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# Fluvanna County High School celebrates 50 years of Title IX

BY DUNCAN NIXON  
CORRESPONDENT

In a ceremony held between the JV girls game and the varsity girls game the Fluvanna County High School sports department recognized the society-changing impact of the implementation of Title IX 50 years ago by honoring the astonishingly successful State Championship girls teams of 1981 and 1982.

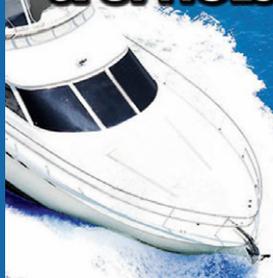
Most of that team, which swept to state titles while posting an unblemished record of 48-0, returned to the Fluco's gym for the ceremony. Of course, the '81 and '82 teams played on a court that

was two high school gyms ago. Those incredible state champion teams might not have been possible if not for Title IX which required, among other things, that high schools and colleges provide girls and women with equal opportunities in sports.

Women who returned for the ceremony include, Kimberly Shifflett Kidd, Julie Melton Lafratta, Sherry Bullock, Pam Allen Quarles, Denise Allen and Lisa Haney. Several of these players in interviews lauded their coach, who was

Feda Kidd at that time, but is now named Feda Morton. The coach and Haney both spoke to the crowd effusively about how incredible the team's two year run was and how hard the players and the coach worked to achieve that success. Haney noted that she practiced endlessly shooting at a hoop that was installed in the family's barn.

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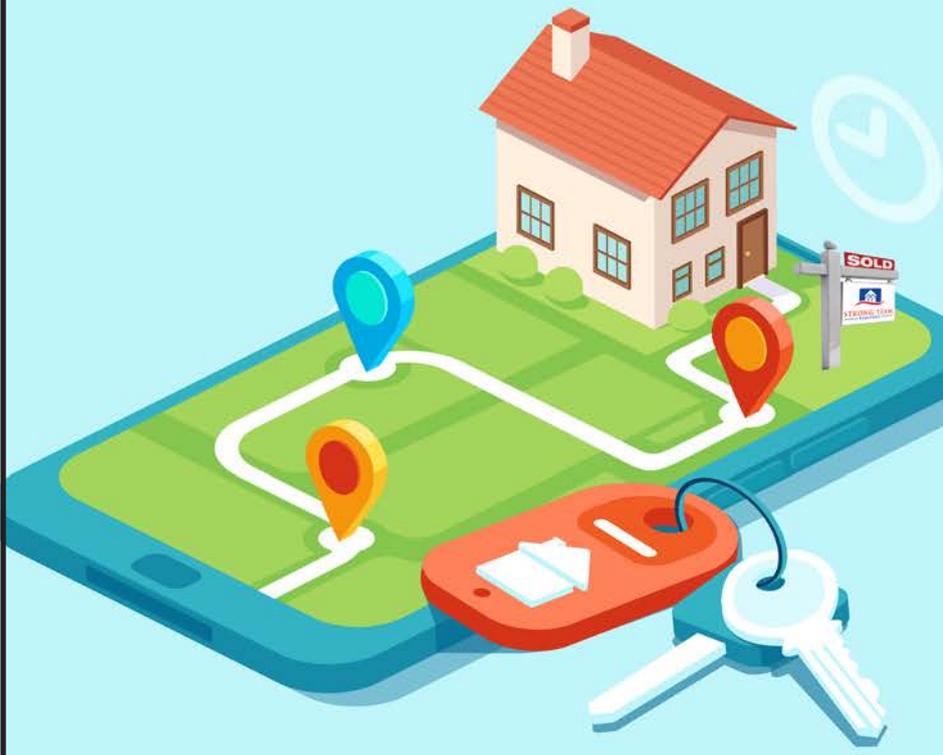
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PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH AN ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TO ACQUIRE UTILITY  
RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR QUALIFIED ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT SITES PURSUANT TO  
§ 56 235.12 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA  
CASE NO. PUR-2021-00301

On January 4, 2022, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("CVA" or "Company") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") an Application, pursuant to § 56 235.12 of the Code of Virginia ("Code"), in which the Company proposes to establish an economic development program ("ROW Program"). Through the ROW Program, CVA would seek to acquire utility rights-of-way ("ROW") for two economic development sites, the Shannon Hill Regional Business Park ("Shannon Hill") and the Mid-Atlantic Advanced Manufacturing Center ("MAMaC").

Shannon Hill is a 700-acre tract located off Shannon Hill Road at the Interstate 64 interchange in Louisa County, Virginia, approximately 25 miles from Charlottesville, Virginia and 40 miles from Richmond, Virginia. Louisa County has prepared a master plan for this site to accommodate industries such as logistics and distribution, data centers, advanced manufacturing, light manufacturing, and accessory offices. According to the Application, if Shannon Hill were successfully developed, Louisa County estimates a potential capital investment at this site of \$2.5 billion and the creation of 3,500 new jobs for the region.

MAMaC is a 1,600-acre site located in Greensville County, Virginia, centrally located with Interstate 95 frontage, access to a CSX main line, and a direct route to Virginia ports. MAMaC is located approximately 60 minutes south of Richmond, Virginia and 90 minutes west of Norfolk, Virginia. Greensville County, Mecklenburg County, and the City of Emporia all support MAMaC through a revenue-sharing agreement. According to the Application, if MAMaC were successfully developed, Greensville County estimates that MAMaC would bring in capital investment of \$1.25 to \$1.75 billion to the area and create upwards of 6,350 jobs.

