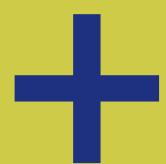


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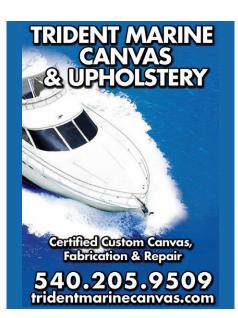
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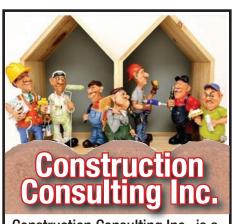
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#### CORRECTION

The following names were inadvertently left off the Fluvanna Middle School honor roll:

#### 7th Grade Principal's List (Students who earned all A's).

Grey Stull, Madilyn Thompson, Bridgette Thomson, Jakob Trent, William Urry, and Jacob Weimer

## Letters to the editor

### Redistricting has consequences

At the Nov. 3, Board of Supervisors meeting, the BOS voted (3 to 2) that redistricting map 6 be selected as the proposed redistricting map for Fluvanna. Nov. 17 and Dec. 1 will be dates in which the public can make comments and suggestions about all the redistricting maps.

Supervisor Mozell Booker said it did not make sense to have chosen a specific map before the public hearings for community input. I agree.

I have spoken with several county officials and my understanding of the consequences of map 6 are as follows:

Two elected school board members, Gequetta Murray-Key and Dr. James Kelly may lose their elected positions. The Virginia laws are unclear as to whether they will be allowed to keep those positions due to map 6's redistricting plan.

School Board members Andrew Pullen, Charles Rittenhouse and Perrie Johnson will keep their seats. Rittenhouse and Pullen vote the same on almost every school board vote. If Murray-Key and Kelly are not allowed to keep their seats on the school board, Pullen and Rittenhouse may be in power to

appoint two additional school board members until there is a special election. This could create a Republican majority on the school board without a fair election?

Why were the consequences of map 6 not stated when discussed as an option and selected by the Board of Supervisors?

Supervisor Tony O'Brian suggested map 5B be selected. Maps 5-1 or 5-2 will allow all those who were elected to keep their positions. O'Brian said in light of all the changes, we have experienced lately, it would be better to maintain some continuity. I agree with Mr. O'Brian. Also, a redistricting committee member said maps 5A and 5B would be less costly and least likely to be challenged.

Maps 7A and 7B might also mean that Ms. Murray-Key and perhaps a Board of Supervisor might lose their elected seats.

The election changes that might occur for each map should be stated plainly by the Board of Supervisors. I hope that concerned citizens will contact the supervisors and/or come to the Board of Supervisor's meetings on Dec. 1 to express their opinions.

- Jessica Jackson, Palmyra

#### Population growth not needed

This letter is a reaction to Mr. Dick Bucci's letter in the Fluvanna Review.

We really do not need population growth here in Fluvanna County. We're doing just fine as it is without having to put up more high-density housing. We do not have an insufficient rural character here either, but

with your proposed population growth, more housing and more businesses, this will definitely arrive, and people will lose the reason why they choose to come here in the first place.

-Hans DeGroot, Palmyra

#### Redistrict for an equal voice

I live in the Cherokee section of Lake Monticello. I have been reading about the redistricting plan in the Fluvanna Review as well as the county's website.

After reviewing all five scenarios presented on the website, I support the Seven District Scenario 1 option. I believe that the government serves the people best when representatives and constituents have a lot in common. The wants and needs of

individuals living in densely populated areas aren't necessarily the same as those living in a rural area.

I also feel that everyone deserves an equal voice in how the government is run. If Lake Monticello and the surrounding area represents 45 percent of the population of Fluvanna, isn't it fair that the Board of Supervisors reflect that?

-Jesse Sawyer, Palmyra



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## **School Board Debates Resolution on Parent Input**

BY RUTHANN CARR **CORRESPONDENT** 

The resolution proposed by Andrew Pullen (Columbia) affirming the School Board's desire for parent input will come up again at the Dec. 8 meeting.

Pullen said he and Superintendent Peter Gretz wrote the resolution and based it on one Culpeper County drafted.

On Nov. 3, Pullen posted his proposed resolution on his Pullen for Fluvanna County School Board Facebook page.

He submitted it as an action item to

be voted on at the Wednesday (Nov. 10) meeting; however, Chair Perrie Johnson made the motion to move it to unfinished business for a first reading.

The Board agreed 3-2 with Johnson, Shirley Stewart (Rivanna) and James Kelley (Palmyra) voting yes; Pullen and Charles Rittenhouse (Cunningham) votina no.

The Board discussed the resolution, that Pullen said was prompted by a Sept. 29 letter to President Biden from the National School Board Association.

According to a Sept. 30 Washington Post article, in the letter, the NSBA said threats and acts of violence have become more prevalent both inside and outside of (school board) meetings, coming by mail, social media and around personal properties.

The organization called for a collaboration among federal, state and local law enforcement to investigate the threats... stating, "These threats and acts of violence are affecting our nation's democracy at the very foundational levels."

Rittenhouse said, "I would support this (resolution) with the things going on across the nation ostracizing parents School Board Debates continues on page 6.

from education."

Johnson said she thought the resolution wasn't necessary.

