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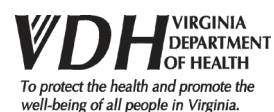
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Fluvanna history

The Fluvanna man who tried to build an empire in Venezuela

BY HEATHER MICHON
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In the aftermath of the Civil War, some former Confederates dreamed of starting a new life in a new land.

Few dreamed as big as Fluvanna County's Henry M. Price.

Within weeks of the Confederate surrender at Appomattox, the 42-year old Cunningham farmer, physician, and land speculator began negotiating with the government of Venezuela to establish a colony free from "Yankee domination."

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Price himself traveled to Venezuela in April 1867 with the idea of reaching the settlement at Port Las Tablas and surveying a future home for his family.

In letters home to his wife and children in Fluvanna, he described

the exotic scenes of palm trees and monkeys and native women bathing naked in the rivers--while at the same time trying to assure them it wasn't that different from home. He told them the main mountain range "is very similar to the Blue Ridge as seen from Scottsville," and the heat and humidity was reminiscent of a Southern summer.

"I will bring you a young, untrained parrot," he promised his young daughter, Rebecca. "The trained ones speak Spanish."

The trip was going well. In Ciudad Bolivar, he met with several high-ranking government officials, and they joined him for a trip up the Orinoco River to Port Las Tablas.

He never made it to the settlement.

Somewhere along the Orinoco, Price and his business partner did something that angered the government officials. They ended up shoving the two men off the boat and leaving them on an isolated stretch of riverbank.

Price and his partner spent several weeks relying on the hospitality of local tribes to keep him alive. By the time the government sent someone to retrieve them, both men were desperately sick with malaria. They were taken back to Ciudad Bolivar and loaded on to the first ship headed for the United States.

Price arrived in New York on the brink of death. He was nursed back to health by the ladies of the

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

Using Losers to Make Winners

With the uncertainty in the marketplace, now is a good time to review the rules surrounding investment losses. This knowledge can really help minimize your tax obligation next year. This is because investment gains and income can be subject to a variety of federal tax rates as high as 37%. This, plus the 3.8% net investment income tax, makes planning around when to take investment losses an important tax subject this year.

Know the meaningful rules

What makes investment losses such an important tax planning subject? Here are the relevant tax ramifications surrounding investment losses.

- 1. Offsetting gains.** Investment losses can be used to offset investment gains every year.
- 2. Short-term versus long-term.** Short-term investment gains (from assets owned by you for less than one year) can be subject to ordinary income tax rates up to 37% while long-term gains have a maximum tax rate of up to 20%.
- 3. Netting rules.** You first net investment losses against investment gains prior to applying losses against your ordinary income. Where possible you must net short-term losses against short-term gains and long-term losses against long-term gains.
- 4. Excess losses.** Up to \$3,000 of excess investment losses can be used to offset your ordinary income in any one year.
- 5. Unused losses.** Unused losses can be carried forward to offset income in future tax years.

So given these rules, here are some tips.

Maximizing the impact of investment losses

- 1. Net losses against short-term gains whenever possible.** If you are in a high income tax bracket, try to sell stocks with a loss to offset any profitable investments you wish to sell that you have owned less than one year.
- 2. Defer taking losses if they will be used to offset lower-taxed gains.**
- 3. Time taking an investment loss to take advantage of the annual \$3,000 reduction** of income it provides.
- 4. Transfer stock** from a low tax rate family member to a higher taxed individual.
- 5. Take full advantage of the loss carryforward rules.** If you sold an investment that has a huge loss in a prior year, you can only take \$3,000 against your regular income each year. If this applies to you, conduct an annual review of your portfolio and consider selling investments with a gain to offset more of this loss carryforward.

Remember, investment losses can be used to offset investment gains and a limited amount of your ordinary income. Since the tax rates vary so greatly, proper planning to match losses against higher taxed items can make these losers a real winner on next year's tax return.

As always, if you have any questions call us at 434-442-4404. We are happy to help even if we aren't doing your taxes! It is all part of our being a part of this great Fluvanna Community. Our Fluvanna County Resident discount program is extended until July 15th! 15% off for all Fluvanna Residents.



