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Letter to the Editor

Fluvanna County 2020 residents survey

One of the biggest challenges we face as residents in a rural county in Central Virginia is the lack of an easy way for us to communicate with our county leadership. Many of us who have been working within the county realize just how difficult that makes things for leadership. Several years ago, the Ccunty came up with a great idea. Let's ask the citizens to complete a survey. It was well designed and provided some great information. This year, the new 2020 County Residents Survey is even more comprehensive. If a large enough number of our residents complete the survey, it will really give county leadership a better feeling for what we the residents feel are the important items they need to be addressing. The challenge is how to get the word out so that we can in fact get a large

enough sampling for them to be able to make some determinations on where to apply their resources. To that end I am asking each of you to write down this URL Link to the Survey Form: https://forms.gle/ b6GHD1caELXy2Vjx7 and take the time (less than 10 minutes) and complete the survey. If you do not have access to decent internet, please contact Assistant County Administrator Kelly Belanger Harris at 434-591-1910 extension 1062 and she will provide you a paper form to complete. Let's all pitch in and help out our county leadership by letting them hear what is important to us as county residents.

- Rudy Garcia, Co-Chair Fluvanna Leadership Development Program

Medical cannabis company eyes Fork Union site

BY HEATHER MICHON CORRESPONDENT

Fork Union may soon become part of one of Virginia's newest business sectors.

A start-up called YAE Wellness is looking to create a medical cannabis production facility and dispensary on a plot of land near the Fluvanna Community Center.

Virginia legalized the limited use of medical cannabis starting July 1. Adult patients with a doctor's prescription and permission from the Board of Pharmacy can purchase up to a 90-day supply of medical-grade cannabis oil, creams, or tinctures; edible products like lollipops and lozenges; and vape pens.

In recent weeks, three similar companies -- Dharma Pharmaceuticals in Bristol, Green Leaf in Richmond, and Beyond/Hello in Manassas -- have opened for business.

In an informational packet from the company, YAE says they are looking to purchase a 15-acre parcel in Fork Union for the construction of a 100,000-square foot building, which would be used for cultivation, laboratory space, administrative offices, and a pharmacy. When operational, the facility would employ around 50 people, from entry-level cultivation staff to more highly-skilled lab work.

The cost of the property is \$135,000 for the property, but YAE is also promising a comprehensive package of local donations, including \$100,000 to the Fork Union Fire Department over five years. They pledge to contribute to other area

nonprofits, sponsor crime prevention seminars and training, and to maintain the nearby Petersburg Hill Plantation slave cemetery.

"The facility would also push traffic to the Fork Union area as people drive to and through Fork Union, on their way to filling prescriptions at the Fork Union property."

However, all this is contingent on the company winning a license from the state -- and that is no easy feat.

Virginia is divided into five Health Service Areas (HSAs), and each HSA is permitted to license just one provider. The Board of Pharmacy issued a license in HSA I (Central Virginia) to a company called PharmaCann in 2018, but later rescinded it.

Rudy Garcia, president of the Fluvanna Chamber of Commerce, circulated a call for action letter last week, asking the public to consider writing letters of support to the Board of Pharmacy or to sign on to a letter from the Chamber's Executive Committee.

"This is an exciting opportunity for our community," he said.

According to the 2020 Marijuana Business Factbook, the medical cannabis business in Virginia is expected to bring in about \$9 million in revenue in 2021and grow to a \$50 million-a-year industry by 2024.

The Board of Pharmacy will announce the new license on March 31, 2021.



