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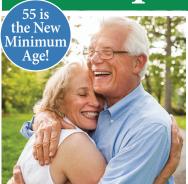
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#### Letters to the editor

#### Fluvanna Historical Society pleased

The Fluvanna Historical Society is very pleased with the outcome of the James River Water Authority's unanimous vote on March 16 to relocate its proposed water-intake facility two miles upriver from Rassawek, the Monacan Nation's traditional cultural and governing center. After consulting with the Monacan Indian Nation and other parties, we wrote a letter to the JRWA supporting the new location.

We had written to the Corps of Engineers in 2018 opposing the original site. In that letter we wrote. "It is not necessary to recite the importance of the permitting site to the history not only of Fluvanna County but the entire region. On or near the proposed site are Rassawek, the traditional village center for the Monacan native American nation, the Virginia arsenal dating from the revolutionary period, the Point of Fork plantation and manor house as well as the Rivanna Canal Navigation Historic District and the James and Kanawha River Canal and Railroad Historic District. One could hardly imagine a location in Fluvanna County with a richer mix of historic importance than this one."

This outcome is one worth celebrating. The society has been actively engaged in advocating against locating the water intake facility at Rassawek or Point of Fork for years, both as a consulting party to the Army Corps of Engineers permitting process and as a public voice here in Fluvanna. We are grateful to all who raised their voices in opposition to the initial plan. -Marvin Moss, president

#### The real cost of gasoline

How many people remember the price of gasoline back in the 1950s during the golden age of the American automobile? The records reveal that in 1950 the price at the pump was 27 cents per gallon and by the time of those iconic 1959 Cadillac tail fins the price had climbed to 30 cents per gallon. This increase was less than the rate of inflation.

Here's a question we rarely ask: Have we ever paid the real cost of the internal combustion engine? According to a 2017 report, The Center for Investigative Reporting estimated that a single gallon of gasoline emits 25 pounds of greenhouse gas emissions. Taking into account the various causes of pollution such as evaporation rates of toxic chemicals, like benzene, and oil drilling practices, C.I.R. estimated the true cost of gas at \$15 a gallon. This price does not include the cost of externalities like oil spills, water pollution and the impact on our health caused by air pollution. What if we added the cost of droughts that lead to millions of climate crisis refugees? What about the cost of forest fires, record breaking hurricanes and the melting

polar ice caps and glaciers that will lead to rising sea levels? We might be looking at close to \$20 a gallon if we factored into the equation a percentage of the impact of drilling and burning what we used to call liquid gold.

As cities, counties and states examine their options for turning their policies green perhaps the residents of a planned community can do the same. We could consider a form of public transportation, perhaps a mini van that would circumnavigate Lake Monticello on Jefferson Drive with excursions to CVS and Jefferson Pharmacy. I predict that sooner or later one crisis or multiple crises will impose upon us the necessity of enacting such a plan. With regular gasoline selling today for \$4.19 at the Turkeysag Trail Exxon station, the time to get serious about such an option is now. After all, necessity might very well be the mother of invention or, in this case, good planning.

-Julius Neelley, Lake Monticello

#### Water Authority votes to move proposed water intake facility

The James River Water Authority voted unanimously March 16 to move the site of a proposed water intake facility from Rassawek, the historic capital of the Monacan Indian Nation, farther up the James River.

The project has been fraught with controversy as the Monacan Indian Nation, Cultural Heritage Partners, and other historic preservation organizations argued against locating the proposed intake, designed to deliver water to the rapidly developing Zion Crossroads area, on the culturally and historically significant site.

Ultimately, the JRWA paused their permit application with the Army Corps Engineers and worked in collaboration with the Monacan Indian Nation and Cultural Heritage Partners to arrive at a mutually approved location.

