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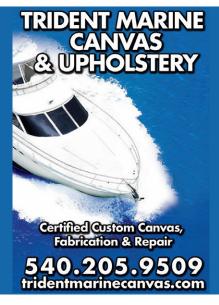
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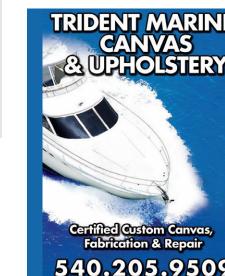
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Letters to the editor

Human kindness

On Saturday, Feb. 12, I was shopping at Walmart and at the checkout I realized I had lost my credit card. If anyone has lost faith in human kindness it will be re-energized when I tell you about the young man in line behind me. He realized my problem and paid for my items. He was shopping with his mother, and we had exchanged 'hellos' while waiting. He wouldn't let me get his name. I want to thank him and let everyone know there are good people here. Thank you.

-Sherron V. Pace, Scottsville

Working in unity

I am writing to thank you and Mr. Joseph Creasy and the others for publishing his full-page article, "Community Unity" on page 7 of the March 3-9, 2022, Fluvanna Review. May we all increase our working together in kindly unity.

-Sarah Sherwood Litchfield, Lake Monticello

Work for the common good

Last week's advertisement for Community Unity was spot on. I want to thank the NAACP and Concerned Citizens of Fluvanna for their important reminder that we have more in common than differentiates us. Politics of division may result in short term success for one group or another, but in the long run they result in the deterioration of civility and progress. Communities are much stronger when we respectfully listen to opposing views and work towards consensus for the common good of the community. When we stop doing so, we create our own bubbles and convince ourselves that the other side is unmovable and uncompromisable.

As an elected official, I understand that I will make decisions that upset others from time to time. Occasionally, I am at opposite and often very passionate ends with my community, my friends, a colleague, or a stranger. However, I always hope that I have listened, and stayed open minded while willing to find a better way. I know my fellow Board members share the same attitude and I am honored to work with them to serve our community.

When we vote, the will of the Board, not my will, prevails, and despite my success or disappointment in the outcome, I must respect the result. To the degree that I have listened to my colleagues, studied the issue at hand and communicated my viewpoints and ideas, as have they, I believe we become better stewards and servants.

I pledge my commitment to do better and to remind and encourage my colleagues to "speak with respect, seek solutions, look for compromise and value each other." Tony O'Brien,

-Rivanna District Board of Supervisors

Fire demolishes lakefront home

CONTRIBUTED BY JUDY FISH, LAKE MONTICELLO NEWS



After. Photo by Kathi Lecuyer.

The Lake Monticello Fire Department and Palmyra and Fork Union Fire companies along with the Lake Monticello Rescue Squad were dispatched to 4 Campbell Court in Lake Monticello Tuesday (March 1) at approximately 9:28 p.m. for a reported structure fire with flames visible, Lake Monticello Fire Chief Ritchie Constantino said. "The Fluvanna County 911 Dispatch office received numerous calls reporting the fire," the chief said, adding that one of the calls came from LMOA General Manager Tom Schauder, who lives across the water from the fire and captured the photo shared by the chief.

"Upon arrival to the scene, the firefighters were faced with a large fire consuming the entire residence with flames already through the partially collapsed roof," Chief Constantino said, adding that as the incident commander, he was advised by neighbors that the residence was vacant and undergoing major renovations and the occupant was staying out of state during the renovations.

Firefighters attempted to conduct a primary search and rescue of the premises for any possible victims, however, were beaten back by a large volume of flames and collapsed flooring, according to Constantino.

Kulow gives highlights of 2022 book festival

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD CORRESPONDENT



Jane Kuloow. Photo courtesy of Mona Orange.

Jane Kulow, director of the Virginia Center for the Book for the Virginia Humanities, spoke on March 2 with members of Friends of the Library about the fast-approaching annual Festival of the Book in Charlottesville. The festival will take place between March 16-20 with a series of pre-festival virtual events presented for specific audiences.

For those interested in writing and publishing, *Virginia Writing & Publishing* programs are a pre-festival offering, beginning March 9, featuring virtual events presented in partnership with Virginia literary and writing organizations. The series offers workshop-type events for every writing level and all of these events are free. Virtual classroom visits and a series of Virginia writing and publishing events are taking place in these two weeks leading up to the festival. Those can be viewed at VaBook.org/watch.