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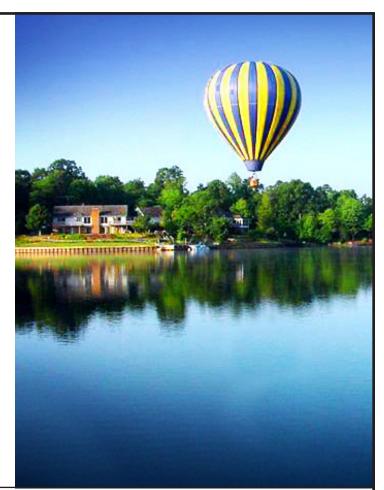
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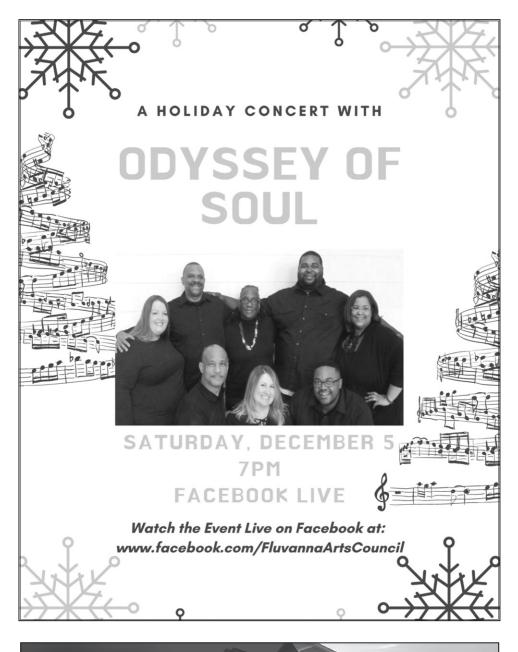
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Ban on phone use while driving in Virginia starts Jan. 1

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A new Virginia law banning the use of cellphones while driving goes into effect Jan. 1, and Drive Smart Virginia is reminding motorists of the consequences of distracted driving.

The mandate was signed by Gov. Ralph Northam on July 8, making Virginia the 22nd state to ban the use of handheld devices while driving. The law now prohibits drivers from holding any personal communication devices while driving a moving vehicle on the state's roadways.

Though the ban has officially been Virginia law since July, it will be enforced beginning Jan. 1. In the interim, DSV is raising public consciousness of the dangers of distracted driving through its "Phone Down. It's the Law." campaign.

According to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles 2019 crash statistics, distracted driving caused 23,246 accidents and 120 fatal crashes. Those figures represent 18.1% of all crashes and 14.5% of all fatalities on Virginia roadways.

Virginia DMV statistics from 2018 revealed that the jurisdictions with the most distracted driving crashes were Fairfax County, Prince William County, Virginia Beach, Hampton and Newport News. The counties with the most fatalities were Prince William, Fairfax, Fau-

Gray Foxes end season

BY DUNCAN NIXON CORRESPONDENT

The men's Gray Foxes have finished its official 2020 season, but with the weather remaining favorable, unofficial play continues. Some impressive scores have been recorded recently. On 11/27/20 John Alluisi shot a very impressive three under par 69, recording 15 pars and three birdies. Gray Foxes eighteen-hole coordinator Dan Atkinson reported that Alluisi's handicap is now an excellent one. On Nov. 28, John Roeder posted a 75 with

quier, Hanover and Spotsylvania.

"Thousands of Virginians are involved in crashes every year, and distracted driving is a factor in many of those crashes," said David Tenembaum, Virginia Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. actuarial manager and treasurer of Drive Smart Virginia.

"Manipulating a cellphone while driving increases your crash risk by 2,300% because it involves all three kinds of distractions-manual, visual and cognitive. Help us save lives by putting your phone down."

Drivers who violate the new law will be subject to a \$125 fine for the first offense and \$250 for each subsequent offense. Violations that occur in highway work zones also will carry a \$250 fine.

It still is permissible to use handsfree technology to make or receive phone calls while driving-the ban only prohibits drivers from directly handling their devices. If drivers must use their phones while traveling, they must be lawfully parked or stopped to do so.

