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Seizing cattle, horses, last option, sheriff's office says

BY STAFF

The Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office seized 42 head of cattle and seven horses from a farm located in the Winnsville area of Fluvanna County on Dec. 27, 2021.

David Haney, 83, has charges pending for permitting animals to run at large.

During the past year, sheriff's deputies have issued over 50 summonses to the livestock owner for allowing his livestock to run at large. Allowing the livestock to run at large creates a health and safety issue for the public and for the animals, according to a press release from the sheriff's office.

In addition, there have been three motor vehicle crashes in the area involving cattle in the past month.

Major David Wells, chief deputy with the sheriff's office, said in an email to the Fluvanna Review that "an impoundment of this size is really the last option we want to use, however the owner failed to make any improvements and the matter only got worse."

Wells added that the "state veterinarian was consulted prior to the impoundment. The animals were corralled and captured by professional cowboys, examined by a livestock veterinarian, and

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Scottsville Marine in Rose Parade

PRESS RELEASE



Marine Sgt. Christian Drumheller, a stableman with the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard, from Scottsville, Va., carried the Marine Corps Colors during the Rose Parade held on New Year's Day in Pasadena, California.

Drumheller, is a 2016 graduate of Calvary Christian School and serves as a mortarman in the Marine Corps.

In January 1985, the Mounted Color Guard made the first appearance in the Rose Parade which is one of the largest events they participate in annually. The

color guard is located at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif.

The Rose Parade, also known as the Tournament of Roses Parade, is an annual parade that is followed by the Rose Bowl Game, held mostly along Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena in the Los Angeles metropolitan area.

The color guard has appeared in every Rose Parade since 1990 and have the honor of being the first military unit to lead the parade. Nationwide, the Mounted Color Guard performs in parades, ceremonies, and rodeos.

Since its inception in 1967, the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard has received numerous awards from the California National Association of Paraders including the Overall Outstanding Equestrian Group, Overall High Point Champion, and Class Champion. The unit is the last remaining Mounted Color Guard in the Marine Corps and nearly all Marines assigned to the unit come with little knowledge or experience with horses.

Drumheller has been with the Mounted Color Guard since 2020.

Letter to the editor

Thanks to firefighters

How do you find the right words to say thank you to express heartfelt appreciation to first responders who sacrifice so much for others. My family and I are so grateful to the first responders who came to my home on Christmas Day and to the community members who lent their support as well. Our gratitude goes out to Fork Union Chief Chris Ayers, the firefighters from area fire stations, Fire Chief Dwayne Mayo and Forester Chuck Wright, and the bulldozer operators who responded to our need.

On Christmas Eve, we had a fire that we thought was under control. Despite our attempts to manage it, the fire spread in areas unseen. Thanks to the work of area firefighters, the situation was safely contained. And thanks also to Forester Chuck Wright who has been to my house every day to check on hot spots.

Thank God for the rain. We are so thankful for the volunteers who are dedicated to keeping our community

safe and so touched by the concern and understanding from all who were present. When the community heard what was happening, neighbors sent part of their Christmas dinner to help feed the responders. James Tinsley used his food truck to help feed volunteers, and the wives and children of the responders also came to help. All around there was a spirit of support as the community came together to take care of whatever was needed. I have always appreciated our firefighters. My gratitude goes much deeper now after seeing their work in action. Our situation could have been worse, and we learned a lot about how fire travels and why we could not see how far it had spread. If you are not sure about the behavior of a fire, don't hesitate, call the fire department, even if it is on Christmas Day. We are indeed blessed to live in a community with so many dedicated volunteers and so many supportive community members!

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Putnam talks about poetry

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT



Poetry has been the inspiration for love and romance, philosophical and spiritual thought. Yet in this modern age, poetry has almost become a lost art, passed on, in part, to the field of songwriting, which gives it a wider audience.

Curtis Putnam agreed that poetry's literary influence has changed over time. But Putnam views poetry as a form of self-expression.

