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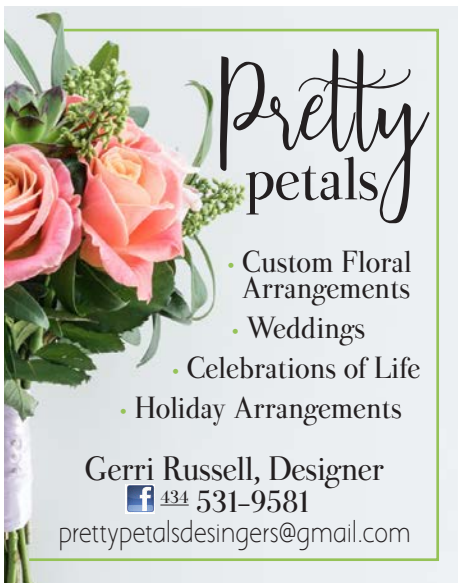
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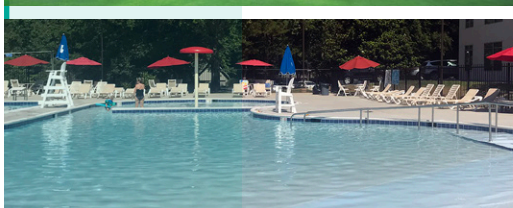
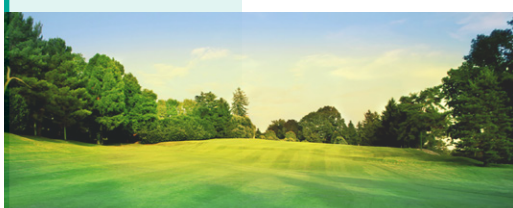
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# May reminisces about farming in Fluvanna

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD  
 CORRESPONDENT

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A former assistant superintendent of buildings and grounds and a plumber, his hobby and his passion are collecting farm equipment and tools. Neelley and Small visited him at his farm to interview him and see his vast collection, most of which is now housed at the Farm Heritage Museum at Pleasant Grove.

Both Neelley and Small based their film on preserving the memories of a man who lived through a different time in history. They filmed their interview with May

against the backdrop of the museum and its agricultural treasures of the past, restored farm equipment, still and silent but able to tell their stories, through May, of Fluvanna's agricultural history and what life was like decades ago when people accepted self-sufficiency and were proud of it.

It was a much different way of living. "In the '20s and '30s, everyone had a subsistence farm, a small lot of tobacco or a large crop of tomatoes," said Betty McGehees, who was interviewed for the film. Women would be out in the heat harvesting tomatoes and then spend the day canning and putting their labels on the can. "During World War I in France an American soldier from Fluvanna

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May, who was born in 1922 and will be 98 in March, paints a picture of survival, of living a hard life by today's standards and existing on kindness and on business by barter and trade. But it is a life he doesn't regret.

"During the Depression, we

didn't have any money, but we lived well," said May. "We didn't lack for food. We grew it and the only thing we went to the store for was for things like sugar." He recalled before walking to school he would take a basket of



A young John May. Photo courtesy of David Small.

eggs and trade them for sugar at the store. He said it was common to see people riding in horse and buggies or walking. For a generation, used to convenience such as cell phones, cars, and computers, and everything instant, May's early life is hard to imagine. This prompted Small to collaborate with Neelley and record May's story about his collection and his life.

"I want to pass this along to my students," Small said. Both Neelley and Small knew what had been restored and placed in the museum for exhibition but had no idea what still existed at May's farm. "His collection just grew and grew, and some of it still needs restoration," said Neelley. "He has so many stories and his recollections and his memories are sharp."

"Collecting is a disease," said May. "There are only two cures for it, you run out of money or you die." His collection started when a local man told him about an old weathered, broken-down building that had once been a blacksmith's shop. May found tools and an old anvil and this was the beginning of his collection.

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He continued to search for artifacts of a different time. "A woman told me she found the skeleton of a vehicle and told me I had to take a look at it. There was nothing left but metal parts - no wood," said May. He learned it was a Confederate ambulance. "The Confederate ambulances only held two people and the Union ambulances were double-decker

so they could hold four." He loved making molasses but also helped with many tasks around the farm, including plowing. Anyone who had ever lived on an old farm has come across a rusty plow from a bygone era. Seeing them restored shows the strength and endurance

of an earlier farming generation and reminds us in the present of how fortunate we are we don't have to struggle as they did. "I plowed many a night and by moonlight. As long as you could see that furrow, you dropped that front wheel and it kept you in line and dropped your plow into the correct notch."

May continues to collect which leaves Small wide eyed at the prospect of further accumulation. May's goal for next year is to add tools that will replicate a blacksmith's shop. Both Small and Neelley are working on tweaking the short film before its release. Neelley is hoping the county will use it for historical reference. Small said he learned so much from Neelley about film editing and May about the agricultural history. Neelley was impressed with May's stories about this past life.

The museum and the film about John May's collection are about country life and farming but also about building character and appreciating the simple things in life.



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

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# Foothill Irrigation coming to Zion Crossroads area

BY MADELINE OTTEN  
CORRESPONDENT

A new business is coming to Fluvanna County thanks to a 5-0 vote by the Fluvanna County Planning Commission on Jan. 15. The Planning Commission approved a sketch plan for the approved headquarters of the five star rated company, Foothill Irrigation. Their new headquarters will reside in the Zion Crossroads area, in the Zion Station Industrial Park, which includes a 2,016 square foot office as well as outbuildings and outside storage areas.

Foothill Irrigation started serving clients in the Charlottesville area in 1987 and offer irrigation installation and maintenance as well as whole house filtration systems and landscape lighting. Installation can include water line installation, submersible pumps, pump stations, trenching, design build, and storage tanks. Maintenance includes contracts, electrical troubleshooting, system renovations and upgrades, yearly backflow testing and certification, certified irrigation audits, and emergency services.

"After 30 years, we have outgrown our facility in Earlysville and identified the site in Zion Crossroads as an ideal location for many reasons: proximity to existing clients; I-64 facilitates access to new markets; availability of labor from the Fluvanna/Louisa areas; and infrastructure that is finally catching up to 21st century standards," said owner Bradley Hill. "The last point is important because we would not have considered this location without municipal water and broadband Internet."

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With Foothill Irrigation making its way over to Fluvanna, it will bring 15 new jobs to the county. In addition to new jobs, it will also bring more benefits to the county.

"I guess that benefit is in the eye of the beholder," said Hill. "From my perspective, Foothill brings new tax revenue; demonstration to other companies that the Fluvanna area is vibrant and corporate-friendly; we will purchase from local retail merchants (Lowe's, Tractor Supply, gas, food, etc.) as well as 15 associates who will do same; many existing (and hopefully new) customers in Fluvanna/Louisa who will now have greater access to our services; and a growing company looking to leverage the local workforce."

While there is no set date for the opening of the office in the Zion Crossroads area, the capital investment is \$800,000 for this project. Customers can check out their website – [foothillirrigation.com](http://foothillirrigation.com) – for more information and get a free estimate.



