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### **Mernee Derham Kinter**



Mernee Derham Kinter, 84, of Lake Monticello, passed away on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at her home on her wedding anniversary.

She was born on March 31, 1936 in Elkins Park, PA and was a devoted daughter of the late Thomas L. and Anne M. Derham. She attended Chestnut Hill College, where she graduated in 1958.

She and her husband had resided in York, PA, Bowie, MD, Richmond, VA, and Ellicott City, MD before moving to Lake Monticello in 1999. Here she was active in the Lake Monticello Beautification Corps for many years, the Residents Association, Newcomers & Old Friends, History Group No. 1, Sip and Savor No. 2, the Fourth of July Celebration, Happy Face, and enjoyed playing "Hand and Foot" with her many card playing friends.

Mernee was wife to her beloved husband of 61 years, Jim Kinter; mom to their five sons: Mike (Caroline), Tom, Jim, Chris (Sue) and Kevin (Sharon); and Grammy to their nine grandchildren: Lauren and Courtney, Julia and Tommy, Anna, Jimmy and Kate, and Alexander and Samuel. She is also survived by many brothers-in-law; sistersin-law; nieces and nephews; and a very special childhood friend, whom she met in kindergarten: Alice Williams of Springfield, VA. Her only sister Peggy Anne Dolan passed away in 2017.

A memorial mass will be celebrated at a later date at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Palmyra.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Lake Monticello Volunteer Rescue Squad, 10 Slice Rd., Palmyra, VA 22963; or to Hospice of the Piedmont, 675 Peter Jefferson Pkwy., Suite 300, Charlottesville, VA 22911.

Thacker Brothers Lake Monticello Funeral Home is serving the family. Family and friends may share memories and photos at www.thackerbrothers.com.

## Fluvanna receives \$2.3 million in federal funding to offset virus costs

## BY HEATHER MICHON CORRESPONDENT

Fluvanna County will receive \$2,379,202 million under a federal program to support state and local governments impacted by COVID-19.

County Administrator Eric Dahl announced the allocation towards the end of the most recent meeting of the Board of Supervisors on Wednesday (May 20). The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, passed by Congress in mid-March, created a \$150 billion pool for the states, with Virginia receiving \$3.3 billion. The state has allocated funding to localities based on their population.

However, "we're not just getting \$2.3 million and we can do whatever we want with it," Dahl cautioned. "It's got to be used very specifically for certain items."

Some of the items include coronavirus testing, payroll costs and paid sick leave for public safety and health officials and other government employees, small business grants, and personal protective gear for employees.

Dahl gave supervisors the list of approved expenditures and asked them to start thinking about how they might want to utilize the funding. They will come back with some ideas at a future meeting.

### **Drug court**

Supervisors approved a motion to apply for a \$500,000 grant to set up a drug court in Fluvanna County, and another motion to approve the establishment of Drug Court Advisory Committee. Both items passed 5-0.

During budget season, supervisors allocated \$50,000 in seed money for

a drug court program, but Director of Finance Mary Anna Twisdale said the application program for grant funding "sounded a lot simpler in the presentation."

They had since learned that the eligibility requirements included the county coming up with 25 percent -- or \$125,000 -- of the grant in local funding or in-kind services.

Twisdale said that the county court, the sheriff's office, and the commonwealth's attorney were able to provide the remaining \$75,000 through in-kind contributions.

Drug courts allow people charged with drug-related crimes to enter a highly structured, judicially supervised program to deal with their addiction outside a jail or prison setting. Commonwealth's Attorney Jeff Haislip called it a "multiple phase program," generally lasting 14 months, which included a full schedule of meetings, evaluations, group and individual counseling, job training, and random drug testing. Participants must show measurable progress to remain in the program.

Haislip added that the program would not be open to violent felons or drug dealers. The advisory committee will set specific requirements for applicants.

"We're very blessed in Fluvanna County to have OAR (Offender Aid & Restoration) and [Circuit Court] Judge [Richard] Moore as partners in this, because they've been doing this for 20 years."

Charlottesville and Albemarle were early adopters of the drug court model,



which has now spread to almost 40 other Virginia countries and localities.

If received, the \$500,000 will cover the costs of hiring a drug court coordinator, drug testing kits, and other necessities, for 36 months starting in October of this year. If they don't receive the grant, Haislip said they'd simply do their best to get the court up and running "and try to get funding from other places."

