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## Letters to the editor

### Fluvanna has ample rural character

An organization called Save Rural Fluvanna sponsored a full-page ad in the October 21-27, issue of the Fluvanna Review. The organization contends that property currently zoned agricultural should not be rezoned to allow for high density housing developments. Let me express an opposite opinion. We need more population, not less. Fluvanna County has a very low population density of only 62.3 people per square mile. This is considerably lower than Louisa County at 87.2 per square mile and Albemarle County at 247.5. The organization also contends that we must prioritize the "rural character" of Fluvanna. If anyone doubts that we have insufficient rural character, simply drive anywhere in the county and try and find another stoplight besides the one at Lake Monticello. The organization's position would be more defensible if this rural property was actually used for

farming. The USDA reports that only 9,192 agricultural acres are actually planted in Fluvanna. The comparable number for Louisa County is 33,883 and 14,350 for Goochland County. In fact, because of agricultural zoning much of this rural land receives favorable tax treatment, even if no crops are actually grown.

Our nation and particularly our area are experiencing a crisis in available housing. We have developers prepared to address that issue with high density housing, which is environmentally friendly and more economical to the homeowner. We need population growth to provide the property tax revenue required to maintain high levels of education, safety, and other public services. Population growth will attract more businesses and that will bring more employment opportunities.

-Dick Bucci, Lake Monticello

### Redistricting process needs community input

Due to the late arrival of 2021 Census Data, the county Board of Supervisors is fast tracking the redistricting process. The first BOS hearing is Nov. 3 with initial selection of the proposed map being voted on at the Nov. 17 meeting. The public hearing is at the Dec. 1 meeting and then the final adoption is at the Dec. 15 meeting. That gives us, the citizens of Fluvanna County, very little time to weigh in on the process as citizens.

This is a big deal. Coming up in the next decade we have to approve the Comprehensive Plan twice. If we continue with the same basic representational apportionment we have now, we can expect to have the same results for our community that we have been seeing. To wit, short shrift towards a true comprehensive development plan that encourages smart growth. That will continue to force us to have a very imbalanced tax ratio between homeowners and commercial tax base. A healthy ratio is considered to be 70 percent homeowners and 30 percent commercial. I believe we are at approximately 93 percent homeowners -7 percent commercial.

If we want to have a better discussion and better representation over the coming decade, we should encourage the BOS that going to seven districts instead of five is in the best interests of

the county. For those who live in and around the Lake Monticello communities, having seven districts would mean that you receive dedicated representation at the BOS, School Board and all the appointed Boards, committees and commissions that are structured with a citizen representative from each district with three voices instead of the fractured representation you currently have.

It would also mean that our rural representatives would be able to serve the rural interest of their districts more fully than the competing interests that two of our representatives now have (Cunningham and Palmyra). The needs of our rural communities and our suburban communities are vastly different, and our elected and appointed officials should be able to fully support their constituencies without unnecessary conflicts.

I encourage you to contact your representative, attend the community meetings and attend the three BOS meetings regarding redistricting. Regardless of how you personally feel about the number of districts, the BOS should be acting on the will of the people. They cannot do that without hearing from us. So please, make your voices heard.

-Rudy Garcia, Fork Union

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## Car crash leads to fatality

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A 2007 Mazda 5 was traveling west on Rt. 53 when it crossed the centerline, over corrected, ran off the right side of the road, struck a tree and overturned.

A 17-year-old male passenger, Edgar Meza, was ejected from the vehicle and

died at the scene.

The driver, Mary J. Gsell, 21 of Palmyra was uninjured in the crash, according to State Police.

Charges are pending. The crash remains under investigation.

Meza was an 11th-grade student at Charlottesville High School. His friends say he was a hard worker, a good friend, and as loyal as they come, according to CBS 19.

His father is buried in Mexico, where Meza was born, but his mother needs money to get Meza's remains back home.

A GoFundMe called "Help Edgar Meza Make it Home" has a goal of raising \$15,000. So far, the GoFundMe has raised \$7,240 as of Sunday. For more information go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-edgar-meza-make-it-home>.



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BY RUDY GARCIA, OWNER, RIVANNA WOODS FINANCIAL / TAX SERVICES

### Tax Moves to Make Before Year-End



true. If your estimated 2022 taxable income looks like it may be significantly lower than your 2021 taxable income, lower tax rates may apply if you wait to sell your assets in 2022.

