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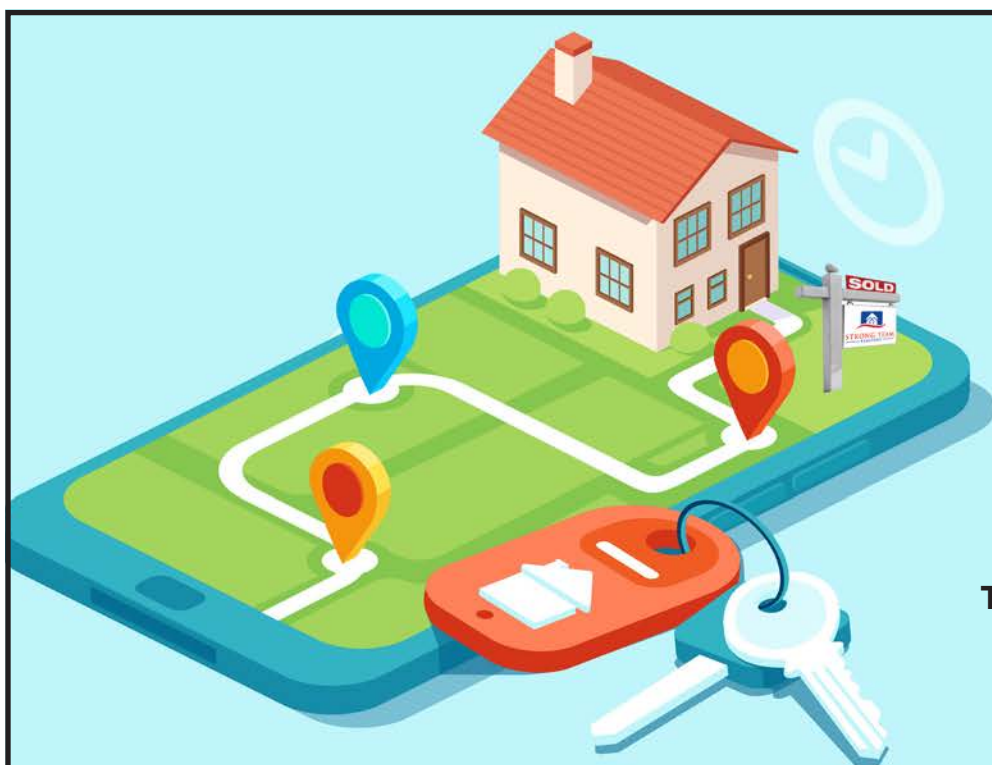
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Supervisors struggle with fallout from the pandemic

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

With a couple of technical difficulties and a few awkward pauses, the Fluvanna Board of Supervisors live-streamed their public hearing on Wednesday night (April 8) on the proposed \$84 million budget for Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) and advertised increase in the residential real estate taxes from \$0.925 to \$0.945.

The hearing was closed to public attendance but was broadcast live on YouTube. Members of the public were invited to submit comments by email or call in during the meeting.

Supervisors Donald Weaver (Cunningham) and Tony O'Brien (Rivanna) were physically present for the meeting, while the others called in via phone or Zoom. Supervisors Mozell Booker (Fork Union) and Patricia Eager (Palmyra) have preexisting health conditions; Chair Mike Sheridan (Columbia) may have been exposed to someone with Covid 19 and chaired the meeting from his home as a precaution.

At the top of the hearing, Director of Finance Mary Anna Twisdale gave an overview of the FY21 plan.

"The proposed budget is about 0.5% higher than the adopted FY20 budget," she said. "The total increase is \$318,314 as it is proposed."

Many departments asked for modest increases over the previous year, ranging for \$5,000 to \$268,000. The largest increases were in the school budget, which asked for an increase of \$1 million over FY20, and in infrastructure, with an increase of about \$3 million for the completion of the Zion Crossroads water and sewer project and the Fork Union Sanitary District (FUSD).