"While I don't understand the need for this resolution as it has no practical application or outcome that I can identify, I don't object to any of its provisions except this short passage: 'Now therefore be it resolved that the Fluvanna County School Board reject the efforts of the NSBA and DOJ to criminalize dissent and protected speech within our community.' she said. "The NSBA letter does not attempt to criminalize peaceful dissent and protected speech; those terms are never used. Another term that is never

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



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- charitable giving including long-term capital gain stocks.
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used in the letter is parent. Never. It is not an attack on parents and parental input."

Then Johnson quoted from the NSBA

"The National School Boards Association (NSBA) respectfully asks for federal law enforcement and other assistance to deal with the growing number of threats of violence and acts of intimidation occurring across the nation. Local school board members want to hear from their communities on important issues and that must be at the forefront of good school board governance and promotion of free speech. However, there also must be safeguards in place to protect public schools and dedicated education leaders as they do their jobs."

Johnson talked about a Brevard County, Florida school board member, Jenifer Jenkins, who wrote a letter about the threats and intimidation she experienced

Johnson said she was glad she was in rural Virginia.

"Fortunately, I live in Fluvanna," she said. "I have not experienced any of the worst of Ms. Jenkins problems. I have been exposed to many brutal comments, not just publicly, but imagine some of the calls and emails I get when the interaction isn't face-to-face and people feel emboldened to express their contempt

even more viciously. I have parked in the back of the building before school board meetings. I have been escorted to my car. I have wondered if any of my critics who send the most vile messages will cause me physical harm."

Stewart agreed the year has been difficult but said the Board has done many things to encourage parental involvement: extended public comments, livestreamed and recorded every meeting.

"We've worked very hard to be present and listen to community," Stewart said. "We have had a great deal of openness. I may agree with many things in this resolution, but I don't see any reason to have

Kelley said, "The best thing we can do is to continue to encourage parents to voice their opinion."

The Board stopped the meeting at 7 p.m. to have a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2023 budget. No one spoke, so the regular meeting resumed.

**Executive Director for Human Resourc**es, Operations, and Student Services Don Stribling said since the beginning of the school year there have been 184 positive COVID-19 cases.

At the time of the meeting there were 11 active cases. Students and staff asked to quarantine because of exposure can return to school after seven days and a negative COVID-19 test.

Stribling said the number of cases is going down and is a bit lower than surrounding school districts.



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Gretz said the district is making available COVID-19 vaccinations for children 5-12 by allowing the health department to have a clinic at Carysbrook.

"It's not our position to support or discourage vaccinations," he said. "Our position is to support the initiative."

Gretz asked the Board to allow him to get bids from outside contractors to do a compensation study.

Pullen asked if it would be better to have the study done in-house and save the money.

Kelley said he was committed to finding out how Fluvanna compares to surrounding counties.

Gretz said he saw value in having a third party do the study.

In discussing the budgets, Executive Director for Budget and Finance Brenda Gilliam said they are still trying to study the market and see when the best time would be to lock down a gas price.

The Board discussed Johnson's proposal to have a staff liaison at the table during public meetings.

Johnson said she'd particularly like to have a staff person for input on budget negotiations.

"I'd like to have them have a seat at the board to ask questions and help us make decisions on all kinds of matters," she said, adding they could use the term representative for the person.

Pullen said having a staff representative at the table is just "skirting" the issue of collective bargaining.

Kelley asked wasn't the superintendent technically the staff representative to the Board.

They came to no decision.

Pullen asked about the hunter safety course the Board voted to offer a couple years ago.

Stribling said it was all ready to go when the pandemic hit.

Stribling said he would speak to the Athletic Director Scott Morris to see how soon they can start one. It would be offered after school or on the weekend.

## **Two-Day Festival of Trees set for Lake Monticello**

**PRESS RELEASE** 



The holidays will be in full swing Dec. 3-4 at Lake Monticello, with a Festival of Trees dinner-dance Fri-day evening, Dec. 3, and the Festival of Trees itself Saturday, Dec. 4.

Attendees at the Holiday Dinner/Dance beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at the Ashlawn Clubhouse will get to preview the Festival of Trees, choose among three dinner entrees, dance to the music of Sh-Boom, and enjoy a cash bar. Tickets are \$55 per person, with the money raised to support the All-Inclusive Playground and other Lake Monticello Community Foundation initiatives. Tickets can be purchased from Alan Stewart at astewart52@gmail.com or 802-272-2595. Seating is limited to 150 persons.

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## Village Gardens development faces further delay

BY HEATHER MICHON CORRESPONDENT

The controversial Village Gardens housing development proposed for the intersection of Rt. 53 and Garden Lane faces further delay, as Southern Development asked the Planning Commission for another 30 days to address remaining questions about the plan before the commission votes on a crucial rezoning request.

The rezoning request was the only issue on the agenda on Tuesday night (Nov. 9).

To move forward with the project, the developer needs the county to rezone 122 acres from A-1 (Agricultural) to R-3 (Residential).

The original plan called for the construction of 260 single-family homes, 95 townhomes, and 9,000 square feet of retail space on the site, which sits roughly between The Village at Nahor and Garden Lane and would share a boundary with Lake Monticello.

Many residents around the 122-acre parcel have been vocal in their opposition to the development, arguing that it would put too much stress on Aqua Virginia's aging water and sewer infrastructure, create more traffic and risk on Rt. 53, and continue the degradation of the county's rural character.