• **Max out pre-tax retirement savings.**

The deadline to contribute to a 401(k) plan and be able to reduce your taxable income on your 2021 tax return is December 31. See if you can earmark a little more money from each of your paychecks through the end of the year to transfer into your retirement savings accounts. For 2021, you can contribute up to \$19,500 to a 401(k), plus another \$6,500 if you're age 50 or older. Even better, you have until April 18, 2022, to contribute to a traditional IRA and be able to reduce your taxable income on your 2021 tax return.

• **Make cash charitable contributions.**

If you're like 90% of all taxpayers, you get no tax benefit from charitable contributions because you don't itemize your personal deductions. On your 2021 tax return, however, you may contribute up to \$300 in cash to a qualified charity and deduct the amount whether or not you itemize your deductions. Married taxpayers who file jointly may contribute \$600. You can make your contribution by check, credit card, or debit card. Remember that this above-the-line deduction is for cash contributions only. It does not apply to non-cash contributions.

• **Bunch deductions so you can itemize.**

Are your personal deductions near the amount of the standard deduction for 2021: \$12,550 for singles, \$18,800 for head of household and \$25,100 for married filing jointly? If so, consider bunching your personal deductions into 2021 so you can itemize this year. For most, the easiest way is to bunch two years of charitable contributions into a single year. These can include gifts of appreciated stock where you get to deduct the fair market value without paying capital gains tax.

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There are always moves you can make to reduce your taxable income. Some of these tax-saving moves, however, must be completed by December 31. Here are several to consider:

• **Tax loss harvesting.**

If you own stock in a taxable account that is not in a tax-deferred retirement plan, you can sell your underperforming stocks by December 31 and use these losses to reduce any taxable capital gains. If your net capital losses exceed your gains, you can even net up to \$3,000 against other income such as wages. Losses over \$3,000 can be used in future years. Just be sure you do not repurchase the same stock within 30 days, or the loss will be deferred.

• **Take a peek at your estimated 2022 income.**

If you have appreciated assets that you plan on selling in the near future, estimate your 2022 taxable income and compare it to your 2021 taxable income. If your 2022 income looks like it may be significantly higher than 2021, you may be able to sell your appreciated assets in 2021 to take advantage of a lower tax rate. The opposite also holds

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## Fluvanna Business Corner

### RECAP of the 2021 Annual Chamber Dinner

Rudy Garcia and Ruthann Carr, Fluvanna Chamber of Commerce



The 2021 Annual Fluvanna Chamber Dinner was a blast! In our first major event since 2019, Chamber members were ready to get out and mingle. Over 74 of our members and their friends and family attended and were treated to great food served by Agee's Catering and Concessions and a great keynote speaker in Sam Anderson of Direct Learning Solutions.

As the outgoing President it was my privilege and honor to once again EMCEE this great event. Prior to the meeting the Chamber Board received Board applications from Sarah Sweet-The Scrappy Elephant, Lori Click- RE/MAX Realty Specialists and Johnny Williamson, Gary Albert's State Farm Insurance. All three were voted onto the board by the vote of the assembled Chamber Members and will serve a three-year tour.

We said goodbye to two longtime Board members: Valerie Palamountain who had been our Vice President the past several years and Christine Monfalcone-Monfalcone and Garris, PC, who has been our Chamber Accountant for the past 9 years!

We also honored 3 Chamber Members for their community contributions over the past year: Jan Tatangelo-Your Fluvanna Women In Business received a special volunteer service award for the work she did during the pandemic helping the Chamber reach out to local businesses and share our resources.

Erika Mitchell-Sweet Art Emporium was recognized as the Emerging Business of the year for her work promoting local artists, artisans and maker through both her store and for helping get the Arts In The Park program launched

DURING THE PANDEMIC! Finally Carolyn Herbert- Herbert's Wine Jelly was recognized as the Business of the year for the social impact her business provides and her willingness to give back.

Finally, I had the honor of awarding the President's Award to the Monticello Area Community Action Center-Fluvanna County manager Bertha Armstrong. During the pandemic, Bertha and her team did some amazing work serving our most vulnerable community members while keeping all of their employees and customers safe.

All in all it was a wonderful event filled with lots of fun, good food and drinks. In addition we were able to raise over \$2,500 for the Bill Hughes Memorial Scholarship Fund! We want to thank our sponsors for the event (without whom it would not have been possible to hold the event!), Charlottesville Albemarle Airport, Monfalcone & Garris PC, UVA Community Credit Union, Commonwealth Life & Legacy Counsel, The Mackin Agency, Rivanna Woods Financial Tax Services and Jefferson Pharmacy and the Virginia, Maryland, Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives.