### In other business:

Supervisors unanimously re-adopted a resolution for continuity of government operations during the public health emergency for an additional 60 days.

Dahl updated supervisors on the status of several businesses with actions pending before the Planning Commission.

- A proposed gun shop, Fluvanna Firearms, has resolved an issue regarding an entrance driveway. The property is directly behind the Fork Union Animal Hospital, and there were concerns about the two businesses sharing a driveway.
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· Tractor Supply will be closing on a property on Rt. 600 near the Dollar Store in early June. They are working on stormwater management and other water issues and should be submitting final site plans later this summer.

Property tax bills for the first half of 2020 were sent out around May 13. Chair Mike Sheridan asked any members of the public who might be listening in to the meeting not to call the commissioner of the revenue or the treasurer's office to complain about the bills arriving so close to the June 5 deadline.

"We were waiting to see what was going to happen. We waited as long as we could to set our budget because we had no idea what was going on with the coronavirus and the effects of it. It is not their fault they were behind," he said.

Per a temporary ordinance passed at the previous meeting, bills are still due on June 5, but people struggling financially due to the coronavirus have until June 30 to pay without interest or penalties.

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# **Drive-in graduation set for** June 13

#### **BY RUTHANN CARR** CORRESPONDENT

Maybe they got tired of waiting. Fluvanna High School Principal Margo Bruce announced Wednesday (May 19) on Facebook the graduation committee decided to hold the ceremony on June 13.

Just a week prior, Superintendent Chuck Winkler said tentative plans for graduation were to wait until July.

Bruce said the decision involved graduating seniors, Winkler, herself, the athletic director, and senior class sponsors.

"We met to determine the best course of action moving forward," Bruce said in an email. "Delaying the graduation until July 11 would not provide any additional benefits to our senior class. We want to honor our senior class

with a graduation ceremony in a timely fashion."

While the committee continues to work on details, Bruce gave an overview: A stage will be set up in the back of the school behind the cafeteria.

"The graduates will receive a letter with a parking number," Bruce said. "They will pull into that space (in the parking lot.) We plan to transmit through the radios. All students and families will stay in their cars with students limited to one car, SUV or minivan per student. We will have a program with valedictorian and salutatorian speeches, welcome, etc."

Bruce said when it's time to hand out diplomas, a student's name will be called and the student will drive up to her, get out and walk across the stage to receive their diploma, then get back in their car and return to their parking space.

"Once all names have been called, I will ask them to turn their tassel," she said. "Graduates will wear a cap and gown and we are providing a mask for seniors."

Teachers will participate by decorating their cars and will stay in their cars in their lot.

"Social distancing will be followed," Bruce said.

Graduation will begin at 10 a.m. Seniors are to arrive at 9 a.m.

There will be no spectators except for those in the student's car

Bruce said the ceremony will be recorded and available on You Tube shortly after the ceremony.

"We are sorry if this has caused any inconvenience," Bruce said. "We are working in the best interest of the entire senior class of 2020"

Bruce included in her email two auotes from students.

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"It's unfortunate to not have a normal graduation due to our current situation, but our administration has been working endlessly to provide us with a ceremony," Wilson said. "They truly want the best for us. Let's be thankful that we are able to walk across a stage rather than clicking onto a Zoom call."

Loren Black, student govern-

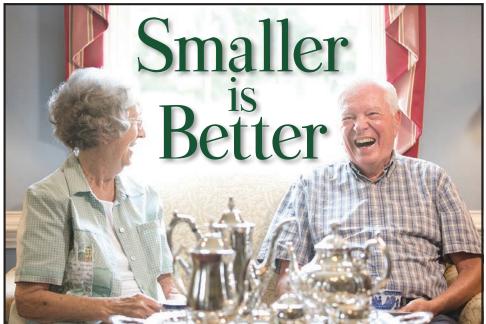
ment association president, said she appreciated the time everyone put in to making sure they have a ceremony.

"I would like to thank all of the teachers, administrators, and staff who have worked so hard to put on a graduation for us," Black said. "I believe they have come up with the best way to hold a graduation where all of us can be together and walk the stage, while still maintaining the guidelines of the state during this time. Moving the graduation date earlier will hopefully provide all students a better opportunity to attend and for the class of 2020 to be all together in one place!"

