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Difficulty: Easy

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8			5					7
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	4	9			5			2

## HOW TO SOLVE:

Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

Answer to Previous Sudoku:

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

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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Tropical root
- 5 Poison ivy woe
- 9 Deep cut
- 13 Basketball goal
- 14 Bruce Lee flick, "\_\_\_ the Dragon"
- 16 Graph or mobile starter
- 17 Trucker's turf
- 19 "That's enough!"
- 20 Hush-hush
- 21 James Arness series
- 23 Pale as a ghost
- 25 Royal residences
- 26 Setting for Sinclair's "The Jungle"
- 30 Animal dwelling
- 31 Connecting point
- 32 Get together
- 34 Clothing closures
- 37 Afternoon hour
- 38 Unlikely to share
- 40 Kind of party
- 41 Archipelago part
- 43 Showroom model
- 44 Spacious
- 45 Rabbit \_\_\_
- 47 Ponders
- 49 Winery event
- 52 Ruckus
- 53 Con's plan
- 55 Witches' rides
- 59 Hearty dish
- 60 Former "American Idol" judge
- 62 Musical Horne
- 63 Swashbuckling Flynn
- 64 Speck
- 65 Culturally showy
- 66 Calm period
- 67 Type of sock

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- 2 First-rate
- 3 Campus mil. group
- 4 Run, as a business
- 5 Setting in part of "The Notebook"
- 6 Aardvark's tidbit
- 7 For men only
- 8 In a lather
- 9 Major pipeline
- 10 Dictatorial
- 11 Feed, as a fire
- 12 Aspirations
- 15 Concerning kidneys
- 18 Breather
- 22 URL character
- 24 Traffic sign
- 26 Pro's foe
- 27 Gift toppers
- 28 Young person
- 29 Send to a specialist
- 33 What "x" may mean
- 35 Flippant
- 36 "\_\_\_ who?"
- 38 Comics page offering
- 39 "Slow-pitch" sport
- 42 Corrode
- 44 Type of exercise
- 46 Shoot from cover
- 48 Italian bread
- 49 Car named for a physicist
- 50 Fall flower
- 51 Tree knot
- 54 Wise one
- 56 Something in the air
- 57 Remote button
- 58 Picnic dish
- 61 ROFL alternative

Answers to Previous Crossword:

C	A	P	S		P	U	L	S	E		B	I	D	E		
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## Letter to the Editor

### Judy Fish says thanks

I had many goals when I ran for the LMOA Board. I learned that it's easier to have great ideas than it is to get them done.

- My greatest unfulfilled wish is better wages for our maintenance team. Maintenance works out in the elements. They are so dedicated that some of them sleep at the maintenance yard when it looks like bad weather will keep them from work. That work isn't always sexy. They haul dead animals and deal with dirty restrooms, mowing in the heat and so much more. Many of them have specialized training that would be very hard to replace. I feel great affection and admiration for the maintenance team—as many of us do—and yet they are not fairly compensated. I fought a good fight, but did not win and that is a huge regret of mine.
- My second wish is to finally do something with the campground. We have kicked that can for more than 20 years. I had hoped to get some campsites, working restrooms and secure storage to make it more of an amenity for our community and to potentially generate revenue without always raising dues. A wonderful side benefit would be to increase day-parking at the marina

while visually cleaning up the marina and have room for more kayak/canoe racks—which generate revenue.

- My bonus wishes include bringing back the Lake Views newspaper. I really believe it helped build community and made the Lake feel like more of a town. I also would love to see a Putt-Putt Golf Course for families and all of us non-golfers—not an \$80,000 course, but rather a campground style course. Nine simple holes for simple fun for free for anyone dining at The Pub. I would also love to see the marina refreshed. It's our only amenity that consistently clears revenue and yet it is not a sight to behold.

These wishes are really my regrets.

I am not a person who spends much time wallowing in regret, so I will be hopeful that these ideas will one day come to be and I will just remain grateful for the time I was here. I appreciate the people I worked with—our LMOA staff is terrific and I got to briefly be part of the most diverse Board the Lake has probably ever seen.