Due to COVID, many festivals and annual events had been canceled in the last two years. Kulow explained what will take place this year regarding COVID.

"Public safety is one of our top concerns for this, our first hybrid festival. We encourage everyone to see our COVID-19 policies, published at VaBook.org/policies," she said. "In addition, because the precautions we can provide are different in a variety of venues, we have published venue-specific details on individual events and venue pages."

Among the headliners this year is youth headliner Traci Chee. Traci Chee, author of "A *Thousand Steps into Night*," discusses her new young adult Japanese-influenced fantasy novel, rich with demons, adventure, thwarted plans, twists and turns. Chee will also be talking about her non-fiction work "We are *Not Free*," with local children's author, Amy Lee-Tai. A heralded novel for young adults, it talks about a tight-knit group of young Nisei, second-generation Japanese American citizens, whose lives are irrevocably changed by the mass U.S. incarcerations of World War II.

Among the headliners are Ralph Eubanks, author of *"A Place Like Mississippi,"* Jocelyn Nicole Johnson *"My Monticello,"* and Imani Perry *"South to America."*

"They will take center stage at this festival headliner event to discuss the storied fact and fiction of the American South," she said. "The famed storytellers of Mississippi, short stories of the near future in central Virginia, and a historian's travelogue of the southern states together provide a multigenre exploration of the region and what it means to belong to this place."

Other headliners include the 2021 National Book Award-honored authors and poetry readings by Victoria Chang and Rita Dove, who will talk about their recent collections of work.

On a personal level, regarding the individual and society, she recommended a few topics under Making Sense of Our World. Included are "The Inner Work of Racial Justice: A Conversation with Rhonda Magee." Magee, a mindfulness teacher and law professor, discusses her work "The Inner Work of Racial Justice: Healing Ourselves and Transforming Our Communities Through Mindfulness."

"Her work explores the intersections of anti-racist education, social justice, and contemplative practices. A highly practiced facilitator of mindfulness-based stress reduction, Magee draws on law and legal history to weave storytelling, poetry, analysis, and practices into how we think, act, and live better together in a rapidly changing world," said Kulow.

She added that "Exploring Family Bonds," with authors Jan Beatty, Taylor Harris, and

"The team attacked the fire with several handlines and employed a deck gun which delivers a master stream of 500 gallons a minute to extinguish the blaze," he said, adding that the fire was quickly knocked down, so a limited search for victims could be undertaken. No victims were found.

"The firefighters met with several challenges to completely extinguish the fire by the many concealed spaces within the residence that hide fire, and the instability of the structure," said Costantino, who is investigating the fire. While the cause and origin of the fire is currently under investigation by Lake Monticello Fire Department Investigators, foul play is not suspected at this time, he added.

No firefighters or civilians were injured, and the Lake Monticello Rescue Squad was on the scene to provide firefighter rehabilitation and to monitor the firefighter's vital signs, Constantino said.

The electricity to the structure was turned off at the street by Dominion Power.

Julietta Singh offers lyrical explorations into how we build families, links between identity and blood history, and parenting through unknown futures. Also, she suggested "Making Sense of the World, Making Sense of Ourselves: Graphic Memoirs," with Courtney Cook and Laura Gao; looks into how growing up and living life is hard enough, let alone with the added spotlight of a pandemic or the effects of borderline personality disorder.

"These graphic memoirs are at once incredibly unique and universally accessible in their examination of how individuals make sense of the world and themselves."

Some events could only be done virtually. Most of them spotlight current issues including climate change, and environmental concerns such as "Seeing Trees, Saving the Great Forests." The discussion centers on the environment and the impact on forests with forest scientists and preservationists Meg Lowman and John W. Reid.

"They will share their work and experience traveling and studying the great forests of the world, including the immediate practical steps that can be taken to preserve the major forests and make a lasting impact against climate change."

Another program of interest is rural access to broadband and local journalism in "The Critical Role of Local Journalism."

"Authors and media specialists Christopher Ali and Jennifer Lawless share their work and discuss the many challenges to open access to local news, including struggling newspapers, limited coverage of local government, and a widening divide between rural and urban broadband access."

"Who Owns Your DNA?" highlights the legalities and concerns people have regarding private corporate ownership of human gene patents. This program explores the balance between scientific discovery, corporate profits, and the rights of all people.