Public comments

The public hearing included four emails from residents that were submitted to the county ahead of the meeting. These were read into the record by County Administrator Eric Dahl and Supervisors O'Brien.

"As residents struggle without income and many without health benefits, I believe [supervisors] should vote a significant drop in our tax rate," wrote George Graf of Palmyra.

Perrie Johnson of Fork Union, chair of the Fluvanna County School Board, wrote to "encourage you to pass the advertised rate and come as close as you can to fully funding the school budget" and capital improvements.

O'Brien read an email from a constituent worried about the potential burden of the upcoming June 5 personal property tax burden on residents reeling from Covid-related job losses. "Anything local governments can do to show they understand what their constituents are going through, and they have a willingness to work with them, the better," she wrote.

Patty Reynard of Broken Island, who has spoken frequently during public comments in recent months, renewed her request that supervisors "reduce overspending and overfunding requests for unnecessary items." She cited what she feels as "tremendous waste in the school and around the county," which she believes burdens the 30 percent of citizens who pay 70 percent of the county's real estate taxes.

Tax talk

The public hearing was held on the advertised real estate tax rate of \$0.945 per \$100, which would have

added about \$40 to the annual tax bill on a home assessed at \$200,000.

But after the rate was advertised, "we've had work sessions, we got some new revenue projections, and the board has gone through and considered some expenditures," said Dahl. "And after some of these deliberations, ended last week's budget work session with a tax rate of \$0.925, which is the current tax rate."

That left a shortfall in the proposed budget of \$51,347.

Twisdale said she and her staff had spent much of the week on the phone with state officials "trying to come up with some kind of theory on what revenue is going to do" in light of the pandemic. "The problem is, no one knows."

There are any number of factors, from a drop in local sales tax revenue to residents not being able to pay their property tax bills, that could push the shortfall to over \$500,000 and potentially force the county to dip into reserves to pay for critical expenditures.

"Everyone thinks this is going to be a [20]21 problem," said Twisdale. "And '21 is going to be bad. But FY20... there's really not going to be a lot to carry over from '20 to '21," reducing the county's fiscal cushion as the economic impact of the pandemic begins to take hold.

Supervisors went through and looked at some areas where they might make some cuts, including suspending cost-of-living increases for staff and canceling the purchase of replacement fire vehicles. At the \$0.925 tax rate, even after substantial cuts, they were still faced with a \$137,000 shortfall in the proposed budget.

"The board has to decide if it wants to target a [tax] rate, or does it want to have a budget that is sustainable," O'Brien argued at one point in the discussion.

Vote delay

Supervisors were scheduled to vote on the tax rate and budget at their April 15 meeting, but as the discussion continued, it was clear that there were too many unknowns, particularly when it comes to how pandemic-related changes in the state's budget might affect Fluvanna County. The legislature will resume its session on April 22 to begin discussing these issues.

County Treasurer Linda Lenherr said the latest date that April 29 or 30 was likely as late as she could wait for the setting of the tax rates and still get bills out to residents for the June 5 due date.

In the homestretch of the meeting, consensus built among supervisors to delay the vote until April 29, at which point they might have a better sense of which way the state was going with funding and where the pandemic was going in Virginia.

County Attorney Fred Payne recommended the board meet on April 15 to deal with other agenda items, then adjourn until April 29 to make that final decision on the tax rates.

All members agreed to the date change as the best choice for the county.

"I think if we sit down right now and try to find something, we're going to look back tomorrow and say 'doggone it...'" said Sheridan.

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Early distribution penalty waived

The 10% early distribution penalty on up to \$100,000 of retirement withdrawals for coronavirus-related reasons is waived during 2020. New provisions allow tax liabilities on these distributions to be paid over a three-year period. The new rules also allow individuals to return these distributions to the retirement account over a three-year period and not be subject to annual contribution limits.

Action: This could be a great way to handle emergency payments until you receive a stimulus check, unemployment payments, or a pending small business loan.

