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In some ways, there was only one story in 2020: COVID-19

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

Since the first local cases emerged this past spring, the virus has altered our everyday lives, cleared our calendars of community events, and added a spice of danger to even our most mundane daily errands. To date, nearly 700 Fluvanna residents have been diagnosed with the virus, 52 have been hospitalized, and nine have died.

Very few of us will be sorry to put 2020 in the rearview mirror, but you can't say it hasn't been one for history books. So, before we ring in the New Year, let's take one last (and maybe not-so-fond) look back.

Rabies

Before COVID-19, the community faced a much more familiar pathogen: rabies. After a rabid dog attacked and seriously injured a child as she walked home from school in late December, several local animal shelters and groups organized a free rabies vaccination clinic at Pleasant Grove on Jan. 8. More than 450 previously unvaccinated animals were treated,

and no further cases were found in the county.

Rassawek

The James River Water Project at Point of Folk in Columbia got even more beleaguered over the course of 2020, as the Monacan Indian Nation and its supporters increased their pressure on the water authority to relocate a proposed water intake and pumping station to avoid further disrupting the archaeological remains of the tribe's historical capital of Rassawek. Dozens spoke against the project at a meeting in March and thousands submitted public comments to the Army Corps of Engineers in June. In the fall, the National Trust for Historic Preservation added Rassawek to its "Most Endangered Places" list, and by October, the James River Water Authority signaled they were seriously considering moving the water intake a mile upriver to an alternate location.

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Happy Face Project a success

On behalf of Fluvanna Christian Service Society's Happy Face Project, I would like to thank the citizens of Fluvanna County who donated so generously to our project this year. Because of your generosity we were able to provide a toy, a winter jacket and pajamas for 205 children! We also distributed food packages for 100 families, as well as food packages and small gifts to 24 senior citizens.

Even though we had to change our toy collection and distribution process because of the coronavirus, you provided the monetary donations that helped us provide Christmas joy to some Fluvanna families in need. God bless you!

-Gladys Albright, Happy Face Project Team

Obituary

Harold C. Kelshaw, Jr.



providing assistance to people with disabilities. He was a Conflict Resolution Mediator for the New Jersey State Judiciary and a member of its Juvenile Conference Committee, an organization dedicated to helping juveniles stay out of the court system. He served in the Air Force and was an Information Officer for the 108th Tactical Fighter Wing in the New Jersey Air National Guard, serving with the unit during its deployment to Europe for the Berlin Crisis.

After living in Basking Ridge, New Jersey for more than 30 years, Harold and Barbara moved to the Lake Monticello section of Palmyra in 2003. In addition to playing tennis and bridge, he sang with a number of choral groups, including the Oratorio Society of Virginia and the Berkshire Choral Festival. He especially enjoyed singing with the Palmyra United Methodist Church Choir and performing in nursing homes and in other community venues with the Choraleers of Lake Monticello.

Harold was a Public Affairs Staff Officer for Lake Monticello's U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary flotilla and, in subsequent years, an officer of its Water Safety Patrol. He also served on its Communications and Marketing Committee and volunteered for the Fluvanna County Board of Elections.

His hobbies included model railroading and the study of mystery writers. He also maintained an extensive collection of old-time radio broadcasts. Harold was a diehard New York Rangers fan and a 60-year member of the Bucknell Bison Club, which supports the university's athletic teams. He never stopped hoping for a winning BU football season.

Harold's family extends its sincere thanks to Dr. Todd Bauer of the University of Virginia Medical Center and to the STICU team that cared for him with great warmth and compassion.

A celebration of life service will be conducted at a later date at Palmyra United Methodist Church.

Memorial donations can be made in Harold's name to the PUMC Music Fund at P.O. Box 151, Palmyra, VA 22963 or the Bucknell Bison Club at Bucknell University, 301 Market Street, Suite 2, Lewisburg, PA 17837 (online address: give.bucknell.edu/adf).

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Thacker Brothers Palmyra Funeral Home.