At the Sept. 14 hearing, the rezoning request was poised for defeat when Southern Development asked for a 90-day continuation to come up with solutions for these concerns.

At Tuesday's session, representatives for the company told the commissioners that they had come up with several potential modifications to their site plan, and had reached a tentative agreement with Aqua on a "loop" system that would provide adequate pressure for their water and wastewater.

However, they said the Virginia Department of Transportation had just provided results of a detailed traffic study the previous Thursday, and asked for another 30 days to analyze the report before coming up with a new set of proffers.

The motion to defer until the Dec. 7 meeting passed by a vote of 5-0.

As a procedural issue, both Tuesday's meeting and the Dec. 7 meeting will be a continuation of the public hearing started on Sept. 14. Public hearings are designed to give county residents the opportunity to address their concerns directly to the commission.

County Attorney Fred Payne told the commission that public comments at the Dec. 7 meeting should be focused strictly on the "newly updated information," as residents had already had the chance to speak on the larger issues surrounding the development plan.

Meanwhile, public pressure to kill the project shows no sign of letting up. The county has received dozens of letters against the plan, and multiple residents spoke out again during public comments on Tuesday night.

Among the speakers was Lake Monticello Owners Association Board president Larry Henson.

Henson said he didn't think Southern Development had provided much of an update on the issues most pressing to Lake residents, including fire and safety issues and erosion and sedimentation controls.

As a committee, we didn't react to Village Oaks," Henson said. "We didn't react to Colonial Circle. We are reacting today."





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## It's a Wonderful Life: A live radio play to open at **Four County Players**

PRESS RELEASE

As part of their 49th holiday season in Barboursville, Four County Players and Orange County Virginia Tourism are proud to present IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY adapted by Joe Landry, opening Nov. 19 on the Mainstage. 'It's A Wonderful Life' is based on the story 'The Greatest Gift' by Philip Van Doren Stern. The production features original music and musical arrangements by Kevin Connors.

This beloved American holiday classic comes to captivating life as a live 1940s radio broadcast, complete with live foley artists! With the help of an ensemble that brings a few dozen characters to the stage, the story of idealistic George Bailey unfolds as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve. Four County Players is excited to return to a live holiday show for the first time since 2019 — and it could not be a better time for this classic story about the value of life and importance of community.

This production is directed by Kerry Moran and stars an ensemble cast with Ken Wayne, Sara Conklin, John Holdren, Jim McConnell, Katie Hutchins, Christian Eberle, Michael Kneller, and Hannah Vidaver.

Rounding out the production staff are Karen Schlicht and Linn Wood as Production Stage Managers, Edward Warwick White as Producer, Amy Goffman and Linda Zuby as Costume Designers, Kim Faulkinbury as Lighting Designer, Kerry Moran as Scenic Designer, John Holdren as Sound Designer, Michael Kneller as Lead Carpenter, Kristen Franklin Heiderstadt as Hair and Makeup Designer, Mimi Halpern as Properties Designer, Carl Schwaner as Sound Engineer, Nick Hagy as Technical Director, and Gary Warwick White as Production Manager

It's A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY runs weekends on the Mainstage through Dec. 19. Friday and Saturday night performances are at 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees are at 2:30 p.m. Adult tickets are \$18; Senior citizen/Student tickets are \$16; Children (12 and under) are \$14; and all Friday tickets are \$10. Please contact the Box Office directly for group rates over 10.

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BY PAGE H. GIFFORD CORRESPONDENT

It was spring of 2019, and the last judged show for the Fluvanna Art Association before COVID hit. The current show at the Fluvanna County Public Library opened Saturday, Nov. 13, and was well attended. Pre-COVID, the FAA decided to do away with the People's Choice Show and have two judged shows. However, last year, a few artists participated in an online show with no judging.

Laura Foussekis, a board member and volunteer with the Purcell Gallery at the Louisa Arts Center, was the judge in 2019

and returned this year to judge this show.

"Once again, I am impressed by the broad range of media which your artists use. Choosing a winner in each category, as well as Best in Show, was difficult - there was so much great art to choose from," she said.

There were 31 entries and normally there are more than double that. Pre-OVID, the 2019 spring show had 90 pieces of work but this year the members opted to put only one piece per artist in the show. Visually, the art work was hung well

Peggy Shanklin

by members Nance Stamper and Autumn Wall for the best viewing experience.

Familiar watercolor artist William Snow (Masters Category), won Best in Show for "Silent Hunter," a painting Foussekis said, "was well executed in every way." While she noticed the owl was skillfully painted there were other elements that were equally well done, including the texture of the tree bark and the clouds.

"It gives the viewer the sense that you could reach out and touch its roughness. And the clouds in the background add nice detail without distracting from the foreground."

The novice category only had two artists, both newcomers, Tammy McKee, who won first for her abstract "Euor using the same media. "Many people would not think about 'fine art' being done in colored pencil. But one look at "When I Grow Up" would certainly make anyone reconsider this opinion. The dogs are well done - just looking at the detail in the eyes, the nose, the mouth, and the coat - and the background complements the main image."

Janie Prete's "The Outing" won third in the masters. Prete's lively, slowing style is evident in this painting featuring two women walking their dogs.

