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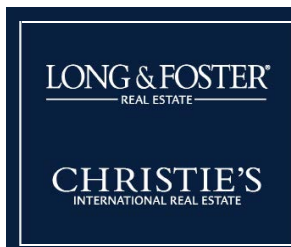
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Supervisors talk coronavirus and budgets

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

Fluvanna County is taking preliminary steps against the coronavirus.

In his report to the Board of Supervisors on Wednesday night (March 4), County Administrator Eric Dahl said there were already talks ongoing between the Virginia Department of Health and local governments. County office buildings will be getting some extra cleaning, and staff was being reminded to follow basic infection control like frequent handwashing, covering coughs, and staying home if they're sick.

However, Dahl added that if positive cases were discovered in Virginia, "then we're going to have to start creating more of an actionable plan."

Budget

At a work session after the regular meeting, supervisors heard from Calvin Hickman, director of public works and Aaron Spitzer, head of parks and recreation.

Hickman, who manages 43 county buildings and properties, reminded supervisors that "it takes a lot of money to maintain old buildings," and costs for materials and services were on the rise. Asked what would happen if he didn't get the funding, he said they would prioritize critical issues, but all the needed work simply wouldn't get done.

Spitzer said one of his high-priority projects was fencing for the soccer field at Pleasant Grove, which is continually torn up by dogs, deer, and pedestrians. Fencing will cost about \$50,000.

Dahl spoke about the many

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capital improvement projects (CIPs) on the county's wish list, from new school buses to major renovations on facilities.

Supervisor Tony O'Brien (Rivanna) said that with interest rates low and poised to go lower, "if we're going to borrow money, there's no better time to borrow money than now." Dahl agreed that it would be possible develop a package of high-priority projects and secure low-interest debt funding, although he couldn't say offhand how that might impact the current proposed budget plan.

One area where the county might be able to save money is in health insurance. Human Resources Director Jessica Rice explained that while the county's current provider, Cigna, was looking at a significant rate increase for 2021, The Local Choice, an Anthem provider, was offering them a package that would result in a 22% decrease over their current rates. More study needs to be done on the potential financial impacts on staffs and their families under the proposed plan.

Funding approved

During the regular meeting, su-

perators unanimously approved a \$197,000 contract with CenturyLink to install new call handling equipment for the county's 911 center. This expenditure was anticipated as part of the migration to the new E911 system in 2018.

A supplemental appropriation of up to \$150,000 in debt funding for Fork Union Volunteer Fire Company's Engine 20 was approved 3-1 with Chair Mike Sheridan (Columbia) voting against the measure and Supervisors Tony O'Brien (Rivanna) absent for the first part of the evening.

Funding for the purchase of Engine 20 was approved in November 2019, but the original appropriation did not include equipment to outfit the vehicle.

Public hearings

Supervisors voted 4-0 to approve a public hearing for a rate increase for customers of the Fork Union Sanitary District (FUSD). With almost \$200,000 in deferred maintenance projects, under Dahl's proposal, the current

rate of \$21 for the first 2,000 gallons of usage would raise to \$21.42. The cost for every 1,000 gallons over that would rise from \$11 to \$11.22.

This would be the first increase for FUSD customers since 2014, but likely won't be the last. The system currently needs about \$200,000 in deferred maintenance and could need an additional \$500,000 in the next five to ten years.

The public hearing will be held

April 15 at 7 p.m.

Supervisors also approved a public hearing that same night for a budget amendment on the Zion Crossroads water and sewer project.

Management analyst Liz McIver explained that they need to shift \$2.7 million from the unassigned fund balance to the project earlier than expected. While the request would simply move money from one fund to another, a public hearing is required under state law.

Rudy talks Taxes

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

How to Succeed as an Independent Contractor

Are you one of the now 33% of Americans who work as either an independent contractor or freelancer?

If you answered yes, you are now a participant in the gig economy, a modern term for an economy characterized by workers who earn money through short-term contracts or freelance work.

Succeeding as an independent contractor can be challenging because it requires understanding a different set of key success factors than being a full-time employee. Here are some tips on developing your skill set as an independent contractor and where to turn to if you need help.

- **Contract for companies with generous payment terms.** The formula for companies to pay its contract workers varies from business to business. Investigate a company's policy for paying its contract workers to make sure it's what you're expecting. Remember, cash is king!
- **Market your services by creating an online portfolio.** If being a contract worker is your full-time job, you'll need to always be looking for your next gig. One great way to market yourself to prospective businesses is to create an online portfolio that showcases the work you can perform. You can choose to build a website using a do-it-yourself service or hire a developer to create a custom website.
- **Stick to budget.** As a full-time employee, you know the exact date you'll receive

your paychecks and usually the exact dollar amount. As a participant in the gig economy, however, you could earn a bunch of money in one month and hardly any money the following month. Prepare a financial budget so you can use income earned during your good months to cover costs during low income months.

- **Stay one step ahead of the IRS.** Paying taxes is now your responsibility. Participating in the gig economy requires more knowledge about how to meet your tax obligations. So ask for professional help. Plus use other tools at your disposal. For instance, the IRS Gig Economy Tax Center gives guidance on how to figure out what you may owe the IRS. The website is <https://www.irs.gov/businesses/gig-economy-tax-center>.