Pursuant to Code § 56-235.12 C, a utility proposing an economic development program "shall include an analysis of how acquiring utility rights-of-way will enhance the Commonwealth's infrastructure and promote the Commonwealth's competitive business environment by improving the readiness of a qualified economic development site." CVA represents that Shannon Hill and MAMaC are "qualified economic development site[s]" within the meaning of Code § 56-235.12 A and that acquiring the necessary ROW for these sites will improve their readiness for development, thereby fulfilling the requirements of Code § 56 235.12 C. Specifically, CVA asserts that the ROW Program would eliminate "a critical element that can delay delivering service to the sites in a 12- to 18-month period," that of acquiring utility ROW. CVA notes that it may seek to amend the ROW Program in the future to add other qualified economic development sites as they materialize.

CVA estimates a capital investment of approximately \$1 million associated with Shannon Hill and approximately \$180,000 associated with MAMaC. The Company proposes to defer the costs incurred in implementing the ROW Program until new base rates and charges for CVA become effective that incorporate the ROW Program. These costs would include deferred costs, including depreciation, taxes, a return on CVA's investment, and other land-related costs associated with costs incurred to acquire utility ROW, and associated carrying costs.

Interested persons are encouraged to review CVA's Application and supporting documents in full for details about these and other proposals. TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may make findings and order action in a manner differing from that proposed in the Company's Application.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on CVA's Application. On March 29, 2022, at 10 a.m., a Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will hold a telephonic hearing for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses, with no public witness present in the Commission's courtroom. On or before March 25, 2022, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting); (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to [SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov](mailto:SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov); or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting).

On March 30, 2022, at 10 a.m., either in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or by electronic means, a Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence offered by the Company, any respondents, and the Commission's Staff on the Company's Application. Further details on this hearing will be provided by subsequent Commission Order or Hearing Examiner's Ruling.

The Commission has taken judicial notice of the ongoing public health issues related to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19. In accordance therewith, all pleadings, briefs, or other documents required to be served in this matter should be submitted electronically to the extent authorized by 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"). Confidential and Extraordinarily Sensitive Information shall not be submitted electronically and should comply with 5 VAC 5-20-170, *Confidential information*, of the Rules of Practice. Any person seeking to hand deliver and physically file or submit any pleading or other document shall contact the Clerk's Office Document Control Center at (804) 371-9838 to arrange the delivery.

Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Rules of Practice, the Commission has directed that service on parties and the Commission's Staff in this matter shall be accomplished by electronic means. Please refer to the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing for further instructions concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information.

An electronic copy of the public version of the Company's Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, T. Borden Ellis, Assistant General Counsel, NiSource Corporate Services Company, 1809 Coyote Drive, Chester, Virginia 23836, [tbellis@nisource.com](mailto:tbellis@nisource.com).

On or before March 9, 2022, any interested person may submit comments on the Application by following the instructions on the Commission's website: [scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments](http://scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments). Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2021-00301.

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COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC.

## Letter to the editor

### Step away from ideological stances

The overarching charge for School Boards and school Superintendents is to create a safe, supportive environment where students can learn. The Fluvanna County School Board should rethink its recent decision to remove mask requirements and cease all contact tracing.

As members of the Fluvanna community, we are disappointed by the ideological stance reflected in the vote. We are also distressed by incomplete guidance provided by the Superintendent. The comments made by Dr. (Peter) Gretz are not consistent with guidance currently

presented on the VDH website recommending masks be worn indoor in public spaces when community spread is substantial or high. Currently, community spread of COVID-19 is high in Fluvanna County.

Furthermore, the only information presented to guide this decision reflected the views of individuals appointed by the current governor whose executive order made clear his stance on the issue. Perhaps a more balanced approach to making this decision would have been to consider medical guidance such as the statement made on January 17, 2022 by the Virginia Academy of Pediatrics. In this statement

the VAP strongly recommended that children continue to wear masks in school while rates of COVID-19 remain high.

As a community, we expect that our School Board members will be informed on the issues and make decisions based on science not personal or political ideology. We also expect that our School Board and school administration will act in the best interest of all students, especially those who are medically vulnerable.

Now is the time to step away from ideological stances. We must value science and seek objective medical information

from sources that do not reflect partisan politics. Now is the time to protect children, teachers, staff, families, and our community. We would all prefer to be able to remove the masks and return to some sense of normalcy. First, we must ensure a safe learning environment for all, and removing the mask requirement is not the right decision at this time!

-Joseph Creasy, Vice-President, Fluvanna NAACP

## Four local pups featured in Animal Planet's "Puppy Bowl XVIII"

CONTRIBUTED BY TRICIA JOHNSON

Four adorable puppies from Troy-based animal rescue Green Dogs Unleashed will be featured on Animal Planet's "Puppy Bowl" airing Sunday, Feb. 13 at 2 p.m.

Glaze, Pongo, Ridley, and Bunny will be representing Green Dogs Unleashed and Fluvanna County in the frolicsome competition. Puppies from opposing teams score goals by carrying a toy into the end zone.

The Animal Planet annual event has gained quite a following over the nearly two decades since it first aired, and has served

to raise awareness about animal rescue. Thanks to competitors from GDU, it also raises awareness about the adaptability and adoptability of special needs animals. This year, three of GDU's teammates are hearing-impaired; one of them is also vision-impaired. This doesn't slow these "pawsome" competitors down one bit.

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Puppy Bowl continues page 6.



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

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**Tip:** When receiving an award, review the details to determine if any part of it is taxable. Don't forget to review state rules as well. While most scholarships and aid are tax-free, no one needs a tax surprise.

**2. Gambling winnings.** Hooray! You hit the trifecta for the Kentucky Derby. But guess what? Technically, all gambling winnings are taxable, including casino games, lottery tickets and sports betting. Thankfully, the IRS allows you to deduct your gambling losses (to the extent of winnings) as an itemized deduction, so keep good records.