With today's vote, the permit application processes and much of the design work

"We appreciate your following through on your word and looking at this alternate route," said Chief Kenneth Branham as he addressed the JRWA. He added that he was relieved that no indications of burials were found. The chief described the process as a "long road with a lot of pain, distrust, and disagreement," and added that he is glad all are now moving forward in a "spirit of cooperation."

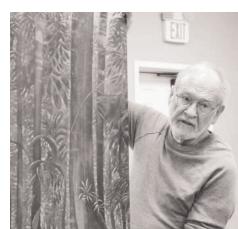
JRWA Chair D. D. Watson said ahead of the vote that it was always the intent of JRWA to make Louisa and Fluvanna counties "both proud of our work" and added that mistakes were made, but they were not final "until they are left, and we have chosen not to leave them."

The Fluvanna Historical Society sent a letter of support for the alternate location to the JRWA ahead of the meeting.

There is currently no estimate for completion of the project.

#### Anderson speaks to Fluvanna Art members

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD CORRESPONDENT



Bob Anderson. Photo by Page Gifford.

During his visit with members of the Fluvanna Art Association, artist Bob Anderson discussed his artistic and varied lifestyle. Not many McGuffey Art Center artists have ties in Fluvanna but Anderson had been good friends with one of the original FAA founders, the late Alice Clifford and her family. Clifford's husband was instrumental in helping Anderson bring his French wife to the U.S. Anderson was also a great admirer of Alice Clifford's work.

Architect turned artist and illustrator, he has based his work on the various places he lived and visited throughout the world. Born and raised in a military family, Anderson spent his early years in Hawaii and later grew up in Washington D.C. He met his wife while traveling abroad and both live parttime in Brittany off the coast of France near their children.

Many influences in Anderson's work derive from his time spent in Costa Rica and Africa. Both have a special fascination for him. The variegated green colors of a tangled forest in Costa Rica featured in a life-size oil painting or the detailed jungle scenes with a wide range of African species are reminiscent of the work of illustrator Maurice Sendak.

"I began drawing when I was four," he said. "And I was always influenced by the work of Albrecht Durer, old books, and etchings." But he said comic books and MAD Magazine also were a draw for him. When he added writing to his list of accomplishments, these influences carried over into his novels. A modern Renaissance man with many interests, he is a sculptor as well.

"When I work on illustrations, I print up the drawing on my actual drawing paper and have another copy I work on simultaneously with the final drawing." This helps an artist see how the drawing takes shape and how colors interact to create a whole.

Anderson's other work done in pen and ink was in book form but exhibited on a much larger scale. One model who was in a catlike pose, moving toward the viewer was originally "four feet by four feet." Members were goggle-eyed at the prospect of accomplishing this with such precise detail, every dot and line creating the final image. Nowadays, pen and ink are just a pen with a razor sharp point from .01 to .08 for various line thicknesses. In the old days, it was assorted nibs and bottles of ink and brushes. One must have patience to work in this medium since it can be a tedious process but for many artists it's therapeutic.

He uses some unique techniques in his work to achieve a certain look.

"For colors, I will use markers, mostly grays, and then go over them with colored pencil," he said. "And I also use graphite with pen and ink." This gives an artist options for creating a certain look.

"I work from photographs but also Plein Air and I don't use everything that is in the photo but use or remove certain things." By using this method, Anderson creates something unique and original by using certain elements without copying the entire photo with everything featured. In one of his examples of a pen and ink of a live model surrounded by mirrors, Anderson took a different approach by adding eclectic items in his drawings rather than just the reflections of the model, blending realism with abstraction. Currently, he is working on a piece that measures 7 feet by 50 inches featuring a tree.

"I could only see the bottom so I made up

Many artists would be surprised to learn that Anderson is a successful artist who does not have a formal art degree. Many artists show exceptional talent and are encouraged to study and practice and for this reason many good artists are self-taught.

"I have not had any formal training in art other than the few classes in drawing, watercolor, sculpting, and photography I took when studying architecture but I had one teacher that turned me on. He encouraged individualism rather than everyone having to do it his way or the right way he told me to move in my direction."