Fluvanna Business Corner

Fluvanna Chamber Minute: To Thrive you must be willing to Change

Rudy Garcia & Erika Mitchell Fluvanna Chamber of Commerce

June 2020. The Fluvanna Chamber has just completed its first ever virtual Networking Breakfast via ZOOM. We just held our 10th Friday evening Virtual Town Hall Meeting. Salons and barber shops are reopening. Facemasks are now mandatory in public under Governor Northam's Executive Order 63.

Change has been the order of the day since March. Some businesses haven't adapted well. Some have. Today we look at two businesses who adapted and saw positive results – Amy Myers and Erika Mitchell.

Amy Myers, the Founder of Local Eats, shared that the COVID restrictions at first worried her.

She didn't know if she could keep staff on and the uncertainty of whether she could do enough business to keep the business open was stressful. However, all of you who know Amy know that she has a knack for making changes on the fly. In January she began experimenting with offering limited delivery options twice a week. As a result, when the order came to shut down in-person dining she already had the beginnings of a system in place.

After the shutdown went into effect, Local Eats began offering delivery whenever they were open, and Amy ramped up the marketing to let the community know she was open for takeout and delivery. She also let folks know the retail part of the store was open for business as well as being available for delivery. The trifecta of increased delivery services, enhanced marketing and the retail store combined to allow Local Eats to increase sales during the lockdown! Amy isn't sure what will happen when things return to "normal". Will Local Eats continue to offer enhanced delivery or revert to only two or three days a week? Time will tell.

The adaptation of Sweet Art Emporium during Covid-19 - Erika Mitchell

On March 13th when the Governor ordered the public schools closed for two weeks, I realized that was an indicator the Covid-19 virus was a threat to our community. I decided to close Sweet Art Emporium immediately, thinking that it would be for two weeks. After the first week, I felt the Governor would soon close the schools for the remainder of the year. This led me to feel that my business would fail.

My business was built on the idea that people want the experience of handling handmade objects and standing in front of awe-inspiring paintings. That just isn't possible during a pandemic. I wanted the shop to be about making connections between local artists and local residents. A place where meaningful conversations occur, and brand-new relationships could be born.

It took me four weeks to realize there might be another way to provide a different experience. I created an e-commerce site and added close to 1000 objects to the site. Each object was photographed, described, and uploaded to our online store where shoppers could browse through the store then purchase safely from their homes. They can then swing by the physical storefront and pick-up their purchases curbside during a two-hour window on Saturdays. Conversations are still possible for those who crave them. New relationships are being cultivated. The artists are getting exposure and the rent is finally being met. It isn't ideal, but it seems to be working for the moment. Sweet Art Emporium has adapted and there is hope it may survive.

If you have a success story you want to share with the community, let Ruthann know at the Chamber Office. Stay Safe.

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Southern Relief Society, a group of wealthy Southerners who moved to the city after the war. He returned home to Fluvanna around Christmas 1867 and spent the next year recuperating.

Amazingly, he still believed in his vision for the Price Grant. For the next two years, he continued to promote the settlement, never once mentioning his harrowing experience, or the fact that he had never actually seen the land he was promoting as a paradise.

By now, Venezuela was caught up in its own civil war. The new government was disinterested in promoting American and British settlement and told Price that his grant was declared invalid.

This was an emotional blow to Price, but it was also a financial one. He was forced to turn to the federal government -- the same government he had tried to repudiate -- for help clawing back some of the \$100,000 he said he had invested in the project. He spent almost 20 years trying to get the government to act on his behalf, until they finally

told him that, as far as they were concerned, the matter was closed.

Price left Fluvanna, his home of over 50 years, sometime in the 1890s. This time, he only emigrated as far as Tennessee, where his son had settled near Knoxville. He died there around 1904.

There's never been a complete account of the thousand or so people who emigrated to the Price Grant. We do know that some died there, and some came back home to the United States. But it is possible that there are some Venezuelans today whose ancestors followed this

Fluvanna man's dreams of empir, and decided to call it home.

The story of Henry Price and other tales from the Civil War and Reconstruction can be found in the latest edition of the Fluvanna Historical Society's annual journal, Fluvanna History. If you would like to purchase a copy, you can email fluvannahistory@gmail.com for information.



