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Why, I would ask myself, couldn't someone figure out a commonsense approach to slowing down and alleviating our carbon pollution, one that was market-based, that didn't take money out of the pockets of ordinary Americans, and that held the major polluters accountable? Put simply, that didn't stiff the little guy (gal) like me?

Someone could, and someone did. Earlier this month, in Congress, Representative Ted Deutch introduced his Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2021 (HR 2307.)

In it, a fee is placed on carbon pollution, but being a revenue neutral plan, all the money collected will be paid back into the pockets of every American, by way of a monthly dividend check to be spent however we'd like. Low to middle-income Americans should come out ahead, or at least even, while major polluters not so much, as they will shoulder the larger price tag for their larger share of responsibility.

The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act is a thing of beauty; simple, effective, fair and forward-looking. It will save lives (currently, in the U.S., air pollution causes 1 out of 10 deaths) and help incentivize Virginia's industries to move toward a more

sustainable future. Many highly respected economists project that HR 2307 will create over two million new, good-paying jobs. Plus, individuals and corporations will be at liberty to exercise personal choice, without additional regulation or growth of the government -- our free-enterprise system working at its best.

So this year, I'm celebrating Earth Day -- not under the covers -- but by picking up my cell phone and calling Representative Bob Good to urge him to support a carbon fee and dividend by cosponsoring HR 2307.

Why don't you come on out from behind that pillow and consider doing the same?
-Carol DiCaprio Herrick, Charlottesville



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It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of Walter C. Hartwell on April 15, 2021 in his home in Palmyra, VA (Lake Monticello) after a short but hard-fought battle with cancer. He is preceded in death by his father Charles O. Hartwell and survived by his three boys: Justin Hartwell of Charlottesville, VA; Rhett (Ashton) Hartwell of Largo, FL, and Treavor Hartwell of New Orleans, LA and their mother Pauline L. (Hartwell) Waguespack of New Orleans, LA. Also surviving his death are his mother, Anita Dias, siblings Lauren (Bill) Fowler and Lise (Chris) Cameron, Carl Harwell and many nieces and nephews.

Walter was born and raised in New Orleans, LA and moved with his family to Lake Monticello in 1998 and enjoyed a long career in the automotive industry in many facets, roles, and positions. He loved fishing, Saints football, and cooking but most of all supporting and cheering on his boys in athletics -- notably swimming. He was a board member for the JSL, FAST and LMST swim teams and a regular meet

official. With his wit and dry sense of humor, he was loved by all his friends and co-workers, always leaving a long-lasting impression. Most importantly and lasting Walter was a loving and supportive father and will be truly missed. Please join us at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 4309 Thomas Jefferson Parkway, Palmyra, VA on Wednesday, April 21, at 6 p.m. for a short memorial followed by a small reception following all COVID-19 requirements (mask, social-distancing). In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Walter to Sts. Peter & Paul Church, where Walter became an active member after his conversion in 2000, or to the FAST swim team, the JSL Organization, or the Fluvanna County SPCA. Thank you for your love and support.

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Supervisors eye budget and tax rates

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

The Board of Supervisors met on Wednesday night (April 14) for public hearings on the FY21 budget and the tax rates.

Public hearings

"This year was a pretty amazing year for reassessments," said management analyst Liz McIver. Real estate assessments rose 6.87 percent.

The real estate tax rate in the adopted FY21 budget was \$0.925 per \$100 in assessed value. For FY22, the proposed rate was \$0.92 and supervisors have advertised a rate of \$0.884. McIver calculated the equalized tax rate at \$0.865.

Under state law, the county was required to hold a public hearing because the reassessment resulted in an increase of one percent or greater in the total property tax levied.

No members of the public signed up to speak during the hearing.

The second public hearing focused on the FY22-26 capital improvement plan (CIP) and the FY22 budget and tax rates.

The proposed budget for capital projects over the next five years is \$43,258,162, with the bulk of that coming in FY22. Supervisors recently decided to look at a CIP of \$25.5 million to tackle large building and repair projects and for new vehicles and equipment for a range of county departments and the school system. They plan to take advantage of current low-interest rates to secure debt funding much of that budget.

If approved, the FY22 CIP budget would increase 22,112.4 percent over FY21. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, supervisors decided to lock the CIP funding at a bare-bones \$113,000 for 2021.