Drivers using a handheld device to report an emergency are exempt, as are the operators of emergency vehicles who are engaged in their official duties. Motorists also may handle amateur or citizens band radios.

four birdies. Earlier, Michell Moon shot 79 to beat his age, a signature accomplishment for older golfers. John Carnes recently posted a one under par 71, which is well below his age.

Old Farm Day ends

BY HEATHER MICHON CORRESPONDENT



A Fluvanna tradition for more than two decades has come to an end.

"The Fluvanna Historical Society and the Old Farm Day Committee have made the difficult decision to bring Old Farm Day to a close," the Fluvanna County Historical Society wrote in an announcement in late November.

The annual event dates back to around 1998 as a way to celebrate Fluvanna's rich agricultural heritage. In recent years, thousands of people gathered at Pleasant Grove each May to enjoy displays of historical farm equipment and techniques, arts and crafts, entertainment, and food.

Tricia Johnson, executive director of the Fluvanna Historical Society, said that the combination of COVID. and a critical lack of volunteers lead to the decision to permanently shutter the event.

"We canceled 2020, of course, [and] knew we would have to cancel 2021, and suspected we would probably have to cancel 2022 because of the pandemic," said Johnson. After a two to three year suspension, the feeling was that many of the volunteers with the most institutional knowledge of the event might no longer be available to participate.

Johnson said that someone from the state's tourism bureau told her that Old Farm Day was likely the biggest all-volunteer festival in Virginia, but that came at a price. "Because we struggled to find volunteers, there were never enough To advertise call: 434.207.0223

hands on deck, leaving our core volunteers exhausted," she said. "It took at least six months of planning and meeting, and a couple of weeks of intense volunteering before and after, and full-time efforts the week of the event."

While they were able to draw on cadets from Fork Union Military Academy and the Fluvanna High School girls' track team, they ultimately couldn't get the level of community involvement they needed to continue for the long term.

"I think a good lesson for all of us to come out of this is, if there is a community event or effort or organization that means a lot to you, consider asking if you can help," Johnson added. "All of the nonprofits in Fluvanna, from Meals on Wheels to the local animal rescues to our own Fluvanna Historical Society, volunteers are our most precious resource and more volunteers are always needed. Even if you don't think you would have the skills or available hours that group might need, ask anyway! You might be surprised."

Johnson said she was grateful for everyone who had helped in recent years to make the event a success, including the Rotary Club, the sheriff's office, and other groups.

"Our Old Farm Day Committee members poured their heart and soul into OFD every year, and our committee co-chairs, Jackie Bland and Mary Tilman, were the driving force behind making OFD happen in recent memory," she said. "A long line of dedicated volunteers, stretching back 20-plus years, are deeply appreciated."

She also thanked the generations of families who celebrated Old Farm Day with them. "We hope everyone treasures their memories of Fluvanna's Favorite Family Festival as much as we do."



14 Year-End Tax Tips – Part 1

Yes, I know the title says 14 year-end Tax Tips but this week we will be sharing the first seven and on December 16th we will share the remaining seven! The earlier the better when it comes to adopting a strategy to reduce your taxes. But even if time gets away from you, there are some yearend actions you can take to cut your taxes.

If you don't want to wait two weeks for the next seven tips, email us today at info@rwftaxservice.com and put 14 Tax Tips in the Subject!

Here are some last-minute tax cutters you might consider:

1. Review income and deductions. It's all in the timing. The most fundamental year-end tax move is to adjust the timing of income and deductions. If your income is high, deferring receipt of more income at the end of the year can save taxes. If you're close to the line on itemizing deductions, accelerating payment of deductible expenses might save taxes.

The first step in timing is to know where you stand now. Then try to forecast where you'll be next year at this time. If you think your next year's tax rates will be higher than the current year's, you might save money by switching tactics and accelerating income.

2. Postpone income. If you're due a bonus, see if your employer will hold off writing the check until January. If you own a cash-basis business, you can time receipt of income by waiting until close to the end of the year to send your December billings.

