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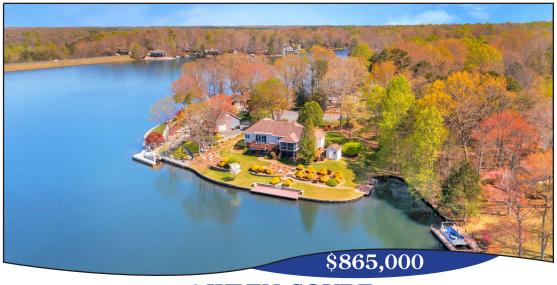
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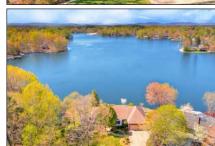


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New 73-acre nature preserve slated for Fluvanna

Ballenger Creek preserve to offer public trails

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A new regional non-profit organization has purchased land in Fluvanna County to create a nature preserve with public trails.

Tadpole Land & Trail Conservancy (TL&TC) has purchased 73 acres along Ballenger Creek, a mile east of Palmyra on Courthouse Road, and is in the process of creating Ballenger Creek Nature Preserve. The preserve will include three-quarters of a mile of frontage on Ballenger Creek, beautiful cliffs covered with mountain laurel, and a variety of native trees and wildflowers. The land will be protected in perpetuity with a conservation easement granted to the Virginia Outdoors Founda-

Local residents donated the majority of the funds for the land acquisition. The Virginia Land Conservation Foundation has also approved a grant for partial purchase of the conservation easement on Ballenger Creek Nature Preserve.

TL&TC is currently raising funds for this project and future preserves and trails in Central and Southside Virginia and has until June 30 to match a \$100,000 matching gift challenge from a donor.

TL&TC was created by local residents in March of 2021 to meet the need for a land-holding conservation organization in Central Virginia and Southside Virginia.

While several organizations hold conservation easements, few hold land outright for conservation purposes, particularly if the land is not close to Richmond or Charlottesville. TL&TC will partner with landowners to preserve their land and legacy in perpetuity.

The goal of the organization is to preserve the natural beauty and ecosystem of the land and to open the properties to public access by establishing trail or water

Last month, the Virginia Outdoors Foundation agreed to hold a conservation easement on the land that will provide for public access as well as stream and openspace protection.

"There is definitely a need for an organization like TL&TC in Central Virginia," said Sherry Buttrick, assistant director of the easement division of the Virginia Outdoors Foundation. "A number of organizations hold conservation easements, but few are willing to own land outright for the long term for conservation purposes."

TL&TC plans to accept donations of land in Central and Southside Virginia and create more nature preserves with public trails. It believes that communities would benefit from public trails in every neighborhood and that there is a need for a conservation organization that is willing to own nature preserves in Central and



Southside Virginia.

In addition to the Ballenger Creek property, TL&TC has had discussions with other landowners who would like for their land to be conserved and valued as a nature preserve.

"Fluvanna already has wonderful public trails at Pleasant Grove and The Scheier Natural Area," said Haden Parrish, Tadpole's board chair. "TL&TC's vision is that Fluvanna and other parts of Central Virginia will become communities that are rich with preserved areas and public trails in many neighborhoods."

"In England, there are an average of 2 miles of public footpaths per square mile," said Alyson Sappington, a TL&TC board member. "In England, an area the size of Fluvanna would have over 700 miles of public trails."

Ballenger Creek Nature Preserve will display interpretive signs about plants, ecology, and history. The Preserve will protect two cemeteries on the property, one of which appears to be a cemetery for enslaved people. An 1863 map showed three small cabins next to the location of the cemetery, which might have been dwellings for enslaved people.

"Environmental conservation and historic preservation often go hand-in-hand, as is illustrated in this instance," said Tricia Johnson, director of the Fluvanna Historical Society. "TL&TC's desire to conserve the natural space also serves to preserve the cemeteries located there, and, with the addition of appropriate historical interpretive signage, will give visitors the chance to learn about the lives lived in that space – both free and enslaved."

Around half of the land in Ballenger Creek Nature Preserve has mature oaks and other hardwood trees. The other half is growing back in hardwoods following timber harvesting. This area also will lend itself to the interpretation of early successional habitat. TL&TC also hopes to create and maintain a small native meadow as a bird and pollinator habitat.

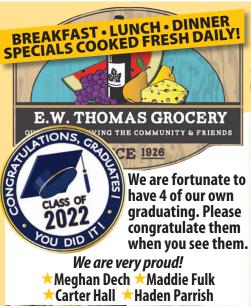
TL&TC welcomes donations of land in Central Virginia and Southside Virginia and is excited to partner with landowners committed to maintaining access to green spaces for future generations of Virginians. TL&TC is also seeking financial donations to buy additional ecologically vulnerable land near Ballenger Creek Nature Preserve and to fund a parking lot for trail visitors.

The organization also needs volunteers who would like to help with trail construction, meadow planting, leading nature walks, and other activities.

"We live in a beautiful place," said Dr. Kathy Swenson Miller, who helped organize the donation campaign for the land purchase. "As Central Virginia becomes more suburban, we will value any land that we are able to preserve today in its natural state."

