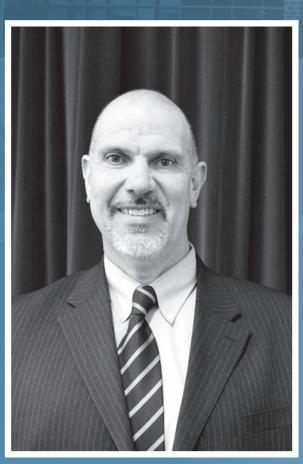
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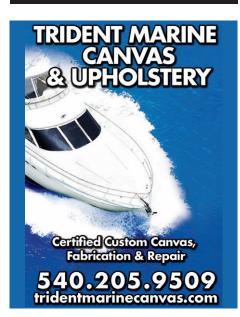
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# **Obituary**

# Sylvia D. Portenier



Sylvia D. Portenier, 77, of Lake Monticello, passed away Wednesday, July 22, 2020. She is survived by her husband of 39 years, William "Bill" Sizemore (US Navy Veteran); and is survived by her daughter Kathy Davis and husband, Erik; her step-sons Roger Sizemore and wife, Linda: Bob Sizemore and wife, Debbie, and Russell Sizemore; her sister, Laura Bradshaw; her granddaughter, Grace Perryman. Sylvia was a devoted wife and mother, who enjoyed music, her history group, and taking long walks with her beloved dog, Maxx. Due to COVID, the family will have a private service Wednesday, July 29 at the Virginia Veterans Cemetery Amelia Courthouse. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Fluvanna County Animal Shelter at www.fspca.org





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# Letters to the Editor

#### Our democracy at stake

There are many events happening in our country that are very troubling to me. Our democracy is at stake as we head toward the election in November.

The deployment of federal agents in Lafayette Square in Washington, D.C. and in Portland, Oregon is frightening. There was no way for protesters to know who the agents were and where they came from. They injured and took away peaceful protesters. The agents were not requested and were not wanted. They seemed to cause more violence rather than helping. This should not happen in America.

The Center for Disease Control should be given all the information on the virus and that information should be shared with the public. We need to have everyone working towards controlling and ending the pandemic. We can't do that unless everyone has the same accurate information.

The date has long since passed for immigrant children to be freed with their families. It is criminal to continue to hold people, especially children, in an area that is contaminated and where lives are threatened by the coronavirus. These people deserve better.

Absentee ballots and absentee voting should be available to all citizens in the November election. No one should have to risk their life in order to vote. Convenient voting places are important as well.

There are many other important issues, but we need to focus on these right now.

Our country needs to come together to move forward instead of stagnating in painful disarray.

-Sandra J. Cook, Palmyra

## Vote early

I am on a mission to get every eligible voter a ballot, or to the polls. Speaking as someone who will hopefully be working the Tuesday, Nov. 3 election, I'd like to get as many voters as possible to vote early or with a mail-in ballot.

The registration deadline for general elections such as the Nov. 3 election is 22 days before the elec-tion. So, make it easy on yourself and register now and or apply to vote by mail. You can do so at https://www. fluvannacounty.org/registrar/page/voterinformation

The following info is from the elections. virginia.gov site. Visit either site yourself for the most correct and up-to-date info.

- You can vote early starting 45 days before Election Day, visit your local registrar's office or a sat-ellite voting location in your county or city to vote early. Remember, the Saturday before Elec-tion Day is the last day to vote early.
- · You do not have to have a reason to fill out an application to vote early.
- You can apply online to vote by mail.
- · You can get forms at your registrar's office, public library or DMV.
- The Virginia governor signed legislation allowing for early or absentee voting 45 days prior to an election without a stated excuse. Virginia previously required absentee voters to provide the state with a reason from an approved list. Now you need no reason to vote early or with an absentee/mail-in ballot.

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-Deborah Nixon, Lake Monticello

# **NAACP** president talks about the future

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD **CORRESPONDENT** 



When speaking with Ben Hudson, the current NAACP president, one feels his enthusiasm and understands his dedication to the organization. But more than that, Hudson expresses regard for all Americans, and views the future of race relations with hope and faith but knows it will be a long road to walk. Hudson knows his people have been walking the road for a long time, but have not finished the journey. Yet, he believes, handin-hand, we can make that journey

A teacher at Fluvanna County High School, retired from the U.S. Army, a graduate of Tuskegee University and Naval postgraduate, he recently ran for county treasurer. In 2014, Hudson also ran for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. House of Representatives in the 5th District. He has been a member of the NAACP for nine years and president for nearly two years. Over the years, he was an active member of the Miami, Florida NAACP Chapter and the Charlottesville-Albemarle Chapter.