"This joyful, colorful painting gives you a sense of the friendship between these two women, out for a walk with a dog. The whole scene allows the viewer to construct a story around what they



JoAnn Braniff-VanBuren Cove. Photo by Page Gifford.

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daimonia" (Greek for good spirit), aptly named for its bright colorful spirit, and Bonnie Mackey who won second for "Summer Harvest."

Tom Ellis won first in his category of 3-D for "Camo Comanche" without competition but Foussekis, who is a fan of Ellis' work, said hands down he would have been the winner regardless.

"Tom Ellis's 3-D art exhibits his skill not only as a sculptor but also as a painter. The birch trees create an interesting environment for the Native American on horseback. All aspects of this scene are well done," she said, recognizing his accomplished skill.

In the masters' category, Sara Gondwe took first for her "Which Path Should We Choose." Foussekis noted Gondwe's unique style and use of mixed media in her abstract.

"Colorful and interesting with many repeating shapes and colors drawing the eye around the painting. An interesting style and technique which seems unique to this artist."

Newcomer Susan Edginton, won second for her detailed colored pencil piece featuring her dog.

"This piece of artwork is another example of the great breadth of media which the members of this group use." Foussekis had commented at the opening that she liked the artists' work in the FAA because everyone was different; no one was doing the same thing

are seeing," said Foussekis, citing one key element for artists to be successful is to tell a story and Prete always does this well. Foussekis added that Prete's use of color and brush strokes also create a sense of place.

Honorable Mention went to Debbie Burke for "The Last Time Brooke Did Dishes." Many elements of Burke's painting were noted for being well-executed.

In the advanced category, Foussekis admitted she had difficulty choosing between William Snow's "Silent Hunter" and Maria Carter's "Let Me Out of Here" for Best in Show. She awarded Carter first in the advanced category for her abstract painting of an explosion of color, shooting upwards in a frenzy of emotional expression.

Second was Bev Bowman's "Butterfly Weed Seed Pod," a botanical rendered in delicate realism.

"A beautiful example of botanical illustration," said Foussekis.

Third place went to Lucy Kinsey for her lovable donkey in "Got Carrots?" Foussekis liked Kinsey's use of color, the shades of white, mixed with other colors in the wall surrounding the window, "drawing the eye to the focal point while creating some texture and interest in the background."

Three honorable mentions went to JoAnn Braniff, for her tranquil scene of

Fluvanna Art continues on page 14.



Fluvanna Art from page 12.

The Fluvanna Rotary food drive at Lake Monticello Wednesday collected about 8,000 pounds of food for the needy, organizers said. The food was being delivered to the MACAA Food Bank. The drive also netted a significant number of cash donations. Three previous food drives organized by the Rotary group collected about 25,000 pounds of food.





Abby Seal. Photo by Fluvanna Sports Pohtography.



Aniah Webb. Photo by Fluvanna Sports Pohtography.



Nursing fawn. Photo by J McDowell.



Yakking it up. Nance Stamper

"VanBuren Cove," Nance Stamper for "Yakking it Up," and Page Gifford for "Dance II." Stamper's painting catches the onlooker's eye from a distance, drawing them in closer to see the colorful kayakers gathering and paddling on the lake. Foussekis said "the palette is very pleasing," Stamper's use of bright primary colors is stunning and makes her subjects stand out in motion.

"I have always been drawn to the impressionists and this painting catches the light so well. The reflections and the paddlers create a sense of movement but not too much movement," said Foussekis.

Regarding "Dance II," three dancers in movement, an abstraction done with zentangle patterns, she said it is mixed media work that has such interesting detail. The textures within the ink portion are drawn from the details, the closer you are, the more you can study. The colors also unify the figures and the entire piece gives the viewer a sense of movement. Lovely."

The intermediate category is usually the largest and the most varied regarding skill and media. Ande Kirchenheiter has built her skills up to a level that those who view her work appreciate. Her "Gorilla in the Mist" won her first in this category.

"Well done paintings of animals and people capture that spark of life. This painting of the gorilla captures that spark of life so well in the eyes," she said. "The use of a limited palette is often difficult, especially if the colors are in the darker range of shades, but this artist did a remarkable job. I am fond of this painting."

Autumn Wall got third for her pen and ink of a horse in "Longing For Freedom."

"It is well composed and executed," said Foussekis, who noted that the windblown mane of the horse gives us the feeling and the presence of a breeze. "Pen and ink can be an unforgiving medium and this artist has done very well."

Another newcomer Marcie Stahl, won third for her collage "Memoirs," which Foussekis found interesting.

"We don't see collage as often as we should. The various items used in the collage create a sense of a scene. The viewer has to fill in some gaps — but that is what makes it fun."

Honorable mentions in this category went to Linda Mullin for "Mystic River," an acrylic pour. This is an abstract form of expression Mullin was praised for.

"Acrylic pour paintings are very interesting to look at. However, many times the composition ends up with a single area of interest. What is so wonderful with this painting is that there are multiple areas of interest which let your eyes move around the entire composition. You would not grow tired of this piece of art."

Cindy Stenz's "Olivia's Circle," was precise and detailed in its geometric forms.

"It is always interesting when an artist incorporates mathematics into their painting. While many artists utilize the rule of thirds, this artist's work is truly based on geometric shapes. The individual shapes are interesting and the unified whole is wonderful."