National Trails Day is in June and an anonymous donor has offered to match all gifts to Tadpole Land & Trail Conservancy between now and June 30, up to a total of \$100,000. The funds will go toward Ballenger Creek Nature Preserve and future preserves and trails in Central and Southside Virginia. Donations may be sent to Tadpole Land & Trail Conservancy, 630 Courthouse Road, Palmyra Va. 22963.

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Letters to the editor

Stop the stink

This letter to the editor is written in reaction to the "Aqua updates Supervisors on status of water, sewer systems" article in the May 12 issue of the Fluvanna Review.

Make the stink stop!

Aqua tells the Fluvanna Board of Supervisors that there's nothing they can do about the stink that plagues the residents of Lake Monticello that

comes out of their South Boston Road sewerage treatment plant. Are we to believe that adding hundreds of new household toilets to the system won't make it stink more? I'd say that Fluvanna County should not let Aqua add one more toilet until they make the stink

-Ted Bruning, Lake Monticello

Tax gouging

I opened my personal property tax bill last week and was shocked at what I saw. My vehicle was appraised much more than what it was last year. Apparently, because of supply chain problems concerning parts for new cars, used cars are being sold at higher prices than they normally would be. Consequently, my vehicle's value to a car dealer increased.

Our wonderful county tax people used the inflated assessment of my vehicle to calculate my tax bill. I feel

like I've been gouged!

Often, unfortunately, when there's a disaster somewhere, gougers come in with generators and cases of water and sell them at inflated prices. I feel like our county is gouging us. The disaster is the state of our country right now with our inflation and supply chain issues and the generators and water are our property

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After five years Ruthann Carr is set to retire.

By Rudy Garcia, Past President of the Fluvanna Chamber of Commerce

The Fluvanna Chamber of Commerce wants to extend a BIG thank you to Ruthann Carr for five years of dedicated service.

Please stop by the Chamber office at 177 Main St., Palmyra for a farewell Open House on Wednesday, May 25, 4-6 p.m.



RUTHANN CARR OFFICE MANAGER

Meet Ruthann Carr, the Chamber of Commerce Office Manager. We encourage our community to stop by the Chamber Office where you will receive a wealth of information including local businesses, tourism and Fluvanna history.

Photo courtesy of Ruthann Carr

The introduction of Ruthann in Fluvanna County

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A rare photo of Ruthann, she is usually behind the camera snapping photos at events.







Just a small sample of Ruthann's projects.

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Area students earn electric co-op scholarships

PRESS RELEASE

The Education Scholarship Foundation of the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives (VMDAEC) awarded six Central Virginia high school seniors a \$1,000 Worth M. Hudson Scholarship, named for the first chairman of the Foundation.

The 2022 recipients are:

- Anna Birthisel of Scottsville, who attends Liberty University Online Academy, is the daughter of Joseph Birthisel.
- Gabriel Corrice of Palmyra, who attends Fluvanna County High School, is the son of Sara Corrice.
- Emily Stevens of Troy, who attends Fluvanna County High School, is the daughter of Cynthia Stevens.
- Mackenzie Swain of Palmyra, who attends Fluvanna County High School, is the daughter of Anthony Swain.

These high school seniors were eligible for consideration because their parents are consumer-members of Central Virginia Electric Cooperative. "The cost of college and post-graduation training programs are steadily rising and CVEC recognizes that seniors in our rural communities can benefit from scholarships to help offset those costs," says Gary Wood, president and CEO of CVEC. "We are proud to help these seven deserving

high school seniors to continue their education, whether at a college or university or in learning a trade."

Recipients were chosen based on a competitive screening process that considers financial need (40 percent), academic achievement (40 percent) and community involvement (20 percent). Applicants must be a senior graduating from either high school or home school in 2022.

They must also provide evidence of their acceptance into a post-high school educational institution or program. These grants can be used to pay for tuition, fees, and books.

"These scholarships reflect the strong commitment of electric cooperatives to advancing educational opportunities among our youth," said Russell G. "Rusty" Brown, chair of the Education Scholarship Foundation Board and chair of the board of directors of the VMD Association. "We commend these students on their academic success, knowing they represent a future generation of leaders in their communities."

Since 2001, the Foundation has provided approximately 840 scholarships totaling more than \$860,000 to aspiring college students as well as to the next generation of electric line workers.

Fluvanna County student awarded OSU scholarship

PRESS RELEASE

Newlin Humphrey, an agricultural leadership student from Palmyra, recently was honored by the Oklahoma State University Ferguson College of Agriculture with academic scholarships for the 2022-2023 academic year. The scholarships are part of the more than \$1.8 million that students will receive from the college and its academic departments.

"Our students have a diverse set of

backgrounds, experiences and career interests, and it is an honor to award scholarships to help fund their academic goals," said Cynda Clary, Ferguson College of Agriculture associate dean of academic programs. "These scholarships are possible because of the generosity of our alumni and friends, and we truly appreciate their continued support of our college and its students."