3. Bunch your payments. Some taxpayers find they have almost enough deductions to exceed the standard deduction. If this is your situation, try bunching 10% Early Bird Discount shown below!

payments into one year to take advantage of itemizing. The next year use the standard deduction, and then bunch your payments again the following year. This way you'll itemize every other year.

4. Pay deductible expenses before December 31. Paying your state income tax estimate before December 31 accelerates your federal deduction. You can also pay property taxes early, make an extra mortgage payment (the interest portion is deductible), pay your tax preparer for your year-end planning meetings, or opt to have dental work or elective surgery before the end of the year. Keep in mind that the IRS doesn't allow a deduction for payments made before the services are performed.

5. Be charitable. You can make cash contributions or charge them on your credit card and take a current deduction. If you give appreciated property to charity, you'll get to deduct the full market value. You may need an appraisal to determine the value of some property.

6. Contribute to a deductible IRA if you qualify. You have until the April tax filing deadline to open an IRA and make a deductible contribution for the prior year.

Contribute to your company's 401(k). If you have a 401(k) plan at work, make as large a contribution as you're allowed to make.

As we head into the 2020 tax preparation season, remember we are here to assist you with year-end tax planning. Let's talk now so you can be better prepared. For now, please stay safe and remember to call with any questions or concerns. Time is running out to lock in your tax savings! Call us today and take advantage of the

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Area arts thrive despite COVID

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD CORRESPONDENT

Despite COVID -19, shuttered theaters, empty seats, and empty stages, the arts are thriving and artists and art groups are finding multiple ways to enrich people's lives during the pandemic. Once Covid-19 hit, its impact walloped hospitality, arts, and entertainment. All of them are feeling the harsh economic impact but in an industry brimming with creative minds they looked for alternative ways to satisfy their audiences.

Musicians, dancers, actors, writers, poets, artists, and vocalists have discovered Zoom is a tool to utilize, and Google, YouTube, and Facebook could be used for sharing something worthwhile as they reconnected with their audiences. The creative collective understood that the arts cannot suffer in silence but must be shared in whatever form it is presented to an eager audience ready to embrace it.

Area artists, including groups like Persimmon Tree Players, The Empowered Players, the Fluvanna Arts Council, and the Fluvanna Art Association are keeping the connections alive and vibrant for those feeling isolated.

Empowered Players went beyond entertainment and engaged its audience in using their imagination with Create-A-Day challenges by finding three things and to make into artwork or a craft item. Mostly it was musicians and vocalists who responded, sharing their inspiration.

EP's Jessica Harris didn't stop there. Knowing Halloween was limited in its normal scope of activities, she promoted an online Halloween costume contest with prizes and a lot of clever creations were generated among the children who participated.

Members of the Fluvanna Art Association also shared their artwork. Once they were less leery of COVID-19, a small group ventured outdoors for Plein Air painting while following CDC guidelines. They exchanged YouTube art videos, virtually traveled to the Louvre and had an online workshop. They learned to adapt, and though it wasn't the same as an in-person show, they had their annual show online. Many area art groups, including BozArt in Charlottesville, were advocating for safe measures by viewing work online. There is no time limit on the current show which is available for viewing at fluvannaart.com.

"We needed to keep our name out there and keep artists engaged," said FAA member Maria Carter. Next year they are hoping for at least one judged show.

After the dismal disappointment of shelving its spring show, Ken Ludwig's "Moon Over Buffalo," Persimmon Tree Players bounced back with an original play titled "Ernest in Isolation" made for Zoom, written and directed by member Tom Green. They quickly learned the mechanics of Zoom.

No one wants to fade away into obscurity and that was the fear of many of these groups who figured out that a virtual stage was better

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than no stage. The Fluvanna Arts Council ended its season early after a sell-out crowd with Big Ray and the Kool Katz. PTP and the Fluvanna Community Singers were canceled due to COVID -19.