Harold Cross Kelshaw, Jr., 82, of Lake Monticello, passed away on Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville. Harold was born in Maplewood, New Jersey on May 15, 1938, the son of the late Harold Cross Kelshaw and Ruth Henrich Kelshaw.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Barbara, and their two children, Lisbeth Kelshaw Fowler of McLean, Virginia and Todd Spencer Kelshaw of Bernardsville, New Jersey. His special friends were his grandchildren, Deirdre Donovan Kelshaw, Lilly Catherine Fowler and Ryan Sanborn Fowler. He was a father-in-law to Stephen T. Fowler and Martha A. Kelshaw and step-grandfather to Rory E. Raabe. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his twin sisters, Jean K. Hodgson and Karen K. Hoffman.

Harold was a corporate communications executive. In 2002, he retired from the Guardian Life Insurance Company in New York City, where he had been Director of Corporate Communications. He received degrees in economics and English from Bucknell University, where he was a member of Phi Lambda Theta fraternity. He later earned the Chartered Life Underwriter designation from the American College of Life Underwriters. Harold was a wordsmith who particularly enjoyed writing speeches, advertising copy and magazine articles. He was a member of the Public Relations Society of America and the Life Communicators Association from which he received numerous national awards.

Harold enjoyed serving his community. He was a two-term Chairman of the Board of the Community Health Law Project, a New Jersey legal advocacy organization

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Schools

Like school systems across the country, Fluvanna faced serious challenges in deciding how to safely conduct schooling for its 3,500 students and hundreds of teachers. Gov. Ralph Northam ordered all schools shut in April, and debates on how to reopen in the summer dragged for months. In mid-July, the School Board first okayed a hybrid plan, with students in class for two days a week and learning at home for three. In mid-August, the Board reversed course and voted 3-2 to be fully virtual for the first nine weeks of the school year. The hybrid model was implemented in early November. Throughout it all, the school system and county administration has scrambled to make sure all students have access to the internet, with several providers planning to expand their networks to more rural parts of the county.

Outbreaks

COVID-19 has been particularly deadly in closed settings with vulnerable populations. Fluvanna's first major outbreak came in mid-April at Envoy at The Village in Fork Union, sickening more than 60 nursing home residents and staff and causing several fatalities. In September, more than 120 inmates and staff tested positive for the virus at Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women (FCCW). The year ended with a second outbreak at FCCW, with almost 170 reported cases in the final weeks of December.

Black Lives Matter

Fluvanna joined the national dialog on race after the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis and other incidents of police violence against people of color in the summer of 2020. The Fluvanna chapter of the NAACP held an emotional forum on race relations in early June. Later that month, the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution condemning systemic racism and committing the county to transparency and the erasure of racial barriers. The School Board later approved an "Equity Statement" presented by a committee of residents and community leaders and will establish several action committees to delve into the issues of racial inequality within the county schools.

The election

Fluvanna residents turned out in historic numbers to vote in the 2020 Presidential elections. Helped in part

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by the state's new 45-day "no excuse" walk-in voting at the county's convenient new Registrar's office at Turkeysag, fully 80 percent of residents cast their ballots -- far exceeding the 74 percent turnout in 2016. President Donald J. Trump carried the county by 52 percent, but lost statewide by a wide margin; Democratic congressional candidate Cameron Webb won the county by a handful of votes, but lost the Fifth District to Bob Good by more than 20,000 votes. This election cycle was far more rancorous than others, with multiple incidents of political yard sign damage and theft across the county.

New businesses

While Fluvanna County business owners certainly haven't been spared from the economic impact of COVID, there have been a couple of bright spots in an otherwise gloomy year. Like many counties, Fluvanna dedicated a substantial portion of the federal funds received under the CARES Act to set up a small business grant program called FROM.

