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Fluco indoor track and field winds up its season

BY **DUNCAN NIXON**
CORRESPONDENT

The Fluvanna County High School indoor track and field teams traveled to Liberty University in Lynchburg on March 2 to compete in the State Class 3 indoor track and field meet. The boy's team, coached by Steve Szarmach, had two impressive performances. Jaden Ferguson placed 2nd in the triple jump and the 4X400 relay team took 3rd. The relay team consisted of Ryan Hicks, Rocco Calderone, Nathan Valentin and Aidan Girard.

In the earlier 3C region meet on Feb. 17 at Heritage High, Ferguson turned in quite an amazing all-around performance. He was 3rd in the triple jump, 4th in the 55-meter dash, tied for 4th in the high jump and 4th in the long jump. The above mentioned 4X400 relay team was 1st at the Region meet. The 4X200 relay team of Calderone, Valentin, Girard and Ferguson took 4th place. In addition, Addison Patchett was 6th in the triple jump and Trace Harris was 6th in the high jump.

Coach Rose Brogan reports that two season best times were recorded at the Class C State meet. Shea Hart took second place in the 55m hurdles with a time of 8.83, and the 4X800 relay team finished 3rd with a time of 10.28. The team consisted of Tallon Solga, Summer Craig, Emily Smeds and Evelyn DeMers. At the Region 3C meet, the girl's team finished 6th. Hart was the Region champion in the 55-meter hurdles with a season best time, at that time, of 8.97

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seconds The girl's 4X800 relay team, as listed above, took 2nd place. Their time of 10:33.34 was a best of the year, to date. In addition, the following made all-Region by finishing in the top six. Hart in high jump, Smeds in the 3200m, DeMers in the 500m, Elle Dudzik in shot put and Olivia Farruggio in pole vault. Two other relay teams also made all-Region. The 4X400 relay team consisted of T. Solga, Skylar Solga, Ellie Kennedy and DeMers. The 4X200 team consisted of Hart, Hannah Feith, Rachel Warden and Kaitlin Bower.

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Obituary

Richard Louis Fagan

Richard Louis Fagan, 77, of Palmyra, VA, passed away on Monday, March 1, 2021 at his home. Born August 31, 1943 in Brooklyn, NY, he was a son of the late William R. Fagan and Edna M. Fagan. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Kevin J. Fagan.

Richard is survived by his wife of 53 years, Patricia Anne Ryan Fagan; daughter, Laura C. Ward; sons, Richard M. Fagan, Keith P. Fagan, Brian J. Fagan, and Shawn C. Fagan; 8 grandchildren, Ryan, Mason, Dylan, Kyle, Kendall, Jax, Jameson,

and Nolan; and a brother, William R. Fagan.

Richard lived in Staten Island and Stony Brook, NY prior to retiring to Lake Monticello 21 years ago. He was a member of Lake Monticello Beautification and Lake Monticello History Group. He was an avid UVA sports fan.

Friends and family may share memories and photos at thackerbrothers.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Obituary

Joanne Lynne Harris



Community Garden.

Joanne is preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Elsa Roberts.

Joanne is survived by her husband, Robert E. Harris, Sr.; her son, Robert E. Harris, Jr., of Marietta, GA; her daughters, Deanna Stanley of Apex, NC and Rebecca Carroll, of Oak Hill, VA; her sisters, Donna Kobzeff of Whittier CA, Phyllis Grassman of Orange Park, FL, and Cheryl Wilcox of Salt Lake City, UT, and her brother, Willard Roberts, of Lakeview, WA. She has seven grandchildren ranging in age from 1 to 16. They are Lauren Stanley, Zachary Stanley, Sarah Kate Harris, Hadley Harris, Preston Carroll, Emmeline Carroll, and Audrey Carroll.

A memorial mass will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 4309 Thomas Jefferson Pkwy, Palmyra, VA 22963, on Monday March 15, 2021 and her ashes interred at Monticello Memory Gardens immediately thereafter.