2022 list of Virginia's most endangered historic places

Eleven historic sites facing insensitive development or neglect were named to this year's list

PRESS RELEASE

Each May — National Historic Preservation Month— Preservation Virginia releases a list of historic places across the Commonwealth that face imminent or sustained threats to encourage individuals, organizations, and local and state government to advocate for and find solutions for their preservation.

"This year's list reflects the resilience of the Commonwealth's many historic places that have persisted for generations in support of their communities," said Preservation Virginia CEO Elizabeth S. Kostelny. "The dedication of organizations, local governments, and individuals currently working to preserve these places reflects the very nature of the historic preservation movement- the ability to adapt to challenges and retain relevance in an ever-changing world."

The Virginia's Most Endangered Historic Places program has a track record of success. This past year, previously listed sites including Rassawek, historic capital of the Monacan Indian Nation, River Farm, headquarters of the American Horticultural Society, and the Warm Springs Bathhouses, the oldest spa site in the United States, were saved from insensitive development and neglect. Since the program began, more than 50 percent of sites listed have been saved, 10 percent were lost, and the remaining 40 percent are still being monitored.

Threats to historic sites in Virginia persist. Partnerships are needed on local, state, and federal levels to find adaptive, collaborative solutions for preserving places for the benefit of Virginia communities

Virginia's Most Endangered Historic Places for 2022 includes:

William Fox Elementary School, Richmond

A three-alarm fire caused significant damage to this beloved 110- year-old public school in Richmond. The Richmond School Board has pledged to renovate the school rather than demolish and rebuild it, and the community has rallied to maintain the public's support for its full renovation.

Slave Dwellings: Ivy Cliff Slave Dwelling, Bedford County, and Parker Sydnor Cabin, Mecklenburg County

Extant dwellings of enslaved people are rare. Time, weather, and deferred maintenance make these structures especially vulnerable. The owners of many of these buildings, such as at lvy Cliff, need resources and support to preserve these important structures. The Parker Sydnor Cabin was home to a literate tombstone and headstone carver born into slavery. While a local preservation organization currently owns the cabin, it remains in considerable need of support and preservation.

Preston-Crockett House, Smyth County

Built on the "Wilderness Road" in the 1840s, the Preston-Crockett House is facing possible demolition for a planned truck stop. Its high visibility on Interstate 81 could make it a regional tourism destination and its preservation could add value to any new developments in the area.

Battlefields Threatened by Data Centers: Manassas National Battlefield Park, Manassas, and Brandy Station Battlefield, Culpeper

Local county governments passed separate rezoning actions to allow for construction of mega data center complexes, which would irreparably alter the adjacent historic landscapes associated with these battlefields, local farmland, and the areas' rural character. Locating data centers within technology corridors and away from culturally sensitive areas would convey how local governments value and support the preservation of their irreplaceable historic resources.

Dunnington Mansion, Farmville

Completed in the late 19th century, this Romanesque Revival style mansion with ornate woodwork has sat vacant for over 20 years and is in need of new owners with resources to preserve the mansion and its associated history.

Grand Order of Odd Fellows Lodge/ African American School, Northumberland County

While the original uses and history are currently unclear, this two-story, framed building served as Tranquility Lodge No. 4218 for the African American Grand Order of the Odd Fellows in Reedville. Research on the building's ownership and its history, including possible ties to the African American Watermen of the Chesapeake Bay, are underway, but the building is currently in desperate need of stabilization, repairs, and preservation.

Green Valley Pharmacy, Arlington

Green Valley Pharmacy was the Iongest-operating African American phar-

macy in Arlington, and likely the first African American-owned pharmacy in the area. The pharmacy has been challenged with redevelopment modifications to portions of the building that could not meet standards of today. Maintaining the building's historic fabric and its links to the pharmacy's important role in the community continues to be crucial.

Havelock School, Warsaw

The Havelock School is a two-room schoolhouse established for the education of African American children in Richmond County. The building has stood unused for many years, and in order to preserve its legacy, immediate repairs are

Saint Paul's Chapel Rosenwald School, Brunswick County

Saint Paul's Chapel School is a one-teacher Rosenwald School built in 1920 for African American students in Brunswick County. The building has stood unused for years and its ownership remains unclear. In order to preserve its history and the history of the surrounding community, immediate repairs are needed.



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Hands United by God's Spirit (H.U.G.S) has begun meeting again at Cuppa Joe's coffee shop near CVS/traffic light (off of Rt. 618) **every Monda**y from 3 to 4 p.m. Members knit or crochet shawls and blankets for those in need or are ill and need a warm hug. Interested participants can be taught to knit/crochet. All are welcome!

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Rescue squad acquires high-tech drone

PRESS RELEASE

The Lake Monticello Rescue Squad was able to acquire a \$7,000 drone "for a significantly reduced price" from Crutchfield in Charlottesville to support its search and rescue program, said Rescue Squad Chief Eddie Shifflett.

The new drone, a DJI Mavic 2 Enterprise Drone with 4K thermal image capability, offers much higher picture resolution and the ability to switch to infrared imaging to help in missing person searches, finding water sources and providing information from above on fires, Shifflett said.

"This is far more advanced than the drones most people have," Shifflett said. Particularly rare, and far more expensive is adding infrared capability to a drone, he said. "This is going to be a big improvement in our ability to locate lost or missing people in Fluvanna County and the surrounding area," Shifflett said.

