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Suspects in Lake homicide make first court appearance

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT



Benjamin J. Camp.



Joshua C. Bentham-Ball.

Two men charged in connection with a fatal shooting at Lake Monticello last month made their first court appearances on Monday (Nov 4).

Benjamin Camp, 37, of Charlottesville has been charged with one count of murder in the second degree, and Joshua Bentham-Ball, 44, of Palmyra is facing one count




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According to the Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office, the arrests came after a shooting on Axle Tree Drive at Lake Monticello on the evening of October 29.

When deputies arrived at the scene, they found Camp and Bentham-Ball at the residence. They also found another man, identified as Jason J. Farren, 36, dead from what was described as "multiple" gunshot wounds.

In a press release, Captain David Wells said Camp was believed to be

staying at the house at the time of the incident, and that all three men were known to each other, but did not provide any further details on what investigators believe lead to the shooting.

Camp and Bentham-Ball are currently being held without bond at Central Virginia Regional Jail (CVRJ).

Both have retained attorneys and both requested bond hearings. Judge Barbara Lowe of Fluvanna's General District Court set a date of Tuesday, November 12, when each will be allowed to make their arguments for bail.

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BY RUDY GARCIA, OWNER, RIVANNA WOODS FINANCIAL / TAX SERVICES

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- **Take your required minimum distributions (RMDs).** If you are 70½ or older, you need to take RMDs from your retirement accounts by Dec. 31. If you don't the fines are hefty: 50% of the

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- **Manage your gains and losses.** Re-balance your investment portfolio and take any final investment gains and losses. Remember losses up to \$3,000 can be used to reduce your ordinary income.
 - **Finalize your gift-giving strategy.** Each year you may gift up to \$15,000 without tax reporting consequences to as many individuals as you choose. This could include gifts of cash or property, and investments.
 - **Donate to charities.** Consider making end-of-year donations to eligible charities. Make sure to receive written receipts! Having a plan will help maximize your tax benefit! Making donations planned for 2020 in 2019 may be a good strategy.
 - **Organize records now.** Start collecting and organizing your tax records to avoid the scramble come tax season.
 - **Develop your own list.** Use these ideas as a jumping off point to create your own list of annual review items.
- Now is the time to finalize your year end tax planning. The Tax Cut and Jobs Act is still evolving so make sure you know how that will impact you. Call to discuss how this information relates to you.

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Fluvanna Business Corner

Fluvanna Chamber Minute: Annual Activities Report FY2019

Rudy Garcia & Ruthann Carr, Fluvanna Chamber of Commerce

On October 22nd your Fluvanna County Chamber of Commerce held its annual membership meeting at Layz S Ranch. We had a marvelous time with over 75 members and guests attending. The meal was catered by Local Eats and music was provided by DJ Von Hill Jr. Our Platinum Sponsor was once again CHO Airport.

During the meeting we honored the 2019 Business of the Year Awardee A.G. Dillard Companies, 2019 Emerging Business of the Year Local Eats and President's Award recipient Judy Fish (outgoing communications Director of the Lake Monticello Owners Association).

Our Annual Meetings are a time for us to celebrate the successes of our Chamber and this year there were many. We started off 2019 with a Board Retreat where we solidified our Vision and Mission Statement. Our Vision: "Growing Every Business" and our Mission: "Promote, Educate and Connect the Fluvanna Business Community". Our Vision and Mission drive everything your Chamber does.

In 2019 the Chamber held over 30 events designed to help us meet our Vision. These included:

- 10 networking breakfasts
- 8 After-Hours - including 2nd Annual Sunset Cruise
- 6 Ribbon Cuttings
- Inaugural Women's Health Forum
- 2 Candidates Forums
- 3 Lunch & Learn
- 2 Restaurant Weeks

We EDUCATED the Community through:

- Engaging breakfast speakers on creating vision, county goings on, managing drainage; protecting lakes and streams

- Monthly Business Corner Fluvanna Review columns highlighting businesses, events and economic development
- Hosting Candidates Forums for Fluvanna Treasurer and State Delegates and Senator
- Monfalcone and Garris PC Lunch & Learn - Business Owners Roundtable; How to Grow Your Business
- Presented four Fluvanna High School Seniors with a \$500 scholarship
- Inaugural Women's Health Forum

We CONNECTED our community by having Chamber Board members serve on the following Fluvanna County Boards/Commissions:

- Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Council
- Economic Development Authority
- Finance

Finally, we PROMOTED our Member Businesses during our Restaurant Weeks, "Taste of Fluvanna" event and our bi-weekly newsletter highlighting members and advertising their events. We once again published our Annual Guide with Senior Resource directory and held multiple Open House/Ribbon Cutting celebrations promoting new businesses and recognizing anniversaries We also worked with local businesses and held After-Hours events designed to reach out to the public.

As your President, I am happy to say that your Fluvanna Chamber is working actively towards its Vision and Mission and we look forward to continuing that tradition as we move into 2020 and beyond. Please contact Ruthann Carr at the Chamber office to find out how you can become a Chamber member if you are not already one. President Rudy Garcia

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Holiday Bazaar set

Cunningham United Methodist Men at the Church will sponsor the Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, **Nov. 9** from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 3389 Thomas Jefferson Parkway. Handcrafted items; home baked goods; jams, pickles; Grandma's Attic Treasures; handmade quilt raffle. Breakfast and lunch for purchase while you shop.

Historic Village

Join the Fluvanna Historical Society on Sunday, **Nov. 10** from 2 -5 p.m. as it celebrates "An Historic Village Holiday Market." Purchase holiday gifts from local artists and craftspeople and enjoy tours of the Old Stone Jail Museum and Historic Courthouse. Email fluvannahistory@gmail.com or call 434.390.1218 for more information.

Byrd Chapel UMC

Byrd Chapel UMC will be preparing for the season of Advent as it celebrates the Hanging of the Greens Worship Service on **Dec. 1**. The worship service will be at 11 a.m. Byrd Chapel is located at 5371 Venable Road (Route 601) Kents Store. For further information call 434-589-2142.

Happy Face Party

Fluvanna Christian Service Society is collecting toys and food for their annual Happy Face Party. Collection boxes are located at the Fluvanna County Library, Spectrum Fitness Center, Monticello Country Realty, both LMOA Clubhouses and many local churches. Volunteers are also needed for party set-up on Friday, **Dec. 6** and the day of the party **Dec. 7**. Call Mary Kidd 434-589-0910 to volunteer or with any questions.

Letter to the Editor

What's next?

Perhaps, hopefully, the fever has broken! Over the past few years I've had to tolerate being called 'godless' and a 'socialist' what with the mean-spirited alternative reality we've been stuck in. But, I take heart in that recently even some of my conservative friends have begun to tire of the mindless noise, primarily emanating from the White House, that we call political discourse. It appears that substance and accountability are on the ascendancy!

While lies and fabricated facts seemed to have become the new coin of the realm, more than a few of my conservative friends are beginning to resist, if not reject outright, the confused and conflicted rhetoric of our juvenile dear leader and really seem more angered than disappointed at being talked down to as if they were school children. Not just the vocabulary but even the childish tone and hyperbolic presentation make all Americans look ridiculous!