We accomplished much, but there is much more to do. Thanks for letting me play a small role in life at Lake Monticello.

-Judy Fish, Lake Monticello

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## Obituary



### Hugh Klein Staiger

Hugh Klein (HK) Staiger of Palmyra, VA departed this life peacefully on June 9, 2022. He was born October 8, 1922 in Crafton, PA, the first son of Daniel Staiger and Juliana Flora Klein. Hugh frequently commented that in his younger life, during the Great Depression, he didn't know that the family was poor since everybody was poor. He attended the proverbial one room school, where he ate a lunch made by "Mother." Surely he must have played marbles and such

on the playground. There were no buses then and he walked through the woods along the one-mile-long trail no matter the weather. Home life was simple, with a bed to share, crows to shoot, a cow to milk, water to haul, and chickens to pluck. There was the weekly Grit newspaper for news since they had no radio. Electricity and running water came just before he left home, while indoor plumbing and freedom from the outhouse became realities after he left home. His chores served him well, teaching him independence and thankfulness for the "good" life. Hugh was a superior student and in 1940 he graduated from Slippery Rock High School in Slippery Rock, PA. He attended Keystone School in Pittsburgh, PA and worked as a draftsman for Duquesne Light Co. In December 1942, he joined the U.S. Navy as an Aviation Cadet and was commissioned as an Ensign in April 1944. While attached to ZP-15 in Brunswick, GA, he met Addie Lucille Haygood and they were married on March 25, 1945. After the war he remained on active duty with the Navy, where he worked at various duty stations on the east coast, and in Panama and Iceland. Hugh and Lucille bought his current home and farm in Palmyra, VA in late 1963. He retired from the Navy as a Lt. Commander in 1964. Hugh enjoyed his life and counted many friends. He was a good father and did his best to instill in his children a confidence for their potential. His constant example of thrift, honesty and diligence had a lasting positive influence on each of them. He was an excellent cook and will be remembered for his good bread. While in high school, he received a blue ribbon for his homemade cake entry at the county fair. He enjoyed entertaining friends, sharing his home-cooked meals of "Chicken and Almonds" and "Spare Ribs and Sauerkraut"—to name a few. One of his greatest enjoyments in his younger years was flyfishing. Later, he and Lucille enjoyed many years of square dancing and its close circle of friends. Hugh was noted for his charity to friends and neighbors. One of his most memorable services was the sponsoring of a family of Vietnamese refugees. The success and contributions of this family were, and continue to be, a source of great satisfaction to him. Hugh was an avid woodworker. He built two fine fishing boats, his lovely home, and was noted for his skill in building small boxes. He enjoyed his farming years and took pleasure in seeing that he actually made a mark on the land. He and Lucille put their farm in a conservation easement which will assure that the woods they loved will remain for generations to come. Hugh met his declining years with courage. His poor vision didn't stop his woodworking. His puppies brought him joy and appreciation for the gift of life. His work ethic is left to emulate. He will be missed. Hugh and his wife, Addie Lucille Haygood Staiger, raised five children: Merle Daniel Staiger and wife, Rosa Lee, of Idaho Falls, ID; Linda Faye Staiger, M.D., of Palmyra, VA; William Andrew Staiger and wife, Karen, of Lehi, UT; Paul Jackson Staiger and wife, Tammy, of Buzzards Bay, MA; and Juliana Lucille Harris and husband, Johnny, of Palmyra, VA. Hugh was the patron to an extended posterity comprising 15 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years, Lucille Staiger, in 2014; his parents, Daniel and Juliana Flora Klein Staiger, formerly of Slippery Rock, PA; his siblings, Virginia Jewel Staiger McClelland formerly of Butler, PA, Merle Dale Staiger formerly of Slippery Rock, PA and John Daniel Staiger formerly of Butler, PA; his granddaughter, Kira Yvonne Staiger, formerly of Springville, UT; and his daughter-in-law, Susan Ross Staiger (wife of son, Paul), of Fork Union, VA. The family wishes to thank Hospice of the Piedmont staff, Rose Scott, Pearl Washington, Valerie Kidd and Janet Carr, and the Sheridan Funeral Home of Kents Store, VA, for their service. Hugh was a member of the Rivanna Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. There will be a family visitation and memorial gathering at the Beaver Dam Baptist Church on Saturday, July 30, 2022 from 2-4 p.m. (1794 Richmond Road, Troy, VA). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Tadpole Land & Trail Conservancy (to which Hugh contributed during his lifetime) at 630 Courthouse Road, Palmyra, VA 22963.