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It's not too late for people to make a difference. Though drop-off locations serving Palmyra are closed until November 16 – 23, 2020, information about year-round volunteer opportunities can also be found at [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ) or by calling 410-772-7360.

Thank you again to everyone who participated in this global project—many who do so year after year. These simple gifts, packed with love, send a message to children worldwide that they are loved and not forgotten. – Dana Williams, Operation Christmas Child, Boone, NC

# Cameron Webb speaks to Lake's Progressive Club

CONTRIBUTED BY JEFFREY JAMES



Dr. Cameron Webb.  
Photo by Charles Domroe.

Dr. Cameron Webb, primary candidate for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Congress for Virginia's 5th District spoke to a group of about 35 attendees at the January lunchtime meeting of the Progressive Club at the Lake.

Dr. Webb is a practicing physi-

cian, professor and director of University of Virginia's School of Medicine's Health Policy and Equity Program; he is also a trained lawyer.

Dr. Webb's campaign theme of health equity and access for all is derived partially from his Virginia roots, being born and raised in Spotsylvania County, and his work in both Obama and Trump administrations where he contributed to health policy development and implementation. (When they moved his desk out into the hallway in the White House he joked that "the worst thing you can do {to quiet a person} is to put an extrovert in a hallway!" Dr. Webb claims that experience of listening to others broadened his understanding and perspective of other points of view.

Stressing that medical spending in the U.S. accounts for more than 17.6% of GDP, double that at least of other advanced nations,

and the return on that investment does not yield better health or greater longevity for millions of Americans, or protection from bankruptcy for almost a half American million families per year, Dr. Webb said, "insulin in the US now costs more than cobra venom!" Webb acknowledged that this large portion of the US economy required careful and gradual alter-

ation to improve medical access and outcomes for all and more reasonable cost for the country. "We have many models to consider from other countries' experiences" he said. The Progressive Club routinely cites Scandinavian, Dutch and Swiss examples.

The meeting concluded after 90 minutes. It is held monthly at the Golf Course's Pub and is open to all.

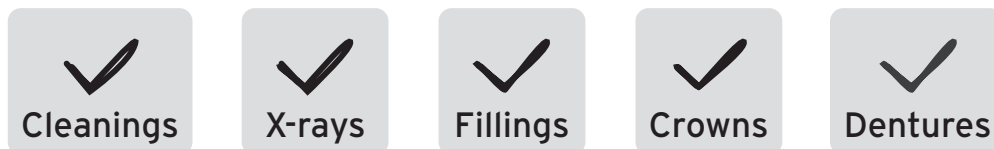
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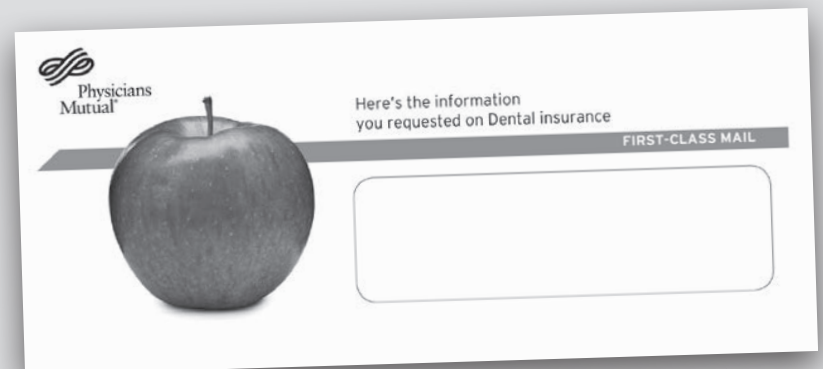
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# JRWA finds no evidence of wrongdoing by archaeologist

## Report is unlikely to end debate over Rassawek dig

BY HEATHER MICHON  
CORRESPONDENT

An internal investigation into a whistleblower complaint of unethical practices during a survey of a sensitive archaeological site along the James River has found no credible evidence of management, Fluvanna County announced on Wednesday (Jan 15).

In a 35-page memo to the James River Water Authority (JRWA), attorney Justin Curtis of AquaLaw found that statements made by Eric Mai, former field technician for Circa Cultural Resource Management were “misleading and exaggerated” or simply could not be corroborated.

At the same time, Curtis said “counsel is not qualified to, and does not offer any opinion on the work performed by Circa of [owner and principal Carol] Tyrer” and did not evaluate Circa’s practices for “conformity with accepted standards for professional conduct.”

Point of Fork, at the confluence of the James and Rivanna rivers, is the proposed site of a pumping station designed to carry millions of gallons of water into Louisa County, which would also be used by Fluvanna County. It is also believed to be the site of Rassawek, the chief city of the Monacan Indian Nation at the time of the English arrival in Virginia in 1607.

In October 2019, Mai issued a sworn declaration accusing Tyrer of “illegal, unethical, and unscientific” practices during the archaeological survey of the site conducted between May 2017 and January 2018. This statement came shortly after the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) informed the JRWA that Tyrer lacked the professional qualifications required under state and federal law to conduct such surveys.

To evaluate Mai’s claims, Curtis said he interviewed several people involved with the project, including Tyrer; Joe Hines, project manager for Timmons Group, the lead contractor for the pumping station; and Brandon Weaver, a foreman with

Falconer Construction, whose workers performed hundreds of hours of work at the site.

### Inadequately prepared and supplied

One of Mai’s claims was that the field staff was inadequately informed about the background and potential sensitivity of the site.

Curtis said that a work plan filed with the VDHR and the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) clearly outlined “the significance of the site,” and that Mai and the rest of the crew were provided copies of the work plan.

Mai said in his statement that Tyrer refused to provide them with GPS devices to properly map the site. In her interview with Curtis, Tyrer disputed this claim, “stating that Circa’s staff had and were instructed to use GPS devices in the field to map the transects and positive shovel tests, that all base maps used in the field were generated by Timmons’ GIS staff and land surveyors, and that the project boundaries were well-marked in the field by Timmons’ surveyors prior to the study.”

She also denies Mai’s contention that field staff didn’t have access to Munsell Soil Color Chart books, which archaeologists use to date different layers of soil as they excavate. Curtis said her claims were verified by notations on site maps were Mai and others clearly referenced Munsell layers.

### AWOL

Mai said in his statement that Tyrer was often absent from the site. Curtis dismissed the claim by pointing out that the survey had two main stages: from April 2017 to June 2017 and from October 2017 to January 2018. In the early stage, he says, “there was no requirement for Tyrer to be continually present.”

There was no work on the site over the summer of 2017 as the county waited for an anticipatory burial permit in the event the dig uncovered human remains. Mai’s statement, said Curtis, appeared to be “deliberately misleading and intended to convey” that Tyrer had been absent for five months, “when in fact no work took place for four of those months.”