Obviously, the recent quid pro quo coverup, which some would choose to label a minor lapse of judgement, is key to our future direction. Based upon the inescapable components of the

deal, the transaction was obviously and indisputably an act of extortion and/or bribery; withholding desperately needed tax-payer funded and congressionally designated aid and armaments from an essential ally in exchange for a reciprocal act of personal benefit to our dear leader. Not only did this deft (daft ?) exercise of ersatz diplomacy reflect the similar betrayal of our Kurdish allies and actually weaken, if not threaten, our national security, it was another gratuitous capitulation and gift to Russia . . . and Trump's Best Bud Putin!

Tuesday was election day. Some say that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over . . . and expecting a different result. Keeping in mind that all politics are local, we need only to look back at some of our past choices and the performance of our former GOP attorney general, Ken Cuccinelli, now the Director of Citizenship and Immigration Services who effectively consigned critically ill children to death by deportation even though we invited them here. What's next?

-John R. Neighbours, Palmyra

Lake Monticello women golfers capture Jefferson Cup again

BY DUNCAN NIXON
CORRESPONDENT



The Ladies of Lake Monticello 18 hole golf league who attended the year end luncheon included Lorraine Bergstresser, Barbara Barringer, Andre Kichenheitler, Alice Flanders, Debbie Burke, Barbara Scanlon, Gaye Wormington, Joy Calfo, Sylvia Frawley, Peggy Colville and Pam Batchelor.

Lady golfers from eight different golf clubs compete every year in the Jefferson Handicap League for the coveted Jefferson Cup Trophy. For the second year in a row the ladies from the Lake Monticello golf course outscored all of their competitors to capture the Cup.

Teams from all around central Virginia are involved in this competition. The other golf courses/golf clubs that compete are Birdwood , Farmington, Glenmore, Green Hills, Lake of the Woods, Spring Creek and Waynesboro. Thus, the ladies play over a variety of prestigious and differing courses. During the year, each team competes once against each other team, for a total of seven matches per team. The location of the matches alternates from year to year. In other words, if Lake Monticello hosted Glenmore this year, next year the teams will compete at Glenmore.

The format and the scoring of the competition for the Cup are unique. In each match, three two person teams are matched against the op-

position. Each match is played on a match play, best ball of the two team players basis, with handicaps taken into account. Each match is handicapped off of the lowest handicapped player in the group. If one player has a 20 handicap and the other three are all at 24, each of the players at 24 will get one stroke on the three hardest holes on the course.

There are eighteen points awarded in each of the three matches for a total of 54 points per contest. What is interesting is that the winner of the Cup is the team that scores the most total points in all seven matches. Teams do not end the season 5-2 or 3-4 etc. based on which matches they won or lost, they end the season with the total number of points won over the seven matches. Lake Monticello won the title by recording a total of 215 points, out of 378 (7X54) from seven matches. The team that finished in second place was Spring Creek with 208. This means that the Lake Monticello team outscored the second-place team by a point per

match. Clearly every point matters.

This year's Lake Monticello squad is drawn from the membership of the 18 hole Lake Monticello Ladies Golf Association. Only six players compete in each match, so the team captains determine who will be in each competition. The team captains this year are Debbie Burke and Lorraine Bergstresser. The league has no age limit but it is restricted to players with handicaps of 20 or higher.

At the end of the season, one of the competing teams hosts a year end luncheon event with a nine-hole captain's choice contest included. This year the Lake Monticello team was the host and on Oct. 22 the eight teams all met at the Lake Monticello course. Unfortunately, the nine-hole event was rained out, but the ladies all enjoyed a delicious meal and the camaraderie of day.

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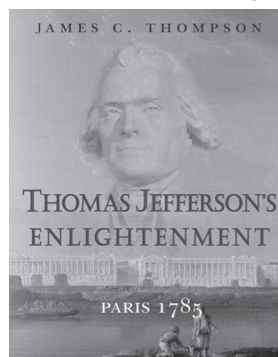
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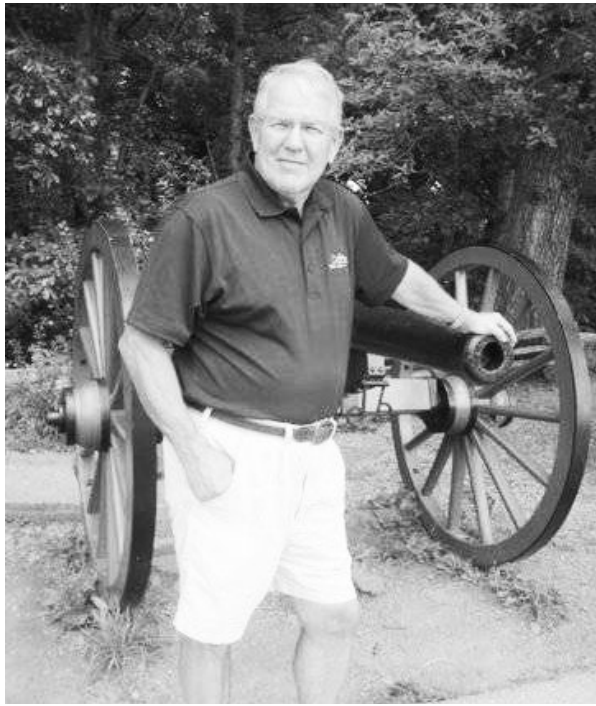


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From human resources to author

BY MADELINE OTTEN
CORRESPONDENT



Bing Spitler at Gettysburg 2015.

Lake Monticello resident Bing Spitler has over 25 years of sales, training, recruiting, operations, and human resource management experience behind him. From college and after two years in the Army, Spitler became a marketing representative with Armstrong World Industries. After 13 years of sales he was invited to come to Armstrong's World Headquarters in Lancaster, Pennsylvania to be a national sales trainer. He was then promoted to manager of corporate staffing, which included college and professional recruiting throughout the United States.

Spitler enjoyed working in sales and training sales employees and managers because it helped people achieve success in their related field. He got to travel throughout the United States and Canada conducting train-

ing programs that helped improve the skills of thousands of people.

"I started my own company because it leveraged my skills in sales, human resource (HR), and training experience in the area of psychometric assessments," said Spitler. "Also in using computer based technology to identify the best candidate fit with a company in order to help managers with hiring decisions and to reduce employee turnover."

It was not until 1991 when Spitler discovered a new path that led him to writing a book. His re-

search was on James Madison Cutts, Jr., a young junior officer in the Union Army of the Civil War. Spitler's interest in the Civil War sparked in his seventh-grade class with Mrs. Hickson in Ramsey, New Jersey. His entire book was written in his spare time as a hobby.

"If I needed to research at the National Archives, I would take the day from work and drive to the archives arriving as the door opened and leave when it closed," said Spitler. "My research became a passion."

His biography, Hero of the Republic, follows Cutts' military career. Cutts was awarded a Medal of Honor for gallantry in three separate actions, the Battles of the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, and Petersburg. He is one of only two men in American history to be awarded a

Medal of Honor, one metal, for gallantry in three separate actions.