- **Get advice from others.** Working primarily by yourself can leave you isolated from fellow workers. Join a local group of self-employed workers that meets on a regular basis to network and learn what other workers are doing to be successful.

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Obituary

Robert Owen Stanton

Robert Owen Stanton of Lake Monticello, Virginia passed away peacefully in his home on March 7, 2020. His devoted wife of 58 years, Catherine, "Kay," was by his side.

Robert, "Bob," was born in New York City on February 25, 1937. He grew up in Yorkville and recalled fondly his childhood days of playing stoopball, visits to his beloved Museum of Natural History, and camping on the banks of the East River eating "mickies," roasted potatoes.

Bob attended Bryant High School in Woodside, Queens where his athletic skills made him a standout in amateur boxing, basketball, and baseball. In 1955, immediately after his high school graduation, he was drafted by the Milwaukee Braves Farm Team. He was especially proud of his induction into the Oklahoma Softball Hall of Fame. Unfortunately, a knee injury sidelined his baseball career.

Bob served two years in the U.S. Army and loved his country. He met the love of his life, Catherine Walsh, in 1957 at American Cyanamide where they were both employed. Bob married Kay on September 2, 1961 in Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church in Howard Beach. The couple settled in Queens where they raised six children.

Bob became a New York City firefighter in 1963 and it is there that he found his true life's passion. Bob's proudest and happiest days were those in the Fire Department of New York stationed at tower Ladder 124 on Himrod Street, Brooklyn. He was a true hero, receiving many medals for his courageous and life-saving acts during 24 years in the FDNY.

Bob moved to Lake Monticello Virginia in 1995, joining several of his retired FDNY brothers. Bob suffered from various health ailments during these last years of his life and died peacefully in his home as he would have wished.

He is survived by his wife Kay, six children, Robert (Maureen), Patricia Ponzio (John), Catherine Mercer (Keith), Mary Hornung (Carl), Colleen Stanton, and Daniel Stanton (Gina), twelve grandchildren, and one great grandchild with two more on the way.

He will be missed by his many friends and loving family.
Well done Dad.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 9, 2020 at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church with Rev. David Martin Ssentameu officiating. Family received friends an hour prior.

Letter to the Editor

Out of control spending and unfair taxation

The tax paying citizens of Fluvanna County are probably not aware that the Fluvanna Board of Supervisors will be casting their votes in the next few weeks regarding taxes, school funding, additional funding requests for non-profits and many other funding requests.

The county administrator is proposing a property tax increase, the Fluvanna school system is requesting \$43,330,198-- an increase of \$649,000 this year -- non-profits are asking for over \$600,000 in additional funding; the Drug Court is requesting \$50,000, etc. The Fluvanna County landfill lost about \$150,000 last year and that is set to increase this year. Fluvanna is in debt for around \$94 million, and spending millions on the Zion Crossroads water lines. The county is proposing about \$20 million for additional buildings at Pleasant Gove in the next five years, another very disturbing thought.

Fluvanna County provides (reduced taxes) for land use options for those that meet the minimum acreage usage requirements. Fluvanna consists of about 183,000 acres and over 110,000 of this taxable acreage is in some form of land use (reduced tax) status excluding county

owned property. Why is this important? Because that translates into about \$4.5 million in reduced taxes that could actually help reduce the tax rate if these properties paid the full assessed value. Over 60 percent of all landowners in Fluvanna are paying between 10 percent to 40 percent of their properties actual assessed value. About 70 percent of tax dollars coming is from 30 percent of the land acreage/ owners paying full assessed value of their property. This is so lopsided, and unfair it is hard not to bring this to my fellow Fluvanna County tax payers attention.

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I believe that taxes should be levied evenly and fairly for all property owners.
-Patti Reynard, Palmyra

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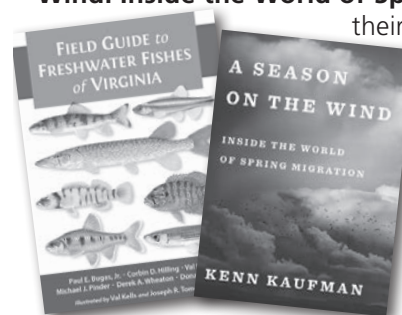


