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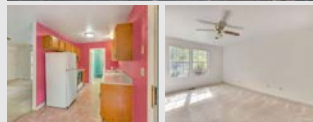
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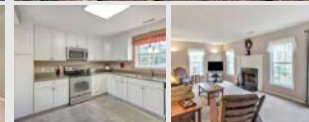
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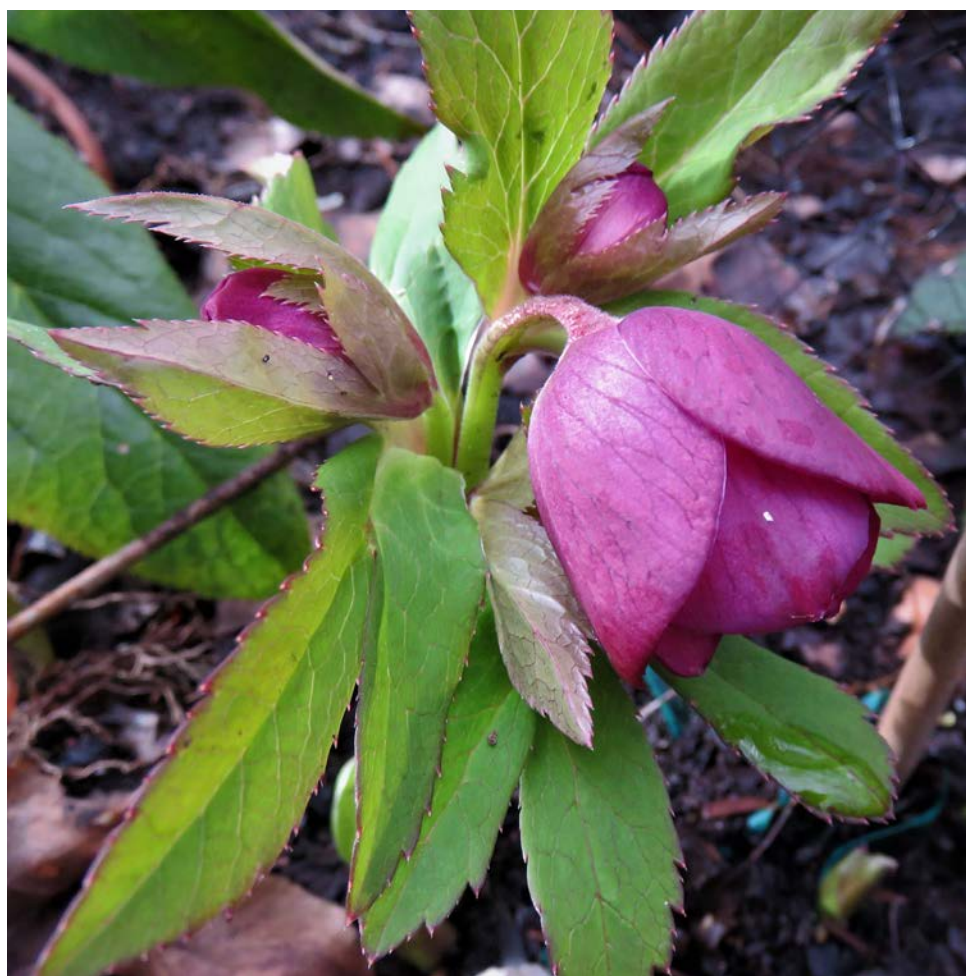
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# Fluvanna woman charged in murder of daughter

PRESS RELEASE

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Suzanne Ruth Mirsky was arrested on Feb. 24 on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Kayla Mirsky, 19, who died on Dec. 12 of 2018, according to a press release from the Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office.

Suzanne Mirsky is also charged with four counts of felony child abuse and two counts of animal cruelty, according to the release.

The indictments came after the Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office presented evidence to the Fluvanna County Circuit Court Grand Jury relating to the death of Kayla Mirsky who died while in the care of her

mother.

The indictments stemmed from a 13-month investigation into the death and other events in the Mirsky home by sheriff's investigators, according to the release. During the investigation, evidence was obtained to support the charges of murder, child abuse, and animal cruelty, the release stated.

Mirsky's next court appearance is set for March 27 at 10 a.m. in Fluvanna County Circuit Court.



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

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#### No early withdrawal penalty to use up to \$5,000 to pay for a recent birth or adoption.

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#### Elimination of the stretch IRA-Beneficiaries now have 10 years to withdraw inherited funds.

#### How to take advantage for your estate:

Not everyone is covered by this new restriction. Review your beneficiary designations to minimize the impact of this change.

**How to take advantage if you inherit funds:** If you inherit funds, you must now actively plan the withdrawals to minimize your potential tax hit!

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Many changes are also made to business retirement plan rules. Key among them are:

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- Your employer can now proactively increase your participation in their retirement plan.

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The Fluvanna Chamber of Commerce has been busy **Educating and Connecting** as part of its mission to Grow Every Business.

At our February 3rd breakfast, more than 45 people listened to **Fluvanna County Administrator Eric Dahl** give a "State of the County" address. If you missed it, you can go to the Fluvanna Chamber of Commerce Facebook page to see a video of his talk. If you don't use Facebook you can see the video on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/BcAbUqr-scQ>. We started off the breakfast with \$900 check presentations to three area non-profits: Fluvanna County SPCA, Peaceful Passings and Caring for Creatures. This money was raised as part of the Festival of Trees we held in December. This was another great example of our Chamber members partnering together to do good in the community.