Rescue Squad drone operators will need "lots of practice" to get the most benefit out of the new acquisition, Shifflett said. And both the drone and the operator has to be registered with the FAA.



Fluco track and field athletes perform well

BY DUNCAN NIXON CORRESPONDENT

The Jefferson District's year end track and field meet was held at Charlottes-ville High School this year, on May 11. The Flucos recorded two first place finishes. Senior Shea Hart excelled in the hurdle events. She took first place in the 100 hurdles and second place in the 300 hurdles. The Fluco boys scored a first place when senior Aidan Girard won the 800 meter (half mile) in an impressive time of 1:58. At that rate, doing another half mile you come in under four minutes.

A number of other Flucos turned in good performances. Sophomore Sophie Farley finished second in the 1600 meter run (the metric mile) with what Coach Melanie Kennedy described as an "impressive" time of 5:21. Third place finishes were achieved by freshman Zaniah Walker, junior Kenyon Smith and sophomore Trenton Hughes. Walker's event was the discus, Smith's was the long jump, and Hughes competed in the high jump.

Two Fluco relay teams took third place. The boy's 4X100 team consisted of Logan Wade, Jarrod Gaines, Richard Price and Smith. Wade is a freshman, and Gaines and Price are sophomores. The girl's 4X400 relay team consisted of Olivia Farruggio, Hart, Aaniyah Ragland and Farley. Farruggio is a senior and Ragland is a sophomore.

Two Flucos had fourth place finishes. Senior Nevaeh Hill in the shot put and sophomore Elias Morris in the 110 hurdles. Fifth place finishes were achieved by Smith in the triple jump and Wade in the discus. Wade's discus throw was a personal best. Also taking fifth place were junior Madeline Creasy in the 1600, sophomore Alexis Perry in the 300 hurdles, junior Ben Stanley in the 300 hurdles, and sophomore Nekierra Shelton in the discus.

Kennedy said that the Flucos are young and promising. An impressive 34 Fluco athletes will be moving on to compete in the regional meet on May 26 at Waynesboro.



Photo by Dosha Morris



Photo by Cheryl Parker

Nel Stofberg was recognized by Merrie Ott at the May meeting of the Fluvanna Garden Club with the Life Membership Award. Nel has been an active member for 30 years and served in various leadership and committee roles. The pinning was done by Mary Owen, president of the Va. Federation of Garden Clubs and member of the Fluvanna Garden Club.

Mary Owen, president of the Va. Federation of Garden Clubs presented the May program "From Your Yard" floral designs, ideas and tips to the Fluvanna Garden Club. The program will assist the club in preparation for National Garden Week on June 5-11.

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Clark's book and film based on true story of forgiveness

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD CORRESPONDENT



JT Clark and C.J. Martin.

On a fateful night in rural Bassett, Virginia, C.J. Martin Jr. and his son were heading home after a football game but were told to take a detour because an ambulance had caught fire and was blocking their usual route. It was a detour that would change lives.

While driving the unfamiliar, rural route, Martin was confused by the lack of signage and lighting. At 10:08 p.m. on August 21, 2015, Martin made a turn onto Rt. 903 in southeast Virginia into the path of an oncoming motorcycle driven by Bobby Clark along with his passenger wife Pam. They were returning from a church service. Clark swerved to avoid the truck but veered too hard to the right, throwing the couple into the direct path

of Martin's vehicle. The couple later died of their injuries at the hospital.

The tragedy led to John T. Clark's book In A Blink of An Eye: Forgiveness in Black and White that tells a story of ultimate forgiveness. John Clark is Bobby Clark's

The film My Brother's Crossing produced by John Clark and his wife Terri Lee Clark is based on that book and Clark's journey to discover his faith.

the accident, Martin, who is Black, feared there would be racial backlash because of the ongoing protests and racial hate crimes. Bobby and Pam's daughter visited Martin and his family to show her forgiveness. John Clark was not so forgiving. In the movie there is a line where Clark tells his wife, "I want him prosecuted."

"Don't you mean persecuted," she answers. That in itself is telling about Clark's view of his brother's death. But then strange things happen to change destiny. On October 26, 2015, Martin appears in court and stands before the judge to hear the verdict on the charge of reckless driving, along with a fine. What happens next is surprising, to say the least.

While driving to his job in Roanoke,

John Clark had no intention of going to court but something changed his mind. His family was unaware of his decision to go to court that day.

"In my mind, the only reason I was going was to represent my brother and his wife in the courtroom. During his hour-long drive to the Henry County courthouse, something told him to pay Martin's fine. "My reaction was, pay the fine? This could be thousands of dollars." Suddenly he

> felt like a burden had been lifted and that his brother was working through him and sharing his faith. He wasn't a believer in divine intervention until that moment.

> "When I arrived at the courthouse, I went inside and grabbed a seat about four rows back from the front. I was reflecting on what had happened during my drive." He then felt

compelled to seek out the investigative officer, Trooper Byrd. What unfolded in those moments was stunning. Clark paid Martin's fines and it became a turning point for both men to walk a path of recovery and healing together.