Required minimum distributions (RMDs) waived for 2020

Required minimum distributions (RMDs) in the year 2020 for various retirement plans is suspended. The corresponding 50% penalty associated with not taking an RMD is also suspended in 2020.

Action: Taking out distributions when the market takes a tumble can hurt retirement income for many years. This change allows you to wait to let the value in your retirement account rebound before you withdraw funds.

IRS installment agreement suspension

The IRS announced suspension of payments of all amounts due from April 1 through July 15, 2020 and will not be in default on any IRS installment agreement during this period. Interest will

continue to accrue on these installment agreements.

Action: Being on the bad side of the IRS is never fun. If you currently have an IRS installment agreement, look to take advantage of this delay.

Enforcement activities suspended? Not so fast...

The filing and enforcement of liens and levies will generally be suspended. However, IRS Revenue Officers will continue to pursue high income non-filers and initiate other actions when warranted.

No new audits

The IRS will not initiate new audits during this time, but will act to protect the statute of limitations.

Much is happening during this unique time in our country's history. Rest assured, as changes are made you will be informed. In the meantime, please keep yourself and your family safe.

Finally...

Remember that Virginia has chosen not to conform with the Federal Extension of July 15th. Instead, they have extended payment deadline from May 1st to June 1st. What this means for you as a taxpayer is that if you owe Virginia, you must still file and pay your Virginia taxes by June 1st to avoid penalties. The filing deadline may or may not change based on the actions by the General Assembly during the veto session. So effectively, if you owe Virginia, you should plan to file by May 1st!

Finally, as of March 24th, all new RWF Tax clients who are Fluvanna residents receive 15% off of their tax preparation fees. We will continue to offer multiple ways to interact while protecting you and ourselves during this time of heightened awareness. Stay safe!



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Fluvanna Business Corner

What does staying connected look like during a pandemic lockdown?

Bryan Rothamel

Fluvanna County Economic Development Coordinator

These last few weeks have been trying. How are you staying connected with your employees, customers and vendors? What processes have you had to change or create to keep your businesses afloat? Are you spending more time than you thought possible in virtual meetings? How many of you had ever attended a "ZOOM" meeting before all this started?

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Over the next few weeks, I'll be planning on stimulus ideas to get businesses from Fluvanna back up and running as quickly as possible. If you have any ideas or hurdles you foresee, please let me know. I want to have a robust plan as we head into the summer months on the other side of this crisis.

While we wait, I highly encourage you to

stay connected with your fellow business owners. The Fluvanna Chamber of Commerce is hosting weekly town halls. I attend and love hearing from our business community. They are Friday night at 6:30 pm and open to any business owner. You can register on the Chamber's home page www.fluvannachamber.org or call the Chamber office at 434-589-3262

The regional Economic Development Offices and Chambers of Commerce are hosting webinars with key individuals and knowledge bases to disseminate timely information. The first one had information for restaurants and tourism sector businesses. These are free to participate. If you are interested, please email me to be included.

Sometimes people just need a chance to chat. I get the most energy from my work when I'm meeting with the Fluvanna business community. Staying at home has been hard! If you want to go over your current operations, plans for June 11 or how you are filling your days, give me a call! I have my office line and I love hearing from you. Sometimes what seems like a simple call will launch the next great idea! Let's talk soon! – *Bryan Rothamel*

