she soon thereafter purchased her own. After practicing every day for about three months, she opened her business, Peaceful Hill Quilting Studio, two years ago. She said she "loves bringing a quilt to life with custom-quilting and the beauty and simplicity of edge-to-edge quilting. It is a joy to be part of creating treasured heirlooms that people's grandchildren and great-grandchildren will hold dear to them."

# A Stitch in Time...

Most of the Guild's monthly meetings include an educational component, like

pillow-making, binding, and applique. They have hosted guest speakers, including one from Northern Virginia who has appeared on 29 different covers of quilting magazines.

The Guild issues a challenge to its members once a year. They are challenged to use leftover pieces, try a new technique or color, and reach outside their box. Their "paint chip challenge" this year was issued in March, and Guild members had four months to complete their project. They were to match the background of their quilt, which is normally a light color, to their assigned dark paint chip. The results were displayed

at the July meeting, and they were amazing! All so different, just like the personalities of the quilters.

I was also impressed with the "Show and Tell" portion of the meeting. Members proudly displayed their projects, some as small as needle holders, bags, table runners, and placemats, and others as large as wall-hangings and intricate king size quilts. The members showed off their masterpieces to the admiring "oohs and ahhs" of their friends and described the details and story of their creation. Every quilter told a story from choosing the pattern, fabric, thread, and quilt-finishing. Some guilts will be donated to sell or be shown at the Quilt Show, and others donated to the veterans at Christmas. Some of the members are quite prolific quilters, making 30-40 quilts a year.

The Guild also holds workshops for special projects. They do piece work together for large Guild projects and help each other with their individual projects. Many hands make light work, as my grandmother used to say. Quilting bees are all about getting together with like-minded quilters, relaxing over sewing, and helping each other. One member chuckled as she related that, while her first hobby is quilting, her second hobby is picking out fabrics and patterns. They all have stashes of fabric in their homes.

# "Sewing Mends the Soul"

Quilting is not a dying art. And the Dolley Madison Quilters Guild is very active with programs and charitable work and is, under Pat Koczur's inspirational leadership, gaining members.

I've noticed a certain serenity in the quilters I've met. One member said that quilting is Zen-like and peaceful. Another said it is very calming to create a guilt. From their July meeting and the interviews I conducted, I could feel the camaraderie of the members. Not only do they literally keep each other in stitches, they are some of the most compassionate, thoughtful, and generous people I've the Guild members encountered. As a guilt embraces you with warmth, so do the members of the Dolley Madison Quilters Guild. They experience joy in both the process of making a quilt, and the act of giving it away.

The Dolley Madison Quilters Guild Ouilt Show will be held on September 21 and 22 at Prospect Heights Middle School in Orange. Hours are Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 per person. Happy Quilting!





# Harmful algae found in Tufton Pond



Lake Monticello's Tufton Pond is off-limits to pets and people after bluegreen algae was spotted in the water, according to a press release issued today (Aug. 19) by the Lake Monticello Owners' Association.

The algae can be harmful to people and animals.

"The LMOA Maintenance Team has been monitoring some signs of bluegreen algae in Tufton Pond," according to the release. "LMOA will be posting 'watch' signs at Tufton Pond to recommend no pets swimming in the pond and for everyone to avoid contact with the water."

LMOA General Manager Steve Hurwitz said the pond and Lake Monticello are being monitored. No blue-green algae have been discovered at the lake.

The algae, which can cause vomiting, skin rash and other health problem, have recently been found in Lake Anna, the Rivanna River and in Mint Springs in Crozet. Some 30-50% of blue green algae infestations can be harmful to pets and

Tufton Pond will be treated tomorrow, according to the release.

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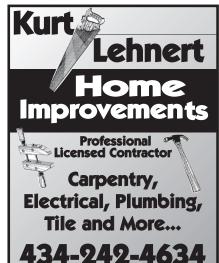
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# **TOTAL INCIDENTS 503**

### **CRASHES**

**MVC NO INJURY** 14:34:06 08/14/19 2150 BLK NAHOR MANOR RD

MVC W/ ANIMAL 22:09:31 08/13/19

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**MVC NO INJURY** 20:30:17 08/10/19

800 BLK BYBEES CHURCH RD

MVC INJURY/UNK 18:25:46 08/10/19

WHITE HALL RD & RICHMOND RD

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MVC NO INJURY 14:54:48 08/09/19 JAMES MADISON HWY & WHITE ROCK LN **MVC NO INJURY** 08:49:58 08/09/19

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# **TOTAL CRASHES 10**

# **ARRESTS**

AUG. 11 AT 01:57 A.M. HOME ADDRESS: PAI MYRA

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AUG. 10 AT 8:08 P.M.