On February 12th, more than 30 business owners attended the Marketing Workshop held at the Fluvanna Library. We started out with a panel of local business owners who talked about their marketing experiences: **Lauren Joyner-Natural Steps Education Center, Carolyn Herbert-Herbert's Wine Jelly, Tracey Williams-Jefferson Pharmacy, Jennifer Lyons-Totes McGoats Soaps, and Fluvanna Economic Development Coordinator Bryan Rothamel**. We followed that session up with **PVCC Workforce Services Adjunct Professor Diana Williams, owner of Williams**

**Multimedia** who shared her vast knowledge of digital media marketing. **LOCAL EATS** provided a delicious lunch. At the end of the workshop everyone's minds and bellies were full.

The PROMOTE team is hard at work putting together the 2020-2021 Fluvanna Chamber Membership Directory. Once again we managed to hold prices the same for our Chamber members. Call the office to find out how you can get in front of over 5,000 community members all year long! But you need to hurry. We are closing out the directory on April 15th. Yes, that April 15th! We figured it was easier to remember one deadline date rather than two!

Finally, have you ever wanted to know more about what's available in Fluvanna and how to get involved?



If so, then come to the **Community Connection Fair, Sat. March 28, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the high school**. Look forward to a fun, informative day for the family. We'll have workshops, door prizes, exhibitor tables, and entertainment throughout the day. So mark your calendars!

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## Said threats were a prank

# Juvenile arrested for threatening schools

BY RUTHANN CARR  
CORRESPONDENT

"We want the students, their families and the community to know: The process works."

That's the message Don Stribling wants everyone to take away from the threat of violence to the schools last week.

Stribling is the executive director of human resources, operations and student services for Fluvanna County Public Schools.

The schools responded to the calls to the Quick Tip hotline based on the level of threat, Stribling said.

After the first call, the administration responded with increased law enforcement at Fluvanna County Public Schools Tuesday (Feb. 25).

Superintendent Chuck Winkler said attendance was "significantly down in one elementary school and the middle school on Tuesday.

Parents have to do what they feel is best for their child. We tried not to overreact but treat every threat as credible."

On Tuesday a second call came in and administration decided to close school Wednesday (Feb. 26).

It ended Wednesday evening with the arrest of a juvenile, who is now in custody at the Blue Ridge Detention Center, according to a press release from Captain David Wells of the Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office.

Stribling described what happened.

"The first call was vague, general and unsubstantiated," he said. "We did what we do: we made the community aware and increased safety at the schools. The second call comes in. It was more direct. Now we just got additional information so we took the next step:

For the safety of our students, we closed the schools. Then the third alert came in Wednesday as we were in the process of apprehending the individual. We already had enough information. (The last call) it just affirmed we were correct."

According to Wells' press release: "After deputies interviewed the student and their family, the juvenile admitted there were no plans to actually harm anyone and that no other parties are involved. The juvenile did not have any known access to firearms. It appears the juvenile made these threats as a prank."

Schools reopened Thursday (Feb. 27).

Stribling said the administration and teachers "want instruction to happen in the classroom."

Besides extra law enforcement presence – sheriff's deputies and State Police troopers – Stribling said, "We spoke to all the teachers and let them know if there were individuals, if there are problems, to address them. There was a good vibe (since school reopened)."

The Quick Tip hotline is in a trial period and can be found on the high school website. [www.fluco.org/fluvanna-county-high-school](http://www.fluco.org/fluvanna-county-high-school) See sidebar.

Stribling said the hotline is a way for someone to anonymously let the schools know about concerns. However, law enforcement can use information gleaned from the tip to locate the source if needed, he said.

Messages about the threats were posted on social media by both the sheriff's office and the schools.

The message from the sheriff's department about the arrest carried this caution:

"Please speak with your children so they are aware threats are not a joke, they are a felony!"

## TIP

FCPS will be piloting a tipline allowing students, families, and members of the community the ability to communicate with the FCHS administrative team about pressing issues in a truly anonymous way.

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When sending a tip, tip submitters will select Fluvanna County High School, the topic which best describes their tip, and then enter the tip message.

If tip submitters have an image related to the tip, they have the option of attaching it to their message. If tip submitters want to include contact information, there are also fields to allow them to do so.

Once tips are submitted, FCHS administrators may log into the system to view the latest tips.

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# Pleasant Grove House certified tourist information center

PRESS RELEASE



Fluvanna County's Pleasant Grove House is now officially a certified tourist information center. The Fluvanna visitor center satisfied all certification requirements set by the Virginia Tourism Corporation.

"Becoming a certified tourist information center is a great step forward for what we are trying to do as a county. This will help us get the word out in other localities about the many outdoor activities and two museums we have in our park as well as other destinations in the county," said Aaron Spitzer, director of parks and recreation.

The Pleasant Grove House sits in Fluvanna's 900-acre Pleasant Grove Park that includes 22 miles of trails for hiking, biking, and horse riding. The park has multiple fields for soccer, lacrosse, baseball, and softball. Other features include picnic shelters, disc golf, a dog park, and an amphitheater. The Pleasant Grove House museum features three permanent exhibits: Fluvanna History, Rail Transportation, and River Transportation. Next door to the Pleasant Grove House, the Farm Heritage Museum features farming equipment, mostly used in Fluvanna County. Fluvanna County's Park and Recreation Department operates the park,

museums, and visitor center.

Certification was part of Fluvanna's Tourism Strategic Plan, adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2018. In order to attain certification, the facility met the rigorous industry standards such as hours of operation, accessibility, tourist information availability, and long-term viability.