#### **Captain Peterson graduates FBI National Academy**

PRESS RELEASE



Sean Peterson. Photo courtesy of the Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office

The Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce that Operations Captain Sean Peterson graduated from the 281st Session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy on March 17. The FBI National Academy is a professional

#### Fluvanna County High School is Accepting Applications for the 2022 Paul W. Bragg Scholarship

PRESS RELEASE

Fluvanna County High School is pleased to announce the availability of the Paul W. Bragg Scholarship Fund application. Established by Mr. Bragg's will, and managed by the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation, the scholarship is meant "to provide undergraduate college assistance based on both need and merit to graduates of Fluvanna County High School."

The Paul W. Bragg Scholarship Fund Advisory Committee was formed to develop the eligibility rules, to develop the number of scholarships to be awarded each year and the amounts, to develop the application and submission procedures including deadlines, and to develop a brochure to publicize this scholarship fund.

Paul W. Bragg was a life-long resident of Fluvanna County, Virginia. He was born in Fluvanna in 1916 and lived his entire life in the family home at 1710 Middle Ford Road, where he died at age 87 on October 9, 2003. Mr. Bragg was a hard-working farmer, and he saved and invested wisely during his long life. He bequeathed the bulk of his considerable estate to the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation and directed the foundation to establish a scholarship fund to benefit young people graduating from Fluvanna County High School.

The Charlottesville Area Community Foundation and the Paul W. Bragg Scholarship Fund Advisory Committee are dedicated to carrying out Mr. Bragg's wishes in perpetuity. The foundation manages the Bragg Scholarship Fund as part of its permanent endowment and each year notifies the committee as to how much income is available to provide for scholarships in that year. The committee then selects recipients from among that year's applicants. Since the first scholarship was awarded in 2006, there have been 215 recipients and over one million dollars in awards. These recipients have attended Vanderbilt, Purdue, JMU, Lynchburg College, Mary Washington, PVCC, UVA, Virginia Tech, VCU, William and Mary, Georgia Institute of Technology, Longwood, Shenandoah, Tulane, Johnson and Wales, VMI, Liberty, University of Richmond, Amherst, West Virginia University, Randolph Macon, Radford, Christopher Newport University, and Eastern Mennonite University.

This year \$130,000 will be available in scholarship money to members of the Class of 2022. One \$40,000 scholarship, four \$10,000 scholarships, eight \$5,000 scholarships, and five \$2,000 scholarships will be announced at the awards night on April 27. Applications and scholarship requirements will be available in the Fluvanna County High School School Counseling Office and on their website - www.flucoschoolcounseling.weebly.com/scholarships. The deadline for receipt of completed application packets is Thursday, March 31 at 4 p.m. The application and supplemental information should be sent to: Maureen Stonesifer, Fluvanna County High School, 1918 Thomas Jefferson Parkway, Palmyra, VA 22963 or electronically to mstonesifer@apps.fluco.org.

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

# **Tax Saving Tips for Parents** AND Grandparents

Leveraging the kiddie tax rules

With careful tax planning, you can use the **Tax Planning With the Kiddie** kiddie tax rules to reduce your tax obligation. Here's what you need to know.

#### **Background**

The term kiddie tax was introduced by the Tax Reform Act of 1986. The rules are intended to keep parents from shifting their investment income to their children to have it taxed at their child's lower tax rate. In 2022 the law requires a child's unearned income (generally dividends, interest, and capital gains) above \$2,300 be taxed at their parent's tax rate.