Husdon explained why he became involved and remains committed.

"I became involved with the NAACP

because I wanted to be part of the solution. As the nation's preeminent civil and human rights organization, I felt this association was the proper venue for me to explore ways to bring about equity for all; thereby, seeking to close the education gap, eliminating poverty, achieving economic parity, obtaining access to quality and affordable healthcare, equal treatment under the law, and the continued relentless pursuit of our own decree that all men and women are inherently equally entitled to the riches and enjoyment this country has to offer."

Hudson's role as a member of the local NAACP is to assist the chapter with obtaining its stated goals of ensuring the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination.

"Additionally, be an integral part of the chapter's membership growth, promote awareness programs, and assist in the planning and production of community engagement initiatives."

NAACP president, continues page 6.

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The following is a response to the "Letter to the Editor" published in the July 16th edition of the Fluvanna Review

# Yes, A Simple Decision... With the Right Information.

Let the record show that during his time in the Oval Office, here's what the President of these United States has delivered to the American people so far - and what we might expect when he's elected to a second term:

- Intolerance, division, hate groups, angry mobs, ultra-right factions, white supremacists, neo-Nazis, racists, the KKK.
- Repudiation, re-writing and distortion of historical facts and realities.
- Lies, exaggerations, mischaracterizations, conspiracy theories, and more lies on issues large and small.
- Denial of the racial injustice crisis and concerns facing our nation. No national unity commitment, vision or proposals on how to address this critical, long-standing problem afflicting our citizens of color.
- Ordered the deployment of Federal agents, U.S. military personnel and assets to shut down peaceful protests.
- Character assassination of dedicated, career public servants across the Federal Government, as well as former Presidents of both parties, military leaders past and present, a Gold Star family, decorated war heroes, a wounded veteran now serving in Congress even the late John McCain.
- "Drained the swamp" by gutting the State Department, Defense Department and Intelligence agencies of deeply experienced, high-value professionals.
- No affordable health care plan proposed to address the millions of Americans without insurance. Actively promotes the repeal of "Obamacare," which would eliminate coverage for millions more of our citizens.
- No national plan proposed to address our crumbling infrastructure.
- Pursued economic policies now responsible for the largest wealth gap between the rich and middle class/poor of our country since the 1920's just prior to the Great Depression. Priorities included passage of huge tax cuts for the nation's wealthiest citizens, resulting in massive trillion-dollar Federal deficits at a time when the nation's economy was expanding a time therefore when deficits should be shrinking.
- No action or interest in supporting an increase in the federal minimum wage for low income, hourly workers across America. The nationally mandated hourly rate of \$7.25 has remained unchanged since 2009.
- Signed executive orders eliminating key consumer protection safeguards targeting illicit business practices across multiple industries, such as payday loan abuses and predatory lending policies of commercial banks.
- Disparaged immigrants from Haiti and several African nations by referring to their homelands as "xxxxhole countries." Also advised four Congresswomen of color that they should go back to the "totally broken and crime infested places from which they came."
- Classified all Latino immigrants as "rapists" and murders" without proof of claim.
- Coerced Mexico to pay for his "wall," now under construction along the southern border. (The check is in the mail...)
- Separated migrant children from their parents and detained them indefinitely in human cages.
- Signed executive orders rolling back environmental protection mandates governing such matters as offshore drilling safety; air quality guidelines and objectives; vehicle emissions and fuel economy standards; protection of wilderness, waterways and local communities from ecological damage and contamination caused by pipeline construction and natural resource extraction practices.
- Chose inaction in response to proven, science-based research and findings on global climate change. Withdrew from international accords and efforts to curtail greenhouse gas emissions caused by the burning of fossil fuels. Continues to ignore irrefutable manifestations of adverse environmental trends, such as dramatic changes in weather patterns, rising average temperature readings and sea levels, accelerated melting of glaciers and polar ice caps.
- Ordered the withholding of much-needed Congressionally approved military aid from European ally, Ukraine, unless and until Ukrainian leadership announced the launching of an investigation into the President's likely political opponent in the 2020 election.
- Accepted the word of a foreign adversary's leadership over U.S. national intelligence findings regarding Russian interference in national elections.
- Preserved favorable relations with leadership of a dangerous global adversary by opting to ignore, then deny as a "hoax" national intelligence reports warning of a Russian-sponsored bounty program incenting the Taliban in Afghanistan to murder U.S. soldiers.
- Rejected bio-medical research, findings and recommendations in the face of a global pandemic. Minimized potential risks, downplayed the warnings of national health experts, scientists and experienced infectious disease specialists. Denied the efficacy of simple measures implemented by other countries that helped mitigate COVID spread. Continues to claim the virus will eventually just "disappear." The result to-date: more than 150,000 American deaths from the COVID disease and counting.