**Tip:** Know when the gambling establishment is required to report your winnings. It varies by type of betting. For instance, the filing threshold for winnings from fantasy sports betting and horse racing is \$600, while slot machines and bingo are typically \$1,200. But beware, the gambling facility and state requirements may lower the limit.

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**Tip:** Alimony payments no longer need to be made in cash. Consider having the low-income earning spouse take more retirement assets such as 401(k)s and IRAs in exchange for reduced alimony payments. This arrangement would allow the higher-earning spouse to make alimony payments by transferring retirement funds without paying income taxes on it.

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Puppy Bowl from page 5.

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Note: In the interest of full disclosure – the author of this piece adopted a hearing-impaired English setter from GDU this summer. Archie has brought us love and laughter, and a deeper understanding of how wonderful special needs animals can be.



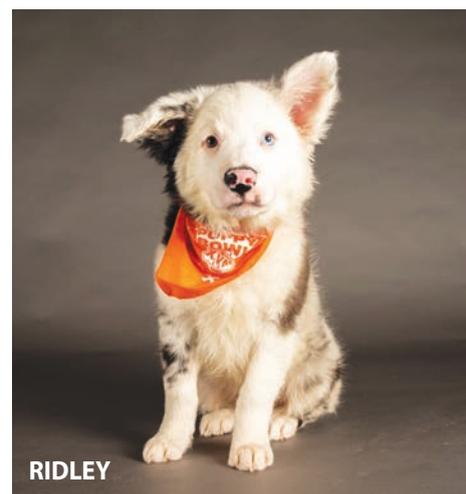
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# FCHS Swim & Dive heading to regional championship

CONTRIBUTED BY COS DIFAZIO

The FCHS Swim & Dive Team took home a first place team finish Monday night against Monticello and Charlottesville high schools. The swimmers worked hard this season and their hard work is paying off with amazing races and time improvements. Coach Stacey Fuller added "every member of our team is an asset and to say we have a lot of talent is an understatement!"

Coach Mike DiFazio said "it was exciting and so much fun to see so much improvement in all the relays, to have two of the three men's relays win and all three men's relays qualify for the state championship as well as all three girls qualifying for the regional championship. It was a tremendous team effort!"

Not to be outdone, our divers shined as well with John Layne winning the men's diving while Jacob Ondek and Sarah Beth Robinson also scored 3rd and 5th respectively while qualifying with 11 dives for the regional championship.

Head coach Mitchell Pace said "I'm so proud of the effort the team has put in this season! To see it pay off with a victory at the regional qualifier meet is proof of their dedication and hard work. We are

so excited that 20 Fluco swimmers and divers are moving on to the region meet and hopefully to states."

Leading the way for the Flucos by winning first in their individual and relay races were:

- Anthony Caruso (200 Medley Relay and 200 Free Relay)
- Abbie Ford (200 IM)
- Alex Fuller (50 free and 100 fly)
- Gus Jones (100 fly, 100 breast, 200 free relay and 200 medley relay)
- Jackson Kinsella (500 free and 200 medley relay)
- Jacob Ondek (50 free, 100 back, 200 free relay)
- Ahmad Woodson (200 free, 100 free, 200 free relay and 200 medley relay)
- Riley Yowell (200 free)
- John Layne (1M diving)

Demonstrating the depth and talent of the team were a number of second place finishers that included:

- Vaile Altherr (200 free relay and 400 free relay)
- Anthony Caruso (100 fly)
- Tyler Davis (500 free and 400 free relay)
- Alex Fuller (200 free relay and 400 free relay)
- Jackson Kinsella (400 free relay)
- Ally Lounsbury (50 free, 100 breast, 200

- free relay and 400 free relay)
- Jacob Ondek (400 free relay)
- Anne Charlotte Robinson (500 free)
- Brandon Watkins (400 free relay)
- Riley Yowell (200 free relay and 400 free relay)

- Mitchell Messier (100 breast)
- Anne Charlotte Robinson (200 medley relay)
- Brenna Rea (200 medley relay)
- Marley Rochester (100 breast and 200 medley relay)
- Joe Sam (100 breast)

Other swimmers who put in a great effort by also finishing in the top five and qualifying for regionals were:

- Vaile Altherr (100 free, 100 back)
- Anthony Caruso (200 free)
- Abbie Ford (100 back and 200 medley relay)
- Jackson Kinsella (50 free)

All of these swimmers and divers will compete at the regional championship.

## Fluco girls ease away from Mustangs for 48-36 win

BY DUNCAN NIXON  
CORRESPONDENT

It wasn't a blowout, but the Fluvanna County High School girls basketball team gradually demonstrated its superior talent and topped the Monticello High Mustangs on Feb. 4.

The Flucos got virtually all their points from two standout juniors. Shooting guard Aniah Webb put on a very impressive scoring display that covered all four quarters. In the first quarter, she had six of the Fluco's 11 points. In the second quarter, she scored eight of the Fluco's 13 points. In the third quarter she netted nine of the team's 12 points and in the final stanza she scored four of the team's 12 points. For the game, she totaled 27 of the team's 48 points. Webb had two three-point baskets and a variety of driving, twisting lay-ups. She also scored a couple of easy lay-ups off pretty feeds from point guard Alana Carter-Johnson. Carter-Johnson, normally one of the team's high scorers, did not score in this game, but played what Coach Nick Ward described as the "classic point guard game."

While Webb was putting on a fancy offensive show, junior post player Tatyana Turner was dominating inside. Turner was too strong and too talented for the Mustang's front court. She tallied eight baskets in close and added two free throws for 18 points.