There is a myriad of other genres and stories as diverse as the authors who will discuss their work from fiction to non-fiction, from the always popular "Crime Wave" featuring the latest mystery writers sharing their delectably macabre plots and characters. There is something for anyone who is in love with books and reading. For more information visit vabook.org.



A large pine tree fell on a car traveling east on Rt. 53 around 12:30 p.m. Monday (March 7) near Hillridge Drive (near the curves), trapping a man and woman inside the car. The man and woman appeared to have suffered only minor injuries but were taken by Albemarle County Fire and Rescue to a Charlottesville hospital. High winds may have caused the tree to fall. Rt. 53 was blocked for hours. Photo by Carlos Santos

Town hall speakers show support for saving Lake police department

CONTRIBUTED BY MARIEKE HENRY

A majority of registered speakers at the Security Town Hall meeting held on March 2, expressed the desire to do whatever it takes to maintain our private police force. Speaker Rick Roth (and Chair of the LMOA Finance Committee) offered the community a dose of reality. "The budget is tight," he stated. "You want to support the police force...are you willing to support an increase in dues so we can pay for it?" This is a question LMOA members will get the chance to answer in the coming months.

According to guest speaker Ryant Washington, former Fluvanna County Sheriff and independent consultant working with LMOA, an additional \$241,000 per year is needed to raise LMPD to the desired level of service in a growing community of approximately 12,000 residents. That amounts to a \$50-\$60 annual dues increase per household. Managing the current budget would require reducing service to a level that may not be ideal for the community.

Washington presented three other possible options: replacing LMPD with a private security firm (which would also require a \$50-\$60 annual dues increase) and two hybrid solutions with a mix of police officers and security guards. The cost of the hybrid variations would depend on the combination of variables.

Greg Hughes, one of eight registered speakers, compared the proposed dues increase to one tank of gas for his truck and said it was a cost he was willing to pay as LMPD was a reason he moved to Lake Monticello.

Brian DiLorenzo, a former chief of police for two small villages, also indicated that many people choose to live at Lake Monticello because it has a private police force. He would like to see LMOA get more creative with recruiting. In his experience, converting LMPD to a county satellite station would not work, and he said the thought of doing away with LMPD "scares me to death."

Bob Hollbrook asked the community to consider the risk of having a private police

force. "Please review why Massanutten decided to remove their police department," Hollbrook said. "The primary reason was liability. Something we have to think about is police departments being sued. They have an insurance policy to cover such matters...the insurance can get exceeded...who pays for that? Lake Monticello does." In contrast, David Boardman felt security guards would be a liability. He also said he valued LMPD's quick response time.

Glenn Ruskin pointed to metrics provided by LMPD Chief of Police Tony Abbott on LMOA.news, saying a private security firm could not address at least 700 calls received by LMPD in 2021 because of authoritative restrictions. (Security guards, for example, cannot respond to crimes in progress at private residences, only common areas.) He said disbanding the police would be to abandon a privilege and distinction.

David Webster, who has sat on the Board at five different HOAs, said his concern with security firms is that their number one priority is to make a profit; therefore, they make behind-the-scenes decisions that are not necessarily good for the community.

Steve Smith gave a heartfelt reminder that security at the Lake began in 1973 because of a persistent problem with trespassers and burglaries and that the 2019 dues increase led to improvements to LMOA facilities that our community can be proud of.

"I smile when I get our annual dues statement," he remarked. "I know where my money goes and how much we get for every dollar. Our roads, playgrounds, golf course, Lake, pond, marina, beaches, new Pub, pool, Ashlawn, tennis courts, and all the rest make me proud to say I live at Lake Monticello."

Residents can still use the securitysolutions@lmoa.org to submit feedback or sign up to speak at the next Board meeting (March 24) by emailing rmathews@lmoa.org.



RUDY TALKS TAXES

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

The Secret to a Quick Tax Refund Here's how to get your overpayment as soon as possible

Delayed tax refunds, penalties for not filing 2020 tax returns on time that were actually filed on time, and timely tax payments being flagged as late are just some of the headaches taxpayers are grappling with due to a massive backlog of several million unprocessed tax returns the IRS is trying to wade out from under.