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### Start Your Tax Planning NOW!

I know that the last thing you may want to do during the summer is start thinking about your 2022 tax return! The best way to lower your tax bill for next year, however, is to start looking for tax cutting strategies as soon as possible. Let's take a look at four things you can do now!



retirement accounts could span multiple account types, such as traditional retirement accounts, Roth accounts, and taxable accounts like brokerage or savings accounts. Because of this you should plan for your withdrawals to be as tax efficient as possible.

**Action step:** One way

#### Check your paycheck withholdings.

Now is a good time to check your tax withholdings to make sure you haven't been paying too much or too little. The IRS has an online tool that will help you calculate how much your current withholdings match what your final tax bill will be. Visit <https://apps.irs.gov/app/tax-withholding-estimator>.

**Action step:** To change how much is withheld from your paycheck in taxes, fill out a new Form W-4 and give it to your employer.

**Defer earnings.** You could potentially cut your tax liability by deferring your 2022 income to a future year via contributions to a retirement account. For 2022, the 401(k) contribution limit is \$20,500 (\$27,000 if 50 or older); \$6,000 for both a traditional and Roth IRA (\$7,000 if 50 and older); or \$14,000 for a SIMPLE IRA (\$17,000 if 50 and older).

**Action step:** Consider an automatic transfer from either your paycheck or checking account to your retirement account so you won't have to think about manually making a transfer each month.

**Plan withdrawals from retirement accounts to be tax efficient.** Your

to structure withdrawals is to pull from taxable accounts first, and leave Roth account withdrawals for last. Another approach would be to structure proportional withdrawals from all retirement accounts that would lead to a more predictable tax bill each year.

#### Net capital gains with capital losses.

If you have appreciated investments you're thinking about selling, take a look through the rest of your portfolio to see if you have other assets that you could sell for a loss and use to offset your gains. Using the tax strategy of tax-loss harvesting, you may be able to take advantage of stocks that have underperformed.

**Action step:** Make an appointment with your investment advisor to look over your portfolio to see if there are any securities you may want to sell by the end of 2022.

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## Lake couple counts blessings after lightning damages home

CONTRIBUTED BY JUDY FISH

When Laker Teddy Gagnon returned home an hour early from work June 14, he was just in time to save his home from burning to the ground.

When he arrived at his Jefferson Drive home, he found it full of smoke. Inside he discovered his home in shambles—all of the pictures and wall hangings had flown off the walls, doors of cabinets and appliances were hanging open and glass was everywhere. The chimney had also exploded, scattering pieces down the street. Neighbors told them the sound of the explosion was deafening.

On that Tuesday afternoon sometime around 3 p.m., severe thunderstorms with massive lightning bolts struck Teddy and Eileen Gagnon's Lake Monticello home, causing the large explosion. The couple were both at work, but their two lab-mix dogs, Art and Bernie, were at home.

Eileen Gagnon said the couple's dogs were kenneled in the lower level on the other side of the house and were rescued.

"This lightning caused devastating damage to their home, including electrical and fire, according to the GoFundMe Page set up for the couple. The full extent of the damages is unknown. "We are still waiting on an insurance adjuster," Eileen Gagnon said.

Despite the damage to their home, she still counted her blessings. "Thank God the dogs were crated on the lower level and that no one was injured," she said.