The members of FAA came out of COVID stronger than ever and the work produced in isolation showed talent and skill, something Laura Foussekis recognized.



Silent Hunter-William Snow, Best in Show. Photo by Page Gifford.

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## **Historic Black cemetery restored**

## Forty volunteers remove decades of debris

#### BY TRICIA JOHNSON CORRESPONDENT

"This is my church, this is my home, and this graveyard will be my resting place." Melbra Armstrong has lived all her life in the community of West Bottom and has childhood memories of Oak Hill Cemetery. "When I was little on Memorial Day every year everybody got together and came down and cleaned around the graveyard," she explained. "My grandmother would come over to this side," she said, gesturing towards the older part of the cemetery, "because she had two children buried over here. I don't know where the graves are now because it has grown up so," she lamented.

Armstrong saw the efforts as a new beginning and was happy to see people from outside of the West Bottom community there to help, working alongside members of West Bottom Baptist Church. "I am happy - I am meeting new people that don't have anything to do with this area, but they are willing to help; they are giving up their Saturday to do this and together we have made a big difference here today. Now that we are starting," she added, "we can come back and keep it up."

More than forty volunteers helped remove decades of debris from the cemetery in West Bottom on Saturday, Nov. 13. The clean-up efforts, a collaboration between the community and the Fluvanna Historical Society, are part of a developing plan to study and to restore the historically significant site - one of three such ongoing projects in the county. A handful of men used chainsaws to cut down scrub growth and small trees from the wooded area, while other volunteers, armed with rakes and pruners, used gloved hands to carry branches to a nearby wood-chipper. By the time the sun began to drop towards the horizon and the air chilled, what had been that morning a scrubby, overgrown patch of woods was described by one volunteer as "serene."

"I think it is important to remember and acknowledge all of our past," said Fluvanna County Commonwealth Attorney Jeff Haislip, as he took a break from hauling brush to the chipper. Haislip noted that the history of the center part of the county is often studied, but that smaller communities in outlying parts of the county merit attention, too. Of the cemetery itself, he remarked that "part of it is current and wellkept, but the older part is being taken over by forest, and it is important to take that back, to find out what is back there, and to experience and celebrate that history, too." Haislip has fond boyhood memories of West Bottom, describing it as a "vibrant" community where he used to play ball with friends.

West Bottom resident Nadine Aleta Armstrong has recently rediscovered a passion for historical and genealogical research, and has, along with Melissa Hill, been leading the work to identify as many of those at rest here as possible. To date, the pair has found names of more than 100

people buried in unmarked graves at Oak Hill Cemetery. "I was born and raised here for the most part and I have a lot of ancestors buried here, and I think it is important that they are known," she said. "Oak Hill has been here for a long time and most of the people buried here lived in this community all their lives. To know that their names will be remembered - that they will not be forgotten - is a wonderful thing."

Armstrong was very pleased with the number of volunteers, and especially with the young people there to help with the clean-up. "It is very impressive to me that the people who have no ties showed up. Out of the goodness of their hearts, they showed up and the ones that have connections showed up - sometimes you are hoping and praying you will have some representation from your people and today we did," she said with a smile.

Her ancestors, and all who lie at rest at Oak Hill, were on her mind all day, she said. "If it wasn't for them, we wouldn't be here today," she said. "What they went through has put us where we are - we didn't have to face or experience slavery - they went through it so we wouldn't have to experience it." Armstrong gestured to the far corner of the cemetery, where the oldest burials likely lie, and a towering grandfather oak tree that marks the boundary. "I am admiring that one big oak tree - to me it represents the cemetery, because it has been there a number of years and those people buried there have been there a long time, too," she said. "Before today people wouldn't have known there was a cemetery here...now," she added, nodding with satisfaction, "now they will know."

Also there volunteering during the clean-up process were Nick Bon-Harper and Susan Palazzo of Rivanna Archaeological Services (RAS.) The firm surveyed the cemetery in February and March of this year, marking individual burials with red flags and creating a map of the space with each burial indicated, as part of a collaborative project between the community of West Bottom and the Fluvanna Historical Society. Historical research was then done, and their work has been presented to the community for review. This will culminate in a comprehensive report including the results of historical research and the maps and field observations from the site.

Bon-Harper described the cemetery as "a unique and interesting site," and noted that many similar spaces have been lost already, and that "whenever there is a chance to thoroughly document a cemetery like this and get the research done it should be done." Impressed by the numbers of volunteers on hand, he added, "Seeing how many people have come out here today - it is remarkable what level of interest it generates, and that has to in turn generate a better sense of community." He described the work of restoring the cemetery as "unifying," and noted the importance of "being able to reinforce commu-



Oak Hill Cemetery. Light through the autumn leaves with the traceries of branches makes it resemble a church. Photos by Tricia Johnson



Burial with fieldstone marker at Oak Hill Cemetery.

nity bonds through places like this where there is a common connection," observing that many of those volunteering were descendants of people at rest in Oak Hill.