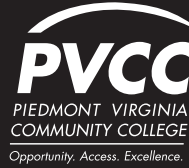
Fluvanna, gave out almost \$350,000 in loans to at least 50 small businesses and nonprofits. In the fall, Silk City Printing, a New Jersey-based company that produces silkscreened apparel to companies like Target and Walmart, moved their headquarters to the former Thomasville factory in Fork Union, bringing 93 jobs to the area. YAE Wellness, a medical cannabis producer, is hoping to win a state license and build its own Fork Union facility. The Virginia Board of Pharmacy will make a permitting decision in March.

County budget

The COVID crisis struck just as the Board of Supervisors was finalizing their FY2021 budget and forced hard choices at the worst possible moment. With no way of knowing how deep the pandemic-related economic recession was going to go, the \$79.8 million budget was more austere than previous years, allocating almost nothing for capital improvement projects and holding the real estate tax at 92.5 cents. Since the budget was passed in April, some of the burden has been relieved by some \$4 million in Federal dollars for COVID-related expenditures and state and federal grants to fund critical projects like the establishment of a drug court and new breathing apparatus for first responders. At its final meeting in December, there was enough money left over in departmental budgets to fund a \$500 bonus for full-time employees at the end of a uniquely challenging year.

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Standard or Itemize?

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Common sources of itemized deductions are: mortgage interest, property taxes, charitable giving, high medical expenses, and other miscellaneous deductions.

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Fluvanna sports in review - 2020

BY DUNCAN NIXON
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In what seems like long, long ago in another galaxy, the Fluco 2019-2020 winter sports teams turned in some outstanding performances before the COVID-19 pandemic shut things down. The boys' basketball team under coach Heath Brally looked very promising as three underclassmen at guard led the way. Kobe Edmonds, Isaac Rivera and Bobby Gardner gave the Flucos a backcourt to be envied.

The girls' basketball team had a very successful season. Chad White' squad was led by a trio of seniors who are likely to play at the next level. Navaeh Ivory led the way for the Flucos, while Maya Wright and Jules Shepard were also major contributors.

In the indoor track and field season, the boys' team was extremely successful. The squad won the Region 3C meet for the first time ever. Eli Hartzog, Ethan Yancey, Eric White, Ledric Reid and Cameron Holland all qualified for the state meet. On the girls' side Amina Wilson, Hattie Lintecum, Jules Shephard and Shea Hart all qualified for the state meet. Hartzog and Reid qualified for the nationals in New York City.

In wrestling, the Flucos hosted the Region 3C year ended meet and Coach Michael Gore's squad qualified wrestlers in 12 of 14 weight categories. The Fluco team then sent four wrestlers, Jariq Henson, Shawn Metcalf, Tylor Stoy and Alden Valentine.

The Fluco athletes were off to a good start in 2020, but then the virus hit and hit hard. On March 20, Virginia Governor Ralph Northam issued an executive order canceling the 2020 spring sports season. This was particularly painful for the Fluco baseball squad, which was planning on going into the 2020 season as the defending state champions. In addition to baseball, Fluco athletes lost their softball season, their lacrosse seasons, their soccer seasons, their tennis seasons and their outdoor track and field seasons. The spring sports season is normally extremely busy for Fluco athletes, and suddenly it was gone.

The pandemic continued to menace the public over the summer and it became increasingly clear that the 2020 fall sports season was in jeopardy. On July 27, the Virginia

High School League (VHSL), which is the arbiter of all public high school sports in Virginia, voted to carry forward with Virginia high sports. However, the ultimate decision was to put together shortened seasons for fall, winter and spring sports, with the fall sports shifted until after the winter sports. Accordingly, no fall sports were played this fall. The VHSL plan is currently being implemented as the 2020-2021 basketball seasons got under way in late December.

Although high school sports were canceled through almost the end of 2020, the sport of golf continued for local golfers of all ages after a brief respite. Mark Marshall, the PGA golf pro at the Lake Monticello course, said that the course was fully shut down from March 17 to April 1. The course initially reopened for play on nine holes with nine holes made available for walkers. This was done as a community service because while the course was fully closed, many Lake residents had found solace in using the golf course cart paths as walking paths for socially distance exercise. Ul-

timately, as restrictions were loosened state-wide, the golf course reopened for 18-hole play.

