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More money from state decreases local ask

BY RUTHANN CARR CORRESPONDENT

With most teachers vaccinated, students can attend school in-person four days a week starting April 12.

Before a mostly "open the schools" crowd belittled them and teachers during public comment, the Fluvanna School Board voted 4-1 to approve the measure at Wednesday's (March 10) meeting.

James Kelley (Palmyra) dissented and said more students in the schools means they'll be closer than recommended by the Centers for Disease Control.

"I won't vote for anything that puts kids together closer than six feet. If you can get all the kids back five days at 6-feet, then I'm all for it," Kelley said.

The vote also gave Superintendent Chuck Winkler and staff the autonomy to bring back students with exceptional needs five days a week.

In budget news, because of increased state funding, Winkler asked the Board to approve a revised budget.

The Board approved a new FY22 budget of \$44,698,630.

Even though the budget increased, because of \$1 million in additional state funding, the Board now only needs \$343,556 from the county.

Last month they asked for \$787,900.

"(This is the) best budget news I've ever

had." Winkler said.

The state mandated school districts give a five percent raise, said Brenda Gilliam, executive director for finance and instruction.

"That's over the biennium," Gilliam said. "We gave one percent last year, so we have to do four percent this year. We ran the numbers to make the raise a minimum of four percent instead of an average of four percent."

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Howard "Gene" Sutter



Howard "Gene" Eugene Sutter, Jr, age 78, of Palmyra, VA, passed away on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at his home. He was born on November 25, 1942, a son of the late Howard E. Sutter, Sr. and the late Della Allsbrook Sutter.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Sally Sutter, and his beloved canine, Sadie.

He is survived by his loving wife, Brenda; son, Trey Sutter and his wife, Janine; daughter, Jana Sutter Laskowsky; stepdaughter, Kim Seagraves; grandchildren, Dale, Jordan, Katelyn, Sarah, and Allsbrook; and his faithful companion dog, Savanna.

Gene was a graduate of Hewitt Trussville High School and later attended Auburn University. He served many years in the U.S Army National Guard, including one tour in Bosnia. He was a retired corporate pilot for Concrete Pipe & Products.

Gene loved God, country, family, and friends. He enjoyed NASCAR and was known as the grill master. He was proud of the log home he built and enjoyed working his land in the country. He was a collector of many, many things. He was looking forward to the return of the hummingbirds.

Per Gene's request, there will be no memorial service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Caring for Creatures, 352 Sanctuary Ln, Palmyra, VA 22963.

Letter to the Editor

Precise plan needed

On March 10, our Fluvanna School Board members voted to free themselves from all responsibilities of ensuring students are given the opportunity to return to school full-time and to return with appropriate safety measures in place. The only member who did not support Andrew Pullen's inadequate and vague motion was Dr. James Kelley. I applaud his willingness to give thoughtful consideration and say no.

Pullen's plan gives the superintendent autonomy to create and implement a plan to allow students to return to school as he sees fit and "if feasible." Winkler does not have to present a final written or verbal plan to the school board. If the board is simply going to say, "do what you want," then why spend time even discussing it? As the leading decision makers for all the students in Fluvanna, the board should have required a precise, written, final plan. They should have made a commitment to having an

emergency meeting to review and approve the plan.

Pullen should have first put on a mask, as is required in all Fluvanna schools. Then he should have asked for clarification of virtual, in-person and blended instruction. It appeared that he did not understand when he kept insisting on virtual for all students on Wednesday. Perhaps if he stopped trying to criticize Dr. Kelley and concentrated on the issues at hand, he would have had a better understanding. The School Board is supposed to encourage education and achieving higher learning. Instead, Pullen seems bent on trivializing Dr. Kelley's higher education. Pullen's rants may have made him feel good about himself, but they were a waste of time.

-Jessica Jackson, Palmyra, Fluvanna County teacher

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The Board approved a resolution asking the governor to raise the 250 limit on outdoor sports spectators. As of the meeting, the executive order determined any nonparticipant in the event is a spectator and capped at 250.

Winkler said that means band members and cheerleaders are considered spectators.

