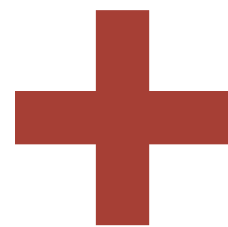


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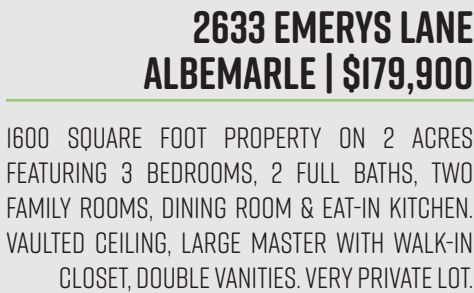
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Letters to the editor

Competent leadership needed on School Board

Leadership looks different depending on what the job is, who the leaders are and who the people being led are. Good leadership has some universal qualities though. Good leadership means showing up and sticking with it until the job is done. Good leadership also is by its very definition collaborative. Good leaders know that their knowledge of any given subject at any given time is not all inclusive and so they are not afraid to say, "I don't know the answer". Good leaders also get involved in their communities and often work hard to get things done without any personal gain attached to it as a motivator. They just show up and serve.

When an organization has good leadership, it flows. Decisions are made, discussion is civil, and the leadership is engaged and working collaboratively towards whatever the mission goals are. An organization with good leadership is also an organization that moves forward and continues to grow and evolve.

Right now, we have the opportunity to elect two leaders to the Fluvanna County School Board who share the qualities of good leaders. They are collaborative, they listen well, they are both current educators and both have experience in both the public and private sectors. Both of them know they don't have all the answers, but they are both committed to learning and to being the best school board members they can be. Additionally, they are involved in the community serving on appointed boards and committees, working for non-profits, and mentoring and tutoring young people.

If you want to see a School Board with good leadership that functions as a high performing governance body and that doesn't devolve into name calling and personal attacks, then you should consider voting for Eric Anderson if you live in the Cunningham District and Gequetta Murray-Key if you live in the Rivanna District.

-Rudy Garcia, Fork Union

Please attend Planning Commission meeting

Southern Development wants to build Village Gardens subdivision by Rt. 53, Garden Lane, Lake Monticello, and farms. It will include four parcels with about 122 acres that is mostly zoned for agriculture. The Planning Commission scheduled a public hearing on a request to rezone the parcels to R-3 which will allow 355 units based on a density of 2.9 units per acre. This rezoning will also allow a commercial area on Rt. 53 just north of the Food Lion shopping area. Although unlikely based on its current plan, Southern Development could request a Special Use Permit for up to 10 units per acre.

I am opposed to this new development because of concerns about (1) how this will affect Aqua Virginia's ability to provide water and sewer to Village Gardens while maintaining its existing customers and the new customers to which it has already committed; (2) the effect on the Rivanna River; (3) the additional traffic from the main access on Rt. 53, an already congested road; (4) the

traffic that would choose to drive through The Villages at Nahor, a community for seniors, rather than use the main exit directly on Rt. 53; (5) the loss of about 120 acres of open farm land; (6) the impact on Lake Monticello since one of the four properties includes a part of Tufton Pond and has an easement for recreational use of the pond as well as an easement for access to Jefferson Drive; (7) runoff into Tufton Pond caused by loss of land to pavement and houses; and (8) the additional burden on county services such as schools which could lead to increased property taxes across Fluvanna County.

The Planning Commission needs to know what Fluvanna residents think about this additional development in the Rivanna area.

Please attend the Planning Commission meeting on September 14 at the Carysbrook Performing Arts Center beginning at 7 p.m.. You can speak at the public hearing either in person or virtually. You can also submit written comments. For information, contact Douglas Miles at dmiles@fluvannacounty.org.

-Tom Diggs, Palmyra

Gequetta "G." Murray-Key says she's committed to Fluvanna

I wanted to share my reasons for running for the Fluvanna School Board in the Rivanna District during this challenging time for the schools and our county.

Serving others is in my DNA. I have firsthand experience with seeing the strengths and weaknesses of the school system, with my daughter being a Fluco graduate, my son currently in the high school and being married to a former Fluco athlete/graduate, now coach at both the high and middle school.

I continue to support the hard work of school personnel, from teachers to bus drivers and other support staff. I want to hire and retain the best teachers and staff to work for the Fluvanna schools. In my part-time teaching in the Police Sciences program at PVCC, I know how important that support is, not only to my success but to the success of the students.

As a taxpayer I know personally how important it is to wisely use taxpayer dollars. At times, it is important to make careful investments in the future. I am committed to being fiscally responsible.