In October 2017, VDHR project review archaeologist Greg LaBudde made an unexpected visit and found Tyrer was not there. Mai said that he had heard from fellow staffers that Tyrer had been upset when she found out about LaBudde’s visit and ordered another employee, Charlie Rutledge, to lie to LaBudde and explain she had just stepped away temporarily if LaBudde reappeared.

Tyrer denied to Curtis that she had asked Rutledge to lie to the VDHR, although she admitted that in a conversation with him in October 2017, he had told her he felt she had implied he should lie.

The attorney said he was “unable to speak” to Rutledge, who has since left Circa.

Curtis said that Tyrer’s apparent absence of the site during LaBudde’s visit was, at worst, a misunderstanding. “After VDHR explained that I was to be onsite every day,” Curtis quoted Tyrer, “I was onsite every day.”

### Untrained workers

Workers from Falconer Construction, another subcontractor working at the site, were used by Tyrer to operate heavy machinery to dig trenches, to dig test pits, and to shake screens to sift soil for artifacts. “It appears likely that the skills of construction workers would be suitable and appropriate to these tasks,” said Curtis.

Mai stated in his declaration that their work was largely unsupervised and “they told me they had no

idea what they were looking for.” He also said they sometimes used inappropriate heavy equipment that risked damaging artifacts.

Curtis argued that the construction workers were always supervised, often by Mai himself, and described their participation as “limited.” He dismissed the use of untrained workers by pointing out that “the DHR Guidelines do not mandate that all personnel participating [in] an archaeological field study be qualified archaeologists.”

### Not sufficiently reliable

“In summary,” Curtis wrote, “Counsel does not find any of the principal allegations in the Mai Declaration to be credible and/or supported by the available evidence. Thus, Counsel does not believe the Mai Declaration provides information that is sufficiently reliable to base a recommendation for any specific further Board action with respect to Circa and Tyrer.”

The JWRA approved the report at its Jan. 18 meeting, but it is unlikely that this is the final word on the survey.

In late December, lawyers for the Monacan Indian Nation asked the Boards of Supervisors for Fluvanna and Louisa to open an independent investigation into Timmons and Circa to see if they had “defrauded the public during purported archaeological investigations at Rassawek.”

Meanwhile, lawyers for the JRWA have petitioned the Fluvanna County Circuit Court to try to get VDHR to accept Tyrer’s professional qualifications. A hearing date has not yet been set.

# Tenaska Virginia Partners accepting college scholarship applications

**Deadline for Fluvanna County High School submissions is Friday, Feb. 14**

PRESS RELEASE

Tenaska Virginia Partners, L.P., owner of Tenaska Virginia Generating Station near Scottsville, is sponsoring \$6,000 in academic scholarships for college-bound Fluvanna County High School seniors again this year.

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Fluvanna County High School students graduating in spring 2020 who will be attending a two- or four-year post-secondary education program at an accredited institution may apply. Applications can be obtained from the high school guidance counselor and must be submitted no later than Feb. 14. Four \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded.

"Success is embedded in education," said Sam Graham, plant manager for Tenaska Virginia Generating Station. "Our annual college scholarship program encourages continued success. We are proud to support the education of Fluvanna County's most promising students."

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# Hundreds trek to Capitol to support environmental bills

BY JEFFREY KNIGHT  
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

Hundreds of clean energy supporters trekked to the State Capitol this week demanding Virginia move away from reliance on carbon-based energy, invest in alternative energy supplies and lower rates for customers.

At the rally, hosted Tuesday by the Sierra Club Virginia Chapter, Chesapeake Climate Action Network Action Fund and other environmental organizations, participants pushed for Virginia to join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, an effort to cap and reduce carbon emissions from the power sector.

Gov. Ralph Northam supported the initiative in his 2020 budget proposal by including \$733 million in new funding for the environment and clean energy.

"In Virginia, we are proving that a clean environment and a strong economy go hand-in-hand--and having both is what makes our Commonwealth such a great place to live, work and play," Northam said in a press release.

Organizations lobbied for bills that seek to depart from a reliance on fossil fuels such as coal and natural gas. One focus was House Bill 1526 and its counterpart Senate Bill 851 known as the Virginia Clean Economy Act.

These bills would develop mandatory standards, annual timelines and call for specific reductions of carbon emissions with the goal to

hit 0% by 2050. The bills also push for offshore wind operations and solar energy generation.

"I'm 100% for environmental issues," Sen. Lionell Spruill Sr., D-Chesapeake, and co-patron of SB 851, said to supporters of the bill during the rally. "If I have to stand alone for environmental issues, I will do it alone."

After supporters met with legislators they reconvened at the nearby St. Paul's Episcopal Church where they heard speakers champion environmental justice and steps to combat climate change.

Del. Jennifer Carroll Foy, D-Prince William, took to the podium during the rally to address coal ash, a by-product of burning coal in power plants that contains arsenic, mercury and other metals.

"Most of our environmental impacts, not only of climate change but also with coal ash and pipe-lines, are in our most vulnerable communities," Carroll Foy said to the audience.

Dominion is Virginia's main energy supplier, with 2.6 million customers in Virginia and Eastern North Carolina, according to its website. The energy giant has been moving away from coal production, but environmental advocates worry that closure of Dominion's coal ash ponds will affect nearby communities. They want Dominion to haul away the coal ash, versus cap it in place.

Advocates also said that the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline that Dominion and other utility companies want to build as they tap into alternative energy sources will compromise communities and deviate from a zero carbon future.

"There will be 35 years of non-renewable energy if the pipeline continues," said

Corrina Beall, legislative and political director of the Sierra Club Virginia Chapter.

The Environmental Justice Act (HB 704 and SB 406) patroned by Del. Mark Keam, D-Fairfax, and Sen. Ghazala Hashmi, D-Richmond, respectively, would require state agencies to review proposed environmental policies with regard to the impact on low income communities, communities of color and vulnerable populations and calls for "the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people."

Supporters at the rally also pushed for the Fair Energy Bills Act (HB 1132), patroned by Del. Jerauld "Jay" Jones, D-Norfolk, and Del. Lee Ware, R-Powhatan. The bill calls for lower rates from energy suppliers like Dominion Energy, who reportedly overcharged Virginians \$277 million more than they were allowed in 2018.

SB 966 restored the SCC's ability to conduct earnings reviews to determine whether Dominion Energy had collected more money than

required. If so, the extra revenue could be reinvested in electric distribution grid transformation as well as solar and offshore wind projects at no extra cost to the consumer.

"What makes more financial sense is for the money to be reinvested, which allows the customer to get the benefit of the project without any additional rates," said Rayhan Daudani, manager of media relations for Dominion Energy.

He said that customers get a "great value" with rates 6.8% below the national average, along with increased investment in renewable energy and a transformed energy grid. Dominion said it plans to invest \$750 million between offshore wind projects and smart meters that provide better grid service.

"Our mission is to keep those prices low, build the nation's largest offshore wind project, continue to provide solar energy across the state and keep the lights on for our customers," Daudani said.

The offshore wind project is set to be the largest in the U.S. with enough energy to power up to 650,000 Virginia homes, according to a recent Dominion Energy press release.

