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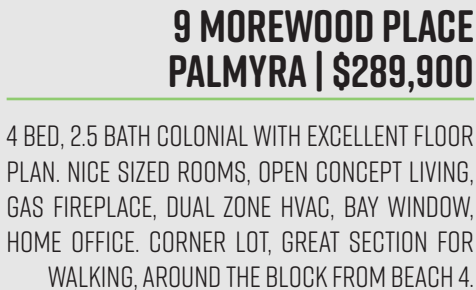
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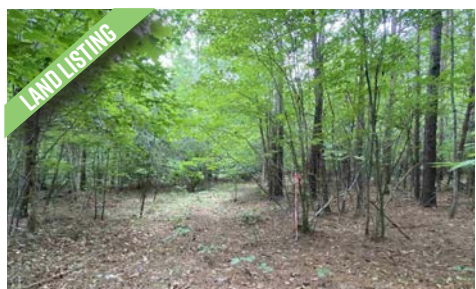
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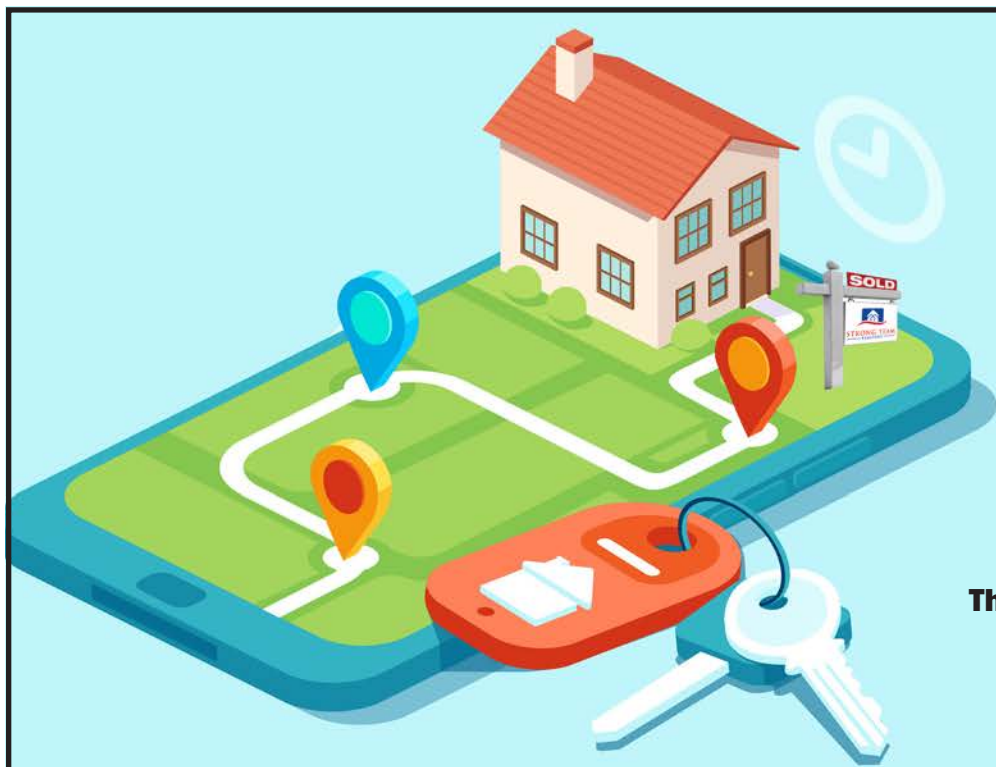
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Planning director shares schedule to update 2040 Comprehensive Plan

Residents are encouraged to participate in defining future county land use

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

Community Development Director Douglas Miles outlined the county's plan to update the 2040 Comprehensive Plan before the Planning Commission at its meeting on Tuesday night (Feb. 8).

The Comprehensive Plan lays out a community's priorities for land use and development over a 20 year period; under state law, it must be reviewed every five years. Fluvanna County, like many localities across the state, is 12-18

months behind in updating its plan, as the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the 2020 and 2021 review cycles.

Miles presented a full slate of public meetings and open houses stretching through the spring and early summer. They hope to approve a finalized plan and send it to the Board of Supervisors for a vote by October or November.

As the plan evolves, updated information will be available at the Fluvanna

library, the Planning Department offices, and other public areas. Residents will have the opportunity to submit their views in writing, through the county website, and during meetings.

The public comment process has been informally underway for several months. Miles said the recurring themes he and his staff were hearing included the need to manage population density while still allowing senior and workplace housing;

providing more local shopping, dining, and medical options; and most significantly, maintaining the county's rural character.