This game was a demonstration of why

the Flucos have been quite successful this season. They are currently 12-5. Despite playing with a couple of key players out due to injury, the Flucos still had more quickness and ball handling ability than the Mustangs. In the fourth quarter, Coach Ward put his team into a semi-stall. There is no shot clock in high school basketball. Stalls can be risky, as they often lead to turnovers. However, relying primarily on Webb and Carter-Johnson, this Fluco team proved to be quite adept at weaving on the perimeter as the clock ticked down. In fact, as the clock ran down, Webb made four free throws and the Flucos held the Mustangs practically scoreless. The Flucos won the fourth quarter 12-5, and it was 12 to 2 until the Mustangs sank a last second three.

Amazingly, the regular season schedule is almost over. On Feb. 8, the Flucos traveled to Albemarle High and on Feb. 10 they will play the final game of the regular season at Orange County. The Jefferson District play-offs will follow starting on Feb. 12.

The near future looks pretty good for the Fluco girls. The current roster is dominated by juniors, with one freshman who gets playing time thrown in. The returning players will likely be joined next season by several promising players from a JV team that consists entirely of eighth and ninth graders.

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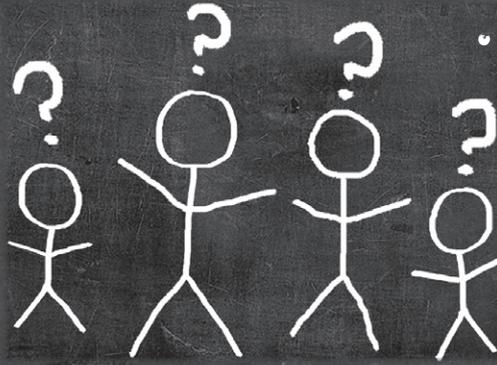
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# Chipping away at the storm debris

CONTRIBUTED BY MIKE FEAZEL

The pile of debris generated by the Jan. 3 snowstorm at Lake Monticello is nearly overwhelming the Lake Monticello Owners Association maintenance yard, but a chipper has begun chipping away at the pile.

To date, the LMOA maintenance department has cleared debris from roadsides in three sections of the Lake, with nine more to go, plus Jefferson Drive. The pile from the three sections covers an area equal to more than half a football field, several feet high. The

rented chipper began working Feb. 2 and the wood chips will be part of LMOA's Earth Day Free Wood Chip giveaway to residents in April, with the rest transported to a paper mill.

Cleanup is expected to continue into May, and cost about \$100,000. LMOA considered hiring outside companies to help speed the process, but decided against spending the extra estimated \$400,000, LMOA officials said. LMOA said it does have openings for seasonal workers, and is welcoming volunteers who would like

to help clear debris on the weekends. Contact [dflynn@lmoa.org](mailto:dflynn@lmoa.org) for more information. LMOA said it will work with residents to make removing leaning or dangerous pines on their property easier. They can email the Environmental Control & Compliance Administrator Carol Cavanaugh at [ccavanaugh@lmoa.org](mailto:ccavanaugh@lmoa.org). She will in many cases grant permission to have the trees removed without a permit.

## Library gives out test kits and more

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD  
CORRESPONDENT

"Libraries across the U.S. have been pressed into action," according to a Jan. 18 Washington Post article. Library workers were compared with front-line workers handing out supplies of free COVID test kits and ending up exhausted and overwhelmed. Is Fluvanna any different?

Library Director Cyndi Hoffman of the Fluvanna County Public Library has always taken a calm, methodical, and positive approach to activities, programs, and changes at the library and has transformed it into a community within itself; a hub of information, and entertainment. Hoffman has always been willing to be of service to the community and saw giving out test kits as an opportunity to do just that.

"The COVID tests were very popular. They were free as part of a program with the Virginia Department of Health. We started mid-November and had kits through mid-January and we gave out over 3300 kits during

that time." Kits are currently out of stock but Hoffman is hopeful she will get more but is uncertain when that may be.

"The program is still active but there are supply chain issues. We are telling everyone to keep an eye on our web page or Facebook page and we will update those when we get more."

COVID has been challenging for Hoffman and her staff. Whereas other libraries may have experienced some intense moments with test kits, Hoffman and her staff are always organized and things run smoothly. But she said there have been adjustments in the last year.

"COVID initially changed a lot for the library. Back in March 2020, we had to close to the public for a while - we closed then opened with curbside delivery services the next day. Eventually, we were able to start computers and browsing by appointment," she said. This time for her and her staff was perhaps the busiest without people in the library, having to do the work for those who normally peruse the aisles of books themselves.

"We were busier than ever. Lots of phone

calls and pulling materials for people in the community. We even had people emailing us things to print and we had delivery curbside and offered new cards over the phone."

If that were not enough, they started a new program, offering "Grab n Go craft/activity kits for preschool children, kids, teens, and adults and we added the Spice of the Month Club." In case anyone wonders, the Spice of the Month Club encourages cooking with various spices and learning about them. For example, October was cardamom and the kit includes recipes, ideas, and more regarding cooking with cardamom. This is a great way to use a library's resources and to learn something new and experiment for all ages now that cooking at home has become popular again.

This meant that not only did they put the kits together but during this time all items had to be cleaned and quarantined before they could be checked out again. She says they are still cleaning and wiping things down more often until we no longer have to quarantine.

"Things are much more like pre-COVID times now - which cycles depending on active

cases. We are still limited with in-person programs but hopefully, everything is getting better. We are concentrating on Grab n Go and small in person programs instead of our larger programs," she said.

Hoffman is trying to return things to normal as much as possible and this year everyone believes that it is more likely to happen.