Here's how to avoid getting your tax refund delayed and steer clear from late-filing and payment penalties resulting from the IRS backlog:

What you need to know

- E-file your return! The secret to getting a quick tax refund is to e-file your 2021 tax return! The IRS says approximately 90% of the more than 160 million individual tax returns expected for the 2021 tax year will be e-filed. The majority of these taxpayers will avoid any issues filing their return and getting their refund. If you do e-file, don't forget to sign Form 8879, which authorizes the e-filing of your return.
- Stay calm if you receive a letter from the IRS. You may receive an IRS notice indicating you have an unfiled tax return or that you have an unpaid balance on your account. If the notice was mailed because of the backlog and you indeed filed the tax return in question or paid the amount due listed, the IRS says there is no

need to call or respond to the notice as it's continuing to process prior year tax returns as quickly as possible.

- **Certified mail is your friend.** If you receive an IRS notice for a situation not related to the backlog, you'll want to respond in a timely fashion via certified mail. This will provide proof of your timely correspondence. So even if your response gets lost or caught up in the backlog, you'll have evidence that you responded by the deadline listed on the notice. Remember that delays in responses could generate penalties and additional interest payments.
- **Be patient if you need to talk with the IRS.** The IRS received a record 282 million phone calls during its 2021 fiscal year, according to National Taxpayer Advocate Erin Collins. Only 32 million of these calls were answered. Collins said the best time to call the IRS are Wednesdays through Fridays, especially early mornings starting at 7 am Eastern time.

This year's tax season is in full swing. Don't wait until the last minute to get your appointment for your consultation with us. We look forward to serving you. Remember you can call, email us or visit our website to set an appointment through our online calendar service: https://calendly.com/ rwftax/tax-preparation-interview.

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Fluco swimmers finish strong at the state championship

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Ally Lounsbury, Mitchell Messier, Ann Charlotte Robinson, Brandon Watkins, Abbie Ford, Jackson Kinsella, Tyler Davis, Jacob Ondek, Ahmad Woodson, Anthony Caruso, Vaile Altherr, Alexandra Fuller, and Gus Jones (left to right).

The Virginia High School League championship meet is a trials and finals format that was held at the Collegiate Aquatic Center in Richmond. Coach Stacey Fuller explained that swimming in this type of state championship meet involves swimming in the morning trials to earn a spot in the top 16 swimmers for each race in order to swim again in the evening to determine your final place. She added, "this makes for a very long and challenging day and all the swimmers were amazing!"

Coach Mike DiFazio said, "It was a very fun year! The swimmers worked so hard and learned so much. I am glad we were able to take so many athletes to states this season. Almost every race we swam ended up coming back for finals later that night and scoring for the team. That is incredible and I am so proud of these athletes!"

Leading the way for the Flucos was Freshman Alexandra Fuller who finished 2nd in the 100 free and 3rd in the 50 free. Senior diver John Layne contributed a second-place finish in the boys 1 meter diving competition. A very strong group of Fluco seniors consisting of Ahmad Woodson, Gus Jones, Anthony Caruso and Jacob Ondek along with junior Jackson Kinsella combined to score on all three boys relays to finish 6th overall as a team at the state championship. They finished 9th in the 200 medley and 400 free relays and 11th in 200 free relay.

Individually Jacob Ondek finished 4th in 1 meter diving event while Ahmad Woodson added a 4th place finish in the 500 free and 7th in the 200 free. Gus Jones contributed a 7th place in the 100 fly and 9th in 100 breast while Anthony Caruso added a 14th in the 200 IM.

The girls 200 medley relay, consisting of Vaile Altherr, Ally Lounsbury, Alexandra Fuller, and Anne Charlotte Robinson, finished 8th. Sarah Beth Robinson finished 7th in the girls 1 meter diving event while Vaile Altherr swam her way to a 15th place finish in the 100 back.

Coach Pace stated, "I am proud of this team! From you swimming and diving rockstars, to my dedicated coaches, to my supportive parents... I'm extremely proud to call myself your head coach! All of you worked so hard this season and we had lots of successes (in the pool and out). I'm sad to see so many of you seniors moving on, but I can't wait to see and hear about the next step in your lives. What a great group of young men and women! And I'm very excited about the Fluco swim and dive future!"



BREAKFAST





NEWS FROM YOUR LAKE MONTICELLO NEIGHBORS

Don't Drown, Crash, or Trip at the Lake Monticello Triathlon!

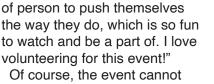
"Don't drown, crash or trip!" That will be going through the minds of hundreds of triathletes from across the country as they swim, cycle, and run courses at Lake Monticello this spring. On Sunday, May 1, 2022, California Triathlon will be in town, bringing an event treasured by locals since 1987.