"I do not consider myself a writer," said Spitler. "However, when I discovered the subject of my book, James Madison Cutts, I felt it was necessary to tell his story."

The biography also divides Cutts' life into sections filled with research and discoveries by Spitler. Spitler discovered that Cutts knew former President Abraham Lincoln and was the brother-in-law to Senator Stephen Douglas. Adding more famous ties, he was also the grandnephew of Dolly Madison, former first lady to James Madison, and stood by her side at many receptions.

According to the Arlington Cemetery's website, Cutts was born in Washington D.C. in 1838 and served as captain of the 11th U.S. Infantry. He passed away in February 24 of 1903. He is buried in Section 3 of the Arlington National Cemetery.

After ten years of research, Spitler collected enough material for his book and in 2001, he was ready for publication. The biography is published with White Mane Publishing Company.

Spitler graduated from Ball State University in Indiana with a degree in philosophy (political science and history) and holds a Master's degree from Penn State University. He has worked with two Fortune 500 companies and served as an adjunct professor at DeVry University – Miller Graduate School. He also led the Spitler Group LLC, a human resource consulting company that focuses on finding solutions to people problems through employee engagement strategies, lowering employment turnover, and increasing employee productivity. He moved to Lake Monticello to retire from Cincinnati, Ohio in 2012 after years as a businessman. He currently serves on the Lake Monticello Board of Directors.

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Holiday Lake receives grant for Natural Resource Education Program

PRESS RELEASE



Preston Willson, 4-H Center president/CEO, Heather Benninghove, 4-H Center director, Lydia Smith, Dominion energy external affairs representative, Tamara Lewis, 4-H Center business administrator, and Cora Walker, 4-H Center housekeeper.

Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center, located in Appomattox County and serving 19 localities in Central/Southside Virginia, received a \$7,500 grant from the Environmental Education and Stewardship Grants Program through the Dominion

Energy Charitable Foundation for the Center's Natural Resource Education Programs (NRE).

Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center's NRE Programs serves to develop awareness and appreciation of the natural environment by utilizing the

science leg of the STEM Program with analysis of the environment with natural resource stewardship training using unforgettable hands-on and field experiences during the school year.

This funding provides the opportunity for hundreds of school age children to attend Natural Resource Education (NRE) programs at Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center located in the 20,000 acre Appomattox/Buckingham State Forest. The NRE program offers an outdoor class setting for earth science, life science, life-skill development and leadership development. All curriculum is correlated to the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOLs).

This grant funding enables youth to participate in the 4-H Center's NRE Programs which are conducted through in-school programs as well as in-the-field experience at Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center. The mission is to instill in each student the need to understand the balance between the natural world

and technology. If a school (public, private or homeschool) is interested in participating in the Center's NRE classes call 434-248-5444 or www.holidaylake4h.com

As part of its ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability, Dominion Energy recently awarded \$1.6 in environmental education and stewardship grants through its philanthropic arm, the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation, to a variety of initiatives across the company's footprint. Donations were shared by nearly 135 nonprofit organizations and schools working to improve natural spaces or teach about the environment in 10 states. Lydia Smith, external affairs representative with Dominion Energy said the 4-H Center's NRE courses align with Dominion Energy's grant focus area of making an environmental sustainability impact by educating youth in the STEAM field as well as developing future workforce capacity. For more information, visit <https://www.dominionenergy.com/envirogrants>



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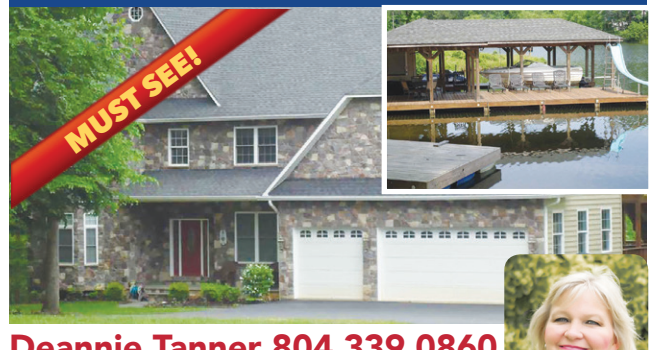
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Rockfish Wildlife Sanctuary visits the lake

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT



Sarah Cooperman and possum Scarlet Pearl. Photo by Page Gifford.

On Saturday (Oct. 19) the Lake Monticello Wildlife Committee welcomed Sarah Cooperman of the Rockfish Wildlife Sanctuary and a three of her friends; Atar the eastern box turtle, Autumn the

corn snake, and Scarlet Pearl the possum. The focus on the program is understanding how wildlife prepares and lives through the winter. RWS was founded in 2004 and is located on 20 acres in Nelson

County and currently admits 800 animals for rehabilitation, 64 different species, and a 61 percent release rate. Its goal is to educate the public regarding helping wildlife in a crisis. As urban development spreads, wildlife and wildlife habitats become displaced and the natural balance is disturbed. When animals are injured or orphaned it is their job to rescue them, rehabilitate them, and release them back into the wild.

Nowadays, since humans are living close to wildlife, Cooperman wanted those that attended her presentation to understand what is needed in case of a crisis and how we can all help when needed.

"We provide telephone consultation about animals in crisis in Virginia and we can also connect you with the Wildlife Center of Vir-

ginia and the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries," she said.

She then discussed how wildlife is getting ready for winter by foraging and stockpiling food.

"Some will hibernate like bears, groundhogs, and beavers. They have evolved to suppress their metabolic state and others like squirrels and possums alter their behaviors. For example, a possum is normally a nocturnal animal but may be seen more during the day in the winter because it is warmer when the sun is out. We see squirrels out and about now gathering and hoarding nuts and acorns."

She mentioned foxes and they see a lot of foxes.

"Foxes live on the fringes of civilization and if the mother is trapped or hurt this means the babies will

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be left behind and need help."

She also talked about helping wildlife by planting native plants and in spring and summer to attract pollinators, converting some acreage to a meadow, keeping mowing to a minimum and eliminating pesticides and fertilizers.

"Save tree work for the winter so no habitats are disturbed." She shared other tips that help not only in preparing for winter but throughout the year, including if chimney swifts are setting up house in chimneys, they will leave after two to three weeks, then the chimneys can be cleaned. "Also, put bird decals on windows to prevent bird strikes."

She then brought out Atar, to greet the audience.

"Atar came to us from a hoarding situation, the person was hoarding wildlife," she said. "Turtles live up to 45 years and they do hibernate in the winter. Like snakes, his body temperature is regulated by his

environment." The most common reason turtles come to RWS is because they may have been hit by a car. Cooperman showed the audience that Atar's skeleton is his shell and the line going down the center of his back on the shell is his spine and his shell can be repaired if the spine has been broken.

"If you see a turtle crossing the road and can stop to help him across, pick him up like a sandwich, with one hand underneath and the other on top and deposit him on the side which he was headed toward." She added that another interesting fact about turtles is that the males have red eyes and the females have brown eyes.

Following Atar's appearance was Autumn, the corn-snake, who wrapped herself around Cooperman's gloved hands and remained coiled in contentment as Cooperman spoke.