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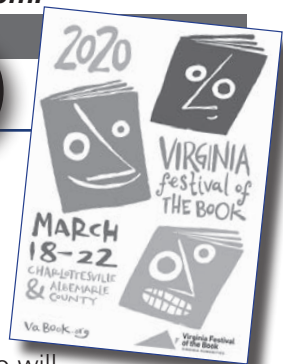
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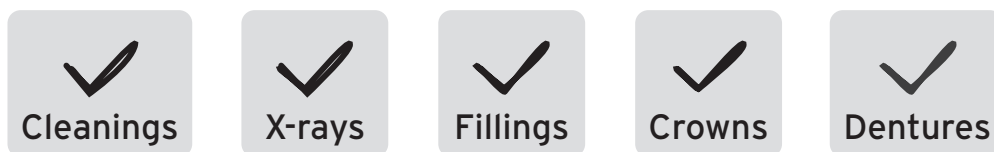
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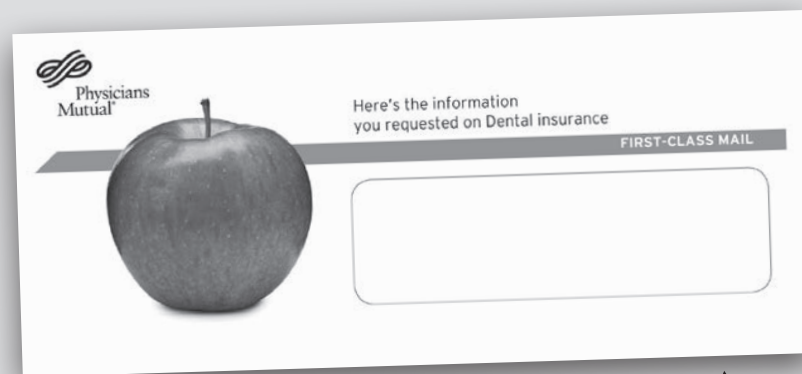
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Art is a family tradition for one local artist

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT



Paul Charlton took a different route than his mother and studied photography and computer graphics in college.

"I pursued my interest in the visual arts. Afterward, I continued to explore these areas. I like photographing outdoor scenes and things I find unusual in landscapes. For computer graphics, I made several short, animated videos."

Growing up in Fluvanna, he graduated from Fluvanna County High School then studied English at the University of Virginia and computer science at George Washington University. He lived in the Washington D.C.

area for years before moving back to live in Fluvanna. He and his wife built a house next door to his mother's house in Fork Union and live there today.

He is largely self-taught when it comes to drawing and painting, he started teaching himself with a book on drawing.

"I found it very interesting. I continued to draw and learn about drawing and this exploration led to painting. For me, the personal style and voice of the artist is more

strongly expressed in drawing and painting and that's something I'm very attracted to," he said. "I haven't

attended a formal program of art study, but I've taken many workshops at the Art League of Alexandria. I'm always on the lookout to learn from other artists, art technique books or online videos."

For many years, he attended art sessions at Tom Tartaglino's studio. For three hours, they would draw or paint from a live model.

"I'm always amazed how, painting from the same model, each artist creates a painting that is so different from the others."

Along with his mother and sister, they have participated in six joint exhibitions of their paintings at the Richmond Public Library, Bocce Restaurant, Sevenoaks Retreat Center, Fluvanna Community Center, St. Mary's Hospital and the Lynchburg Academy Center of the Arts.

His wife Wendy, a tapestry weaver, and their two children, Charlie and Anna, participated in the Charlottesville 2D exhibition at the McGuffey



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Art Center in Charlottesville for 10 years.

"Every year, we would bring in our paintings and weaving and register together. The organizers came to expect us and got a kick out of seeing Charlie and Anna grow up. Charlie and Anna won several awards for their paintings." During that time, Charlton won best in show for his painting, "Eager Learners," adding



that painters were challenged to paint on the theme of "Charlottesville, A Multicultural Community. 50 Years Since School Desegregation."

Charlton is flexible when it comes to his favorite mediums and paints in oils for representational paintings and acrylics for graphic paintings. He agrees with most artists that

acrylics are very versatile, and brushes can be easily cleaned with water but prefers oils for blending

and the ability to create softer edges.

As an artist, he doesn't speak with one voice but said he divides his work between two areas: representational and graphic..

"My representational paintings are painted from life or photographs. I've painted a wide variety of outdoor scenes, mostly landscapes. Recently, I've focused on painting clouds and sky scenes and expect to stick with

this for a while," he said. "I'm awed by the beauty and great variety of the sky and clouds and hope to convey that in my paintings. Even though I strive for closer realism in my depictions, I tend to paint with loose brushwork and choice of color."

When it comes to his graphic paintings, his work is influenced by past modernist masters.

"My graphic paintings have subjects that occur to me more as

ideas as opposed to painting a view from life. My favorite graphic subjects are geometric designs, multimedia collages or loose, cartoon-like images. I enjoy seeing these often offbeat ideas come to life."

Inspiration comes in many forms for artists while shaping their ideas.

"I'm inspired by the opportunity to create something I find beautiful or stimulating and have the viewer share that experience. I feel a sense of accomplishment when I finish a painting which leads me on to the next painting," he said. "During the process of improving my craft I have lots of ideas for paintings, and I paint quite a few of them. I'm confident in my ideas and it comes down to the actual paint-



ing on whether the paintings work or not. If the quality of how a painting is done is not as good as it could be, then the original idea isn't conveyed. Improving this quality can be challenging, but hopefully, I'm getting a little better as time goes on."

Charlton isn't any different from other artists who strive to make their voice heard through the vision of their work.

"I want onlookers to look at a painting and find it beautiful or thought provoking. When they experience this, we share a common experience and are maybe transformed a little for the better."



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Coming soon - new layout for Fluvanna Ace Hardware

BY MADELINE OTTEN
 CORRESPONDENT



Fluvanna Ace Hardware. Photo by Edee Povol.