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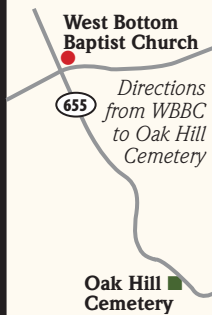


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# Fluvanna Faces: Tricia Johnson, director, Fluvanna County Historical Society

BY HARVEY J. SORUM



## Tell us a little about what you did prior to becoming the director of the Fluvanna County Historical Society.

I was a stringer for the *Fluvanna Review* – contributing articles and photography on various subjects – including history, the environment, and social justice issues. Prior to that I was the director of the Fluvanna SPCA.

## Why did you take on the job with the historical society and when?

I was offered the position six years ago this coming January and jumped at the opportunity to work for this wonderful non-profit organization that has done so much over the decades to protect, preserve, and promote the history of Fluvanna County. Learning about our history leads to a more comprehensive study of ourselves and our society. It is the best lens, I think, towards a deeper understanding of who we are, and why we do the things we do.

## What are your job responsibilities?

I am both the manager of a non-profit organization, and the project manager for the community-based work we have going on now. So, I manage financials, help organize volunteer efforts, engage with the public, write grant applications, communicate with our membership, and manage social and all other media – typical responsibilities of

a non-profit director – but I also conduct a lot of historical research, engage with other professionals in the field, oversee our important community-based projects...it never gets boring! I wake up every morning and dive into whatever the day brings!

## Do you employ anyone to help you?

We have recently hired a part time operations manager, to help with things like managing upkeep and repairs at our various properties, making sure we have office supplies and that our computers and such are always in good repair, as well as handling our bulk mailings, etc. Linda Gore, a long-time volunteer in our archives, was hired for the job and has filled the role admirably! It is a wonderful thing to work with people whom you genuinely like, respect, and appreciate – such is the case with Linda. She still volunteers with us as well as a respected genealogist.

## How is the society financed?

As a non-profit, the society relies heavily on donations from the public and on grant funding. Our membership dues - \$35 annually for a family membership, for instance – help a great deal. Before COVID, we also relied on our Second Sundays events to bring in donations. We have several regular donors to our annual endowment drive that make significant contributions towards our operating expenses. We also are fortunate that the projects we launch often have appeal to specific donors who contribute to those particular projects. An example is our ongoing work in two historic Black community cemeteries – Free Hill Cemetery in Columbia and Oak Hill Cemetery at West Bottom. As we strive to understand more about these spaces and the history of the communities in which they are located, and as we work in collaboration with the descendants of those at rest there, interested citizens have approached us with offers of support, which are deeply appreciated.

## How do you determine what is current in today's world should be included in history as part of the Fluvanna County Historical Society?

Documenting current events is a big part of what we do. In the last couple of years, we have been busy collecting information about the pandemic, the Black Lives Matter movement, the most recent presidential election, and the events of Jan. 6 at our nation's capital – all with a Fluvanna focus, of course. Especially interesting has been our program soliciting people's writings about their experiences during all of these events; we have received really solid submissions that will go into our archives for future historians to use in their search to understand these unusual days.

## How far back in history do the records go?

Fluvanna County was formed in 1777, so our records go back that far. Both in our archives at the historical society, and in the Fluvanna County Clerk's Office, you can find primary source documentation of what was happening here in Fluvanna. There are also substantial records at the Library of Virginia.

## If someone is interested in finding out if they are part of history, how do they go about it?

If they believe that they have roots in Fluvanna County, they can reach out to us by emailing [FluvannaHistory@gmail.com](mailto:FluvannaHistory@gmail.com) with their questions, and our volunteers will happily help them. If they believe their roots are elsewhere, our volunteer genealogists are still happy to get them started on their research; they also can use the email address above.

## From long time residents of Fluvanna County, do they ever share documents they have with you such as personal letters, pictures, newspaper articles, and anything else?

Yes! We are fortunate that so many people in Fluvanna have generously shared their historic documents – letters, photographs, other ephemera – over the years. Many have donated the original articles themselves, knowing that, since we observe standard archival practices, these treasures will be appropriately conserved and maintained in our archives. With modern technology, however, people can share their treasures with us and still keep them for themselves. We often scan documents and photos, etc., and keep a digital copy only, returning the originals to the owner. Once COVID abates, we plan to begin hosting "Family Treasure Days" throughout the county, where we will have scanners set up for this purpose. The owner then not only keeps their original documents and such, but they receive a digital copy for their records, too. We keep a copy for our digital archives, and then if we do the scanning in a local church, for instance, the church too becomes a repository of local history, and they get copies as well.