At least 500 human dynamos are expected to race their hearts out at Lake Monticello, cheered on by Fluvanna County residents. The event formally known as 'Monticelloman' (now called Cal Tri Lake Monticello 5.1.22) boasts seven Olympic and seven sprint distance event options, all of which are described in detail on lakemonticello.californiatriathlon.org.

VOLUNTEER & RACE FREE

People love to volunteer for the Cal Tri as LMOA resident Jane Zimmerman tells us, "Athletes of all ages, shapes, and sizes travel from near and far. The camaraderie is incredible, even as a volunteer. I have done the registration and been a kayak spotter for the swimmers. Some swimmers need to rest and hang on to the boat; some need to be rescued. The athletes express their gratitude and appreciation. It's a challenge for all participants, and it really takes a special kind

Photo above: Jane Zimmerman spotting swimmers in 2019.



The event not only raises funds

for Habitat of Humanity but gives

our County a fantastic opportunity

to showcase our area. During the

traditionally enjoy our restaurants,

breweries. It attracts newbies and

part in the event at Lake Monticello

in 2011. In a 'Foxsports' interview

focus on a goal. "It motivated me

to stay fit," he said. "I just always

believed there would never be a

part of that."

race on Sunday tough enough that I couldn't tackle. The triathlon is a

he said triathlons helped him to

seasoned athletes like NASCAR

driver Michael Waltrip, who took

weekend of May 1, participants

and their support teams

nature trails, vineyards, and

happen without Volunteers. The Cal Tri "Volunteer One, Get One" is a great way to get involved and earn a valuable free race entry or earn community service hours. Volunteers just be at least 14 years old and assist with setup, registration, on-course support, and tear down and make the race safer and more enjoyable. Sign up on the website mentioned above.





Photos courtesy of Cal Tri and Lauren Tate Photography

6:00 AM - Staff & Volunteers Arrive 7:00 AM - Athlete Packet Pickup & Transition Area Open 7:40 AM - Athlete Packet Pickup Closes 7:45 AM - Transition Area Closes & Head To Start - Sprint Events 7:50 AM - Swim Warm-Up - Sprint Events 8:00 AM - Start - Sprint Events 8:05 AM - Transition Area Closes & Head To Start - Olympic Events

Schedule on May 1st

8:10 AM - Swim Warm-Up - Olympic Events 8:20 AM - Swim Cut Off Time - Sprint Athletes 8:20 AM - Start - Olympic Events 9:10 AM - Swim Cut Off Time - Olympic Athletes 9:30 AM - Sprint Awards - Overall Top 3 M/F 11:00 AM - Bike Cut Off Time - All Athletes 11:20 AM - Olympic Awards - Overall Top 3 M/F 1:00 PM - Finish - All Athletes

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Lake Views Continued...

SHOW OFF YOUR SEXY WALK AND WIN A PRIZE!

Cal Tri will be back on September 18, 2022, with a half marathon. "This is great lowkey event," says organizer Thom Richmond. "The inaugural 13.1-mile half marathon and 5K run/walk options give you the opportunity to run or you can just show off your sexy walk, it's up to you!"

Those who sign up on

runsignup.com/Race/VA/Palymyra/CalTriLakeMonticelloHalfMarathon can email Marieke Henry at mhenry@lmoa.org. The first ten people who show proof of registration win a free Cal Tri water bottle, a \$20 coupon for healthly snacks and a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate for The Pub at Lake Monticello.

Schedule

7:00 AM - Staff & Volunteers Arrive 7:20 AM - Athlete Packet Pickup Begins 7:50 AM - Athlete Packet Pickup Closes 8:00 AM - Start - Half-Marathon 8:15 AM - Start - 5K 8:45 AM - Awards - 5K 10:00 AM - Awards - Half-Marathon 12:00 PM - Finish - All Athletes