Melissa Hill, whose ancestors were once enslaved on land where West Bottom is today, has strong family connections to the church, the community, and the cemetery itself. She feels those connections powerfully. "It makes me proud, first," she said. "Not proud of the slavery they endured, but proud of my family - of who I come from," she said with emotion. "I may not know my ancestors, but I know that they went through something so that I could stand here today and have the rights and freedoms that I have." She added, "I wish that I could just say 'thank you' to generations of my grandfathers and my grandmothers, my aunts and uncles and cousins going back through the years - 'thank you for paving the way for me.' I try my best to live my life to make them proud- I try to make them proud, and I think I am. I think

"The people who came out today showed that they really care, and they love people, not because they are Black or White, but just because they love people," Hill said of the volunteers. She called it a "beautiful day," and added, "They thought enough of us - they thought enough of my ancestors, they thought enough of the people who are buried here, enough of West Bottom - to come and to help, and I cannot say any more than I am grateful." Hill was also happy to see so many members of West



Red flags marked burials in the oldest part of Oak Hill Cemetery. These burials may date to the first half of the 19th century

Bottom Baptist Church there volunteering. "It shows that the work we are doing here is not in vain," she said of their engagement. Looking through the newly cleared woods along the slope where fieldstones mark anonymous graves, she added, "This is the way it should be - it should be peaceful, serene. You can actually see through the trees now," she gestured. "The way the light is coming in, and with the color of the leaves - it looks like a holy place, now,

In collaboration with the communities of West Bottom, Columbia, and Gravel Hill, the Fluvanna Historical Society is documenting three historic Black community cemeteries – Oak Hill, Free Hill, and Gravel Hill, respectively. Archaeological work is being done at all three sites and historical research is ongoing. This work is being funded by generous donations from the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation, from anonymous donors, from descendants of the Hannah and Wills Families, and by Virginia Humanities through their SHARP Grant Awards -(Funding for these grants has been provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) as part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) and the NEH Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan (SHARP) initiative.)

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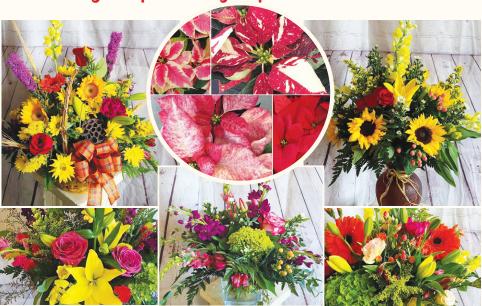
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**DIANE RIGSBY, et al** 

Plaintiffs,

Case No.: 21CL635 UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MADELINE HORVATH Defendants.

#### **ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

The object of this action is to admit to probate of the Circuit Court of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia a copy of the Last Will and Testament of Madeline Horvath, who passed away on April 22, 2021.

It appearing from an Affidavit filed in this cause, whereby Plaintiff, by counsel, did affirm that due diligence has been used by the Plaintiff to ascertain the identity and whereabouts of all possible defendants, who are the heirs of Madeline Horvath, whose identities and addresses are unknown and further that there may be parties who are unknown that may have an interest in Estate of Madeline Horvath, without success;

On consideration whereof, it is ORDERED, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 8.01-316(A)(1)(b) that all parties hereinabove named, including those designated as "The Uknown Heirs of Madeline Horvath", appear on or before 7th day of January, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., and do what is necessary to protect their interests.

AND, it is further ORDERED that this order be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Fluvanna Review, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Fluvanna. The Clerk of the Court shall post this Order at the front door of

ENTERED this 29th day of October, 2021

Claude V. Worrell II JUDGE

#### I ASK FOR THIS:

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

In accordance with the Virginia Solid Waste Management Regulations (VSWMR), 9 VAC 20-81-260(C)(4), and the USEPA Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Rule, 40 C.F.R. § 257.96(e), Dominion Energy Virginia is holding a public meeting on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at the Fluvanna Community Center auditorium located at 5725 James Madison Highway in Fork Union Virginia at 6:00-7:30 P.M. to discuss the results of Assessments of Corrective Measures (ACMs) performed as a result of a statistically significant increase of one or more groundwater protection standards at the Bremo Power Station CCR Units - North, East, and West Ash Ponds (Solid Waste Permit No. 618) located at 1038 Bremo Road, Bremo Bluff, Virginia, in Fluvanna County. The purpose of the meeting is to acquaint the public with the technical aspects of the ACMs, inform the public of how the provisions set forth in the VSWMR and the CCR Rule will be met, to identify issues of concern, facilitate communication, and to establish dialogue between Dominion Energy and persons who may be affected by the units.

This notice initiates a public comment period that will last 30 days, beginning Thursday, November 18, 2021 and ending Saturday, December 18, 2021. During the public comment period, the ACM Reports may be reviewed and commented on by all interested parties. Persons may view and copy report documentation at the Fluvanna County Public Library (214 Commons Blvd in Palmyra, Virginia), Monday through Saturday, or online at: https://www.dominionenergy.com/bremo-acm. Written comments will be accepted and may be sent to the address below. Written comments must be received by 5:00 P.M., Saturday, December 18, 2021.

For additional information or to submit comments, please contact Mr. Dennis Slade, Manager Environmental, Dominion Energy Services, Inc., 120 Tredegar Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23219. Phone: (804) 273-2658. Email: ACMComments@dominionenergy.com and reference Bremo Power Station.