Between 2023 and 2026, the county projects they will need much smaller CIP budgets, averaging \$4.4 million per year.

Overall, the county expects revenues to rise by 8.8 percent, or about \$6.8 million, over FY21 revenues. Expenditures are expected to rise 8.7 percent.

"The board has put forth a pretty robust budget at this point," said County Administrator Eric Dahl. "It accomplishes a lot of things." Not only will the budget invest in CIP, he noted that it also addresses salary and compensation for staff, an increase in public safety, and funds some needed new staff positions.

In the public comment phase of the hearing, Dahl read a letter from School Board president

Perrie Johnson, who wrote as a private citizen to thank them for their consideration of the school budget and asked "just a little more fervently" to pass the budget as it stands now. "[A]s we finally bring students back full-time next year, we have a lot of work to do, and we need your help."

The final vote on the budget will likely be held on Wednesday, April 21 at 7 p.m., although if they were to decide they needed more time, it could be pushed to a special session on April 28.

Firefly project

Supervisors unanimously approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the county, Central Virginia Electric Cooperative's Firefly Broadband, and Dominion Energy to undertake a study of broadband access in underserved areas of the county.

Underserved areas are defined by the government as having access to less than 25 megabits per second. In Fluvanna, that includes areas south of Carybrook to Brems Bluff and some areas along the Fluvanna/Albemarle line.

There is no cost to the county for agreeing to the study. If they all decided to go forward with the project, CVEC president Gary Wood said grant funding from the government would help defray most of the costs of construction.

Dominion Energy informational meeting

In his opening report to the supervisors, Dahl said Dominion Energy has filed a rezoning application for a parcel near the Brems Power Station. The company has been ordered by the state to remove 6.2 million cubic yards of toxic coal from unlined holding ponds to a lined landfill.

If their rezoning request is granted, it would not have to use public roads to move the ash. The company has proffered around \$50 million to the county for future mitigation measures in the Fork Union Sanitary District.

Dominion is holding an informational meeting for members of the public on April 29 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Fork Union Community Center. The company set up a website for the project at www.DominionEnergy.com/BremoCCR for more information.

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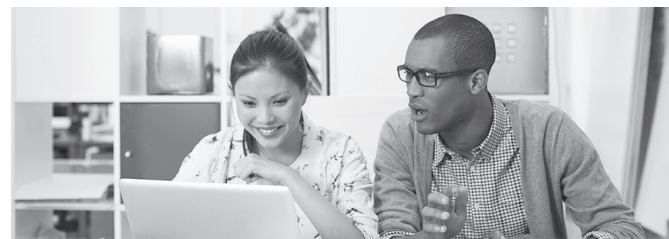
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Pay it forward. The next time you are in a drive-through line to pick up food, pay the bill for the car behind you. This unexpected act of kindness is sure to bring a smile.

Become a tutor. Many students find virtual classrooms to be challenging and could use some extra help. And you don't need to be an expert! Even with students re-entering the classroom, your local school may also need assistance.

Look to your neighborhood. Every neighborhood has someone who could use help. From single parents to seniors, simple everyday chores could be a real chore for them. It might mean mowing the grass or offering to go shopping to pick up items for them while you are out. And if you're up for it, consider offering free babysitting services for an hour or two so parents can take a well-deserved break.

Make an elderly friend. Call a local nursing home or assisted care facility and ask if they have a friendship program that connects you with a resident that could use a pen pal. Get your kids to create a card with a picture to go with a short letter they write themselves. When it's appropriate after the pandemic, consider regular, in-person visits to say hi to your new pen pals.

Do a good deed daily. This is a great way to create the habit of undertaking

daily, random acts of kindness. By doing a good deed every day, your vision will change and you'll see more opportunities to help. Opening a door, picking up trash or helping a single parent who is juggling different tasks are all great examples of this.

Bring back forgiveness. When someone makes a mistake, provide an environment to accept an apology and leave room to genuinely forgive. Continue to be a role model in displaying the act of forgiveness.