"Her tongue is forked and that is the organ she smells with which is why she flicks it out and it is a sensing organ so she can taste

what she smells." She added that to protect herself from predators looking for snacks she blends in with her environment, including trees and the ground. "This is called countershading." She added that the snake sheds her skin within four to six months so she can grow.

"She consumes one mouse a month. She has a slow metabolism and does not need a lot of food."

The star of the show was Scarlet Pearl, who snuggled and slept in Cooperman's arms.

"Possums live two to four years in captivity and less in the wild, it decreases to one to two years. "They can have up to 13 babies and they stay in the pouch for four weeks and after that, they ride on their mother's back, but possums are not the most attentive mothers and they may fall off of her."

Many were curious about whether possums play dead.

"They do and have evolved to show their teeth, throw-up, and

fake death to deter predators. They may fake death for up to four hours or more." She added that if you find a baby or an injured possum, use a big towel and gloves to scoop them up and keep them warm. They like warm, dark places." She added that their diet consists of some meat, fruits, and vegetables and are great at reducing the tick population. They eat 5,000 ticks yearly.

Cooperman said anyone can call them if they have a wild animal in need and this would include smaller wildlife and birds. They do not take in larger wildlife such as deer or bear. They also coordinate efforts with the Wildlife Center of Virginia who have veterinarians on staff to help with medical needs and to alert VDGIF as well so the animal can get the appropriate help it needs.

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Ideal candidates will have a desire to help animals with a variety of skills including, but not limited to, finance, facility management, event planning, public

relations, information technology, and volunteer coordination. "We really need a wide variety of people," says board member Kate Urry. "And you don't need to be a Fluvanna resident to apply."

For more information, or if you are interested in applying to join the Fluvanna SPCA's Board of Directors, email president@fspca.org with a statement of interest and any relevant experience.

FCHS to require mandatory student ID badge

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To enhance the safety of all students at the school, Fluvanna County High School will require all students to begin wearing school ID badges during school hours starting on Nov. 12. On that day, students will receive ID badges and lanyards in their second block classes. From that point on, students will be expected to have their badges on while in the school building.

More and more schools are going to this process in recent years. By having students and staff wear ID badges, everyone will know at a glance whether the person belongs in the school. This is important for enabling teachers and staff to identify students, and also enhances site security by quickly detecting unauthorized visitors.

Students will not be allowed out of classrooms without badges and will also need badges in order to purchase

lunch, check out books, purchase tickets for school games and dances, or participate in school events. Those who forget their badge will receive a temporary badge for up to three days, at which point the school will make the student a new badge. The charge for replacement badges is \$3, which will be added to the student's fee list kept by the bookkeeper.

While each student will receive one badge and a free lanyard, replacement lanyards or clips are the responsibility of the student. If a student prefers to wear their badge on a clip they may do so, but it must be clipped to the clothes above the waist and must be visible on the outermost item of clothing.

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NOTICE

The Fluvanna County School Board will hold their regular School Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. and a Budget Public Hearing for the FY21 Budget Objectives at 7 p.m. on Wednesday,

November 13, 2019, with a Closed Session beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting will take place in the auditorium at the Fluvanna County School Board Office.

The Fluvanna County School Board Office is located at 14455 James Madison Highway, Palmyra, VA.

School Board learns reading scores dropping; absenteeism high

HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

Reading scores for students in elementary and middle school have dropped all across Virginia in the last two years. Fluvanna County schools are no exception.

Superintendent Chuck Winkler shared the results of several different student-achievement assessments to the Fluvanna County School Board at their annual fall seminar on Thursday (Oct 21), showing that, overall, students within the Fluvanna County school system are doing well in most academic areas and standardized tests.

But the noticeable drop in literacy and language arts scores, particularly in the early grades, has the attention of the administration.

They are focusing on ways of increasing the amount of "time in text," and "trying to make sure kids are actively reading and not just talking about reading," said Executive Director Brenda Gilliam.

Winkler said they were assessing programs and training to make sure teachers have the tools and knowledge they need to assist their students. "We have not gone so far as to hand out scripted programs. And I am extremely reluctant to do so, because I think we have a wealth of knowledge in our classrooms across the K through 12 spectrum."

Chronic absenteeism and graduation rates

Chronic absenteeism, defined as missing 10 percent of days in a school

year, was another topic of discussion.

Currently, the chronic absenteeism rate is 14-18 percent at the elementary level, 16 percent at the middle school, and 22 percent at Fluvanna High School.

The rate varies widely by category. At West Central, for example, the overall chronic absentee rate is 14 percent. But while about 9 percent of white students are chronically absent, the number goes up to 14 percent for African American students, and 36 percent of Hispanic students.

Nationwide, an estimated 16 percent of K-12 students are chronically absent.

Winkler said his staff continues to work on identifying barriers that keep kids from coming to school, even working with the courts or "going to pick them up in our own cars" to get students back in the classroom.

Graduation rates remain strong, with 93.43 percent of students graduating on time. The class of 2019 had 258 graduates, with 48 percent receiving advanced-studies diplomas and 48 percent awarded standard diplomas.

Leftover funds

The school budget for fiscal year 2019 ended up with \$932,000 in unused funds. Winkler asked board members for some direction on what to do with the funds as he begins budget discussions with the county over the coming weeks.

Chair Perrie Johnson (Fork Union) felt that these were leftover funds and should be returned to the county

"because we have accomplished our budget." Andrew Pullen (Columbia) also believed it should go back to the county. By comparison, Shirley Stewart (Rivanna) and Brenda Pace (Palmyra) felt the funds could be directed to some critical items for the schools, with Pace pointing out the continual need to replace the aging fleet of school busses.

The issue may end up on the agenda for the board's November meeting.

Many issues

The seminar, which lasted for about five hours, touched on numerous topics, including health care costs, teacher pay scales, athletic program revenues, the critical need for substitute teachers, and test scores. With talks for FY21 on the horizon, Winkler and Gilliam also laid out some issues and priorities the board will need to assess before they present their proposed budget to the county early next year.

The next regular meeting for the School Board will be held on Nov. 13 at 6:30 pm.



PUBLIC HEARING
Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors
 Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-1427, Public Hearings will be held in the Circuit Court Room at the Fluvanna County Courts Building in Palmyra, Virginia for citizens of the County to have the opportunity to appear before and be heard by the Board of Supervisors for the following items:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 8 OF THE FLUVANNA COUNTY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR APPROVAL OF EXISTING FIRE COMPANIES TO PROVIDE EMS SERVICES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FLUVANNA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the County Code be, and it is hereby, amended, in Chapter 8, Section 8-1, as follows:

Sec. 8-1. - Fire companies.