"Pleasant Grove is our crown jewel and sees many visitors each day. The Pleasant Grove House is a welcoming facility for visitors to learn about the county and the area. We are excited to have achieved certification," said Bryan Rothamel, Fluvanna's economic development coordinator.

Fluvanna will now enjoy free annual distribution of travel brochures in all Virginia Welcome Centers, access to Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC) publications, listing in VTC publications as a primary visitor resource, and educational opportunities of tourism staff.

The Pleasant Grove House Museum and Visitor Center, located at 271 Pleasant Grove Road, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pleasant Grove Park is open sunrise to sunset.



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# High speed internet coming to Kidds Store area

## CVEC receives \$28 million for rural broadband

PRESS RELEASE



CVEC President and CEO, Gary Wood speaks on rural broadband. Photo courtesy of CVEC.

Central Virginia Electric Cooperative (CVEC) and Firefly Fiber BroadbandSM received \$28,000,000 in funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Reconnect Program. The announcement was made Friday morning (Feb. 28) by USDA Virginia State Director Beth Green, to a group of 200 guests comprised of county officials, local and elected officials, directors, supervisors, business partners, and CVEC members and employees gathered in Buckingham County.

CVEC and Firefly President and CEO Gary Wood remarked, "We have great partners and the folks who have spoken today at the local, state and federal level have contributed to make this announcement and grant possible. We need the partners and appreciate all they have done to help the members of CVEC."

CVEC and Firefly applied for the 50 percent grant/50 percent loan and will use the funds to build fiber to 11 of its 30 substations. The Curdsville substation in Buckingham will be the first stop for building fiber using grants funds, followed by Cartersville, Stonewall and Kidd's Store.

Dr. Brian Bates, CVEC director, said, "CVEC is here to help... Eighty-three years ago, a group of local leaders got together to address a problem. The big utilities were not interested in expending the resources to put electricity in our communities. Folks banded together to form CVEC and they solved that problem. Access to high speed internet is the great economic and educational and quality of life imperative in the 21st century. The

leadership of CVEC recognized this, and just like they did 83 years ago, pulled together and stepped up to the plate to provide permanent and high-speed solution for all of our members."

CVEC has committed to a \$120 million plan to install over 4,500 miles of fiber-optic cable in the 14 counties it serves, providing broadband internet to all of its 37,000 members. The fiber network will use laser beams and glass fibers to move data at speeds of up to one gigabit per second, delivering world-class communications to members served in their electric territory.

The fiber-optic network will be installed on and adjacent to existing overhead and underground electric distribution lines, utilizing the existing infrastructure. The joint grant application and award is based on CVEC installing and owning the fiber-optic cable, and its wholly owned subsidiary Firefly Fiber BroadbandSM using the fiber to offer retail internet and phone services. Firefly subscribers will be able to purchase high-speed internet of 100 megabits per

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Central Virginia Electric Cooperative is a member-owned, not-for-profit, electric utility serving more than 37,000 homes, farms and businesses in the rural portions of 14 Virginia counties.

Headquartered in Palmyra, Firefly Fiber BroadbandSM is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Central Virginia Electric Cooperative. Firefly offers lightning fast internet via fiber to the premise that is reliable and priced fairly with no hidden equipment costs or price increases. Firefly has no contracts, no data caps or slowdowns and offers symmetrical upload and download speeds. Firefly Light offers 100 mbps for \$49.99; Firefly Flash offers 1 gbps for \$79.99; and Firefly Voice is \$35.99 with a \$5.00 discount when bundled with the internet. For more information, visit [www.fireflyva.com](http://www.fireflyva.com).

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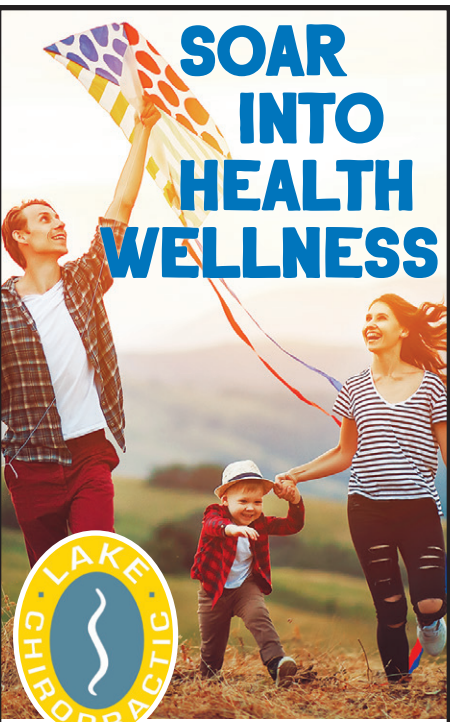
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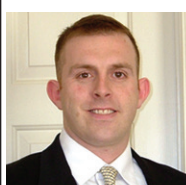
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# News and tips about the coronavirus

(Editor's note) The following is a Feb. 28 letter from Dr. Denise Bonds, the director of the Thomas Jefferson Health District which includes Fluvanna County.

Dear Community Partners:  
 I want to provide updated information on the respiratory illness outbreak that originated in Wuhan City, China, caused by a novel coronavirus. This is a rapidly evolving situation. COVID-19 (previously known as the Novel Coronavirus – 19) began in China and has seen a rapid escalation in the number of cases and the number of countries impacted. Although most cases outside of China are travel-related, community spread of the virus is now being detected in a growing number of countries, including Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand. At this time, person-to-person spread in the United States appears to be limited, but the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends planning at all levels for the eventuality of community spread in the United States.