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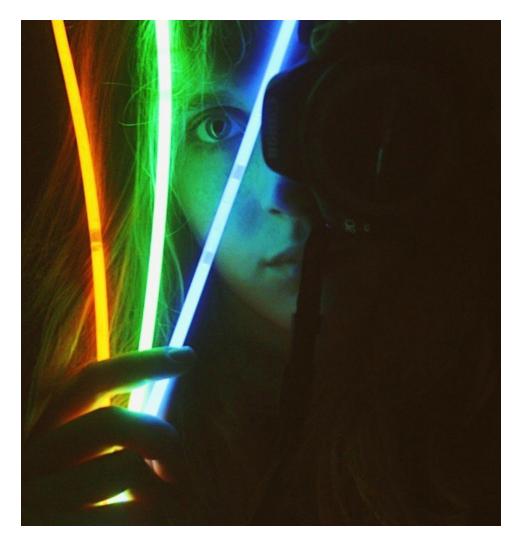
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After 16 years of being published in a print form, members of the Fluvanna County High School Literary Magazine Club learned that they were unable to secure a grant to print the 2020 edition of their "Undefined" magazine. This, combined with the COVID-19 shutdown, meant that Journalism Adviser Elizabeth Pellicane and Literary Magazine Editor Mia Martinez decided to publish this year's magazine in digital form. The magazine features the work of over 60 FCHS students, many of them who will see their creative work published for the first time.

The magazine's stories and poems were created in the creative writing classes of Pellicane and English teacher Sheron Haley. Artwork was submitted by FCHS art teachers Michelle Coleman, Mike Morris, and Amanda Herring from students in their classes. Final selections were made by Literary Magazine Club members Martinez, Mia Smith, Tyler Harris, Kessler Potter, Edward Rackley, Nora Wells, and Riley Yowell.

Martinez took the submissions se-

lected by club members and created the magazine using the software Canva during her spring semester in Pellicane's Journalism II class. After the shutdown, she had to finish the magazine at home with the assistance of Pellicane. The final version was sent to school principal Margo Bruce mid-May and will be submitted to the Virginia High School League (VHSL) for judging in June.

"It's disappointing that we can't provide our student writers and artists with physical copies of the magazine like we always have done," said Pellicane, "but we plan to post the magazine as a link on our student website, www.theflucobeat, as well as to post it through Facebook and in emails to district staff. Hopefully, we'll be able to have a literary magazine reading party at school in the fall so we can recognize our writers and artists," she added.

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## **VHSL developing plans to** reopen fall sports

**BY DUNCAN NIXON** CORRESPONDENT



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Currently the plans appear to be short on specifics. VHSL stateed that it is "putting the health, safety and well-being of our student-athletes, student activity participants, coaches, administrators, officials and supporters first."

The VSHL also stated that "what

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we have been doing and will continue to do, is to strongly advocate for our student-athletes for a reopening of fall sports and activities." The context is important as the notice ends with this statement. "We continue to fully support our Governor's directives, work with advisory groups, government agencies, other states and medical experts to come up with a safe and sound plan to implement sports and activities for the fall."

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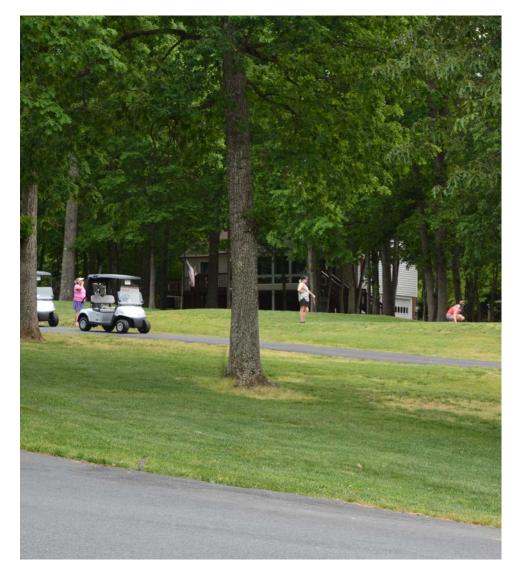
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## Lake Monticello continues to open its golf course

#### BY DUNCAN NIXON CORRESPONDENT



The Lake Monticello golf course is continuing to open its operations. The course is still not fully open to outside play, but effective May 23, a member may now make a tee time for him or herself and up to three guests. A member may not make more than one tee time in a day. Electric carts will still be restricted to one player each, unless riders live together. Payments must be made by credit card. Rakes will not be in the bunkers and all pins in the holes should not be touched. Masks are not required, but players are expected to maintain six-foot distancing.