All fire companies organized and operating within the County shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Supervisors in accordance with title 27, chapter 2, article 1 of the Code of Virginia. Any approval heretofore granted for a fire company shall remain in effect; provided, however, that no such approval shall be deemed to relieve any such company of the continuing duty of compliance with the provisions of title 27, chapter 2, article 1 (section 27-6.01 et seq.) of the Code of Virginia. *In addition to the foregoing, all fire companies heretofore organized and operating within the County are hereby approved to provide EMS services in accordance with Section 15.2-955 of the Code of Virginia; provided that the fire company has a valid Emergency Medical Services Agency license issued by the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services in accordance with 12 VAC 5-31-420 and all other applicable law.*



PUBLIC HEARING
Fluvanna County Board of Zoning Appeals
 Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2204, a public hearing will be held in the Morris Room of the County Administration Building located at 132 Main St. in Palmyra, Virginia for citizens of the County to have the opportunity to appear before and be heard by the Board of Zoning Appeals for the following items:

BZA 19:05 – Nermin Smajlovic: A request for a variance to Fluvanna County Code Sec.22-9-6 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow for the reduction of the minimum yard required from a residential district, from 50 feet to 35.1 feet, for the purpose of constructing a contractor’s storage yard with respect to 0.957 acres of Tax Map 5, Section 9, Parcel 2. The subject property is zoned B-1, Business, General and located along James Madison Highway (U.S. Route 15) approximately 0.4 miles south of the intersection with Richmond Road (U. S. Route 250). The property is within the Zion Crossroads Community Planning Area and the Columbia Election District.

Copies of the complete text of the above ordinances and associated plans are available for public review at the Office of the Fluvanna County Administrator during normal business hours. The public is invited to attend these hearings at which persons affected may appear and present their views. Questions or comments may be directed to the Planning & Community Development Department at (434) 591-1910.

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF FLUVANNA

JASON SCOTT WATSON,

Petitioner,

v.

Case No.: 19CL615-00

JOIE LEIGH WATSON,

Respondent.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this action is to obtain a divorce from the bond of matrimony from the Respondent on the ground of having lived separate and apart for a period exceeding one year, without cohabitation and without interruption.

It appearing by affidavit that the Respondent is not a resident of this Commonwealth and that the Respondent’s last known residence and domicile was 1700 Riverwalk Place, Apartment 132, Frederick, Maryland 21701, but that the Respondent no longer resides at her last known address and the Respondent’s present whereabouts are unknown, and diligence has been used by or on behalf of the Petitioner to ascertain in what county or city the Respondent is without effect, and it is ORDERED that the Respondent appear before this Court on or before **December 6, 2019 at 9:45 AM** and protect her interests herein.

And it is further ORDERED that the above paragraphs be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Fluvanna Review, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Fluvanna. The Clerk of this Court shall post this Order at the front door of the courthouse, and shall mail a copy of this Order to the Respondent at the last known address, if any, given in the affidavit of the Petitioner filed herein.

Richard E. Moore
 Judge of the Circuit Court
 ENTER: October 4, 2019

Jason Scott Watson
 67 Jefferson Drive
 Palmyra, VA 22963

NOTICE OF OLD DOMINION ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AND ITS MEMBER DISTRIBUTION COOPERATIVES TO SEEK WAIVER OF CERTAIN PURPA OBLIGATIONS FROM THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Take notice that on or after December 2, 2019, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative (ODEC) intends to file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) a Petition requesting waiver of certain obligations in FERC’s rules implementing Section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA), on behalf of itself and the following ODEC member distribution cooperatives which are regulated by the Virginia State Corporation Commission (VSCC): A&N Electric Cooperative, BARC Electric Cooperative, Community Electric Cooperative, Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative, Northern Neck Electric Cooperative, Prince George Electric Cooperative, Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative, and Southside Electric Cooperative (collectively, the “Members”).

The Petition will request waiver of FERC’s regulations to allow ODEC and the Members to jointly implement their respective obligations under Section 210 of PURPA and under Part 292 of the FERC’s regulations, 18 C.F.R. Part 292, as set forth in the PURPA Implementation Plan between ODEC and its member distribution cooperatives. PURPA Section 210 was enacted to encourage production of electric energy by qualifying cogeneration and small power production facilities (QFs). Part 292 of FERC’s Regulations sets forth the requirements regarding arrangements between electric utilities and QFs. Part 292 requires electric utilities to purchase and sell energy and capacity from and to QFs. The PURPA Implementation Plan provides that (1) any QF may interconnect with the electric distribution systems of ODEC’s Members or to ODEC’s transmission system to the extent such QF is entitled to interconnection under Part 292 of the Commission’s Regulations; (2) ODEC will purchase capacity and energy from QFs with a net capacity in excess of 100 kW and up to 20 MW as made available by such QFs, at ODEC’s avoided cost; (3) each of the Members will sell supplementary, back-up and maintenance power to QFs on a firm or interruptible basis, upon request, at rates that are non-discriminatory, just and reasonable, and in the public interest; and (4) no QF will be subject to duplicative charges for interconnection or wheeling as a result of selling to ODEC and buying from a Member. By Order issued on August 9, 2019, in its Case No. PUR-2019-0047, the VSCC granted ODEC’s motion for authorization to state that the VSCC endorses the Petition with respect to the Members.

Copies of the PURPA Implementation Plan will be sent to interested parties upon request. FERC will publish notice of the Petition in the Federal Register following receipt of the filing. That notice will specify that any person desiring to be heard in this matter can make the appropriate filing with the FERC.

Inquiries or comments concerning this matter should be addressed to:
 Old Dominion Electric Cooperative • 4201 Dominion Boulevard •
 Glen Allen, VA 23060 • (804) 968-4021 • Attn: General Counsel

NATURE OF INCIDENT / TOTAL

911 HANG UP 16	8
911 MISDIAL	5
911 OPEN LINE	6
ANIMAL CONTROL CALLBACK	3
ANIMAL CONTROL FOLLOW UP	2
ADULT WELFARE/PUB SAFETY CHK	3
ANIMAL CARCASS	8
ANIMAL WELFARE	1
ASSAULT WITH INJURY	3
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE RECEIVED	6
BE ON LOOKOUT	2
BURGLARY IN PROGRESS	1
BURGLARY PAST OCCURRENCE	1
SHERIFF'S OFFICE CELL CHECK	1
CHILD WELFARE/ABUSE/ENDNGMNT	1
CIVIL INFORMATION REQUEST	5
CIVIL PAPER RECEIVED	2
CIVIL PAPER SERVICE	73
COMMERCIAL BURG ALARM	10
COMMUNICATIONS OFC CALL OUT	2
COURTHOUSE SECURITY CHECK	3
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY	1
DIFFICULTY BREATHING	1
DISABLED VEHICLE	10
PAST DISTURBANCE	1
DISTURBANCE	4
FALL FRACTURE	2
FINGERPRINTS	6
FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION	13
FRAUD	1
GAS LEAK	1
GUN PERMIT RECEIVED	1
HOMICIDE	1
VCIN CHECK	1
LARCENY/THEFT	2
PHONE CALL RETURN	43
LIVESTOCK CALL	5
LOST ANIMAL	1
MAGISTRATE WALK IN	3
MVC WITH INJ OR UNKNOWN INJ	5
MVC WITH NO INJURY 1	4
MVC W/ ANIMAL	1
DRUG RELATED INCIDENTS	1
NUISANCE DOMESTIC ANIMAL	1
OTHER LAW CALL	17
OTHER RESUCE NOT INCLUDED	1
PEDESTRIAN IN ROAD/INTOX PEDES	3
POWER LINE DOWN	1
PRISONER TRANSPORT	4
RADIO TOWER SITE LOG	1
REPOSSESSION	2
RESIDENTAL BURGLAR ALARM	2
SELECT PATROL	44
SHOTS HEARD	2
STRAY DOG	9
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY / PERSON	17
TIPS/ INFORMATION RECEIVED	1
DIRECT TRAFFIC/FUNERAL TRAFFIC	24
TRAFFIC HAZARD	3
TRAFFIC STOP	54
TREE DOWN	5
TRESPASSING/HUNTING TRESPASS	3
WARRANT CHECK IN/OUT	4
WARRANT RECEIVED	4
OUT SERVING WARRANT	6