Memorials may be given to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place

Memphis, TN 38105, or online at www.stjude.org/donate.

The family of Joanne Harris wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Dr. Linda Duska and her team at Emily Couric Cancer Center, Hospice of the Piedmont and Fr. David Ssentamu at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

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

Relatives and friends may share condolences and memories online with the family by visiting www.thackerbrothers.com.

Joanne Lynne Harris, 70, of Palmyra, VA passed away at home surrounded by family on March 6, 2021 in the Lake Monticello community of Fluvanna County.

Joanne was born in the Panama Canal Zone to Elsa and Frank Roberts on September 1, 1950. She married Robert Harris in July, 1970 in Miami, Florida where they resided until 1981.

She is a graduate of Brenau University in Gainesville, GA, where she earned her BSN degree. Her career included clinical nursing in the cardiology department for Baptist Hospital of Miami, assisting in cardiac catheterizations and oncology research at Emory University in Atlanta, and oncology research at the University of Virginia Medical Center.

She was active in the Jack Jouett Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Friendship Force of Central Virginia. She also was a Master Gardener and served on the steering committee for the Fluvanna County

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The Commonwealth Classic will feature a 36-hole competition and award the top-four finishers in both "Bell National" and "Futures National" divisions. It will be the third time Lake Monticello has hosted a Peggy Kirk Bell Girls Golf Tour (PKBGT) event. The PKBGT is an initiative of the non-profit Girls Golf of America. Their mission is to provide cost-conscious access to golf with a specific focus on girl's golf development in partnership with LP-GA-USGA Girls Golf.

2020-21 is the 15th season of the PKBGT. Participation on the tour has grown to over 950 members with multi-day events regularly featuring between 60 to 90 girls for 9, 18, 36 and 54-hole tournaments open to girls ages 9 to 18.

"We are honored to host the Com-

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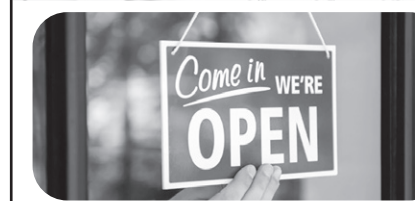
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Starting a Business Now Could Make a Lot of Sense

The same factors that we've been dealing with for the past 12 months during the pandemic can also create an opportunity if you are considering starting a small business.

Problems create opportunity
For one thing, fewer businesses in the marketplace can mean fewer potential competitors. For a start-up company, that can be good news.

Also, a slower economy can mean cheaper prices for certain goods and services you'll need to get up and running. As companies close branch offices, they may be willing to sell office equipment, furniture, electronics, and other items at discounted rates. Commercial property managers have tons of empty space with no rent income. They may be willing to cut you a deal.

Skilled labor is also more readily available in a slow or uncertain economy. With today's employment outlook, skilled workers may be willing to take lower salaries, at least for now. As your business prospers, you may be able to ramp up salaries and offer other benefits.

Some time-tested suggestions
If you're thinking about starting a small business now while the short-term economic outlook is still slow or uncertain, here are some time-tested suggestions:

Start small. Test the market for your product or service without risking too many resources. This could be as simple as a concept test that you share with a few prospective customers. Or it might be creating a pop-up restaurant with pick-up or delivery only. Not only does this approach take less money, it also develops a proven business model you can then present to

bankers to possibly obtain more funding when you wish to expand. So consider taking it slow and letting it build.

Under promise and over deliver. With customers hard to come by in some industries, consider wowing your customers even more than you normally do to try and quickly gain their loyalty. Remember, success is not always defined by what you do or make, but how well you do it!

Seek advice. Find other small business owners and pick their brains for suggestions about overcoming obstacles, keeping the business focused, and prospering during hard times.

Look for jump starts. Sometimes there is a similar business that could use your help or is willing to sell at a reasonable price. Starting out with a book of business and systems already in place can save a substantial amount of time and money.

Create a plan. Start with a feasibility study of your idea and then translate that into a well-developed introductory plan. This review and road map will help you succeed when starting your business.