"We are currently working on the Summer Reading Program and are very excited to hopefully have a more normal summer program with programs and workshops." She added that the Grab n Go craft kits and Spice of the Month are very popular and are continuing.

Grab n Go kits are available on the 2nd Saturday of the month and Spice of the Month Club is available on the 4th Saturday. They are also planning a Grab n Go Tiny Art Show Kit pick up for ages 10 and older on Wednesday, Feb. 16 starting at 3 p.m.

For more information, contact the Fluvanna County Public Library at (434) 589-1400 or visit their website at <https://www2.yousee-more.com/fluvanna/>.

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## County growing businesses

BY RUTHANN CARR  
CORRESPONDENT

Fluvanna welcomed two new businesses Saturday (Feb. 5) with ribbon-cutting celebrations for Lakelady Therapeutics and D'Mary Store and Deli.

About 30 people stopped by Lakelady Therapeutics, 6440 Thomas Jefferson Parkway to see owner Rachel Hartless and her massage/yoga space.

Hartless showed guests around the calming space that had soft lighting, a fireplace and cozy décor.

As people gathered around the massage table talking, Judy Fish, a Lake Monticello Board member, came in and said, "How many of you can say you laid on that table? I have."

Fish encouraged everyone to book a massage with Hartless, singing her praises as a masseuse.

County Administrator Eric Dahl and Economic Development Director Jennifer Schmack stood outside in the cold, biting wind holding either end of the red ribbon.

Visitors braved the cold as Chamber President Darryl Gibson welcomed Hartless to the Fluvanna business community.

Dahl and Schmack added their thanks to Hartless for choosing Fluvanna.

Hartless cut the ribbon and everyone went back inside the warm building to mingle and find out more about the services Hartless offers. Read about Lakelady Therapeutics and book an appointment at [www.lakeladytherapeutics.com](http://www.lakeladytherapeutics.com)

Everyone gathered an hour later to join Daniel Andrade, owner of D'Mary Store and Deli as he cut the ribbon opening his restaurant at the former Cunningham Store, 3417 Thomas Jefferson Parkway.

Andrade thanked everyone for coming and Schmack, in particular, for the work she put into helping him make the grand opening possible.

Savory smells of grilled chicken, beef and pork wafted out the front door making everyone's mouth water.

D'Mary gave out two free pork tacos to anyone who stopped by throughout the day.

The more than 30 people who showed up for the ribbon cutting waited patiently to put in their orders.

D'Mary's makes an authentic, delicious taco that will surely continue to draw crowds. Contact D'Mary Store and Deli at 434-589-2592 and be sure to stop in to see the whole menu.



D'Mary Ribbon Cutting



Rachel Hartless Lakelady Therapeutics

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## School Board's first look at proposed budget

BY RUTHANN CARR  
CORRESPONDENT

Fluvanna School Superintendent Peter Gretz presented a proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget at Wednesday's Feb. 2 budget meeting.

It included adding a half-time English language learner teacher, two school counselors (one at Carysbrook and one at the high school) and one more nurse at the high school.

It included a 5 percent raise for teachers and a 7.5 percent raise for support staff.

The proposed budget is \$51,983,078, roughly \$1 million more than FY22.

If the School Board approved the budget as presented, the total needed from the county would be \$19,727,761.

The Board seemed shocked at Gretz' suggestion to move all teachers from Scale B to Scale A.

"We've been told for years that wasn't possible," said Andrew Pullen (Columbia).

It would cost \$531,410 to move the 159 teachers on Scale B to A.

"The real question is how much will it cost in subsequent years," Pullen said.

Board Chair James Kelley (Palmyra) asked Executive Director of Instruction and Finance Brenda Gilliam to come back to the Board with what the differential would be over years of moving teachers from Scale B to A.

Due to the 2008 recession, the Board of Supervisors in 2010 cut funding to the schools.

That dearth in funding caused the School Board to make severe reductions in salaries and to enact furloughs.

The School Board also created a new salary scale (Scale B) for new teachers hired.

For many years teachers hired on Scale B made less initially and also over their teaching career.

In the past few years the School Board made it a priority to increase salaries for teachers on Scale B. So much so, said Gilliam, that the scales are now the same for the first 20 years.

"When we were looking at the numbers, I said to Dr. Gretz, 'It would be cheaper to move everyone to Scale A,'" Gilliam said.

Gretz said his proposal included budget priorities gleaned from the school board, staff and the community.

"We put the focus on compensation," Gretz said.

Gilliam told the Board health care costs are rising.

For several years the Board absorbed the rise in health care costs so staff didn't have to pay the increase. However, that may not be possible this year.

At the Feb. 10 School Board meeting the Board is expected to pass a budget because they must present a finalized budget to the Board of Supervisors on Feb. 16.

If they can't come to a decision at the Feb. 10 meeting, the School Board will meet again on Feb. 14.

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## Blue Bird Babies!

Did you know the Wildlife Committee manages 23 blue bird houses on the golf course? Last year, they counted 139 hatchlings - all of which made it to fledglings! Members Jorja Stark and Jean DeMarco were present at the Board Open Session on February 1 where Committee Chairs presented 2021 achievements and 2022 goals to LMOA. It was amazing to hear just how much our 16 Committees do for the Lake Monticello Community. We learned so much from each Committee, including the fact that more than 70 yards at the Lake are Certified Wildlife Habitats. Their goal is 300. Residents who are interested in helping to replenish resources for bees, butterflies, birds, and amphibians can ask someone from the Wildlife Committee for a National Wildlife Federation application. Their contact information can be found under Committees by logging onto [lmoa.org](http://lmoa.org). Speaking of goals, Broadcast needs 1000 YouTube subscribers. Be sure to look up their Lake Monticello Owners' Association channel and hit the subscribe button!