#### Who the Kiddie Tax Applies To

- Children under the age of 18
- Full-time students under the age of 24 and providing less than half of their own financial support
- Children with unearned incomes above \$2,300

#### Who/What the Kiddie Tax Does **NOT Apply To**

- Earned income (wages and self-employed income from things like babysitting or pa-
- Children that are age 18 or older and have earnings providing more than half of their support
- Gifts received by your child during the year

#### **How the Kiddie Tax Works**

- The first \$1,150 of unearned income is generally tax-free
- The next \$1,150 of unearned income is taxed at the child's (usually lower) tax rate
- The excess over \$2,300 is taxed at the par-

# **Tax Rules**

While your child's unearned income above \$2,300 is a problem, you will still want to leverage the tax advantage up to this amount. Here are some ideas:

- Maximize your lower tax investment options. Look for gains in your child's investment accounts to maximize the use of your child's kiddie tax threshold each year. You could consider selling stocks to capture your child's investment gains and then buy the stock back later to establish a higher cost basis.
- Be careful where you report a child's unearned income. Don't automatically add your child's unearned income to your tax return. It might inadvertently raise your taxes in surprising ways by reducing your tax benefits in other programs like the American Opportunity Credit.
- Leverage gift giving. If your children are not maximizing tax-free investment income each year, consider gifting funds to allow for unearned income up to the kiddie tax thresholds. Just be careful, as these assets can have an impact on a child's financial aid when approaching college age years.

Properly managed, the kiddie tax rules can be used to your advantage. But be careful, this part of the tax code can create an unwelcome surprise if not handled properly. Contact us if you have questions. Remember we make it easy to set an appointment; you can call, email or visit our online calendar service by going to: https://calendly. com/rwftax/tax-preparation-interview.

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#### **Peggy Kirk Bell Golf Tournament completed** successfully at Lake Monticello

BY DUNCAN NIXON CORRESPONDENT



Top finishers include Elsie MacCleery, Keya Niak, Grace Addison and Sydnee Gaines. Photo by Duncan Nixon

Once again, top young female high school golfers competed over the Lake Monticello golf course on March 19 and 20. The Peggy Kirk Bell's annual Commonwealth Classic brings in mostly Virginia golfers, but competitors also came from Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. This year's winner was Grace Addison who came to Lake Monticello all the way from Abingdon, in southwest Virginia. She is a class of 2023, junior. Her winning score was a very impressive four over par 148. Addison shot a 76 on Saturday which was tied for second best - an excellent score on windy day over a course

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that was a little soggy. On Sunday with the wind still blowing, but the course a little dryer, Addison posted a par score of 72.

Addison said that she has been playing golf since about the age of eight. Her grandparents and parents are all golfers and she explained that her major goal in golf is to be able to beat her older brother. She admitted that this has not happened yet. He must be quite a good golfer as well.

This tournament was in no way a runaway. The second-place finisher was a mere stroke behind. Keya Niak, a high school freshman from Ashburn, shot a consistent 74 and



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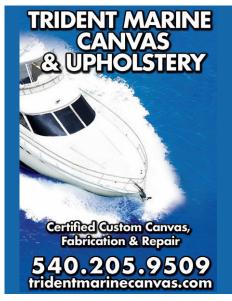
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75 for 149. Her 74 on Saturday put her at the top of the first-round leader board. In third place was high school junior Sydnee Gaines, who traveled from Middle River, MD to compete in the Commonwealth Classic. Gaines had the low round of the tournament coming in at 71 on Sunday. Combined with her 79 on Saturday, she was two strokes behind at 150. In fourth place was another freshman, Elsie MacCleery. She is from nearby Crozet. MacCleery shot 78 and 74 for a total of 152.