Through my volunteer experience

with the Fluvanna schools, as a parent and fourteen-year involvement with the Parent Teacher Organization, I am committed to supporting the schools to provide a successful pathway for each student . . . whether that is to pursue a college degree, go into the trades or go directly into the workforce, which all are honorable pathways.

We must build collaboration between the student body, the Board of Supervisors, School Board, all school staff and parents as well as involve more community members with the schools. Though we may disagree at times, I want all of us to work together, not promote hate and division within our community. I have a proven track record of getting things done while serving as the chief of operations of a local regional jail and understanding how the county works through my experience with the Fluvanna Leadership Development Program, my work as vice-chair of the Fluvanna Planning Commission, my many interactions with Fluvanna citizens and more importantly just because I care.

I am committed to Fluvanna.

-Gequetta "G." Murray-Key, Palmyra

State police investigating fatal crash in Fluvanna

Virginia State Police is investigating a fatal crash in Fluvanna County. The crash occurred Thursday, Sept. 2, at 10:30 a.m. on Winnsville Drive, less than a mile west of Cabel Lane.

A bicyclist was riding along Winnsville Drive when it collided with a 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe.

The bicyclist, James L. Ferguson, 59, of Palmyra died at the scene, according to State Police.

The driver of the Tahoe was not injured in the crash.

The crash remains under investigation.

Letters to the editor

You can't save the world

In last week's issue, Marvin Moss wrote that "80 to 90 percent of new COVID cases are occurring among those who are not vaccinated or who have not observed protective measures." Well, duh! So you want responsible people to shoulder the responsibility for them? If they get COVID the odds are they will survive and their natural immunity will be 13 times better than the vaccine (*Editor's note: according to a new Israeli study*) and they will not have to get boosters.

You can't save the world and people should not be shouldered with the responsibility of saving people from their own health decisions.

-Robert Harris, Palmyra

Zoning action raises concern

Re your article, "Planning Commission Approves Zoning for More Multi-Family Housing", 7.12.2021. I am concerned how this action will affect the area around Lake Monticello. The Planning Commission sent the Board of Supervisors (BOS) a zoning text amendment for Marina Point, changing R4 from 2.9 to 5.5 homes/acre. After presentation by residents, the BOS tabled the initiative for one year.

While Lake Monticello, including Marina Point, is the only R4 zoned housing in Fluvanna County, when Douglas Miles, community development director, was asked by Ms. Michon if this was the only community that would be zoned R-5, his answer was, "at this time" it is, but in "10 to 20 years" that may not be the case.

My concern is this could set a precedent for the approved Colonial Circle complex and the proposed Village Gardens development. Colonial Circle was initially presented as a R-3 that would yield 179 units. However, the BOS approved a Special Use Permit (SUP) that now allows 325 units instead. It's estimated that there will be an additional 1354 daily vehicular trips from Colonial Circle site on Rt. 53.

Another new development, Village Gardens, will run from Garden Lane along a 122-acre land tract abutting Lake Monticello, extending into Tufton Pond. It will have 355 units and an estimated 3544 daily trips on Rt. 53. Zoned R-3, it may be rezoned to R-4 or get a SUP to allow 5.5 units, like Marina Point.

Nahor Village, a community for 55 plus with 106 units serving retired residents, some with physical restrictions will be impacted. As planned, Village Gardens has one exit tied directly into Village Boulevard, the main road in Nahor Village, resulting in the elderly residents living in a threatening environment. Let's protect our most vulnerable seniors and make them safer. Attend the Planning Commission meeting on Sept. 14 at the Carysbrook Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. It's the right thing to do!

-Sandra Radford, Palmyra.

Lake Fire & Rescue to hold 9/11 remembrance

CONTRIBUTED BY JUDY FISH



Fire Chief Rich Constantino.

September 11 is not just a historic date for members of Lake Monticello Volunteer Fire & Rescue (LMVFR)—for them, it's personal.

Each year LMVFR invites the community to a remembrance for all those who died and the "sacrifices that were made that day and all the days afterward" in a ceremony at the 9/11 Memorial Garden, located at 10 Slice Road in Palmyra. This year that ceremony is Saturday, Sept. 11, at 4 p.m.

"This year marks the 20th anniversary of the terror attacks on our nation in which 2,977 people were murdered in New York City, The Pentagon and Shanksville, Pennsylvania on Sept. 11, 2001—in the largest terror attack in our country's history," said Lake Monticello Volunteer Fire Chief Richie Constantino.

Like others on his team, Constantino, who has served with the Lake Monticello Fire Department for 20 years and as the chief for 10 years and assistant chief for five years prior to that, was a firefighter in New York. "I served in New York for 30 years and as the fire chief for 18 years of those years," he explained of his and others personal connections to the tragic events 20 years ago.