The newly appointed president of the FCAC had two choices, cancel the rest of the 20-21 season or go virtual. FCAC kicked off the fall season with the thought-provoking play "The Niceties" The emotionally charged content between a professor and her student was riveting and a good choice for a virtual performance.

Selling tickets was not possible but with grants from various sources, the FCAC was able to put together some stellar performances. Donations were gratefully accepted and "The Niceties," made over \$500 and had over 200 viewers from as far away as California. Recently world-class jazz musician Victor Haskins was recorded live on Facebook with over 200 viewers at Saturday's performance. The performance was made possible by a partial grant from Fluvanna County, grants from the Virginia Commission for the Arts, and from the National Endowment for the Arts. The virtual performances helped to expand the FCAC's audience and offer programs to a variety of performing arts enthusiasts.

"He was interactive with the audience and very engaging," said Sharon Harris. "Our audience has been served in new ways."

FCAC will finish the 2020 season with performances online with The Empowered Players "Shrek Jr. The Musical" and "12 Incompetent Jurors." Visit theempowered players.com for dates and times. For the holiday season, the Fluvanna Singers canceled its annual Christmas concert but Horace Scruggs is back with his group to sing a variety of holiday favorites on Dec. 5. Visit www.carysbrook.org for times and details.

All are looking forward at some point in 2021 of getting back onstage and exhibiting art but it is still a long road ahead. Plans are still in the works for PTP to do its spring show and Sharon Harris is working on other concert ideas as well as bringing dance back to Carysbrook virtually with the Charlottesville Ballet.

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The Rotary Club of Fluvanna County is overjoyed at the outpouring support for both our latest Food Drive-By and our efforts since March to Feed Fluvanna! Because of the great support, we estimate that our community's latest effort resulted in between 12,000 and 15,000 pounds of food being provided to the MACAA and Fluvanna Christian Services Society Fluvanna Foodbank. That is based on us having packed and loaded over 350 boxes and milk crates weighing an average around 35-50 pounds each.

As a comparison, our first Drive-By was about 6,000 pounds and our July Drive-By was about 9,000 pounds. All told, when you add up all the community volunteers who participated, we had well over 200 community volunteers for the 3 Drives. Every single one of our Club members/spouses/families also participated in some fashion in at least one of the events.

But, as they say in the sales business, "Wait there is more!"

We received \$3,058 in cash donations for MACAA for the July Food Drive from 38 donors. We also received \$5,225 in donations from 72 donors for the most recent event. The Sheriff's Office No-Shave November event contributed another \$1,010 giving us a total of \$9,293 in community donations. That combined with a \$2,500 matching grant from the Rotary Foundation of Fluvanna County, means that we will be presenting a check to MACAA for at least \$11,793! We say at least because we know there are several more community members who have pledged to contribute whose donations have not yet been received! WELL DONE FLUVANNA COUNTY!

So, props to all of you who helped out with this INCREDIBLE outpouring of support for our community. One special shout out to two of our Rotarians who led theses efforts this year: 2020 Rotarian of the Year Betsy Gunnels and Rotarian Peggy Shanklin. Without their leadership these events would not have been nearly as successful! WAY TO LEAD THE WAY Rotarians!

From the three Food Drives this year, we collected over 27,000 pounds of food. We also provided MACAA (through a Rotary Foundation Grant of over \$6,000) a new freezer, hand trucks, PPE, an industrial scale, 1000 reusable bags and a two-way radio system. Thanks again to the GREAT Citizens of Fluvanna County for your continued support of The Rotary Club of Fluvanna County's efforts to Open Opportunities for all of our county and for helping us Make a Difference in our Community.

Sincerely, James Kelley President Rotary Club of Fluvanna County and Rudy Garcia Chair, Rotary Foundation of Fluvanna County Board of Trustees.