The Virginia Department of Health

and the local Thomas Jefferson Health District (TJHD) is preparing Virginia communities for the spread of COVID-19 in the United States. TJHD is working closely with community partners in all preparedness efforts and information sharing. As of February 26, 2020, no one in Virginia has tested positive for COVID-19. The latest information is available at [www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus). While the immediate risk of

COVID-19 is believed to be low at this time, everyone can do their part in helping us to respond to this public health threat.

Recommendations for the public:  
 • The CDC recommends that travelers avoid all nonessential travel to China and South Korea. Individuals who are older or who have chronic medical conditions should consider postponing nonessential travel to Iran, Italy, and Japan.

• It is not too late to get a flu vaccine. Please note that it is still flu

season, and Virginia is currently at "widespread" geographic flu activity. The flu is currently a greater threat to the public than the novel coronavirus. In addition, other respiratory viruses circulate during this time of year that are a greater threat in the U.S.

• There is no need for individuals in the general public to wear facial masks. Individuals who are sick with respiratory symptoms should stay home. If you must leave home, for example to get medical care, wear a facemask if you have one, or cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue. Wash your hands often to keep from spreading respiratory illnesses to others.

• Get the pneumonia vaccine if you are eligible. This is recommended for those adults older than 65, individuals 2 to 64 with certain medical conditions and adults 19 to 64 who smoke cigarettes. This vaccine does not protect you from the coronavirus but will lower your



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risk of bacterial pneumonia.

• Practice good personal health habits to prevent the flu and other respiratory viruses. Stay home when you are sick. Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or cough into your elbow. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and use hand sanitizer if soap and water are unavailable. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.

• Create an emergency plan of action. Public health officials may recommend community actions based on the severity of a pandemic outbreak that will limit exposure, such as avoiding large gatherings. Developing a household plan for COVID-19 will help ensure readiness. The details of your plan should be based on the needs and daily routine of your household, including alternative arrangements for children, elders, and pets, and assuring that you have enough critical prescription medications.

Recommendations for worksites and businesses:

• Promote the daily practice of everyday preventive actions at all times, including hand washing,

respiratory etiquette (cover your cough or sneeze), and staying home when sick.

• Provide respiratory illness (like flu) prevention supplies in your workplace, such as soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, tissues, and trash baskets.

• Plan for workers absences. Develop flexible attendance and sick-leave policies. Update teleworking agreements so that staff may work from home, if applicable.

• Review your process for planning workplace services and events. Identify actions to take if you need to temporarily postpone or cancel events/work. Plan ways to continue essential services if on-site operations are reduced temporarily.

You can help by staying informed from trusted sites, like <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus>, and making sure your family is ready for a pandemic event: <https://www.cdc.gov/nonpharmaceutical-interventions/pdf/gr-pan-flu-ind-house.pdf>.

Thank you for your efforts to keep everyone in the Thomas Jefferson Health District safe and healthy.

Sincerely,  
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# Potential voting law changes could seriously affect county registrar’s office

BY HEATHER MICHON  
CORRESPONDENT

Representatives from the county registrar’s office told the Board of Supervisors during a work session on Wednesday (Feb. 26) that a potential change to state voting laws could have serious impacts on the office and its budget.

Registrar Joyce Pace and Catharine Hobbs, chair of the electoral board, said that the legislature was likely to pass a 45-day “no excuse” in-person voting law. If passed, the law would go into effect in July, just ahead of the 2020 presidential election.

Basically, this would require Pace to have a voting machine accessible to any local voter who wanted to cast their ballot during office hours for the 45 days prior to an election or a primary. That brings with it a host of potentially expensive issues.

Pace and Hobbs said compliance with existing election law would require them to purchase at least one new voting machine and a part-time person to help staff the polling site. They would also have to figure out where to place the machine. Parking and office space at their current office space is

limited and not easily accessible.

The county may end up having to move the registrar’s office to a rented space somewhere else in the county, although County Administrator Eric Dahl said there were few good rental options currently on the market.

Pace and Dahl told supervisors they would continue to explore options in the coming weeks. The impact on the department’s proposed budget won’t be known for some time.

Representatives from the Fluvanna SPCA, the public library, social services, and the fire and rescue association also spoke to supervisors during the work session.

As with constitutional officers earlier in the month, few of the departments asked for anything more than minor funding increases.

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Fluvanna SPCA president Gerri Russell updated supervisors on the organization and talked about some of their ongoing projects and issues. They are asking for \$330,000 from the county to act as Fluvanna's designated animal pound, an increase of about \$29,000 over Fiscal Year 2020.

Russell said some of that money would be put to increasing staff salaries, which they have been working to raise for several years. "We're still trying to keep good people," she said, "and it's a hard job." Increasing the pay has helped them reduce staff turnover over the last year. Reflecting on the recent rabies scare, she said that staff would be getting pre-exposure rabies vaccinations going forward.

## County library

Library Director Cyndi Hoffman said they now have "over 91,000 items in the library, and the computer use is still rampant."

Her statistics show the library had about 225,000 visits last year and hosted 600 meetings and programs.

They have 11,800 active users, with about 12,000 people using the computer lab and Wi-Fi. The summer reading program continues to grow, with over nearly 1,000 children participating in 2019.

Hoffman said they expected \$96,000 in state funding and were requesting \$394,250 from the county, almost level with the funding for FY20.