Prior to the vote on school attendance and during public comments, Jennifer Scopelliti said her children have suffered greatly with virtual learning.

"I hear it all the time, "we have to wait until it's safe.' When is that?" she said. "If teachers don't want to be in the classroom teaching, they should find different jobs. If you don't want to do your jobs getting these children back to school, you should not be in these seats. Are you waiting for our kids to start committing suicide before you'll do your jobs?"

Danny Reed said he spoke last November urging the board to "follow the data."

"I'm urging you to do the same now... Teachers have had a chance to get the vaccination. Don't let the teachers slow you up. I challenge you to open these doors.... Stop politicking. Stop pushing agendas. This is a Board of Education. Education comes first. You $guys\,don't\,have\,this\,guy's\,(Winkler)\,back.Work$ with this man, please. Make his job easier."

George Mears said he is a grandfather and his grandchildren come to his house two days a week to use his Internet.

"I have stage-four cancer. I had COVID in August. I still see my grandchildren."

Mears said people aren't letting the virus stop them from going to the store or get gas.

"Teachers have used this a way to get out of

going back to school. I see people all the time at Lowe's getting lumber to finish their decks at home."

He told board members they shouldn't leave their houses if they decide to not have the students go back to school.

A few teachers spoke, either in person or through a letter read by a board member.

High school teacher Jennifer Elliott said people should look at facts and not listen to

"I want to know who's not doing their job? You guys are getting bad information. You don't hear about the vast majority of us who our doing our job."

Teacher Jessica Jackson said: "Most of us aren't sitting home at the poolside. I've seen more cars in the parking lot at 5 p.m. then ever

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During the discussion of more in-person learning, Kelley agreed that fewer children get COVID-19, but "they are asymptomatic spreaders."

Kelley pointed out that one child died last

According to the NBC12 website: "...a child in central Virginia died from coronavirus complications...it was the first death of a child with COVID-19 under the age of 10 in the

Andrew Pullen (Columbia) responded to Kelley, who has a doctorate degree.

"I understand you are a doctor, but are you a medical doctor? To tell everyone who's listening a child died is a scare tactic. That's what the media wants you to believe. That child had long-term medical conditions," Pullen said.

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Bryan Rothamel, Fluvanna County Economic Development Coordinator

miss people. I miss lots of people. I miss seeing lots of people. Throughout the past year we've learned how to adapt and adopt new ways to operate. Along with the rapidly deployed vaccines, I think we all are expecting a spring and summer 2021 closer to 2019 than to 2020.

There are a few events that are already planned, and a few still in the works. That's

why we've launched a new feature: a community calendar on FromFluvanna.org/ calendar. The calendar will operate similar to any other "things to do in the area" calendar that you see on other tourism bureau websites. Businesses that want events included should email econdev@ fluvannacounty.org.

April 3 Fluvanna Parks and Rec will host an Eggstravaganza egg hunt. The event will be split by age group, starting with kids as young as 1 and as old as 12. Advanced registration is required. There are no walk-ins and no day of registration.

Spring into the Village will be on April 11 from 12 to 5 pm. The event will include an outdoor art market located behind the Historic Courthouse. Businesses through-

Learn more about all of these events on FromFluvanna.org/Calendar. The best part of the calendar is we love localized events just the same as large community events. We have listed music schedules at wineries or special upcoming sales events, right along with those grand community events.

out the Village of Palmyra, both on Main Street and US 15, will have giveaways, games and more. People interested in coming to the event can also take the time to enjoy a self-guided walking tour of the historic district!

While I'm sure there will be more events announced soon, don't forget the County Fair is slated to return this

August. The Fair steering committee is actively looking for sponsorships to help grow the event. Learn more on the Fluvanna Parks and Rec website or contact me and I'll pass you to the right person.

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From Fluvanna, Bryan

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Fluco wrestlers lobby to wrestle, and then do well

BY DUNCAN NIXON CORRESPONDENT

Originally the Fluvanna County School Board decided to cancel the Fluco wrestling program for this school year due to coronavirus concerns. However, a group of student athletes, parents and program advocates grouped together and lobbied the School Board to reverse its position and allow wrestling to go forward. This lobbying effort was successful, and the School Board allowed

the wrestling team to compete despite the possible threat of COVID-19.