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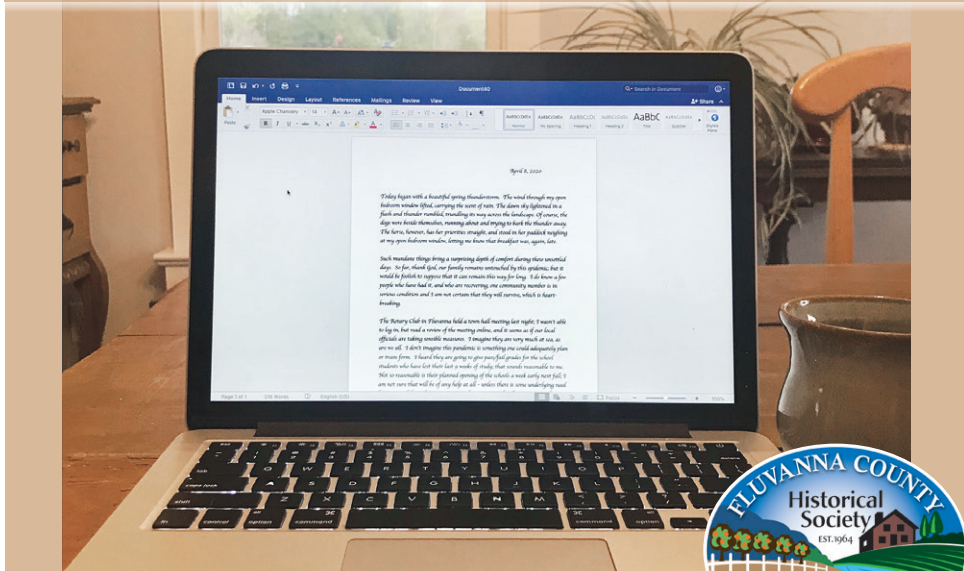
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The Fluvanna Historical Society is looking for people willing to journal about their experience during this pandemic. If you would only like to write a few paragraphs in total - or if you will fill pages every day - we welcome your submissions. People of all ages - including children - are encouraged to participate. **These papers will be kept in our archives** so that generations to come can learn about how our community fared during these calamitous times. **What should you write about? EVERYTHING.** The weather, your garden, your cat, how you are grocery shopping, how your community is coping. Write about how you feel the government - federal, state, and/or local - are doing. What are your concerns? Is your job safe? Are you concerned we may lose local small businesses? Are you concerned about your personal finances going forward? Our national economy? What changes in our society and our country do you think we may see? What are you doing to support your fellow Fluvannians? **Please email FluvannaHistory@gmail.com if you would like to participate.**



Recording life during Covid-19

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

The Fluvanna Historical Society is asking Fluvanna residents to record their thoughts, feelings, experiences and observations as they move through the Covid-19 pandemic. These records - written, photographic, artistic or on video - will be kept in the society's archives so that generations to come may better understand what day-to-day life during these days of social isolation was like.

"Many of us are experiencing life very differently now," said society director Tricia Johnson. "A record of daily activities and experiences, thoughts, and feelings can help people decades from now understand what it was like to live through this pandemic."

The society hopes to receive submissions of all sorts. "Some people journal in a very organized fashion," said Johnson, "and their record of their daily activities will be quite helpful. Others," she added, "may submit philosophical essays or perhaps poetry." Johnson encourages local photogra-

phers to document their experience - using proper social distancing, of course; and hopes that some people will record videos of what they and their families are doing. She hopes the community's many artists will also submit pieces inspired by these unsettled days.

Johnson expects families with children to be particularly excited about participating. "We would be quite interested to see what children are thinking and feeling," she said. "Even a young child's crayon drawing would be very welcome." Johnson said her personal journal includes entries on the weather, her "victory" garden, the logistics of getting groceries, her concerns for local businesses, observations on how local, state, and federal government is handling the crisis, and how she is trying to contribute to her community.

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Things I have learned from attending the Board of Supervisors meetings over the last few months: the schools receive over 50 percent of the county's budget, the county chooses to continue to lose over \$150,000 of tax payers money in the Fluvanna landfill that is only open three days a week and don't really seem to seek details on ways to cut expenditures. The county loses millions each year to land use by allowing this tax loophole for over 110,000 of the 183,000 acres of Fluvanna land. The county continues to fund hundreds of thousands in additional funding to non-profits that are already funded.