## Why should people be interested in things of the past?

It is where we all come from – it is how we got to where we are today. If we study the past, then we can have a better understanding of who we are and why we are dealing with the things we are dealing with today. Understanding the past helps us all to create a better tomorrow, I think.

## When you have visitors, are they generally interested in both historical records and taking a tour of the Old Stone Jail or visiting Holland Page Place, Maggie's House, the historical courthouse, and/or the Farm Heritage Museum?

I would say it is about half and half. Folks love visiting our museums, seeing these

tangible remnants of the past, and learning more about our shared history – but many people also are doing genealogical research or historical research and are attracted by our deep and frankly rather remarkable archives.

## When conducting tours yourself, what are some of the most memorable things visitors made comments about?

The Old Stone Jail Museum in Palmyra was built in 1828; designed by John Hartwell Cocke of Brems, it was likely built by his enslaved skilled stonemasons and brickmasons. Each of the mammoth stones has multiple quarry marks on it – each one representing the ringing blow of hammer on chisel. I often wait to mention that when talking about the outside of the building to see if anyone will ask about those marks – and someone almost always does. It gives us the opportunity to discuss not just the construction of the building, but the people who built it; not only the man who designed the building, but those enslaved individuals whose skilled hands did the work.

## Have you ever given tours for students? If so, what would you say is their interest level?

Yes! We host an annual second grade field trip, which is always so much fun. Two amazing volunteers (and society board members) Kathy Brent and Lissa Gooch arrange the field trip and plan the day for the students – they see the Old Stone Jail Museum and the historic courthouse – engage in a mock trial and then have a seek-and-find in the Village Park. These young students are very interested in everything they see – they just soak it all up. I have been fortunate to have led some high school students through the OSJ museum, too – and they asked deep, insightful questions about our exhibits. It was a rewarding experience for me, and a clear indication that they were invested in and engaged with what they were seeing.

## With current events the way they are, is the trend toward erasing history any threat to the historical society?

I have to challenge the premise of your question – the idea that there is a trend toward erasing history happening. If anything, history – American history in particular - is now being more deeply explored and studied than at any time in my recollection. As archival materials become more widely available due to advances in technology, and as new methodologies are developed for historical research, our understanding of our shared history is changing and growing. I rely on primary source documents – legal papers, court papers, letters written as events were unfolding, the words written in journals and letters by historical figures themselves – to do my research and to help people learn more about our history.

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## Fluco cross country squads compete in year end meet

BY DUNCAN NIXON  
 CORRESPONDENT

The Jefferson District cross country meet originally scheduled for Oct. 27, was held this year on Oct. 20 at Panorama Farms in Earlysville in Albemarle County. This is a well-traveled course for local runners, as a number of events are held there each season. The Fluco teams did not place near the top in either the boys' or the girls' competitions, but their top performers were all underclassmen.

The boys' team was let by two sophomores and a junior. The first Fluco to

finish was sophomore Ryder Petrylak who came home in a time of 18:08.80, which was good according to the final results as posted on the Milestat website, for 18th place. The second fastest Fluco was Conner Jeffries, another sophomore, whose time was 18:21.90. He finished in 23rd place. Third fastest for the Flucos was junior Matthew Cantanglior who took 28th place with a time of 18:52.20.

On the girls' side, the top three finishers were a freshman, a junior and a

sophomore. The fastest Fluco was freshman Sophie Farley who ran the three mile course in a time of 21:15.40, which put her in seventh place overall. A fine showing for a freshman runner. Next for the Fluco girls was junior Madeline Creasy who finished in 26th place with a time of 24:01.40. The third best finisher for the Flucos was sophomore Kayla Kozella. She finished in 31st place with a time of 24:42.50.

This year, the Fluco cross country squads did not run at home all season, they had problems with weather and as noted they had very young squads. The future looks more promising.

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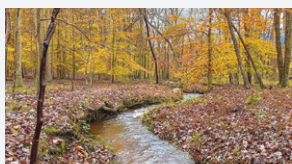
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## Messy Church to start at Cunningham United Methodist

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD  
CORRESPONDENT

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"Messy Church is an intergenerational "come as you are" congregation, exploring the Bible with creativity to find joy and deepen our relationship with God and one another," said spokesperson Carla Lee. "Messy Church is a non-traditional model of being a church that is particularly suited to families but is welcoming to everyone. Every child is accompanied by an adult, providing opportunities for all types of families to have fun and learn about God together."