So far none of the bills supported by clean energy advocates have passed committee.



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# Marijuana reform advocates divided between decriminalization or legalization

BY EMMA GAUTHIER  
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

Advocates dressed in black stood Wednesday at the base of the Virginia Civil Rights Memorial to voice their support of marijuana legalization, repeating a variation of, "the time is now," in each of their state-ments.

Participants dressed in black "in order to stand in solidarity with the black and brown bodies that have been criminalized for decades here in the commonwealth," said Chelsea Higgs Wise, co-founder of Marijuana Justice, a Virginia-based nonprofit organization that aims to educate people on the history of cannabis criminalization in the U.S.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia, along with Marijuana Justice and RISE for Youth, a campaign committed to promoting alternatives to youth incarceration, held a press conference promoting House Bill 1507, patroned by Del. Jennifer Carroll Foy, D-Prince William.

"Lean on your legislators and make sure that they understand the effort to legalize marijuana is here and we're bringing it to your front door because now is the time to fully have criminal justice reform in a meaningful way," Carroll Foy said.

The bill wants to exclude marijuana from a list of controlled substances that are illegal to possess. Under current law, less than half an ounce of marijuana is consid-

ered a class one misdemeanor.

A "first offender's rule" is offered on first convictions in lieu of class one misdemeanor penalties. The rule includes probation, drug testing and community service. Subsequent convictions are punishable by up to one year in jail and a maximum fine of \$2,500.

Possession of more than half an ounce of marijuana is by law considered an intent to distribute and is charged as a felony, punishable by one to 10 years in prison.

Capital News Service reported that in 2018, the only offenses more common than marijuana possession were traffic-related, such as speeding or reckless driving. Marijuana arrests that year were at their highest level in at least 20 years, with nearly 29,000 arrests.

"Arrests for marijuana possession are significantly higher for blacks and people of color, even though data has shown that there is no higher rate usage with people of color than there are with white people," said Del. Joshua Cole, D-Stafford, chief co-patron of HB 1507. "But yet we are constantly the ones that are taking the brunt of this."

Virginia State Police arrested more white people (25,306) for drug violations in 2018 than African Americans (20,712). While African Americans make up 19% of Virginia's population, they consisted of nearly half of all marijuana

convictions in 2018, according to a Capital News Service analysis of court records. Carroll Foy said that African Americans are three times more likely than any other race to be stopped, arrested and convicted for possession of marijuana.

Nine other bills have been introduced this session relating to the possession of marijuana. Some propose legalization, while others propose decriminalization. Although the terms are used interchangeably at times, the two carry dramatically different meanings.

Bills similar to HB 1507, like HB 87 and HB 269, propose the legalization of marijuana, which would lift existing laws that prohibit possession of the substance.

Senate Bill 2, patroned by Sen. Adam Ebbin, D-Alexandria, HB 972, patroned by Del. Charniele Herring, D-Alexandria, and several other bills propose the decriminalization of marijuana. These bills would impose a \$50 fee for consuming or possessing marijuana. Ebbin's bill would raise the threshold amount of marijuana subject to distribution or possession with intent to distribute from one-half ounce to one ounce. Herring's bill would impose a \$250 fee if the offender was consuming marijuana in public. However, the drug would remain illegal.

The ACLU said last week at a press conference that decriminal-

ization and civil offenses still hold and create a number of issues — someone who wants to contest the citation would have to do so without a lawyer, and those who cannot afford to pay upfront would have to go to court, which usually includes more costs and fees. The group instead wants to see a full repeal of the prohibition on marijuana.

Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring took part in a cannabis conference Sunday and voiced his support for marijuana reform.

"It's clear time for cannabis reform has come," Herring said. "Justice demands it, Virginians are demanding it, and I'm going to make sure we get it done."

Ashna Khanna, legislative director of the ACLU of Virginia, said they have confirmed Herring's support of HB 1507. The organization, along with 11 others, sent a letter to Gov. Ralph Northam requesting support of legislation to legalize marijuana and hope that he will be open to meeting with them soon.



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The Festival will be held March 18-22, 2020, in venues throughout Charlottesville and Albemarle County. The schedule is searchable by topic, genre, author, and venue on [VaBook.org/Schedule](http://VaBook.org/Schedule).

Some schedule highlights include:

- **No Visible Bruises: What We Don't Know About Domestic Violence Can Kill Us**—March 18, 4:00 PM—Rachel Louise Snyder (*No Visible Bruises*) shares her examination of what lies behind domestic abuse and the intense psychological terrorism that can spiral into violence and lost lives.
- **Following Bird Migrations: Kenn Kaufman**—March 18, 4:00 PM—Author and conservationist Kenn Kaufman (*A Season on the Wind*) gives a keynote on his lifelong work as a birder.
- **Finding Stories, Finding Ourselves: Photography**—March 18, 6:00 PM—Photographers and writers Timothy Duffy (*Blue Muse*), Alex Harris and Margaret Sartor (*Where We Find Ourselves*), and Robert

Schultz (*War Memoranda*) present striking photography, particular processes, and contemplations of barriers related to class and race and national origin.

- **The Food We Eat, the Stories We Tell**—March 19, 12:00 PM—Anthology editor Elizabeth Engelhardt and contributors Jeff Mann and Emily Wallace discuss Appalachian foodways and the creation of an anthology honoring those traditions.
- **Science, Public Policy, and Law**—March 19, 4:00 PM—Sarah Milov (*The Cigarette*), Igor Vol-sky (*Guns Down*), and James C. Zimring (*What Science is and How it Really Works*) delve into the history behind manipulations of scientific studies for economic and political gain.
- **Reaching Young Readers: Smell My Book!**—March 20, 10:00 AM—Acclaimed children's author Cece Bell (*Chick and Brain*) and editor of the *New York Times Book Review*, Pamela Paul (*How to Raise a Reader*), discuss books for young readers and how to welcome children to a love of reading.
- **Carol Troxell Reader: Cara Black**—March 20, 2:00 PM—As the third annual Carol Troxell Reader, acclaimed mystery author Cara Black (*Murder in Bel-Air*) gives a solo reading from the nineteenth book in her Aimée LeDuc series, set in Paris. Sponsored by the Carol

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- **Global Diaspora Fiction**—March 20, 2:00 PM—Amitav Ghosh (*Gun Island*), Helon Habila (*Travelers*), and Mimi Lok (*Last of Her Name*) discuss their novels exploring personal and political impacts of contemporary diaspora.
- **Night Full of Crime**—March 20, 8:00 PM—Join bestselling authors Deborah Crombie (*A Bitter Feast*), Joe Ide (*Hi Five*), and Ian Rankin (*In a House of Lies*) as they discuss their newest book and complex series protagonists. Maureen Corrigan moderates the conversation.
- **Filled with Possibility: Poetry**—March 20, 8:00 PM—Erika Meitner (*Holy Moly Carry Me*), Kiki Petrosino (*White Blood*), and Brian Teare (*Doomstead Days*) read from and discuss their poetry.
- **Graphic Novels for All Ages**—March 21, 2:00 PM—Laura Lee Gullledge (*The Dark Matter of Mona Starr*), Debbie Levy (*Becoming RBG*), and Wendy Xu (*Mooncakes*) discuss their graphic novels for young readers and adults, and how they approach telling personal and fantastical stories.