C.J. Martin was the pastor of his own church but it was an opportunity for him

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JT and wife Terri Lee.

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to help John Clark with his grief. Both cemented a friendship that resulted in the ministry called My Brother's Crossing. Nowadays, John Clark devotes all of his time to the ministry.

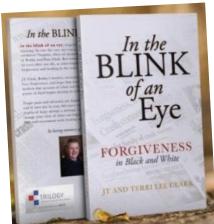
"I had no faith to speak of before my brother's accident. Now, I work full-time in ministry. I simply live to be evidence of the Gospel," Clark said. "We go where we believe God is leading us to go, we do what he would have us do, and we speak what he would have us speak."

He hopes that his story is an inspiration to others.

"I was not living this way when all of this happened. Forgiveness is a choice.

Six years before the accident, I had to move in forgiveness toward the man that had abused me as a child. This prepared

me for what was to come in the instance of the death of Bobby and Pam," he said. "C.J. Martin has said that when I showed up in the courtroom on his behalf saved his life. The truth of the matter is, I have received far more from C.J. Martin than I ever gave to him. My brother was a pastor. C.J. Martin is a pastor. I had nothing to



do with the church when this happened. Now, I am ordained as a minister in C.J.'s

> church, and now he is our pastor."

Clark will be discussing and showing the film on Wednesday, May 25, at 6:30 p.m. at the Calvary Chapel Fluvanna at 2772 Thomas Jefferson Parkway. A mutual friend along with the representative of the church invited Clark to come and tell his story.

churches. We have traveled from Florida to Texas to Colorado to South Dakota to Minnesota to New York and points in between. We simply go where God opens the door."

A story of one man's miscalculation while driving on a fateful night transformed another man's life in a way he never imagined. Their paths crossed and C.J became the catalyst for Clark's faith.

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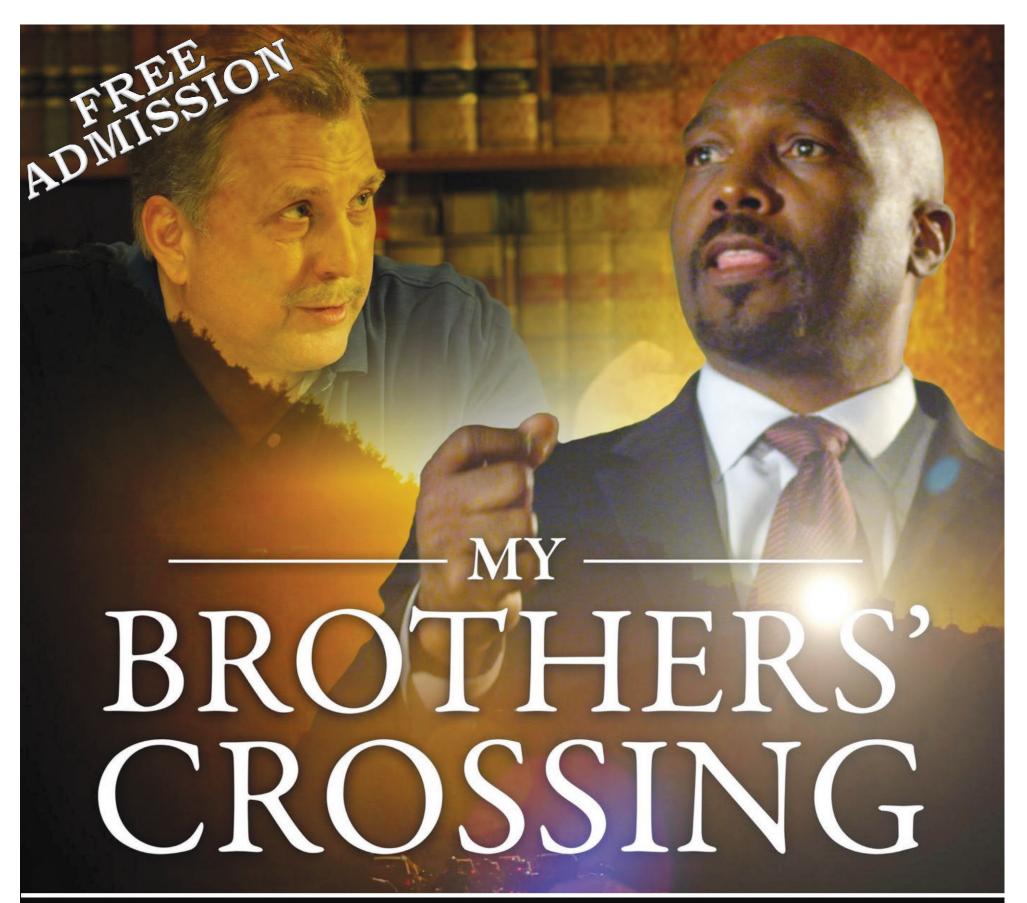
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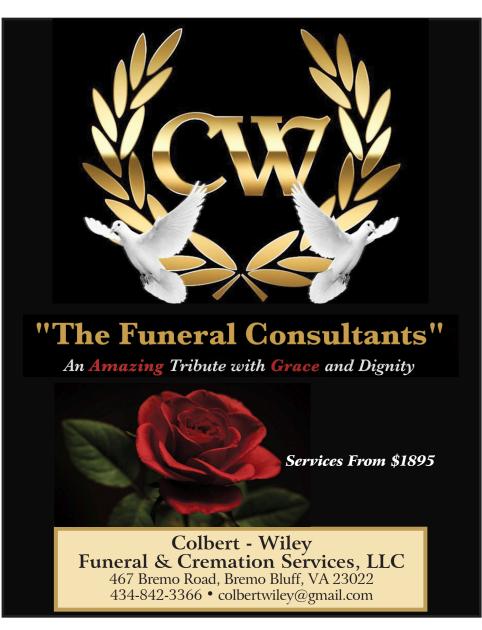
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New college grads, watch out for these scams