Giving the gift of grace is not only rewarding for you, but it is also contagious to everyone around you. As a member of the Community, we at RWF Tax Services try to model this in our everyday lives. Catherine and I are involved in many local organizations dedicated to helping others including the Rotary Club of Fluvanna County, the Fluvanna Chamber of Commerce, the local branch of the NAACP, Habitat for Humanity and of course the Fluvanna Leadership Development Program. If you are a part of one of those groups mention it when you make your appointment. We offer a 10% discount to anyone affiliated with those groups! Remember the deadline to file is May 17th, but if you owe the State you still need to make a payment by May 1st! Call us now at 434-442-4044 to book your appointment.

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Signing day

Ten Flucos sign to play in college

BY DUNCAN NIXON
CORRESPONDENT



Allyson Cruthers, Abbey Fuller, Arianna Snoddy and Allysa Hanson.



John Boy Rittenhouse, Emily Smeds, Kaitlyn Bower, and Amy Glowatch.

Fluvanna County High School Athletic Director Scott Morris presided over one of a high schools' happy events on April 15. Ten Fluco athlete committed to continue with their re-

spective sports at the college or community college level.

Abbey Fuller committed to D-1 program. She will be swimming at the University of Richmond. Fuller said that she expects to swim sprint events such as the 50 and the 100 free, and possibly the 100 breaststroke, the 100 butterfly and the 200 free style. Committing to compete at the D-III level for Bridgewater University were Emily Smeds in cross country and track, and Rocco Calderone, also in cross country and track.

Two athletes also committed to compete at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg. This is also a D-III school. The athletes are Caroline Stringer in softball and Allysa Hanson in soccer. Amy Glowatch committed to play volleyball at Delaware Valley University which is a D-III school in South Eastern PA. Arianna Snoddy committed to play lacrosse at the University of Lynchburg, while Kaitlyn Bower will play soccer at Mary Baldwin University and Allyson Crothers will take her basketball skills to Virginia Wesleyan. Interestingly six of these nine will be competing in the same college sports conference. Eastern Mennonite, Bridgewater, Lynchburg and Virginia Wesleyan are all members of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

John Boy Rittenhouse, who played on the Fluco's Class C state championship baseball team in 2019, committed to Patrick Henry Community College in Martinsville, where he expects to play third base. He said that he was hoping for a D-I offer, but that the COVID pandemic caused him to lose some strong recruiting contacts. He hopes to be able to move to a D-I school after a year or two.

Staff gets bonus; Students return to classroom

BY RUTHANN CARR
CORRESPONDENT

The Fluvanna School Board voted unanimously in its Wednesday (April 14) meeting to give staff bonuses.

Full-time employees will get \$500; permanent part-time employees will get \$250. The bonuses will be issued as a separate check on April 22.

Superintendent Chuck Winkler advocated for the bonuses, saying, "The money is there."

Winkler also suggested giving staff a 5 percent raise in the Fiscal Year 2022 budget.

The Board will vote on that change at the May 12 meeting.

Winkler said Fluvanna schools are getting \$2.7 million in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds as part of federal coronavirus relief.

"We want to use this money to reduce class sizes," he said. "We'll also look at additional needs (social and emotional)."

Winkler said the ESSER funds must be spent by September 2024.

The goal of the cash infusion is to help students affected by changes to education due to the COVID-19 epidemic.

Winkler said students began attending school in-person four days per week on Monday, April 12, and so far, everything was going smoothly.

"I got one positive comment from one parent," he said.

Letters inviting students to summer school will go out by the end of April.

The four-week program is invitation only.

Winkler said his team is lobbying to continue the "feed-all" program beyond June 30.

Talk at the state-level expects school returning to in-person education, five days per week, Winkler said.

There will be a virtual component, but whether it is provided by Virtual Virginia or Virtual Fluvanna is open-ended.

Winkler recommended the Board stay with Benefit Plan Administrators for health insurance. The Board will vote on that at an upcoming meeting.

Winkler will retire on June 30.

There's been no word yet on who his replacement will be.



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Fluco Competition Cheer Squad Wins 4th place at Region meet

BY DUNCAN NIXON
CORRESPONDENT

Fluvanna County High School's Competition Cheer Squad hosted the 3C Region meet on April 10. After finishing second in the Jefferson District meet, Coach Kenny Larios said that his team went into the Region competition with two goals. The first was to post a score of 215 or better and the second was to make it to the second round of the competition. Both these goals were achieved. The team was scored at 218.5 in the first round and that score was sufficient to move the team into the second round. Coach Larios said that this is the first time in

many years that a Fluco competition cheer squad as made it into the second round at a Region 3C meet.