## Social services

Kim Mabe of Social Services said they were "pretty happy" with the budget proposed by County Administrator Eric Dahl.

Her only caveats were that the state legislature was likely to pass some new regulations and mandates that could impact her staff's caseloads—but until the provisions pass, there's no way of telling how much they might be affected.

The governor's budget calls for an increase in staff salaries for social service workers. Because salaries have been so low for so long, there's a statewide crisis in filling positions and retaining staff, and the current budget would put some money

towards the problem. However, if the measure passes, it might require localities to put in some matching funds. For Fluvanna, it looks like the local match would be around \$10,600. "Whatever the state gives us," she said, "please let us take it."

## Fire and rescue

John Lye of the fire and rescue association had no major requests but did advocate for personal property tax relief for their volunteers, saying "the amount of volunteer time saves the county a lot of money" each year.

Another issue he raised was the prevalence of cancers among firefighters, who are exposed to not just smoke, but dangerous chemicals in the line of duty. "We would like to include a cancer policy on the health insurance."

Lye said these measures would "help us retain the committed and vibrant volunteer force that we have now."



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# Fluco baseball squad looks to defend State title

BY DUNCAN NIXON  
CORRESPONDENT

In 2019 the Fluco baseball team captured the Class 3C State Championship with two impressive wins at Salem. Coach Joel Gray has lost a couple of key players to graduation, but he has an impressive core returning for the 2020 season. Even with top talent, and Coach Gray has some very good returnees, a second consecutive State title would have to be considered a long shot. In baseball there are just too many ways to lose a game to a team that you would normally beat, and you need to win a lot of games in a row to win it all. Nonetheless, the Flucos will naturally be going for it.

Coach Gray, who was named Coach of the Year in Class 3 last year, has the Ward brothers returning for their senior years. They are both outstanding pitchers and outstanding hitters. Andrew Ward was

named to the All-State first team last season as a pitcher. His regular season statistics were awesome. As a pitcher he was 5-0 with an ERA of 1.17. His batting average was .327. Kevin Ward was second team All-State at first base. His regular season stats were also incredible. As a pitcher he was 6-1 with an ERA of an almost unbelievable 0.29. His batting average was .438.

Coach Gray has a number of other solid returnees. He noted that his entire pitching staff and all his outfielders from 2019 are returning. Cameron Shields returns at short-stop. He was a stand-out in the field last year as a junior and contributed some power hitting at the plate. Teams do not win state championships without really good short-stops. Mason Gross who hit .339 in 2019 will be back for his junior year

in one of the outfield spots. Toby Sherman will be back for his senior year as a pitcher and outfielder. He contributed a home run in the State championship game last year. Other returning outfielders are, A.J. Brown and Justin Warner, who are seniors and junior Mason Gross. Wyatt Dansey, who was the Fluco's starting pitcher in the championship game is also back.

Coach Gray has some big holes to fill. His catcher last season was Jacob Critzer, who was Class 3 player of the year and first team All-State in Class 3. Gray said that senior Trey Lyons will be called upon to fill in at Critzer's spot. Third baseman Ryan Groome has also graduated. He was second team All-State in 2019. Two juniors are under consideration for this starting spot, John Rittenhouse and Pierson

Barnabei. Coach Gray described Rittenhouse, who a standout forward on the Fluco basketball team, as a potential "Swiss Army knife." He is likely to be at first base when Kevin Ward is pitching.

Another graduate from the 2019 championship team was the very steady Kyle Algieri, who held down second base. Coach Gray is looking at senior Addison Davis and freshman Joe Gomez as possible replacements for Algieri.

Coach Gray said that he is intrigued by the prospects for freshman pitcher J. J. Glasscock, who Gray says has some of the best velocity of all freshman prospects in the area.

Gray expects to carry about 16 players on his varsity squad, He also said that he thinks the JV and middle school teams will be strong.

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## PUBLIC HEARING Fluvanna County Board of Zoning Appeals Tuesday, March 17, 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 item:

**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 parking setback from 50 feet to 25 feet, and reduction of the minimum building setback 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.

## VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF FLUVANNA

**Cody O. Tinnell-Wheaton,**  
Plaintiff

v. Case No.: 19CL732

**American Home Mortgage, Inc.**  
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Defendant.

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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An Affidavit having been filed, whereby Plaintiff, by counsel, did affirm that due diligence has been used by the Plaintiff to ascertain the identity and whereabouts of the all possible defendants, without success.

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 8.01-316 A.1. b., it is hereby **ORDERED** that all interested parties appear on or before April 27, 2020, at 10 am in the Clerk's Office of this Court and do what is necessary to protect his interest.

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## PUBLIC HEARING Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2204, a public hearing will be held in the Circuit Court Room at the Fluvanna County Courts Building in Palmyra, Virginia for citizens of the County to have the opportunity to appear before and be heard by the Board of Supervisors for the following items:

**ZMP 19:02 – 2428 Richmond Road LLC** – A request to conditionally rezone, from A-1 Agricultural, General to I-1 Industrial, Limited, of Tax Map 4, Section A, front portion of Parcel 27. The property is located along Richmond Road (U.S. Route 250), approximately 0.16 mile west of the intersection of Zion Road (State Route 627) and Memory Lane (State Route 698). The portion of the parcel is within the Zion Crossroads Community Planning Area and the Palmyra Election District.