She is also grateful that her husband was called into work an hour early on that fateful day, which brought him home an hour early from his carpenter's job where he is currently working on the University of Virginia Library renovation.

"Teddy arrived home just in time to save the house before it burned down to the ground," she said. "Thank God we weren't in the house. I have never seen anything like this. It blew lightbulbs right out of the lamps and all my pictures off the walls."

"You may recognize Eileen's warm, smiling face from Jefferson Pharmacy," Kelly Oliver said on the GoFundMe page she set up for the Gagnons. Oliver, who is one of the owners of Jefferson Pharmacy, said that the Gagnons moved to the Lake last year from Ohio to be near their son and his family. The couple are currently staying with their son.

"Just this morning she was telling us at work just how excited she was that they finished their final project and now all of the renovations were complete," Oliver said. "To say Eileen is devastated is an understatement."

"Fire trucks from Lake Monticello, Palmyra, Fork Union and Kents Store responded to the scene, and we appreciate their efforts in assisting," Oliver said.

"We need to show them how strong this community truly is! Please help in whatever way you can," Oliver wrote on the GoFundMe page (<https://gofund.me/cb1856e6>). "On behalf of Teddy & Eileen and the entire Jefferson Pharmacy Family, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support!!"

Eileen seconded that appreciation.

"I want to thank everyone for everything they have done, especially the fire departments," she said. "I am just overwhelmed right now."

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- **Sand Sculpture Contest:** 8 AM - 12 PM at the Main Beach. Registration at 8 AM. Judging starts at 12 PM.
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# Chiovaro talks about karate, her team, and championships

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD  
CORRESPONDENT

Lake Monticello Karate Academy will be sending 15 athletes to both the National Championship and World Championships this summer. Robert Silverman, their head instructor and owner of Lake Monticello Karate Academy, will also be in attendance.

Silverman will also be a USA coach for Worlds. One member of the team, Renae Chiovaro, talks about her experience and journey heading into the competition.

Chiovaro has been studying karate for eight and a half years and started when her boys were five and seven years of age.

"My boys wanted to start karate and my personal trainer at the time told me that I needed to find an activity to increase my fluidity. I'm a dental hygienist and sit in awkward positions most of the day which resulted in back issues. I decided to give karate a try when my boys started," she said. "I quickly fell in love with the core values and what karate was teaching my boys – discipline, focus, respect, and confidence. Plus I loved the physical challenge. I developed core strength and no longer have any back issues."

She says she has been at the dojo 5 days a week since discovering her love and passion for karate. A dojo is a Japanese term, which means "place of the

way." Throughout Japanese history, dojos were formal meeting places for students of any of the Japanese martial arts. Nowadays, dojos are primarily associated in the West with a variety of Asian martial arts, such as karate, judo, and samurai. It's clear that Chiovaro embraces the culture and learns the spiritual pathways that give confidence and strength to what she does and to know oneself in every facet. This is a given in Asian cultures, whether it is yoga or karate, which have many mental and physical benefits.

"Karate is challenging and there is always something to learn. It's not only physically challenging but also mentally. Earning a black belt is just the start of a martial arts journey. At the beginning of training, you learn the basics of how to move your body. As you progress, you learn the application of those movements you have learned and your movement becomes more instinctual," she said. "Karate has helped me become stronger mentally and physically. It has taught me perseverance and overcoming challenges I didn't think were possible. It has helped me become a more confident person." She owes her success to her head instructor and mentor, Robert Silverman. "He has pushed me out of my comfort zone and I'm a better person for it."

She added that he comes up with a teaching strategy that will work for each individual.

"He has helped me grow into my role as an instructor and I model his teaching style." She said she enjoys teaching and coaching both kids and adults. "I like watching the students' confidence grow. It's rewarding to see a timid child turn into a confident and strong individual. I also feel that self-defense is extremely important for young people to learn, especially our girls." She explains the philosophy of teaching children how to use their voice as the first line of defense and to continuously be aware of their surroundings.