For his department, one goal is to eliminate Rural Residential planning areas.

Currently, the county has three categories for planning: Community Planning Areas (CPAs), Rural Preservation areas, and Rural Residential areas.

Community Planning Areas, like the Rivanna CPA at Lake Monticello, allow for larger housing developments, mixed-use areas, and commercial development, where Rural Residential and Rural Preservation districts have limits on development.

Miles said that folding the Rural Residential category back into the Rural Preservation category wouldn't prevent the building of rural cluster developments, but it would reduce confusion and make the planning process more streamlined for both developers and the county.

Other staff goals include encouraging growth in the Zion Crossroads CPA to take some of the pressure off the Lake Monticello area, further developing the Fork Union Commerce Park, and focusing more development efforts on "rural crossroads" areas like Kents Store, Kidds Store, and Troy.

Miles stressed that the biggest piece of revising the Comprehensive Plan is defining future land use priorities, and that was where they needed to hear from residents. Virginia allows many land-use decisions to be made at the local level.

"We can make Fluvanna how we want it, not how Richmond wants it, or Washington wants it," he said. "So that's the most important thing – public input on where things are needed for infrastructure and land use."

His staff will be on hand for an open house at 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, at the Fluvanna County library. They will be announcing more meetings in the coming weeks.



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Winifred "Winnie" Browning

Winifred "Winnie" Browning, 88, of Lake Monticello, VA, passed away on February 4, 2022. She was born on February 10, 1933, in Richmond, VA to the late Robert Cleveland Perkins and Gertrude Rosson Perkins of Fork Union, VA. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Phillip Coleman Browning; infant son, Cary Perkins Browning; and three brothers, Robert Cleveland Perkins, Jr., James Lee Perkins and Isaac Otey Perkins, IV.

Winnie was a retired educator having taught in Gloucester and Fluvanna counties. She was a member and past deacon of Effort Baptist Church, a past member of the Point of Fork Daughters of American Revolution and a driver for Meals on Wheels.

Her favorite hobby was playing bridge with all of her great friends. She really loved her Lake Monticello friends and appreciated their acts of kindness during her illnesses. Winnie was a lifelong UVA football fan being a season ticket holder for more than 30 years. It is estimated that she didn't miss more than five home games in that span as well as attending many bowl games. One of her fondest memories was spending time with her family in Nags Head, NC.

Winnie is survived by her children; her son, Philip C. Browning, Jr. and his wife, Joan Webber; his two sons, Ryan and Cameron; her son, Lee Browning and his wife, Tracy, and their two sons, Rosson and Luke; her youngest son, Dale Browning and his wife, Suzanne, and their two children, William and Lauren; and her daughter, Sally Browning, and her son, Cary.

A visitation was held February 11, 2022 at Effort Baptist Church. A memorial service was held February 12, 2022 at Effort Baptist Church with interment at Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that any contributions be made to the Lake Monticello Fire and Rescue, 10 Slice Road, Palmyra, VA 22963. Arrangements were handled by Sheridan Funeral Home in Kents Store, VA.



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Cryptocurrency: The IRS is Watching You!

Whether you own cryptocurrency or not, everyone should know the tax rules surrounding this type of property as it becomes more popular. If you have one take away regarding cryptocurrency, it should be this: Remember that Uncle Sam is watching you!

Here's what you need to know about the IRS and cryptocurrency:

Background

The IRS generally considers cryptocurrency—also referred to as virtual currency or digital currency—to be property, just like stocks and bonds for federal income tax purposes.

Therefore, if you sell cryptocurrency at a gain, it is subject to capital gains tax. Similarly, you may claim a capital loss on the sale or other disposition of cryptocurrency. But that's not all: Anytime you exchange cryptocurrency for actual currency, goods or services, the IRS says it's a taxable event.

The IRS Is Watching You!

Cryptocurrency transactions often flew under the radar, but the IRS is now paying much closer attention. Here's how the IRS is stepping up enforcement efforts:

- **Answer a Form 1040 question.** The IRS is so concerned about cryptocurrency transactions being reported that they have a cryptocurrency question on Page 1 of your tax return, just below your name. Before filling out any part of your tax return, the IRS wants you to answer a question about whether you received, sold, exchanged, or otherwise disposed of any financial interest in any virtual currency.

- **Brokers must report transactions.** After 7 years of gently prodding taxpayers to self-report cryptocurrency transactions, Congress has given the green light for the IRS to obtain cost basis and sales proceeds information for all crypto transactions directly from brokers (such as Coinbase, Electrum or Mycelium) or other individuals who regularly provide digital asset transfer services on behalf of other people. Similar to the reporting of stocks and bonds, taxpayers will receive a Form 1099-B from brokers that list all crypto transactions. These new reporting rules are effective beginning January 1, 2023.