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Edited by Margie E. Burke

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34 Gossipy gal

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44 Like pie?

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- 2 Screen symbol
- 3 Identical
- **5** Stallone flick,
- 47 NY time zone
- 48 Religious recluse
- 50 Sargasso, e.g.
- 51 Beginning stage
- 53 Coral

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42 Calling

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39 Genesis victim

40 Think out loud

company?

45 Vole or mole

43 Very tired (with

- **55** Atomizer output
- **57** Fertility clinic stock
- 59 Pirate's cry
- 63 Warty hopper
- **64** Two-masted
- 66 Voting "no"
- 67 Welcome desert sight
- 68 Way, way off
- 69 Ballpark beverage
- 70 Jack of "Shallow Hal"
- 71 Off-color

# **DOWN**

1 Be without

- 4 Water conduits
- "Demolition \_
- 6 Newspaper supplement
- 7 Marquee name
- 8 Female steroid
- 9 Deli bread
- **10** Snail trail
- 11 Powerful ocean
- surges
- and anon 13 Gardening moss
- 18 New York's
- Island 22 Voice of the
- iPhone 24 Knock from the
- saddle
- 26 Daydream
- 27 Breathing fire
- 28 Picture puzzle
- 29 Those with the vote
- 31 Skip over, when speaking
- 33 Answer (for)

54	"	Attraction"
	(198	7 film)

- 55 Wild guess
- **56** Southern corn bread
- 58 Big name in plastic
- 60 Widespread 61 Bite like a beaver
- **62** Grazing group
- 64 Go up and down
- 65 "Don't \_\_\_!"

# Answers to Last Week's Crossword: TITLED DEVISE

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VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF FLUVANNA KATHERINE L. PLASTER,

Plaintiff.

CASE NO. 19CL270

PAUL EDWARD PLASTER,

Defendant.

# ORDER

The object of this cause is to obtain a divorce from the bonds of matrimony for the plaintiff, Katherine L. Plaster from the defendant, Paul Edward Plaster.

By affidavit having made and filed regarding the defendant, namely Paul Edward Plaster, with current specific address unknown, in compliance with 8.01-316 of the Code of Virginia;

It is therefore ORDERED that PAUL EDWARD PLASTER appear before this Court by October 4, 2019, 9:00 a.m., after due and proper posting of this order by the clerk of the Circuit Court of Fluvanna County, Virginia, and do what is necessary to protect his interests in this cause.

It is further ORDERED that the foregoing portion of this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Fluvanna Review, a newspaper published and having general circulation in Fluvanna County, Virginia and that the foregoing portion of this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks on the Courthouse Steps.

Given under my hand this 9th day of August, 2019.

<u>Richard E. Moore</u> Judge

Civil Case #19CL487

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Counsel for plaintiff

# VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF FLUVANNA Roberta A. Bunn, Plaintiff

V.

Dallas Darnell Scott, et al

Defendants.

# **ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

The object of the above-styled suit involves the heirs of Lelia R. Scott and their interest in a parcel of property known as Tax Map/Parcel 20-A-27 in Fluvanna County, Virginia. The legal descriptions of this property are as follows:

That certain tract or parcel of land situate and being in Fluvanna County, Virginia, and bounded and described as follows: said tract or parcel of land contains two and one half acres, more or less, and lays along the Stage road and adjoins the land of J.W. Yancey on the west and north, and borders on the head of Long Island Branch on the south and east, and adjoins the lands of George A. Ryals.

The object of the above-styled suit is to seek an Order granting authority to sell the property in the context of a partition action, suit to quiet title or declaratory judgment action.

An affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used by the Plaintiff to ascertain the identity and address of the all possible defendants, without success; that due diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of all known defendants; and that the number of defendants upon whom process has been served exceeds ten and it appears that such defendants represent like interests with the parties not served with process.

Pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 8.01-316 A .1. b.; 8.01-316 A 2; and 8.01-316 A 3, it is hereby ORDERED that all interested parties appear on or before September 26, 2019 in the Clerk's office of this Court and do what is necessary to protect his interest.

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# A Dog's Life

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Donna Brown, and Mallory Luttrell show off a couple of the bonus puppies recently born at CFC. Photos by Patrick Healy.

Perhaps you have heard of the dog lover's prayer:

"Dear Lord, please make me into the person my dog thinks I am."