Build a team. Successful businesses have great accountants, legal advisors, and trusted suppliers. Start networking to build your team. You'll need your team both in the short-term as you start your business and in the long-term as you look to grow your business. Please call if you'd like additional suggestions for getting your business started.

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Carey receives faculty award from Duke

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT



Former Fluvanna resident and son of Barbara and Michael Carey Sr. recently received the Raymond Gavins Distinguished Faculty Award for his working as an associate professor at Duke University. It's been a long haul with many obstacles but a worthwhile journey for Michael Carey Jr. Choosing a career in nursing, a

profession dominated by women, and being an African-American man had its challenges.

The journey began with his parents, Barbara and Michael, who were the first to attend all-white schools due to voluntary integration. Barbara attended Fork Union Elementary School in sixth grade and Michael Sr. attended Fluvanna County High School in eighth grade.

"Our parents and grandparents felt that we could benefit from integration to get a better education," said Barbara. Barbara and Michael Sr. had two sons but her son, Adrian passed in 2019 due to heart complications. He worked two jobs and completed his Bachelor of Science degree and worked in the IT field.

"Michael Sr. and I often think about what he could have accomplished. We know that God gave Adrian the ultimate gift of eternal life in glory with him. It is so hard, but we have to trust in the Lord," she said. "Parents expect their children to be successful in life. We did not expect anything less for both of our sons. As children, they went through their ups and downs like most kids. When they became young men, they learned important values in life; that was so rewarding to

see."

Barbara said she noticed that Michael Jr's abilities and accomplishments as early as third grade, citing his competitive nature academically and in sports.

"Michael developed an attitude of 'I can do.' If you tell him he cannot do something, he will find a way to prove you wrong." She recalled when he would go to Virginia Power recreational field in Breemo (it's called Dominion now), to practice his 3-point shots for hours, day after day. During a division game, he made the 3-point shot to give Fluvanna the victory.

"When he attended JMU, one of his professors gave him a B on one of his presentations. He was so upset because he

said he deserved an A. The professor later used Michael's presentation as a guide for other students to follow. That made him stronger. When he was at UVA, a professor told him he would not make it in the PhD program. Again, he proved them wrong and continued to make great accomplishments. His attitude was and still is if you tell him what he cannot do, he is more determined to show you what he can do."

Michael said "his path to nursing was entirely unexpected." Shortly after graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in health services administration from James Madison University, he began working in the regional office of a large health insurance company as a quality

consultant. He was primarily responsible for overseeing a financial incentives program (bonus payments based on quality and utilization measures) for primary care providers in their regional market. Two years later, due to company restructuring, many positions including Michael's were eliminated.

"Certainly I didn't anticipate such a major life change so early on in my career, so naturally I had no 'plan B.' Consequently, I began thinking about the next steps," he said. His department chair, a former Registered Nurse (RN), suggested nursing school. "He was a relatively young Filipino man who mentored me through this period of change. He demonstrated an amazing knowledge of the healthcare

system and I eagerly absorbed every bit of advice he shared. It was clear that clinical training, coupled with my health services background, would be a particularly powerful and unique skill-set." With that in mind, Michael enrolled in an Accelerated Bachelor of Nursing (second degree) program at the University of Virginia (UVA).

Near the end of his ABSN program at UVA, the faculty coordinating clinical practicum for students issued a program-wide announcement that individuals who desired hands-on managerial experience as well as clinical training, would have the opportunity to do so at a nearby

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long-term care facility.

"Given my career interests, I jumped at the opportunity. It was during this fateful experience that I found my passion for gerontological nursing – caring for older adults and their families." After completing his clinical practicum and graduating from the ABSN program at UVA, he worked in a post-acute rehabilitation and long-term care facility as a staff nurse. "To my surprise, I often found myself caring for the entire census of 35 to 52 post-acute and chronically ill older adults. Because of the volume of older adults and inadequate staffing levels, it was nearly impossible to be everywhere I was needed and patient care was often delayed. Even with my first degree and experience in health administration, I knew I needed additional training." This led Michael to enroll and complete the requirements for his Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) and doctorate (PhD) in Nursing Science degrees at UVA. Once again through determination and hard work, he not only proved the nay-sayers wrong but continued his journey on a path he felt was right for him and to serve others.