TOTAL INCIDENTS 477



CRASHES

MVC INJURY/UNK	23:12:24	10/31/19
7820 BLK THOMAS JEFFERSON PKWY		
MVC INJURY/UNK	16:27:05	10/31/19
1240 BLK UNION MILLS RD		
MVC W/ ANIMAL	20:54:58	10/30/19
7820 BLK THOMAS JEFFERSON PKWY		
MVC INJURY/UNK	16:23:42	10/29/19
COURTHOUSE RD & CARYSBROOK RD		
MVC W/ ANIMAL	18:39:44	10/28/19
7770 BLK JAMES MADISON HWY		
MVC W/ ANIMAL	06:43:18	10/28/19
2000 BLK HADEN MARTIN RD		
MVC INJURY/UNK	16:07:03	10/26/19
1001 INTERSTATE 64; MM 131-132 EB		
MVC NO INJURY	10:21:34	10/26/19
30 BLK NAHOR DR		
MVC INJURY/UNK	11:01:05	10/25/19
270 BLK PLEASANT GROVE DR		
MVC W/ ANIMAL	07:03:50	10/25/19
8240 BLK JAMES MADISON HWY		

TOTAL CRASHES 10

ARRESTS

ARREST DATE: 01:03:48	10/29/19
ADDRESS: SCOTTSVILLE	
ASSAULT BATTERY FAMILY MEMBER	
ARREST DATE: 12:35:45	10/29/19
ADDRESS: SCOTTSVILLE	
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ARREST DATE: 12:05:07	10/25/19
ADDRESS: BREMO BLUFF	
ASSAULT BATTERY FAMILY MEMBER	
ARREST DATE: 10:13:46	10/31/19
ADDRESS: BREMO BLUFF	
FAILURE TO APPEAR	
ARREST DATE: 10:18:49	10/31/19
ADDRESS: BREMO BLUFF	
FAILURE TO APPEAR	
ARREST DATE: 22:37:00	10/30/19
ADDRESS: PALMYRA	
ELUDING OFFICER / FAIL TO STOP	
DUI/DUID	
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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Close with a bang
- 5 Reunion goer, briefly
- 9 Commercial creator
- 14 Vegetarian staple
- 15 Bill of fare
- 16 Hosiery hue
- 17 Japanese sashes
- 18 Kind of grin
- 19 Candle holders?
- 20 Pinocchio, e.g.
- 23 For fear that
- 24 Come before
- 25 Fix firmly
- 27 Downey Jr. flick, "Chances ___"
- 28 Exciting
- 31 Monk's hood
- 34 Assign authority
- 36 Far-many link
- 37 Embarrass
- 39 Young fellow
- 40 Subway fare
- 42 Parking place
- 43 First act
- 46 Blanched
- 47 Consumer response
- 49 U-turn from WSW
- 51 Fowl pole
- 52 Bar supply
- 56 Soothing stuff
- 58 Green energy source
- 60 False moniker
- 62 Get one's goat
- 63 Casserole fish
- 64 Wish granter
- 65 Half of an old radio duo
- 66 Flatten, in a way
- 67 Public spat
- 68 Periscope part
- 69 US currency unit

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- 2 Type of pneumonia
- 3 All excited
- 4 "Annie" and "Evita"
- 5 Made some changes
- 6 Anti-flood embankment
- 7 Part of ICU
- 8 Vast quantity
- 9 "Modern Family" network
- 10 Casino worker
- 11 Former Bears coach
- 12 Awfully long time
- 13 Hatchling's home
- 21 "___ the ramparts..."
- 22 Give off
- 26 One of TV's Mavericks
- 28 Paddle
- 29 Yuletide tune
- 30 Affleck flick, "___ Girl"
- 31 Baby elephant
- 32 Symphony member
- 33 Flood mark
- 35 One kind of college
- 38 Rail rider
- 41 Like a Carreras concert
- 44 Panthers play, perhaps
- 45 Keep bottled up
- 48 Territory
- 50 Tuck's partner
- 52 Where 'dos are done
- 53 Get used to
- 54 Mortise insert
- 55 Bias, in reporting
- 56 Captures Guinness
- 57 Knighted
- 59 Margarita fruit
- 61 "Get the picture?"

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

L	A	M	P	S	T	R	A	W	S	W	A	M	
A	C	E	R	P	O	A	C	H	W	A	G	E	
S	A	T	E	U	N	G	R	A	T	E	F	U	L
T	I	T	T	E	R	S	I	T	U	A	T	E	D
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A	V	E	N	G	E	R	S	V	E	S	T	A	L
M	E	S	S	Y	R	O	V	E	R	R	U	E	
A	L	O	E	S	O	L	A	R	R	A	G	E	
S	U	M	A	P	R	I	L	L	E	V	E	R	
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SUDOKU

Edited by Margie E. Burke

Difficulty: Medium

	3	6	1				7	
		1		8		2		
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		4			8			
3			4	9		5		
			5	1			2	
6	9							5
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HOW TO SOLVE:

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

Answers to Last Week's Sudoku:

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

HOLIDAY BAZAAR: Saturday, November 9, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., sponsored by Cunningham United Methodist Women, at the Church, 3389 Thomas Jefferson Parkway. Handcrafted items; home baked goods; jams, pickles; Grandma's Attic Treasures; Handmade quilt RAFFLE! Breakfast and lunch available for purchase. Come join Us!

FOURTH ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF CONTEST and lunch at Bethel Baptist Church, 227 Bethel Church road, Palmyra, Sunday, November 10 at 12 Noon. This competition is free and open to all interested chefs. Prizes given for First and Second place! Lunch is free for all in attendance. For more information: Scott David (757) 254-9778, or email: Scottneh810@gmail.com

SPAGHETTI DINNER at FLUVANNA HIGH SCHOOL: Wednesday, November 13th., sponsored by The United Methodist Men of Palmyra & Salem, at the Fluvanna Co. High School, Palmyra, from 5 to 7 p.m. Cooked and served by the HS Culinary Arts Department with proceeds going to Fluvanna Scholarships. Adults are \$10, Children 6 to 12 are \$5. Maximum cost for a family is \$20.00.

ANNUAL HARVEST DINNER: at Scottsville United Methodist Church, Saturday, November 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. at 158 E. Main Street in Scottsville. \$10 for Adults, \$6 for children 7-12, children under 6, FREE. We will serve Turkey with all the trimmings: dressing/gravy, cranberry sauce/mashed potatoes/yams/green beans/rolls and homemade desserts. Live Music: 'Four Hits and a Miss'. All proceeds benefit the missions of Scottsville UMC. Take out is available.