The Fluvanna County schools, teachers, administrators and higher-

level employees, and the Fluvanna County employees are very carefully and thoughtfully considered as priority for raises, and benefits at the taxpayers' expense. Keep in mind many of the tax paying residents are working in positions that don't provide them with healthcare insurance, or cost of living raises, and many positions are hourly, which will likely end as the result of the COVID-19 pandemic. It appears most supervisors never considers the hardships the increased taxes placed on residents, only how the schools, and county staff should get raises and benefits afforded them by the tax paying residents.

Just think what a tax increase, an increased assessed property value, cost of living increases, such as healthcare insurance, medication cost, as well as utilities and living expenses, are going to mean for all tax paying citizens. It is even scarier to think that many tax paying citizens are going to be dealing with serious financial issues as a result of the COVID-19 virus, and many losing their jobs.

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School Board meets online to discuss pandemic-related issues

BY RUTHANN CARR
CORRESPONDENT

Vowing to deal only with time-sensitive and pandemic-related issues, the Fluvanna School Board met remotely Tuesday (April 7).

Covid-19 cut short the 2020 school year causing food, education, sports, extracurricular activity and Internet connection problems.

Public schools are charged with making education accessible to all.

Students who don't have computers or online access can't do "distance learning."

Connection issues played out during the meeting.

Two school board members, Charles Rittenhouse (Cunningham) and Andrew Pullen (Columbia), who represent the most remote, rural areas of Fluvanna, experienced access problems.

Pullen's video connection was spotty and he finished the meeting using the audio from his cell phone.

Rittenhouse accessed the meeting via a phone connection at the school admin-

istration building.

Superintendent Chuck Winkler announced some decisions about grades.

"For the most part, students will get a combination of three-quarter grade or pass/fail," Winkler said. "If the student is failing they have an option of doing work to bring up the grade. Anyone with an A, that will be recorded."

Teachers are putting together learning packets geared to keeping skills sharp, and not introducing new learning.

Winkler said students who need Chrome books should call their school. They'll make arrangements to pick one up or take one to students with no transportation.

Students with connectivity problems can access the Internet outside any of the school buildings.

Details on how to do that can be found through the school website, Facebook or by calling the school, Winkler said.

While no firm decision has been made regarding end-of-year sports, prom and graduation, they are considering:

- Sports – once the social distancing orders are lifted, having a final game or meet in each sport, even if it is just among Fluvanna students. There is some talk statewide of giving students one extra year of eligibility.

- Prom/Graduation – current thought is possibly holding prom and graduation on the same weekend as Homecoming "We have not cancelled graduation. We have postponed it," Winkler said. "We may align it next year with Homecoming. We could have Homecoming and Prom then graduation on Saturday."

Students will be missing about three to six weeks of new instruction. Because of inequity in access, the school can't do distance learning so that instruction must be made up somehow.

One way to get it back would be to extend next year's instructional days to pick up learning gaps. They've made no

final decision on that.

Chair Perrie Johnson (Fork Union) urged Winkler to consult with the calendar committee.

Through a needs assessment Winkler said they found about 40 people who needed child care.

A couple local businesses have offered to help a few of those children, but public schools won't open to provide childcare.

Winkler said they've been offering meals for pick-up since the second day of school closure. That distribution continues but is now available to any Fluvanna family in need.

James Kelley (Palmyra) said: "To me it's the number one priority to make sure those who are in need aren't doing without. Thank you for doing that."

Concerning this year's school budget, Winkler said he expects less sales tax revenue. There is enough money to pay staff throughout the year.

The Board voted 4-1 (Johnson against) to pay all contracted hourly and assignment employees in full including spring coaches and long-term subs who've been given a letter of assignment.

Johnson said she voted against the motion because she wanted to pay coaches at half their rate because their work is extracurricular.

The FY2021 budget is now down to \$43,230,198 because of a nearly \$300,000 reduction in local funding. Winkler said after holding employees harmless in health care costs since FY2015, increases next year are inevitable.

"We're looking at 15% cost increase," he said. "We have no choice but to raise rates. If we picked it all up it would add \$1 million (to the budget)."