Lessons will resume on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with appropriate social distancing and no touching by the pro to demonstrate swing mechanics. Video analysis will be sent to the student by email.



## E.W. Thomas thrives during uncertain times

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD CORRESPONDENT



Among area small businesses, E.W. Thomas has been a survivor throughout the decades and an anchor during these unsettled times. The coronavirus has had a negative impact on small businesses across the U.S. but Beth Thomas and her family are counting their blessings and looking forward to a more positive outcome.

"My hours have been much longer than usual during this time of the unknowns. My husband and sister work with me in the business, but because of health concerns, they have been working very early hours when there are no customers in the store. They have kept things going, and without them, life would have been even more challenging. But, it has been my shift during business hours, so this old woman is pooped," said Thomas. She echoes the same claim made by many business owners who are essential to communities and are trying to protect workers, follow the Center for Disease Control and state guidelines. Keeping customers healthy and safe is not easy.

"Our business has been one of the lucky ones to be considered essential," Thomas said. "When mid-March came and schools were closed, and other businesses had to lock the doors, we were as busy as days of severe blizzard warnings; milk, bread, toilet paper, and other staples flew off the shelf, along with beans, rice, flour, and yeast. We had two weeks of extreme business, with little time to prepare and react." She says her dedicated staff put in long hard hours and teenagers without daily obligations filled in on the unexpected busy days. They were able to keep all of their staff employed with no layoffs or furloughs and allowed some that chose to stay at home to take that option. "I think most realized they were the ones that had jobs, and were thankful."

After the first of April, business leveled off to a manageable pace, she said. She added that the recent concern regarding meat shortages contributed to recent busy days at the store.

"We have been fortunate to be able to source supplies from several suppliers. There are some out of stocks, and beef price increases, but we still have burger." Her sister Linda added that when they could no longer buy hand sanitizer from their usual sources, they became creative and sourced it from Virginia distilleries that were producing sanitizer.

"It is my understanding, our store was one of the first to require masks and facial coverings to enter our business. To be honest, I was hesitant, concerned about how it would affect business. And then friends and family bombarded me with safety concerns for our employees. It is difficult for us to work six feet apart, but we can certainly wear a simple mask to help protect us, she said. They also marked lines on the floor at the registers, deli, lottery. and DMV counter as a reminder for social distancing. "We knew it wasn't the only answer, but it was simple, obtainable one and a symbol to the public that we were doing what we could to carry on business in a safe manner."

E.W. Thomas closed Sundays to have a day for crews to come in and sterilize and clean. They sprayed down each basket and cart and tried to continue that throughout the day as customers used them. They sprayed doors and handles throughout the store and continue to do that every day. They even brought in a portable toilet for customers to use to help keep bathrooms for employees only. They also brought in a sanitation sink at the front door for customers to use on the way in and out.

They required masks and have given out hundreds to customers. "My guess is well over 3,000 at this point. Many many were made by friends and neighbors and given to us. Others we have bought as we can find them."

Besides the store being busier than usual, their small, wellkept DMV counter has tripled in customers.

"For the first several weeks of the pandemic, our DMV was one of five open in the state, the only one open on Saturdays and there was nothing open east of us. Even though the governor and DMV extended registration deadlines when people buy a car, they want plates and they want to drive it," she said. "So they found us and were willing to start lining up at 6:30 in the morning to wait for a place in line." They now have someone at the front door handing out numbers to DMV patrons. This allows them to control the number of people in the store.

"It has been a challenge, but most people are grateful to be able to get their business done, and we have been thanked more than cursed." She adds they had customers from Roanoke, Abingdon, Newport News, and Virginia Beach, and all in between, she said. The DMV is no longer Palmyra's well-kept secret.