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This year's class of college graduates are getting ready to start their new lives. It's a big transition that includes several important changes. Grads may be moving to a new city, finding a new place to live, or searching for a new job. Graduation also often means new financial responsibilities, such as starting payments on student loans.

College graduates are navigating many life changes, and scammers are eager to take advantage of their inexperience. The following tips can help new grads avoid common scams.

Know the terms of your student loans

One of the most common ways scammers target college graduates is with fake loan forgiveness opportunities. You may receive an unsolicited email, phone call, or text message stating that you can qualify for lowered payments through a debt forgiveness program. To use the company's services, just fill out a form and pay a fee. Some of these companies are real, but they pitch their services with false claims and incomplete information. Other companies are fakes, only hoping to get their hands on your personal information and money.

Scammers may also contact college grads regarding student loan repayment hiatus in response to COVID-19. Scam-

mers may claim that to take advantage of the program, you need to complete a form or pay a fee. In reality, you may not need to do this, so check your facts before giving anyone your information.

Understanding the ins and outs of your student loan - what kind of interest you owe, when you need to start paying (in most cases you won't need to make a payment until six months after you've graduated), and for how long you'll be expected to make payments - will protect you from these scams.

Be wary of unsolicited messages about unpaid tuition

Some con artists contact graduates or their parents claiming some of their tuition was left unpaid. If it isn't paid immediately, the graduate's degree will be revoked. Scammers may ask you to send money via wire transfer or prepaid debit cards.

Whether you are contacted by phone, email, or text message, be wary of anyone who contacts you out of the blue. Government agencies, as well as most higher education facilities, will contact you by mail initially. If you aren't sure if a message is legitimate, do some research to verify the person's claims. Ask to contact them later. Then, investigate by looking up information on the official website or calling your



school's bursar's office. Don't give in to pressure to make a decision right away.

Do research before accepting jobs or job interviews

Scammers may offer recent graduates high paying, easy, entry-level jobs. Con artists are skilled at drawing new grads in by promoting unrealistic wages for generally labeled job positions, such as "virtual assistant" or "customer service rep." They may ask for your personal information, including your bank account and Social Security number, claiming they need it to set up direct deposit or file taxes. In other cases, scammers require you to pay for training. In yet another version, you may be "accidentally" overpaid with a fake check and asked to send back the extra funds.

If you are considering a job with a company you aren't familiar with, do some research before you complete an application or agree to an interview. Make sure the company has legitimate contact information, and the position is posted on its corporate website. Scammers often steal the names of real companies for their phony job postings.

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If you are looking to rent a home or apartment, find out how much other rental properties in the area cost before you sign a lease. Scammers often lure victims by promising low rents, extra amenities, and a great location. If the price seems much better than offered elsewhere, it may be a scam. Also, be sure to see the apartment or house in person. Don't send money to someone you've never met for an apartment you haven't seen. If you can't visit an apartment or house yourself, ask someone you trust to go and confirm that it is what was advertised. Finally, read lease agreement documents before you sign. Don't be embarrassed to consult with friends or family members who may be more knowledgeable on the subject if you have doubts or questions.



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Truths About Our Trash



Marieke Henry & Will Patrick (photo above) answer your questions about trash.

On a recent visit to GFL **Environmental and County Waste.** Marieke Henry followed Lake Monticello's trash - from the delivery of waste and recycling in Troy to the separation of recyclables at the Single Stream Recycling Center in Chester, **VA. LMOA's Communications** Director reports that it appears recyclables are being separated and that the product from our area is high-quality.

What does that mean, the quality of the product? It means many of us are tossing the correct items in the recycling tote and those items are clean enough to be recycled. About 20% of collected recyclables from our area are rejected and end up in the landfill. We can all improve that number by emptying bottles and cans of their contents, tearing cardboard into manageable pieces, and throwing items straight into the recycling tote without a plastic bag.

Plastic bags and cardboard are only recyclable if they are mostly dry and clean. If your cardboard box gets soaking wet in the rain or a half-can of soda leaks in a plastic bag, they become landfill-bound. Also, closed bags have to be torn open by actual human beings, which is not a fun job and holds up the process.