Putnam grew up on a farm in rural Michigan. He began working on the farm at age seven and left at 17 for West Michigan University, where he majored in sociology and minored in chemistry.

"Chemistry was my first love but when I got to college I soon realized I wasn't the genius I thought I was." Putnam moved to Fluvanna in 2001 where he took a job as a

maintenance tech for the Public Works Department, working with John Robbins on the engineering team in designing the geothermal component of the library construction. He retired a few years ago after 11 years in the department.

During this time, and even before arriving in Fluvanna, Putnam wrote about his life journey in poetic prose. Some categorize their lives in prose, Putnam chose poetry.

"I began writing poetry at 11 and during my 20s, it was a fun thing to do." Putnam has now compiled a book of his poetry from the last 30 years, and his poetry has taken on a much different meaning than just reflecting on his life in rural Michigan or how he tried to find his path at college or of his life in his 20s.

When he lived in Kansas City, there was a place called The Daily Grind, a coffee shop

where they had an open mic night and poets, like Putnam, and musicians shared their latest creations.

Putnam also lived in Charlottesville, also known for its creative side of life, before moving to Fluvanna. Putnam searched for a venue to share his love of poetry and in 2008 he started the Fluvanna Writer's Group at the Fork Union Community Center. Later, the group met at the library and nowadays they meet every Wednesday evening at Cuppa Joe's.

Settling on one writing genre is a journey in itself.

"There are reasons why writers choose different genres and eventually find the one that suits them," he said. "I tried writing a novel once and got 30 pages into it and it

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RUDY TALKS TAXES

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

Make Order Out of Chaos

Prepare for this year's tax return filing season

Tax return filing season usually gets a little crazy, but this year will be more turbulent than most. Due to new tax legislation and guidance from the IRS, you will have to cope with a wide variety of tax changes, some of which relate to the pandemic. Here are several tips for making some order out of the chaos.

Unemployment benefits

Unemployment benefits are taxable once again in 2021. In 2020, the first \$10,200 of benefits received by taxpayers with an adjusted gross income (AGI) of less than \$150,000 were exempt from tax. Unfortunately the tax-free nature of unemployment benefits in 2020 was made long after many of you filed your tax return. If this pertains to you, and you haven't received a refund from a tax overpayment yet, you might need to file an amended 2020 tax return.

Small business loans

To kick start the economy during the pandemic, Congress created a loan program called the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). Similarly, your small business might have received an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) or grant. These loans may be forgiven in 2021 without any adverse tax consequences if certain conditions were met. So gather your records – including what you received and when – for optimal tax protection.

Economic impact payments

Congress handed out three rounds of Economic Impact Payments to individuals in 2020 and 2021. The third payment provided a maximum of \$1,400 per person, including dependents, subject to a phase-out. For single filers, the phaseout begins at \$75,000 of AGI; \$150,000 for joint filers. So review your records and be very clear

what payments you received in 2021. Only then can you use your 2021 tax return to ensure you receive credit for your full stimulus payments.

Child tax credit

Many families will benefit from an enhanced Child Tax Credit (CTC) on their 2021 tax return. The new rules provide a credit of up to \$3,000 per qualifying child ages 6 through 17 (\$3,600 per qualifying child under age six), subject to a phaseout beginning at \$75,000 of AGI for single filers and \$150,000 for joint filers. What will complicate this year's tax filing are any advance payments you received from the IRS during the second half of 2021. It is important that you accurately identify all the payments you received. Only then can correct adjustments be made on your tax return to ensure you receive the full Child Tax Credit amount.

Due to the ongoing debate of proposed legislation in Washington, D.C., this year's tax filing season will seem a bit chaotic. With proper preparation, though, your situation can be orderly... but only if you prepare!