As with other forms of self-improvement, this prayer functions best at the personal level; ever reminding us to, in mom's words, "Be nice," Beyond the personal, small communities often form around "be nice". Sometimes these can successfully expand into coalitions which inform the zeitgeist. But "The National Ministry of Be Nice", in each of its iterations, has consistently proved to be disastrous. Scaling up, it appears, is tricky.

But 31 years ago, this month, a local woman figured out the trick. In so doing, she has built a community, and a coalition, that is changing the way that her business is done, both throughout the area and beyond. So, congratulations to Mary Birkholz, and to her animal rescue institution, Caring For Creatures (CFC).

Its facilities lie along the north

bank of the James, near Kidd's Store. e tooWk the pleasant drive, padded through the tree tunnel of Sanctuary Lane, and met up with Mallory Luttrell, who was kind enough to show us around.

"When Mary started her no kill shelter, she didn't gain very many friends" says Ms. Luttrell, who serves as the coordinator for both community outreach, and animal adoption at CFC. "The idea was so disruptive at that time. There was fear that no-kill would make the kill shelters 'look bad.' Many people said that she would be overwhelmed with the unkilled animals, and that the resulting failure would reflect poorly on shelters in general."

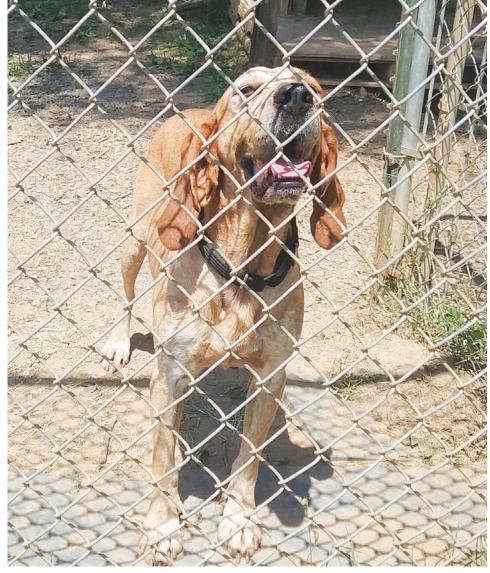
Luttrell works off a cluttered sideboard in the crammed-full office she shares with bookkeeper, Donna Brown. Scattered on and among the usual keyboards, monitors, paper stacks, and folders are well-chewed fetch toys, cans of dog food, folded-towel cat beds (sleeping cats,

included), and the like. Desk chairs, wastebaskets, and file cabinets share floor space with additional pet paraphernalia, and with more of the pets themselves. There are several cages arranged as kitten suites, in which the cute little darlings wrestle and caper in their kittenish way. The entrance to a shallow pantry has been blocked with a waist-high screen to house a litter of puppies, the arrival of which was unplanned. As Luttrell explained, "We agreed to take the mom from a kill shelter. They called back and said that they had just discovered that the mom was pregnant, and wanted to know if we would still have her. Well, a deal's a deal, and we stuck by it. So here she is. Mom and puppies are doing fine." The rest of the office is given over to storage and a wet counter space, where the dogs and cats receive generous helpings of TLC. The level of creative ingenuity, and make-do efficiency is something to see. It's like Martha Stewart, on a very tight budget. All of this is housed inside one of those - Is it a

trailer? Is it a tool shed? - structures we often call "temporary." This one looks like it's been here for a while.

But here, the action lies beyond the office in the forests and meadows, which are laced with well-used walking trails. There are clusters of cyclone-fenced kennels and runs which provide each dog with a safe and home-like living conditions, as well as a fenced dog park for canine socializing, and free play. There's an outbuilding for equipment, and one housing a veterinary clinic. Then there's the Scratching Post. This building provides both living space and care facilities for the resident cats, as well as a quarantined section for animals infected with feline leukemia virus (FeLV). Because this disease is highly communicable, but only among cats, few shelters will keep, much less accept an infected cat. Here, as usual, CFC has taken the lead. "Feline leukemia is spread among cats through common contact." says founder Mary Birkholz.

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Franny has a new lease on life, and is looking for a roommate.



to the sponsors, admission is free. Principal sponsor, Buddy's Banging Que, will donate all the food, for which cash offerings will be accepted. Last year, Buddy served up 270 sandwich platters, so come hungry. The hope is to surpass last year's total of \$2,500 with proceeds benefiting the CFC medical fund. There will be interactive displays and information booths. Buddy's delicious 'que is sure to be a hit, and local favorites, 4 Hits And A Miss, will croon the tunes. But the biggest hits of all will be the cats and dogs looking for that special someone in their lives.