#### The Weekly Crossword by Margie E. Burke **ACROSS** 1 Splinter group **5** "Get 9 Right away 13 Hidden hoard 14 Poor, as excuses ao 15 Cowboy's gadget 16 Imprudent 18 Medal recipient 19 Bygone autocrat 20 State firmly 21 Postgame summary 22 Fit to be taken in 24 SF slugger 26 Moon shape 28 Anagram for "tap" 62 31 Beach robe

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3 Barbie or Batman, e.g.

34 UC Irvine mascot

39 Hardly the life of

42 Radar may track

45 Family tree listing

47 Green 2001 title

49 Act the clown

53 Misbehave

55 Heroic deed

58 Weaver's

61 Fish for a

57 No longer here

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59 "Swan Lake"

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64 Pop the cork

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1 It's hot stuff

2 Showy display

66 Disease

**DOWN** 

63 Like some gases

**62** Additionally

performers

36 Grimm beast

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40 Arm-twisting

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44 Bio stat

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37 Old hat

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- 6 Hibiscus holder
- 7 Up-and-coming
- 8 Cabernet, e.g.
- 9 White as a ghost
- 10 Fan at the game
- 11 That certain something
- 12 Play thing?
- 13 Quote, as a source
- 17 2010 Gosling film, "Blue
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- 23 Undergarment
- 25 Not having made a will
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#### Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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## Edited by Margie E. Burke

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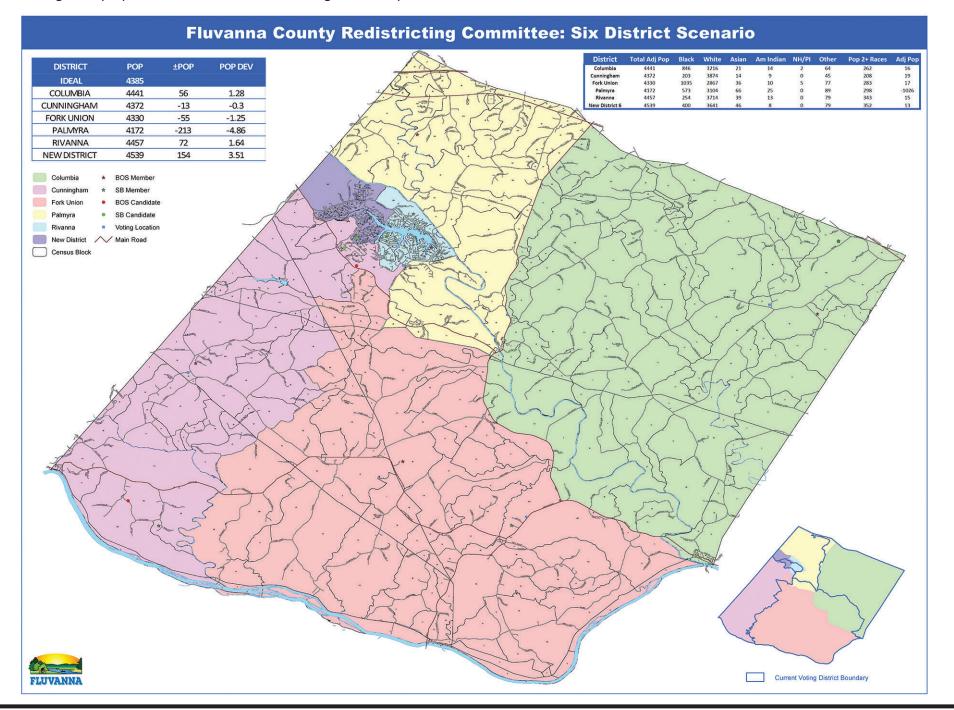
## Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors • Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 15.2-1427 and 24.2-306, the Board of Supervisors of Fluvanna County, Virginia, will hold a public hearing on December 1, 2021, at 7:00 PM, at the Carysbrook Performing Arts Center, 8880 James Madison Highway, Fork Union, VA 23055, to receive public comment and input regarding a proposed ordinance to repeal and reenact Sections 2-2-3 and 2-2-4 of Chapter 2 (Administration), Article 2 (Elections) of the Fluvanna County Code to establish six (6) election districts, precincts and polling places, including a new, as-yet unnamed district with a polling place to be determined at a future date, as set forth in the proposed ordinance; as well as consideration of four (4) alternative election district configurations. Reapportionment of representation among election districts is required by law to take place in 2021 following the 2020 decennial census, and will affect representation on the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission, and the School Board.

A copy of the full text of the ordinance including boundary descriptions, along with the six (6) election districts configuration map, four (4) alternative election district configuration maps under consideration, and related materials may be examined during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday, at the Office of the County Administrator, located at 132 Main Street, Palmyra, VA 22963. A copy of the full text of the ordinance, such maps, and other materials may also be viewed, and written comments may be submitted, on the Fluvanna County website's 2021 Redistricting page, at www.fluvannacounty. org/bos/page/2021-redistricting. Comments can also be submitted by contacting Caitlin Solis, Clerk to the Board, at 434-591-1910 or csolis@fluvannacounty. org or by mail at Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, 132 Main Street, Post Office Box 540, Palmyra, VA 22963.