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Fluvanna Business Corner

A look back at your Chamber in 2021

Darryl Gibson, President Fluvanna Chamber of Commerce

Your Fluvanna County Chamber of Commerce spent much of 2021 assessing the future, trying to come up with new ways to grow and help the businesses of Fluvanna County. We partnered with Alignn Marketing, to freshen up our branding and bring the boards' vision of a modernized organization to fruition. The expected outcome of this partnership is an updated website, assistance with the annual guide and an increase in future memberships. Memberships are where we receive the funding to continue our work as a chamber, concentrating on membership growth is key in supporting the business community of Fluvanna County. To assist in this goal the board created two new membership tiers, one of which was a temporary pandemic membership (expired June 2021), that assisted in offering a more affordable option for businesses that could enjoy the benefits of the Fluvanna Chamber at a reduced rate, the other membership is the Micro Business level. This level, for the first year, allows a business with less than \$3,000.00 in annual revenue to join for \$35.00.

We also conducted numerous ribbon cuttings for new businesses and had several in-person after hours events including our Annual Dinner which was held at the VAEMD Training Center on Salem Church Road. That single event helped us

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raise over \$2,500 in silent auction funding for the Bill Hughes Memorial Scholarship Fund. We also recognized several outstanding businesses who contributed to the success of business in Fluvanna County during 2021. Those businesses were Sweet Art Emporium, Herbert's Wine Jelly and MACAA.

In addition to the new membership options we have added new board members. These new members come with fresh ideas and different points of view, these new ideas will be presented to the new Executive Committee, which is made up of the following members:

Darryl L. Gibson - President
Bonnie Mackin - Vice President
Rudy Garcia - Treasurer and previous President
Sarah Monceaux - Secretary

We all look forward to implementing our previous strategies while adding new ones, which will continue to move the chamber forward and add benefit to the business community of Fluvanna County.

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withered away. I couldn't sustain it. I like to write vignettes about my life experiences and tried different writing genres but poetry appealed to me."

He explored the work of a variety of poets, including Whitman, Frost, E.E. Cummings, Rambeau, and Baudelaire, as well as the work of German poets. But it is those life experiences, along with the influence of poets, philosophy, religion, and spirituality that makes up Putnam's unique approach to poetry.

"I did a lot of study on religion, and all the Asian philosophies are incorporated into my world-view," he said. Putnam's book of poems, titled "Between the Raindrops: Collected Works" features 30 years of work compiled into three books, "Spring Rain," "A Baker's Dozen," and "According to One." "A

Baker's Dozen" includes 13 love poems. "According to One" had to be translated to his third wife, Fei, who was living in mainland China and who he had met through her sister. He covers many aspects of his life, including post-marriage and traveling through the U.S.

Putnam says he hasn't written much in the last 5-6 years.

"The struggle to survive gets in the way of creativity." Now that he is retired, he is thinking about taking his writing in a different direction. "Six to eight years ago I began working on a history of my spiritual journey. Not sure what it will turn into, whether it will be a short story or a book. I have to outline it and see."

Putnam hopes that anyone who reads his book of poems will be inspired to look deeper into their lives.

Lake firefighters save lives before fires even start

CONTRIBUTED BY JUDY FISH, LAKE MONTICELLO NEWS

The Lake Monticello Volunteer Fire Department has created a comprehensive program to provide smoke detectors to residents who do not have working smoke detectors in their homes, Lake Monticello Fire Chief Richie Constantino announced in a press release this week. He said the program includes all residents of Lake Monticello and the surrounding areas of Fluvanna County (Broken Island, Villa Circle, Sycamore Square, Taylor Ridge, Cunningham Meadow, Fox Hollow, Cross Creek, Nahor Village, Merry Oaks, and Village Oaks subdivisions).

Studies have determined that 70 percent of home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke detector or non-working smoke detector protection, according to the press release, which went on to read that the presence of a working smoke detector reduces the risk of dying by fire by 50 percent. "Approximately 890 lives could be saved annually if all homes had working smoke detectors," Constantino said.