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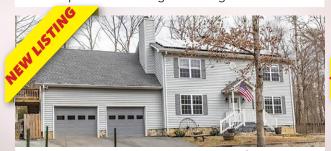
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Edited by Margie E. Burke

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SUSAN ROSE GRAHAM Plaintiff

Case No. CL21-169

SCOTT JEFFERY GRAHAM Defendant

#### **ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

**THE OBJECT** of the above-styled case is to obtain a divorce a vinculo matrimonii by Susan Rose Graham against Scott Jeffery Graham

**IT APPEARING TO THE COURT,** by Affidavit filed according to law, that Scott Jeffery Graham is not a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and that his last known address is 3230 Lake Grove Road, Wewahitchka, Florida 32465 it is therefore

**ORDERED** that the said Scott Jeffery Graham appear on or before the 3rd day of June, 2022, at 9:00 AM in the Clerk's Office of this Court and do what is necessary to protect his interests; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the foregoing portion of this Order be published once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Fluvanna Review, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Fluvanna, Virginia, and shall be posted on the front of the courthouse within 10 days after entry of this Order of Publication.

Entered this 7th day of March, 2022.

Judge Richard E. Moore Circuit Court Judge

#### I ASK FOR THIS:

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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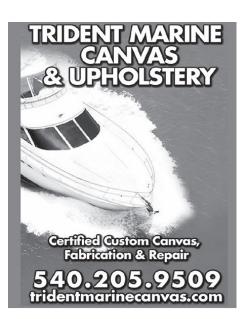


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#### Budget surplus, rising used car values leads to proposed tax drop

#### BY HEATHER MICHON CORRESPONDENT

The Board of Supervisors voted to advertise a public hearing on April 13 to set the county budget for the Fiscal Year 2023 (FY2023) at its regular meeting on Wednesday night (March 16).

The total budget request is \$98,202,191. For taxes, the proposed real estate tax is \$0.87 per \$100 in assessed value, a slight decrease over FY22.

Personal property taxes, by comparison, could see a steep drop from the current rate of \$4.35 per \$100 down to \$3.75 per \$100.

Commissioner of the Revenue Andrew "Mel" Sheridan told the supervisors that the value of used cars has skyrocketed by 35 percent, as pandemic-related supply chain issues have pinched car production and increased prices in the used-car market.

He presented a random list showing how the assessed value of popular used cars has increased in the past year. For example, the value of a 2018 Ford F150 pickup truck has climbed 13.9 percent; a 2015 Toyota Camry has shot up 39.66 percent in the same

Sheridan asked the supervisors to consider lowering the personal property tax rate to decrease the burden on taxpayers.

Thanks to the final revenue numbers from Sheridan's office, supervisors found they had some latitude in setting the tax rates due to an unexpectedly large budget surplus of \$4.4 million.

After running the numbers, they found they could reduce both the real estate and personal property taxes and still balance the budget.

Chair Mike Sheridan (Columbia) was pleased with the advertised rates, noting that they were able to fully fund the schools and increase county staff compensation rates without pressuring the taxpayers.

The advertised rates are not necessarily the final numbers. There is a possibility they will change slightly before the public hearing on April 13 or before the final vote on April 20. However, the supervisors felt it was unlikely the numbers would go up from this point.

#### In other news

Supervisors approved a permit for Dominion Energy to build a new substation on Ruritan Road near Cunningham Creek Winery. At the request of residents, the permit was deferred at a previous meeting to have Dominion come up with a new landscape plan to better shield the substation from view.

They also gave unanimous approval to a new agreement with BFI Waste Services to haul waste from the Convenience Center and county-run dumpsters. Overall, the cost to the county will drop rates by an average of \$35 per haul.

County Administrator Eric Dahl said they had "some good forward progress today" with the James River Water Authority saying it would be submitting a new application to the Army Corps of Engineers to place a pumping station about a mile upriver from the original site. The Monacan Indian Nation, which believes the original site was the archeological remains of their historic capital Rassawek, provided a letter of approval for the move. Dahl said he would give a full presentation on the project in the

### Turmoil in the world's breadbasket adversely affecting Virginia farmers

PRESS RELEASE

Russia's invasion of Ukraine is impacting global grain exports and production, oilseeds, fertilizer and petroleum, and is creating volatility for Virginia farmers.

"Ukraine is a country that's sensitive to shipping and sensitive to agricultural production," noted Robert Harper, Virginia Farm Bureau Federation grain manager. "Ukraine is one of the top five corn producers in the world."