Additional details about these and other 2020 Festival programs are available on [VaBook.org](http://VaBook.org).

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- **Read & Lead Lunch with Jonathan Eig**, author of *Ali: A Life*—March 18, 11:45 AM
- **Literary Luncheon with Jacqueline Woodson**, author of *Red at the Bone*—March 19, 11:45 AM
- **Crime Wave Brunch with Ian Rankin**, author of *In a House of Lies*—March 21, 10:00 AM

Additional programs and speakers will be announced on [VaBook.org](http://VaBook.org), in the coming weeks.

Media inquiries related to author interviews and/or hi-res images for publication should be directed to Sarah Lawson at [sdlawson@virginia.edu](mailto:sdlawson@virginia.edu) or 434-982-2983.

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# Virginia gun rights advocates take Second Amendment stand

BY ANDREW RINGLE  
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE



Chants of “We will not comply,” and “USA, USA,” sounded through the blanket of security as thousands of armed Second Amendment supporters converged on Richmond Monday (Jan. 20) to protest proposed gun control measures.

The rally, organized by the gun rights group Virginia Citizens Defense League, raised security concerns in the days leading up to it. Gov. Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency and banned firearms from the Capitol grounds from Jan. 17 to Jan. 21.

Over the weekend, Capitol Police erected a fence around the grounds and created one main security checkpoint into the area where speakers would be located. Capitol Police estimated around 22,000 people attended, with 6,000 entering the secured area where weapons were not allowed.

Despite the governor’s ban, many gun rights advocates came armed and opted to stay outside of the State Capitol grounds, flooding streets around the Capitol and legislative

offices in the Pocahontas Building.

Capitol Police reported that one arrest was made. A Richmond woman was charged for wearing a mask in public -- a felony in Virginia. The armed protesters didn’t attempt to breach the security fence put up around Capitol Square. A red smoke grenade was set off, but no other disturbances were reported. After the event, Northam expressed gratitude that the event wasn’t violent.

“Thousands of people came to Richmond to make their voices heard,” he said in a statement. “Today showed that when people disagree, they can do so peacefully.

Days before the rally, the FBI arrested seven members of a white nationalist group called The Base. At least three were reportedly planning to attend the rally and create a violent disturbance. Northam state that such intel prompted him to declare a state of emergency. Some businesses near the Capitol decided to close during the rally, though many remained open.

Philip Van Cleave, VCDL president, tried to dispel fears of violence by releasing social media statement urging attendees to stay peaceful and to focus on supporting the Second Amendment.

“The issue is not race; it’s not politics or politicians,” said Willis Madden, a member of National African American Gun Association from King and Queen County. “It’s not about who is in the White House or who just got elected, the issue is the Second Amendment.”

Many gun rights advocates expressed concern over SB 16, introduced by Sen. Dick Saslaw, D-Fairfax, which would have prohibited the sale and transport of assault firearms and certain types of firearm magazines.

Saslaw pulled the bill last week, but Del. Mark H. Levine, D-Alexandria, introduced a similar bill in the House, HB 961. Levine’s bill would prohibit the sale and transport of assault firearms, certain firearm magazines, silencers, and trigger activators, as well as outlines penalties.

Amy Parker of Westmoreland County said gun control legislation doesn’t make her feel safe.

“Everything they are trying to ban is going to get rid of most guns that people use for self defense,” said Parker. “It’s my right to not be a victim.”

Other gun bills in the General Assembly include SB 70, which requires a universal background check when people sell firearms; SB 69, which limits handgun purchases to one a month; SB 35, which allows localities to ban firearms in a public space during a permitted event; and SB 240, which would create a process for attorneys and law enforcement to file emergency orders prohibiting a person from purchasing,

possessing or transferring a firearm if they pose “a substantial risk of injury to himself or others.” The first three were passed the Senate last week and SB 240 awaits a vote.

Van Cleave spoke against the measures endorsed primarily by Northam and Democratic lawmakers. Van Cleave was joined on stage by several Republican legislators, among them Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper, Del. John McGuire, R-Henrico and Sen. Amanda Chase, R-Chesterfield.

“Every other freedom that we have as Americans is based on that Second Amendment,” said Chase, repeating a phrase that she used earlier while addressing advocates waiting in line to lobby lawmakers.

Chase, who previously wore a pistol on the Senate floor during the 2019 General Assembly session, said in a Capital News Service interview that she was “so encouraged” by the rally turnout. Chase said she will continue to work with gun rights advocates to overturn the proposed legislation: “We’re gonna make it happen.”

Attendees expressed happiness that the massive event was not marred by any major disruptions or violence.

“I’ve been following the bills and listening to all of the news surrounding today, and I wanted to see for myself that those of us in Richmond could come out here and be peaceful,” said Ryan Querry, a psychology student at Virginia Commonwealth University. “Most people say they are surprised that it turned out so peaceful, but this is exactly what I expected.”



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# Fluco wrestlers reach Billy Wensel Tournament final but fall to FUMA

BY DUNCAN NIXON  
CORRESPONDENT



Wrestlers go head to head.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Billy Wensel Wrestling Tournament was contested at Fluvanna High on Saturday, Jan. 18. The tournament is named for a well-known former wrestler and wrestling coach, who lost his battle with ALS this past year. In his honor the Flucos team has contributed \$2,000 to the ALS Foundation.

This year's tournament was originally intended to include eight teams, but due to some predictions of inclement weather two schools dropped out on the night before the tournament. Matches and times had to be changed at the last minute, but the revised tournament schedule came off without a hitch. The schools that competed were Cumberland County High, Fork Union Military Academy (FUMA), King George, Colonial Heights, Chancellor High and, the hosts, Fluvanna County.

The format for the competition was a sort of double round robin. The tournament started with two three team divisions. Each team competed against the two other teams in its division. Then a second round of matches was held with the top teams and bottom teams competing. Then the top two teams that emerged from that round competed for the championship. The two Fluvanna county teams Fluvanna County High and FUMA reached the finals. In this competition, FUMA won by a score of 48-30.

The Fluvanna County Flying Fluco team was matched up at 10 a.m. against the Chancellor High Chargers and at 11 a.m. against the Colonial Heights Colonials. The Flucos roared to victory in both these matches. Against the Chargers the Flucos recorded an astonishing shut-out. The final score of the match was 75-0. Fluco wrestling Coach Michael Gore has in past seasons, had to forfeit multiple weight classes because of a lack of personnel. This year that is not the case and this can make all the difference in a contest with 14 distinct weight classes.

