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Constitutional officers ask for modest budget increases

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

Fluvanna County's constitutional officers met with the Board of Supervisors on Wednesday (Feb. 12) for their work session on the Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) budget.

No Slush

At the previous week's meeting, County Administrator Eric Dahl proposed a \$84.5 million budget, an increase of around 2 percent over FY20. Most departments are asking for only modest increases, if any at all.

"There is no slush in this," said Treasurer Linda Lenherr. "It is bare bones, and hopefully it will be sufficient to carry my officer for the year."

Lenherr's FY20 budget was \$503,146. She has request-

ed a 1.3 percent increase to \$509,493. Dahl proposed budget would give her a 1.6 percent decrease to \$495,166.

Commissioner of the Revenue Andrew Sheridan requested "a pretty anemic increase" of 0.6 percent, from \$378,691 to \$380,906.

Body Cam Mandate

Commonwealth's Attorney Jeffrey Haislip's request were actually down by a few hundred dollars, from \$518,981 in FY20 to \$518,531 for FY21. However, he has proposed a 3 percent increase in salary for two of his staff members, using unexpended funds from FY20.

Haislip explained that these staffers had seen an increased workload thanks to a mandate

passed on to prosecutors by the state last summer that requires the review of all law enforcement body cam footage. Between August 2019 and this month, he said his office received 131 hours of footage for review.

Recruitment and Retention

Sheriff Eric Hess has requested a 2.7 percent increase, from \$3,364,557 in FY20 to \$3,455,215 in FY21. Dahl has proposed a 1.3 percent decrease, to \$3,319,849.

Hess spoke at some length about the wider issue facing all law enforcement agencies today: recruitment and retention. Statewide, there are more than 1,000 vacant positions in law enforcement and prison

staff. In December, Human Resources head Jessica Rice told supervisors that the department hadn't been fully staffed since 2017.

Law enforcement is a less appealing career path for young people today than in times past, due in large part to low pay. "When they come here and you interview them and you tell them what the starting pay is, they look at you like you're crazy," said Hess.

Over the past few years, Fluvanna's starting salary for deputies has gone from one of the highest to one of the lowest in the region. Supervisors recently approved an increase in the signing bonus for new hires to from \$3,000 to \$5,000. But uncertainty over long term pay increases and benefits, along with the stress of the job, makes retention difficult.

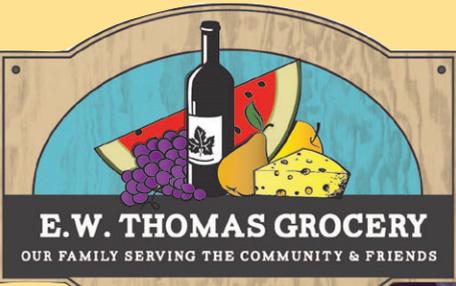
Hess sees this as an issue which could become critical for the county in the near future. "In the next five years, I have nine people that can retire," including two as early as this July. If they can't increase recruitment, the department will only fall further behind, and eventually could start to impact their ability to provide service to the community.

Hess added that this wasn't strictly a budget issue, and that he was working with Human Resources and other departments to come up with a plan, which he hoped to present to them at a future date.

Drug Court

Clerk of the Circuit Court Tristana Treadway said most of her requests would be reimbursed in grant money throughout the year.

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before you start to have a collapse and the money doesn't go anywhere," she explained.

Beyond the moral imperative to help people suffering from serious substance abuse problems, drug courts can also lower costs for localities. Judge Moore said that the costs are "somewhere between \$3,000 and \$6,000 per person per year, whereas jail is roughly \$26,000 to \$30,000 a year."

With Supervisor Patricia Eager

(Palmyra) absent for the evening, Chair Mike Sheridan (Columbia) suggested they delay discussion about issues raised during the session until she could participate. Work on the budget will continue for the next several weeks, with a vote on the finalized version scheduled for mid-April.

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

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- 2. Determine if you'll use cash versus accrual basis.** There are different approved methods of accounting. You will need to determine which is best for you. Sometimes your business dictates a required method, but not always. The basic difference lies in when you can book revenue and expense. One method (cash) is based upon when you actually receive or make payment. While the accrual method allows capturing this same information when there is an established obligation.
- 3. Separate your books.** If starting a business from scratch, remember to set up separate bank accounts and re-

cordkeeping. IRS auditors are quick to disallow expenses when your business expenses are mingled together with personal expenses. The same is true with credit cards. Use a separate credit card for your business transactions.

- 4. Honor cash flow.** Often success or failure of your business is predicated on whether you have enough cash to pay your bills. Determining your cash needs means understanding the cash situation of your business. To do this requires a good set of records. This includes recording your current situation on a timely basis and establishing a forecast of cash needs throughout the year.
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Fluvanna Chamber Business Spotlight Bonnie Mackin, Director Fluvanna Chamber of Commerce



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BY RUTHANN CARR
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In a 3-2 vote Wednesday (Feb. 12) the Fluvanna County School Board passed a FY21 budget amount of \$43,330,198 to present to the Board of Supervisors on Feb. 19.

Perrie Johnson (Fork Union) James Kelly (Palmyra) and Shirley Stewart (Rivanna) voted for the budget; Charles Rittenhouse (Cunningham) and Andrew Pullen (Columbia) voted against.