According to Lee, it is very informal; a departure from the formality of church in the past decades when everyone had to sit quietly, adhering to the religious rituals. It was expected of past generations and the children who grew into adults accepted the somber and reverent traditions of the churches they attended. But in many churches, some of the past rituals have been dismissed as too strict, opening the door for a much different way of learning and teaching religious education.

Lee describes a typical visit to a messy church.

"As people trickle in, you'll get a warm welcome and snacks at the check-in/registration station. You're invited to play games or start at the activity stations where there will be different activities to do. You might want to do something together as a family or as an adult/child pair, or you might join with others while you chat and get active and creative. It's a very free and easy time."

She adds that at the end of the activities everyone moves into the sanctuary for a short 15-20 minute celebration, singing worship songs, hearing Bible stories, and to pray. Then everyone sits down to enjoy a meal together.

The Messy Church program started in the United Kingdom but has spread to the United States. It began in 2004 at a local church in the United Kingdom with one of the original team members, Lucy Moore. As Messy Church grew, Moore helped the Christian Charity BRF (Bible Reading/Fellowship) become the home of the ministry when training and resources began to be needed for other churches to start their Messy Church. Messy Church has since spread to almost 30 countries and across denominations.

Pastor Amy Grant was aware of the program and several of the CUMC Cunningham UMC became interested in starting Messy Church in early 2020. A small group visited a Messy Church in Williamsburg to get an idea of what it was like and would it be a good fit for them.

"Unfortunately, we had to put our plans for Messy Church on hold when COVID came to the area but feel that now is the time to start getting messy," said Lee.

The catchphrase for the global Messy Church movement is "Church, but not as you know it." The purpose is to help people of all ages learn and explore the Bible with creativity and joy while deepening their relationship with God and one another. It differs from traditional church activities in several ways: It is informal—no dressing up required, It keeps all ages together through all activities, instead of segregating them by age and It is more active and participatory than most traditional services. Talking and movement are encouraged in messy church. The most notable feature is it is not held on Sunday mornings.

All this is a departure from church services of the past, exercising strict fundamentalism. Although Seventh Day Adventists and some Catholic churches have services on Saturday, it is not unusual. Palmyra United Methodist had worship services during the week for those who could not attend on Sunday because they had to work. It is about accommodating a new way of living for those in today's society.

"The program is open to everyone but will particularly interest people who are interested in

exploring being part of a church family, but don't find the traditional Sunday service fits into their life," said Lee. "People looking to grow in their faith together as a family while having fun and people who are interested in learning more about God as well as parents and other adults who'd like to get to meet and interact while doing activities with their children or grandchildren."

CUMC may be presenting a program that will serve as a model for many area churches and the future of church services in the future. Some may view it as sacrilegious, but in today's generation with so much happening so fast, this may be the new wave of religious experience that brings people together in a way most of us are not used to but has many benefits and still preserves worship in the church.

CUMC will hold Messy Church on the 1st Tuesday of the month, from 5-7 p.m. beginning Dec. 7. For more information and to pre-register visit <http://cunninghamumc.org/>. For more information, contact the church office at [cunninghamumc@gmail.com](mailto:cunninghamumc@gmail.com). There is no charge (although a donation to the cost of the meal and activities is always welcomed.)

## Laker inspires neighbors to carve 100 pumpkins

CONTRIBUTED BY JUDY FISH, LAKE MONTICELLO NEWS



It's no surprise that Laker Brenda Alluisi was the brainchild behind the Bunker Pumpkin Path Friday night—where 100 pumpkins lined Bunker Track in what will surely become an annual event. The free event was open to both Lakers and their Fluvanna County neighbors.

"In my mind, I was hoping for 200 pumpkins, but 100 is a really great start," Alluisi said the day after the event. She said she personally invited all her friends to carve pumpkins (ok, maybe nagged her friends, she admitted). Alluisi also taught two free pumpkin carving classes at the Ashlawn Clubhouse with about 15 in attendance each class night.

"I was surprised at the number of people who had never carved a pumpkin before," she said. "I had one lady tell me she is 86 years old and was carving her very first pumpkin in the class." Brenda said her youngest carver was about five years old, calling ages "8-12 the sweet spot."

In addition to the two free carving classes, she helped the 9-Hole Ladies Golf Group carve pumpkins at the home of Jan Shattls, who hosted a "Pumpkin-Carving Potluck."

Alluisi has created lots of fun at Lake Monticello since moving here some six years ago. She has organized golf ball and rock painting for children at two past Oktoberfests, occasionally teaches basket weaving in the Ashlawn Clubhouse, is a

regular at Painters at the Lake, has made and sold homemade jellies and participated and helped organize the Dancing at the Lake lessons before COVID stopped them. She also entertained her Facebook followers with her series of posts on various breads she baked during COVID and even more recently.