# Come on Virginians. Four more years of this? I think not.

This message and the opinions expressed within were paid for and are endorsed solely by J. Deegan, a concerned member of the Fluvanna community.

NAACP president, from page 4.

In the current climate, he views the NAACP's role as a positive force for good and believes it will continue to be that way.

"The ideals of social, civil, and criminal justice for all, self-reliance, and the pursuit of unfettered liberty for all county residents are values that everyone can get behind and support." Husdon sees the NAACP as a chain, bringing people and ideas together link-by-link. Like others who do not embrace the status quo, Hudson espouses change in a positive way.

Regarding the recent protests and Black Lives Matter, some have expressed concern with the groups' agenda, drawing parallels between BLM and the Black Panthers and citing the similarities in radicalism and violence. The Black Panthers and BLM were formed for the same reasons; both had to do with policing of African-Americans. But Hudson sees it differently and understands as do others who support the movement.

"It as a campaign for legitimate peaceful protest for equity and justice in policing communities of color and the movement is led by mostly young people of all backgrounds who are peacefully and genuinely seeking

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equity for all Americans," he said. "I believe the young people of the BLM are saying to us that they do not want to inherit a country that commits police brutality against people of color or any American. The deaths of so many young and unarmed African Americans have been tragic and senseless. In the wake of these fatalities, the BLM movement has given voice to those who lost their lives while interacting with police and to their families who mourn their

He adds, "The BLM is relevant and their voices have been made stronger through the amplification of diversity emanating from cities across the country. Certainly, all lives matter; however, BLM is shining a light on police brutality, harsh treatment, and frequent killings of young unarmed African Americans at the hands of some police officers," he said. "I believe in fair and equitable treatment of all Americans by law enforcement officers is something every American can subscribe to and support. By doing so, will bring us even closer to those ideals we hold so dearly, which are etched in our country's founding documents."

He also responded to the recent destruction and defacing of Confe<sup>-1</sup>

erate monuments and the impending removal of some.

"The disposition of Confederate monuments has been a point of discussion over the past few months. I believe this is a delicate and sensitive topic for many people regardless of your views of the monuments. As such, it will require finesse and an adroit facilitator to effectively navigate the several different complex channels associated with this predicament. I believe to reach an amicable solution, it will require honest and sincere dialogue among key interested parties over a series of community collaborative engagements aimed at finding a solution."

"Ultimately, any solution must achieve the overarching goal of unifying the community."

Since it is an election year, the NAACP's goal is to continue to inform, educate, and advocate for voter reqistration, restoration of voter rights, and maximize voter participation during absentee voting and on election day.

Many factors play a role in shaping the future not only for African-Americans but for people of all color and Hudson says he would like to see a greater acceptance, embracement, African Americans and people of color into the American experience.

"Positive and constructive dialogue across all dimensions will serve as a suitable mechanism to begin to collaborate and earnestly seek education reform that addresses the need of every child, law enforcement free of bias and hatred toward people of color, affordable housing opportunities for all Americans, unencumbered access to the voting ballot, accessibility to quality healthcare, and economic prosperity and financial stability extended to every citizen."

He has also been helping former Fluvanna sheriff Ryant Washington and Sharon Harris and others spread the word and get masks out to people in the community during the pandemic.

"As the coronavirus continues to plague our state, country, and the world, communities of color in the United States have been disproportionally affected by covid-19. Therefore, I encourage people to stay safe and healthy. Remember the CDC guidelines of staying at home, and if you have to venture out, wear a face-covering, wash your hands frequently, use hand sanitizer often, and practice social distancing." He recognizes that we are all in this together.