- **Expanded \$10,000 reporting requirement.** Businesses that accept virtual currency as payment may be required to report transactions above \$10,000 to the IRS beginning January 1, 2023. In an interesting twist, cryptocurrency and other digital assets would be considered cash for purposes of the \$10,000 reporting requirement, while the IRS will continue to treat cryptocurrency as real property (and not cash) for tax compliance purposes.

What you need to do

Here are some suggestions for tracking and reporting your cryptocurrency transactions on your tax return:

- **Keep up-to-date records.** Consider tracking each transaction as they occur throughout the year. You may also want to keep your own transaction ledger as a way to double-check the accuracy of your broker's statements.

- **Set aside money to pay taxes.** Consider saving a certain percentage of each cryptocurrency transaction you sell at a gain for taxes you may need to pay.

- **Be aware before you dive into cryptocurrency.** As you can see, being involved in cryptocurrency may not be for everyone. Wild swings in valuation are common. Reporting requirements are complicated.

As Warren Buffet is quoted as saying, *If you have been playing poker for half an hour and still cannot tell who the patsy is, you're the patsy.*

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Fluvanna Business Corner

Fluvanna County Economic Development Authority Update

By Rudy Garcia, Chair EDA

The Fluvanna County Economic Development Authority has been busy supporting new business in Fluvanna County. A year ago, we submitted for and received a grant from the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation. This grant was to be used for small business owners to help them in their business endeavors.

We partnered with the Fluvanna County Chamber of Commerce, the Charlottesville Community Investment Collaborative (CIC) and the Central Business Small Business Development (CVSBDC) center and identified 15 small business owners to support.

These business owners received scholarships to attend the CIC's 16-week Entrepreneur Workshop in either the spring or summer course. All the business owners learned new skills that allowed them to grow their businesses. After completing the course these Fluvanna Business owners continued to work with both CIC and CVSBDC to hone their skills.

More importantly these businesses owner qualified to compete in an upcoming



Pitch Competition where at least two of the businesses will receive grants from the EDA that they can use to continue to grow their businesses.

We are finalizing a date and location for the competition which will be open to the public. Stay tuned for additional information. We will be publishing a listing of the business who win the pitch competition in April after the event!

The EDA is proud to be able to help our Small Business Owners learn, grow and thrive right here in Fluvanna County. All of our EDA Directors are volunteers who live here in Fluvanna County. They bring a wealth of experience across multiple facets of the community.

We invite you to come and visit us at our monthly meetings on the 2nd Monday of the month at 5 pm. We currently meet in the Morris Room at the County Administration building, and we are broadcasting our meetings via ZOOM as well. You can find out more on the County website or by calling the Fluvanna County Economic Development Director Jennifer Schmack at 434-591-1921

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After listening to vitriol about a moot mask mandate issue, the Fluvanna County School Board passed a fiscal year 2023 budget Thursday (Feb.10).

The nearly \$52 million budget (\$51,983,078) includes:

- 5 percent compensation increase for all employees;
- 7 percent compensation increase for the lower-paid salary scales;
- Absorbing the roughly 6 percent health insurance rate increase;
- Moving teachers currently paid on Salary Scale B to Salary Scale A; eliminating Scale B;
- One more school counselor at the high school;
- One more school counselor at Carysbrook;
- Additional nurse at the high school;
- A part-time ESL (English as Second Language) teacher, division-wide.

On Feb. 16 the School Board and Superintendent Peter Gretz will present the budget to the Board of Supervisors and ask the county to give them close to \$20 million (\$19,727,761); about 42 percent of the total budget.

The state provides more funding at 52 percent. The rest of the money comes from federal and other local sources.

Public Comments

When the night's agenda was published days before Thursday's meeting, it included this action item: "Approval of Action in Acknowledgment of Circuit Court Injunction Giving Senate Bill 1303 Precedence Over Recent Executive Order #2," a confusing sentence asking to revisit the recently lifted mask mandate.

At the beginning of the meeting the Board voted to remove the item from the agenda – meaning they would not make any changes to their Feb. 2 vote to lift the mandate and stop contact tracing.

However, that didn't stop the more than 30 assembled from making masks the subject of their public comments.

First, several speakers pushed against the public comment rule of giving their address.

About 10 teachers stood behind Lauren Reed (who gave Central Elementary's address as her own).