Coach Michael Gore reports that senior Shawn Metcalf, a returning State qualifier, was almost at 100 career wins with the program in jeopardy. Gore also said that of the ten wrestlers who competed in the just completed season, eight qualified for the Regional tournament. Metcalf finished second at the

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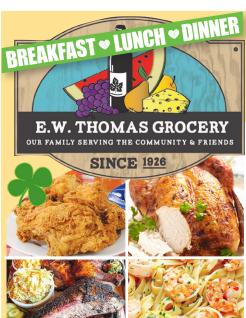
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Other good performances at the Regional meet were turned in by Aiden Valentine who was third at 145 pounds and by Sam Stoltz and Sean Oliva who were 4th at 138 pounds and 152 pounds, respectively. Gore said that in a normal year, all three of these wrestlers would normally have gone on to the State meet, but this year they were designated as alternates.

During the regular season, the Fluco wrestlers finished with a dual meet record of 5-6. Metcalf was undefeated in the regular season. Another senior, Jason Hamshar, lost only once in regular season matches. Coach Gore, the Fluco athletes and parents express their thanks to the School Board for allowing the season to proceed and they thank Fluco supporter Mike Arnold for standing up for the program.











FAA member talks about her art journey

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD CORRESPONDENT



Lorraine Momper stands with some of her paintings.

Lorraine Momper is a long-time member of the Fluvanna Art Association but is also one of few that that uses pastels. She sums up why it is important to belong to special interest groups like the FAA.

"I am a firm believer in looking for groups that focus on your interests, the people who speak your language, whether that be car engines or art or whatever. Groups mean that you benefit from a composite of acquired skills and knowledge, trial and error, that you won't get in any one book or You Tube video." Many members come together to share ideas and learn new techniques regardless of skill level. Some feel they cannot create unless they are motivated by a group of like-minded individuals. But for the majority of members, like Momper, it is to learn and share. One is never so good they cannot learn something new.

Her introduction to art was like many who have a similar experience growing up in schools that had little or no art classes and no formal degree in art. Growing up on a farm in Nebraska she said her early passion for art was an "avid interest and no formal training." Her parents recognized her love of art and gave her an oil painting set when she was 12. She used

her allowance to buy brushes, more paint, and instruction books. Her father built her an easel which she still has. Her mother, who was self-taught, painted some floral murals. She taught Lorraine some techniques to help her build her skills.

There were 27 in her graduating class at a small country school in a farming community where art was not viewed as a necessity. She worked independently with the help of the shop teacher who had a minor in art, who gave her assignments to work on at home.

In her 20s, after college, she attempted watercolor painting, and like many of her fellow artists succumbed to the frustration of mastering watercolor painting.

After moving to Virginia, she discovered her love of soft pastels and eventually joined the Piedmont Pastelists, a local group of soft pastel artists started in Charlottesville by Richard Carpenter, an artist who later became her mentor. Other FAA artists, including Mike McGurk and Liz Ellis, also studied under Carpenter.

"I have concentrated on working with soft pastels because I love color. The pigments in soft pastels are the most concentrated of any art medium," she said. "Many people think of pastels as chalk, but they are thinking of the pastel sticks that they used in grade school, which are far removed from true art pastels." Soft pastels sticks are pure pigment suspended in a binder to give them their shape, are classified as soft, medium, or hard, and come in hundreds of colors, and do not require a solvent to use, such as water or thinner. But they do work best on certain types of surfaces like sandpaper which holds the pigment.

She still works with oil paints only in a Plein-Air setting but also paints with acrylic, gouache, and occasionally watercolor. She has also taken class in mono-printing at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and dabbled in ink, watercolor, and acrylic monoprints and linoleum block prints. But her ultimate favorite is pastels.

She paints mostly landscapes, but also still life, florals, animals/birds, and people, all in traditional or contemporary paintings.