"If we do not keep the remembrance alive it will be just a matter of time before people will forget and not observe the sacrifices that were made," he said pointing to "the heroics of the 343 members of FDNY who were murdered while saving lives that day and the great number of firefighters, and police officers who are still dying from the effects of working at ground zero. If they didn't do what they did, a lot more people would have perished."

He said members of the Lake Monticello Fire Department, Rescue Squad and Water Rescue honor and commemorate all the civilians, firefighters, police officers and EMT's who perished on that fateful day.

"The Lake Monticello Fire Department started the Memorial Garden in 2003, with a single piece of granite donated by Cogswell Stone and it grew from there," the chief said. He said he received a piece of steel from Tower 1 in 2011 and that was added to the memorial.

"We re-dedicated the memorial with a public ceremony on Sept. 11, 2011, and since that time many people from the community have visited the memorial and paid their respects to those who were lost," Constantino said.

He said the Memorial Garden located next to the fire station has been expanded to include

tributes to two of "our own" Lake Monticello members who were killed in the line of duty while serving the residents of Fluvanna County in 1989 and U.S. Navy Seaman Dakota Rigsby, of the Lake Monticello Fire Department, who was killed while serving onboard of the U.S.S. Fitzgerald, in the Sea of Japan.

"The Remembrance Ceremony will continue as long as I am alive and associated with the fire department," the Chief said. "There are plenty of members who will keep it going after I am gone. That is how strongly we feel."

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Obituary

Joseph Albert Arleth



Joseph Albert Arleth, 89, of Lake Monticello, Virginia, formerly of Staten Island, N.Y. passed away peacefully at home on August 24, 2021. Joseph was born to Mary and Joseph Arleth on August 11, 1932, in Richmond Hill, New York. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Catherine "Betty" Arleth; son James and daughter-in-law, Jennifer Aspell; son, Stephen and daughter-in-law Doreen; daughter Mary and son-in-law James Kearney; and ten beloved grandchildren, Gregory, Joshua, Paul, Gillian, Rebecca, Charles, Matthew, Caleb, Elaine and Christopher.

A U.S. Air Force veteran, he worked for N.Y. Telephone/AT & T/ Lucent Tech in New York City for over 30 years before retiring and relocating to Lake Monticello. He was a loving husband, trustworthy friend, amazing father, a very proud Pop Pop. He enjoyed playing golf, baseball, and spending time gardening with his wife.

The visitation will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at Saint Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Palmyra, Virginia followed by a Mass of Resurrection, which will be at 11 a.m. by Father Brian Capuano. Interment will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, September 20, 2021 at Salisbury National Cemetery, Salisbury, NC.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting you consider donations to Saint Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 4309 Thomas Jefferson Parkway, Palmyra VA 22963, Hospice of the Piedmont (via - <https://www.hopva.org/donate-online-now/>) or Lake Monticello Fire & Rescue Squad, 10 Slice Road, Palmyra VA 22963 in memory of Joseph Arleth.



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How are Fluvanna schools faring so far?

BY RUTHANN CARR
CORRESPONDENT

The beginning of the school year has been fraught with citizens urging Board members to listen to their views on masks, teaching history and transgender issues. Many of the Board meetings were heated with some parents vowing to pull their children from the schools if their demands weren't met.

The *Fluvanna Review* asked Gretz, who became superintendent on July 1, about how things were going so far.

Are students and teachers complying with the mask mandate?

For the most part, everyone is handling this very well. We've tried to take a very common-sense approach to implementing this mitigation with strict fidelity, which required discretion and engagement on the part of the staff. We're trying to provide the necessary breaks to allow for maximum safety and reasonable comfort to concentrate on learning and building relationships, which is a difficult tension to hold.

The isolated cases of blatant refusal are typically happening in the older grades and are very rare. I'm proud of the way our school community is working to continually improve our use of mitigations.

Are elementary students kept in pods (only interacting throughout the day with their own classmates)?

In as many cases as possible, yes. Students are grouped in cohorts to limit exposure and maximize safety.

How are lunches being held in elementary schools? Do kids eat in their classrooms? Do they go to the cafeteria with as many students in past years?

Lunches in all schools are being served in the cafeterias. Moving into the classrooms, as we did last year, doesn't afford us the necessary six feet to avoid potential (COVID) exposure, since students are unmasked while eating. There really is no way to serve all students and achieve six feet of social distance. The only way to accomplish the distance we maintained during lunch last year would be to limit attendance the way we did last year, which would dramatically impact learning and violate the mandate to keep schools open to as many students as want to attend, five days a week.