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Edited by Margie E. Burke

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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:

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

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Reading aid
- 5 Crosswise, on deck
- 10 "Now hear ___!"
- 14 Song for a diva
- 15 Pigeon's perch
- 16 Utterly detest
- 17 Small brook
- 18 Book you can't put down
- 20 Speed
- 22 Mind-boggler
- 23 High cost of leaving?
- 24 Slinky's shape
- 25 Margarita fruit
- 26 Grocery store haul
- 30 Stephen King's home
- 32 Netflix offering
- 33 Sib for sis
- 34 Not tricked by
- 35 Bartender's mixer
- 36 Urban eyesore
- 37 Till bill
- 38 Soupy "Oliver Twist" fare
- 39 Slug's trail
- 40 Third in rank
- 42 Horsewhip
- 43 Picnic hamperer
- 44 Boastful display
- 47 Part of AWOL
- 50 Like many a rescue
- 51 Place for early 20th century TB patients
- 53 Tethered toy
- 54 Fox or turkey follower
- 55 Flaxlike fiber
- 56 Minute amount
- 57 "Dear" advice-giver
- 58 Pass, as time
- 59 Soon, to a bard

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- 2 Animated mermaid
- 3 Tiny metric volume
- 4 Trigger was one
- 5 Skiing specialty
- 6 Birth surname of Warren and Shirley
- 7 On pins and needles
- 8 Bio bit
- 9 Rapid, as a rise to fame
- 10 Word before ride or seeker
- 11 Send to the gallows
- 12 News tidbit
- 13 Hospital fluids
- 19 Band together
- 21 Command to Fido
- 24 Object pettily
- 26 Brooklyn's _____ Island
- 27 Responsibility
- 28 Type of lily
- 29 Rotunda feature
- 30 Like some points
- 31 Green Gables girl
- 32 Lament a loss
- 35 Turncoats
- 36 Neighbor of Poland
- 38 California slugger
- 39 Close with a bang
- 41 Versailles agreement
- 42 Like Roger Rabbit
- 44 UCLA player
- 45 Likewise
- 46 "Caribbean Queen" singer
- 47 Dog in "The Thin Man"
- 48 Fishhook feature
- 49 Uppity one
- 50 A _____ a dozen
- 52 50 Cent piece?

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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DOWN

- 1 Newly-hatched insect

School Board, from page 8.

to \$74.16. Family coverage for the same plan would go from \$743 per month to \$877.41.

The Board approved the health insurance rate sheet 4-0. Kelley was not present for the vote.

They also approved the Virginia School Board Association policy services agreement 4-1; Pullen against.

Pullen abstained from approving World Languages textbooks. It passed 4-0.

They approved the Special Education Annual and Career and Technical Education annual plans 4-0; Pullen abstained.

In final comments Pullen stressed the Board's obligation to seniors for "not just graduation but anything they may miss because of the pandemic: proms, games, ceremonies. We want to make sure we do everything within our power to fulfill our obligation to them."

All board members agreed.

Shirley Stewart (Rivanna) thanked the staff for "all the work they're doing during the troubling times for our community, especially feeding our families."

Rittenhouse said, "I've been here almost 50 years and nothing has ever affected public education like this but I know we'll get through it."

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PRESS RELEASE



The Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office is still seeking information in the disappearance of Robert Lee Hourihan who has been missing for nine years. Foul

play is suspected.

Capt. David Wells said, "it's been nine years and we are still hopeful one day we can find some answers." Wells said the sheriff's office had no new information to share but "we still believes someone may be able to help us find Hourihan."

He was last seen on April 8, 2011 at the E.W. Thomas Grocery Store in Palmyra. He was wearing blue work pants, a gray work shirt and brown boots.

Hourihan was driving his wife's white Chevy Cavalier with Virginia tags TARAMAE when he disappeared. The car was found on May 28, 2011 abandoned in La Plata, Maryland.

Anyone with information regarding Hourihan should call the Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office at (434) 589-8211.