The squad consisted of the following athletes. Delaney Hammond, Zachary Fontenot, Danielle Bryant, Kelsey Randolph, Olivia Reardon, Jamie Roth, Jacob Henderson, Rebecca Taylor, Addie Roth, Taylor Parker, Evie Benson, Sarah Beth Robinson, Anne Charlotte Robinson, Ellie Miles, and Sydney Forren.



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Triathletes return to Fluvanna May 2

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2019 Triathlon at Lake Monticello.

A total of 500 triathletes will be motivated to take the plunge into Lake Monticello early Sunday morning, May 2. Fluvanna County will welcome back the 2021 Cal Tri Lake Monticello Triathlon to the area again after two years due to COVID-19. Athletes from 20 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. Armed Forces Europe will be competing in 18 separate events throughout the day ranging from a 5K to a 70.3 mile triathlon.

Fluvanna County has 12 racers registered in the event: Susie Abramson, Emily Baker, Paul Crowther, Paul Hahn, Kelly Hipskind, Heidi Hull, Karen Lavezzo, Michael Luniowski, Matthew Stancil, Joshua Wright, Frank Nathan, and Kevin Denman.

Triathletes are legendary for having some of the best physiques in the fitness world. That is because cross-training shapes the body in many. Running develops long, lean muscles; cycling builds strength and tones the lower body, and swimming increases flexibility and sculpts the upper body. Spectators are welcome to watch along the triathlon course.

I know from personal experience that training for a triathlon or marathon event can totally transform one's life. It was 1979, when I decided to train for my first triathlon while stationed at Camp Lejeune. The extent of my exercise was strictly running long distances, limited swimming and no biking. Months of cross training with running, swimming, and biking led me and my 12 year old son, Christopher, to the nearby inaugural Pepsi/YMCA Wrightsville Beach, NC Triathlon. This annual fundraiser for the YMCA would become the first and longest running triathlon on the East coast of the United States that September 1979. The distances were 1/2 mile swim, 42 miles on the bike, followed by the 10 mile run. All 99 triathletes finished that first year. The world's first triathlon event was held at Mission Bay, San Diego, California on September, 25, 1974. Everyone that crosses the finish line is a winner!

With safety a top priority, the World Triathlon COVID-19 prevention guidelines for the event will be utilized along with guidance from local and state agencies. Athlete precautions include:

- Expanded transition areas;
- Modified race schedule;
- Temperature screening;

- Streamlined race packet pickup;
- Rolling swim starts;
- Mask usage before the race as at the finish line;
- Sparse aid stations with only bottled water.

Cal Tri events produced successful social distance races in 2020 and will bring that experience to the Lake Monticello Triathlon.

Volunteers are a crucial element to the safety and success of any race. Without the support of the community it would be impossible to provide a secure race for the triathletes. The following organizations have joined the team of volunteers:

- Lake Monticello Community Foundation;
- Lake Monticello Swim Team;
- Lake Monticello Water Safety Patrol;
- Lake Monticello Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad Inc.;
- Lake Monticello Water Rescue Team;
- Battlefield Wings-Fredericksburg, Va.;
- California Triathlon.
- Charlottesville Cycling Club;
- Charlottesville Triathlon Club.

As we welcome back the triathletes, the community as a whole can be volunteers as good ambassadors for the race as they foster a community of support and encouragement. Keeping the event safe with social distancing and driving with extreme caution during the race. The following Law Enforcement Jurisdictions will assist with traffic control throughout the race:

- Fluvanna County Sheriff's Department;
- Albemarle County Police Department;
- Lake Monticello Police Department.

"This race is an opportunity to showcase the Lake Monticello community and surrounding area. The participant list is very young, averaging 33 years old and including 50 young athletes. Memories will be made at the 2021 Cal Tri Lake Monticello Triathlon," said Thom Richmond, Cal Tri Events president. First time visitors will discover our central location and quality lifestyle are only a part of reason that makes Fluvanna County the ideal location to live. We are close to many nearby historical attractions, wineries, breweries, and easy access to Charlottesville, Virginia. Like I have said to family and friends over the years, I live just down the road from Thomas Jefferson at Monticello."