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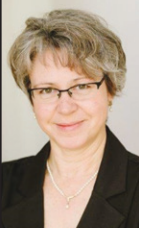
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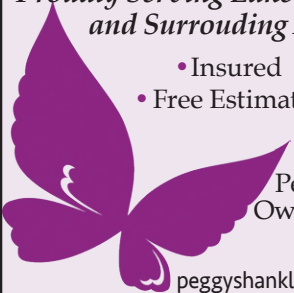
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Fork Union Village Restaurant says goodbye after 15 years

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT



Photos courtesy of Keith and Julie Jones.

It has been a staple in the village of Fork Union for over 20 years, but on May 26 Keith and Julie Jones, the current owners of the Fork Union Village Restaurant, announced they were closing its doors.

"It is with a very heavy heart that we must say to our loyal customers, that we will be closing until further notice due to the economic impact the Coronavirus has had on our business. For almost 16 years you have all become family to us, and we sincerely hope to be serving our friends and community again soon," said Keith and Julie Jones in their Facebook post.

The village restaurant, as it is known by locals, was one of two restaurants that could boast of steady customers from Fork Union and the surrounding area. Sal's across the street remains. Restaurants have been the hardest hit among small businesses and Fork Union has suffered from businesses either closing or leaving the area prior to COVID-19.

The regular customers recall the comfortable, casual, rustic atmosphere with the prominent yellow and red sign above the kitchen that said "You don't have to be crazy to work here...we'll train you." The Jones' found the sign years ago in Atlantic City.

"We've had many employees during our almost 16 years. We can't name all of them, but we do want to express our love and appreciation to our current crew. They are wonderful, hard-working, dependable, loving, and yes, a bit crazy at times. We are one happy, sometimes dysfunctional family." This bonding among staff and management cannot be repeated in a

corporate atmosphere where people come and go like revolving doors. It is special in places like this, everyone is family and the reason so many customers kept returning.

It was also the home-style cooking that brought people back -- like Bob and Flo Strohmayer. They would come by for dinner after an afternoon concert at Carysbrook Performing Arts Center. He would always order the fried mushrooms and rave about them. Okra can be an acquired taste but their fried okra was what southern country cooking was all about. Their side dishes, which could make a meal in themselves, were always a favorite among the customers, including the squash casserole. But it was the pies and cakes that always got attention, particularly Kieth's chocolate layer cake.

"The Village Restaurant was the go-to place for our family celebrations. Our daughters loved eating there and would always choose the Village when asked where they wanted to eat. Those of us who live in this part of the county will miss the friendly atmosphere and good food. I am sad to see them close, and I wish only the best for Keith and Julie in the future," said Tricia Johnson.

"From all of us at The Village, we thank you again, and hope you all stay safe during these difficult times," said Julie.

This may not be their final farewell and customers hope the restaurant will re-open but in these uncertain times, no one knows for sure when that will be. But Keith and Julie Jones can always count on the devotion and loyalty of their community.

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Researchers convert starch into a class of materials known as amylose-inclusion complexes. The complexes can be combined with essential oils from plants toxic to mosquitoes, creating an emulsion. Once blended, the complexes surround the oil, protecting it from heat and oxidation, which can reduce its potency.

Safe for the environment but toxic to mosquito larvae, the emulsion can be applied to larvae habitats, such as water catch basins and old tires. The substance disperses in the water, allowing it to contact and kill larvae. Lab tests showed the emulsion killed the larvae of yellow fever mosquitoes in 24 hours.

According to the USDA's announcement, researchers envision using the emulsion to help control mosquito populations and prevent diseases like West Nile virus, yellow fever, dengue and Zika.

"This is a terrific development," said Tony Banks, senior assistant director of agriculture, development and innovation for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation. "As an insecticide, this type of product could be environmentally safer and pose fewer expo-

sure risks. Naturally, this technology could lead to greater demand for corn as more starch-based products are developed."

With humidity and rainy weather, Virginia's spring and summer make an ideal climate for mosquitoes, which are harmful to humans and animals and spread debilitating, sometimes fatal diseases.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Virginia had 1,319 cases of mosquito-borne diseases between 2004 and 2016. The most prevalent such disease in Virginia is West Nile virus.

Farmers and their animals spend a lot of time outdoors and can be especially vulnerable to mosquito-borne diseases. Many farms have sources of standing water that make ideal breeding grounds for the pests, including ponds, containers and drums, and ditches that collect water. This new technology could lead to new alternatives for controlling mosquito-borne diseases that affect humans, livestock and pets, Banks said.