How many students have contracted Covid-19? How many teachers? How do you hear about a case among students or teachers? Does the school test and find cases, or are they self-reported?

FCPS COVID Dashboard (shows) 15 students and 5 staff (contracted COVID).

Cases are self-reported to the schools and then the workflow begins for communication, documentation, and contact tracing.

What is the leave policy on teachers and staff if they are either told to quarantine or have COVID-19? Do they have to use their sick leave and when it runs out are they docked pay? I've read that some school systems won't dock pay if the teacher/staff was vaccinated - what is FCPS policy?

Last year, COVID leave was part of the emergency relief act that expired in December 2020. After vaccinations were made available, the leave was not extended. With cases increasing, even amongst vaccinated people, we are reviewing this policy. This is on the School Board agenda to discuss at the next meeting. Since there is a financial implication for the division and the employee, it's a matter that we need to think through carefully. We certainly want to take care of our employees and don't want anyone to experience loss of income.

How critical is the bus driver shortage? How does it affect students? Are you offering a bonus for new bus driver hires? If so, what is it?

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Fluvanna schools from page 6.

Unfortunately, the process of getting the required license is a lengthy one and the DMV remains backed up, so those who are in line to drive for us are having to wait several months.

We are exploring ways we can incentivize driving, including any benefits we can include for teachers who may want to drive. I am not typically a fan of signing bonuses simply because of the message it sends to our current, dedicated employees who remain committed every day but would not see the bonus that people just coming on board would. It may be necessary and we're considering it, but we wouldn't want to do anything that devalues the folks already on our team.

Do you know how many students 12y+ in FCPS have been vaccinated?

No, we don't currently have a mechanism to measure that and do not currently plan on asking for that information out of respect to the privacy of families. We are working with our local health district to schedule vaccination clinics at the schools, including vaccinations for 5-11-year-olds as they become available.

How is enrollment? Are there more or less than predicted?

Enrollment figures show 3271 students as of Aug. 31.

(FR note: Budget forecast in February projected enrollment of 3247)

Are significantly more families home schooling this school year?

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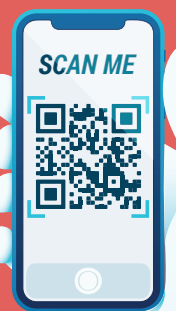
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GOLF COURSE AREA



1 Fairway Drive **\$339,900**

Beautifully situated on a large corner lot in the Golf Course Area. One block to the Golf Clubhouse & Restaurant. One level with 1700+ fin. sq. ft. with 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, large great room, vaulted ceilings & skylights, open kitchen concept with breakfast nook. Oversized owners suite with Palladian window, spa-like attached bath, large walk in closet. Newer roof, HVAC system, tankless hot water heater.

WATERFRONT



67 Ponderosa Lane **\$847,500**

Spectacular custom built waterfront home. Grand foyer, floor to ceiling windows, 5 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, formal dining room with crown molding. Luxurious owners suite, walk in closets and water views. Huge gourmet kitchen with center island, ss appliances, walk in pantry & breakfast nook. Finished lower level with in-law apartment, 2 car garage, stamped concrete driveway, patio & walkways, boat dock.



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Full Moon Blooms where hydrangeas rule

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
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Murray Buckner. Submitted photo.

Murray Buckner's farm rests on 35 plus acres in Palmyra and is home to over 800 hybrid hydrangeas as well as ducks, and chickens. The sprawling acreage is covered with standard white hydrangeas known as Limelight which begin as a lime color, turn to white, and age to an antique French pink. The farm also features the lemon-lime variety he calls Limoncello.

On a hot day, a variety of domesticated ducks may cool themselves in the pond or seek shade under the abundance of hydrangea blooms bobbing above their heads. Meanwhile, Buckner engages with his chickens while they hunt and peck for food.

Buckner believes, like many local farmers, that it is important to use sustainable farming practices. He uses only natural pest management and no pesticides. A very sensitive person and one who cares about the natural world and the fate of his environment, he and his wife do everything they can to support a healthy ecosystem.

Buckner began his career as an architect after graduating with a degree in architecture at the University of Virginia. Eventually, he ended up working as a landscape architect.

"I enjoy many types of design including everything from houses and gardens, making special frames to hold tools, bridges, furniture, wine boxes, and stained glass. Anything that combines some art with design," he said.

Buckner explained how he got involved in growing hydrangeas.