PUBLIC NOTICES

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF FLUVANNA

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Plaintiff

v. **Case No. 19000516-00**

VICTOR HUGO NIETO LANDEROS
Defendant.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

THIS MATTER came before the Court on the Affidavit of the Plaintiff, Reagan Ralston, seeking service upon the Defendant by Order of Publication; and

IT APPEARING by the aforesaid affidavit filed according to law that the Defendant, Victor Hugo Nieto Landeros, is a non-resident individual whose whereabouts are unknown; it is therefore

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ADJUDGED AND ORDERED that this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Fluvanna Review, a newspaper of general circulation in Fluvanna County, Virginia and that a copy of this order be posted at the front door of the courthouse wherein this court is held. And that a copy of this order be mailed to the Defendant at his last known address which is c/o Centro de Envio FedEx Avienda 5 Num. 1501 Centro, 94500 Cordoba Vera Cruz, Mexico.

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Counsel for Plaintiff

Making Covid-19 masks: the new hobby

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT



Diana Pickral. Submitted photo.

Before the CDC made the recommendation to wear face masks to reduce spreading Covid-19, people ventured out into public wearing medical face masks that were to be reserved for medical staff and rescue squads. Some still are using medical-grade masks. Others are using makeshifts masks with bandannas, looking like old West robbers, while some simply wrap a winter scarf around their face.

But Fluvannians have addressed this problem, jumping right in and sewing, making their own and those for friends and neighbors and anyone else who needs one.

It began two weeks ago when the realization that the pandemic was a horrific reality none of us had never experienced in our lifetime. Residents around the county had been asking how they could help. One possible way was to sew cloth masks for medical staff. Posted on The Warm and Fuzzy Lake Monticello Group Facebook page was a request for some for Martha Jefferson. Sewers immediately exchanged ideas and

shared supplies. This is not an organized, coordinated effort through any one group, but a community effort. Someone also suggested Palmyra and Lake Monticello rescue squads could benefit as well.

For many, sitting at home, looking for something to occupy their time, this has given them a way to feel useful and continue being part of a community effort, even if it isn't through the usual channels such as church or charity.

Diana Pickral modeled a very stylish mask made by her daughter, Molly Pickral. Molly's husband, Marc Perdue, and seven-year-old son Nick also contributed to the endeavor to make masks to give to family and friends. With Nick being home from school, this was a worthwhile project to get him involved as well.

For those who do not know how to sew or don't care to, Sandra Uribe shared this link on how to make a no-sew face mask <https://youtu.be/1r2C1zGUHbU>. To sew one for beginners, check out this link at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_6UclDaxfqk. For other patterns, the CDC has a couple of versions at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>.

Face masks can become a conversation piece based on your style and color preferences. Artist Tom Tartaglino's wife made him one with a paisley design which Tartaglino was happy with. Scraps of fabric or even an old T-Shirt can be used, provided it is clean.

The other question some might ask is if one mask is enough? According to one medical expert, she suggests a

set of five, but this depends on your laundry habits and how often you are going out in public and so on. She adds that two is advisable. This way you can have a variety of masks with various patterns. To clean, it is recommended to wash masks with the regular laundry, hot water, regular detergent, and the hottest drying setting.

After this is behind us, we will look back on one fashion trend we never expected so many would model but one that brought community members together and saved lives.

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State Police investigating fatal motorcycle crash in Fluvanna

PRESS RELEASE

Virginia State Police Trooper J.C. Workman responded to a fatal crash in Fluvanna County at 4:50 p.m. on Thursday (April 9).

A 1989 Harley Davidson motorcycle was traveling on Rt. 761 (Branch Road) 0.8 miles east of Rock Lane when it crossed the center yellow line and struck a 2017 Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck head on.

The driver of the motorcycle, Clarence Frederick Eheart, 59, of Scottsville died at the scene. He was wearing a helmet.

The driver of the Silverado, Richard Bruce Schmack, 55, of Scottsville was not injured. He was not wearing a seat-belt.

The crash remains under investigation.