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Love for the library

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Scottsville Branch of the James Madison Regional Library at 330 Bird Street. Photo by Connie Geary.

What have you missed most during the Covid-19 pandemic? The list is so long, you don't know where to start. How about the library? When we arrived in Scottsville in 1971, the library was in a former elementary school at the corner of Bird and Page Streets and was presided over by the kindly Mary Stone. My three-year-old daughter ("Let's visit the library!") thought Mary's name was

"Library" and always greeted her so. The little white clapboard building had two rooms, one devoted to children's books, and had been lovingly re-purposed by a group of civic-minded citizens.

Thus it was with particular horror that we witnessed its thorough destruction by fire on the night of September 6-7, 1980. The culprit was a lightning strike that caused a fire to smolder in the



This former two-room schoolhouse became the Scottsville Library in 1965. Submitted photo.

rafters until it was too late to do much to save it. The firemen did their best, but it was a total loss along with the books that suffered the dual damage of fire and water. Only books that were checked out at the time were spared.

Over the years, the Scottsville Library had been repeatedly threatened with closure. Louise Holt, who succeeded Mary Stone, was always encouraging

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Besides fresh Christmas trees, few florae exemplify the holiday spirit like poinsettias-and local growers are ready for the season.

Poinsettias are cultivated in all 50 states and are one of the top-selling plants in the nation. The 2018 U.S. Department of Agriculture Floriculture Crops Summary showed potted poinsettias accounted for \$149 million in U.S. floriculture sales that year. In Virginia, about 2.2 million poinsettias with a wholesale value of \$10.3 million were raised commercially in 2018.

"Many consumers may not be aware Virginia is fortunate to have a number of poinsettia growers around the state," said Tony Banks, senior assistant director of agriculture, development and innovation for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation.

Banks said the plant's popularity is an additional income opportunity for nurseries and farms during late fall. Vegetable and tobacco farms also can utilize their greenhouses between seasons to raise the flowering plant, he noted.

Stephanie Black, a grower and manager of Atlantic Growers in New Kent County, said she begins selling poinsettias Thanksgiving week, and most people start buying them right after that holiday.

"It's just tradition," she said. "It's one of the [plants] that's reliably the red color that everybody associates with Christmas-with the pretty green leaves underneath."

Poinsettias come in a variety of dazzling colors and patterns, but the solid reds remain bestsellers. Black said her customers marvel over varieties that are cream, pink and Red Glitter-one that has red leaves with white splotches—but most of them buy the red.

While buyers enjoy their poinsettias during the holidays, most don't save the plants afterward because they can be challenging to care for.

"They are extremely sensitive," Black said. "[People] will just throw it away and wait until next year."

Though they're associated with wintertime holidays, poinsettias are tropical plants that prefer warm temperatures. To ensure poinsettias thrive during the holidays, an indoor temperature around 65-70 degrees is ideal.

us to check out more books, and our children joyfully obliged. Our library was the smallest of the branches of the

James Madison Regional Library, and to

some living farther north was perhaps expendable. Once the building was reduced to ashes, would the system take its chance and eliminate it all together? Once again civic-minded folk--never lacking in Scottsville--heroically cleaned and fixed up the former cannery building across the street from the old library. Helen Wienecke, our local representative on the library board, insisted that we needed a new library. I can remember some cliff-hanger meetings, but at last the new brick library was built to our specifications. It included a sizeable community room where movies were

shown on Friday nights (until everyone

got home video machines), the children

were entertained at story hour, and the crafts group, that still meets today, gath-

You can still check out books during

the pandemic, if you order them ahead

of time, and now the Scottsville library

is open by appointment, one patron at

a time. But we do miss all the social ac-

tivities, when the library beat at the very

heart of our community. Go away virus!

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ered for its variegated activities.