"I look for the narrative in a painting, something unique that I am trying to convey. I believe that art is a silent conversation between the artist and the viewer. My favorite subjects are animals and people because of the challenge to capture a personality in a face." Her style is quiet, reflected in the haunting solitude of her subjects. "I am inspired by color and light, a flash of light on an object or a face, expressive eyes, or a serene land-scape capturing something fleeting."

The human face and figure are mostly avoided by many FAA artists in their work. Momper explained why this occurs.

"My most challenging subjects are people because I get caught up on capturing 'likeness' and personality, but that can be very time-consuming and elusive at times. If the placement of the features or the lines of a mouth are off by a tiny amount, or the skin tones are wrong, it won't read correctly. In an animal, it can be easier to jump this hurdle because of fur."

Every artist has an approach to working on and completing a piece.

"I love the spontaneous first half of a painting, watching a painting take form quickly because you don't necessarily know which way it will go. As in life, every moment, every stroke, is a decision, and you are making spontaneous decisions that no one else could duplicate. If one decision is a bad, you can't focus on that as a failure because a roadblock is just a detour to where you should have gone, Your brain catalogs what doesn't work. Building skills is the process of failing and learning." Many professional artists have learned that if something doesn't work, you set it aside and later a new perspective emerges.

"If I am not happy with a painting, I set it aside, sometimes for several years, and almost always I know what I need to do



Lorraine Momper's "Colorburst."



The Tourist version 1.
Photos courtesy of Lorraine Momper.

when I come back to it. Your brain fills in the gaps over time, and later you know what you should have done or not done, even in a painting that you have already framed, because you have acquired skills and experience. I do keep my failures because I learn from them."

Other than FAA, Momper also belongs to and exhibits with other local and regional pastel groups, including The Piedmont Pastelists, the MidAtlantic Pastel Society, and the Maryland Pastel Society. And last year she was accepted (juried) into the Pastel Society of America.

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Members of the Middle School Drill team at Fork Union Military Academy (forkunion.com) were honored today during Commandant's Call for its first place finish in the annual drill competition sponsored by the Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the United States (AMCSUS). The team's unit leader. Cadet Arkiliz Zavala, from Whittier, California, accepted the trophy from LTC Tony Moss on behalf of the team in a special ceremony held today in Wicker Chapel.

The Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the United States (amcsus. org) was founded in 1914 and serves as an advocate for America's premier military colleges and schools. The association includes 25 college prep military high schools and 13 colleges.

The team recorded their entry for the drill competition in November and submitted the video to AMCSUS for judging. The competition was judged on five criteria: the commander's voice, proper execution of the command by each team member, position of the unit commander

in relationship to the unit, proper alignment, and all members remaining in step. A card specifying the 48 specific movements to be performed by the unit was unsealed immediately prior to the team's performance. The team's performance can be viewed on YouTube at Fork Union Military Academy's channel.

The team members included: Arkiliz Zavala, Unit Leader; Bryson Albert; Maxwell Boyd; Jacob Clodfelter; William Girod; George Gurney; Laith Haddad; Tyler Hill; Michael Johnson; Hyunwoo Kim; Kitaphat Koodou; Aiden Lucas; Hunter McDonnell; Solomon Mendoza; Everett Mitchell; Daouda Niang; Cannon Nicholson; Thinh Pham; Travis Tran; Adrian Sampayo; Ethan Schroyer; Diego Serrano; Travis Shepard; Joaquin Yescas.





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Flint Rock Builders, LLC to Dipaola, Frank W. and Jennifer Dipaola. Lot 6 Two Rivers Subdivision. \$489,000.

2/02/21

Atlantic Union Bank to Hamner, William J. and Bethany H. Hamner. \$72,000.

Chisholm, Thomas to Anthes, Matthew and Courtney Schug. Lot 278 Phase Ten Cherokee LM. \$206,000.

Liberty Homes Inc to Egizio, Katharine I. See document for full description. \$342,657.

Bengston, John Casey to Requeno, Jose, and Timi Jo Regueno. Lot 166 Phase Ten Cherokee LM. \$270,000.

Hood, Trenton, to Fisher, Jacquelyn and Sherrod Fisher. Lot 302 Phase Ten Cherokee LM. \$247,000.