What was once the Fluvanna Do It Best and is now the Fluvanna Ace Hardware store will undergo a huge transformation inside to a more updated and modern looking interior. The store is saying goodbye to its

tiled, concrete floors and will install new hardwood flooring all throughout the store, new shelving units that will be located in the back for a more open floor plan, and a showcase/spotlight area in the center for

the store for its customers.

Renovations will begin on March 23 with replacement of the store's flooring. Following the new floor installation, will be renovations in shelving design, product stocking, and store layout, all of which will take place over night. The process will take a total of four weeks in hopes of being done by mid-April.

The renovations will impact the store, but not enough to prevent customers from shopping. The store will also be expanding its hours starting March 1. From Monday to Saturday the store will open at 7 a.m. and will close at 6 p.m. On Sundays, the store will operate from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Customers can catch a glimpse of a similar design plan from a 30 second video that is played inside the store.

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of a brand," said Renny Megahan, co-owner of the store. "We are small and independent, so we will have brands like Benjamin Moore and Clark and Kensington paint compared to bigger corporations who will not have it."

Other brands that will be featured in the store include Yeti, Craftsman, Milwaukee, Weber, Traeger, and more. In addition to more brands and new hardwood flooring, customers will also have the option to rent equipment such as chain saws,

generators, power washers, power tools, etc. This will be a huge change for the local community since there is no store in Fluvanna County that offers the option to rent. This option will be very useful for small contractors and those who are looking to do "do-it-yourself" projects and do not want to purchase the equipment just yet. When renovations are done, the side of the store will be the new location of the equipment rental area.

JROTC comes to Fluvanna

CONTRIBUTED BY KRISTEN PACE



Star Club. Photo by Lilian Mauck

Last fall, Fluvanna County High School added another club to an already-long list of options, introducing the school's first-ever Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) club.

Called the STAR (Students Taking Active Roles), the club was set in motion by senior Mikaela Sullivan to be a club not just for students interested in going into the military after high school, but also for those seeking life skills such as self-discipline, community service, and public speaking. "As cheesy as it may sound," said Sullivan, "all I wanted to do was help people. I wanted to be a part of something greater than myself, and I feel as though I made an impact on other people's lives."

Sullivan collaborated with Army recruiter Sergeant Andrew Mauck in the formation of the club. "He was very instrumental in getting things started," said Sullivan. "I appreciate the support and experience he brings to the table, while also letting us work things out on our own. He's helped me step out of my comfort

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zone in a way that didn't feel stressful and has been a tremendous help in making me become the leader I need to be for everyone," she added.

Explaining why he wanted to help start the club, Mauck said, "There are normally three paths after high school that graduates take: advanced schooling, job market, and military. FCHS does a great job at preparing their graduates to be competitive in all paths. I believe that the STAR club would be an added tool to set FCHS graduates up for even more success moving forward in any of those fields with instilling accountability, discipline, and a can-do spirit."

So far this year, the club has done some basic training skills essential to military life, started their first PT training, and has established a color guard open to anyone in the club. The club, which is open to students in all grades, meets on Fridays in the third floor Media Center.



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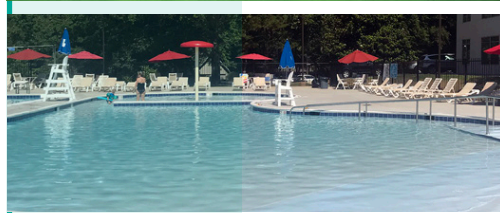
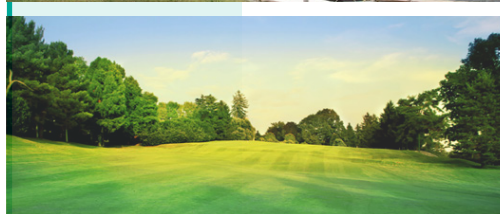
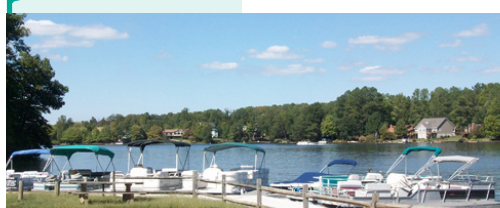
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Fluvanna Faces: Darlene Parks Colón

BY MADELINE OTTEN
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Darlene Parks Colón and husband Peter. Photo by Madeline Otten.

Where do you live?

"I was born and raised on Long Island, NY, and moved to Lake Monticello in 1997."

How long have you lived in Fluvanna County?

What brought you here?

"I have been a Lake resident since 1997. My late husband's job brought us to this area."

Tell us about your family.

"I was happily married to Dan Parks, until his fatal car accident at Zion Crossroads in 2008. At

the time of his accident our children Alyssa, Daniel, and Amy were young teenagers. Today, my oldest daughter, Alyssa, is the director of research at a large health care nonprofit in D.C.; my son, Daniel, is a professional welder, and my youngest, Amy, is a first grade teacher in Richmond. I am very proud of my children. In 2018, I met an awesome man named Peter Colón, and last May, we got married. We have been traveling all over Virginia, chasing Love signs through LoveWorks.org. We have taken our pictures with over 100 love signs. To date, there are 180 signs!"