Pullen said he didn't vote

against the dollar figure as much as he did how it might be appropriated.

"I'm going to vote no for the same reason I've voted no in years past," Pullen said during motion discussion. "I think we need to redirect the funding. I'm not as opposed to the amount as much I am opposed to where the money is going. I think we need to do more to take care of the staff we have now rather than extending ourselves with more staff - in terms of health insurance and holding them harmless..."

Rittenhouse said he was opposed to the increased budget.

"This year we're asking for \$649,000 over last year," he said.

The Board voted unanimously to hire a collections firm to try and recoup more than \$40,000 in cafeteria debt.

Superintendent Chuck Winkler said the program will cost \$3,500 and the schools will split 50/50 with the collection agency any amount recovered.

Jimmy Mootz, outreach education coordinator at the Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries, gave a brief presentation about hunter safety education courses. He emphasized that in addition to hunter safety, they also teach conservation.

Pullen has asked that the schools make such a course part of the curriculum.

Winkler said this year the schools will not add the course to the curriculum but will offer

the course to those who want to take it on evenings or weekends at one of the school buildings.

Besides reporting on the solar project and the Carysbrook roof work completion, Winkler said he met with representatives of the Fluvanna NAACP.

"We held a joint meeting with the educational partners of the local NAACP," he said. "We reviewed student demographics, testing results, but more importantly, we discussed strategies to make a difference as we continue to work together."

Across the nation as well as in Fluvanna, minority students are disproportionately absent and disciplined.

Winkler said he "I want to develop and bring to attention what's called an equity lens."

The Board will consider having a seminar to discuss strategies for engaging minorities to insure academic success.

Don Stribling, executive director of human resources, operations, and student services, offered the Board a first review of the proposed 2020/2021 school calendar. On it, students would return to school on August 11, have two weeks off at Christmas and end the year on May 21. He asked the Board to consider approving the draft at the March meeting.

Each of the building administrators presented a mid-year report on their continuous improvement plans.

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Lawmakers advance bills regulating consumer lending

BY EMMA GAUTHIER
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

Del. Mark Levine recalls receiving a \$1,000 loan offer from a company with a 299% interest rate buried deep in the fine print.

"As the company compounds daily at this interest rate, this loan would cost anyone desperate enough to accept this offer more than \$20,000 in interest and fees if they were to try to pay the \$1,000 loan back in full just one year after receiving it," Levine, a Democrat from Alexandria, stated in a newsletter.

If the loan was left for two years untouched, the interest cost would have risen to a staggering \$400,000, Levine said.

In an effort to fight predatory lending, loans with unfavorable terms to the borrower, the House of Delegates and Senate each voted recently to pass bills that will alter laws related to consumer lending. That includes payday loans, which would be renamed short-term loans, car title loans and open-end credit, such as credit cards and other lines of credit.

House Bill 789, known as the Virginia Fairness in Lending Act, patroned by Del. Lamont Bagby, D-Henrico, and co-patroned by 42 other delegates, including Levine, passed the House 65-33 on Jan. 31. Companion bill Senate Bill 421, patroned by Sen. Mamie Locke, D-Hampton, passed the Senate Monday, 23-16. The Virginia Poverty Law Center, an advocacy group for low-income Virginians, helped draft the legislation.

"Most of the lending going on now is just gouging people and making obscene profits for the payday and car title lenders that have no interest in helping people and making it mutually beneficial," said Jay Speer, executive director of the VPLC and director of the Center for Economic Justice.

The Virginia Fairness in Lending

Act is largely centered around the parameters of short-term loans. The bill incorporated four other proposed House bills which aimed to tighten regulation on consumer lending, financing for personal or household purposes, and to close existing loopholes for corporations.

Lawmakers want to increase the maximum amount of such loans from \$500 to \$2,500. Current law sets the duration of these loans at a minimum of two times the borrower's pay cycle. For example, if you are paid biweekly, you have one month to pay the loan back. This bill will give people a minimum of four months to repay a loan and a maximum of two years.

HB 184, patroned by Levine, is one of the incorporated bills. The bill sets a 36% maximum interest rate on open-end credit plans which currently have no cap, and will also apply to payday loans. Levine said his fight against predatory loans began during the 2018 General Assembly session when he proposed a bill to regulate loans.

"These are designed to bankrupt people that are on the edge of poverty anyway," Levine said. "There's a cycle of poverty and these kinds of loans perpetuate that cycle of poverty."

The proposed legislation also applies to car title loans, loans in which the borrower offers their car as collateral. It sets the interest rate on title loans at no more than 25% of the federal funds rate at the time of the loan.