It's no surprise she helped bring the Pumpkin Extravaganza to Lake Monticello.

"My family from Kentucky told me about the Louisville Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular," Alluisi said. "I thought maybe we could do a mini-event here." The Louisville event, celebrating its 9th year, boasts 5,000 carved pumpkins illuminated at night as an art show that runs daily from dusk to 11 p.m. for about a month, raising money for charity.

Alluisi approached the Young Residents & Families Committee with the idea. "I am glad they wanted to do it," she said.

While she hopes the event becomes annual and grows even larger, Alluisi said she was touched by the participation.

"I was so moved by all my friends who delivered carved pumpkins," she said. "There were people from my wine club, basket weaving, painters and my dancing friends. I felt so grateful that they answered my call for carved pumpkins."

Alluisi delivered about 21 pumpkins from various people and LMOA Board Member Gary Sellick also had a careful of pumpkins, she said. The entire LMOA Board carved pumpkins for their board meeting the day before the event as a way to promote it.

She said she already has ideas to make the event bigger next year, if the Young Families & Residents Committee wants to organize it again. "I so appreciate everyone who worked the event," Alluisi said. "I heard lots of positive comments from people last night. It was so cool watching the kids swarm the track to see the pumpkins glow in the dark."

One of her favorite things about the event is that "carving the pumpkins and then walking the track provided great family quality bonding time."



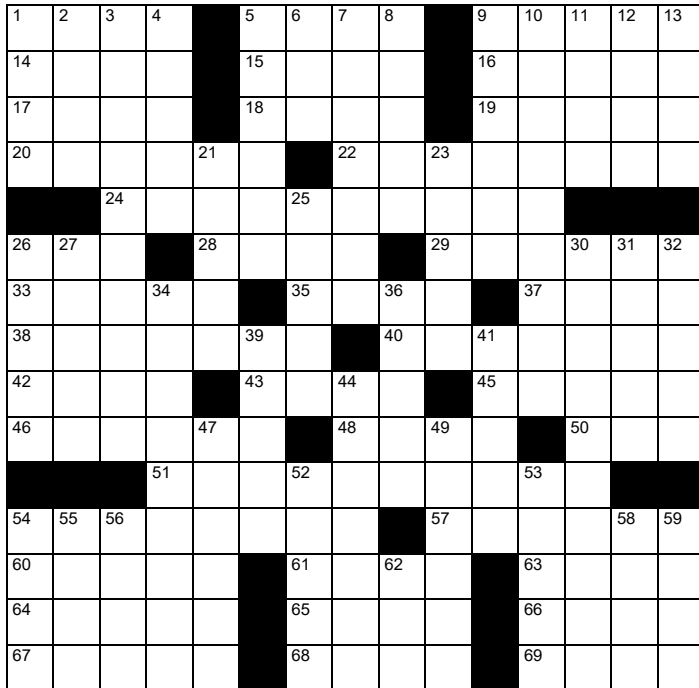


# The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

## ACROSS

- 1 Like some streets
- 5 Maintain
- 9 Drinking aid
- 14 Castle, in chess
- 15 Dogtag datum
- 16 Stable sound
- 17 Literary lioness
- 18 Flabbergast
- 19 Boredom
- 20 Playground fixture
- 22 Pastel hue
- 24 Say "All dogs chase squirrels", e.g.
- 26 Luxurious resort
- 28 Cave, in poetry
- 29 Ironfisted ruler
- 33 Short and to the point
- 35 Ration (out)
- 37 Place to build
- 38 Plug a product, e.g.
- 40 Barn owl's prey
- 42 Breezed through
- 43 Little bouquet
- 45 Stopwatch button
- 46 Dennis of comics, for one
- 48 Commotion
- 50 Give it a go
- 51 Words of outrage
- 54 Like some gymnastics bars
- 57 Cherry red color
- 60 Taper off
- 61 Seaweed, for one
- 63 Copies
- 64 Gastric woe
- 65 Email option
- 66 Escape slowly
- 67 A little suspicious
- 68 Quiz answer
- 69 Swirling current