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# Schools open to input

BY RUTHANN CARR CORRESPONDENT



Fluvanna parents and teachers are using social media to make their voices heard.

On July 21 Fluvanna Public Schools Superintendent Chuck Winkler announced a change to the hybrid section of the back-to-school plan.

Students in group A will attend school Monday and Tuesday; group B Thursday and Friday.

Winkler and his team made the change in response to a group of concerned parents.

"After receiving a great deal of feed-back from the community (parents and staff), the FCPS Board, my staff, and I re-evaluated the Hybrid Model," Winkler said in an email. "We decided to make the change to an AA|BB model to further assist with our health and mitigation efforts. Basically, this change would help mitigate any cross

contamination of large group of students given the break in the days and any additional sanitization efforts."

In the original plan, parents could choose all-virtual or the hybrid schedule – going to school two days per week.

At first the hybrid schedule had students in group A attending Monday and Thursday; group B attending Tuesday and Friday. Schools will be deep cleaned every Wednesday.

Winkler said in that scenario, students wouldn't be off school for five days in a row which could be detrimental to learning.

Kristine Voogt was one of the concerned parents who thought group B students would have a greater chance of getting infected with Covid-19 because they would always follow the other students in classrooms that

hadn't been deep cleaned.

Even though Voogt's son chose to do virtual learning, she knew a lot of parents who were concerned, so she emailed Winkler.

She wasn't satisfied with his answer that her questions were addressed in the school's FAQ page, and decided to use Facebook to contact other parents.

Voogt created a poll and posted it on two pages: Lake Monticello Residents and Lake Monticello and Central Virginia Neighbors.

The results were clear:

- •112- group A attending Monday/ Tuesday; group B Thursday/Friday
- •69 Not sending my child
- 28 If I had school-aged students
   I would not allow them inside a school building
- 14 original hybrid plan

Voogt emailed her findings – along with several questions parents had - to Winkler.

The superintendent emailed that she would find answers in the next school FAO.

Within a few hours Winkler posted the revised schedule on the school Facebook page, Voogt said.

She was happy with the change but still somewhat frustrated.

"I still want answers to the questions," Voogt said. "I realize his job is difficult, but we still deserve answers. What happens when a child or teacher contacts COVID-19? What if a child has a medical condition and can't wear a mask? Will they have to disclose the condition? Will they be able to ride the bus? I'm glad they made the change, but I'm frustrated that we still don't have answers to the rest of the questions – if he doesn't know the answers, say so."

# **Open letter**

On July 22, an open letter was posted on Facebook in groups such as Forward Fluvanna. It clearly asked readers to sign the letter and share it.

The opening paragraph stated: "We the concerned staff and community of Fluvanna County Public Schools urge you to reconsider the decision to reopen on August 17<sup>th</sup> with in-person instruction and pivot instead to a full virtual start. As the faculty and staff have not been given an opportunity for meaningful input into the reopening plans, we are demanding that the voices of the frontline staff be heard."

Initially, it was unclear who created the letter.

The letter stated teachers and staff concerns about going back into school buildings during the pandemic and was followed by 90 questions they wanted answers before school starts on Aug. 17. Teachers are scheduled to start Aug. 3.

When contacted July 24 about the Open Letter, Winkler said he had seen the letter on Facebook, but had not been formally presented with it.

The letter was widely shared throughout Facebook pages of Fluvanna residents and at last count, 519 people signed it, said teacher Craig Edgerton.

Edgerton is a member of the FEA and said many teachers in the organization drafted the letter.

"It was a group effort," Edgerton

He said the FEA planned to present the letter to Winkler on Monday, July 27.

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# Lake Monticello food drive nets four tons

PRESS RELEASE

The Lake Monticello food drive Thursday (July 23) topped its previous best, netting 8,000 pounds of donated food for MACAA's Fluvanna Food Bank, said organizer Betsy Gunnels. The food drive, organized by the Fluvanna Rotary, topped last April's drive by 1,000 pounds, she said.

As a result, 12 large, fully-packed vehicles arrived at the Carysbrook Center, where more volunteers unpacked and re-stocked the food bank, which had requested

the drive, saying the pandemicrelated demand for donated food was depleting its stocks.