An estimated 12 million Americans take out payday loans each year, racking up \$9 billion in loan fees, according to the Pew Charitable Trust. Borrowers may fall into the "debt trap," a situation in which a borrower is unable to pay back a loan due to high interest rates. The

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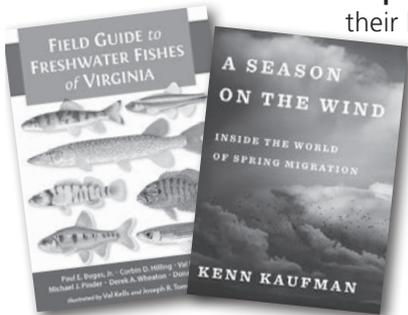
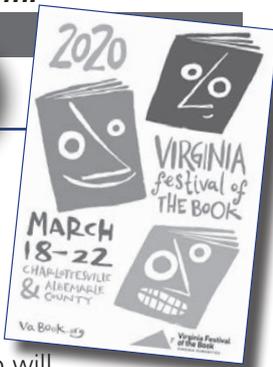
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VPLC reported that average annual percentage rates in the state are 251% for payday loans and 217% for title loans.

Several payday loan establishments declined to comment on the legislation when Capital News Service reached out for comment. Peter Roff, a senior fellow at Frontiers of Freedom, a Northern Virginia-based nonprofit promoting limited government and free enterprise, wrote in a recent opinion piece that while consumer lending laws need reform, the current legislation would create inequality and less availability in the consumer credit marketplace. He said the lawmakers should focus on better reform and "not just ideas that are

politically popular."

The Virginia Fairness in Lending Act states that the amount needed to regulate consumer lending will be just under \$300,000 and will be accumulated by fees required for lenders to become licensed. Currently there are 15 licensed lenders with over 150 locations in the state, in addition to online lenders.

"Internet lenders use these loopholes, like open-end credit, which have no regulation at all," Speer said. "House Bill 789 and Senate Bill 421 close all these loopholes and set up a fair system that's fair for borrowers and lenders."

HB 789 is currently in the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor. SB 421 heads to the House for consideration.

Farm Bureau has '20:20 Vision' for agricultural safety

PRESS RELEASE

There are many dangerous occupations, and farming is among the most hazardous.

A recent report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics found that agricultural activities like logging, fishing and farming are among the 34 deadliest jobs in the U.S. To encourage safe farming practices, Virginia Farm Bureau Federation will promote agriculture and rural safety and health as part of the 2020 Ag Safety Awareness Week, March 1-7.

This year's theme is "20:20 Vision on Ag Safety," which aims to reduce the number of work-related injuries and deaths on farms by promoting safe practices and increasing public awareness.

Each March, the American Farm Bureau Federation organizes a week to highlight farm safety. During that time, agricultural groups focus on safety in confined animal spaces, safe equipment operation and electrical safety.

"The Virginia Farm Bureau Safety Advisory Committee really is committed to trying to resolve the issues that relate to farm

safety in Virginia, and [farmers'] health as well," said Dana Fisher, VFBF senior field district services director. "We've got a website we hope that folks will use to find all the resources that they can."

Eddie Reynolds Jr., a farmer in Bedford County, was killed in April 2019 when the driver of a truck attempted to pass his tractor in a no-passing zone.

"When you are driving in a rural area, you always need to be on the lookout for slow-moving vehicles," said Janet Brooking of Drive Smart Virginia. As part of the Farm Bureau's safety awareness campaign, drivers are encouraged to practice patience, allow time and space to pass slow-moving equipment and use proper signals.

"Investing in agricultural safety is critically important for farmers," noted VFBF President Wayne F. Pryor. "By focusing on safety and health in our agricultural communities, we're able to help save lives and resources through the prevention of injuries and lost time on the job."

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Growing stress affecting farmers' mental health

VIRGINIA FARM BUREAU press release

The number of farmers affected by stress, anxiety and depression is growing as they face bankruptcy, selling out or leaving lifelong careers in agriculture.

A 2016 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study found those working in agricultural industries were 3.4 times more likely than other American workers to die by suicide. With operating costs skyrocketing, commodity prices dwindling and debts accumulating, tough times are mounting for farmers.

"This is the longest period of struggle farmers have ever faced," said Dr. Amy Johnson, a nurse practitioner with Central Medical Group in Bedford and a Bedford County farmer.

"There are natural disasters and financial stress, low commodity prices and uncertain trade situations. That's why the mental health of farmers is so much worse now."

Johnson has treated patients for stress and anxiety because of the financial state of their farms or because they're unsure if they'll be able to pass down their farm to the next generation. "The anxiety and stress are very real," she added.

Bedford County farmer James Young and his wife, Christine, reduced the size of their business at Central VA Cattle Co. to cut back on expenses. Now focused on managing a small beef cattle herd and growing hay, Young says he is selling his cattle within a few cents of

what his grandfather was in the '80s—falling short of covering the costs of modern farming.

"You borrow, borrow, borrow. And that's where the stress comes in," Young said.

He deals with his stress by ignoring it, he said, although he admitted to not sleeping well due to worry. Seeking help, Young added, is still stigmatized.

The Farmer Stress Task Force was created by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in part to address the stigma. Working with Virginia Farm Bureau Federation producer members, Virginia Cooperative Extension and the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health, the goal of the task force is to provide

farmers with mental health resources and services and create a network of individuals with whom farmers can discuss their struggles.

"Farmers are probably more comfortable talking with someone they trust who understands what they do, the ins and the outs of it," said Dr. Jewel Bronaugh, Virginia commissioner of agriculture. "I think it would encourage farmers to feel safe to talk about it. Talking about it is one of the best ways someone else can help."