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## DOWN

- 1 "\_\_\_ bien!"
- 2 Pocket problem
- 3 White House setting
- 4 Russian edict
- 5 Peeked-at item
- 6 Vintner's vessel
- 7 Take after
- 8 Of the kidneys
- 9 Allergic reaction
- 10 Graceland's state
- 11 Fruit covering
- 12 Malarial fever
- 13 Blender sound
- 21 Inflammation
- 23 MTV feature
- 25 Juliet's beloved
- 26 Cook, as clams
- 27 VP before Harris
- 30 Like some suits
- 31 Playful swimmer
- 32 Short-tempered
- 34 Carbonated mixer

- 36 Use a dressing room
- 39 Witch's work
- 41 Went for a spin
- 44 "Zoolander" actor
- 47 Stalk vegetable
- 49 The '70s, say
- 52 Part of math's LCD
- 53 Wipe clean
- 54 Reiser or Rudd
- 55 Up to snuff
- 56 Olympics event
- 58 Bird feeder filler
- 59 Glimpse
- 62 Safari sight

### Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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# SUDOKU

Edited by Margie E. Burke

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### HOW TO SOLVE:

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

### Answers to Last Week's Sudoku:

1	2	5	4	9	7	6	3	8
9	6	8	5	1	3	2	4	7
4	3	7	8	2	6	5	9	1
5	1	2	6	8	4	3	7	9
8	4	3	2	7	9	1	5	6
6	7	9	1	3	5	4	8	2
3	9	1	7	5	2	8	6	4
7	8	6	3	4	1	9	2	5
2	5	4	9	6	8	7	1	3

# Good things happening at high school

BY RUTHANN CARR  
CORRESPONDENT

Quick. Close your eyes and think of Fluvanna County High School.

What comes to mind? Principal Margo Bruce knows people hear a lot about what goes on at the high school, but it may not be the good stuff – and she said there's a lot of it.

"Did you know six of our special education students have been invited to Disney World to compete in the Special Olympics in June?" Bruce said. "All expenses paid. Nick Ward, their teacher, is going with them."

It's not that there aren't difficulties. One thing Bruce is starting to focus on is attendance.

"There's been a lot of anxiety (among students) about coming back to school," Bruce said. "We had social isolation for a year and a half. You change. It's taking a toll. They're afraid of COVID. Of taking it back to a relative."

And Bruce said some students have tried some of the TikTok monthly challenges involving bad acts in school, but she isn't ignoring it.

One challenge was to damage bathrooms. Some students ripped soap dispensers off the walls, did nasty things to them and posted pictures.

But Bruce is letting them live with the consequences.

"I'm not putting them back up (while this continues). They have hand sanitizer (they can use)," she said.

More important to her is all the positive things:

- Homecoming celebrations;
- Outside pep rallies;
- The 8th grade dance and homecoming dance outside under a big tent;
- Student-led breast cancer walk;
- Starting Nov. 1, each Monday and Wednesday students can attend a study hall from 3:45 – 5:30 p.m.

"We're just trying to be creative and giving them what they need," she said.

Bruce is also looking forward to Family Engagement night.

"We'll bring students and parents together in a team-building effort, encouraging students to engage with parents and teachers," she said. "And it teaches parents and teachers empathy – to see what it's like to be in an English class – to be a student."

Bruce said she knows teachers are struggling, too.

That's why at a recent faculty meeting Bruce said she just let them vent – say whatever they wanted. There's talk of starting a teacher support group.

Bruce gets in the habit of just stopping by a classroom and seeing what the teacher needs, rather than sitting in the back watching.

"It's the little things that mean a lot." On the high school website there's a parent hub and a teacher hub. That allows parents and teachers to stay informed, to

ask questions and to express their concerns about things they hear.

There's a philosophy that Bruce holds: "You can't put children in a box. You can't teach them in a box. You have to remove the limits you place on yourself and others."

There's another initiative in the high school: PRIDE, which stands for Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Determination and Expectations. Students are encouraged to strive for that in showing school pride.

And just for a few more good things to report:

- Seniors Mackenzie Swain and Rachel Warden were name 2022 National Merit® Commended Students;
- The cheerleading squad won the Jefferson District;
- Emily Farist placed second in the Future Farmers of America small engine troubleshooting category;
- New, student-initiated clubs: Modeling, bike, dance.
- Student Diver Davis won gold in the World Union of Karate –Do Championships in Romania in September;
- Ava Amato was the CBS19 Student Athlete of the Week.

Finally, the school's literary magazine and yearbook won honors. FCHS received a "Superior" rating (the highest rating possible) from VHSL for the school's 2021 Literary Magazine (<https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/read/65687453/2021-fchs-undefined>) and an "Excellent" rating for our 2021 Fluvanna Yearbook.