"I am speaking on behalf of many teachers," Reed said. "Please stop playing politics. Stop injecting unwanted chaos into the classroom. The School Board hasn't listened to what the majority in the community asked for. We are tired of dealing with the School Board's impulsive decision making, of being jerked around...of not being heard. You are stealing the joy of teaching. We are here to protect our joy – to protect our students."

Danny Reed (who gave the sheriff's department as his address) said the teachers should be excited about getting a

raise but instead they came to let the Board know the Board is robbing them of the joy of teaching.

"You just keep poking the bear and the teachers finally stood up," Reed said. "Board, you have bullied this community for way too long."

When Maria Clark got up to speak, she said she lived in Lake Monticello. Clark said she didn't want to give her exact address in front of everyone and all who were listening on social media.

Kelley said it was the Board's policy.

Danny Reed yelled out, "Do you want the sheriff's address because that's what I gave."

Brittany Gray said: "There is a lot of talk about a recall right now. We're looking for legal guidance. We want the right people on the Board...as loud and proud as we've been about coming against certain Board members, that's how much we'll back those that support us."

"If this many people don't want certain members on the board, then leave," Gray said.

Katie Brown said: "We the parents are sick of it (changes in mitigation policies). You are harming our children. Quit going back and forth with your policies. I'm sick of it. Just like you are taking the joy from the teachers, you are taking the joy from the students."

Both teacher Darrell Baughan and

parent Jennifer Scopelliti said they believed if a person didn't have children, they shouldn't be allowed to or are qualified to serve on the School Board.

When Scopelliti's three minutes were up, the chair thanked her and said her time was up, she insisted on finishing. Kelley once again tried to move on and Scopelliti screamed, "You don't have children, Mr. Kelley, so you don't know."

A regular school board meeting attendee and former teacher Jessica Jackson said she was troubled by what she heard from some of the people.

"You keep talking about children and what's best for them," Jackson said. "I don't think it's best for children to see their parents come up here and be disrespectful and cast blame when I think the blame goes both ways."

Ashlyn Thayer, a high school senior, said she'd rather not attend school with unmasked students and teachers.

"I come to school every day with the fear I could catch COVID from my unmasked peers," Thayer said. "We should prioritize health and safety over a minor frustration."

Two other students spoke in favor of a mask mandate.

As soon as public comments closed, all but two or three in the crowd left.

Gretz said February is designated as School Board Appreciation month.

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Lance Bruce fires from long range.
Photo by Duncan Nixon.

Fluco boys fall to Albemarle, top Orange County: End regular season 14-7

BY DUNCAN NIXON
CORRESPONDENT

The Fluvanna boys basketball team ended its regular season with games against two of the top teams in the region. Albemarle and Orange County are significantly bigger schools than Fluvanna County High School, but the Flucos held their own.

The Patriots of Albemarle High came to Fluvanna on Feb. 8 with a 16-2 record. Flucos battled the Patriots evenly through the first three quarters. Junior guards Bobby Gardner and Lance Bruce each scored seven in the first quarter as the Flucos took a 19-18 lead. The Flucos cooled off a little in the second quarter and the Patriots edged ahead 30-29 at the half. The Flucos won the third quarter by a point, so the score was tied at 43 apiece going to the final quarter. After the game, Coach Heath Bralley commented that he thought those might have been the best three quarters his team has played all season.

Unfortunately for the Flucos, Albemarle suddenly found the range on three pointers. They sank four in the first four minutes of the quarter to open an 11

point lead. The Flucos pressed hard to close the gap in the final four minutes, but the Patriots were too good to be rattled and they coasted to a 75-60 win. The Flucos do not live or die on their long-distance shooting, but they are normally pretty good from the outside. In this game, the long ball deserted them, as they made only 4 of 27 from beyond the arc. In contrast, the Patriots were 6 for 13. The Flucos continued their strong defense, forcing 11 turnovers while committing only 4.

Bruce and Gardner led the Flucos in scoring with 19 and 18 respectively. Senior point guard Kobe Edmonds contributed 12 and junior Clayton Cannady came off the bench to add eight. Gardner led in rebounds with 11 and had three steals.

On Feb. 10, the Flucos headed up Rt. 15 to take on the Hornets of Orange County. The Hornets came in at 14-5 and they were at home. This was more of a defensive battle and the Flucos play very good defense. The Flucos edged ahead early and held on for the win. The Flucos shut down the Hornets in the

first quarter to lead 15-7. They led 26-21 at the half and 41-34 after three. The Hornets closed the gap in the fourth quarter, but the Flucos held on to win 53-49.