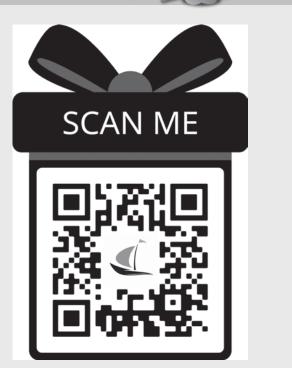


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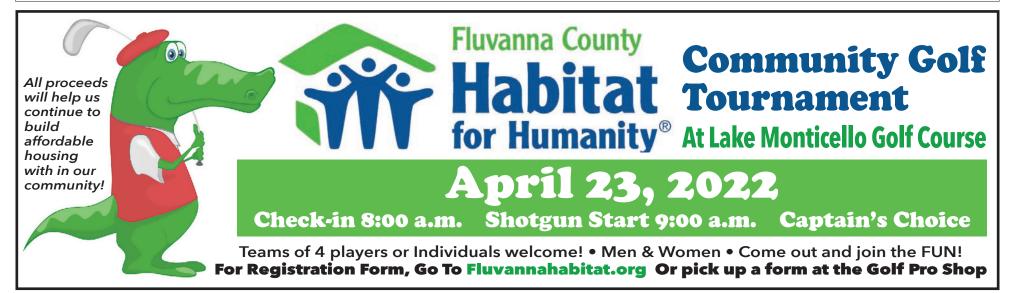
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What to Bring: Work gloves & yard tools

When: Saturday, March 12 at 8:30 AM

Wheelbarrows; Tarps.

Refreshments and Lunch

BY DUNCAN NIXON CORRESPONDENT

The Fluvanna County boys basketball team under Coach Heath Bralley made it into the State tournament by finishing second in the Class 3 Region C tournament. There are four regions in each class and the top two teams from each Region play in the State tournament. Region C was matched in the first round with Region D and the Flucos were required to travel to Cave Spring High School which is in the Roanoke area. The Knights were the top team in Region D, with a 24-1 record. Most of the Knights wins were by around 20 points but they split their two games with Northside of Roanoke, with three-point margins in both games, so they were not invincible.

In the first quarter, the Flucos utilized their superior speed and some good outside shooting to shock the Knights severely. Junior guard Bobby Gardner sank two three pointers and had eight points as the Flucos took a 16-10 lead. Senior guard Kobe Edmonds had four and Kenyon Smith and Lance Bruce both scored on lay-ups off excellent passes. The Fluco defense was strong and the Knights were clearly surprised.

Unfortunately for the Flucos, they lost their shooting touch in the second quarter. The Flucos only managed to score five points. The Knights did not have a great guarter either as the Fluco defense continued to hold. The Flucos led at the half 21-19. However, things looked a little ominous as the Knights' 6-8 big man started to swat away Fluco lay-up attempts. The Knights

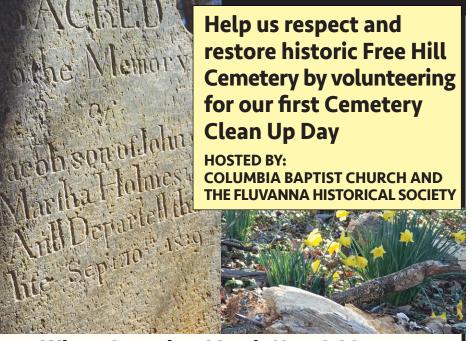
averaged about two inches taller, per starter. Flucos do not play anyone over 6-2.

The game opened up guite a bit in the third quarter. The Knights hit a couple of threes early, but the Fluos matched them through the first part of the quarter. Edmonds contributed a three and Gardner nailed some free throws. Half-way through the quarter the Flucos still led 33-30. An Edmonds twisting lay-in upped the Fluco lead back to six at 37-31. From that point on, it was all Cave Spring. In the final three minutes of the quarter, the Flucos were outscored 18-2 and the Knights took a ten-point lead into the final guarter.

Gardner had eleven of the Flucos 14 points in the final quarter including an impressive dunk on a break-away. The Knights kept their offense in gear and scored 23 in the final stanza for 72-54 win in a game that was certainly a lot more even than the final score would suggest. Gardner was the leading scorer for the Flucos with 26 in-

cluding four three point baskets and six for six from the foul line. Edmonds was next in scoring with 17. The problem was that no one else had more than four. The Flucos have consistently led their opponents in defensive statistics, but Cave Spring could not be rattled. The Flucos turned the ball over two more times than the Knights did and the Flucos only scored four point off turnovers.

The Flucos season was impressive, as few expected a team so lacking in height to go so far. Two of Coach Bralley's starters this year were seniors -- Edmonds and forward Blaise Silverman. Back-up forward Grant Brown also is a senior. The rest of the team will presumably return and the Flucos should be strong again, even though losing Edmonds will hurt, as he was one of the best players the Flucos have had in recent vears.