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Fluvanna County's Habitat for Humanity will host a golf tournament in April to raise money to support the development of Houchens Place, an affordable housing community in the county with energy efficient homes and a well-appointed recreation area.

Fluvanna habitat's 24th annual golf tournament will be held on April 25 at the Lake Monticello Golf Course to help raise funds to complete its next and future projects. Registration costs \$65 per player and the deadline to register is by April 23. The capacity will cap at 112 players who will be divided into 28 teams. Fees include green fees, golf cart, golfer gift bag, contest participation, awards, food, and beverages. Gunshot time is 1 p.m. and all players will tee-off on each hole with the team captain designating the "best drive" for the hole.

Houchens Place is located off Rt. 600, just beyond CVS and right before Lake Christian Church and has enough room for 28 houses. FCHFH recently dedicated its 24th Habitat home in Fluvanna County, which was the fifth home located in Houchens Place. Donations will also help with the home repair program for seniors and to help the disabled to stay in their homes longer.

Another way the community can help, besides making donations, is through sponsorships, which have eight different levels, ranging from hole sponsor (\$150) to named sponsor (\$3,500). Each level has different perks for sponsors to take advantage of such as the tent and habitat sponsorship that gains two player entries into the tournament; tournament banner recognition; one hole with sponsor signage; sponsor

signage on golf tournament advertising; print and social media coverage that include logo; logo on the FCHFH website, and recognition during the tournament as well as in the event day brochure. Sponsors can find a list of the different levels in the tournament's brochure, which can be accessed from the FCHFH's website or picked up at the Pro Shop at the Lake Monticello Golf Course.

"It is going to be a fun, non-competitive tournament," said Vice President of the FCHFH Board Rich Bowman. "If you really like helping your fellow man, this is a way to do it because you get to see where your donations go. And it is even more rewarding when you get to meet the new owner of the house."

FCHFH builds two single-family homes a year; one during the spring and one during the fall. The sponsorships from the tournament will ensure FCHFH has the resources to help more families than ever before. All FCHFH projects need money to help purchase materials to build the homes, volunteers for the building aspect of the project, as well as expertise.

"Lots of people have lots of skills, and we need them," said Bowman. "Fixing things can sometimes be harder than building new."

Volunteers are a huge deal for FCHFH since it only has two paid employees, one of them being the contractor. Volunteers do not need to have construction experience because volunteers are given on the job training the morning of the workday.

FCHFH is part of a global, non-profit housing organization with a vision to have a world where everyone has a

decent place to live. Its mission is seeking to put God's love into action, and brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. The non-profit is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide. For open construction sites where power tools and/or ladders are being used, the minimum age to be on site is 16 years old. Volunteers must be 18 years or older to use a power tool or be on a ladder. For those who are interested in yard work and painting, the minimum age is 14 years old.

Those who qualify and are selected for a Habitat home must also put in 150 hours with Habitat, which can be fulfilled by helping in the construction of their home or any other kind of volunteer work with them; by completing a "homebuyer's course" to help with budgeting and basic knowledge that any homeowner needs before purchasing a house; by completion of a financial education course provided by Habitat; by obtaining a 640 or higher credit score that Habitat will work with the new homeowner(s) to achieve, and with a home down payment before closing. After closing the new homeowners must make on time monthly mortgage payments, maintenance and repairs to the home once moved in, and communicate with Habitat if contact information has changed.

In June of 1993, FCHFH was officially recognized as an affiliate with Habitat for Humanity and two years later had their first homeowners move into their new home. From 1995 to 2009, FCHFH built nine more homes throughout the county and to date has completed 24 homes.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Black history month

The Fluvanna County NAACP is having an African-American history celebration on Saturday, **Feb. 22** at 7 p.m. at the Fluvanna Community Center in Fork Union. Mrs. Leontyne Peck will be the guest speaker. Her story will motivate African-Americans to find out more about their family history.

Grief Share at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

Grief Share is a 13 week program for those who have lost a loved one. It is a Christian based program. It will be held in the Parish Hall Room 122 from **March 4 till May 27** from 7 to 9 p.m. every Wednesday. There is a \$20 fee for materials for the program . If interested contact the church office 589-5201 or Cynthia Aycock 434-589-3347 or email cynthia.b.aycock@gmail.com