In the Flucos competition against the Chargers the match started with the 152 pound weight class. The Flucos' Shawn Metcalf, a junior, completely dominated his opponent, piling up points before recording a pin. In the next match the same was true as senior Tyler Stoy was well ahead on points when he too pinned his opponent. The Chargers then forfeited the next four weight classes. The Flucos led 36-0 after two matches. In the 285 pound class, Fluco football center Alden Custer pinned his opponent in less than a minute. The match then shifted to the lower weight classes.

Junior Tyler Haynes, senior Wyatt Dillon and freshman Aiden Valentine all recorded impressive pins and the Flucos picked up two more forfeits. The final match of the contest was

at 145. Sophomore Sean Oliva was involved in by far the most competitive contest of the first round. In a nail biter, Oliva and his opponent battled to a 7-7 tie in regulation. In sudden death overtime, Oliva was able to achieve a quick two point take-down to win the match.

In the match against Colonial Heights High School, which followed after a brief intermission, the first weight class was 160. Tyler Stoy was again able to pin his opponent for six points. At 170, Fluco sophomore Austin Moore also recorded a pin. Colonial Heights won at 182 with a pin, but the Flucos recorded forfeit wins in the top three weight classes to take a 30-6 lead. Switching to the lower weight classes the trend continued as the Flucos recorded a forfeit win at 106. Then the Flucos forfeited at 113 giving Colonial Heights its second six point score. The Flucos then finished off the match in outstanding fashion as they recorded pin after pin. Senior Jariq Henson got a pin at 126. Wyatt Dillon recorded his second pin of the morning at 132. Valentine did the same at 138. Sophomore David Taylor

got a pin at 145, as Oliva was rested after his exhausting win in the first contest. In the final match against Colonial Heights, Metcalf scored a second pin and the Flucos scored an impressive 72-12 win.

In the five match competition, Fluco wrestlers Aiden Valentine, Jason Hamshar, Caleb Stoltz and Alden Custer were all undefeated.

Coach Gore said that his team has been having a good season. They certainly devastated their competition in the first two rounds of this tournament with pin after pin. Gore said that he has some solid veterans and some up and coming younger wrestlers. His roster includes 22 wrestlers this season

The Fluco wrestlers traveled to Madison County High School on Jan. 22. Madison was one of the schools that bowed out of the Wensel tournament. On Jan. 25, the Flucos travel to Stone Bridge in northern Virginia. On Feb. 2, they will host the District event against other local Class 3 schools, Monticello High School, Charlottesville and Western Albemarle.



Big men grapple. Photos by Deborah Nixon.



### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Principal's List (Students who earned all A's)

Avery Abel  
Salma Alsamaræe  
Anna Amato  
Kaylee Beirne  
Katherine Bond  
Jasmine Brewster  
Carly Brown  
Sophia Brown  
Anna Broxon  
Juan Cazares  
Tavin Cook  
Jillian Davis  
Morgan Donnelly  
Madeline Esch  
Elizabeth Everitt  
Nona Frye  
Dylan Fulk  
Noelle Girard  
Ava Goodfield  
Minami Gragg  
Lauren Green  
Naia Haendle  
Isabella Higginbotham  
Clara Inman  
Kennedy James  
Ali Kelly  
Landon Kerr  
Cara Landsberg  
Piper LaRochelle  
Zachary Luniewski  
Hayley Marshall  
Faith Marshman  
Olivia Martin  
Robert Matics  
Savannah Morris  
Townes Mullinex  
Camryn Ngov  
Luke Phillips  
Emma Pittman  
Makalah Poindexter  
Lily Prater  
Simon Price  
Gracie Shields  
Natalie Simmons  
Georgia Smith  
Zoey Soares  
Carolyn Spence  
Corey Suling  
Abigail Taylor  
McKinley Thomas  
Bela Varga  
Samantha Wills

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade A and B Honor Roll

Brian Bauer  
Zoey Bevins  
Amirah Bielke  
Logan Blevins  
Gracie Bossieux  
Breeilyn Boucher  
Chesney Bourne  
Caidan Bradley  
Shakira Brice  
Jay Bridges  
Olivia Carter-Johnston  
Michaela Carter-Payne  
Emily Cheripka  
Rocco Cianfrani  
Lucien Corrice  
Tomas Cruz Vega  
Angela Cumiskey  
Aaron Davis  
Benjamin Denby  
Aleeyah Dillahunt  
Jessie Dillon  
Nevaeh Ferguson  
Jackson Fields  
Daniel Firewicz  
Owen Foster  
Alexandra Fuller  
Dion Gaines  
Kameren Green  
Anthony Halpin  
Makayla Henderson  
Christian Henson  
Jayden Hoy  
Sean Hurley  
Nevaeh Kirtley  
Jordan Knight  
Logan Koontz  
Cooper Leyshon  
Art Maqani  
Haley Marion  
Rebecca Martin  
Makayla Mason  
Korbin McComb

Julian McGee  
Connor Monfalcone  
Joshua Moore  
Abigail Pappaconstantinou  
Samantha Parkins  
Ivan Patchett  
Kylie Phillips  
Nicholas Pounsberry  
Kayli Presnell  
Zachary Rhea  
Marley Rochester  
Jackson Rosales  
Megan Rougie  
Ava Schwartz  
Desiree Scott  
Logan Shaffer  
Addison Shelley  
Jaidon Smith  
Tristan Smith  
Dylan Spillman  
Sophia Stewart  
Noah Stover  
Lily Thompson  
Arianna Tinsley  
Eliza Vesga  
Luke Wells  
Ashton Wheaton  
Emmalyn Whyte  
Claire Wishart  
Leonard Wishart  
Ashlyn Wolkowicz  
D'lilah Wright  
Jennifer Wyant  
Jessica Wyant

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Principal's List

Abdulrahman Al Mulhem  
Colton Ball  
Cole Barth  
Christopher Beirne  
Riley Bishop  
Sophia Branch  
Emma Breeden  
Julieth Bridges  
Kyle Butler  
Margeaux Cantagallo  
Zachary Carter  
Madison Cavanaugh  
Virginia Chiesa  
Jocelyn Childress  
Mia Childress  
Brennan Chiovaro  
Lydia Cox  
Brady Crisp  
Noah Day  
Keelin Donohue  
Carter Ford  
Chloe Ford  
Corina Frye  
Madison Gifford  
Ruby Godlewski  
Natalie Gomez  
Samuel Guseman  
Madeline Hamel  
Hadon Hartung  
Tristan Hodson  
Adrian Holman  
Caylee Holsapple  
Andrew Jamison  
Jack Jeffries  
Christopher Johnson  
James Johnson  
William Lambert  
Samuel Loving  
Cayden Lucas  
Luke Manzano  
Lent Maqani  
Kemaan Massie  
Lila Mathews  
William McKinley  
Cecily McMillian  
Kayla McNamara  
Emma Melton  
Isabella Miller  
Emmalynn Milleson  
Ashley Monahan  
Amelia Moore  
Isabelle O'Brien  
Isabella Ott  
Cameron Overweg  
Sophia Pace  
Cayden Parrish  
Savannah Peterson  
Brennan Pezalla  
Jessie Phillips  
Brianna Plasencia-Villa  
Eliana Portman  
Megan Pounsberry