Earlier, volunteer drivers had scoured Lake Monticello for the food donations, and other volunteers had collected and sorted the food outside the Turkeysag gate to Lake Monticello. More than 70 volunteers were involved in the drive. "Congratulations to the citizens of Fluvanna for a job well done," Gunnels said.

# **FUMA** announces coaching changes

PRESS RELEASE

Fork Union Military Academy is pleased to announce coaching changes for the 2020-21 academic year. Former professional athletes Phillip Merling and Sean Singletary join the athletic staff, while Reginald Barnette has been promoted to head prep basketball coach.

Barnette, who is starting his fifth year at the Academy, was the former Junior Prep basketball head coach in 2018 and is the current defensive cordinator for the Prep football team. The Salem native is a 2014 graduate of the University of Richmond and is also an admissions counselor at Fork Union Military Academy.

Joining Barnette's Prep basketball staff is former professional athlete Sean Singletary, who comes to the Academy from LaSalle University where he was an assistant with the men's basketball team. In 2008, Singletary graduated from the University of Virginia and was a threetime First Team All-ACC honoree and two-time All-American. He was drafted in the second round of the 2008 NBA Draft as the 42nd pick by the Sacramento Kings. The Philadelphia native was eventually traded to the Charlotte Bobcats in 2009 and was assigned to the NBA's Development League where he played two seasons. In 2009, Singletary started a three-year campaign playing abroad in Spain and Belgium.

To help lead our postgraduate football team, 2005 alumnus Phillip Merling will join head coach Frank Arritt as an assistant in charge of defensive line, tight ends, and community life. During his time at FU-MA, Merling was the recipient of the Charles Graham Thomas Award for the best athlete in the Corps of Cadets.

After a receiving a full scholarship to Clemson University, Merling became a freshman All-American, was named the Defensive Line MVP his sophomore and junior campaigns and was named the first junior captain in Clemson history. He was the first four-time winner of the Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Week Award since the 1960s.

Merling entered the 2008 NFL Draft and was selected as the 32nd pick to the Miami Dolphins. During his five seasons in Miami, the St. Matthews, S.C., native earned second-team All-Rookie honors, was a two-time AFC Player of the Week (2010) and named NFL captain for Monday Night Football (2010). Mer-ling also played multiple seasons for the Green Bay Packers (2012-2013) and the Washington Redskins (2013-14).

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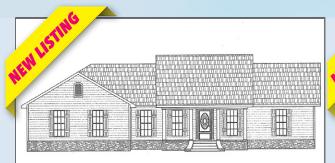
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# A breath of fresh air – the Louisa Arts Center re-opens

BY CAROL BARFIELD CORRESPONDENT

After being closed since the middle of March, the Louisa Arts Center is up and running again. Karen Welch, executive director, has diligently followed the best Center for Disease Control guidelines to provide a safe experience for a soft reopening.

On Friday, July 10th, Music and Wine at Sunset returned to delight people eager to enjoy life and some outdoor entertainment. On the terrace and surrounding lawn areas, all tables and chairs were placed six feet apart. Patrons were asked to bring their own food or choose to support local businesses with a take-out order to enjoy while listening to the musicians.

The Cold North, a father/ daughter duo from Centreville,

entertained over 50 people who enjoyed listening great music, even joining on several songs. These events will continue on the second and fourth Fridays of each month from 6-8 p.m.

With the sponsorship of Edge Concrete Company and Harris Electric Company, all four music and wine events have been funded to enable the center to offer

these events for free. David Davol is slated to perform July 24, Dan Trull on August 14, and Rick Hollowell on August 28.

The Purcell Gallery has also re-opened, featuring "Common Threads," an exhibition showcasing local quilters. The Gallery is open Tuesday through Friday from 12- 2 p.m. Three beautiful guilts from the exhibit are available to be raffled off. Tickets are \$1 each, and proceeds will help support the Gallery.

Welch is sincere in her desire to protect the staff, volunteers and patrons. "It hasn't been easy. I started with a 33-page COVID-19 safety report from the CDC as a guide and got it down to 17 pages to then produce a one-page bullet

list for patrons. We had routine before our events, and now we are cleaning more than is required high-trafat fic and touch Sanipoints. bottles tizing are spread throughout the facili-Limited ty. numbers of

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one time, and there are six-foot stickers to help people social dis-

> tance, as well as roped off 'wait here' signs for the restrooms to conform to best practices."