A key component of karate is the colored belts which show a level of experience. Chiovaro is a Nidan (2nd degree black belt) in Shotokan karate. She explains that every karate school has its belt color system.

"Each belt level or kyu (class) rank is reached by achieving a certain level of techniques, kata (form), and self-defense moves. In our dojo, we have no set belt testing time. Meaning just because a person has been there for a several months does not mean they will test for the next rank. Each person achieves and earns their rank and next belt when they have met their requirements. It takes five to six years to achieve a black belt," she said.

This year the team learned that the World Union of Karate-Do Federations (WUKF) Karate World Championships were being held in Fort Lauderdale. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Chio-



Renae Chiovaro at competition.  
Submitted photo

varo and others to compete against international athletes so close to home. She retired from competing three years ago to focus on coaching. Before that, she and her boys had competed for five years all over the United States.

Nine months ago she decided to get back into competing in hopes of making the USA team for Amateur Athletic Union (AAU). In April, the team attended AAU Team Trials in Chicago, and all 15 athletes qualified for the team.

"It's been a challenge for me to find time to train between my regular full-time job, teaching karate, and caring for my family. Thankfully my husband is extremely supportive and takes on some of the household duties so I can train." She adds that the team has a unique opportunity this year to participate in AAU Nationals and then a few days later WUKF Worlds. "It's going to be a challenge but our team has worked hard and we are ready."



More than 60 young anglers participated in last Saturday's Kids' Fishing Day at Tufton Pond at Lake Monticello. The free event was rescheduled a couple of times, but the third time was the charm! The weather was gorgeous. The annual event is sponsored by the Lake Monticello Fishing Club and LMOA. Photos by Judy Fish

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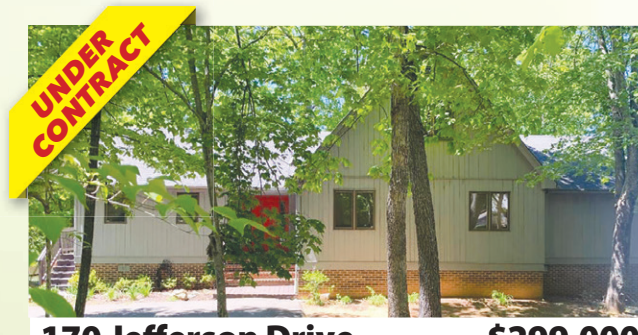
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## Men's Member-Guest at Lake Monticello has repeat winner

BY DUNCAN NIXON  
CORRESPONDENT

Although Sunday morning's weather was troublesome, the Lake Monticello Men's Member-Guest tournament ultimately was completed as scheduled on June 11. Heavy rain caused the start time on Sunday to be moved from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., but by the end of two rounds of nine holes, the weather was excellent. The Member-Guest this year was played on a net score only basis.

The team of Kyle Gravitt and Donald Gravitt won the first flight, labeled the Augusta flight, easily with 32 ½ points out of a possible 50, which put them in the shoot-out for the championship. They won the shoot-out quickly and went home with very impressive glass trophies. This was the Gravitt's second win at the Lake Monticello men's Member-Guest. They previously triumphed in 2018. This year, the Gravitts established a solid three-point lead over their closest competitors during the twenty-seven holes played on Saturday and upped their lead to six and a half points on Sunday. Second place in their flight went to the team of James Beach and Jim Forkovitch.

The winning team in the second flight of the tournament, the St. Andrews flight, was Mike Mundell and Andrew Mundell, with 33 points. They also established a solid lead on Saturday, leading their flight by four points after 27 holes. They also

built their final lead to six and a half points on Sunday. Second place in St. Andrews went to the team of John Roeder and Tom Stafford who came in with 26 ½ points.

The third flight in the tournament was the Southern Hills flight. The winners in this flight were Alan Stewart and Derek Stewart. They built a virtually insurmountable six-point lead on Saturday and coasted home to a four and a half point final lead over the team of Mitchell Moon and Jason Moon. The Stewarts recorded 34 ½ points while the Moons accumulated 30.