Carson Raines  
Hudson Reese  
Cassidy Relyea  
Gabriel Rhea  
Allison Rhoades  
Emma Sample  
Alex Schmidt  
Danielle Scott  
Amina Seiden  
Royal Shelton  
Sean Southall  
Ayden Spitzer  
Taylor Stringer  
Mackenzie Thompson  
Kaylen Tinnell  
Vanessa Vandevander  
Natalia Villegas  
Alexia Ward  
Christopher Williams  
Kennedy Yowell

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade A and B Honor Roll

Brogan Andersen  
Wade Ball  
Aryann Baskfield  
Ayleen Becerra  
Jersie Belew  
Katherine Best  
Ryleigh Birkhead  
Cooper Botkin  
Shania Bowling  
Adisen Brown  
Ja'Shaun Brown  
Nathan Brown  
Adrienne Burruss  
Bri'anna Callahan  
Lily Calvo  
Richard Canete  
Josiah Cantu  
Kaelyn Caron  
Gloria Cauley  
Toby Chapman II  
Jenna Curry  
MaKayla Damron  
Zane Day  
Brady Dean  
Rae DeMott  
Mia Dixon  
Kilee Donahue  
Megan Drumheller  
Cadie Ellingson  
Riley Eubanks  
Elizabeth Garrett  
Anthony Gitz  
Tavien Glasgow  
Aidan Golder  
Abigail Gordon  
Emily Graves  
Riley Graziano  
Charlotte Gross  
Carmen Hall  
Kenna Hardee  
Audrey Harlow  
Grace Harris  
Ana Heckman  
Maya Hernandez  
Brett Hicks  
Joseph Hunsaker  
Charles Ingalls  
Mya Inge  
McKenna Jaeger  
Joshua Jasper  
Henry Jeffries  
Brayden Johnson  
Carson Johnston  
Joseph Jones  
Cody Kendrick  
Andre' Key  
Samantha Killmeyer  
Mikaela King  
Michael Kirtley  
Leland Koiner  
Christopher Madison  
Hayden Marchant  
Taylor Marin  
Gregory Mawyer  
Molly McCall  
Ethan McPherson  
Carson Melton  
Shawn Miller  
Maraleine Milligan  
Ryleigh Money  
Amy Moreno Alvarado  
Avilyn Morris  
Hayden Morris  
Isabella Murray  
Angus Notman  
Madalin Odham

Davin Pieron  
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Kailynn Smith  
Kaitlyn Smith  
Haley Starkey  
Virginia Stewart  
Thomas Storie  
Cooper Tapscott  
Ladaisha Tinsley  
Benjamin Todd  
Amir Toney  
Madelyn Treadway  
Damari Turner  
Yoselynn Vazquez  
Anthony Waguespack  
Haley Walker  
Arianna Wallis  
Kasey Warne  
Montana Wood  
Reagan Wood  
Kaylee Woodfolk

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Principal's List

ASteven Alessi  
Aleah Anderson  
Claire Bomberger  
Aurora Borgus  
Caleb Brent  
Annika Bridge  
Sean Brown  
Rachael Broxon  
Josie Caruso  
Alexander Childers  
Alaina Covert  
David Cruz  
Nicholas Culbertson  
Claire Curry  
Abigail Davis  
Dakota Drumheller  
Mallory Esch  
Duncan Ferrell  
Riley Foltz  
Jonah Frank  
Peter Fulk  
Maya Gibson-Morgan  
Ava Gray  
Mark Heatwole  
Kayleigh Herring  
Chase LaRochelle  
Heath Leadingham  
Zoe Luniewski  
Ella Grace Mann  
Joseph Matics  
Daisy McCloud  
Caroline Mozingo  
Tessa Nolte  
Connor Peterson  
Colin Phillips  
John Pittman  
Landon Poole  
Hagan Porter  
Dawson Raines  
Logan Roach  
Lila Robinson  
Marcus Saliba  
Lila Schwartz  
Ethan Scopelliti  
Brody Shields  
Abby Shifflett  
Madilyn Thompson  
Marshall Vann  
Kaylee Williams

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade A and B Honor Roll

Camden Abbott  
Ameyah Agee  
Christopher Allen  
Trevor Almond  
Jayden Anderson  
Kaleb Anderson  
Kendall Austin  
Jaylin Barrett  
Brianna Barth  
Sydney Belew  
Skyler Bell  
Nevaeh Bellew-Johnson  
Jacob Beyer  
Mark Bishop  
William Brady  
Skyler Breedon  
Bailey Brooks

Lailyn Brooks  
Kamryn Bryann  
Aryana Chowdhury  
Dedric Cooke  
Carter Covington  
Tucker Cromer  
Keen Dickerson  
Jayden Dillane  
Joshua Eubanks  
Desmond Evans  
Jackson Evans  
Semaj Evans  
Sara Everard  
Walter Everard  
Mason Fain  
Myasia Franklin  
Gabriel Frazier  
Tyler Goode  
Noah Goodfield  
Riley Gordon  
Carson Haney  
Delaney Harris  
Kingston Harris  
Haedyn Herring  
Kendall Hodges  
Evelyn Hughes  
Madelyn Jamison  
Courtney Jenkins  
Christian Johnson  
Jack Johnson  
Autumn Jordan  
Owen Kaider  
Odin Kidd-Bania  
Addison Kimble  
Kaleb Kingrea  
Kennedy Kissai  
Kenneth Klein  
Cameron Lam  
Brayden Leadingham  
Kaylin Leedy  
Abigail Lenherr  
Alyssa Lewis  
Amelia Mahanes  
Victor Maldonado Castillo  
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Lacy McCloud  
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**NOTICE**

The Fluvanna County School Board will meet on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's Proposed Budget for FY21. At this time, the Fluvanna County School Board will hold a Budget Public Hearing at 6 p.m. on the FY21 Budget.

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



**NOTICE**

The Fluvanna County School Board will hold their regular School Board meeting along with their School Board Budget Adoption starting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 12, 2020 with a Closed Session beginning at 5:00 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.

**Leslie Truex (AKA Jenne Harte) to speak at Fluvanna County Library**

CONTRIBUTED BY MONA ORANGE

Author Leslie Truex will return to the Fluvanna County Library to speak about her two series of romance novels and her new cozy mystery that she writes under her pseudonym, Jenna Harte, at the Friends of the Library meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 10 a.m.

Leslie is the author of two series of romance novels, the Valentine series and the Southern Heat series, as well as a new cozy mystery series, Sophie Parker Coupon Mystery, with Death of a Debtor published last year and a new book in this series coming out later in 2020.

Leslie Truex is a freelance writer, blogger, and online entrepreneur. She stays active in the writing community, teaching writing-related seminars through PVCC Workforce Services and speaking at writer's events around Virginia. She is also a member of Sisters in Crime, an organization for women crime writers.

The public is invited to this monthly meeting of the Friends of the Fluvanna County Library. Free refreshments. Books will be available to purchase and be signed.