> The summer camps are also starting up again and are structured to limit contact and follow CDC guidelines. Although children under the age of 10 are not required to wear masks, they are encouraged do so. Frequent

hand washing and In and

Executive director Karen Welch.

limited contact is also encouraged. Camp

Bravo, children individual instruments and are seated apart. In Sight Sound children class, tech support, lighting and sound. Although members of the public are allowed

attend the final performance, a digital copy will be available for distribution.

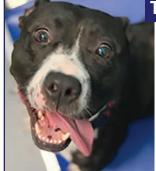
Bigger challenges are ahead for the Arts Center and staff. Artists are booked for September, and the staff are trying to come up with creative solutions to the questions: How flexible can the artists and the Center be--can we hold the concerts outdoors? Although the governor says that in Phase III theaters can be open if masks are worn, limiting capacity and attempting to seat people six feet apart will be a challenge. Also, if people need to use the restroom, they can't pass others to leave. Despite these issues, Welch said, "I am happy to say that all artists that could not perform from last season have been rescheduled into the 2020-2021 schedule, which gives



Meagan DuBois, Ann Wren, Mary Howard, Jackie Smoot, Karen Welch, Pat Amrein, Bonny Geris and Corey Fischer. The sign was made by Graphic Garage in Troy. Photo courtesy of Louisa Arts Center.







Sheba was surrendered to the shelter due to the family not being able to care for her any longer. She was in bad shape, Most of her hair had fallen off, and her skin had gotten infected, due to her being full of fleas. The previous owner stated that she is good with children and other dogs. Sheba will need to be in a home without cats. Sheba was kept outdoors all her life, and has never seen the inside of a home. Sheba is not housebroken, and she will need some train ing on this. Sheba is doing so much better now, her skin is clearing up and she looks so much better then when she came in. She is very sweet, and she loves walking around holding toys in her mouth. If you ask her where is your toy, she will go get it and show you. If you have another dog and would like to meet with Sheba, please call the shelter to make an appointment for a meet and greet with your dog. Sheba is current on all vaccinations.

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us a very packed season!"

Artists are given deposits, but contracts have been revised to include pandemic language: "If we are unable or it is unsafe to hold the event, we will have to cancel."

Moving forward, Welch wants to concentrate on innovative ways to entertain the public...small art classes and wine tasting events are two ideas in the works. "The longer we wait, the stronger and safer we will be, so my mantra is-'longer is stronger.'We don't want to re-open only to shut down again. We are all fed up personally and professionally. Although the initial fear may have lessened and we desperately want to get back to normal, the virus hasn't gone away. We are all working with restrictions and we really miss our patrons!"

Like many who have been making their way through the new COVID-19 landscape, she has had personal challenges. Both her family in the United Kingdom and her husband's family in Australia are doing well—they wore masks early and self-isolated, going out only when absolutely necessary, but no one knows when they will be able to be together again since flying is not yet an option.

The Arts Center closed in mid-March with no revenue coming in—a situation familiar to businesses around the region and state. Welch has been working with a team and director to source grants, funds and loans. She has taken advantage of the Cares Act's Payroll Protection Program to keep staff at the Art Center employed, including the apprentice from Louisa High who is working to fund her college education. They also are receiving support

from the Virginia Commission of the Arts and through private and individual donations.

Just as people have been trying to support their favorite restau-



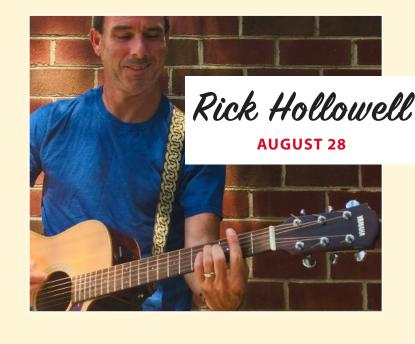


rants and local businesses in creative ways, the Arts Center would appreciate help with their new campaign, "Birdies for Charity." Through this PGA tours initiative, funds are enhanced creatively, with Townebank and Dominion Energy as supporting non-profits. When a patron sponsors an event or donates to the Arts Center, they should make checks out to "PGA TOUR Charities, Inc." with 'Louisa Arts Center' in the memo line and send the donation to the Arts Center-- P.O. Box 2119, Louisa, Va., 23093. By doing so, an additional 10 percent will be added to the gift making their donation go further. Gifts large and small from those who can contribute will help keep the arts alive locally and will enable the Arts Center to bridge the gap--and that is something we all need now more than ever!