"Through the support and encouragement of parents and mentors, I recognized early on in the PhD program at UVA that I was being prepared to become a scientist and leader in reshaping health care delivery." He collaborated with distinguished faculty, participated in NIH-funded health services research projects, and learned how to conduct data analyses that support planning, program development, and evaluation in efforts to improve patient outcomes among underserved and aging populations. "A common theme among these experiences was the goal of advancing nursing knowledge and serving humankind through a standard trilogy – research, teaching, and service – all staples of being a scientist and educator in nursing, which was appealing to me."

Before graduating from the PhD program, Carey Jr. interviewed at several schools of nursing but ultimately decided to begin his academic career at the Duke University School of Nursing (DUSON).

"As a faculty member at the DUSON, I

believe I am impacting the next generation of nurses in two distinct ways. First, as a scientist, I investigate healthcare problems and generate evidence that is clinically relevant to informing the care of older adults and their families," he said. "Being one of the few PhD prepared African-American males in nursing in the U.S, I enjoy mentoring junior faculty from underrepresented racial/ethnic backgrounds in research and writing for publication. Second, as an educator, I have the opportunity to teach courses designed to help students gain specialized knowledge for planning, managing, and evaluating nursing care delivered to older adults experiencing acute and chronic health problems."

He said it has not been easy but recognizes that he shares the same thoughts and feelings as others of color trying to reach higher levels in the nursing field.

"Going through nursing school at the University of Virginia and now as a faculty member at Duke University, both predominately white institutions, was a very difficult and isolating experience for me," he said. "Unfortunately, many students of color continue to feel disconnected during the nursing programs. More than ever before, we need nursing programs that value diversity, inclusivity, and a sense of belonging. Concerted efforts are needed to recruit and retain faculty from underrepresented racial/ethnic backgrounds."

He cited a recent report by the Amer-

ican Association of Colleges of Nursing, stating black Americans make up 13 percent of the U.S. population, but only 11 percent of bachelor-level nursing students, 10 percent of RNs, and 9 percent of academic nurse educators. The trend looks bleak but with educators, researchers, and nurses like Carey Jr, anything is possible.

His mother says her grandchildren are aware of Carey Jr's hard work and sacrifices and they are the next generation growing up in Fluvanna to watch.

"He is a true example that if you get knocked down, you just get back up stronger and better. Do not let people determine your destiny and tell you what you cannot do. Michael always wrote down quotes and scriptures for motivation and of course, he always put God first in his life." She added that Michael is a true example of a young African-American man working hard to exceed expectations to reach success and remain humble.

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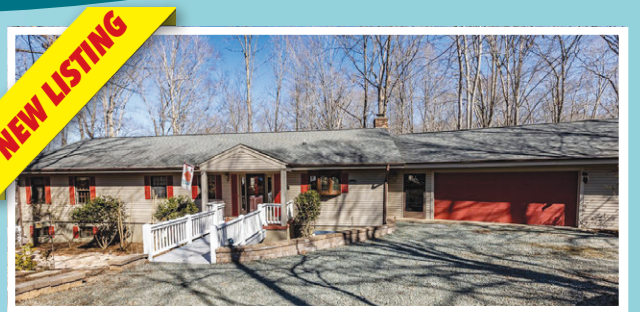