ANNUAL HAPPY FACE HOLIDAY PARTY: will be held on Saturday, December 9, at Central Elementary School, 3340 Central Plains Road, Palmyra. Donations of "new" toys, new & used books, games, clothing, etc., needed for infants up to ages 12. Slightly used bicycles also gratefully accepted. Collection boxes will be placed around the Fluvanna Community, Churches, Fluvanna Co Library, businesses, etc. Volunteers needed for set-up day before from 4-6 p.m. and day of event: 9 a.m. to Noon. The Fluvanna Christian Service Society has sponsored the Happy Face party since 1974. More information to follow.

BINGO: At Lake Monticello Fire & Rescue Building at Slice Gate (off of Rte 600/traffic light). Every Thursday doors open at 5:30 p.m. Early bird 6:45 p.m. \$1000 Jackpot * with 80 or more players! Progressive Games. Food menu available. Questions? (434) 591-1018.

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She is the President/Founder of DivaTalk..."Keeping It Real" for the Empowerment of Young Girls and Women of God, Her Nonprofit Organization. God is the Head of her life. Her Hubby Trevino, Her Mother Frances, Her Granddaughter, Her children, Her Brothers, & Her 4 nephews are of the utmost importance to her. She has been recognized with 2 articles for her organization, being the "Best Kept Secret" in Richmond" by the Richmond Key Awareness Newspaper.

It only takes a few minutes of connecting with her to understand why she becomes the "Best Kept Secret." Michelle has a distinct way of reaching young girls and women who are seeking to be their real authentic selves, remove that mask that they have been wearing for so long, to find out who and whose they really are, to make peace with whatever is holding them back, deal with peer pressure, teen pregnancy, Domestic Violence, human trafficking, depression, suicidal thoughts, how to maximize their potential, love themselves unconditionally and deepen their true relationship with God.

Alongside of her husband Trevino, who is the CEO of DivaTalk, she opens up their home, twice a month to young girls and women for food, fun and fellowship. The second Saturday of each month is devoted for girls ages 10-12, 13-15, 16-19, and the fourth Saturday of each month is devoted to women ages 20 & up. With a personality of her own, urban style, daily spiritual insight that is shared with women worldwide, Michelle is striving to be a great leader for this generation and generations to come, yet this DivaTalk vision from God was truly a big surprise to her.

If someone would have told her fifteen years ago that she would be the President/ Founder of a young girls and women's nonprofit. She would have said, What the What? you don't know my story, you don't know the miles that I have walked in my shoes, you don't know the pain that I have endured, but God, but God, is all she can say.

Traveling along her life's journey, at a young age. she allowed herself to battle insecurities, verbal abuse, sexual abuse from 2 family members at a very young age, low self-esteem, toxic relationships, lack, loss of material things, loss of a loved

one, suicidal thoughts, and to define the rest of her life. It wasn't until she was hit with the darkest moment in her life and this was the loss of the love of her life, the father of her children, her best friend, her ride or die, her first husband to a gruesome battle of lung cancer in Jan of 2004, that she had 2 options to trust God or Die. Michelle hit rock bottom and it was only God who pulled her up out the miry clay that she had allowed herself to sink into. God didn't let Michelle's past hinder her from the plans that He had for her life. So, He birthed in her, her nonprofit. DivaTalk, "Keeping It Real," for the Empowerment of Young Girls & Women of God, on Feb. of 2014, to help young girls and women to bypass a journey like the road that she has traveled, and all she can say is, but God, but God.

Michelle's process of transformation from the confused, scared and insecure young woman that she was after all that she had been through, took one day at a time, one step at a time, and a whole lot of crying, faith and prayers. Is she perfect now? No, indeed! She is an imperfect soul, serving an Awesome, & Amazing Perfect God. Michelle has become the Assistant Director of an Academy, a Pre-K Lead Teacher as well, who is studying to achieve her Degree in Theology for her nonprofit, a powerhouse Daughter of God, wife, mother, grandmother, leader, and businesswoman. She is dedicated, disciplined, resourceful, and always making room for spiritual and personal growth and development in her life, and the lives of the young girls and women whom she has the pleasure of educating, inspiring motivating and celebrating. Her passion is to share her experiences, influence, insight, knowledge and wisdom with the young girls and women in her group and those she has the pleasure of connecting with on a daily basis, to be the best version of themselves that God intends for them to be. If there is a young girl or woman who would like to be a part of this amazing group, please feel free to contact Michelle at divatalk-keepingitreal@gmail.com, and be sure to check out her social media pages:

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Fluvanna Faces: Judy Fish

BY MADELINE OTTEN
CORRESPONDENT



Cory, Judy, Kelsey, and Tony Fish. Photo courtesy of Judy Fish.

Where do you live?

My husband and I have a country mouse/ city mouse life—we have a home at Lake Monticello and an apartment near the Pentagon.

How long have you lived in Fluvanna? What brought you here?

We bought our retirement (happy place) home at Lake Monticello seven years ago. We were weekenders for a couple years until I started working as the Lake Monticello Owners' Association's communication director more than four years ago. We love that the area is beautiful and rural, yet has Charlottesville, Richmond and DC nearby. We also love living on the Lake and boating to see friends. Life is sweet here.

Tell us about your family.

My husband, Tony, and I have been married 35 years. He retired from the Army as a colonel after 32 years of service and still works in the Pentagon as a government employee. Our daughter, Kelsey, is 28 and also works in the Pentagon for the Navy in the communications division. Our son, Cory, is 27 and is an Army captain serving in Hawaii as a Blackhawk pilot (his dad was a Blackhawk pilot too). Cory and his wife, Jess, just welcomed our first grandchild two months ago—Alden Blake Fish. We are a family that likes to serve.

What did you want to be when you were growing up?

I always wanted to be a reporter. I

started a newspaper in my fifth-grade class! I got a degree in news editing and public relations and worked for newspapers and in radio.

What was your very first job?

I worked at a tiny AM radio station as an on-air personality with zero training and it showed! My dad said he would cry for me I was so bad! I learned on the job and would love to do some radio again—I don't think I will make dad cry now! I later worked for larger stations in California and Alabama.

What do you do for a living?

I am currently in my last couple of weeks as the communications director at Lake Monticello. I want to do some writing. I started "playing" with a blog before I went to work for the Lake. I will get back to that and write a book about my dad—and maybe a Lake tell all! (just kidding!) My blog: <https://judythefish.blogspot.com/>

What is one of your pet peeves?

I do not like when people are unkind to others. I just don't get it. Being loving, costs nothing and pays a huge reward.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Boat, float and read. Tony and I also love to dance. I have an antiques booth in Gordonsville and I use it as an excuse to go to estate and yard sales—and Goodwill!

Books or movies? Why?

Oh, both! I am in two book clubs and

have an idea about another one I would love to start. But there is something about movies...love them! Now with reclining seats and refillable ice tea, it's a little slice of escapist heaven!

Favorite book/series? Favorite movie?