In the fourth flight, labeled the Country Club flight, the winning team of Chris Farris and Patrick Farris ran away from the competition. They accumulated 23 out of a possible thirty points on Saturday. They won easily, by six points. Second place in the flight went to the team of Ted Moser and Rick Quintero.

The Quail Hollow, fifth flight, was the only one where the contest for flight champion went down to the wire. After Saturday's play, the team of L. David Sipe and Bob Weber was tied for last place in the flight. However, an impressive showing on Sunday vaulted them from last in the flight to first. They scored seven points in both ten-point matches on Sunday. With a total of fifty points in play the average score would be 25. In all the other flights,



Member-Guest winners Kyle and Don Gravitt with golf pro Mark Marshall.  
Photo by Duncan Nixon

the winning team recorded 32 ½ to 34 ½. The Quail Hollow flight was so closely contested that the winning score was 28. Second place in the flight went to the team of Gene Brady and Steve Kambourian. Flight winners and flight runners-up received trophies.

The Member-Guest tournament at the Lake Monticello golf course is always a friendly event with many teams consisting of family members, as can be seen from the successful teams noted above. Course conditions were excellent this year, and aside from the rain delay on Sunday morning the weather cooperated again.



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## Electrical contracting business wants to expand Supervisors wrestle with zoning/special use permit request

BY HEATHER MICHON  
CORRESPONDENT

A zoning request and special use permit for a new storage facility on Rt. 53 at Turkeysag Trail ran into difficulties at the Board of Supervisors meeting on Wednesday night (June 15), as complaints that arose during the public hearing convinced the supervisors to put a pause on the project.

Cory Johnston, who has owned an electrical contracting business in Fluvanna for the past several years, has been based out of a self-storage space near Lake Monticello. The desire for a more permanent home led him to purchase 6.4 acres of land next to the University of Virginia Community Credit Union on Rt. 53 and with the help of Shimp Engineering, develop a plan for his own self-storage facility and office space.

The Planning Commission approved his applications in May and passed it onto the Board of Supervisors for final approvals.

To move forward on the project, he needed supervisors to vote to rezone the property from A-1 (Agricultural) to B-1 (Business, General) and to approve a special use permit to allow him to construct the self-storage.

Only one of those items passed during the meeting.

During the public hearing, two partners in Gate Plaza LLC, which owns the properties on the far end of the Food Lion shopping area, both criticized the way in which the county had handled Johnston's application.

Cyndra Kerley said the county had failed to follow their own rules and regulations during the application process, hadn't notified her and her partners as required by law, and had also failed to respond to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request within the required five business days.

Based on what she felt were these multiple improprieties, she urged the supervisors to deny or defer approval.

Corven Flynn of Gate Plaza LLC amplified many of these points, saying the Planning Commission had rubber-stamped the project without considering the impact on the adjacent business owners. He was concerned the metal self-storage buildings would be visible from the Gate Plaza parking lot, which might drive down property values.

Flynn also maintained that Johnston wasn't being held to "Jeffersonian architectural design" like other businesses near Turkeysag.

County Attorney Fred Payne said the failure to meet the FOIA deadline was "quite simply an oversight."

He also pushed back on the issue of notification of the potential, saying that information on the project had been sent to the address of Gate Plaza LLC rather than Flynn and Kerley personally, which met the county's legal requirements.

County Administrator Eric Dahl and Director of Community Development Douglas Miles said they had examined records going back to 1980 and had found no requirements for "Jeffersonian" architectural designs in the development of the Turkeysag area. Payne added the county has never had an architectural review board and could only require certain designs within special use permits.

Johnston had stipulated in his design plan that the part of the business visible from Rt. 53 would be brick or stone-clad like several other businesses in the area.

Supervisors wrestled with how to proceed.

They first seemed poised to defer both the zoning and the permit, but then considered passing the zoning request and holding on the permit.

Before the vote on the zoning matter, Supervisor Tony O'Brien, who was participating in the meeting by speakerphone due to a family emergency, asked if zoning the property would require Johnston to be taxed as a business, even if he was later denied the right to go forward with the project.