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- 24 Dissect, in a way
- 25 Kind of heel
- 29 Thompson of "Sense and Sensibility"
- 32 Historic time
- 33 Perth natives, e.g.
- 37 Ladder step
- 39 Conductor's wand
- 40 Mythological ship
- 41 Gas pedal
- 44 Suffix with "ideal"
- 45 Bingo's cousin
- 46 Produce
- 48 Use a diving rod
- 51 Apprehend
- 52 Like some vegetables
- 55 Quiet place
- 59 Grimm specialty
- 61 One of the Muppets
- 62 Mattress option
- 63 Despicable sort
- 64 Unappetizing food
- 65 Gin flavor
- 66 Intoxicating
- 67 Get rid of

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| 2 Take-charge type | 30 "Coyote Ugly" actress | 50 Close call |
| 3 Loyalty | 31 Uneasy state | 52 Wipes out, mob-style |
| 4 Bear or hare, e.g. | 34 Learning style | 53 Staircase part |
| 5 Sean Connery, for one | 35 Auth. unknown | 54 Copter's forerunner |
| 6 Be optimistic | 36 Vague amount | 55 Swamp thing |
| 7 Big club | 38 French policeman | 56 Catch a glimpse |
| 8 "Mister Roberts" star | 42 Off one's rocker | 57 Tori who sang "A Sorta Fairytale" |
| 9 Shocking weapon | 43 Monthly expense, for some | 58 Motown Four |
| 10 The scholarly world | 47 Least cooked | 60 Grazing locale |
| 11 Jack's love in "Titanic" | 49 Broom Hilda, e.g. | |

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On Wednesday, June 17, 2020, the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of Fluvanna County, Virginia (the "County"), will hold a public hearing on the proposed supplemental appropriation of FY20 CARES Act Funding in the estimated amount of \$2,379,202. These funds will be used for COVID-19 related expenses incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020.

If the Board has resumed holding its meetings "in person," the public hearing will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom, Fluvanna County Courts Building, 132 Main Street, Palmyra, Virginia, and interested persons may appear at such time and place and present their views. If the June 17, 2020 meeting of the Board is held "virtually," as has been the Board's practice in recent months due to the COVID-19 pandemic, instructions for participation in the public hearing will be available on the County's website: <https://www.fluvannacounty.org/bos>. Interested persons wishing to express views on the supplemental appropriation may also submit written comments prior to the time of the hearing to the attention of Eric M. Dahl, County Administrator, 132 Main Street, Palmyra, Virginia 22963.

**Clerk, Board of Supervisors of
Fluvanna County, Virginia**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On Wednesday, June 17, 2020, the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of Fluvanna County, Virginia (the "County"), will hold a public hearing on the proposed issuance of a water and sewer revenue bond of the County, in the estimated maximum principal amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 (the "Bond"), to be sold by the County to the Virginia Resources Authority ("VRA"), which is expected to purchase the Bond pursuant to a Local Bond Sale and Financing Agreement between the County and VRA with a portion of the proceeds of the sale of the VRA's Series 2020B Bonds (Virginia Pooled Financing Program). Proceeds generated from the sale of the Bond to VRA will be used for the purpose of financing the planning, acquisition and construction of certain water and wastewater infrastructure improvements in the Zion Crossroads area of the County and paying certain costs of issuance of the Bond.

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**Clerk, Board of Supervisors of
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Virginia Self Storage Act 55-419 Zion Crossroads Self Storage will sell at public auction, to satisfy the lien of the owners, personal property contained in 5 units located at 659 Better Living Drive, Troy VA 22974.

The auctions will take place & be advertised on www.StorageTreasures.com, beginning 6/5/2020 and ending between 11 am and 2 pm on 6/17/2020. All bids are online only. View ZXRSS auctions: <https://www.storagetreasures.com/facilities/homepage/45900>

Purchases must be paid in full with cash at the facility referenced above in order to complete the transaction. The defaulted tenant has the legal right to cure the account therefore canceling the auction, up until the cash payment has been received from the winning bidder.



PUBLIC HEARING Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors Wednesday, June 17, 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.

Copies of the complete text of the above ordinances and associated plans are available for public review at the Office of the Fluvanna County Administrator during normal business hours. The public is invited to attend these hearings at which persons affected may appear and present their views. Questions or comments may be directed to Planning & Community Development Department, at (434) 591-1910.