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### Run for the LMOA Board!

This year's Annual Meeting will take place on June 25, 2022. That may be several months away, but did you know Staff is already preparing for our most important meeting of

the year? Board of Directors Candidate and Member Proposal Petition Packets are ready for pick up at the Main Office. The deadline for filing these is March 25, 2022, at 5 PM. This kicks off the whole election and voting process. Members in

good standing can either run for the Board of Directors and/or submit a Member Proposal. The packets contain instructions, LMOA governing documents related to the process, and important forms including petition forms for collecting supporting signatures from Members in good standing.

### Why a petition?

LMOA Bylaws require that candidates for election to the LMOA Board of Directors and Member Proposals be supported by petitions signed by at least 150 individual Lake Monticello lot or Marina Point owners who are in good standing with the Lake Monticello Owners' Association.

The Board of Directors will meet in a special open session on Thursday, April 7, at 7 PM to certify and announce the names of members who have met Bylaws requirements to become 2022 Board candidates.

### What is a Member Proposal?

Member Proposals are suggested amendments of the Bylaws or repeals or amendments of rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. It is considered appropriate for member action provided that the proposal does not violate or is not inconsistent with the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Statements of Subdivision or law. Qualifying proposals will be on the 2022 ballot.

Tired of social media discussions that get you nowhere? Come pick up a petition packet and truly get involved. We welcome all LMOA Members in good standing to pick up packets at the Main Office, 41 Ashlawn Blvd. The entrance to the main office can be found across from the tennis courts. Take the stairs or the elevator down to the bottom floor and someone at the front desk will assist you.

### Low Speed Vehicles Are Allowed at Lake Monticello!

Did you know Low-Speed Vehicles (LSV) are allowed in the State of Virginia and therefore allowed on the roads at Lake Monticello? President Larry Henson warns residents to be cautious when purchasing a LSV, "Do not be mistaken," he stresses. "Though some low speed vehicles look like golf carts, they are not the same. Make sure your purchase meets all street legal qualifications."

To be considered street legal, an LSV must have:

- \* Headlights
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  - \* Vehicle Identification Number
- Also, an LSV driver must be 16 years old with a valid driver's license, and cannot drive on roads where the speed limit exceeds

35 miles per hour. DMV Registration and proof of insurance are required to be in the vehicle. An LSV specific license plate must also be mounted and visible. Like any other vehicle, there cannot be any use of alcohol during operation. For liability compliance, low-speed vehicles must be registered and insured with Property Damage Liability Insurance and Personal Injury Protection.

### Golf Carts vs. LSV

To be clear, golf carts are not allowed on Lake Monticello roads. Whereas an LSV must comply

with performance and safety federal laws and regulations, golf carts do not. A golf cart is designed for use on a golf course and only reaches a maximum speed up to 20 miles per hour and does not have a VIN. However, an LSV is categorized as a vehicle with four wheels that can reach maximum speeds between 20 and 25 miles per hour on level surfaces. It also handles a total weight of 3,000 pounds, and it must always have a slow-moving vehicle emblem visible in Virginia.

### Security Town Hall

Lake Monticello Residents will meet at the Fairway Clubhouse on the evening of March 2, 2022, for a Security Town Hall to discuss solutions to the staff shortage that has affected the Lake Monticello Police. Lake Monticello Owners' Association (LMOA) is currently collecting feedback from residents which will play a pivotal role in deciding whether LMOA will outsource security.

An Outsource Security Request for Proposals was issued on November 23, 2021, and proposals were due February 4th. LMOA is also working with a third-party independent consultant to identify possible security alternatives. The LMOA Board of Directors

voiced the need to explore effective solutions that benefit all parties involved during the regular Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, October 28. In a statement, they welcomed the Lake Monticello community to get involved. The Town Hall will give speakers the opportunity to voice opinions. The time of the meeting is still to be determined.

### Lake Monticello Police Department History

**1969** - Lake Monticello was developed  
**Early 1970s** - Initially, roving security guards patrolled Lake Monticello; there were only a few hundred homes in the early 1970s  
**1973** - LMOA switched to "Special Police officers," appointed by the Fluvanna Sheriff, because of a

persistent problem with trespassers and burglaries. All police officers attended the police academy in Waynesboro with other agency cadets

**1990s** - LMPD police officers continued to be appointed "Special Police Officers" until the mid-1990s when the Virginia General Assembly repealed the "Special Police Officer" law

**1996** - The Fluvanna County Circuit Court appointed the police officers as "Conservators of the Peace," which gave the police officers the same powers and authority as any other law enforcement officer

**2015** - The Governor of Virginia signed the "Private Police Officer" law, and LMPD and its officers were officially recognized as a law enforcement agency under the

Virginia code. At the same time, the Conservator of the Peace law was downgraded to apply to only armed security with no powers or authority as law enforcement officers.



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**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors**  
**February 16, 2022 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 Board of Supervisors on the following requests:

**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 Board of Supervisors will be held in person and attendees can attend in person, virtually online or by telephone call. 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.



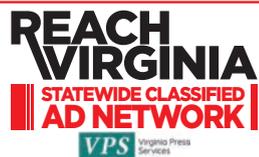
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**NOTICE OF**  
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Pursuant to Virginia Code Sec. 15.2-2507, the Board of Supervisors of Fluvanna County, Virginia (the “County”) will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2022, in the Carysbrook Performing Arts Center in Fork Union, Virginia, located at 8880 James Madison Hwy, Fork Union, Virginia, 23055 with respect to the following proposed amendment to the County’s Fiscal Year 2022 Budget:

The Adopted FY2022 budget totals \$110,600,979 in revenues and expenditures. The proposed amendment is for \$2,648,439 from the American Rescue Plan Act Funding. The funds provide substantial flexibility for each jurisdiction to meet local needs—including support for households, small businesses, impacted industries, essential workers, and the communities hardest-hit by the crisis. These funds also deliver resources that recipients can invest in building, maintaining, or upgrading their water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

Complete information concerning this amendment is available in the County Administration Office, located at 132 Main Street, Palmyra, Virginia 22963, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Persons requiring accommodation to facilitate participation are encouraged to contact the Office of the County Administrator at 132 Main Street, Palmyra, Virginia 22963 or at (434) 591-1910, at least five days prior to the meeting.