A number of social distancing restrictions were imposed and the golfing community seemed to be very consistent in complying with these restriction. Marshall noted that although two major events had to be canceled due to safety concerns regarding the virus, a number of activities were able to be resumed. The Lake Monticello's prestigious Faulconer Tournament that brings in top amateur golfers from around Central Virginia could not be held, nor could the very popular Member-Guest tournament. Both would have brought a number of outside residents to the Lake course.

However, league play was able to resume after a hiatus and two regularly scheduled charity tournaments were also held. Additionally, the Peggy Kirk Bell tournament for outstanding young women golfers came off without a hitch, as strict anti-COVID-19 protocols were imposed and followed.

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Dr. Kinney talks of hope in 2021

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT



Dr. John Kinney was not sure what his topic for the NAACP Prayer Breakfast would be on January 9. He's still pondering that. But what he does know is that it will reference our current cultural divide and political turmoil.

Like many looking forward to a new decade, their hope guides them and their belief in change is strong.

"Moving forward is not looking back but we cannot deny what is behind us," said Dr. Kinney. "Our future cannot be defined by our failures." Wise and strong words from a theologian who has made faith a guiding force in his life as well as that of others.

Dr. Kinney's career as a theologian; teaching, lecturing, and administrator spans 40 years and includes 27 years of service to Virginia Union University as dean of the Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology and senior vice president of the university.

He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Marshall University and Virginia Union University and his Ph. D. from Columbia University/Union Theological Seminary (New York). He has also shared in instruction at Chicago Theology Seminary, Randolph Macon College, Union Theological Seminary, and the College of William and Mary.

Dr. Kinney has lectured extensively across the U.S. and Africa. He has been a featured lecturer at numerous universities and colleges, including Yale University, Duke University, Michigan State University, Howard University, Southern Methodist University, Virginia Commonwealth University, and the University of Richmond. His specialty is his theological constructions, addressing the designed harmony in creation and the subsequent fragmentation and separation regarding racism, sexism, and materialism. His thoughts are included in several publications,

including an article titled The Theology of Fallensness: The Roots of Racism.

He has been a member of the American Society of Church History, the American Academy of Religion, and the Society for the Study of Black Religion. He has served the larger community of theological educators through multiple leadership roles in the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada. Dr. Kinney chaired the Committee on Race and Ethnicity as well as served as a member on the Commission on Accrediting as commission chair, vice president, president, and personnel committee chair.

With all his academic knowledge and experience, Dr. Kinney is insightful, wise, and honest in his assessment of the current social climate and what all of us need to do to bring change in a new year. Since January is a month to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., he talked about why King's legacy is so important.

"In some ways it is a renewal and a celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Recognizing his sacrifices and dying for a cause he believed in," he said. "There

will always be a debate or methodology about his approach to injustice. What will not be debated is his integrity and commitment."

Whereas some viewed King in his day as a savior, Dr. Kinney believes African-Americans are headed in a different direction and not just looking for another leader.

"We're not looking for another savior, but a collective group, representing our Christian values, calling us all to our responsibility." Dr. Kinney doesn't think it will be one person that certain segments of society will look up to for guidance but that they will find it

within the people themselves. Nowadays, it may be groups and movements like Black Lives Matter that want that dialogue and will propel society into a new realm of understanding.

With all that has happened this year and in previous years, Dr. Kinney strongly believes that change will happen but he says this with caution. He points out that past advances have been thwarted by counter-movements.

"I don't say this with naivete or romantic notion but change has been retarded by certain elements and as a result, people stop believing in

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THIS WEEK'S PET IS BITSY

Bitsy is so timid of new people and change. She will need someone with patience and time to help her come out of her shell. Bitsy came to us as a stray a little underweight and frightened. She seems to not understand human companionship. She is calm, quite, and gentle.