The Flucos were again on the right side of the turnover stats, as they forced 19 and committed 12. They had 15 points off turnovers to seven for Albemarle. The Flucos also had 10 steals to five for the Hornets. The Fluco scoring was very balanced. Edmonds had 12. Gardner and Bruce each contributed 10 and Junior forward Kenyon Smith posted eight and led in rebounds with eight.

The Flucos ended the regular season with a 14-7 record. They are playing well at the right time as they are in the post season, but due to some teams still having make-ups to play, the post season schedule is not yet set. At the beginning of the season, Coach Bralley said of his team, "we don't have a lot of height, but we are really quick. We will be in the hunt." He clearly knew what he was talking about.

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Buy nothing: the new way to give and recycle

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT



An upcycled table. Photo courtesy of Jackie Geer.

Nowadays, communities are finding various ways to connect and bring people together. The “buy nothing” movement has been bringing friends and neighbors together since 2013. Not only have people saved money but they recycle by giving things away for free. Helping others in the community by offering services for free is another option of the Buy Nothing movement. It is an international project with more than 4 million people making up 6,800 Buy Nothing communities in 44 countries across the globe.

The idea behind it was the brainchild of friends Rebecca Rockefeller and Liesl Clark, from Bainbridge Island, Wash. Their book, “The Buy Nothing, Get Everything Plan: Discover the Joy of Spending Less, Sharing More, and Living Generously,” explains the Buy Nothing philosophy as wanting a “healthy planet and pursuing every possible alternative before buying anything someone wants or needs.”

Buy Nothing Lake Monticello (BNLM) was started by moderators of other Charlottesville groups and local moderator Melissa Larrick. Morgan Caruso and Jackie Geer work as moderators and complement each other in age.

“The main goal of the Buy Nothing Project is to build community where you live. Morgan and I see that happening in

our local group. I look at the Buy Nothing Project as a great service to multi-generations. Older generations, which I am a part of, are cleaning out decades of treasures and younger generations, which Morgan is a part of, are just starting out and gathering items to fill in needed gaps in their households.” Geer added that she, like others, have received gifts that become special feature in their homes.

“We currently have 1,393 members. In the past month 1,054 of those members have been active on our site. That is 76 percent of our members were actively gifting, receiving gifts, or offering support in some way to neighbors. That is pretty impressive,” said Geer. She added that in the future they will most likely be splitting into two groups, hoping to extend their second group over to Rt. 15. There are a few Buy Nothing groups that cover Fluvanna, but they see a need to expand.

The main challenge for getting the movement off the ground was vetting those who were applying to become members, making sure they are within their boundaries.

“We check the master map and if they live within the boundaries of other groups, we refer them to the Troy, Buckingham, Louisa, Gordonsville, Orange, Crozet, Staunton, or many of the Charlottesville

groups, Geer said. “The other challenge for new members was understanding there are no referrals to businesses or outside organizations. There is no bartering. The gifts given should have no strings attached.”

Anyone can be a member and there is no limit to the items given.

“Younger generations today are facing higher housing prices and sometimes do not have the income to buy needed household items. Most of us faced this dilemma when we were first starting out,” said Geer.

There is no end to items people have given - from furniture and clothing, baby items including diapers and food to kitchen appliances, gardening equipment, TVs, computers, mulch and firewood, to even a kitchen sink. “I have seen families in need, due to many different circumstances. House fires, family illnesses, loss of job, a sick child, reduced hours because of COVID, and I continually see the BNLM community stepping up to help those families by offering household items, food, meals, toys, and clothing. Because we believe that BNLM helps build community. We watch as our community offers love and support.”

During the last power outage, some were without power for five days. BNLM members offered showers, meals, coffee a few hours to warm up in a house, and rides to work. Geer said seeing over 1,400 members caring for their neighbors was amazing.

“I have gotten rid of a lot of stuff and made a lot of friends. During the pandemic before the vaccine, many of us would have felt more isolated if it was not for the caring gestures of the BNLM members.” At every moment BNLM members have served each other in kind and unexpected ways, renewing the meaning of community.

Members can also request a certain gift, usually on the Group Wish Wednesday Post, and that is when Geer “sees the magic begin.”

“Perhaps grandparents are expecting grandchildren to visit, and they ask for a car seat, pack and play or high chair to keep or borrow. Within hours their request is filled,” she said. “Whatever the request, I see the BNLM members searching their households and coming up with items to help out their neighbors who they may have never met.”

Another problem arises when an item is

posted and up to 30 people post responses. Who gets the item?