Items that should **NEVER** go into the recycling bin are:

- Styrofoam
- Clothing/other textiles
- Batteries
- Light bulbs
- Yard waste
- Ceramics
- Window glass
- Drinking glasses

Recyclables are a Commodity

GLF Environmental recycling and garbage trucks look the same but dump their contents in different areas at their site in Troy. Recycling is transported in covered County Waste semi-trucks to a singlestream recycling sorting center in Chester, Va. Inside the center, some 28 people and countless machines were running full force to separate

natural and colored plastic, glass, metal, paper, cardboard, PET, and aluminum, which are then crushed, bundled into cubes, and sold in a way similar to stock.

For example, our Communications Director was told that if the aluminum price of the day is low, County Waste will store it. If the price is right, recyclables are currently sold to a dealer within the USA. She was also told that glass is not recycled but crushed and repurposed as aggregate. A highquality product (meaning a clean and well-sorted bundle) is easier to sell and most likely to get recycled. That is why it is essential we make an effort to sort our trash correctly. "Residual trash" that is rejected goes to the landfill next door.

Landfills Flatulate

Ok, not really, but they do produce a massive amount of methane! The landfill in Chester captures the methane and uses it to generate electricity, which they have been doing for 30 years. Currently, the landfill produces so much methane, they actually have to burn some of it. What a shame! County Waste agrees and is looking into either expanding the electricity-generating station or "scrubbing" the gas to be used as home-grade natural gas for cooking.

Reducing Waste

The best way to keep trash out of landfills is by being conscientious about what you buy. There are lots of products on the market that are working with consumers to reduce waste. Avoiding single-use plastic and choosing brands that use ecofriendly packaging are ways you can help. When you can't reduce, please separate recycling using the tips above. Thanks!



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Upcoming Events

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May 24 LMOA Staff vs. LMVFR Softball Game: Come out and cheer for our staff and Lake Monticello Volunteer Fire and Rescue during a friendly game of softball. This team-building event will take place at the Bunker Park ballfield on 6 Bunker Blvd.



May 28 Lake Yard Sale: Find treasures at the Lake Monticello Community-wide Yard Sale from 8 AM - 1 PM. Visit LMOA.news for a map of participants.

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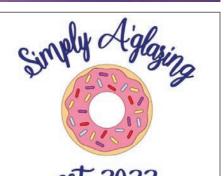
May 28 Free Water Safety Patrol "Boat Virginia" Boating & Water Safety Course: From 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM at The Ashlawn Clubhouse in Terrace Rooms A & B. Contact Ben Stoppe, VP, Water Safety Patrol to register (required):

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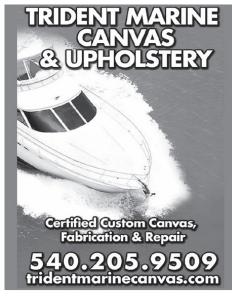
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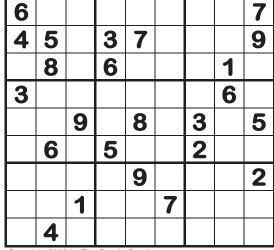
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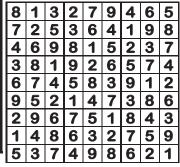
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Edited by Margie E. Burke

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Get the big picture of the state's largest industry

VIRGINIA FARM BUREAU PRESS RELEASE

Virginia Agriculture Week is approaching, and the state's farms are ready to be the stars of the show.

Held this year June 12-18, Virginia Agriculture Week celebrates agriculture's \$70 billion annual economic impact and the 334,000 jobs it generates. Commodities and products grown and produced in Virginia are sourced from a broad range of agricultural zones, from mountainous altitudes to the sprawling Piedmont, and

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To help paint a picture of the state's largest private industry, photographers are invited to submit their best farm photos to the Virginia Agriculture Week Photo Contest, organized by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Photographers may share photos in several categories—agricultural landscapes, livestock, produce and crops, local food and aquaculture. Winners will receive a Virginia's Finest gift basket valued up to \$200, and their photos will be featured in Virginia Agriculture magazine.

There is plenty to photograph. Virginia is home to 43,225 farms on 7.8 million acres of land, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's 2017 Census of Agriculture. The average farm size is 181 acres. The typical Virginia farmer is 58.5 years old, and about 36 percent of primary farm operators are female. Broiler chickens top the state's commodities list with annual cash receipts at \$625 million, followed by cattle, miscellaneous crops, turkeys, dairy and milk, and soybeans.

The state's farmers are represented by Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, the commonwealth's largest agricultural advocacy group. With more than 132,000 members in 88 county Farm Bureaus, the organization provides a unified voice to advocate for local, state and national policies using a grassroots process.

"While we celebrate the efforts of our farmers every day, Virginia Agriculture Week is an opportunity to include the public in that recognition, sharing gratitude for the state's agricultural community," said Wayne F. Pryor, VFBF president and a Goochland County grain and hay producer. "The high-quality food, fiber and other products grown by Virginia farmers are valued at all levels—from neighborhood farm stands to international exports."

The VDACS photo contest's entry deadline is May 31. Visit bit.ly/3Mb0SgY for complete contest rules.

National mental health observance includes focus on farmer stress

VIRGINIA FARM BUREAU PRESS RELEASE

During National Mental Health Awareness Month this May, Virginia Farm Bureau Federation and other agricultural organizations are reminding farmers, farmworkers and rural residents that resources are available when they need help.