When: Saturday, March 19 at 8:30 a.m. Where: Columbia Baptist Church Columbia Baptist Church 116 Rivanna St. Columbia, VA

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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, March 16, 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.

> BY ORDER OF FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisors approve tax relief for workforce housing at Colonial Circle

BY HEATHER MICHON CORRESPONDENT

Affordable housing was back on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors during its regular meeting on Wednesday night (March 2), as the Charlottesville-based Pinnacle Construction & Development made their pitch for real estate tax relief to aid in a project that would bring 124 affordable housing units to Colonial Circle.

The Coves at Monticello would consist of five buildings and provide 92 two-bedroom and 32 three-bedroom units for families whose combined income is below 60 percent of the average medium income (AMI). Rents would range from \$925 to \$1500 per month.

William Park, president of Pinnacle, said the apartments would be geared towards working-age adults and families, including teachers, deputies, and county workers whose income often falls far below the area's AMI of \$93,900.

Pinnacle has built similar projects in Virginia. They provide on-site staff and do annual income assessments to make sure all the statutory requirements for affordable housing units are met

To help defray the costs of constructing the development, currently estimated at over \$21 million, the developer requested a real estate tax incentive under a 30-year Development and Performance Agreement with the county.

Under the agreement, Pinnacle would pay the current real estate tax on the unimproved lot - about \$635 a year - for the first ten years. The rate would then go up by 20 percent a year, reaching 100 percent by year 15. The county projects this would yield around \$1.7 million in real estate revenue over 30 years.

The developer has been working on this proposal with the county's Economic Development Authority for months, with the EDA approving the plan at its Feb. 14 meeting.

Park said that when they began planning in 2020, Fluvanna County was designated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development as a Difficult to Develop Area (DDA). This meant that the cost of land, construction, and utilities was high relative to the area median gross income.

DDAs are assessed annually, and by 2021, Fluvanna had fallen out of the category. Park said that this would make it difficult for developers in the future to take on affordable housing projects, because there would be fewer government incentives to help with the costs.

They project that between new construction jobs during the multi-year building period, the income from fees and permits, and the increased local economic activity generated by residents, the county could see about \$18.6 million in financial activity.

During discussions following the presentation, Supervisor Chris Fairchild (Cunning-

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ham) said the project would put a burden on county schools, public safety, and other county services, and would be a net loss to current county taxpayers of about \$1.3 million.

"We're not only saying that we're building this development that a lot of citizens are concerned about, but now we're asking them to help pay for it," he said.

Supervisor Tony O'Brien (Rivanna) pushed back, arguing that "we're also a community, we're not a for-profit organization."

He said he believed this was "a net gain for our community because we are bringing in a type of housing that we don't have and that is needed for certain members of our community." He argued that it would also help create a more diverse community that

better reflected society as a whole.

Fairchild said he understood that "we're all in a region together, but I'm not going to invite people to live in my extra bedroom. We have a responsibility first to our taxpayers, to our shareholders, that we have today. And it's not closing things off, we're not going to close off growth in Fluvanna. It's managing growth."

Both Fairchild and Supervisor Patricia Eager (Palmyra) voted against the motion to approve the Performance Agreement, while O'Brien and Supervisor Mozell Booker (Fork Union) voted for it.

Chair Mike Sheridan (Columbia) said that he has struggled with his vote, but especially after seeing the quality of one of Pinnacle's older affordable housing developments, believed this was a good way to support the local workforce. He voted for the motion, breaking the tie.

OTHER ITEMS:

- The Attorney General's office has issued a Certificate of No Objection, formally approving the redistricting plan approved by the board in December. Because the new borders of the Palmyra District have shifted to the east of Rt. 15, the polling location at Palmyra Fire House is no longer within the district. After a public hearing, supervisors voted 5-0 to move the polling location to the Beaver Dam Baptist Church on Rt. 250.
- County Administrator Eric Dahl followed up on a comment made by a citizen who spoke during the recent public hearing on Village Oaks. The speaker had said

Aqua Virginia was far exceeding the allowable limits for discharging suspended solids and biochemical oxygen demands (BOD) by over 200 percent at its Rt. 600 treatment plant. Dahl looked at data from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and found that the speaker had likely confused the annual allowable discharge rate with the monthly rate. According to the data, the plant is using well under 25 percent of its monthly allowance.



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