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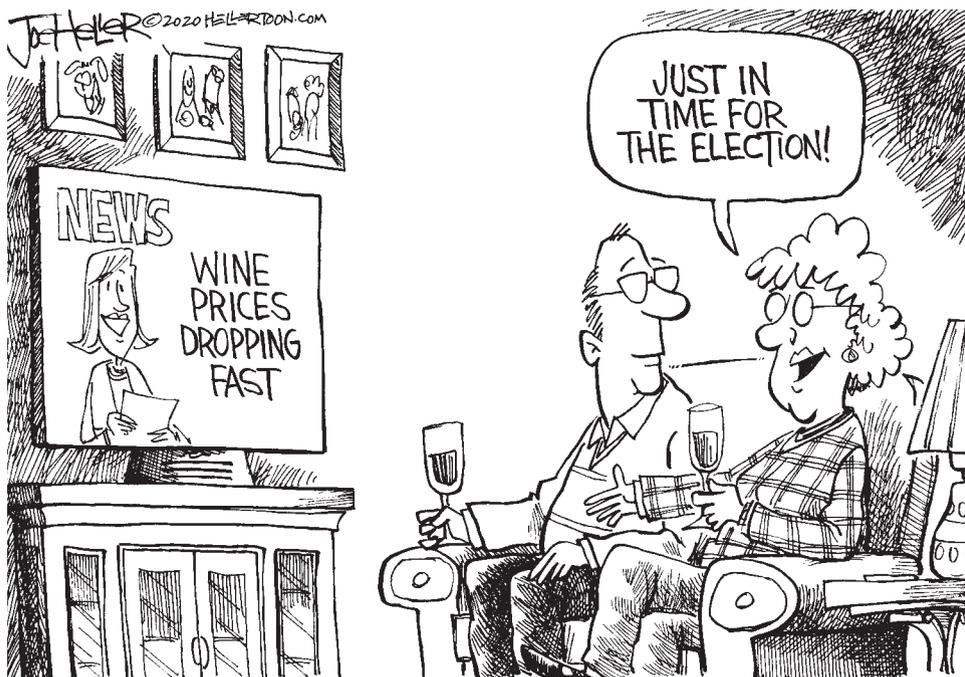
The Lake Monticello Senior Men's Golf Association welcomes new players age 50 or older for the 2020 season. The Gray Foxes sponsor two golf leagues: an 18-hole group, which plays on Thursday mornings starting **March 19**, and a 9-hole group which plays on Friday mornings, starting **March 20**. For more information contact: Paul Schmidt (901-395-3221) or schmidtpr24@gmail.com), Dan Atkinson (434-594-3508 or atkinson107@aol.com) or Dan Foley (434-589-6493 or nvafoley@aol.com).

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Carysbrook celebrates black history with gospel

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
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Horace Scuggs and Odyssey of Soul returned to Carysbrook Performing Arts Center on Saturday (Feb. 8), to perform the last chapter in a series of talks and music illustrating the black experience in music. Scuggs quiet demeanor does not hide his passion for music. He translates this through his arrangements and the skillful techniques of his musicians and singers who bring to life the music of the past.

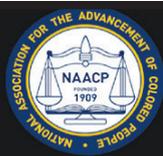
The journey began with his three-part series on the history of black music from its origins in slave spirituals, the underground railroad, mistral shows, jazz, rhythm and blues, and gospel.

"The early spirituals featured vocal inflections of West Africa and influenced other forms of music," said Scuggs. This created their brand of music that defined the African-American culture for decades. "The reason for the mournful sound is what is known as the blue note." The blue note was used for expression and is sung or played at a slightly different pitch than standard. It was the foundation

for the early creation of blues and jazz.

The second and third parts of the series had focused on the evolution of black music, mostly influenced by events in black history, including events leading up to the Civil War, anti-slavery, the abolitionists, government policy, and the underground railroad. Abolitionist and political activist Harriet Tubman was recognized for her extraordinary work and courage with the underground railroad. For ten years, Tubman went on 19 missions and freed 300 enslaved people. The spirituals sung by the field hands became code for communication in the underground railroad.

Tubman remained active during the Civil War. She was a spy for the Union Army and became an armed scout and spy. She was the first woman to lead an armed expedition during the war, guiding the Combahee River Raid, and liberating more than 700 slaves in South Carolina. It was discovered that what plantation owners and overseers thought was just mere singing while



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The music continued to define the struggles of African-American, with the early minstrel shows, Scott Joplin and ragtime, and later setting them apart in the music world with their style of music influenced by the early spirituals and their native cultural rhythms. Jazz and blues have contributed to American music and included Jelly Roll Morton, W.C. Handy, singer Billie Holiday, and Louis Armstrong, to name a few.

The rise of these influential forms of music solidified a place for them in American culture but the struggles continued beyond the post-Civil War era with Jim Crowe and segregation. Their music continued to reflect the world around them and through the civil rights movement, which ushered in a

more modern and urgent voice with such memorable songs as "We Shall Overcome." Segregation ended and the civil rights act and the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. determined their destiny and their music with the emergence of rhythm and blues.

The centerpiece to all of their music was gospel.

"Gospel means joy and started with the spirituals and were about overcoming struggles of slavery and becoming free," he said. He noted that early spirituals were haunting and rhythmical whereas modern-day gospel music is joyous, upbeat, and praiseworthy. "R&B has its roots in gospel." Songs included "Bless the Lord" and "I'll Take You There."

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Fluco Track and Field athletes show strength at Jefferson District meet

BY DUNCAN NIXON
CORRESPONDENT

Fluco track and field Coaches Rose Brogan and Steve Szarmach report that their squads turned in excellent

performances at the Jefferson District meet held on Feb. 11.

The girls' team had one District champion. Amina Wilson soared to 10-6 in the pole vault. Evelyn DeMers was second in the 500 meter run, and Elle Dudzik was second in the shot put. Shea Hart was third in the 55 hurdles. Others who gained all-District honors were Hattie Lintecum and Jules Shepherd in high jump, R. Tia Payne and Hannah Feith in triple jump, and Carmen Smith in shot put.