"Research shows that certain populations are vulnerable to fire-related deaths and injuries," the chief said. "By identifying these high-risk groups, we can minimize these threats and have pre-fire plans of action in the event of a fire emergency." He said those high-risk groups include young children, older adults, people with disabilities and

low-income households.

"Life safety is the one of the primary objectives of the Lake Monticello Volunteer Fire Department," said Constantino. "We are committed to ensuring that all residents in our response areas have a working smoke detector or access to a working smoke detector in their homes, regardless of their means to purchase the smoke detectors."

Constantino said the Lake Monticello Volunteer Fire Department will install a new, 10-year dual sensor (photoelectric and ionized) smoke detector and will inspect, install, and test domestic smoke detectors, free of charge. The firefighters will also demonstrate the correct operation of smoke detectors and will offer a sample family home escape plan and a fire safety survey of the homes they visit, he said.

Any resident wishing to obtain a smoke detector should contact the Lake Monticello Fire Department to arrange an installation appointment at: lmfdsmokedetector@gmail.com and a firefighter will respond to make an appointment. Smoke detectors will not be distributed at the fire station.

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Sports in Review

BY DUNCAN NIXON
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The 2021 Fluco sports season started with a shortened basketball season due to COVID. The Fluco boys team turned in an excellent season with a 10-4 record. Coach Heath Bralley's team was led by junior guards Kobe Edmonds and Maurice D'Allesandra. Senior forward John Rittenhouse was also a major contributor to the team's success. The Fluco girls' team also played well in the shortened season, with sophomore Alana Carter-Johnson leading the way. In indoor track and field, the Flucos were led by Tre Smith and Shea Hart.

In an oddity, that will probably never be repeated, the Fluco football, volleyball teams and other fall sports teams competed after the shortened winter basketball season. The football team under Coach Michael Morris did not have a lot of success, but quarterback Kobe Edmonds and running back Xavier Copeland performed well. The Fluco volleyball team under Coach Christi Harlowe-Garrett had a good season, as it was led by juniors Sophia Denby and Khania Brassfield. The girls' swim and dive team was led by diver Lauren Davis and swimmer Abby Fuller, who set to Fluco records at the state swim meet. The Fluco competition cheer squad took second at the Jefferson District meet.

After these fall seasons, which were plugged in and shortened to be played in the late winter and early spring, the Flucos played their normal spring season sports, with also shortened seasons. The Fluco baseball team was the defending state champion squad. It won the championship in the spring of 2019. The 2020 season was cancelled. Since this was the second year after the championship season, few players from that team were still in high school. The baseball team under Coach Joel Gray had a very decent season but could not repeat its championship run. The Fluco softball team was also playing after a year off. Like the Fluco baseball team, they turned in a decent season. Fluco tennis teams and soccer teams were also back in action after a year off. The boy's track and field team was led by Jaden Ferguson who was a state champion in the high jump and All-State in three other events.

While high school sports were back in action after time off due to COVID, the Lake Monticello golf course was only briefly closed. All the usual competitions were held. In March, the Peggy Kirk Bell tour for outstanding young women golfers came to the Lake Monticello course for the third year in a row to hold its Commonwealth Classic event. A total of 83 young women played over the course, set-up at 5,800 yards. These very good players were challenged by the serious test that the Lake Monticello course provides. The winning score for the two-day competition was a two over par 146.

One of the biggest events at the Lake Monticello course is the annual Member-Guest Tournament. This year a full complement of 36 two person teams com-



Will Lambert. Photos by Fluvanna Sports Photography.

peted. The tournament ends with a shoot out including the top team from each of six flights. This year the team of Wayne Leeder and Tim Coons from the first flight took first place. A big event for outside golfers is the Faulconer Invitational which is always played in May. The weather was good for the two-day tournament and 83 golfers competed in three divisions. The winner was Mikey Meyers, a well-known local amateur, who shot 70 and 75 for the win.