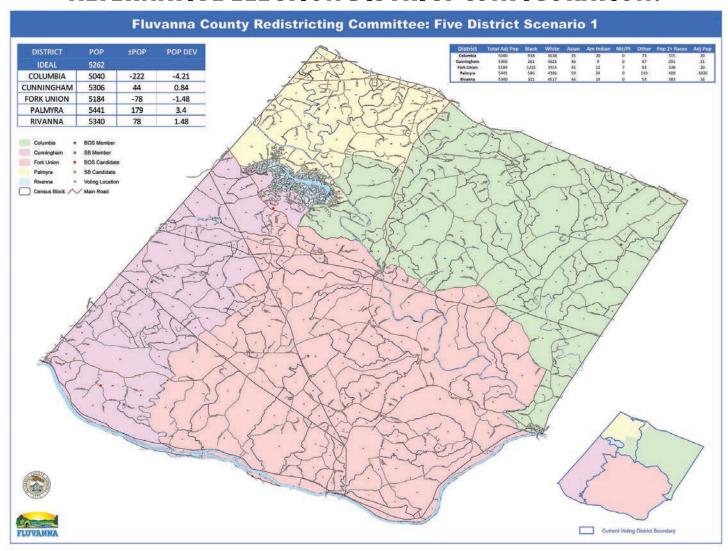
All interested persons are invited to attend the hearings and to present their views and/or to submit written comments for the Board's consideration.

Following is the proposed six (6) election district configuration map:

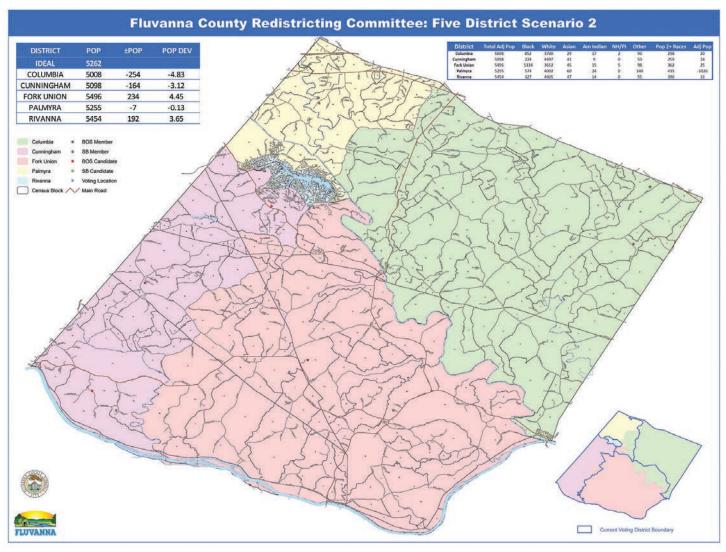


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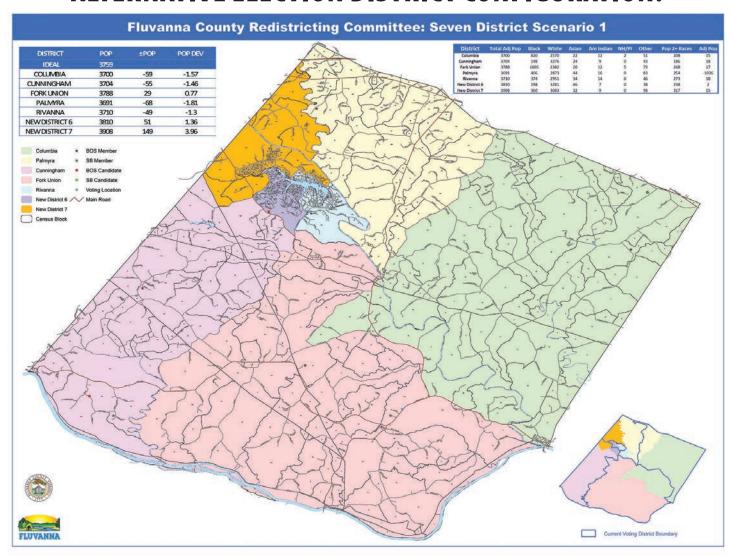
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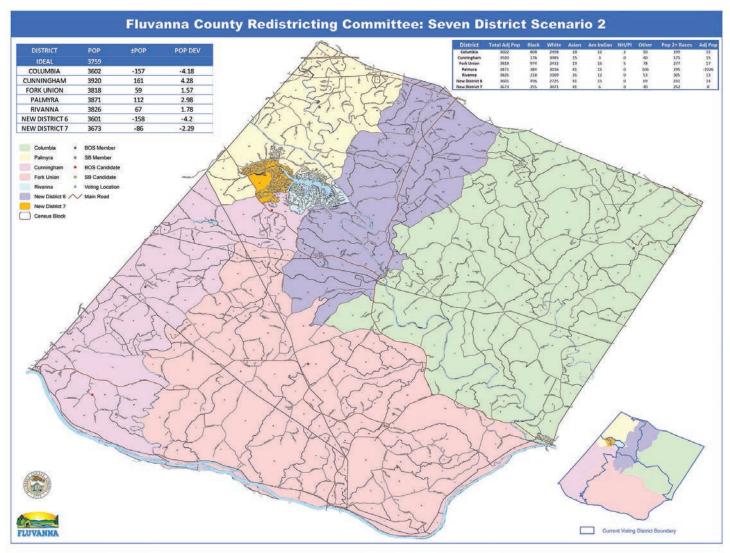
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