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

"I wanted to become a veterinarian and/or a schoolteacher."

What was your very first job?

"I worked in a deli on Long Island and later at Hot Sams, a soft serve pretzel shop."

What do you do for a living?

"I am a kindergarten teacher at the very awesome Effort Chris-

tian School. I absolutely love my kindergartners, and I love teaching them how to read, write, and learn about God's love."

What do you like to do in your spare time?

"I have a heart to help those grieving the loss of their loved one. I lead a GriefShare group at Calvary Chapel Fluvanna, and my husband and I also lead a DivorceCare group."

What is one food that you could never live without

and one you can never bring yourself to eat?

"Chocolate is a must. I dislike Lima beans and beets!"

What are your three favorite movies?

"While You Were Sleeping, Sleepless in Seattle, and My Big Fat Greek Wedding. I love romantic comedies!"

Which is better – a novel or a movie?

"Movies because I get to eat popcorn and talk to the person beside me about the movie!"

What fictional character do you wish you could meet and why?

"Pete the Cat..... Because he reminds me a lot of my husband Pete! He's both cute and chill!"

What is the best piece of advice you have received?

"Don't sweat the small stuff."

What pivotal decision helped to shape your life?

"The most pivotal decision that has changed my life was accepting Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. John 3:16"

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

"Losing my late husband Dan has changed me. Because of this tremendous loss, I now try not to take anything for granted. I am thankful for each day that I am given with my family, and I do my best to be in the moment."

What has surprised you about your life?

"I was surprised that God had given me a second chance to love again. I was so blessed to be loved and cherished by my late husband Dan for 21 years; Nearly a decade after Dan's death, God brought love back into my life. I am grateful to be loved and to

love again.

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

"I hope to be able to help many more grieving folks to find their comfort in Christ, to discover that joy does return, to learn how they can honor the memory of their loved one, and to move forward and enjoy life again."

Tell us about one of your regrets.

"I regret worrying and stressing about things that I cannot change or control."

Tell us about your proudest moment.

"My proudest moments are seeing my children grow into fine adults after the tragic loss of their dad. He, too, is so proud of them. They have honored their father's memory well."

Where has been your favorite place to travel?

"In 2017, I traveled to Israel. It was an incredible experience to walk where Jesus walked."

When you are having a bad day, what do you do to make yourself feel better?

"I think about the many blessings that God has given me. I am so blessed to have a loving family, my teaching career, my GriefShare ministry, and my loving husband. I am so grateful. Chocolate also helps a lot."

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Two Fluco athletes are headed to NYC

BY DUNCAN NIXON
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The boys' indoor track and field squad has had a very successful season, with some outstanding individual performances. Coach Steve Szarmach said that his squad finished in second place in the Class 3 State meet and that Fluco hurdler Ledric Reid was Class 3 State champion. Reid and shot-put standout Eli Hartzog both turned in performances during the season that qualified them for the Nationals. Accordingly, they will be traveling to New York City for the National meet on March 13.

Fluco spring sports schedule is loaded with activity

BY DUNCAN NIXON
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Spring is a very busy season for Fluvanna County High School athletes. There is baseball and softball, boys' and girls' soccer, boys' and girls' lacrosse, boys' and girls' tennis and outdoor track and field.

All of these sports start in the third week of March. The varsity baseball team under coach Joel Gray is the defending Class 3 State champions. They open their season on March 16 and are scheduled to play five games in eight days. The Flucos open at Goochland. Then the next day they play their home opener against Chancellor high. On March 20 they are at Harrisonburg high and on March 24 they are at Western Albemarle. On March 25 they host Goochland.

The softball team has an identical starting schedule to the baseball squad. They play the same schools as listed above on the same days and at the same locations. At the Fluvanna County High School, the fields adjoin each other. The baseball field is at the back of the parking lot, (watch out for foul balls) while the softball field is directly behind the baseball field. It is actually possible to wander from one game to another when both teams are in action at the same time.

The boys' soccer team also opens its season on March 16. They host Nelson County on that date. The

soccer schedule is also busy early on. Five games are scheduled in the first two weeks. On March 19 the boys travel to Goochland. On March 23 they are at Western Albemarle. On March 26 they return home to host Goochland and on March 30 they travel to Nelson County high. Unlike the baseball and softball teams that play at the same locations but on different fields, the boys' and girls' soccer teams cannot play at the same location as high schools only have one stadium for football, soccer, lacrosse and track and field. Accordingly, the girls' soccer team while playing the same opponent as the boys' team, on the same night, plays at the opposite location.

The girls play at Nelson County on March 16. They host Goochland and Western on March 19 and 23. Then they travel to Goochland on March 26 and host Nelson County on March 30.

The tennis teams also open their seasons on March 16. The boys will be at home hosting Goochland, while the girls travel to Goochland. The Fluvanna athletic facilities will be mobbed on March 16 with baseball, softball, boys' soccer and boys' tennis all in action at once. Years ago, these contests would have been held at different venues around the county. Now they are all at the high school.