When fall rolled around, the Fluco athletes were back on their normal schedules. The Fluco football team again did not have a lot of success, though they did score a couple of impressive wins. It was the volleyball team that excelled in the fall season. Coach Christi Harlowe-Garrett has consistently had favorable results. At one point the team was 14-2. Senior Sophia Denby and junior Faith Shields turned in some outstanding performances. The golf team performed well, led by Killian Donnelly, who consistently shot in the 70s. We are now in the winter season and Fluco basketball teams are off to good starts. The boys' squad under Heath Bralley goes into the holiday break with a 6-2 record. The team is led by guards Kobe Edmonds and Bobby Gardner. The girls' basketball team is also off to a fine start. They are 4-2 at the break. The indoor boys' and girls' indoor track and field teams under Coach Melania Kennedy are off to a good start as well.

Hopefully, 2022 will not be overwhelmed by COVID, but that remains to be seen.



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PUBLIC HEARING Fluvanna County Planning Commission January 11, 2022 at 7:00 pm

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SUP 21:07 Dominion Energy – A request for a special use permit to construct an electrical substation (major utility) on Tax Maps 17, Section A, Parcels 51 and 71. The request is located on the north line of Ruritan Lake Road (SR 619) and it is approximately 100 feet east of the intersection with Branch Road. The parcels are zoned A-1 Agricultural, General and are located within the Rural Residential Planning Area and the Cunningham Election District.

SUP 21:08 Virginia United Methodist Housing Development Corporation – A request for a special use permit to construct senior multi-family dwellings by increasing the maximum gross residential density above 2.9 dwelling units per acre with respect to 5.9 +/- acres known as Tax Maps 9 Section A Parcels 14 and 14C1. The request is located along the north line of Lake Monticello Road (SR 618) at Manor Boulevard. The parcels are zoned R-3, Residential Planned Community and are located in the Rivanna Community Planning Area and the Palmyra 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.



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

Answer to Previous Sudoku:

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

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ACROSS

- 1 Weekly pickup
- 6 Castle feature
- 10 Marshal Dillon
- 14 Consequently
- 15 Wild about
- 16 State with conviction
- 17 Fit for a king
- 18 Palm reader, e.g.
- 19 Part of SWM
- 20 Highway crosser
- 22 Black as night, e.g.
- 24 Watering hole
- 25 Reasonable
- 27 Young bird of prey
- 29 Blackboard material, originally
- 32 Apt to gab
- 35 Sassy
- 37 Car protector
- 38 "I have no _____ ideal!"

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
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17						18					19			
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60					61	62				63				
64					65					66				
67					68					69				

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- 2 Superman portrayer
- 3 Gabriel, for one
- 4 Rhett's belle
- 5 Fab Four flick
- 6 Prayer book
- 7 Ragtime dance
- 8 Had a bite
- 9 Bit of statuary
- 10 Moose or mouse
- 11 Ready for use
- 12 Be a snitch
- 13 Hammock holder
- 21 Sock pattern
- 23 Tuition category
- 26 News tidbit
- 28 Letter getter
- 30 Spanish three
- 31 Big Apple river
- 32 Relinquish
- 33 Use a big rig
- 34 Some three-digit numbers
- 36 Bookstore patron
- 39 Holler
- 41 Sham argument
- 44 Peeper's place
- 47 Cheap and gaudy
- 49 Flowering shrub
- 51 Form of defense
- 53 Big racket
- 54 Final figure
- 55 Pastoral poem
- 56 Lauper hit, "_____ Colors"
- 57 _____-dub-dub
- 59 Dungeonlike
- 62 "Dear old" guy

Answers to Previous Crossword:

A	R	I	D		A	B	A	F	T		O	G	L	E
P	O	S	E		V	I	C	A	R		F	L	A	V
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C	A	M	E	L		S	E	W	E	R		T	A	D
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