"When I built a new house about 20 years ago there were no plantings only grass. Over the next ten years, I put in hundreds of trees and shrubs which included a half dozen hydrangea *paniculatas*. This is the species of hydrangea that gets large and has hundreds of flowers. People call them PG hydrangeas. The most familiar one is a cultivar named Limelight," he said. "One summer there was a thunderstorm and part of one of my large hydrangea shrubs broke apart. I took a broken branch to a local florist and asked him if he could do anything with the flowers. He said yes and from there the six hydrangeas have turned into several thousand."

Buckner decided that he would specialize in these hydrangea *paniculatas* because they produced so many flowers and the older they got the more they produced.

"It seemed like "money would grow on trees" when I cut them and sold them to florists. But everyone knows money doesn't just grow on trees except maybe me," he smiled.

He says he had been growing hydrangeas for cut flowers for about 12 years. Six years ago he partnered with Dr. Randy Lanford and decided to try farming as a commercial venture.

"It turns out farming cut flowers or for that

matter, any kind of farming isn't all that easy. Just like growing grapes for wine, growing hydrangeas for cut flowers takes several years before the plants are large enough to produce good flowers."

He adds that in the time between watching the plants grow and harvesting the flowers several years later there is a little work to do such as planting the plants, fertilizing, pruning and all the other things involved, including putting up fences, weeding, and building a greenhouse.

"A lot of this is done in our wonderful 95-degree temperatures and under a cloudless sky, He said. "But I'm not complaining. Even though I work seven days a week and almost all of the year, I have found a real bond with the earth and am in the best physical shape of my life. Plus I've learned a few things along the way."

Last year with COVID, he donated more flowers than he sold.

"This made me emphasize my real passion of hybridizing hydrangeas as a way to diversify the business. I now have thousands of new and unique hydrangeas that I have hybridized and hope to be selling some of my new plants next year. I have even had visitors from all over the country look at the new hydrangeas that I developed."

Buckner's business sells most of his cut flowers to florists in Charlottesville and Richmond for events, primarily weddings.

"I have a few wonderful florists that buy hundreds and even thousands of flowers. I am planning to sell potted hydrangea plants to garden centers and on the internet." In the next five years, he says he would like to be known around the world for hybridizing some of the most beautiful and unique hydrangeas available.

For most people, their passion gets them up and out of bed every day, Buckner looks at it as his passion but one that requires constant attention, including feeding the ducks and chickens, and an ongoing list of jobs he tries to get done as much as he can.

"In the growing season it can sometimes be overwhelming, but I can always talk to the chickens and ducks who have turned out to be very good listeners. I spend a lot of time in the forest during the winter working on a hiking trail which makes me appreciate the natural beauty of Fluvanna County."

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FCHS celebrates AP Capstone Diploma recipients

PRESS RELEASE

At Fluvanna County High School, four students have earned the AP Capstone Diploma™ and two have earned the AP Seminar and Research Certificate™ during the 2020-21 school year. The AP Capstone Diploma program helps students to develop critical thinking, research, collaboration, and presentation skills that are critical to academic success. "We proudly recognize the achievements of students who participated in the AP Capstone Diploma program," said Brenda Gilliam, executive director for instruction and finance. "Our AP Capstone students and teachers showed extraordinary commitment while facing historic challenges. This is a meaningful college readiness program that will serve our students well after high school."

Of the students who participated in the AP Capstone Diploma program at FCFS:

- Four were awarded the AP Capstone Diploma by earning scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar, AP Research, and on 4 additional AP Exams. They are Jacob Collier, Tyler Harris, Grace Lintecum, and Nat Scida.
- Two were awarded the AP Seminar and Research Certificate by earning scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research. They are Addison Roth and Conner Small.

Over 2,000 schools participated in the AP Capstone program worldwide during the 2020-21 school year, when approximately 11,900 students earned the AP Capstone Diploma and 7,700 earned the AP Seminar and Research Certificate.

Unlike traditional AP subject exams with a single end-of-year assessment, AP Seminar and AP Research assessments are project based and

evaluate skills mastery through group projects, presentations, and individual essays completed throughout the year.

At FCFS students focused their research on a range of topics, including: meta analysis research on effectiveness of cancer treatments, an original screenplay on dementia and accurate portrayals in film, postcolonial theory in animated television series, content analysis and deconstructionism in music, data analysis of Virginia high school music libraries, and correlational studies on gerrymandering in Virginia's voting districts.

"Congratulations to the AP Capstone award winners, who conduct, present, and defend academic research on topics they are passionate about," said Trevor Packer, College Board senior vice president of AP and Instruction. "Their ability to manage long-term projects, collaborate with teams, and deliver effective presentations will accelerate both their academic and professional careers."