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change," he said. Like other experts, he agrees we need to look less at the larger picture and focus on the minutia of cause. He points out that it doesn't start with government, in hopes they will do the right thing, but with collective groups at smaller levels. He says it starts with us, our neighborhoods, schools, and other local institutions, and organizations. In small ways, we can embrace change and take action while combating systematic racism. "We go about this as business as usual and our approach is charity without examining the fundamental issue." He added, "Anytime a system gives us privilege we try to preserve it."

He says he has never seen so much division.

"This kind of open vitriol and divisiveness is on a level of irrationality not rooted in reality. And it is difficult to get anyone to respond. We need to take a breath." He suggests that in talking to one another we can discover similarities that no longer divide us but bring us together. By talking we can ask what dreams, goals, and desires we share. When we have conversations with others, he suggests being aware of what is taking place, how much energy are we expending and no progress is being made. We make the choice.

"We need to ask ourselves when did I start living in fear instead of hope? Fears are not based in reality but are constructed and connected to certain forms of oppression, color, and gender."

He believes that with anything in life it is a matter of conditioning and being positive should be part of it. While there is a resurgence for what we thought had been laid to rest 50 years ago, Dr. Kinney believes that the conversation begins with each of us to make changes.

"Speak honestly, never surrender hope, and work on healing. We cannot be dishonest; we have to be realistic. Reality embodies the hope we have and commit to healing."

To register for the virtual event and hear Dr. John Kinney speak, visit fluvannacountynaacp@gmail.com.

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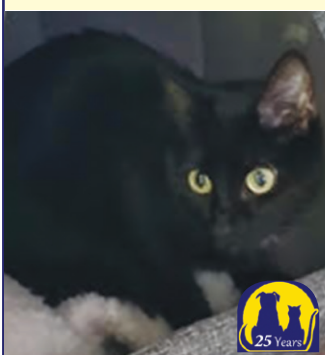
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THIS WEEK'S PET-DIGGER

Digger came into the shelter as a stray and was never reclaimed. She is very scared at the moment and will need time to come around. She likes to hide under blankets. Once she gets use to everyone she will be just fine. She needs a home where it quiet and relaxing. To much stress right now will not be good for her. If you are interested in meeting Digger, please call the shelter to schedule and appointment time. Digger is current on all vaccination.

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NAACP prayer breakfast slated

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Making the best of tough circumstances

CONTRIBUTED BY MOLLY PACE. SOPHOMORE JOURNALISM STUDENT AT FCHS

Have you ever had a great idea, planned it all out, and then everything goes completely wrong?

That was my Thanksgiving.

My family and I have a nice camper with two slide outs for the dinner table and the king bed. On the Friday afternoon before Thanksgiving, around 2 p.m. my dad came home to finish packing and getting everything ready for a week at the beach. We were planning to leave at 5 the next morning.

But within 30 minutes of starting of what should have been an uneventful packing job, it felt like everything went wrong. My dad came in and asked my mom, who was about to get on a meeting for her job, if she wanted the bad news: One of the slides on the camper was stuck open and wouldn't move. (And in case you don't know, you can't drive a camper that way!)

I'm telling you this because you've probably had many things this year which seemed fine, but suddenly turned very wrong. In our case, we were all frustrated and considered giving up and just staying home, but we decided to go and make the best of a difficult situation. I'm so glad we did. Focusing on the bright side of our situation—that the camper got stuck here and not nine hours away—we made alternate plans to go camping at the beach, just in a different way.

Once we got to where we were

camping and we set everything up, including some old or quickly-borrowed tents, a canopy, coolers, and food. We had looked weeks in advance to see what the weather might be like and the forecast was for absolutely no rain and 70 degrees.

Instead, on our first night camping it rained all night, and the bottom of my parents' tent was completely soaked and everything was wet. So my parents had to take everything out of their tent to dry, placing the food in the front seat of my dad's truck and strapping the coolers together so the racoons couldn't get in them.

While we could have given in to complaining about what might have been, we decided to not let these hiccups ruin our vacation. As a family, we had a great time enjoying family, the beach, a Thanksgiving meal, and adventures that including finding about 120 shark teeth and lots of full conch shells.