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Loft Realty and Invest... to Jones, Nicole J. and Pedro N. Cardona Rosado. Lot 351 Phase Two Shadwell LM \$189,900.
Powers, Joseph M., Jr. to Allison, John David and Bernadette Allison. 10.00 Acres \$93,000.
Stewart, Wilson Mayo to Norton, Roger Wayne and Annette Divers Norton. See document for full description. \$245,000.
1/05/21
Jenson, Connie R. to Kimble, Ryan N. and Tammy O. Kimble. See document for full description. \$300,000.
Shriver, Dana A. to Franke, Christopher R. and Ashley Franke. Lot 194 Phase Two Shadwell LM. \$295,000.
Liberty Homes Va, Inc. to Bright, Ashley Ragland. Lot 161 Phase Six Riverside LM. \$175,000.
1/05/21
Ziehm, Daniel to Perez, Dennis N. and Jeannette Perez. Lot 148 River Oaks Subdivision. \$429,900.
Kirkley, Dorothy to Drennen, Gregory K and Cathy T. Drennen. Lot 494 Phase Five Tufton LM. \$175,100.
1/16/21
Oberholzer, Robbie to Booth, Robert and Deirdre M. Booth. Lot 8 Hawks Rise Subdivision. \$370,000.
Knighton, Ray Dorsey to Shifflett, Robert Hunter. 2.312 Acres. \$174,000.
NVR, Inc. to Schwartz, Heifi L. Lot 89 Phase 1 B & 2 Village Oaks Subdivision. \$276,580.
1/07/21
Burns, Carlos A. Tr to Sabol, Marshall Keye and Carol Joan Sabol. See document for full description. \$680,000.
Wright, Joshua R. to Estes, Wills E. and Ann S. West. See document for full description. \$245,000.
NVR, Inc. to Cianchini, Paul John. Lot 97 Phase 1 B & 2 Village Oaks Subdivision. \$273,375.

Critzer, Joshua Logan to Sawyer, Kelly Ann and Taylor A. Durham. Lot 77 Phase Ten Cherokee LM. \$196,800.
1/08/21
Sycamore Square, LLC to NVR, Inc. See document for full description. \$262,500.
Okun, Art to Mason, Robert Linwood, III. Lot 378 Phase Four Fairway LM \$283,500.
Fitzgerald, Jerry, Jr to Liberty Homes VA, Inc. See document for full description. \$15,000.
1/11/21
Ramey Whitestone, Lois to Divers, Mitchell R. Lot 80 Phase Three Montpelier LM. \$257,000.
Professional Foreclosers to FFC Properties, LLC. Lot 296 Phase Four Fairway Addition ONE LM \$154,000.
1/12/21
Oriot, Dominic to Freeman, Jeanette L. and Ricky R. Kelley, Jr. Lot 142 Phase Four Fairway LM \$264,500.
Poindexter, James E., Jr. to Jones, JahkondehTassell. 2.00 Acres. \$269,999.
Prostko, Eric Edward to Fitzgerald, Alexandra M. and Gabriel R. Gomes. See document for full description. \$350,000.
NVR, Inc. to Mosley, Maryann. Lot 13 Phase 1 B & 2 Village Oaks Subdivision. \$289,175.
1/13/21
Eager, Patricia Bentz, Tr to Ryan, Stephen J. and Barbara S. Ryan. \$250,000.
Shifflett, Rodney L. to Rittenhouse, Travis and Stacey Rittenhouse. 10.259 Acres. \$32,000.
McDermott, Mary Ann to Matthias, Chad Stephen and Kimberly Joan Matthias. \$222,000.
1/14/21
Harr, Cynthia A. to Wilczek, Frank Lot 17 Phase Five Tufton LM \$200,000.
1/15/21
Sycamore Square, LLC to NVR, Inc. Lot 63 & 64 Phase 3 Village Oaks Subdivision. \$170,000.