The boys' tennis team is scheduled to play at Chancellor high on March 19 and at Goochland on March 23. On March 24 they will be at Western Albemarle. They will host Charlottesville on April 2. The girls' squad has a very similar schedule, although at opposite locations, like soccer. They play Goochland away on March 16 and at home on March 23. On March 24 they host Western Albemarle and on April 2 they host Charlottesville.

The boys' and girls' lacrosse squads open their seasons on March 17. The boys team hosts Patrick Henry high, while the girls travel there. The teams have different opponents on March 20. The girls are at Liberty, while the boys host Highland Springs. On March 24 both teams host Matoca high. On March 27, the boys travel to Patrick Henry. On March 31, the boys host Orange County and the girls travel to Orange.

The track and field squads do not swing into action until March 20, when they travel to Harrisonburg. A big event occurs on March 28 when the Flucos host the Fluvanna Invitational. On April 1 they travel to Orange County high. The district meet is April 14 at Albemarle high.

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

Case No.: 19CL732

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.

I ask for this:

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Counsel for Plaintiff

ENTER: Richard E. Moore DATE: February 14, 2020



**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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7	8	1	6	3	9	5	4	2

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Eyes, poetically
- 5 Get used to
- 10 Blue-green hue
- 14 Castle enclosure
- 15 Shut out
- 16 Anagram for "guns"
- 17 Like some evidence
- 19 1987 film, "Kind of Wonderful"
- 20 Don't just stand there
- 21 Good person
- 23 Held on to
- 25 Well-expressed
- 26 "Black-eyed" legume
- 29 Hollywood Hawke
- 31 Garden pests
- 32 Bearing
- 33 Pea's place
- 36 Marble feature
- 37 Kind of candle
- 39 Right-minded
- 40 Cutting tool
- 41 Rotisserie rod
- 42 Beat to the tape
- 44 Not so nice
- 45 Apprehensive
- 46 Fleming, for one
- 49 Bygone autocrat
- 50 Hard-to-read expression
- 53 Derby prize
- 57 Retirees' org.
- 58 Budget-minded
- 60 Farm feed
- 61 Fresh, as lettuce
- 62 Two tablets, maybe
- 63 Place for a comb
- 64 Basic belief
- 65 Dinner in a pot

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- 4 Ascot fastener
- 5 Infomercials, e.g.
- 6 Certain believer
- 7 "Waterloo" singers
- 8 Oil source
- 9 Like icy roads
- 10 Give, as duties
- 11 Job estimate
- 12 Deprive of courage
- 13 FBI operative
- 18 Trusty mount
- 22 Horse of a certain color
- 24 "Had been" or "had said", e.g.
- 26 Vena _____: heart vessel
- 27 Columnist's page
- 28 Brainiac
- 29 Totally drained
- 30 Even finish
- 33 Prefix with graph
- 34 Cross to bear
- 35 Disavow
- 38 Band follower?
- 39 Sports no-no's
- 41 Fortune teller
- 43 Leave weaponless
- 44 Treeless plain
- 46 Charley horse, e.g.
- 47 Aussie "bear"
- 48 Where Goodyear is headquartered
- 49 24-Down is one
- 51 Field measure
- 52 Metal money
- 54 Gerard Butler, for one
- 55 Facilitate
- 56 A whole bunch
- 59 Select, with "for"

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

L	A	S	T		A	R	I	A		S	A	C	K	S
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DOWN

- 1 Epps of "House"
- 2 Went horseback
- 3 The Crimson Tide, familiarly

SHERIFF'S REPORT FEB. 28-MARCH 5

NATURE OF INCIDENT / TOTAL

911 HANG UP	12
911 MISDIAL	6
911 OPEN LINE	2
ANIMAL CONTROL CALLBACK	3
ANIMAL CONTROL FOLLOW UP	4
ADDRESS SIGN REQUEST	1
ADULT WELFARE/PUB SAFETY CHK	3
AGGRESSIVE ANIMAL	3
ALTERED LEVEL OF CONCIIOUSNESS	1
ANIMAL BITE	3
ANIMAL WELFARE	5
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	1
ASSAULT W/ NO INJURY	1
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE RECEIVED	3
BE ON LOOKOUT	6
BRUSH FIRE	1
BURGLARY IN PROGRESS	1
SHERIFF'S OFFICE CELL CHECK	1
CHILD WELFARE/ABUSE/ENDNGMNT	2
CIVIL INFORMATION REQUEST	1
CIVIL PAPER RECEIVED	5
CIVIL PAPER SERVICE	41
COMMERCIAL BURG ALARM	3
COMMUNICATIONS OFC CALL OUT	1
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY	6
DISABLED VEHICLE	7
DISTURBANCE	6
ECO TDO CALL	1
FINGERPRINTS	3
FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION	8
GUN PERMIT RECEIVED	3
HARASSMENT PHONE/OTHER	1
HOLD-UP ALARM	1
LACERATION	1
LARCENY/THEFT	1
PHONE CALL RETURN	27
LIVESTOCK CALL	1
LOST ANIMAL	1
MAGISTRATE WALK IN	5
MENTAL WELFARE CALL NO INJURY	1
MISSING JUVENILE	1
MVC WITH INJ OR UNKNOWN INJ	2
MVC WITH NO INJURY	6
MVC W/ ANIMAL	2
DRUG RELATED INCIDENTS	1
NUISANCE DOMESTIC ANIMAL	1
OTHER LAW CALL	10
PEDESTRIAN IN ROAD/INTOX PEDES	1
PRISONER TRANSPORT	4
PROJECT LIFESAVER RELATED CALL	1
RADIO TOWER SITE LOG	1
RADIO/911 SYSTEM ISSUE	1
REPOSESSION	4
RESIDENTAL BURGLAR ALARM	3
SELECT PATROL	47
SICK CALL	1
STRAY CAT	1
STRAY DOG	3
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY / PERSON	9
TIPS/ INFORMATION RECEIVED	1
RADIO TOWER INSPECTION	1
DIRECT TRAFFIC/FUNERAL TRAFFIC	18
TRAFFIC HAZARD	3
TRAFFIC STOP	66
UNRESPONSIVE	1
VCIN QUERY RUN	2
WARRANT CHECK IN/OUT	2
WARRANT RECEIVED	9
OUT SERVING WARRANT	7