Farmers in Virginia and across the U.S. are under increasing stress as they face unique challenges daily. In addition to the physical demands of the job, farmers contend with natural disasters that can devastate crops, fluctuating commodity prices, trade disruptions and price increases that can weigh down even the most resilient.

And that's on top of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has in the past two years exacerbated the issues.

"Agricultural producers are proud, strong people, and we should be because we do amazing things," said Joshua Fleenor, a Cumberland County cattle farmer and member of Virginia's Farmer Stress Task Force. "We're the backbone of this country, but even the backbone needs a brace every now and then."

To help focus on farmer stress, agriculture groups and programs like the task force developed by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services work to raise awareness of mental health issues within agricultural professions, reduce stigma and help provide access to resources.

"We don't always go looking for help,

and I think that just compounds over time and can lead to some pretty unfortunate things happening," Fleenor noted.

Fleenor, who has battled depression himself, encourages farmers to rely on their support networks, friends, family and fellow farmers when struggling.

"It's OK to sometimes reach out for help when you need it ... there's no shame in it," he said. "As much as we'd like to do evervthing by ourselves, we just can't."

In addition to talking with others, Virginia farmers and rural residents can find a variety of resources on VFBF's farm safety website, including links to a Mental Health First Aid course, other programs and Virginia-based mental health organizations. Virginia's community service boards also can help recommend appropriate services.

American Farm Bureau Federation's Farm State of Mind website also contains a directory of stress and mental health tools, including tips for helping someone in emotional pain and starting a conversation; links to register for free online farm stress training; and ways to manage stress, anxiety or depression. The site also contains a state-by-state directory of resources and programs.

"The more we can get people in the agriculture industry who are willing to speak and talk about their experience ... the more it lets that next person know, 'Hey this ain't just me," Fleenor said.





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Possible 24-hour urgent care facility sparks residents' interest

CONTRIBUTED BY MARIEKE HENRY

About 18 LMOA residents met with Wolfpack Properties LLC during the Community Development Committee meeting on Wednesday morning (May 11). They expressed interest in a possible 24-hour urgent care facility and shared concerns about watershed and light pollution. "I'm not just blowing through town to make a quick buck," developer Joseph Jones said. "I'm from this area and want to make the least impact while meeting my community's most essential needs."

The story was first published on the Lake Monticello website

Having recently purchased the 30-acre parcel adjacent to Glen Burnie Road, Jones took the unique approach of reaching out to Fluvanna County officials and the Lake Monticello community before applying for planning permission. He shared a conceptual plan with the Community Development Committee and other residents that depicts a grocery store, pharmacy, restaurant, an additional barcode gate, and retail and office buildings. "Nothing is set in stone," Jones said. "There seems to be a lot of interest for a 24-hour medical facility, which could fit in one of the two large

buildings on the drawing."

Community Development Committee member Debra Kurre expressed interest in a 24-hour emergency care center. "Though our Lake Monticello rescue team is amazing, it is a long, dangerous drive into Charlottes-ville. My family has recently needed urgent care several times, and I would love to have a facility for emergencies closer to home. We need this in Fluvanna County."

Jennifer Schmack, director of Economic Development for Fluvanna County, agreed. She also pointed out the immediate need for an additional grocery store in our county. When asked by a resident why it could not go somewhere else in the county, Schmack noted that water and sewer are readily available in the Rivanna Community Planning Area (CPA). Residents are seeing the natural growth of development around the Lake.

Schmack also mentioned the county's desire for a small business incubator and industrial kitchen for small Fluvanna entrepreneurs on the 30-acres. She could not disclose which grocery store chain is seeking to locate in the county. "The next step would be for Wolfpack Properties LLC to apply for a zoning change," she said. "The property is currently zoned A1 (agricultural) and will need to be rezoned as B1 or BC."

When asked about the watershed, Jones explained that he is bound to the restrictions of the Chesapeake Bay Act and assured the room that no runoff would enter Lake Monticello. Dysfunctional retention ponds in Fluvanna County have been a continuous plague to the community and thus a logical concern to Lake Monticello residents.

In addressing light pollution, Jones replied that there would be a 100 foot buffer (instead of the required 50 feet) around the office area in the back and 4-6 acres between homes and the parking lots of the larger buildings. "The offices would have low lighting after 5 p.m., and the front parking lot would have lights pointing straight down to the ground."

Opinions in the room were divided by the proposed barcode gate. Jones explained that it was a convenience he was willing to pay for, but not everyone was enthused, worried a gate would encourage outsiders to walk in. In contrast, others could see how an extra outlet could be convenient and even increase safety. Jones said the gate could be set back and out of sight, making it less obvious to non-residents.

Board President Larry Henson appeared pleased with the meeting. "As a community, we missed the boat with Village Oaks and Colonial Circle," he said. "We should have gotten involved but did not. Now, thanks to the Community Development Committee, Lake Monticello has found its voice. I appreciate Mr. Jones' collaborative approach. I encourage Wolfpack Properties to be open and honest and keep its promises. To everyone else, now is the time to get involved."







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