The Fluvanna SPCA will be closed to the public until further notice. We are trying to do our part to help cut down on the spread of COVID-19, and with our animals' and employees' best interests in mind we are trying to reduce foot traffic to help keep our employees healthy. The animals at the shelter will continue to receive wonderful care just as they normally do, so no need to worry. If you are interested in adopting or if you would like to drop off donations during this time that we are closed to the public, you can make an appointment to do so by contacting our shelter manager: manager@fspca.org We appreciate your understanding and support during this difficult time for everyone, and we will be sure to keep you updated as soon as we will be open again to the public.

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Zion Crossroads water tower to be painted

PRESS RELEASE



The Zion Crossroads Water and Sewer System water tower logo is scheduled to be painted in the next week.

The logo, highlighting Fluvanna's natural beauty, is a version of the new Fluvanna County logo. It features a canoer and a bicyclist enjoying Fluvanna's natural beauty of a hillside, trees, a waterway and a sunset. The

logo faces the intersection of Rt. 15 and Rt. 250 and is optimized to welcome people into the county.

"We wanted a water tower logo that was welcoming to visitors, travelers driving into the county and residents alike," said Eric Dahl, Fluvanna's county administrator. "This will serve as a great entrance corridor into the county."

The water tower, part of the Fluvanna-owned Zion Crossroads Water and Sewer System, is currently under construction. The system will utilize water from the Mechunk Creek to service approximately four miles of the Rt. 250 and Rt. 15 corridor of Fluvanna County. The system is slated to be completed later this year.

Zion Crossroads is already home

to over 25 industrial companies from Fluvanna, along with an additional three office buildings. In the past two years, Fluvanna has approved plans for Greenberry's headquarters, Carbon Core expansion, and Foothill Irrigation headquarters.

"Fluvanna is growing," said Bryan Rothamel, Fluvanna's economic development coordinator. "The water tower will be a great marketing tool to welcome potential new businesses and visitors. It showcases our greatest asset: our natural beauty."

The water tower painting schedule is subject to weather. Painters are finishing the base coat of the tower. The logo will be 18 feet high and 34 feet wide.

Lake Monticello golf course's new policy

BY DUNCAN NIXON
CORRESPONDENT

Golf contract holders, and only golf contract holders, may now make tee times to play and walk the front nine. Walking is required both because two golfers in an electric cart are not maintaining social distance and because the staff is not confident that carts can be adequately disinfected after

each use. Walkers may play alone or in groups of two, three or four. Social distancing is expected. In golf, it is fairly easy to stay apart from your fellow players. Social distancing seems to be being observed. Rakes have been removed from bunkers and the pins in the holes are not to be touched.

The back nine of the golf course is open to non-golf walkers all day long. A number of singles and couples are taking advantage of the opportunity to walk this pleasant venue. It appears that non-golf walkers are adhering to social distancing requirements.

Fluvanna sees jump in Covid-19 cases

PRESS RELEASE

The Thomas Jefferson Health District reported April 13 that Fluvanna County had 62 cases of people with Covid-19 – the highest number of

cases in the health district.

The jump in cases, from only 23 on April 13, resulted from an "outbreak in a long-term care facility," according

to the TJHD. The outbreak occurred at the Envoy at the Village, a 60-bed skilled nursing center, in Fork Union.

In a statement to news media, the business noted that it is "diligently following all CDC and CMS guidelines, working in close partnership with our local and state healthcare agencies, and taking every measure to safeguard our centers against the threat of COVID-19. Our dedicated caregivers are working night and day, often leaving their own families to care for our family of residents, and we thank them for their service and heroic efforts."

The number of cases in the other jurisdiction in the health district as of April 13 were Albemarle County at 53, Charlottesville, 34, Greene County, 4, Louisa County, 27 and Nelson County with 5.

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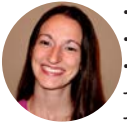
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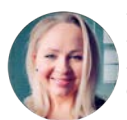
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