TOTAL INCIDENTS 392

CRASHES

MVC NO INJURY	12:06:07 03/05/20
MAIN ST & STONE JAIL ST	
MVC W/ ANIMAL	06:21:12 03/05/20
800 BLK SCLATERS FORD RD	
MVC NO INJURY	16:24:53 03/03/20
260 BLK TURKEYSAG TRL	
MVC INJURY/UNK	06:49:02 03/03/20
GOLD MINE RD & CARYS CREEK RD	
MVC INJURY/UNK	12:54:10 03/02/20
6070 BLK UNION MILLS RD	
MVC NO INJURY	15:47:28 03/01/20
7060 BLK THOMAS JEFFERSON PKWY	
MVC NO INJURY	14:04:09 03/01/20
80 BLK HERITAGE DR	
MVC NO INJURY	12:50:19 03/01/20
2020 BLK MOUNTAIN LAUREL RD	
MVC NO INJURY	09:14:20 03/01/20
0 BLK IROQUOIS WAY	

TOTAL CRASHES 10

ARRESTS

- ARREST DATE: 23:21:00 02/28/20**
- ADDRESS: GORDONSVILLE
- DUI/DUID 2
- OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE
- DRINKING WHILE OPERATING VEHICLE
- ARREST DATE: 16:13:33 02/28/20**
- ADDRESS: RUCKERSVILLE
- POSS OF MARIJUANA
- ARREST DATE: 15:48:46 03/04/20**
- ADDRESS: PALMYRA
- CONTEMPT OF COURT
- ARREST DATE: 06:45:54 02/28/20**
- ADDRESS: ESMONT
- ENTER DWELL INTENTCOMMIT MISD
- GRAND LARCENY
- ASSAULT AND BATTERY
- ARREST DATE: 14:33:44 02/28/20**
- ADDRESS: ESMONT
- GRAND LARCENY
- ASSAULT AND BATTERY
- ENT DWELL W/INTENT
- LARC/ASSLT
- ARREST DATE: 09:14:20 03/01/20**
- ADDRESS: GORDANSVILLE
- DUI/DUID
- POSSESS CONTROLLED
- SUBSTANCE

TOTAL ARRESTS 6

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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 Aycok 434-589-3347 or email cynthia.b.aycock@gmail.com

New Fork Baptist Church Ushers' Anniversary

New Fork Baptist Church Usher Ministry will be hosting its 4th Ushers' Anniversary on **March 15**, at 4 p.m. The Rev. George Magazine of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Charles City will be the guest speaker. Any questions, please contact Mary Jones at 434-962-5705 or Barbara Cary 434-842-3095.

Senior Men's Golf League

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).

The Glass Slipper

The Glass Slipper prom dress sale will be held on Saturday, **March 21**, from 9 to Noon at Effort Baptist Church, 7820 Thomas Jefferson Pkwy, Palmyra. Dresses \$25. Shoes, jewelry purses and more. Proceeds go to a scholarship for a female Fluvanna County High School senior attending a community college or trade school. Donations accepted at Effort Baptist Church, Jefferson Pharmacy, Salon DeShano, Rudy's Dry Cleaner and A Cut Above. For more info: kimfeight@gmail.com or (434) 996-2820. [Facebook.com/TheEffortGlassSlipper](https://www.facebook.com/TheEffortGlassSlipper).

Meals on Wheels fundraiser

Fundraiser benefiting Fluvanna Meals on Wheels will be held at van der Linde Recycling Facility, 73 Hunters Branch Road, Troy, on Saturday, **March 28** from 6 a.m. to noon. Half of the mulch and topsoil proceeds that morning will go to Fluvanna Meals on Wheels. Need it delivered? Come and order it that morning and they will schedule the delivery. For more information, call (434) 589-1685. fluvannamealsonwheels@embarqmail.com.

Boating education class

Free Virginia Boating Education Class for Fluvanna County residents. Presented by Lake Monticello Water Safety Patrol on Saturday, **March 28** at Lake Monticello Fairway Gold Clubhouse from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Questions or to register: bstoppe@comcast.net. VA DGIF instructors, course booklet, exam, wallet certification card issued.