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WALLACE WELLS,

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**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

The object of the above-styled suit is to quiet title to that certain real property located in the County of Fluvanna, Virginia, as more particularly described as follows:

All that certain tract or parcel of land, with improvements, thereon and appurtenances thereto, situated in the County of Fluvanna, Virginia, containing 36 acres, more or less, as shown on a plat by Luther R. Payne, S.F.C., dated July 7, 1873, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Fluvanna, in Deed Book 21 (OS), page 447. LESS AND EXCEPT the off-conveyance of 5 acres, more or less, by deed recorded in Deed Book 32, page 329. FURTHER LESS AND EXCEPT that certain strip on parcel of land conveyed to the Commonwealth of Virginia by instrument recorded in Deed Book 58, page 56. The subject is further depicted on Fluvanna County Tax Map 48, as Parcel A-43 (the "Property").

This is proceeding *in rem* and the entire *res* is located fully within the jurisdiction of the Court. Further, upon exercise of due diligence, the location and addresses the named Defendants have been unable to be identified. Although Plaintiff has no actual knowledge of any additional parties claiming title to the Property, there may be other parties whose names and addresses are unknown who claim an interest in the Property, who are made parties defendant by the general description of "PARTIES UNKNOWN, including, without limitation, the HEIRS OF RANDAL WELLS, HARRY WELLS, JANET ESTELLE VAUGHN A/K/A JEANETTE GORDON, and any other named Defendant who may be deceased, or, if said heirs be dead, their heirs, devisees and successors in title."

UPON CONSIDERATION of the Plaintiff, by Counsel, moving this Court for a judicial order of publication, and

IT APPEARING by affidavits filed in accordance with Va, Code Ann. § 8.01-316 (1950) that (i) diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the named Defendants and their addresses remain unknown, and (ii) there may be other parties claiming an interest in the Property identified as "PARTIES UNKNOWN, including, without limitation, the HEIRS OF RANDAL WELLS, HARRY WELLS, JANET ESTELLE VAUGHN A/K/A JEANETTE GORDON, and any other named Defendant who may be deceased, or, if said heirs be dead, their heirs, devisees and successors in title" who, after due diligence, cannot be identified and their addresses remain unknown, it is therefore

ORDERED that the defendants appear on February 13, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in this Court to protect their interests.

And, it is further ORDERED that this Order be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in the Fluvanna Review, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Fluvanna, Virginia, and a copy of this Order be posted at the front door of the courthouse of this Court.

The Clerk of this Court shall cause copies of this Order to be posted, mailed, and transmitted to the Fluvanna Review within twenty (20) days after the entry of this Order. Upon completion of such publication, the Clerk shall file a certificate in the papers that the requirements of Va. Code Ann. § 8.01-317 (1950) have been satisfied.

ENTER: 12/20/19

**Richard E. Moore**  
Judge

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Difficulty: Medium

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

## 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:

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

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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Come across as
- 5 Trailer's place
- 9 Legend maker
- 14 Moneyed one
- 15 Comply with
- 16 Food on a stick
- 17 Kind of ID
- 18 Hearty laugh
- 19 Came up
- 20 Schwarzenegger role in 1984
- 23 \_\_\_\_\_ to rest
- 24 Joystick wielder
- 25 Be theatrical
- 27 Improvise a speech
- 29 "The Black \_\_\_\_\_" (2006 film)
- 32 One in charge
- 34 Edifice
- 38 Hospital unit
- 39 Sundae topping
- 41 Salon goo
- 42 \_\_\_\_\_ Cup, in yachting

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12	13
14					15					16				
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20				21						22		23		
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53					54	55	56						57	58
59				60		61						62		
63						64						65		
66						67						68		

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- 4 Ariel, for one
- 5 Greene of "Bonanza"
- 6 On the train
- 7 Bicycle part
- 8 Newbie
- 9 Alias preceder
- 10 Four in a Focus, say
- 11 Vessel featured in the 1957 film "The Enemy Below"
- 12 Iconic riveter
- 13 Still sleeping
- 21 Dolt
- 22 Type of pitcher
- 26 Waterwheel's channel
- 27 Jessica of "Fantastic Four"
- 28 Regard
- 30 Embarrass
- 31 Droning sound
- 33 Del Mar activity
- 35 Complete idiot
- 36 Violin part
- 37 Merriment
- 40 Cleaning need
- 43 Filled pasta
- 45 More than cool
- 47 Personality features
- 49 Two make a diameter
- 50 Develop
- 52 See eye to eye
- 53 River sediment
- 55 Abbey area
- 56 Pool table part
- 57 Speak like Sylvester
- 58 Crafty e-tailer
- 60 Gymnast's goal

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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

### DOWN

- 1 Closed tight
- 2 Make simpler
- 3 Swampy grassland

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# Breakfast and a prayer before 2020 General Assembly convened

BY CONOR LOBB  
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have a big job and an important job.”

The General Assembly convened at noon on Wednesday. This session marks the first time in more than two decades that Democrats have control over the General Assembly and the governorship. Democratic leaders announced Tuesday an 11-point, legislative “Virginia 2020 Plan” that includes gun control measures, minimum wage increase, LGBT protections and increased education spending.

“We are presenting an agenda that is different from every previous General Assembly session,” Northam said in a press release unveiling the agenda. “It’s more forward looking than ever before, and it reflects what Virginians sent us here to do.”

Virginia legislators called for respect and civility across the aisle just hours ahead of the 2020 Virginia General Assembly session.

Several prominent figures spoke at the 54th Commonwealth Prayer Breakfast held Wednesday (Jan. 8) at the Greater Richmond Convention Center, including Gov. Ralph Northam, Chief Judge Roger Gregory of the Fourth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals and Virginia Secretary of Education Atif Qarni. The Commonwealth Prayer Breakfast is an annual gathering for Virginia politicians and community members to share a meal and prayers.

Many of the speakers reflected on the need for compassion and understanding toward one another and to consider the impact the legislation proposed this session will have on Virginians. Qarni said that the upcoming session will have contentious moments, but called on citizens

and legislators not to “demonize” one another or rush to conclusions. He said that the country is deeply divided.

“We are worried about war. We are worried about impeachment. We are worried about the future,” Qarni said in a speech shared with CNS after the event. “The world is a scary place right now. We are plagued with fears. But we must have faith, not just in our creator but in each other.”

Northam spoke last, urging the freshman and veteran legislators present to remember that the General Assembly is built on relationships and that public visibility and scrutiny of this legislative session will be significant.

“How we speak of and to each other will be heard well beyond the gates of Capitol Square,” Northam said.

Gregory preceded Northam with a similar sentiment, placing the responsibility for civility in the hands of the politicians.

“Legislators,” Gregory said, “You



Gov. Northam at the prayer breakfast

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One Level Living

- 3 bedrooms / 2 baths / 1556 fin sq ft
- Spacious ranch close to Tufton Pond
- Gas log fireplace / Level lot
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New Price!

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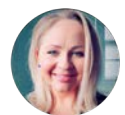


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