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**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a waterbody in Fluvanna County, Virginia.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** February 3, 2022 to March 7, 2022

**PERMIT NAME:** Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

**APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER:** Fork Union Military Academy; P.O. Box 278, Fork Union, VA 23055; VA0024147

**FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION:** Fork Union Military Academy STP; 765 Academy Road, Fork Union, VA

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Fork Union Military Academy has applied for a modification of a permit for the Fork Union Military Academy STP. The modification of the permit would remove the Total Recoverable Copper limits and replace them with monitoring only. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewater at a rate of 0.099 million gallons per day into North Creek in Fluvanna County in the James River/Bear Garden/South Creek watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: physical and chemical properties, nutrients, metals, organic matter, solids, bacteria, and inorganics. Sludge from the treatment process will be dried and hauled to Old Dominion Landfill for disposal.

A water effects ratio (WER) has been established for copper per 9VAC25-260-140 F.

**HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING:** DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing on the draft modifications to the permit by hand-delivery, e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. DEQ must receive hand-delivery and postal mail by close of business and email and fax comments by 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

**CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**  
**Name:** Jason Dameron; **Address:** Valley Regional Office, 4411 Early Road, P.O. Box 3000, Harrisonburg, Virginia, 22801; **Phone:** (540) 217-7485; **E-mail:** [jason.dameron@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:jason.dameron@deq.virginia.gov). The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.

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# HVAC Specialist Position

The County of Fluvanna is recruiting for the position of HVAC Specialist.

This position is a full-time non-exempt position that performs skilled technical work, on a journeyman level, in the installation, operation, maintenance, modification, service, and repair of HVAC and refrigeration systems. The incumbent inspects and tests both high and low-pressure refrigerant systems to locate and diagnose faults and malfunctions, performs required repairs through the replacement of inoperative parts or adjustment of thermostatic controls and blowers. The HVAC Specialist also complies with federal regulations governing environmental protection, hazardous waste disposal, and the use of refrigerants, chemical substances, and materials and will work under the general supervision of the Assistant Director of Public Works.

### Essential duties include but are not limited to:

The HVAC Specialist performs maintenance and repairs to building mechanical systems. (These are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work performed. The omission of specific duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment to the position.)

Performs HVAC installation, troubleshooting, repairs, and preventative maintenance on air conditioning units, heating systems, ventilation units, and refrigeration equipment including heat pumps, compressors, electric motors, boilers, intake and exhaust fans, generators, chillers, blowers, fans, and computerized control systems.

Responds to emergency HVAC service calls at County facilities.

Diagnoses electrical and mechanical faults for HVAC systems.

Disassembles mechanical or electrical machinery, equipment, and or systems to retrofit or replace all ancillary components as required. Will check clearances, voltages and perform ampere measuring as required prior to bringing any equipment/system back into service.

Provides technical assistance on the purchase of new or replacement mechanical equipment or systems by reviewing and preparing equipment specifications.

Monitors inventory and orders parts for mechanical systems.

Performs work in accordance with OSHA and EPA regulations, equipment specifications, and established safety procedures.

Creates and implements preventative maintenance schedule and inspection checklists

Keeps logs of all HVAC Maintenance functions and work orders.

Demonstrates basic computer competency including email, web browser, and word processing.

Assists with other building maintenance tasks as needed.

Assist Public Works with snow and ice removal as required.

This is physical work requiring exertion in excess of 100 pounds of force occasionally, in excess of 50 pounds of force frequently, and in excess of 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects; work requires climbing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, reaching, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, lifting, grasping, and repetitive motions; vocal communication is required for expressing or exchanging ideas by means of the spoken word; hearing is required to perceive information at normal spoken word levels; visual acuity is required for depth perception, color perception, visual inspection involving small defects and/or small parts, use of measuring devices, assembly or fabrication of parts at or within arm's length, operation of machines, operation of motor vehicles or equipment, and determining the accuracy and thoroughness of work; the worker is subject to environmental conditions, extreme cold, extreme heat, noise, vibration, hazards, atmospheric conditions, and oils. The worker is required to wear personal protective equipment necessary for preventing injury. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential tasks.

Basic tools and equipment will be provided by the County and will remain under the County's ownership.

- Criminal background and driving record check.
- Possession of and maintaining a driver's license valid in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- Acceptable Education, Experience, and Training- Minimum Qualifications:
- High School diploma or equivalent.
- 7+ years of experience with commercial and industrial HVAC systems.
- Journeyman HVAC License or ability to obtain within one year of employment
- CFC Refrigeration Certificate or ability to obtain within 6 months of employment.

### Preferred Qualifications:

- Master HVAC License
- Prior local government experience
- This position is classified as Essential Personnel and may be called upon to work during weather closures and emergencies.
- Expected hiring range \$22.33 to \$25.67 hourly rate -DOQ- Excellent benefits (paid health, dental, and vision, flex spending, life, disability, retirement).
- Position open until filled.

•Submit a County application, resume, cover letter, and references to [jobs@fluvannacounty.org](mailto:jobs@fluvannacounty.org).