Fluvanna Connections Fair

Food, activities for kids and adults, workshops, big prize drawings and exhibits by more than 50 Fluvanna nonprofits will come together Saturday, **March 28**, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Community Connections Fair at Fluvanna County High School. Admission and all activities are free. The nonprofits will be showing what they do to benefit the community, and what volunteers can do to help them do it. The Community Connections Fair is being presented by Fluvanna County and the Fluvanna Leadership Alumni Group. More information is at tinyurl.com/CCF2020.

Hospice Volunteers Needed

Looking for a way to make a difference in your community? Can you make one visit a week to help a hospice patient or family member? Hospice of the Piedmont will be hosting volunteer training during the evenings of **May 5, 7, 12 and 14th**. All volunteer roles are non-medical. To register or for more information, contact Tina Hughey-Commers at 1-800-975-5501.

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Bill to manage wildlife collision rate passes General Assembly

BY MACY PRESSLEY
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

The General Assembly recently passed a measure that will create a plan to reduce wildlife-related vehicle accidents, though opponents tout the bill as an example of wasteful government spending.

The bill, introduced by Sen. Dave Marsden, D-Fairfax, directs the Virginia departments of Game and Inland Fisheries, Transportation, and Conservation and Recreation to conduct a study to identify areas where wildlife habitat is fragmented by human development and roads with a high wildlife collision rate.

Marsden said the measure, known as the Wildlife Corridor Action Plan, is intended to help prevent wildlife related car accidents. There were 61,000 such collisions reported in 2016, according to VDOT.

"People get killed in wildlife collisions, mostly with deer," Marsden said.

There were 211 deaths from such collisions in the United States, according to State Farm, which tracks deer-related insurance claims across the nation.

The bill would give the DGIF two years to complete a study. Marsden said that after the study is done, the General Assembly will look into building wildlife overpasses along roads identified as problem areas. He said wildlife overpasses were successfully implemented in Charlottesville.

"They tried this on I-64 in Charlottesville and reduced wildlife collisions by 98%," Marsden said.

Ryan Brown, DGIF executive director, said the bill addresses a complex issue and is intended to protect wildlife in two ways.

Brown said his department will work with other agencies to identify places where development has fragmented wildlife habitats and address

the work needed to avoid human and wildlife conflict.

"Wildlife moves around and they don't read road signs," Brown said.

The agencies will identify wildlife corridors and study migration routes of native, game and migratory species using existing state data. They will assess human barriers such as roads, dams, power lines and pipelines and determine areas with a high risk of wildlife-vehicle collisions. The study will contain maps to detail such wildlife corridor infrastructure, as well as recommendations for creating safe wildlife crossings. Brown said options might include fencing along problem roads and bridge-like structures to assist wildlife with safe crossing.

Brown said this issue is likely to get worse over time.

"As wildlife habitat becomes more and more fragmented in an urbanizing Virginia, that makes it difficult

in terms of management of wildlife population," he said.

Del. Mark Cole, R-Spotsylvania, voted against the bill. He said the measure would be too costly.

"I do not believe the legislation is needed and it will end up creating another bureaucratic process that will cost time and money for no real benefit," Cole said in an email. "The government is very good at establishing needless bureaucratic hurdles."

Marsden said the legislation is worthwhile, considering Virginia is one of the top states for wildlife collisions. In 2018, Virginia ranked 12th for deer collisions, with drivers facing a 1 in 99 chance of hitting a deer, according to data from State Farm.

"It's good for the animals and the drivers," Marsden said. "It's worth the effort to save property and save lives."

The bill now heads to the governor's desk.



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VHHA unveils coronavirus webpage

PRESS RELEASE

In response to the evolving COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) global public health situation, the Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association (VHHA) and the Virginia Healthcare Emergency Management Program (VHEMP) have established a resource web page with Virginia-specific information, video content, informational links, and a frequently asked question guide about preparations and precautions happening in the Commonwealth. The webpage can be accessed online at <https://www.vhha.com/resources/covid-19-resources/>

Virginia hospitals and health systems are actively engaged with state, federal, and local partners to prepare for the potential arrival and spread of the disease in the Commonwealth. When it comes to the treatment of patients who present with symptoms of COVID-19, or any other respiratory illness, Virginia hos-

pitals' top priority is always the safety of patients and staff, and healthy outcomes for patients and their families. COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that can spread from person-to-person. The virus that causes COVID-19 was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China in late 2019.

Virginia hospitals have a significant role in emergency preparedness in the Commonwealth. VHHA helps coordinate that work through VHEMP, which was created in 2002 through a partnership between VHHA and the Virginia Department of Health. The program supports efforts by the Commonwealth's health care delivery system to prepare, respond to, and recover from natural and manmade disasters. The program consists of six regional health care coalitions designed to foster collaborative planning efforts between

health care facilities, first responders, and community partners at the local and regional level. These collaborative efforts aim to identify and address gaps in the health care system's ability to effectively respond to serious emergency situations and disasters. Each health care coalition

operates a Regional Healthcare Coordination Center (RHCC), a 24/7 operations center designed to be the coordination and communication hub for health care and community partners during a disaster.

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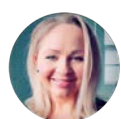
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