Three relay teams also made All-District. The 4X800 team consisted of DeMers, Emily Beckman, Maggie Sites and Kieri Hart. The 4X200 relay team consisted of Feith, Payne, Rachel Warden and Kaitlyn Bower. The 4X400 relay team was made up of DeMers, Lintecum, Kieri Hart and Skylar Solga.

At the Jefferson District meet, the boys' team finished second, a single point out of first. The boys' had District Champions in five events. Eli Hartzog won the shot put competition with a meet record throw of 52.6. Ledric Reid was the winner of the 55 hurdles with a school

record time of 7.62 seconds. Ethan Yancey won the pole vault with a vault of 13 feet. He was also All-District in shot put, finishing fourth. Jaden Ferguson, who is only a freshman, won the high jump and the triple jump and placed third in the long jump. Eric White was second in the 500 meters and was also All-District in the 55 hurdles with a third place finish. Aiden Girard and Cameron Holland finished second in the 300 meter and the long jump

respectively. Jariq Hensen was second in the pole vault. Trace Harris was All-District in high jump and long jump. Malachi Hill, Nathen Valentin and Travis Morris also made All-District in their disciplines.

The Fluco track and field teams competed in the Region 3C meet on Feb. 18 and those who qualified for the State meet will move on to that event on March 2 and 3.

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Fluco swim and dive teams score well at Region 3C meet

BY DUNCAN NIXON
CORRESPONDENT

First year swim and dive Coach Sarah Stevens said that the boys' and girls' swim and dive teams both finished in third place in the Region 3C meet held on Feb. 8, and that the Flucos combined standing was second place.

On the girls' side Abby Harlow led the way for the Flucos with first place finishes in the 50 freestyle, and the 100 breaststroke. She was also on two relay teams that finished second. For the boys, the standout performer was Hunter Strickland who finished second in the 200 IM and second in the 100 butterfly. He was also on relay teams that finished first and second.

Other top individual performers were Ahmad Woodson, who was first in the 200 freestyle, Abby Fuller who was first in the

100 freestyle, Jason Dech who was the top boys' diver, Thea Thomsen, who was third in the 200 IM and Lauren Davis, who was third in the girls' dive event.

The following relay teams did well. In the 200 medley, the boys and girls both took second. The boys' team consisted of Owen Strickland, Gus Jones, Hunter Strickland and Connor Bridge. The girls' team was made up of Emma DiFazio, Abby Harlow, Ally Lounsbury and Abby Fuller. In the 200 freestyle relay, the Fluco boys finished first, while the girls' team took second. The boys' and girls' teams in this relay consisted of the same swimmers as in the 200 medley relay.

THIS WEEK'S PET

My name is Tinsle
Approx. 4 years old, Female

Tinsle is very sweet but a bit scared until she warms up to you. She does well on the leash but will need some training. She is not house broken, so she will need some help with this. Once she warms up to you she will give you unconditional love & attention.

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Fluco girls outlast Monticello Mustangs for 56-48 win

BY DUNCAN NIXON
CORRESPONDENT



Jump ball against Mustangs. Photo by Duncan Nixon.

The Flying Fluco girls' basketball team started strong on Feb. 11 against the visiting Mustangs from nearby Monticello High. They hung on with a fourth quarter filled with free throws and defense and prevailed 56-48 to end their regular season with a 12-10 record. Leading the way for the Flucos was senior guard Nevaeh Ivory who scored 23, including 8 of 10 from the foul line in the fourth quarter.

The Flucos jumped into an early lead in the opening quarter as senior guard Mia Wright nailed two three point baskets. Junior guard Navaeh Bishop also had a three point shot and Ivory had two driving lay-ups. Bishop hit her three point shot with 36 seconds left in the quarter for a Fluco lead of 18-10, but Monticello had a rebound put back to end the quarter at 18-12. The second

quarter was evenly balanced and the highest scoring quarter in the game. The Flucos outscored the Mustangs 17-16 to take a 35-28 lead to the locker room. Ivory had six points in the quarter and freshman forward Aniah Webb had five points on a lay-up and a three point shot. The Fluco girls had four three pointers in the first half, uncharacteristic for a Chad White coached team that usually takes the ball inside every chance it gets.

The Flucos started the third quarter strong with a six point run, to take a thirteen point lead. Senior guard Jules Shepherd had a steal and took the ball coast to coast for a lay-in, Ivory scored underneath on an inbound pass and junior center Khyariah Davis-Heinrich scored on a short jump shot. However, the Mustangs immediately started to close the

gap. A seven point Mustang run caused Coach White to call a timeout with two minutes remaining in the quarter. On the ensuing inbound Fluco freshman Eva Stribling scored inside on a pass from Ivory. Monticello was not deterred, and the Mustangs scored seven in a row to cut the lead to one. As the clock wound down Ivory launched a half court throw that swished through the net. The officials determined that she got it off before the buzzer and the Flucos went to the fourth quarter up by four.