Southern Property, LLC. To Tirrell, Rebecca. Lot 6 Nahor Village Subdivision. \$340,869.
Baker, David G. to Gagnon, Eileen Marie and Theodore Gagnon. Lot 93 Phase Three Montpelier LM. \$234,900.
1/19/21
NVR, Inc. to Herring, Kelly. Lot 88 Phase 1 B & 2 Village Oaks Subdivision. \$281,625.
Johnson, Steven to Guzik, Steve. 3.641 Acres. \$305,000.
Pardee Virginia Timber... to Dorrier, Jake A. and Madison P. Shifflett. See document for full description. \$42,500.
1/20/21
Gibson, Anthony Scot to Rodriguez, Jose Raul. Lot 8 Phase Seven Crofton LM. \$239,900.
Liberty Homes, Inc. to Bernard, Joshua L. See document for full description. \$197,690.
The Secretary of Housing... to Duran Pimental, Marco A. \$190,000.
Sycamore Square, LLC to NVR, Inc. See document for full description. \$170,000.
1/21/21
Lwardowski, Andrew... to Hunt, Barry W. and Sandra H. Hunt. Lot 515 Phase Twelve Edgewood LM. \$293,000.
Morris, Harold T., Sr. to Sweeney, Vincent and Kris C. Sweeney. \$40,000.
1/25/21
Hilsinger, Howard, Jr. to Liberty Homes VA., Inc. 4.545 Acres. \$45,000.
1/25/21
Williams, James R. Jr. to Fournier, Brady and Emily Fournier. \$333,000.
McMillen, Raymond to Melvin, Daniel Paul. \$230,000.
Shorter, Lloyd C. to Appleby, Christopher M. and Debora E. Appleby. \$378,000.

WAP, LLC. To Woolheater, Charles Patrick, II, and Noah Chapman Elias. Lot 4 Centre Hill Estates Subdivision. \$67,000.
1/26/21
Trustee Services of Vi... to Paper Profits, LLC. Lot 252 Phase Six Riverside LM. \$57,579.
Gore, Michael E. to Baskerville, Terence and Krystal Jones. Lot 272 Phase Ten Cherokee LM. \$250,000.
Ludwig, Dale to Peery, Evelyn J. 3.40 Acres \$170,000.
1/27/21
Harper, Shawn to Reed, Keith Calvin and Emily Elisa Reed. Lot 6 Oliver Ridge. \$377,000.
Burch, Don E. to Des Construction, Inc. Lot 357 Phase Eight Nahor LM. \$27,500.
1/28/21
Lingg, Harold to Gilligan, William K. and Linda J. Gilligan. Lot 309 Phase Twelve Edgewood LM. \$294,000.
1/28/21
Stewart, Susan E. to Biedler, Krystin H. and Peter Biedler. 6.56 AC. \$445,000.
NVR, Inc. to Verschnieder, Susan Marie. Lot 91 Phase 1 B & 2 Village Oaks Subdivision. \$264,380.
Newell, Richard to Aspiring Developments, LLC. 5.8643 Acres. \$117,000.
1/29/21
Stone, Debra Lynn to Hunsucker, Adam Robert and Chesli Linzie Votaw. Lot 239 Phase Twelve Edgewood LM. \$239,000.
1/29/21
NVR, Inc. to Snapp, Timothy Charles and Lori M. Snapp. Lot 96 Phase 1 B & 2 Village Oaks Subdivision. \$278,495.
Shifflett, Casey Crens... to Morgan, Steven K., Jr. Lot 5 Downing Grey Estates Subdivision. \$224,900.
Owens, James V. to forshy, Debra S. and Jeffrey A. Kring. Lot 115 Phase Six Riverside LM. \$18,500.

Survey: Residents say county good place to retire, live but not work

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

The Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors got its first look at the results of the 2020 County Residents Survey during their regular meeting on Wednesday night (March 3).

Deputy County Administrator Kelly Belanger Harris gave a detailed presentation on the survey, which ran from Oct. 23 to Dec. 18, 2020. They received 524 responses, about 200 more than received the last time the county ran the survey in 2017.

Overall, respondents said Fluvanna was a good place to retire (70 percent), live (88 percent), and raise kids (66 percent). Only 29 percent said it was a good place to work, and only 19 percent said it was a good place to run a business. These numbers are very similar to the 2017 results.

Core county services like the library and parks and rec were rated as "excellent" to "good," but ratings were much lower for areas like social services (33.8 percent), education (46.2 percent), and planning and zoning (30.9 percent.)