D & D Rental Investment... to Dominguez Castillo, Santos A. and Jenny I Dominguez Castillo, Jonathan Adali Castillo Castillo, and Ashley Jarezy Castillo Castillo. Lot 426 Phase Four Fairway Addition One LM. \$279,000. 2/04/21

Dumm, John to Clark, Scarlett. See document for full description. \$295,000.

Volet, Ellen to Harkinson, Erik D and Sherry L. Harkinson. Lot 144 Phase Eight Nahor LM. \$173,900.

White, Craig S. to H Lot Properties, LLC. 15.667 Acres. \$320,000.

Sycamore Square, LLC to NVR, Inc. Lots 50 and 52 Phase 3 Village Oaks Subdivision. \$170,000.

2/05/21

Windgate II, LLC. To Wehrle, Hilary L. 6.632 Acres \$290,000.

Stanton, Catherine H. to Towers, Timothy Matthew, Sr. See document for full description. \$260,000.

Malloy, Michael T. to Powell, David A. and Heather L. Powell. 55.58 Acres. \$1,000,000. Malloy, Michael T. to KFP 1, LLC. See document for full description. \$1,900,000. Tucker, Daniel A. to Stacy Investments, LLC. 3.795 Acres, \$285,000.

Rudzinski, Kenneth to Pearson, H. Curtis, Jr. See document for full description W/Plat. \$276,000.

Martin, Jacqueline Ann to Kwolek, Steven, Lot 48 Phase 1 Taylor Ridge Estates Subdivision. \$425,000.

Sunny Day Development ... to Gardner, Norman and Karen Gardner, Lot 347 Section One Ashlawn LM, \$617,600.

2/08/21

Feiner, Arthur M. to Equity Trust Company Custodian N. See document for full description, \$775,550.

Browning-Sprouse, Ro... to Booth, Abram A.

2.5 Acres. \$248,000.

2/09/21

FFC Properties, LLC to Hawker, Jon M. and Nicole Hawker. Lot 185 Phase Four Fairway LM. \$355,000.

NVR, Inc. to Rognlie, Richard Wayne and Mary Louise Rognlie. Lot 12 Phase 1 B and 2 Village Oaks Subdivision, \$315,980. 2/10/21

Rogers, Ousby Wade, Jr. to Sacre, Millie. See document for full description. \$220,000. Walter, Brandon D. to Yellets, James Vincent and Mary Amber West. 2.01 Acres. \$220,000. Colgain, m John C. Tr... to Liberty Homes VA, Inc. See document for full description. \$20,000.

2/11/21

Reed, Keith Calvin to Ngov, Teang Chung. See document for full description. \$249,900. Loving, Joel to Knox, Debra. Lot 75 Phase Two Shadwell LM. \$190,000.

Brown, James R. to Campbell, Christine. Lot 167 Phase Ten Cherokee. \$215,000.

Delp, Ernest E. to Wright, Charles T. and Karen W. Wright. Lot 253 Phase Eight Nahor LM. \$231,000.

Snow, Rebecca W. to Shifflett, Casey Crenshaw and Devin Shifflett. 10.205 Acres. \$40,000.

Shuman, John J. to Brookman, Michael G. and Gayla J. Brookman. \$3,000.

Cosner, Elizabeth S. to Watkins, Hunter Elgin and Kristin Seay. See document for full description. \$500,000.

2/12/21

Bautista, Tommy Jayson to Edwards, Teresa F. and Abigail L. Venners. Lot 352 Phase Eight Nahor LM. \$257,500.

NVR, Inc. to Bradley, Fred L. and Phyllis A. Bradley. Lot 55 Phase Three Village Oaks Subdivision. \$334,725.

Reed, Molly to Sapp, Candice and Jason Sapp. Lot 1 Seven Oaks Subdivision. \$470,000. Green, Cecilia J. to Corcoran, Kelsey Elizabeth. Lot 70 Phase Five Tufton LM. \$229,000. 2/16/21

NVR, Inc. to Farrington Family Trust, Donald Paul, Farrington, Tr, and Janice Ann, Farrington, Tr. Lot 12 A Phase 1 B and 2 Village Oaks Subdivision. \$303,270.