If you knew at this point that the Flucos would not score a basket of any kind in the fourth quarter, you would have assumed that Monticello would have a comeback victory. Not so. The Mustangs opened the quarter with two quick baskets to tie the score at 46-46. The Fluco defense cracked down from that point on and the

Mustangs were held to one more basket the rest of the way. Meanwhile, Ivory was driving to the basket and, late in the game, getting fouled to keep the Flucos from running out the clock. She went to the line for two shots five times in the final quarter and made eight of ten. Shepherd also made two free throws in the quarter and the Flucos won the fourth quarter 10-6 for a victory by eight 56-48.

The Fluco girls went to the play-offs on Valentines' Day playing at Western Albemarle. A win would send them on to the second round, again on the road. After the game, Coach White noted that although he has three important senior graduating, Ivory, Wright and Shepherd, he still believes he will be alright next year with the return of two starters and a number of underclass woman who got valuable experience off the bench.



Nevaeh Ivory ices the game. Photo by Duncan Nixon.



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PUBLIC HEARING

Fluvanna County Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 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 20:01 – Ja-Zan LLC: A request for a variance to Fluvanna County Code Sec.22-11-5 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow for the reduction of the minimum building setback required from a street right-of-way, from 100 feet to 50 feet, for the purpose of constructing a light manufacturing facility with respect to 1.952 acres of Tax Map 5, Section 24, Parcel 4. The subject property is zoned I-1, Industrial, Limited and located within the Zion Station industrial subdivision between Zion Station Road (Route 1021) and Richmond Road (Route 250). The property is located in the Columbia Election District and is within the Zion Crossroads Community Planning Area.

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 Planning & Community Development Department, at (434) 591-1910.

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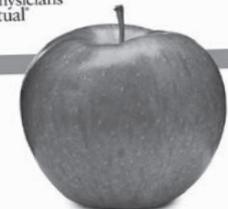

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Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Philatelist's purchase
- 6 Copycat's request
- 10 Open, a little
- 14 Study aide
- 15 Positive aspect
- 16 Millennium Falcon captain
- 17 Overhead
- 18 Worst finish
- 19 She, on the sea
- 20 Payment
- 22 Storybook start
- 23 Pond denizen
- 24 Trainee
- 26 Series featuring Joe Friday
- 29 Ready for a refill
- 30 Headstone abbr.
- 31 Consider
- 33 Sum up
- 36 "The Sound of Music" backdrop

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- 38 Word before school or route
- 41 Cowgirl Evans
- 42 Equestrian command
- 44 Spare parts?
- 46 "What'd I tell ya?"
- 47 Regarding, old-style
- 50 King who wrote "Joyland"
- 52 Cowboy's pal
- 54 Church bell sound
- 55 Beginning to cry?
- 56 Gymnast's roll
- 61 Chris who played Captain Kirk
- 62 Minnesota player
- 63 Orphan of comics
- 64 Circle parts
- 65 More or ____
- 66 Weighed down
- 67 Anagram for 68-Across
- 68 "Anything ___?"
- 69 Freshwater fish
- 34 Aweather's opposite
- 35 Ball-__ hammer
- 37 Summer attire
- 39 Give out
- 40 "Door's open!"
- 43 Slammer
- 45 Gourmet seasoning
- 48 Get cozy
- 49 Bricklayer's tool
- 51 Two-dimensional
- 52 Kind of cross
- 53 In flames
- 57 Magnolia State, briefly
- 58 Menu option
- 59 In ___ of (replacing)
- 60 Campsite sight

DOWN

- 1 Have the lead
- 2 Toothpaste holder
- 3 Molecular bit
- 4 Bekins specialty
- 5 Role-play, say
- 6 Painter's problem
- 7 Shepard in space
- 8 Hired goons
- 9 Think highly of
- 10 Like chocolates in a sampler
- 11 The Man in Black
- 12 Lewis Carroll heroine
- 13 Rodeo performer
- 21 Canary's call
- 25 30-day mo.
- 26 Downer
- 27 Nettle
- 28 Make an ____ (stop by)
- 32 GPS predecessor

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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911 MISDIAL	13
911 OPEN LINE	5
ANIMAL CONTROL CALLBACK	9
ANIMAL CONTROL FOLLOW UP	8
ADULT WELFARE/PUB SAFETY CHK	3
AGGRESSIVE ANIMAL	1
ANIMAL BITE	1
ANIMAL CARCASS	1
ANIMAL WELFARE	8
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	3
ASSAULT W/ NO INJURY	1
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE RECEIVED	4
BE ON LOOKOUT	14
BURGLARY IN PROGRESS	1
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CHILD WELFARE/ABUSE/ENDNGMNT	1
CIVIL INFORMATION REQUEST	2
CIVIL PAPER RECEIVED	4
CIVIL PAPER SERVICE	99
COMMERCIAL BURG ALARM	10
COURTHOUSE SECURITY CHECK	1
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY	2
DISABLED VEHICLE	11
PAST DISTURBANCE	1
DISTURBANCE	7
FINGERPRINTS	13
FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION	8
FRAUD	4
GUN PERMIT RECEIVED	2
HARASSMENT PHONE/OTHER	2
HOLD-UP ALARM	1
VCIN CHECK	1
INJURED PERSON	1
LARCENY/THEFT	2
PHONE CALL RETURN	36
LIVESTOCK CALL	5
LOST ANIMAL	2
MAGISTRATE WALK IN	5
MENTAL WELFARE CALL NO INJURY	5
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MVC WITH NO INJURY	2
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RESIDENTAL BURGLAR ALARM	4
SELECT PATROL	49
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SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY	2
SHOTS HEARD	1
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SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY / PERSON	13
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TRESPASSING/HUNTING TRESPASS	3
VCIN QUERY RUN	3
VEHICLE FIRE	1
WARRANT CHECK IN/OUT	5
WARRANT RECEIVED	6
OUT SERVING WARRANT	10