As a student at FCHS, I've had to face many similar challenges this year, including navigating virtual learning. Currently, I am sharing a router that gives off cell service with my sister and brother, who also attend school in Fluvanna, as well as my mom, who is working from home thanks to the pandemic. So when everyone is on a meeting at the same time, things can be a bit tricky.

But on the bright side, I am getting

an education, and my brother, sister, and I all have really great teachers who understand that this is not what we want, but this is what we have. I get to see my family every day and wear my pajamas to school. As with our hiccup with our camper, I'm learning to look on the bright side.

COVID is something that everyone right now can relate to in one way or another. We have all been in quarantine or facing some sort of restrictions since March. And while it doesn't seem to be getting much better at the moment, there are a number of reasons why COVID has made a positive difference in our lives.

COVID has shown me how to appreciate the small things in life. Since I see my family every day, I have really gotten to know who they are in a way I wouldn't have done without COVID. I get to sleep in, wear my pajamas every day, and have learned to bake a lot of cookies at a time.

So there is always a way to look at the good side of a situation. In every horrible circumstance, something may good come out of it. In the moment, you may think that everything is wrong and hopeless. But when you take the time to look back and see that it was just a small, temporary thing and then look for the good in the situation, it can really open your eyes.

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Winter is the perfect time for homeowners to make landscape changes to protect birds in cold weather and to provide year-round habitat.

"Here at my feeders, I've seen a Cooper's hawk every winter," said horticulturalist Mark Viette. But he takes intentional steps to ensure the hawks are safe from predators.

"Last night my barn cat was hiding under a shrub waiting for birds to come," he said. To protect birds from predators, homeowners should shear bushes near bird feeders to eliminate hiding places. "At the same time, your birds can see if there are hawks or other dangers," Viette said during an In the Garden segment on Virginia Farm Bureau's Real Virginia television program.

He recommended tying up any shrubs that may provide cover for ground predators, as well as trimming plants to provide at least three feet of clear space around bird feeders. Some

wildlife experts recommend feeders be as far as 15 feet from shrubbery.

Landscape plants that provide quality habitat for birds include evergreens like hollies, Viette said. Other suitable bird habitat plants include tall grasses and hydrangeas. Homeowners can provide cover for birds in the winter even if they don't have these plants.

"If you have a garden, and you don't have any evergreens, you can take your trimmings from the garden—your limbs, your stems, your branches—and make piles of them in the garden. Probably about two- to three-foot high," he said. "That's a great place for birds to hide from predators."

Virginia Cooperative Extension horticulture specialists recommended using native plants in gardens whenever possible.

In an article on the Extension website titled, "Backyard Wildlife Habitats," the

horticulturalists said native plants are adapted to local weather and soil conditions, they better resist local insects and diseases, and they provide foods that are familiar and timed to the life cycles of the animals in the region. Using native plants also reduces the potential for introducing invasive plants that can cause serious problems to existing native populations.

Extension specialists also shared that bird feeders should not be placed close to large windows because of the risk of birds flying into them.

Other bird-friendly tips from Viette included providing fresh water for birds year-round. And Extension specialists said feeders and waterers should be regularly cleaned. At least once a week, remove waste under feeders, and provide multiple feeders spaced apart rather than clustered together to reduce competition for food.

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ZMP 20:03 Joseph F. & Vonda Sue Crane – Request to Rezone, from I-1, Industrial, Limited to A-1, Agricultural, General of 8.9 +/- acres and known as Tax Map 12 Section 18 Parcel 4 and located along the west line of Deerfield Road, and 0.2 miles south of Bybee Road. The subject property is located in the Rural Residential Planning Area and the Columbia Election District.