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Ladies Golf Association holds tournament for ovarian cancer research

BY DUNCAN NIXON
CORRESPONDENT



Deborah Nixon, Barbara Barringer, Donna Dinora and Julie Dwyer.

The Lake Monticello Ladies Golf Association (LMLGA) held a Golf for Life tournament at the Lake Monticello golf course on Tuesday, Aug. 31. The tournament was in memory of golfers Gunilla Moore, Cheryl Barresi, Kathryn Hunter and Joanne Harris, all of whom died from ovarian cancer.

All proceeds from the entry fees, the raffle, individual and corporate contributions, and hole sponsorships went to the Marty Whitlow Ovarian Cancer Research Fund at the University of Virginia Cancer Center. Over 20 prizes were raffled off at the luncheon, including a number of gift certificates, several hand-made quilts, a putter and a number of boxes of golf balls. Approximately \$9,000 was collected, with funds still coming in. Helen Gromm and Lorraine Bergstresser were the co-chairs of the event.

Forty-nine golfers participated in the tournament with 10 teams of four and three teams of three. The format was a shotgun start, playing traditional captain's choice rules, no mulligans, and no strings or tosses. The teams, consisting of three women, had each player take an extra shot on six of the 18-holes, so three women and four women teams each took four first shots and second shots etc. on each hole until the ball was holed. All teams played from the newly established forward green tees.

The winning team of Sue Cook, Karen Christofferson and Sara Johnson shot a very impressive 63. In second place, with a score of 69 was the team of Debbie Beach, Chris Hoogmoed, Helen Gromm and Joyce Blanton. Four teams tied for third place with 74. These teams consisted of: Judy Kordella, Audi Kuhn, and Linda Mullin; Donna Dinora, Barbara Barringer, Deborah Nixon and Julie Dwyer; Debbie Burke, Robin Kambourian, Charlene French and Linda Oukrup; and Marilyn Payne, Susan Deal, and Carolyn Zadoyko.

The event was a major fund-raising success as individual and corporate contributions were solicited at three levels. The eagle level was for contributions of \$500 or more. The birdie level was for contributions from \$250 to \$499 and the par level was for contributions of \$100 to \$249. There were six eagle level contributions and eight birdie level contributions. Many of the women participating wore teal-colored tops as that is the color associated with ovarian cancer research.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Cathedral topper
- 6 Be slack-jawed
- 10 Flightless flock
- 14 Office supply
- 15 Cruise's "_____ Good Men"
- 16 Tiny pest
- 17 Cabinet wood
- 18 Sale item, maybe
- 20 Rider's grip
- 21 At the peak
- 22 Island greeting
- 23 Aerobic bit
- 25 Jane Austen heroine
- 27 Lingering flavor
- 31 Mummy's locale
- 35 Egypt's capital
- 36 Ben Affleck superhero flick
- 38 Skedaddle
- 39 Go off course
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- 44 Mockery
- 46 Research results
- 47 Like some parties
- 49 LeBlanc of "Friends"
- 51 Part of the foot
- 52 Soiled spot
- 55 The "U" in I.C.U.
- 58 Swamp stalk
- 61 Like "Ozark" money
- 63 Bibliography entry
- 64 Creole veggie
- 65 Notary's mark
- 66 Enola Gay's payload
- 67 Salty drop
- 68 Get a glimpse
- 69 Train station

- 2 Fishing need
- 3 Not clear
- 4 Go back in
- 5 Miss the mark
- 6 Horse's walk
- 7 Bushy hairdo
- 8 Commit, as a crime
- 9 Meadow mother
- 10 Try to be like
- 11 Feline friend of Otis
- 12 Bryce Canyon locale
- 13 Medical fluids
- 19 Leg, in old slang
- 21 Address abbr.
- 24 Whittle away
- 26 1998 film, "_____ Joe Black"
- 27 Bitter
- 28 Regional animal life
- 29 Shue's "_____ in Babysitting"
- 30 New Orleans player
- 32 A bit much

- 33 Kind of pie
- 34 Run in the wash
- 37 Put aside
- 40 Spew
- 43 Layered
- 45 Credit, as a source
- 48 Kind of race
- 50 Here-now link
- 52 Token taker
- 53 Bit of filming
- 54 Mystical glow
- 56 Semimonthly tide
- 57 In a lazy manner
- 59 "Blondie" boy
- 60 Financial worry
- 62 WNW's opposite
- 63 Small amount

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Edited by Margie E. Burke

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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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that, on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, the Board of Supervisors of Fluvanna County, Virginia (the "County"), will hold a public hearing on the proposed issuance, without a referendum, of general obligation school bonds of the County in the aggregate maximum principal amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 (the "Bonds"), which are expected to be sold to the Virginia Public School Authority ("VPSA") for inclusion in VPSA's Series 2021 Fall Pool Bond issue. Proceeds of the Bonds will be used for the purpose of financing (1) certain capital improvements for its public school system, including without limitation (a) renovations to Abrams Academy, and (b) HVAC replacement and related improvements to Carysbrook Elementary School, and (2) the acquisition of up to ten (10) school buses, and to pay costs of issuance of the Bonds.