Bobrow-Cook, Donna L. to Springett, Jessica L. and Robert M. Powers. Lot 514 Phase Five Tufton LM. \$272,000.

Hahn, David J. to Pullen, Andrew R. and Sarah S. Pullen. 64.65 Acres. \$580,000. 2/17/21

Henderson, Russell A. to Tuck, David L. and Rhonda D. Tuck. \$274,000.

Impink, Craig J. to Russell, Richard and Tami Russell. See document for full description. \$305,500.

NVR, Inc. to Stapler, Cesia Esperanza and Christopher Michael Stapler. Lot 66 Phase 3

Village Oaks Subdivision. \$321,670. Seay, Diana M., Tr to D & D Rental Investment, LLC. 1.15 Acres. \$35,000. 2/19/21

House, Allen d. to Pate, William T. and Barbara L. Pate. Lot 9 Forest Glen. \$335,000. Fork Union Military Aca... to Fork Union Baptist Church, 1.36 Acres, \$6,500. Davison, Ketti C. to Pytko, William Francis and

Kim Ann Pytko. Lot 37 Phase One Ashlawn LM. \$640,000.

Wolfe, Deana M. to Tocci, James and Rachel Juhan. See document for full description.

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Scherck, Russell O. to DES Construction, Inc. Lot 335 Phase One Ashlawn LM. \$31,000. Maple HillSolutions, LLC to Gutierrez, Manuel Antonio. Lot 336 Phase Twelve Edgewood LM. \$220,000.

Fork Union Military Acad... to Morgan, Douglas W. Fork Union 6.684 Acres. \$427,000.

Ruffin, Thomas to Carr Garland. Lot 37 Phase 4 Broken Island Subdivision. \$499,000. CIT Bank, NA to Foit, James H. and Sharon Foit. Fork Union Magis Distr. 2.018 Acres. \$102,000.

Sycamore Square, LLC to NVR, Inc. See document for full description, \$315,000.

Wood, Marlene C. to Windchime Custom Homes, Inc. Lot 205 Phase Four Fairway LM. \$29,500.

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Sycamore Square, LLC to NVR, Inc. See document for full description. \$170,000.

Haislip, William A. to Brookman, Dennis M. and Elizabeth H. Brookman. See document for full description W/Plat. \$20,000.

Benco, LLC to Doniel, Robert L. and Kim P. Doniel. Lot 12 Piney Mountain Subdivision. \$109,000.

Delagon, William Leand... to Bessette, Alexander Christian and Hannah Elizabeth Bessette. 2.050 Acres. \$289,900.

Guo, Miao Yan to Grooms, Lateesha C. Lot 24 Mountain Meadows Subdivision. \$214,500. Radian Settlement Ser... to Chambliss, Nicole. See document for full description. \$175,000. 2/26/21

Perkins, Regina Bragg, Tr to Bragg, Calvin Dale, Jr., and Linda Lou Bragg. \$121,855. Cole, Richard W. to Kennedy, Kathryn E. and Oliver Luke Leach. Lot 465 Phase Five Tufton LM. \$304,500.

Guenet, Hannah J. to Kutsch, William L. and Patricia Burns. Lot 280 Phase Four Fairway LM. \$277,968.

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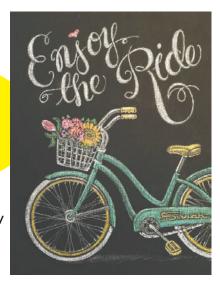


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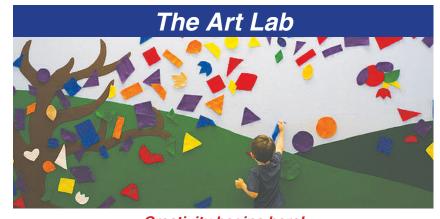
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE INCREASE FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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.

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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"
- 3. 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. 4. 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.

Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors

¹The total budget increase is based on all revenues received by the General Fund of Fluvanna County

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HOW TO SOLVE:

Edited by Margie E. Burke

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Answers to Last Week's Sudoku:

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The Weekly Crossword by Margie E. Bu													. Bui	rke	
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- 7 Declare firmly
- 8 Call it quits
- 9 Some four-year degs.
- 10 Bold poker bet
- 11 Traffic circle
- 12 Sticky buildup
- **13** High-strung
- 18 Foundry waste
- 22 Blood clotting aid
- 25 Visibly
- embarrassed
- 27 Jungle dweller
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- ent religions
- **30** Old
- 32 Spoonful, say 33 Quite a while
- 34 Shocked reaction
- 37 Naval Academy

- 40 Slow-flowing svrup
- 43 Invoice add-on
- 48 Billy of "Almost
- Famous" fame
- 49 Took a bus
- 51 In need of scratching
- 53 Shopaholic's delight
- 54 Surveyor's map
- 56 Plunge headfirst
- 58 Like Solomon
- 59 Transmitted
- 60 Small lizards
- 62 Sushi selection
- 64 Slugger's need

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Naturalist monthly hikes

The Virginia Master Naturalist-led Monthly Hikes at Pleasant Grove Park are free and are held on the first Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. March's hike was last Saturday, March 6. The next hike is on Saturday, April 3. The next hike meets at the Rail Trail Trailhead (County Courthouse parking lot) at 10 a.m. to hike the Rail Trail, a gently sloped, relatively smooth, trail about 1.2 miles round trip. Here is a link to register for the next scheduled hike. https://fluvanna.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=1367

Blood drive

The Fluvanna Rotary will sponsor a blood drive Monday, March 15, in an effort to offset the shortages of blood caused by the pandemic and the wild winter weather. The blood drive will be 1-7 p.m. in the Fluvanna County High School cafeteria (1918 Thomas Jefferson Pkwy, Palmyra). Donors are asked to call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule an appointment. Each donor will receive a free Red Cross t-shirt, while supplies last. As a bonus, each donor's blood will be checked for COVID-19 antibodies, and donors will be notified of the results. For additional information, contact: Peggy Shanklin, 434-962-2762 or peggyshanklin@hotmail.com or Mike Feazel, 703-969-7965 or mfeazel@gmail.com

Quit smoking

A quit smoking program, sponsored by Blue Ridge Health District Tobacco Coalition, will begin on Wednesday, March 24, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for six weeks and end April 28. Classes conducted on ZOOM. Experience strategies for quitting, medication options, nicotine replacement, acupuncture, hypnosis, stress reduction, nutrition and more. Contact Scott Mein: scottrmein@gmail.com., to receive the link to participate. Questions? Call Scott (862) 432-0490. All the presenters are volunteers. The program is free!



Fluco football team falls to Albemarle in home opener

BY DUNCAN NIXON CORRESPONDENT



Sally Browning recceiving a plaque commemorating her father's contributions as a legendary football coach. Photo by Duncan Nixon.

In a defensive battle in which three of the four quarters were scoreless, the Fluco football team fell to the Albemarle Patriots on Friday, March 12, by a score of 13-0. The Fluvanna offense could never get in gear. Senior running back Xavier Copeland had some good runs and junior quarterback Kobe Edmonds completed a few passes for first downs, but as Coach Michael Morris noted after the game, the offense just had some ill-timed mistakes. Two interceptions and some penalties at the wrong time kept the offense from having any sustained drives. Flucos did not threaten in the second half and their only scoring opportunity, which came late in the first half, ended in a missed field goal try.



The Fluco defense played especially well in the second half, as it made key plays when needed, including quarterback sacks and stops on short yardage runs. The Flucos had two interceptions and a fumble recovery.

The first quarter started with a 16 yard run by Copeland, but the Flucos next three plays gained only five yards, resulting in a punt. The Patriots went three and out. On a bad snap, Grant Brown made a tackle for minus six yards, and the Patriots punted the ball back to the Flucos. The Flucos were unable to make a first down and John Boy Rittenhouse punted again. The Patriots made a couple of first downs. However, when they took to the air a pass slipped through a receiver's hands and fell into the hands of A.J. Wyche for the Flucos' first interception. A sack of Edmonds ruined this possession and a Rittenhouse punt pinned the Patriots back at their own four yard line. Two running plays netted a first down and ended the first quarter.