SUP 20:02 Quigley Properties LLC – A request for a Special Use Permit to construct a central sewer system / utilities, major for a rural cluster subdivision in an A-1 district, with respect to 124.5 +/- acres of Tax Map 31, Section A, Parcel 41 and Tax Map 31, Section 1, Parcel A - formerly Tax Map 31 Section A Parcel 9. The properties are located along Courthouse Road, and 0.6 miles east of its intersection with Georges Mills Road and Stoneleigh Road. The parcels are zoned A-1, Agricultural, General and are located within the Rural Residential and Rural Preservation Planning Areas and the Columbia Election District.

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held virtually due to the Public Health Emergency and physical (in-person) access to meetings has been suspended. Instructions for public participation during the meeting will be made available on the Fluvanna County website: <https://www.fluvannacounty.org> Interested persons may submit written comments prior to the scheduled meeting to dmiles@fluvannacounty.org and any questions may be directed to Douglas Miles, Community Development Director at 434-591-1910, between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, M-F.

VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FLUVANNA COUNTY

MARCUS CALLAHAN, et al.

Petitioners,

v.

Case No. CL20000852-00

SARAH STEPNEY,

KAREEM (LAST NAME UNKNOWN), et al.

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to obtain a declaratory judgment establishing the boundary line between the real property of Plaintiffs, identified as Tax Map No. 58 A 66 in the tax records of the County of Fluvanna, and the real property owned jointly by Defendants in the above case, identified as Tax Map No. 58 A 65 in the tax records of the County of Fluvanna, and to quiet title to both properties in their respective owners.

It appearing by affidavit that Defendant Kareem (Last name unknown) is not a resident of this Commonwealth and that diligence has been used by or on behalf of the Complainant to ascertain a last name and address for the Defendant, without effect, it is

ORDERED that Respondent file an Answer in or appear before this Court on or before February 15, 2021, and protect his interests herein. And it is further

ORDERED that the above paragraphs be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Fluvanna Review, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Fluvanna.

The Clerk of this Court shall post this Order at the front door of the courthouse.

Entered this 10th day of December, 2020.

Claude V. Worrell, Jr.
Judge

WE ASK FOR THIS:

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Edited by Margie E. Burke

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Hold steady
- 6 Palindromic pop group
- 10 Punctuation mark
- 14 Hepburn classic, "_____ Holiday"
- 15 Bang the drum for
- 16 Quite fond of
- 17 Cancel, as a mission
- 18 Au _____
- 19 Recipe direction
- 20 Loathsome
- 22 Ship's storage
- 23 Kind of surgery
- 24 Even though
- 26 Rain blocker
- 30 Stately bird
- 31 Pay, as a bill
- 32 Italian coin of old
- 34 Motionless
- 37 Bobby of hockey
- 38 Coach product
- 40 Before-long link
- 41 Solid-stemmed grass
- 43 Eaten up
- 44 Craft-selling site
- 45 Replacement of 32-Across
- 47 Fidgety
- 49 Not fooling
- 52 Cape of _____ Hope
- 53 Room at Rikers
- 54 Something to recycle
- 59 Like the Kalahari
- 60 Drawn tight
- 61 Witchy woman
- 62 Fishing need
- 63 Choice word
- 64 Unaccompanied
- 65 Social equal
- 66 Marsh growth
- 67 President before Polk

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- 2 Boxer's wear
- 3 "Famous" cookie guy
- 4 Parking place
- 5 Total
- 6 Shockingly bad
- 7 Run off at the mouth
- 8 Construct
- 9 Goes along
- 10 Like some hands
- 11 Marie who was beheaded
- 12 Circus prop
- 13 Mob
- 21 Lily variety
- 25 Hearty gulp
- 26 Sci-fi sightings
- 27 "Encore!"
- 28 Madonna's first top ten hit
- 29 Enthusiasm
- 33 Gave up
- 35 "Friends" role
- 36 Santa's sackful
- 38 Deli sandwich
- 39 Fable writer
- 42 Former Dutch coin
- 44 On in years
- 46 Forcible removal
- 48 Tabby's mate
- 49 Massage locale
- 50 Goosebump-raising
- 51 Bathroom item
- 55 Sneaky scheme
- 56 Workshop item
- 57 Diarist Frank
- 58 Malicious look

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

S	T	A	F	F	G	O	S	H	A	I	D	S				
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It's easy to lose track of those toddy refills when reveling in the holiday spirit, so Drive Smart Virginia is urging people to "Designate Before You Celebrate" this season.