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Dogs are local artist's favorite subject

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
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Susan Edginton and Mattie.
 Submitted photo

Growing up in Minnesota, Susan Edginton started drawing horses and flowers on the sidewalk with chalk. Like many budding young artists, her parents got her a watercolor set and later she bought herself an oil painting set and canvases and made a creative studio under the stairs in the basement.

In high school, she was drawn to art, music, and theater. After graduating, she and her family took a three-week family trip to Germany, Italy, France, and England, which piqued her interest in art history. While attending college in Northern Minnesota, she spent one year living in Denmark, taking classes, traveling, and living with a Danish family. These enriching experiences furthered her passion for art and photography.

While in Denmark, her fascination with photogra-

phy grew after borrowing her father's Pentax K-1000 camera. She returned home and to college, enrolling in photography classes. Nowadays, everything is digital and manipulated through computer software like Photoshop. Back then, Edginton learned the old ways of processing and printing from black and white negatives in the darkroom, on light-sensitive photographic paper.

"Watching the image appear on the paper in the chemical bath under the red lights is magical," she recalled. She graduated with a B.A. in fine arts with a commercial art minor. Afterward, she moved to Houston, Texas, and worked for a large oil-related company, illustrating, typesetting, and taking photographs. She furthered her art studies at the Art Institute of Houston, then worked as a freelancer for a year. After six-years in Texas, she relocated to Northern California. For a girl who loved the outdoors, it was the ideal setting.

"The Bay area was inspiring with all the beautiful water views, the huge redwoods, the colors, and the beautiful architecture." She soon married and moved to Northern Virginia. They spent as much time as they could on the northern neck fishing and enjoying the Chesapeake. During the 12 years she lived in Northern Virginia, she attended NOVA and received an A.A. in Photography.

Settling in California and Virginia reminded her of the happy moments as a child growing up around the Great Lakes of Minnesota. Vastly different from California and Virginia in some ways but ruggedly familiar. It brought her back to a moment as a child when she happily created in solitude and something she continues to indulge in many years later.

"In my happy place I spent hours painting and drawing - mostly animals," she said. Dogs are among her favorite subjects. Not only does she

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DATE

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capture their inner character but she defines them with exquisite details.

"During the winter and summer, much time was also spent outdoors. The thousands of lakes in Minnesota, time on the water, fishing, and wildlife were my earliest sources of inspiration," she said. "Some people read books for an escape, I lose myself in painting and illustrating. Anything creative is a stress reliever for me, and I find it peaceful and I do it with headphones on, jazz or classical music, I just get into a quiet zone, losing all track of time."

They returned to Northern California, locating between Tahoe and San Francisco. Wherever she was she did a lot of sketching, with pencil, pen, and ink, preferring its portability and with a camera by her side. One would have thought with such a passion for the outdoors that much of her work would embody nature. Yet, her favorite subjects are animals, mostly dogs and a variety of breeds. There are some humans as well.

She focused once again on mastering watercolor and was not alone in her admitted frustration with the challenging medium.

"I wanted to find my style and also learn from others in the class. I joined two galleries and had a few art shows, and met some very interesting fellow artists." Her use of watercolor in her animal and human portraits is flawless and unique. Brilliant and bold color is incorporated into the softer muted shades makes it striking.

Photography remained a huge part of her life, and she finally switched to digital, taking trips to Alaska and Costa Rica, fishing, sightseeing, and joining an African photo safari.

Her focus on dogs as one of her subjects traces back to the many interactions with them while on photographic shoots.

"I volunteered with the Iditarod and the Yukon Quest dogsled races and that was a different challenge dealing with the 30 below zero conditions

and camera gear. More action shots with dogs and mushers. Photographing animals does require patience and that also inspired me to continue to learn more."

She then got a puppy, a show quality Wirehaired Pointing Griffon.

"My breeder wanted her in the show ring. This was all new to me and I found a handler and my puppy started showing. Photographing her, at home as well as in the ring along with other dogs, started a more concentrated love of painting and drawing dogs, trying to capture their personalities, achieving a connection with each subject." She started selling photos of the various breeds to their owners, referencing photos for her artwork. "To see an owner's joy when they see their family member portrayed is heartwarming, especially if they are no longer with us."

"Running my dogs in hunt tests and hunting, photographing them doing what they are bred to do is rewarding and also challenging. Any action shots are great even at the dog park, trying to get their expressions, mannerisms, and body language - to freeze that connection with them and the viewer."