Albemarle moved the ball determinedly down field mostly on the ground, and scored the games' first touchdown on an 11 yard run with 7:21 left in the half. The extra point was good and the Patriots led 7-0. The Flucos brought the kick-off out to their own 43, but an Edmonds pass was intercepted. Moving the ball almost entirely on the ground, the Patriots quickly pushed the ball into the endzone again. This time the extra point try was blocked and Albemarle led 13-0.

On the ensuing possession, Copeland made a nice eight yard run, but a false start penalty set the Flucos back and they had to punt. Fluco junior defensive end Jabari Christmas recorded a sack and then junior linebacker Lance Gowens intercepted. There was less than a minute left in the half. Two pass completions moved the ball to the ten with 0.06 left, but a field goal attempt was no good.

The Patriots started the second half with a couple of first downs, but then turned the ball over with a fumble that was recovered by the Fluco's Jacob Morris. Edmonds made a first down on a determined quarterback keeper, and he then threw for 13 to Rittenhouse. Two more runs and two more short completions took the ball to the Albemarle 24. But a fourth down pass was intercepted at the eight yard line with 2:48 left in the third guarter. Albemarle ran the ball for short yardage and the Fluco's Jason Hamshar broke through to make a tackle for a loss. Unfortunately, on third down and nine, the Flucos missed several tackles and allowed a 21 yard run. Two more runs gained eight yards and brought the third quarter to a scoreless finish.

The fourth quarter started with Albemarle gaining only one yard on third and two. The Patriots went for first down and Wyche and a number of other Flucos stopped the Patriots cold allowing the Flucos to take over. In the rest of the final quarter, the defenses prevailed, as neither

team managed to generate much offense. As a result, the final score was the same as the half time score, with zero points scored in the final two quarters.

Before the game, the Flucos held a ceremony honoring the first inductees into the Fluvanna Sports Wall of Fame, which will recognize top athletes, coaches and other contributors to Fluvanna High School sports history.





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The Covered Bridge at Temperance Wayside

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The above painting of the covered bridge at Temperance Wayside is by Cornelia Burgess Dorrier in the early 1900s. This image is courtesy of Irene Dorrier, granddaughter of Cornelia Burgess Dorrier.

"We rattle through the Hardware River's old-timey "rabbit burrow" bridge," wrote Virginia Moore, talking about life in Scottsville between the wars. This was the covered bridge built about 1850 at Temperance Wayside where Highway 6 crosses the Hardware River. Sheridan's departing troops had clattered over it in 1865.

A painting by Cornelia Burgess Dorrier shows this picturesque bridge in the early 20th century, a subject to which she was to return often. In 1956 when Mrs. Dorrier was interviewed by The Scottsville Sun, the old bridge was gone, destroyed by high water and replaced with a modern bridge.

In 1900 Virginia had over one hundred covered bridges. They were designed to protect the road surface, usually made of wooden planks, from weathering. The arrival of the automobile led to a demand for two-lane roads, and bridges that could accommodate heavy loads and higher clearance. The seven covered bridges that remain in Virginia are mostly on private or park land and no longer carry traffic. VDOT ("Covered Bridges in Virginia") has a delightful video on these survivals and makes us regret that ours is gone.

Beside the bridge was Temperance Wayside, a small park with a picnic table. Virginia built a number of these, beginning in 1934, to accommodate picnicking travelers in the days before fast food restaurants. The wayside survived into the 1970s when a final flood did it in, and it was not restored.

Cornelia Burgess Dorrier was the sister of the photographer, William E. Burgess. Her artistic tastes led her to painting, and she attended art school as a young student. She also expressed her artistic tastes through flower gardening and flower arranging. Her granddaughter, Irene Dorrier, has given the museum a number of programs Cornelia had saved from Scottsville Garden Shows in the 1950s along with her prize ribbons mostly for peonies and dahlias.



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