“The Buy Nothing Project has a motto, “It is not about the stuff. It is about the story.” We ask members to explain why they would like to be gifted an item, not just ask for it. Giving up a book or game that was a favorite of my grown son’s is so much easier if I know it is going to a child that will experience joy from the gift,” she said. “Giving up a desk or table that still has many years of life in it is so much easier if I know a neighbor can use it in their home and this giving and receiving is creating bonds with our neighbors. Those ties bind us together in a time when social media is dividing communities; we see the Buy Nothing Project building stronger communities.”

One of the main features of the Buy Nothing project is recycling. A retired Environmental Science teacher, Geer understands the benefits of reducing, reusing, and recycling.

“We are a throw-away society, but the Buy Nothing project keeps items out of the landfill. We reduce buying products if we can get them as a gift from a neighbor.” Being very creative, Geer is always looking for furniture and other items that not only can be recycled but can be turned into something special. Recently, Geer took a plain wooden table with drop leaves and restyled it into a trendy display piece. “We encourage gratitude posts and many of these posts showcase items that have been upcycled or given places of honor in their new homes.” She adds that people cleaning their pantries will gift food. Sometimes it is a half of a cake, or cookies, or a fresh-baked loaf of bread being offered.

The BNLM group is what Geer calls a “No Drama” group. Kindness is in abundance, and members can feel safe to give a gift and ask for a gift.

“As my husband and I drive through the community, I recognize people’s homes that we have received gifts from or that we have delivered gifts to, and I feel more a part of a caring community where neighbors help neighbors every day of the year. I have friends that have written to me after moving out of the BNLM area and say their new Buy Nothing group can’t hold a candle to the BNLM group.”

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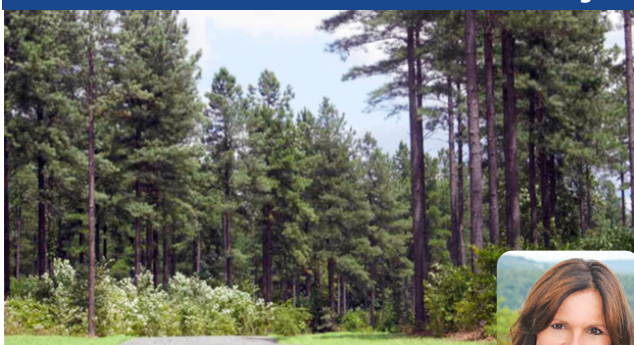


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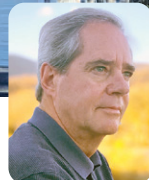
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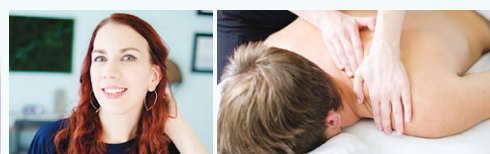
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Hatton ferry floats again

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In September of 1973, Richard Thomas, star of the TV program, *The Waltons*, rode across the James River in an antique car aboard Hatton Ferry. Beside him is seated Dorothy Hamner. Standing behind the car with a movie camera is James Tindall, Jr., with Bickie (Martin) Tindall. The ferryman for the dedication day was Ned Hocker, standing with ferry pole in hand at photo right. *James Tindall Collection at Scottsville Museum.*

The Hatton Ferry---swamped by high water, stranded by low water, tangled in trees along the bank---will be running again this year starting in April 2022, thanks to a generous donation from local residents, John and Trula Wright.

The last poled ferry in the United States, it was funded by VDOT until 2009, when the organization pulled the plug. The Albemarle County Historical Society and Buckingham County took up the cause. The ferry runs from Buckingham County to Albemarle County at the town of

Hatton, 5 1/2 miles southwest of Scottsville. The ferry is secured by a cable and uses the current of the James River for momentum. A pole wielded by the ferryman guides the boat to its landing. The ferry ride is free but needs your donations to keep going.

The Ferry was founded in 1870---long before there were bridges across the James at Scottsville and Howardsville---and was an integral part of the local transportation system. Now it is a pleasant outing for tourists and residents. There is an informational kiosk on the Albemarle County side and a picnic area on the Buckingham side. Plan a day out drifting across the James!



Hatton Ferry crossing the James River at Hatton, ca. 1910. William Burgess Collection at Scottsville Museum.