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Answers to Last Week's Sudoku:

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by Margie E. Burke

# The Weekly Crossword

# **ACROSS**

- 1 Fair-minded 5 Follow as a result
- **10** Q-Tip
- 14 Catch sight of
- 15 Spa feature
- 16 Bear's lair
- **17** Have a hunch
- 18 Checkout device
- 20 Like some chickens
- 22 Prevent, as disaster
- 23 Faucet flaw
- 24 Clear the slate
- 26 Nothing at all
- 28 Cozumel coin
- 30 French household
- **34** Some Japanese films
- 36 Details, briefly
- 38 Like a sad sack
- 39 Farmer's guide
- 41 Religious selfdenier
- 43 Genesis son
- 44 Word of assent
- 46 Popped up
- 47 Crushing snake
- 49 For fear that
- 51 "Holy cow!"
- 52 Perpendicular to the keel
- mortals
- 56 Take to the soapbox
- 59 Math function
- 63 California gold
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- 66 Bitty biter
- 67 For all to see
- 68 Word on a towel
- 69 Penn of films
- 70 Contract details
- **71** Uno + dos

#### **DOWN**

1 Bridges in the movies

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- 2 End
- 3 Highway sign
- 4 Aerosmith frontman
- 5 Break out
- 6 Tandoori bread
- 7 Scalpel wielder
- 8 Below the surface
- 9 Corn serving
- **10** Type of hunt 11 Boggs of
- baseball
- 12 Declare firmly
- 13 Ernie's pal **19** III at
- 21 Turn red, maybe
- 25 "Famous" cookie maker
- 26 Civil rights org.
- 27 Mosaic
- technique 29 Down with
- something
- 31 Thoroughly 32 False front
- 33 Run the show

- **35** UN headquarters **53**
- 37 Jack's "China-
- town" costar
- 40 First-rate
- 42 Feed a party
- 45 One who distributes charity
- 48 Follow orders
- 50 Intelligence, slangily
- and well
- 55 One way to turn
- **56** Slays, in slang
- 57 Part, in pictures
- 58 Kind of code
- 60 Bug's beginning?
- 61 Roll-call reply
- 62 State of disorder
- 64 Part of DNR

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# **Public Notice**



# **PUBLIC HEARING** Fluvanna County Planning Commission

Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 7:00 pm

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2204, public hearings will be held in the Morris Room of the Fluvanna County Administration Building in Palmyra, Virginia for citizens of the County to have the opportunity to appear before or join 'virtually" and be heard by the Planning Commission for the following items:

ZMP 20:01 Sycamore Square LLC - A request to rezone, from A-1 Agricultural, General to R-3, Residential, Planned Community, 13.65 acres of Tax Map 9, Section 14, Parcels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. The property is located along Lake Monticello Road (Route 618) at the intersection with River Run Drive. The property is within the Rivanna Community Planning Area and the Palmyra Election District.

**ZMP 20:02 Village Oaks Proffer Amendment** – An ordinance to amend proffers associated with ZMP 04:02 of the Fluvanna County Zoning Map with respect to 38.869 acres of Tax Map 9, Section A, Parcels 13C, 14, 14C and 14C1, and Tax Map 9, Section 13, Parcels A, B, C, D, 1 through 40 and 85 through 102, all zoned R-3, Residential, Planned Community. This amendment, if approved, would increase the number of locations for access to the property from three to four. The property is located along Lake Monticello Road (Route 618) between River Run Drive and Ashlawn Boulevard, and is within the Rivanna Community Planning Area and the Palmyra Election District.

The public is invited to attend the hearings at which persons affected may appear and present their views. If the August 11, 2020 meeting of the Planning Commission is held "virtually", as has been practice of the County in recent months due to the COVID-19 pandemic, instructions for participation in the public hearings will be available on the County's website: https://www.fluvannacounty.org/. Interested persons may also submit written comments prior to the time of the hearing. Questions or comments may be directed to the Planning and Community Development Department at (434) 591-1910.



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