The public hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. in the Carysbrook Performing Arts Center, located at 8880 James Madison Hwy., Fork Union, VA 23055. Interested persons may appear at such time and place and present their views.

**Clerk, Board of Supervisors of
Fluvanna County, Virginia**



**Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors
Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to Virginia Code §15.2-1427, the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing on September 15, 2021 at the Carysbrook Performing Arts Center, located at 8880 James Madison Hwy., Fork Union, VA 23055, for citizens of the County to have the opportunity to appear before and be heard by the Board of Supervisors regarding the formation of a regional Cigarette Taxation Board. Pursuant to the authority granted to localities under § 15.2-1300 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and as further authorized by §§ 58.1-3830, 3832, and 3832.1 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors has determined that it would serve the public interest to establish a joint entity to be known as the Blue Ridge Cigarette Tax Board (the "Board") in order to efficiently administer the collection, accounting, disbursement, compliance monitoring and enforcement of cigarette taxes assessed by the localities desiring to join the Board.

The full text of the proposed ordinance may be viewed in the County Administration Office located at 132 Main Street, Palmyra, VA. 22963.



**PUBLIC HEARING
Fluvanna County Planning Commission
Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm**

Pursuant to VA Code Section 15.2-2204, a public hearing will be held at the Carysbrook Performing Arts Center, located at 8880 James Madison Hwy., Fork Union, VA 23055 for citizens of the County to have the opportunity to be heard by the Planning Commission on the following request:

ZMP 21:04 Southern Development – A request to rezone from A-1, Agricultural, General and R-3, Residential Planned Community to R-3, Residential Planned Community of 122.6 acres of Tax Maps 8 Section A Parcel 18A, 17 Section A Parcel 10 and 17 Section 9 Parcels 1 and 2. The subject properties are located along State Route 53 and along Garden Lane (SR 636) and with additional access via a stub road located south of 415 Jefferson Drive in Lake Monticello and they are in the Rivanna Community Planning Area and in the Cunningham Election District.

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held in person and attendees can attend in person, virtually online or by telephone. Instructions for public participation during the meeting will be made available on the Fluvanna County website. Interested persons may submit written comments prior to the scheduled meeting to dmiles@fluvannacounty.org and any questions may be directed to Douglas Miles, Community Development Director at 434-591-1910, between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Girls' softball

The Fluvanna Girls' Softball League (FGSL) is celebrating 25 years, and thousands of players ages 5-18. Founder and president, Chris Fairchild, says the league was started when his daughter Kayla was in T-Ball and the only option was to move up to baseball. "Girls needed to be able to play girls", he said. Today former FGSL players have daughters in the program and most softball player in Fluvanna's schools, start in FGSL. There are a few spaces left for Fall Ball in the 5-8 year old age group. If interested, contact Chris Fairchild at chris@nationalfilterservice.com.

Increased COVID testing opportunities in county

The Blue Ridge Health District will be significantly ramping up testing efforts over the next 7 weeks. All test sites are weather dependent. Inclement weather can cause testing cancellation; please check the BRHD website, as well as their social media for updates. The test site will be held at the Fluvanna County Administration Building in Palmyra on **Sept. 15, Sept. 22 and Sept. 29.**

H.U.G.S. meeting

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ZTA 21:02 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 22 Zoning of the Fluvanna County Code by the Addition of Definitions Under 22-22-1 Definitions; Uses Permitted by Right in A-1 Zoning Under 22-4-2.1, in R-1 Zoning Under 22-5-2.1, in R-2 Zoning Under 22-6-2.1, in R-3 Zoning Under 22-7-9.1, in R-4 Zoning Under 22-8-2.1, in B-1 Zoning Under 22-9-2.1, in B-C Zoning Under 22-10-3, in I-1 Zoning Under 22-11-2.1, in I-2 Zoning Under 22-12-2.1, and in MHP Zoning Under 22-13-2.1 to Permit a Small Scale Solar Generation Facility; and Uses Permitted by Special Use Permit in A-1 Zoning Under 22-4-2.2, in B-1 Zoning Under 22-9-2.2, in B-C Zoning Under 22-10-4, in I-1 Zoning Under 22-11-2.2 and in I-2 Zoning Under 22-12-2.2 to Permit a Minor Scale and Utility Scale Solar Generation Facility.