Harper said that over 1 billion bushels of corn are exported from Ukraine, but because of the conflict, that crop will not be planted

"This is creating extreme volatility in the futures markets," he explained.

Qu Dongyu, director general of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, wrote in a Morning Ag Clips op-ed that Russia is the world's largest exporter of wheat, and Ukraine is the fifth largest. Together, they supply 19 percent of the world's barley, 14 percent of wheat and 4 percent of corn, making up more than one-third of global cereal exports.

Since more than 30 percent of the world's wheat comes from the Black Sea nations like Russia and Ukraine, "traders see that as 30 percent of the world's wheat disappearing," Harper said. "And the world is trying to figure out what we'll do if we lose 30 percent of our

Compounding this is the inability of commercial vessels to travel freely through the Black Sea, where Ukrainian ports have shuttered. That affects grains, crude oil and fertilizer, Harper noted. "Producers in Virginia will be dealing with the consequences of that."

Dr. Mark Alley, professor emeritus of crop and soil environmental sciences at Virginia Tech, told a gathering of cotton growers March 10 that the components of major fertilizers used in Virginia agriculture also are affected.

"Belarus and Russia are significant exporters of potash and nitrogen, and these are now off the world market," Alley said. Fertilizer prices in the U.S. have increased as much as 200 percent from this time last year.

Lewis Everett, a cotton, peanut and small grains farmer in Southampton County, said the rise in fertilizer prices is negatively affecting his farm.

He said even though prices for cotton are decent, inflation, supply issues and extremely high fertilizer costs mean that he'll operate in a deficit. "Even though we're looking at a high commodity price, our cost of production is going to offset the margin difference in accelerated or inflated cotton price."

Everett added that he's concerned about the availability of supplies as well as the increasing costs of fertilizer and fuel. "And at what level of the ratio between the commodity price and the cost of production does it fall out at a net margin?"

He said the cost of nitrogen has more than doubled, and he typically applies it to the cotton throughout the growing season. "So that's just one fertilizer product ... that will definitely sting a little bit as we move into the '22 production year."

Amelia County beef cattle, small grains and produce farmer Kenney Barnard said he's noticed fertilizer prices increasing for a while now. Last fall when he fertilized his small grains, it cost \$150 per acre. "Within six weeks it had gone up \$30 an acre," Barnard said.

Even though that was before the Russia-Ukraine conflict, he's concerned now. Increased input costs for fertilizer and fuel "are the highest I've ever seen," exclaimed Barnard, who's been farming since 1968.



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#### Fluvanna county monitoring situation at McIver Lake dam

PRESS RELEASE

Fluvanna County is monitoring an evolving situation with a privately owned dam located at McIver Lake in the southern portion of Fluvanna County near Bremo Bluff.

The dam has "structural issues, although it has not failed at this point," said Kelly Belanger Harris, the assistant county administrator in Fluvanna. The dam still held as of press time Tuesday (March 22).

Multiple state agencies are monitoring the situation and working on the solution, she said in an email to the Fluvanna Review.

"Even though the Department of Conservation and Recreation has indicated there are no homes impacted in the inundation area, the Fluvanna Sheriff's Office notified homeowners in

the immediate area about the potential failure," according to Harris.

VDOT has closed Bremo Road from its intersection with Rt. 657/Bremo Bluff Rd to the 1400 block of Bremo Rd.

Harris added that "there is no coal ash currently held in the pond that is closest to the inundation area." Dominion Energy is closing the coal ash ponds at its Bremo Power Station and removing the coal ash to be placed in a lined landfill.

Dominion Energy, in a statement, said "we are monitoring the situation with the McIver Lake dam in Fluvanna County and are working closely with the county and state agencies. Safety is always our top priority, and we are taking the necessary precautions at Bremo Power Station and with other infrastructure to protect people and the environment."



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