I loved the Nancy Drew series as a kid and now collect vintage copies. Later I discovered Lawrence Sanders' Deadly Sins series. I really enjoyed those too. I like that my dad and I read them together—in different states. It was like our own father/ daughter long-distance book club. We still share book titles to read.

Who is your favorite sports team?

This will sound corny, but the Hayfield Hawks—our kids ran cross country and track in high school (Alexandria, Va. and Fort Campbell, Ky.). I loved cheering them on and being mama Fish to the teams. I don't enjoy televised sports but love the excitement of any live college or professional game.

What pivotal decision helped to shape your life?

Marrying my husband when I was just 20. I quit college in California to marry him. I sold my car and bought a one-way ticket to Korea to live with him (even though I was not authorized by the Army to be there). I later graduated college in Alabama. We lived 10 years overseas—Korea (twice), Germany and the Netherlands. I was a single parent during his multiple combat deployments. I would say marrying Tony Fish was a life changing event and I would not change a minute of it.

Tell us about a way you have changed over the years.

The first answer that pops to mind? I am older and fatter! But ironically, I am also much more comfortable in my own skin and feel more happy and secure in who I am. I feel much calmer than I did 20 years ago. I will feel even calmer when I retire. I hope to work on that fatter part too and get healthier—cannot do anything about the older part, except embrace age as the gift of still living.

What has surprised

you about your life?

I often want to pinch myself because my life is pretty darn sweet! I have an amazing husband and fabulous children, terrific friends, an extended family I love, a house on the water and the opportunity to redefine myself at 55. Life is good.

What's one thing you hope to accomplish before you die?

I have to write at least one book. My family and friends are tired of me saying, "someday I will..." Maybe now is the time.

Tell us about one of your regrets.

I should have spent more time with my mom before she died. I do not intend to make that mistake again—family first.

Tell us about your proudest moment.

There are two of them—the moments I delivered our two children. I am not an athlete (no surprise to those who know me). I had two completely natural childbirths. I joked to my husband that if they only gave athletic medals for childbirth, I could be a contender!

The whole rural county is beautiful, but our slice of heaven is Lake Monticello. I love to be on the water.

What is the craziest thing you have ever done in Fluvanna?

Tony and I joined Lakers Mike Feazel, Sue Orr and John and Cindy Stenz and bought an old pontoon boat. We stripped it down to bare bones and created a floating Tiki Bar Boat that we named Pontiki. We had three magical summers on that boat. It was crazy, fun! We have all since sold it to John and Cindy Stenz.

What quote or saying do you connect with most? Why do you like it?

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Lenherr wins treasurer's race

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

Longtime Fluvanna County Treasurer Linda H. Lenherr defeated two rivals Tuesday night (Nov. 5), holding onto the seat she first won nearly four decades ago.

Tristana Treadway, the clerk of the Fluvanna County Circuit Court, said the final unofficial tallies had Lenherr with 3,004 votes, challenger Kim Oliver-Hyland with 2,456 votes and challenger Ben Hudson with 2,483 votes.

Lenherr was not initially expected to run for another term, but announced her re-election bid in late May, almost a month after Hudson, a Fluvanna County High School teacher and local NAACP president, announced his candidacy. Oliver-Hyland announced her own campaign in mid-June.

At a candidate's forum in early September, Hudson and Oliver-Hyland stressed the need for new ideas and new approaches in the treasurer's office. Hudson said his first objective was to "bring about a greater transparency in the office," while Oliver-Hyland argued the need for staff training and certification, a thorough review of current procedures, and to increase the collection rate of delinquent taxes.

Lenherr pushed back against the implied criticism of her tenure and focused on her experience and her close ties to the community. "I enjoy my job because I enjoy serving the people of Fluvanna County," she said, describing herself as "a working treasurer" with an open-door policy and a desire to help delinquent and down-on-their-luck taxpayers come up with plans to meet their obligations.

In recent weeks, Lenherr and Oliver-Hyland have sparred on social media over delinquent tax collections and other issues, while Hudson stayed mostly out of the fray.

In the end, Lenherr was able to hold onto her post.

Uncontested races in Fluvanna

Most county-level races were uncontested. Commonwealth's Attorney Jeffrey Haislip, Sheriff Eric Hess and Commissioner of the Revenue Andrew "Mel" Sheridan will remain in

their current posts.

The Board of Supervisors is also unchanged, with Mozell Booker (Fork Union) and Patricia Eager (Palmyra) running unopposed for additional four-year terms.

James Kelley will join the Fluvanna County School Board, replacing outgoing Palmyra District member Brenda Pace. Perrie Johnson will serve another term representing the Fork Union District.

Senate and delegate races

Fluvanna's representation in the General Assembly came out unchanged, with incumbent Senators Mark Peake (R-22nd Dist.) and Creigh Deeds (D-25th Dist.) and Delegates Rob Bell (R-58th Dist.) and Lee Ware (R-65th Dist.) all winning re-election.

Peake won 19,371 votes in total, with 4,622 in Fluvanna. Opponent Dakota Claytor won 11,125 votes, with 3,576 in Fluvanna.

Deeds received 35,642 votes in the district, with just five from Fluvanna. Challenger Elliot Harding got 17,112 votes total, with 10 from Fluvanna.

Rob Bell received 15,647 votes district-wide, with 3,680 in Fluvanna. Challenger Elizabeth Alcorn won 8,990, with 2,367 in Fluvanna.

Lee Ware received 18,720 votes in total, with 1,192 in Fluvanna. Challenger Michael Asip won 9,211 votes, with 1,014 in Fluvanna.

This will be Peake's first full four-year term. In 2017, he defeated former Fluvanna County Sheriff Ryant Washington in a special election for the seat vacated by Tom Garrett.

Alcorn may not have defeated Bell, but she changed the law in Fluvanna.

Earlier this year, she challenged a county ordinance that restricted the political lawn signs to no more than 60 days before an election. Alcorn argued that this violated her First Amendment rights by preventing her from building name recognition. In late August, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to remove the 60-day limit and allow signs to be put up "a reasonable time" before an election.

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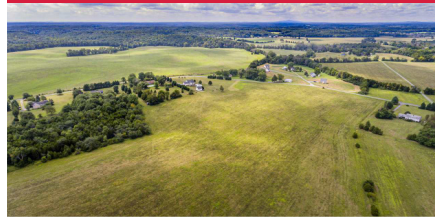


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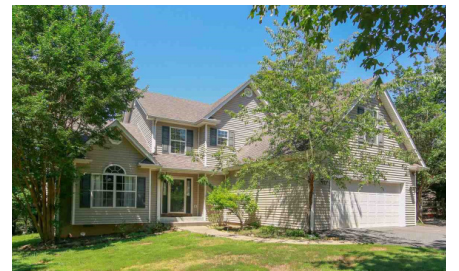
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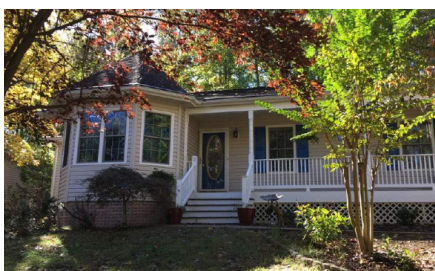
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