After nearly 19 years in California, they settled in Fox Hollow and Edginton is looking forward to "turning the page to a new chapter."

I will continue exploring the area, photographing dogs and cats, now the birds, which are different than I am used to seeing." She recently finished a few canine and cat commissions and wants to continue to gain skills in watercolor and illustration work. She hopes to meet other artists and friends in the area, once we have all returned to a new normal.

For more information or to view Susan Edginton's work, visit <https://sedginton.smugmug.com/>

SUDOKU

Edited by Margie E. Burke

Difficulty: Medium

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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:

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Gyro ingredient
- 5 Alex of James Patterson novels
- 10 Skier's transport
- 14 Exotic berry
- 15 Safe place
- 16 Corduroy ridge
- 17 One of three copies
- 19 It's pumped in a gym
- 20 Poisonous plant
- 21 Proving ground
- 23 "Raiders of the Lost ___"
- 24 Make bubbly
- 25 Plentiful supply
- 29 Sailor's bunk
- 32 ___ of the above
- 33 Elmer, to Bugs
- 34 Ballpark souvenir
- 35 Neptune, e.g.
- 36 Casanova, e.g.
- 38 WWII General Arnold
- 39 Treeless plain
- 41 Boozehound
- 42 Gift for a sweetheart
- 43 Cube root of 27
- 44 Times, at times
- 46 Missing-person finder
- 48 Popular street name
- 49 One of a cereal trio
- 51 Temporary measure
- 55 Tahoe or Titicaca
- 56 Right of entry
- 58 Hot spot
- 59 Shade of blue
- 60 Jenga, e.g.
- 61 Flippant
- 62 One of the Brady Bunch
- 63 Pitcher in paintings

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- 2 "Care" anagram
- 3 Seriously injure
- 4 Many a crop-duster
- 5 Songbird in a W.C. Fields film title
- 6 Poolroom accessory
- 7 Lab eggs
- 8 Parlor piece
- 9 Scornful look
- 10 Company with a blue bird logo
- 11 Kind of quartet
- 12 Medicinal herb
- 13 Tear apart
- 18 Word in a Tolkien title
- 22 Cavalry weapon
- 24 Plaintiff
- 25 Teen affliction
- 26 Trade-show setup
- 27 Funeral director
- 28 Affirmative action?
- 30 Poke fun
- 31 Really keyed up
- 34 Flying socialite
- 36 Command to a dog
- 37 Farm grazer
- 40 Shift+5 on a keyboard
- 42 Destructive spree
- 44 Tailor's tool
- 45 Conspiracy
- 47 Necklace fastener
- 49 Horse hoof sound
- 50 High praise
- 51 Locale
- 52 Nibble away
- 53 Crowning point
- 54 Look closely
- 57 "Welcome" site

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Document 'Shred Day' set for April 24

A "Shred Day" April 24 at the Lake Monticello Fire Department will be sponsored by the Lake Monticello Community Foundation, with proceeds shared with the fire department.

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Triathlon volunteers

The Lake Monticello Community Foundation is looking for 20 helpers to volunteer on **Sunday, May 2**, for the triathlon here at Lake Monticello. You can help to raise funds for the community foundation. The Tri Cal Lake Monticello will pay \$50 per volunteer of a non-profit group. To register: <https://www.californiatriathlon.org/Vogt-volunteer-one-get-one/>, and use CODE: LAKECOMMUNITY. Questions? Email: lakecommunityfoundation@gmail.com

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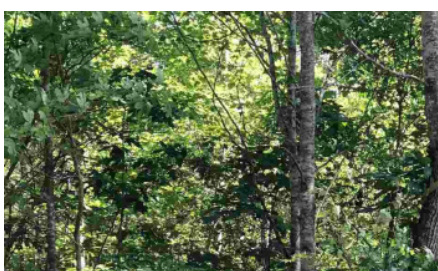
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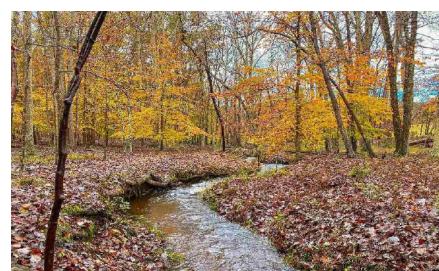
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