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- MVC NO INJURY 11:17:57 02/13/20
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- MVC ENTRAP/BLD 09:52:10 02/12/20
1001 INTERSTATE 64
- MVC NO INJURY 12:43:56 02/07/20
21708 JAMES MADISON HWY
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Bruce Holsinger to speak at Fluvanna County Library

CONTRIBUTED BY MONA ORANGE



Bruce Holsinger, author and University of Virginia Kent Memorial Professor of English will be the speaker at the Friends of the Library meeting on Wednesday morning, March 4, 2020 at 10 a.m. Holsinger will talk about his latest novel, *The Gifted School*.

The New York Times Book Review called it "the juiciest

book read in ages, both a suspenseful, laugh out loud page turner and an incisive inspection of privilege, race and class". Come find out how Holsinger came up with the idea for this book 15 years before the recent college admission scandals.

Other books by Holsinger include two historical novels,

Burnable Book and *The Invention of Fire*. He will be speaking at the Virginia Festival of the Book in Charlottesville later in March. Books will be available to purchase and be signed.

A primer on how to navigate the Festival of the Book will be offered at the end of the meeting with a team of helpers available to answer your ques-

tions and guide you through the Festival website after Holsinger speaks.

The public is invited to this monthly meeting of the Friends of the Fluvanna County Library which offers free refreshments including coffee and tea.



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Almost 900 dogs and cats inoculated so far

Second emergency rabies vaccination clinic held

GREEN DOGS UNLEASHED press release



Fluvanna's animal rescue community came together again at Pleasant Grove Park on Saturday morning, Feb. 8, to hold the second emergency free rabies vaccination clinic in a month.

A rabid dog bit a Fluvanna school student as she got off of her bus in December; fears that rabies might still be endemic in the area spurred local animal rescues to collaborate on the rabies clinics. The

injured student, her immediately family, first responders, and a handful of other community members had to take the post-exposure rabies vaccination series as a result of exposure to the rabid dog.

The all-volunteer crew at the clinic vaccinated 436 dogs and cats and provided rabies certificates to owners – all at no cost. "This is clearly a need in our community," said Erika Proctor of Green Dogs Unleashed, located in Troy. "I intend to help meet that need as long as it exists." In total, almost 900 dogs and cats have been vaccinated against rabies between the two clinics; according to the pet owners, many of those animals had never had a rabies vaccination before. A total of 22 volunteers helped at the most recent clinic.

Proctor pointed out that rabies control is something we should all take seriously. "Even if your own pets are vaccinated, you should be concerned about the other animals in your area," Proctor said. "We need to come together as a community and ensure everyone is protected to the best of our ability." Untreated rabies is always fatal;

and ensuring that pets are vaccinated against rabies is a public health concern. Fluvanna residents are encouraged to report to the sheriff's office any odd behavior they observe in pets or wildlife. Pets suspected of being rabid must be quarantined, and tracking rabid wildlife is an important part of managing a rabies outbreak.

"I only wish there was a way we could do the same thing with the parvo/distemper vaccines and with spay/neuter," Proctor added. "Our community needs both education about the importance of these vaccines, and spay/neuter, and support with the cost of getting it done."

Green Dogs Unleashed, Caring for Creatures, the Fluvanna SPCA, and the CAT Action Team all pitched in to make the clinics possible; local vet clinics donated supplies. The two clinics ultimately cost around \$1,500 to host. Donations from the vet clinics and rescues as well as those collected at the clinics themselves helped to offset the cost. The Fluvanna County government assisted with advertising, and printing flyers. At the most

recent clinic, County Administrator Eric Dahl and Fluvanna Sheriff Eric Hess directed early-morning traffic in the park, and Aaron Spitzer, Director of Parks and Recreation, ensured that the park was ready for use. Lynn Stayton-Eurell of Stayton-Eurell Graphics donated the artwork for advertising the event.

Proctor plans to rally Fluvanna animal rescues and veterinary volunteers again in the fall for another free rabies clinic – unless circumstances require one to be held before that. "If another rabid animal turns up," Proctor said, "we may need to hold another clinic sooner in order to protect members of our community."

To donate to support the next rabies clinic, visit greendogsunleashed.org and click on the "donate" button; please be sure to note that the donation should go towards the next rabies clinic.



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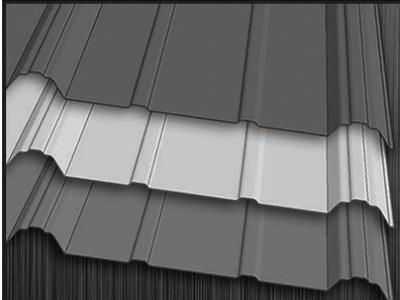
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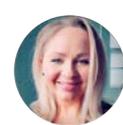
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