Government performance was generally rated as excellent/good, but one thing that stood out was a 36.07 percent rating for "being transparent in decision-making."

"I feel like we're being pretty darn transparent, so then it becomes, how do we promote how things get done?" Harris said.

When asked where the county was headed, almost 42 percent said it was "at a standstill," and only 35.5 percent felt the county was going in the right direction.

County Administrator Eric Dahl said some of that feeling may be due to the sense of stagnation coming from the pandemic. "I'll be interested to see what the results are two years from now comparing some of the same things."

Harris said full results of the survey, including comments and suggestions, will be put on the county website in the coming days.

"The average respondent is an over-65-year-old white female, who has lived in

the county for over 20 years and lives in the Palmyra District," she said.

Of the responses, 33 percent were from Palmyra District, 18.2 percent were from Rivanna District (which includes Lake Monticello), 11.7 percent came from the Fork Union District, 17.1 percent came from Cunningham District, and 11.4 percent came from Columbia District. Close to 42 percent were aged 65+ and 58 percent were women.

Unlike 2017, respondents were asked to identify by race. "I thought it was important," said Harris. "Some folks on the survey disagreed."

Of those who chose to identify themselves, 85.4 percent said they were White and 5.6 percent said they were African-American.

When given the space to more specifically self-identify, over 150 respondents left comments ranging from common genealogical definitions like "Irish-American" and "German/English/French," to comments like "Who knows, it's been 200 years?" and "UNACCEPTABLE QUESTION."

Harris said she disagreed the question was inappropriate. "If 80 percent of respondents in the county said everything was hunky-dory and it's all great, and 20 percent of the population says 'every-

thing stinks, do better,' I need to know who that 20 percent is," and if race is a factor in that perception.

Basement project

In the night's only voting matter, supervisors voted 5-0 to transfer \$60,794 from the unassigned fund balance to the FY21 facilities budget to cover expenses for an abandoned plan to turn the basement of the county administration building into a meeting room for county boards and commissions.

Because there are few spaces in the county for the public to attend meetings under social-distancing guidelines, the Board originally intended to use federal CARES Act funds for the project. The idea was scuttled when it became clear that there was no way to get it done before the Dec. 30 federal deadline for using the funds.

The money transfer will be used to cover preliminary work done on the basement before it was canceled, including the cost of environmental testing and remediation. The county has not yet come up with a plan for further developing the space.

Fluco swim teams perform well at Regional meet

BY DUNCAN NIXON
CORRESPONDENT

Fluvanna County High Swim Coach Jason Davis reports that the Fluco boys' and girls' swim teams both turned in strong performances at the Class 3 State swim meet and at Region swim meet. The girls' team had only two competitors at the State meet, but they turned in strong performances. Lauren Davis was runner-up in diving with an overall score of 357.85, which Coach Davis said is a new school record. Abby Fuller competed in two events at the State meet and set new school records in both events. In what Davis described as "the race of the day", Fuller finished second, a mere .03 seconds behind the winner. Her time was 23.27. Fuller was 3rd in the 100 free in 50.91.

The boy's team finished 5th at the State meet with 127 points. The team set a number of new school records. Relay teams were especially strong for the Flucos. The 200 free relay team and the 200 IM relay team finished 2nd and 4th. The record times were 1:29.47 and 1:39.53 respectively. Both teams consisted of Gus Jones, Hunter Strickland, Owen Strickland and Ahmed Woodson. Jones took 4th in the 100 fly with a school record time of 52.07. Hunter Strickland also set a new school record with a time of 2:02.00 in the 200 IM.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE INCREASE FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Per Virginia Code Section 58.1-3321, notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Fluvanna County proposes to increase property tax levies.