Stories from Scottsville

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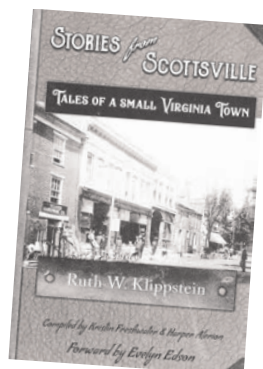


Ruth Klippstein,
author of *Stories from Scottsville*

From 2003 to 2017, the *Scottsville Monthly* newspaper carried a history column by Ruth W. Klippstein. Among the eager readers of these columns was the late, lamented Barry Grove. Several years ago, he got the idea to have some of them reprinted as a book. The process was under way in 2019 when Barry died unexpectedly. His widow, Leanne, decided to complete the project in his memory, and now the book is out and available to you to buy and read. *Stories from Scottsville: Tales of a Small Virginia Town* can be purchased for \$15 at Baine's Books and Coffee in Scottsville, at the Scottsville Museum (once open in April), or from Amazon.com.

A total of 50 articles were selected by Barry. Subjects include the history of barbershops in town, ghost stories, a survey of some local houses, and biographies of beloved residents, such as Virginia Lumpkin, Eddie Adcock, and Ashby Mayo. A copy of this book's table of contents can be found on the Museum's website; visit: Scottsville Museum: News and Events (smuseum.avenue.org). In addition, to serious library research, Ruth interviewed many local people and is grateful to them for their generosity in sharing Scottsville's history.

There will be a formal book launch sometime this spring. If you have already purchased your copy, you can bring it to Ruth to autograph at this book launch. All proceeds from the sale of her book, *Stories from Scottsville*, benefit the Scottsville Museum.



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H.U.G.S. meeting

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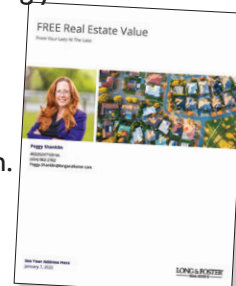


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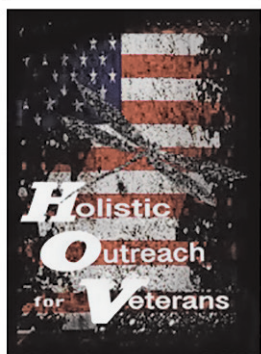
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PUBLIC HEARING

Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2204, a Public Hearing will be held in the Carysbrook Performing Arts Center, at 8880 James Madison Highway, Fork Union, Virginia for citizens of the County to have the opportunity to appear before and be heard by the Board of Supervisors for the following item:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2, SEC. 2-2-3(A) OF THE FLUVANNA COUNTY CODE TO DESIGNATE THE BEAVER DAM BAPTIST CHURCH AS THE POLLING PLACE FOR THE PALMYRA DISTRICT, 101 VOTING PRECINCT.

WHEREAS, the Fluvanna Board of Supervisors previously amended Section 2-2-3 of the County Code by two ordinances adopted December 15, 2021, and such prior amendments are subject to the provisions of Virginia Code Section 24.2-129, pursuant to which a certification of no objection has been requested from the Attorney General of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 24.2-129, this ordinance shall not be given effect until the Attorney General of Virginia has issued, or is deemed to have issued, a certification of no objection;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FLUVANNA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the County Code be, and it is hereby, further amended, in Chapter 2, Article 2, Sec. 2-2-3(A), as follows (deletions additions):

Sec. 2-2-3. Districts enumerated; populations and polling places; precincts.

(A) The election districts, with populations and polling places set forth, are as follows:

Name	Population	Polling Place
Palmyra	5255	Palmyra Fire House Beaver Dam Baptist Church
Columbia	5008	Kents Store Agricultural Recreation Center
Fork Union	5496	Fluvanna County Community Center
Cunningham	5098	Antioch Baptist Church
Rivanna	5454	Lake Monticello Firehouse, Maple Room

Precincts shall be known by their respective polling places and shall be coterminous with the respective electoral districts.

(B) In addition to the foregoing precincts, there is hereby established a central absentee voting precinct, which shall be in the office of the Registrar, Palmyra, Virginia. The central absentee voting precinct shall be used for all elections on and after June 1, 2021.

AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FURTHER HEREBY AUTHORIZES AND DIRECTS the County Attorney and County Administrator to submit this ordinance, together with such other and additional information and documentation deemed appropriate by them, to the Attorney General of Virginia on behalf of the Board for issuance of a certification of no objection in accordance with Virginia Code Section 24.2-129.

A map showing the polling place change described in this notice 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. For additional information please contact Caitlin Solis, Clerk to the Board, at 434-591-1910 or csolis@fluvannacounty.org.

All interested persons wishing to be heard are invited to attend the public hearing.