Virginia Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. is a founding partner of DSV, which is urging motorists to plan for a safe ride home if there is even a possibility of consuming alcohol.

"With just a few drinks you could be too impaired to safely drive," said David Tenenbaum, VFBMIC actuarial manager and DSV treasurer. "If you choose a designated driver before you've had too much to drink, you can have a good time and get home safely. Choosing a designated driver could be one of the most important decisions you make."

According to 2019 DSV statistics, there were 7,591 alcohol-related crashes, in which 4,402 people were injured and 264 died in the commonwealth last year.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that U.S. adults drank too much and got behind the wheel about 112 million times in 2010. In 2016, 10,497 people died in alcohol-impaired driving crashes, ac-

counting for 28% of all traffic-related deaths in the U.S., according to the CDC. These drivers had blood-alcohol concentrations of at least 0.08%—the legal limit. However, impairment due to alcohol use begins to occur at levels well below that limit.

In addition to designating a responsible driver, the CDC offers additional tips to arrive home safely in case of overindulgence: Use ride-share services, prevent friends from driving if they've been drinking, insist all passengers wear a seat belt, and talk with a health professional if drinking becomes a problem.

"If you're getting behind the wheel, avoid impairment, including alcohol, recreational and prescription drugs and fatigue," said Alex Epstein, director of traffic safety at the National Safety Council. "Skip the indulgence, get some rest, stay a while or let someone else drive."

DSV is a nonprofit organization founded on the principle that traffic fatalities and injuries are preventable. For more information visit DriveSmart-Va.org.

Fresh surge of COVID-19 cases strike women's prison

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

On Dec. 1, the Virginia Department of Corrections (VDOC) registered zero cases of COVID-19 among inmates and staff at Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women (FCCW). By Dec. 23, that number had grown to 138 inmates and 29 staff.

This brings the cumulative number of cases since March to 333, or about 35 percent of the total prison population. To date, no fatalities have been reported.

Correctional facilities across the state are seeing an uptick in COVID numbers, in lockstep with the state-wide and national rise in cases following the Thanksgiving holiday. On Dec. 1, VDOC was reporting 398 active cases among the state's 41 prisons; by Dec. 27, cases were 1,174. That is an increase of 195% percent in less than one month.

FCCW saw its first major outbreak of the virus in mid-September, when mass testing found 115 cases among

inmates and 10 within the staff.

Prisoners' advocates have voiced serious concerns about the facility's ability to care for COVID-19 infected cases. Shannon Ellis of the Legal Aid Justice Center said in September that FCCW is where the state sends its sickest female prisoners, many of them elderly. This makes them especially vulnerable to the impact of COVID.

Unlike the September outbreak, this current surge in cases has hit employees and contractors with some force. As of Dec. 27, VDOC listed 39 positive cases among staff.

Megan Keenan, an attorney for several prisoners, said in a text that her clients were scared, telling her that staff was "stretched thin" and stressed as the virus continues to spread.

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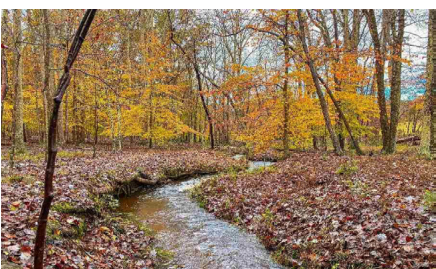
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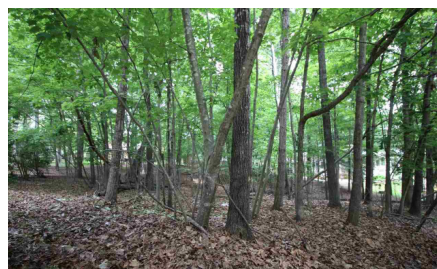
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