SUP 21:04 Joseph Carl Bradley – A Special Use Permit request within the A-1, Agricultural, General District to permit a commercial kennel with respect to 5 +/- acres of Tax Map 23 Section A Parcel 30 located at 5464 Venable Road. The subject property is located within the Rural Preservation Planning Area and in the Columbia Election District.

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held in person and attendees can attend in person, virtually online or by telephone. Instructions for public participation during the meeting will be made available on the Fluvanna County website. Interested persons may submit written comments prior to the scheduled meeting to dmiles@fluvannacounty.org and any questions may be directed to Douglas Miles, Community Development Director at 434-591-1910, between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday.

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Supervisors focus on American Rescue Plan

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

The Board of Supervisors met for its regular meeting at the Fluvanna County Library on Wednesday (Sept. 1) for a relatively brief session that focused heavily on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and how it might be used by the county.

Fork Union Sanitary District

The Morris and Omohundro wells in the Fork Union Sanitary District (FUSD) require state-mandated repairs and rehabilitation at a cost of \$290,250. The only question before the supervisors was how to pay for it.

Water and sanitation repairs and improvements fall under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and could be drawn from the current \$2.6 million allocated to the county. Supervisors could also pull funds from FUSD's \$164,000 fund balance.

Supervisors decided to leave the fund balance untouched and pull the full amount from ARPA on a 5-0 vote.

American Rescue Plan Act

Fluvanna County has been allocated \$5,296,878 under American Rescue Plan Act. The first tranche of \$2.6 million arrived on June 10, and the final \$2.6 million should appear in June 2022.

They have until Dec. 31, 2024 to use the funds or return unspent portions to the Treasury Department.

But spending it is going to be complicated.

Under ARPA, the county can use the funds for public health, addressing the negative economic impacts of COVID-19, replacing lost revenue, paying premium wages to essential workers, and improving water, sewer, and broadband access.

Purchasing officer Cyndi Toler ran through a detailed list of all the things ARPA could cover, but cautioned that there were a lot of things the supervisors may want that don't qualify.

One example that came up in the discussion was a new ambulance. Chair Mike Sheridan (Columbia) and Supervisor Tony O'Brien (Rivanna) theorized that an additional ambulance might qualify due to the increased burden on fire & rescue.

This would also take some of the burden off the county budget by allowing them to buy a big-ticket item outright, rather than funding them through loans.

However, Toler said they would have to prove that the purchase was due entirely to COVID-19, and auditors would almost certainly deny that type of purchase.

But there are many ways they can use the funds, from grants and loans to wastewater upgrades, to supplemental pay for frontline workers.

Supervisor Mozell Booker (Fork Union) strongly urged that the county hire someone who could coordinate and monitor ARPA and COVID-19 related issues.

Future meeting space

Since losing their longtime meeting space at the county courthouse in the first days of the COVID-19 lockdown, the Board has struggled to find a new home.

They met for some time in the Morris Room at the county administration building, came close to being able to build a new meeting space in the basement of the building under a previous federal funding act but ran out of time, and have been meeting for the last several months in the library's community room, which the library would like to start to use for other purposes.

With few spaces available in the county, they have settled on the Performing Arts Center at Carysbrook, starting with their Sept. 15 meeting.

County Administrator Eric Dahl said the need for space and distancing has been in his mind, as he has recently tested positive for COVID-19.

He joined the meeting remotely "Being someone that was fully vaccinated, I don't want to say that I thought I was not likely to get it -- but I'm surprised I have it, that's for sure," he said.

Other matters

Supervisors also unanimously approved:
• A resolution in support of a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant for VDOT's Palmyra Village Streetscapes Project;

• A supplemental funding request for \$472,000 in debt funding for fire & rescue to cover increased costs in new vehicles and apparatus.

Fluvanna County Library received an achievement award from the Virginia Association of Counties (VACO) for its efforts to serve the community during the pandemic. Jeremy Bennet, VACO's director of intergovernmental affairs, praised the library's innovative use of programs like virtual story time, curbside delivery, and grab-n-go activity kits.



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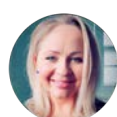
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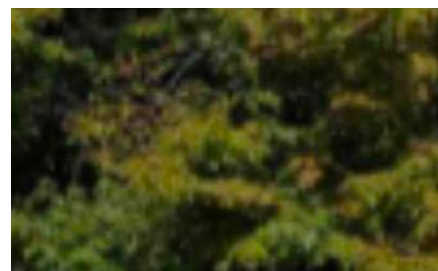
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