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| 39 Ticked off | 3 State-run game | 40 Paycheck padder | 53 Old LP players |
| 41 State of rage | 4 Completely surround | 43 Two cents worth | 54 Some are fine |
| 42 Countless | 5 Contract details | 46 Spotted cat | 55 Notary's tool |
| 44 Bud holder | 6 Get on board | 48 Vacation rental | 56 Hospital supplies |
| 45 Indicate | 7 Type of alcohol | 50 Brief brawl | 58 OH to MA direction |
| 47 2018 film, "A Quiet ____" | 8 "Art" anagram | 52 Erie or Suez | 59 ____ the wiser |
| 49 Black currant liqueur | 9 Quiver carrier | 61 Felix, for one | |
| 51 Bridge feature | 10 Animal shelter | | |
| 54 Black ink item | 11 Tiny insect | | |
| 57 Act as host | 12 A whole bunch | | |
| 60 Incumbent's goal | 14 Good buddy | | |
| 62 Details, slangily | 18 Toward the rudder | | |
| 63 Edible tuber | 20 Rustic locale | | |
| 64 Make amends (for) | 24 Meeting itinerary | | |
| 65 Land or stream starter | 26 Runway sights | | |
| 66 Bed board | 28 Early Yucatan dweller | | |
| 67 Fine-tune, as muscles | 29 Matures | | |
| 68 Ultimatum word | 30 Junction point | | |
| | 31 Battery contents | | |
| | 32 "Silver" or "soft" ending | | |
| | 33 Dutch ____ | | |
| | 35 Bile duct obstruction | | |
| | 38 Undergo change | | |

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Studies: Older-model vehicles increase risk for senior drivers

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Already at an increased risk of being killed in automobile accidents due to their age, senior motorists exacerbate the risk when they drive aging vehicles, research shows.

Two studies conducted by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety discovered drivers over 70 years old were "significantly more likely" to drive vehicles that are at least 16 years old. These vehicles—often found to be smaller sedans or hatchbacks—aren't equipped with safety features that come standard on modern cars, thus subjecting elderly motorists to higher fatality risks.

Smaller, older vehicles also have been found to expose drivers to greater forces of impact from larger vehicles, further increasing the odds of an injury or fatality.

"All these vehicle characteristics have big impacts on crash survival rates, and older drivers are more often driving the least-safe vehicles by every parameter," said Jessica Cicchino, IIHS vice president of research and coauthor of the studies. "This only gets worse as (motorists') age increases, since many older adults stick with a single 'retirement vehicle' for the remainder of their driving years."

Cicchino noted that persuading drivers to take a closer look at their vehicles' safety features could substantially reduce crash fatalities.

An IIHS survey of drivers over 70 years old revealed they were less likely to require that

their cars have safety features such as electronic stability control or side airbags. The studies' findings indicated vehicles without ESC contributed to a 37 percent increase in the likelihood of crash-related fatalities among drivers over 70.

The study also indicated advanced safety features such as blind spot monitoring, forward collision warning systems and automatic emergency braking were considered unimportant by some senior drivers.

However, Highway Loss Data Institute statistics from 2018 showed blind spot warnings reduced the frequency of collision claims by 1.5 percent, while front and rear collision warnings reduced collision claim frequency by 2.3 percent and 12 percent respectively.

When combined with other collision avoidance technology, IIHS concluded one-third of all reported crashes could be avoided each year.

"Thanks to the technology that comes standard on many modern vehicles, we're seeing great potential in reducing the number of accidents on our roadways," said David Tenenbaum, actuarial manager for Virginia Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co.

"While the expense of buying a new car can be a concern for some seniors, advanced safety features are becoming much more common on affordable vehicles," he added. "These IIHS studies show most drivers—regardless of age—should consider exploring newer vehicles and discovering the additional safety they provide."

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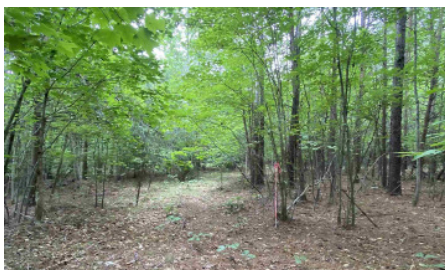
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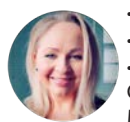
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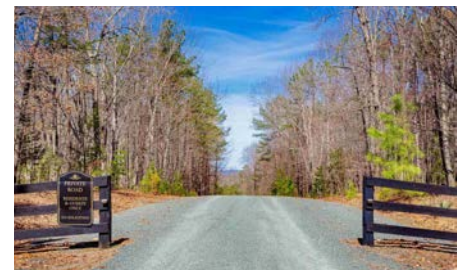
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