To nurture a poinsettia for next year, Virginia Cooperative Extension recommends cutting the plant back to about 5 inches from the soil surface and repotting in fresh soil once the leaves-or bracts-fade or fall. Set the plant where it will receive indirect light and temperatures around 55-60 degrees, and water sparingly. When new growth begins, place in a well-lit window and pinch new growth to produce more stems

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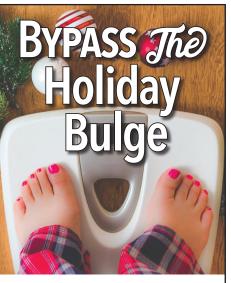
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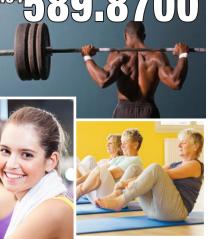




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29- Dec	LCHS	Away	6:00	29- Dec	LCHS	Home	6:00	20- Jan	WAHS	Home	4:00
5-Jan	WAHS	Home	6:00	5-Jan	WAHS	Away	6:00	27- Jan	AHS	Home	4:00
7-Jan	Staunton	Home	6:00	7-Jan	Staunton	Away	5:30	3-Feb	LCHS	Home	4:00
8-Jan	OCHS	Away	6:00	8-Jan	OCHS	Home	6:00	Date	Swim/Dive	Place	Time
11- Jan	Turner Ashby	Away	6:00	11- Jan	Turner Ashby	Home	6:00	30- Dec	LCHS	Home	7:00
12- Jan	CHS	Home	6:00	12- Jan	CHS	Away	6:00	6-Jan	AHS	Home	7:00
15- Jan	MHS	Away	6:00	15- Jan	MHS	Home	6:00	15- Jan	CHS	Away	t.b.d.
19- Jan	LCHS	Home	6:00	19- Jan	LCHS	Away	6:00	22- Jan	WAHS	Away	t.b.d.
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2-Feb	CHS	Away	6:00	2-Feb	CHS	Home	6:00	14- Jan	AHS	Home	6:00
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6-Jan	AHS (wahs)	Away	6:00	30- Jan	Districts	CHS	t.b.d.	25- Jan	OCHS	Home	6:00
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27- Jan	OCHS (wahs)	Away	6:00						Suspended Season		

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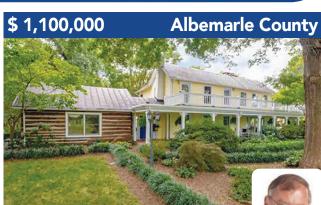
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BY ORDER OF THE FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Pursuant to Virginia Code Sec. 15.2-1813, the Board of Supervisors of Fluvanna County, Virginia (the "County") will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, in the Meeting Room of the Fluvanna County Library in Palmyra, Virginia, located at 214 Commons Blvd., Palmyra, Virginia, 22963 for citizens of the County to have the opportunity to be seen and heard by the Board of Supervisors for the following items:

On Wednesday, the 16th day of December, 2020, in accordance with Section 15.2-1800 of the Code of Virginia, the Board of Supervisors of Fluvanna County, Virginia, will hold a public hearing for the purpose of accepting comments and for consideration and approval of a proposed Right of Way Agreement for conveyance by the County of Fluvanna to Virginia Electric and Power Company, a Virginia public service corporation, doing business in Virginia as Dominion Energy Virginia, of a non-exclusive 15 foot in width easement over Fluvanna County Tax Map Parcel 42-1-4A in the location shown on the plat numbered 63-20-0068 which plat is attached to the Right of Way Agreement for the purposes of transmitting and distributing electric power and for such other uses as more specifically set out in the Right of Way Agreement. A full text of the Right of Way Agreement and plat numbered 63-20-0068 under consideration is available at the County Administration Building at 132 Main Street Palmyra, Virginia building for public inspection [and is available on the County's website at https:// www.fluvannacounty.org/bos/page/bos-nov-18-2020-700-pm-regular-meeting]. The public hearing will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. in the Fluvanna County Library, 214 Commons Blvd, Palmyra, Virginia. Interested persons may appear at such time and place and present their views.