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FCHS graduates loved the parade

BY RUTHANN CARR
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It was a perfect day for a parade. On Saturday (May 30), more than 70 cars full of Fluvanna graduates drove around Lake Monticello then over to the high school.

Graduates Madison Crawford and Isaiah Jackson sat in the back of her bumble-bee yellow classic Ford pickup. Madison said she was there mainly because her niece, Ava Crawford, was graduating from kindergarten and wanted to celebrate.

Madison and Isaiah shrugged about school closing because of the pandemic. "We still had classes online," Isaiah said. "(About the only upsetting thing) was not having prom."

Madison said her grandfather gave her the truck when he died three years ago. She doesn't drive it much because it's too precious.

The parade was the fifth held at Lake Monticello in as many weeks, said Judy Fish.

Fish is co-editor of the Facebook page Lake Monticello News

Since the page's inception on January 20, the LM News hit 1400 "likes" with posts reaching 20-30,000, Fish said.

Fish posted a story on April 30 about the Lake Monticello Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department's funding shortage.

The pandemic closed off just about all the LMVFR's funding sources – a golf tournament, bingo and annual spring fund drive.

After the story ran, people started sending in donations. Fish said nearly \$16,000 has been raised so far.

The synergy of Fish and Jeff Spinello, another Lake Monticello resident and classic car enthusiast, brought about the first parade.

When the pandemic shut down classic car cruise-ins and shows, Spinello wanted to find a way for his fellow car geeks to get together.

"Let's do a parade," he said.

The first one was just classic cars driving around Jefferson Drive (the main street that goes around the lake).

The second LMVFR took part, which helped raise awareness of the funding need and upped donations.

The next parade was led by the Fluvanna County Sheriff's department.

Teachers called Spinello and said they'd like to take part in the next one. So on Memorial Day weekend school buses full of teachers joined the parade.

Of course graduates had to be included.

That's how their parade came about. Jessica Suttles stood outside her decorated car in her cap and gown.

Jessica said she missed prom and hanging out at school with her friends, but "this is really cool we get to do this."

Senior Richard Theberg sat with his parents Mel Sue Irvin and Jonathan Marrs waiting for the parade to start.

Richard, who is going to Piedmont Community College, said what he missed most about school was it organized his day.

"I'm happy it's finally over, but I'm sad it's done because it was my routine," he said.

Sequoia Green is headed to Old Dominion University; Kendall Halstead to Longwood University. They stood in their caps and gowns outside their cars talking with friends and family.

"We're glad they're doing this for us," Kendall said.

Kristen Pace, who is going to Liberty University, sat with her parents wearing her cap and gown. Kristen, too, was grateful for the parade.

"The community doing this is really special," she said.

Fluvanna High School Principal Margo Bruce led the student section of the parade. Erika Morris, the high school counselor who helped get the word to students about the parade, sat in Bruce's lead car.

Bruce loved the socially distancing

answer to honoring seniors.

"This is amazing. Exciting. Another way to celebrate our graduates," she said.

Lake Monticello Owners' Association General Manager Steve Hurwitz celebrated the community spirit at the Lake.

"You know, we really didn't have much to do with the planning, but we are so glad to have this for our seniors," Hurwitz said.

Spinello said Hurwitz called a meeting Friday morning to make sure everyone was on the same page. Someone donated water so no one went thirsty and the owner's association set up hand sanitizing and hand-washing stations.

The Lake Monticello police led the parade. Sheriff's deputies, LMVFR, and county fire departments drove their cruisers and trucks with sirens and lights with the classic cars and seniors.

Along the parade route people sat on lawn chairs and held signs congratulating the graduates. At the traffic circle of routes Rts. 53 and 600, at least 20 people gathered to cheer on the seniors.

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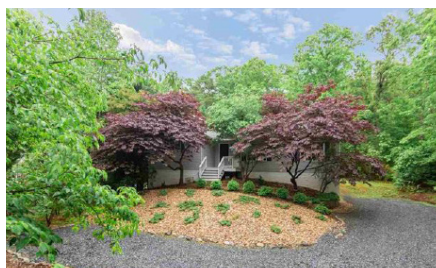
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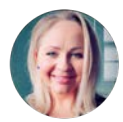
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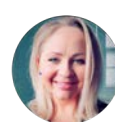
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