**ZTA 19:04 – Fluvanna County Zoning Ordinance** – Vehicle Impound Facility - An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 22 Zoning Of The Fluvanna County Code By The Addition Of A Definition under 22-22-1 Definitions; Uses Permitted By Special Use Permit in A-1 zoning under 22-4-2.2, in B-1 zoning under 22-9-2.2 and in I-1 zoning under 22-11-2.2 and Uses Permitted By Right in I-2 zoning under 22-12-2.1 to permit a Vehicle Impound Facility.

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# SUDOKU

Edited by Margie E. Burke

Difficulty: Easy

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### HOW TO SOLVE:

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

Answers to Last Week's Sudoku:

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

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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 After all?
- 5 Number for one
- 9 Gives the axe to
- 14 "That hurt!"
- 15 Boisterous play
- 16 Unaccompanied
- 17 Something in the air
- 18 Manage somehow
- 19 Battle bravery
- 20 Awfully dull
- 22 Blackbeard, e.g.
- 23 Take the wrong way?
- 24 Ski race
- 26 1996 presidential hopeful
- 28 Starbucks staffer
- 32 Be a pain
- 35 Murphy Brown star
- 37 Within reach
- 38 Meadow sounds
- 40 Plain as day
- 41 Lysol target
- 42 Capri or Wight
- 43 Like most wedding cakes
- 45 Ballet dance step
- 46 Wood finish
- 48 Side by side?
- 50 Whitaker of Hollywood
- 52 Moolah
- 56 Plain awful
- 59 Ornamental climbing vine
- 61 Up and \_\_\_\_\_
- 62 High school subj.
- 63 Horse gait
- 64 Boxer's quest
- 65 Tolstoy heroine
- 66 Place for an ace
- 67 Anesthetic of old
- 68 Lab procedure
- 69 Like the Sahara

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- 2 Check the books
- 3 Something to settle
- 4 Sewing kit item
- 5 Chevron competitor
- 6 Hotel amenity
- 7 Urge onward
- 8 Tarzan extra
- 9 Jesus, for some
- 10 Causing worry
- 11 Bubbly drink
- 12 Maritime speed
- 13 Moistureless
- 21 Messy one
- 22 Window box, e.g.
- 25 Anomalies
- 27 Dance class attire
- 29 Escape slowly
- 30 Fictional plantation
- 31 Kind of race or dealer
- 32 Egyptian bird
- 33 Skin reaction
- 34 Curly cabbage
- 36 Word from the Beaver
- 39 Colonists' quest, maybe
- 44 Financial worry
- 47 Linger aimlessly
- 49 Queen of Soul
- 51 Sty dwellers
- 53 Slip-up
- 54 Garlicky sauce
- 55 No longer in mail or crime
- 56 Word before
- 57 Final words?
- 58 Tim of "The Hateful Eight"
- 60 Louver piece
- 62 Cave dweller

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

S	T	A	M	P		S	A	M	E		A	J	A	R						
T	U	T	O	R		P	L	U	S		S	O	L	O						
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### DOWN

- 1 Pillages

# SHERIFF'S REPORT FEB. 21-27

## NATURE OF INCIDENT / TOTAL

(NOT DEFINED)	1
911 HANG UP	9
911 MISDIAL	7
911 OPEN LINE	4
ABDOMINAL PAIN	1
ANIMAL CONTROL CALLBACK	7
ANIMAL CONTROL FOLLOW UP	2
ADULT WELFARE/PUB SAFETY CHK	2
ANIMAL BITE	1
ANIMAL CARCASS	2
ANIMAL WELFARE	2
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	4
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE RECEIVED	4
BE ON LOOKOUT	5
SHERIFF'S OFFICE CELL CHECK	1
CHEST OR CARDIAC PROBLEM	1
CHILD WELFARE/ABUSE/ENDNGMNT	5
CIVIL PAPER RECEIVED	4
CIVIL PAPER SERVICE	65
COMMERCIAL BURG ALARM	7
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY	1
DIFFICULTY BREATHING	1
DISABLED VEHICLE	7
PAST DISTURBANCE	2
DISTURBANCE	8
DRUG TAKE BACK	1
ECO TDO CALL	2
FINGERPRINTS	7
FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION	9
FRAUD	2
GUN PERMIT RECEIVED	3
LARCENY/THEFT	1
PHONE CALL RETURN	48
LIVESTOCK CALL	2
MAGISTRATE WALK IN	1
MENTAL WELFARE CALL NO INJURY	1
MVC WITH INJ OR UNKNOWN INJ	3
MVC W/ ANIMAL	2
DRUG RELATED INCIDENTS	1
OTHER LAW CALL	17
OVERDOSE	1
PEDESTRIAN IN ROAD/INTOX PEDES	2
PRISONER TRANSPORT	8
PROJECT LIFESAVER RELATED CALL	1
RADIO TOWER SITE LOG	1
REPOSSESSION	4
RESIDENTAL BURGLAR ALARM	6
SELECT PATROL	76
SHOTS HEARD	1
STRAY DOG	8
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY / PERSON	12
TIPS/ INFORMATION RECEIVED	5
DIRECT TRAFFIC/FUNERAL TRAFFIC	15
TRAFFIC HAZARD	3
TRAFFIC STOP	149
TREE DOWN	1
TRESPASSING/HUNTING TRESPASS	1
VCIN HITS RECEIVED	1
VCIN QUERY RUN	7
WARRANT CHECK IN/OUT	2
WARRANT RECEIVED	8
OUT SERVING WARRANT	8