So come and help Mary Birkholz and her crew celebrate their 31st anniversary. Who knows? You might meet a special friend, alive and well, thanks to the vision and persistence of one person, and the countless others who have supported, and continue to support that vision.

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Caring For Creatures Campus: The view from Sanctuary Lane.

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"It can be devastating among kittens, with their undeveloped immune system. But the immune system of a cat that is over a year old can keep the disease in remission." Cats living with FeLV can live among other FeLV survivors, all other animals, and humans; just not among uninfected cats.

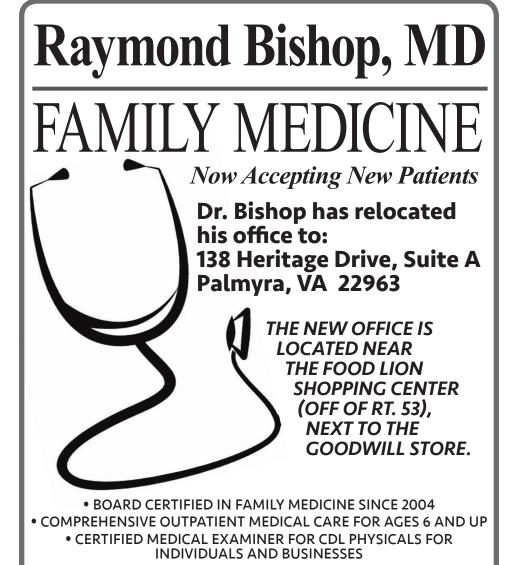
You'll find the heart of CFC in its volunteers, and staff. During the tour we encountered a half-dozen volunteers cooing over and cuddling, grooming and feeding the animals. Not least, volunteers walk the dogs over this rural retreat's miles of trails.

Staffers arrive with that prime resume line-item, passion for the job. Bookkeeper Donna Brown, started part-time 21 years ago cleaning kennels and litter boxes. Now she tracks a labyrinthine system of income - Animal Connection just donated a crate of dog food - and pays the bills on the shoestring budget. "It's amazing." said Mallory Luttrell of the business model. Besides cash donations from individuals, CFC also receives donations, both cash and in-kind, from suppliers and manufacturers of pet care products, veterinarians, many other local

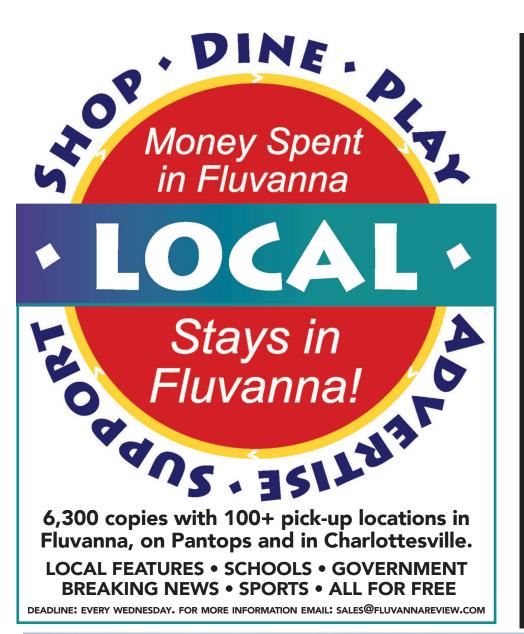
businesses and, of course, from their faithful volunteers. "People just keep giving," said Luttrell.

But the soul of CFC is in the animals; about 150 of them, according to Luttrell. Some, obviously, are wounded in body and/or spirit, and shy away from interaction with strangers. Others are almost giddy in their sociability. The yin/yang of the cat/dog dichotomy is richly apparent. Of the many charmers we encountered, Franny may be archetypical. Franny is a light tan hound who seems genuinely glad to meet you. Late of Death Row, at a shelter in South Carolina, she got an eleventh-hour reprieve and now wags her tail in her roomy dog run at CFC. Having cheated the hangman, Franny is now seeking a committed relationship, with Mallory Luttrell serving as matchmaker. And CFC has a no-fault return policy. If the match doesn't work for each party, it doesn't work at all, so try, try again.

If you aren't ready to take the trip out to Kidds Store but are kind of interested in learning more about CFC, you're in luck. On Sunday, Sept. 8, CFC will be holding its annual "Cure The Critters Fundraiser" at the Scottsville Pavilion. The event starts at noon and runs until 4 p.m. Thanks

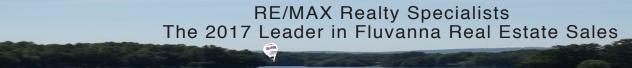


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