"The community as a whole has responded as I would have expected. Your friends are your friends in good, bad, and uncertain times. We have been able to take care of them and they have shared with us" Beside thanks and appreciation, there have been cupcakes and brownies, many have brought them masks to wear and share. Several times Thomas posted on Facebook that their supply of masks was dwindling, and within hours, more masks appeared.

"We have had new customers, especially when they heard we were re-stocked with paper products, bread, and Lysol spray. We hope we can keep new faces. That would be a positive point in this uncertain time." Besides being tired, Thomas says she is grateful. "I can't imagine having to lock the door, tell 40 employees there is no work, and disappoint friends and neighbors that depend on us daily."

Thomas says they will continue to follow the guidelines to keep their employees and customers safe. "We think it is important to keep a second wave away."

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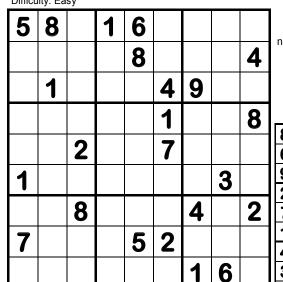
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# Preservation Virginia identifies Rassawek as a most endangered historic place

PRESS RELEASE



A sacred Monacan Indian Nation site in Fluvanna County; a historic church more than a century old in Danville; and a 300-mile network of rural roadways in Loudoun County are among Virginia's Most Endangered Historic Places for 2020 unveiled this month by Preservation Virginia.

Each May — National Historic Preservation Month— since 2005, the nonprofit releases a list of historic places across the state that face imminent or sustained threats to their integrity to encourage individual citizens, organizations, and local and state government to continue advocating for these places' protection and preservation.

Virginia's Most Endangered Historic Places list for 2020 includes:

- Rassawek, the historic capital and sacred site of the Monacan Indian Nation, located at the confluence of the Rivanna River and James River in Fluvanna County.
- Alexandria Elks Lodge #48, a community hub for African American Elks and residents in the Parker Gray Historic District for over 115 years.

James Street Holiness Church, founded in 1891 in north Danville by African Americanpreacher Bettie Thompson.

• Pine Grove School Community, a rural African American community of businesses, churches, cemeteries and homes of students who attended the Pine Grove Point of Fork. Photo by Tricia Johnson.

Rosenwald School in Cumberland County.

- Western Loudoun County's Rural Road Network, a living museum of 300 miles of gravel roadways that traverse the Loudoun Valley.
  Historic Metal Truss Bridges statewide. In 1975, Virginia had approximately 620 metal truss bridges; only about five percent
- remain today. • Halifax Roller Mill, a three-story, flour and feed mill built in 1915 to use electric power
- •rather than water in the Town of Halifax.

"We understand we are living through quickly evolving times during this pandemic. Life has changed, and our mission to protect and reuse historic places has become more challenging," said Preservation Virginia CEO Elizabeth S. Kostelny. "While we continue to see historic places of all types remaining resilient across the state, our list highlights longstanding issues that need to be addressed and cannot be forgotten during times of crisis."

For example, Kostelny said four of the seven historic places cited this year are connected to underrepresented communities. One is Rassawek, the historic capital of the Monacan Indian Nation. "Our capital city was a contemporary of Jamestown, but much larger and more complex, and it lasted as a community far longer," said Tribal Chief Kenneth Branham. "It is for us a sacred place of great cultural significance, and it is for all Americans a place of historical importance." Now threatened by a water intake station, this sacred site is in peril.

Two of this year's listings are transportation-related, reflecting the rate at which Virginia is losing bridges and roads important to its historic landscape, with significant efforts needed to foster these places before they are lost. With museums temporarily closed and future funding opportunities potentially in doubt, preservationists are now approaching their work in new and creative ways, says Kostelny.

"Over the next few years, as we adapt to the challenges of living in a post-pandemic world, Preservation Virginia will help to counter the specific threats identified in this year's Virginia's Most Endangered Historic Places list. In addition, we will demonstrate how—using proven tools of historic preservation as well as innovative new models and collaborations—Virginia's historic places help recharge our spirits and restore local communities."

"Now more than ever, we can look to our past for renewal and strength." Preservation Virginia is a private, nonprofit organization and statewide historic preservation leader founded in 1889 that is dedicated to preserving, promoting and serving as an advocate for Virginia's cultural and architectural history.





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