- Assessment Increase:** Total assessed value of real property, excluding additional assessments due to new construction or improvements to property, exceeds last year's total assessed value of real property by 6.87 percent.
- Lowered Rate Necessary to Offset Increased Assessment:** The tax rate which would levy the same amount of real estate tax as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of real estate with the exclusions mentioned above would be \$0.865 per \$100 of assessed value. This rate will be known as the "lowered tax rate".
- Effective Rate Increase:** The County of Fluvanna proposes to adopt a tax rate of \$0.92 per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the proposed rate would be \$0.055 per \$100 or 6.4 percent. This difference will be known as the "effective tax rate increase". Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above percentage.
- Proposed Total Budget Increase:** Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues, the total budget of Fluvanna County will exceed last year's by 7.9 percent ¹.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate and increase above will be held on Wednesday, April 14th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Fluvanna Library Building, Palmyra, Virginia.

Anyone needing additional information or special assistance/accommodation due to a disability in order to attend the hearing should contact the County Administrator's office, at (434) 591-1910, not later than 5 p.m. on April 7, 2021.

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HOW TO SOLVE: Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

Answers to Last Week's Sudoku:

1	4	5	6	2	9	7	8	3
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7	3	1	9	4	2	5	6	8
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The Weekly Crossword by Margie E. Burke

- ACROSS**
- Chorus member
 - Rotating parts
 - "Let's Make a _____"
 - Unwanted look
 - Final words?
 - Baggins in "The Hobbit"
 - Pressing
 - Campfire left-over
 - Lauper's "She _____"
 - Become associated
 - Motionless
 - War-ending pact
 - Right-hand page
 - Barn bird
 - Draft source
 - Box-office winner
 - Roadwork bypass
 - First-rate
 - Eat away at
 - Ancient Germanic letter
 - Part of SPF
 - Noted Boston protest
 - U-turn from WSW
 - What proposers want to hear
 - Pennywise, for one
 - Bronchial woe
 - Peruvian beast
 - Herbicide used in Vietnam
 - NY opera house
 - Solid-stemmed grass
 - Cross each other
 - The Hulk's catalyst
 - Bearing
 - Ancient Andean
 - Drink garnish

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- DOWN**
- Suspect's out
 - Donut filling
 - Part of W.C.T.U.
 - Miner's load
 - Collector's item
 - Slaughterhouse
 - Angled joint
 - Audiophile's purchase
 - How nightclubs are lit
 - Island near Corsica
 - Aid and ____
 - Folk stories
 - Classic VW
 - Abandon
 - Unfair treatment
 - Bowler's button
 - Legalese adverb
 - Sporting competition
 - Bee, to Andy

- Mice, to owls
- Baseball call
- Haunted house sound
- Daycare charge
- Fishing net
- Wine server
- Tasty mollusk
- Raft pilot
- Seafood staple
- One of Charlie's trio
- Fan frenzy
- Center of activity
- ____ of roses
- "By yesterday!"
- Trait carrier
- Sidle
- Mannerly sort
- "____ boom bah!"

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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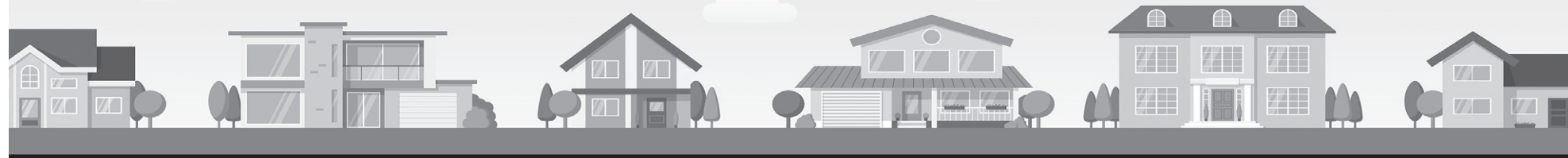
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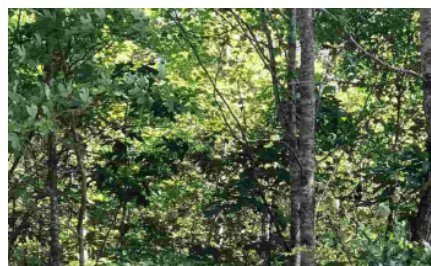
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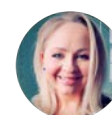
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