TOTAL INCIDENTS 573

## CRASHES

INJURY/UNK	19:18:19 02/25/20
4700 BLK ROLLING RD S	
MVC W/ ANIMAL	18:33:25 02/24/20
3240 BLK SHORES RD	
MVC INJURY/UNK	17:15:20 02/24/20
510 BLK SOUTH BOSTON RD	
MVC INJURY/UNK	21:58:27 02/21/20
2040 BLK WILMINGTON RD	
MVC W/ ANIMAL	18:53:17 02/21/20
STAGE JUNCTION RD & COLEMANS LN	

TOTAL CRASHES 5

## ARRESTS

ARREST DATE: 20:30:19 02/26/20  
NO ADDRESS  
DRIVING AFTER FOREITURE LICENSE

ARREST DATE: 16:38:01 02/21/20  
ADDRESS: PALMYRA  
VIOLATION PROT ORDR, STALKING

ARREST DATE: 17:05:44 02/22/20  
ADDRESS: SCOTTSVILLE  
FAIL CARRY REG & LICENSE CARD  
ELUDING OFFICER / FAIL TO STOP  
EXCEEDING SPEED LIMIT  
DISTRIB/POSSESS DRUG PARAPH  
POSSESS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

ARREST DATE: 00:32:23 02/23/20  
ADDRESS: NONE LISTED  
DUI/DUID 2

ARREST DATE: 12:22:00 02/21/20  
ADDRESS: TROY  
POSSESS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE  
FAIL TO MAINTAIN CONTROL  
POSSESS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

ARREST DATE: 10:54:00 02/25/20  
ADDRESS: NEW CANTON  
MAIMING RESULTING FROM DUI

ARREST DATE: 12:29:42 02/25/20  
ADDRESS: PALMYRA  
ASSAULT BATTERY FAMILY MEMBER

ARREST DATE: 10:34:22 02/22/20  
ADDRESS: MANASSSAS  
FORCIBLE SODOMY

ARREST DATE: 11:59:54 02/22/20  
ADDRESS: PALMYRA  
ASSAULT BATTERY FAMILY MEMBER

ARREST DATE: 21:56:28 02/22/20  
ADDRESS: NONE LISTED  
DRIVE SUSP/REVOKED

ARREST DATE: 15:14:06 02/22/20  
ADDRESS: STANARDSVILLE  
DISTRIB/POSSESS DRUG PARAPH  
CONTEMPT OF COURT  
POSSESS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

ARREST DATE: 03:26:15 02/22/20  
ADDRESS: NONE LISTED  
POSSESS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

TOTAL ARRESTS 12



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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### Planning Relay For Life

On Wednesday, **March 11**, at 6:30 p.m., the American Cancer Society's 'Relay For Life of Goochland 2020' will hold a Team Captains and Planning Committee meeting at the Providence Presbyterian Church, 3388 Three Chopt Rd., Gum Spring. Go to: [www.relayforlife.org/goochlandva](http://www.relayforlife.org/goochlandva), or contact Laura Burton: (804) 527-3712, American Cancer Society, for more info or to sign up. All Goochland

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# Artist Tartaglino talks about still life

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD  
CORRESPONDENT



Tom Tartaglino's still life paintings are unique. They are not the average bowl of fruit but tell the artist's story in distinct and personal vignettes. At the monthly meeting of the Fluvanna Art Association on Friday, Feb. 21, he had the members laughing with his light-hearted humorous approach to creating a still life.

Members wanted to know about the mechanics of building a still-life from the ground up: Drawing, the mediums, and lighting, artificial vs. natural light. Tartaglino voiced his preferences but never forces his techniques on any artist. But he stands behind his belief that the techniques he uses are among the best. The techniques he uses give him the edge and the leeway to create exactly what he wants.

Many of the members thought you had to have an elaborate and expensive set-up with artificial lights to paint a still life but Tartaglino prefers natural light. A proponent of plein air painting, he applies this technique to his still-life painting and portraits. Lighting gives the artist a solid foundation.

Tartaglino chooses oils as his medium.

"They mix better, have more colors, but they are more toxic." He explained why he opts for oils over other medium despite its toxicity. "It is smooth and buttery. There is a certain sensuality to having a painting flow, its tactile, nothing perverse, it is enjoyable." Other artists who agree with him that

oils are alluring when it comes to the feel of it on canvas.

A member asked about water soluble oils.

"They are stiff, dry more quickly and don't mix well. You have to mash them on a palette with a palette knife." That is often echoed by other artists who have tried water soluble oils and agree they act like a distant cousin of acrylics.

Tartaglino then discussed what makes an interesting still-life.

"A still-life should reflect what is meaningful to you." He had a couple of set-ups, one was of a slice of peanut butter pie in the foreground, which the members were eyeing and salivating over, and a bottle of wine in the background. This still-life had appeal to many of the members.

He then had the members laughing when he described a piece he sold titled "My Side of the Bed."

"My side had keys to my truck, a book with a pencil as a book mark, the lamp shade was out of kilter, and it didn't look like my wife's side of the bed, dust-free, neat, and tidy," he said. "When I began painting "My Side of the Bed," I grappled with the idea and one day I hauled my easel and paints into the bedroom and did it."

The piece spoke to someone who could relate to the subject and bought it.

He demonstrated what is meaningful when he set-up another still-life with a small espresso maker, bright red coffee mug, spoon, and an orange. He focused on the colors, the black and chrome, glass and pops of color with the red and orange.

"I love my espresso." He then began sketching it while he talked. He pointed out that there was nothing wrong with bowls of fruit or flower vases, but they are often the subjects used in early art education to show relationships between objects. This often goes along with composition and learning to find the best shapes and angles for better flow of the picture.