PUBLIC HEARING Fluvanna County Planning Commission Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 7:00 pm

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2204, a public hearing will be held at the Fluvanna County Library, located at 214 Commons Boulevard 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 request:

FY 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Plan – Review and recommendation for the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for fiscal years 2022 through 2026 (FY2022 – FY2026) which is to be submitted in conjunction with the Fluvanna County Budget for fiscal year 2022 (FY2022). The CIP lists major construction and acquisition efforts planned for the next five (5) fiscal years and describes proposed methods of financing for each project.

The public is invited to attend the hearing at which persons affected may appear and present their views. If the scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission is held virtually, as has been practice of the County in recent months due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the instructions for participation in the scheduled public hearing will be available on Fluvanna County's website: https://www.fluvannacounty.org Interested persons may also submit written comments prior to the time of the public hearing to dmiles@fluvannacounty.org and any questions may be directed to Douglas Miles, Community Development Director at 434.591.1910 between 8 am and 5 pm. : Jeffersoncentre@cbsrentals.com, or visit: jeffersoncentreselfstorage.com today!

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Edited by Margie E. Burke

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Answers to Last Week's Crossword:



Students create travel videos to showcase Pleasant Grove

BY MADELINE OTTEN CORRESPONDENT

With new challenges brought on this year, education and learning have changed from the standard in-classroom learning to virtual online class. However, Fluvanna County High School (FCHS) teacher David Small searched for alternative projects and activities for his students to engage in during the modifications of education due to COVID-19.

So far for Small's Student Government Association (SGA)/leadership class this year, his students have collaborated with Fluvanna County Parks and Recreation (FCPR) to help with the maintenance of trails. This project along with a canceled summer camping trip to Cape Breton, Canada inspired Small's newest project for his students.

"My wife and I love camping up in Canada and had been to Cape Breton about 18 years ago," said Small. "This summer our plan was to journey up there again, although, it did not quite happen. While planning our trip we stumbled across Davey and Sky Media on YouTube."

David Anderson and Skylar Mac-Donald are avid travel video enthusiasts in Cape Breton, Canada. The couple met in the middle of an ice storm in February of 2015 in Halifax, Nova Scotia and bonded over their love for the outdoors, travel, and photography. Small corresponded with them for a little and also coordinated a time for them to speak with his students and give them helpful tips on how to film travel videos.

This newest project has his students embarking on a project to film travel videos to showcase Fluvanna's Pleasant Grove.

"This is a change to not only draw attention to a gem of the county, but also a way for students to get away from their screens for a while with this new way we are doing education in the world," said Small.

This project will allow his students to utilize a cloud based editing platform called WeVideo, which allows them to collaborate remotely and create travel videos to promote Fluvanna's own Pleasant Grove. Before filming and during the Google meet with Skylar and David, Small's students were able to hear some of Skylar and David's adventures, tips for filming a travel video, how they work product endorsement and sponsors, as well as how they developed a social media following. They will now be able to use these tips and guidance to help aid in their projects.

"I am really excited that we get to show off Pleasant Grove and to show people all that is has to offer, and while we do not have assigned roles in our group, we are all working together to film the sports side of Pleasant Grove." said Vice President of SGA Kaitlin Bower. "Some of the tips that Skylar and David gave us was to know what audience you are appealing to and being unique about the parts you are showing when filming."

While this project will get students away from their normal computer screens, Small is grateful that even though the United States and Canada borders is closed, that there is still a way to find ways to connect internationally. Once the videos are completed, the class will offer the videos to the county to be used for promotions.



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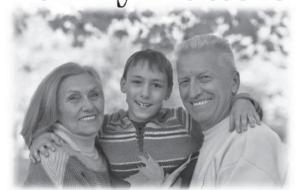
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