Applications are available at the county website, [www.fluvannacounty.org](http://www.fluvannacounty.org).

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# SUDOKU

Edited by Margie E. Burke

Difficulty: Medium

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

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

# The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- Music genre
- Conn. neighbor
- Come in second
- "\_\_\_ Karenina"
- Film segment
- Soft palate sound
- Glance over
- Type of cherry
- Beat around the bush
- Measure (out)
- Bead anagram
- Expenditures
- Provide counsel
- Toto's only Billboard #1
- Piano technician
- Yellow-flowered weed
- Home on the range
- Turn red, perhaps
- Silver flaw
- Romano, for one
- Marsh plant
- Throw in, as a question
- Clear the slate
- Was a lodger
- Fictional band, \_\_\_ Tap
- Bottle dweller
- Crescent
- Malta money
- Listlessness
- Magnetic force
- Fruity pastry
- Shade of pink
- Furthermore
- Result of honing
- Small hill
- Follow, as advice
- Consider to be

- Roman 1900
- 1836 battle site
- Paddock papa
- Petty argument
- Pipe material
- City on the Seine
- Out of sorts?
- Christmas candies
- Waste away
- Astin of "Rudy"
- Catchall phrase
- Fancy party
- Remove, as a monarch
- Puts two and two together?
- Joan portrayer in "Mommie Dearest"
- Metric heavy weight
- College credit
- Western blue flag, e.g.
- Strolling site
- Nonchalance
- Surveyed

### DOWN

- Obi, e.g.
- \_\_\_ and for all
- Sans frills
- Lacking zip

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67					68					69		

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### Answers to Previous Crossword:

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C	A	T	S	A	D	L	Y	S	E	E	D	Y	
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B	E	A	N	S	I	D	R	I	S	L	L	A	W
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# First look at proposed county budget

## Dahl proposes \$96 million budget, tax rates to remain stable

BY HEATHER MICHON  
CORRESPONDENT

County Administrator Eric Dahl unveiled his proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) during a work session at the Board of Supervisors meeting on Wednesday night (Feb. 2).

Dahl is proposing a budget of \$96,290,691, a decrease of 14.8 percent compared to the amended FY22 budget. His proposed real estate tax of \$0.884 would result in no increase for most homeowners, and all other county taxes would hold at current rates.

Much of the year-over-year decrease is due to the drop in requested funding for capital projects, or CIPs. Last year, the supervisors approved \$25 million in CIP funding to debt-fund a wide variety of overdue or critically needed projects and equipment replacements. Dahl is proposing around \$4 million in CIP projects this year.

The biggest increases in expenditures are in staff pay and salaries, which he projected would increase 62 percent over FY23. This would include the cost of a 5 percent cost-of-living increase, the creation of new positions and from turning part-time positions into full-time, and increased costs for health insurance. Health insurance rates generally come out midway through the budget season, but

Dahl is currently anticipating an increase of around 6.5 percent.

At the time of the work session, the School Board had not yet approved its FY23 funding request to the county.

Dahl noted several pressure points on the county budget, including increased costs for public safety, new and expanding needs for water and wastewater infrastructure, increased costs for goods and services, and the need to maintain competitive salaries and benefit packages.

At the same time, the county has benefited from state and federal funding relating to pandemic recovery. Changes in the state's sales tax laws mean the county now receives tax revenue from online sales, and the new cigarette tax will bring in an estimated \$200,000 a year.

The county's fund balance currently has approximately \$10 million in restricted funds and \$13,800,000 in unassigned funds that can be used toward capital projects and other expenditures.

Dahl's proposal is the framework for discussions over the next 10-12 weeks, and is likely to undergo some changes before it is done. A finalized budget and the setting of FY23 tax rates will be up for a vote on April 20 or April 27.

### OTHER MATTERS

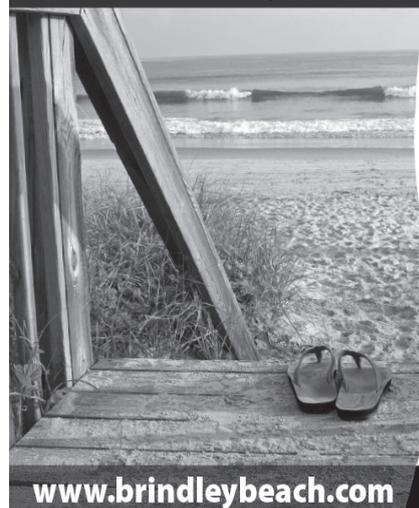
During their regular meeting before Dahl's presentation, Supervisors voted to approve the advertisement of a public hearing to set a new polling place for voters in the Palmyra District in the wake of county redistricting. The county is proposing Beaver Dam Baptist Church on Rt. 250 as the new polling location.

The FY22 budget called for debt-funded purchase and lease of \$5,231,500 in

vehicles and equipment, primarily for public works, the sheriff's office, and the fire and rescue departments. The winning bid came from JP Morgan Chase Bank, which offered the money at a 1.37 percent interest rate for 10 years. Supervisors approved the proposal during a brief public hearing following a closed session.

With Mozell Booker absent for the evening, both measures passed by a vote of 4-0-1.

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- Fresh paint throughout / Detached shed

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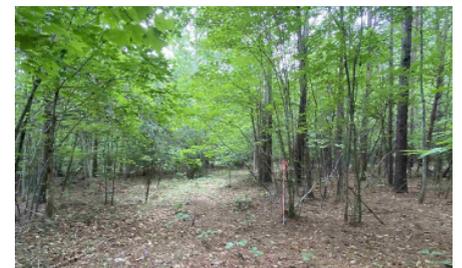
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