"Think about the things you like, maybe you are a quilter or a gardener."

He started with a sketch but told the members he likes to sketch it out in paint. "I prefer painting my subject rather than drawing it. Drawing it beforehand seems repetitive, loses spontaneity, you're spent and have lost the energy of the first rendering."

As an artist, many of his large-scale works feature beach scenes. He surprised everyone familiar with his work when he said, "he hated the beach."

"I was a scrawny kid who burned up in the sun. I dreaded those family trips to the beach and I don't have any pleasant memories." One particular painting, hanging in Cuppa Joe's featured a camper with a tent and a table cluttered with odds and ends, coolers, fishing poles, and beach

chairs. No one is in the painting and the area is deserted. He revealed that the original photo he took of the scene only had the camper, a tent and a motorcycle. He removed the motorcycle and added his own items to the scene. He said his approach to the piece was annoyance but after it was complete it was cathartic.

"Traffic is the same thing for me which is why I paint traffic scenes."

Tartaglino's comments on still life were about more than painting the perfect bowl of fruit or flower vase, but a pictorial essay about life.

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# Consultants say best site for water project still Point of Fork

BY HEATHER MICHON  
CORRESPONDENT

Consultants for the James River Water Project told the governing board that the currently proposed location for a water pumping station along the James River is still the best option, despite concerns that it could damage or destroy archaeological evidence of the historic Monacan Indian settlement of Rassewek.

Justin Curtis, an attorney for the James River Water Authority (JRWA), presented multiple alternative locations and water sources to the board at their meeting on Feb. 25, ranging from Bremono Bluff to Goochland County.

But project consultants agreed that from the standpoint of both logistics and cost, the best site for the pumping station remained Point of Fork, near Columbia.

The James River Water Project is designed to deliver water to Zion Crossroads and other parts of

Louisa and Fluvanna counties. A treatment plant has already been constructed on the Louisa County side of Rt. 6.

Should the JRWA vote to move forward with the existing site, they may face some significant hurdles before construction can continue.

The Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) and the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) declined to issue critical permits in late 2019 after evidence emerged that the lead archaeologist who conducted a survey at the site allegedly lacked the federally-mandated academic credentials for the job. A whistleblower later alleged that the work at the site was badly mismanaged.

The JRWA has filed a suit in Fluvanna County Circuit Court to compel VDHR to accept the archaeologist's credentials, and Curtis told the board that several of the

issues raised by the VDRH have been resolved. A new application for permits could be sent to the ACOE within the next few weeks.

If both agencies approve the permits, the project will almost certainly face a legal challenge from the Monacan Nation.

There is historical and archaeological evidence supporting the Monacans' contention that Rassewek was located in the area and might be impacted by major construction, and the tribe has indicated it is ready to go to court to protect the site.

Curtis touched on this "assumption" at the meeting. "What we've done is we've asked multiple times, 'OK, if you don't want the project here because you're going to challenge it because it's within the area you believe is Rassewek, tell us where Rassewek is and what the boundaries are, and we'll see if we

can go outside of that. To date, no one has been able to tell us that."

Asked for comment by email, attorney Greg Werkheiser of Cultural Heritage Partners, the firm representing the Monacans, said JRWA's analysis "is flawed as a matter of law, as we'll show the federal government."

Werkheiser added that JRWA continued "to hide from the public the real costs of destroying Rassewek. They're hiding the huge expense of years of litigation, the full costs of excavating a site of national importance, and reputational harms to Louisa and Fluvanna counties when the world watches them defile a sacred Native American site. What new brewery or housing development will want their water piped through desecrated burials?"

The authority will vote on how to proceed at its March 11 meeting.

## Scholar gives talk on slave trade in Central Virginia

BY HEATHER MICHON  
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Historian Jack Trammell gave a talk on Sunday (March 1) on aspects of the slave trade in Central Virginia.

Trammell, an associate professor at Mount St. Mary's University in Maryland, became interested in the economics of the slave trade several years ago, after a column he wrote for the Washington Times about the antebellum Richmond slave market drew criticism and death threats. He said the reaction to the piece made him feel like he had "a calling" to dig deeper.

This ultimately led him to publish his study, "The Richmond Slave Trade: The Economic Backbone of the Old Dominion," in 2012.

While large slave markets deeper South have been the subject of study for decades, Trammell's research found that Richmond was a powerhouse in the slave trade.

Located on what was once called Wall Street in Shockoe Bottom, auction houses bought and sold around 500,000 human beings in the 75 years before the Civil War.

Fluvanna and other Central Virginia counties were an important secondary market in the trade. Slaves were less expensive in the countryside. Dealers could buy them at lower prices and sell them in Richmond at a profit.

Richmond and the surrounding region were important players in a crucial part of the antebellum economy. By the start of the Civil War, "the value of slaves actually exceeds the gross domestic product" of the entire country. From a financial standpoint, war was likely the only way to compel the South to destroy the practice. "Nobody was going to give it up easily."

He said that most signs of the slave auctions of Richmond were gone. The construction of I-95 through the city in the 1950s destroyed the area once known as Wall Street.

Trammell's talk was hosted by the Fluvanna County Historical

Society and Our Shared Story, a Charlottesville-based nonprofit promoting awareness of African-American history and genealogy. About 30 people attended the program, which was held in the Central Elementary School auditorium.

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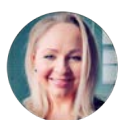
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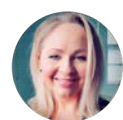
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