"I'm especially proud of our 2021 journalism team for receiving these ratings in a year that was partially virtual," said Elizabeth Pellicane, the M.A. Communication, Journalism Adviser. "The Yearbook students had to rely on crowd-sourcing for almost all of the photos, interviews, and reporting that went into creating the book, while the Literary Magazine Club created nearly all of the magazine through Google meetings. The students involved include:

- 2021 Yearbook Editor: Mia Martinez;
- 2021 Social Media Manager: Evie Benson;

Yearbook key staffers include Ally Lounsbury, Gabrielle Etchison, Asiana Hawkins, Claire Barnett, Matt Gresham, Emma Poulin, Maya Knisley, Madison Fain, Alayna Wyche, Bobby Smith, Kaitlyn Costanzo, Sophia Harris;

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors  
Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to Virginia Code §15.2-1427 and §58.1-3830 et seq., the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing on November 17, 2021, at the Carysbrook Performing Arts Center, 8880 James Madison Highway, Fork Union, VA 23055, for citizens of the County to have the opportunity to appear before and be heard by the Board of Supervisors and in order to receive public input and comments on the following:

A proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 20, Taxation, of the Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia, by adding new Article 10, Cigarette Tax, to permit the County, a member of the Blue Ridge Cigarette Tax Board, to levy, charge and enforce a cigarette tax of \$0.02 cents per cigarette and other matters related thereto as specifically set forth in the proposed new Article 10.

The full text of the proposed ordinance may be viewed in the County Administration Office located at 132 Main Street, Palmyra, VA. 22963, and may be viewed Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. up to the date of the public hearing. The phone number is 434-591-1910.

Any parties wishing to be heard are requested to attend the public hearing.



**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors  
November 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm**

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

**SUP 21:06 Carysbrook Solar, LLC** – A Special Use Permit request in the A-1, Agricultural, General District to construct a major utility use (solar generation facility) on 36 +/- acres of a 361.3 +/- acre parcel, Tax Map 42, Section 1, Parcel 1. The property is located on the east side of Carysbrook Road (SR 615) and generally north of James Madison Highway (Route 15) at 1084 Carysbrook Road. The subject parcel is within the Rural Preservation Area and the Fork Union 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 public hearing to [dmiles@fluvannacounty.org](mailto: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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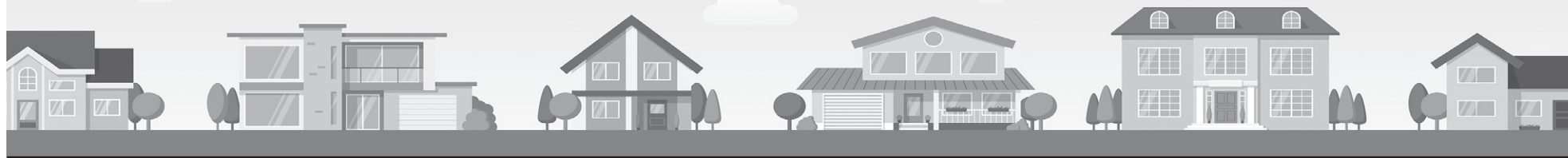
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**Byrd Christmas extravaganza**  
Byrd Chapel UMC will be having a Christmas Extravaganza on Saturday, **Nov. 6** from 8a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be crafts, Christmas items and baked goods, There will also be kids jackets, sweatshirts, gloves and hats These will be given to local community families. If any questions please call 434-589-2142. Byrd Chapel is located at 5371 Venable Road (Rt. 601) at Kents Store.

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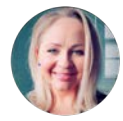


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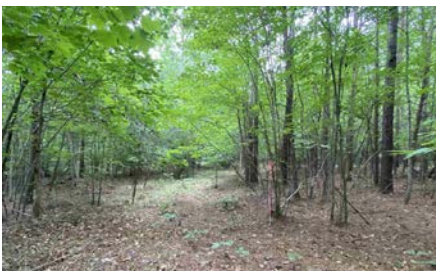
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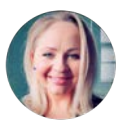
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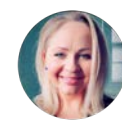


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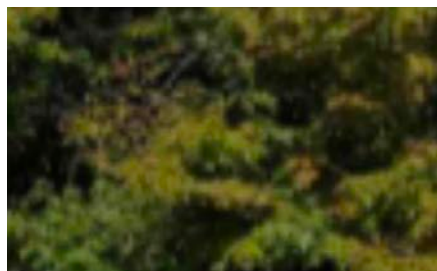
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