Rezoning the parcel as a business could increase the tax value for the approximately \$200,000 purchase price to around \$1.2 million.

Johnston was asked if he was comfortable with going forward with the zoning request under the circumstances, and he agreed.

The motion for zoning passed by a vote of 4-0, with Supervisor Mike Sheridan (Columbia) absent for the evening.

"I want to be able to approve this, while I [also] want to seize the opportunity for two business owners to feel that they came out more whole in this process," said Supervisor Chris Fairchild (Cunningham). "I feel that stepping back for a few quick seconds gives some opportunity for a little negotiation."

Supervisors then voted 4-0 to defer the matter until the July 6 meeting. This gives Johnston three weeks to see if he can address his potential neighbors' concerns.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### Handbell/hand chime concert

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#### Veterans meet

Central Virginia Veterans (CVV) will have its monthly social gathering of fellow veterans and supporters on Saturday, **June 25**, at 8:30 a.m. at the Wahoo BBQ Bar & Grill near the Slice Road gate (Traffic light on Rt. 600) across from LM Rescue garage. Cost is \$12 per person. Guests welcome! Guest speaker is John McGuire, candidate for Republican primary.

#### Open show at Louisa Arts Center

The Louisa Arts Center's next show in the Purcell Gallery will be an open show titled "In Space and Time", featuring artists from Louisa and surrounding counties. The show will run through Friday, **July 15**. The gallery is currently open on Tuesday through Friday from 12-2 and by appointment at other times (contact box office to schedule an appointment).

#### H.U.G.S. meeting

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 Monday** 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!

#### Monthly hike

Bring the family and enjoy a Virginia Master Naturalist-led Monthly Hike on the **first Saturday of each month** at 10 a.m. Due to COVID restrictions, we will meet outside, masks required. Please register in advance: Eric Armentrout at 434-842-3150 or email [earmentrout@fluvannacounty.org](mailto:earmentrout@fluvannacounty.org) or go online at Programs ([recdesk.com](http://recdesk.com)) or just come and sign up!!



**FLUVANNA**  
County Calendar



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**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**Public Notice**

An enforcement action has been proposed for Fork Union Military Academy for violations at the Fork Union Military Academy STP in Fluvanna County. The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality proposes to issue a consent order with penalty and injunctive relief to Fork Union Military Academy to address noncompliance with State Water Control Law. A description of the proposed action is available at the DEQ office named below or online at [www.deq.virginia.gov](http://www.deq.virginia.gov). Eric Millard will accept comments by e-mail ([eric.millard@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:eric.millard@deq.virginia.gov)), fax (804-698-4178) or postal mail (DEQ, Valley Regional Office, 4411 Early Road, P.O. Box 3000, Harrisonburg, Virginia, 22801) from June 23 to July 23, 2022.



**James River Water Authority**



132 Main Street, P.O. Box 540, Palmyra, VA 22963

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

James River Water Authority intends to submit an application to the Department of Environmental Quality for modification of Virginia Water Protection Permit (VWP Permit) No. 14-0343 pursuant to 9VAC25-210. The VWP Permit was issued to the Authority in November 2015 and expires in November 2030. The VWP Permit is necessary to construct a water intake structure and associated infrastructure to withdraw water from the James River at a point between Columbia and Brems Bluff in Fluvanna County. Modification of the VWP Permit is necessary to move the proposed intake location approximately 1.7 miles upstream from the previously permitted location. The Authority will host a public information meeting at 9:00 am on July 13, 2022, at the Fluvanna County Public Library, 214 Commons Blvd, Palmyra, VA. On or before that date, interested persons may submit comments or questions to Kelly Belanger Harris by mail to JRWA, c/o County of Fluvanna, ATTN: Kelly Belanger Harris, PO Box 540, Palmyra, VA 22963. By email to [kharris@fluvannacounty.org](mailto:kharris@fluvannacounty.org); or by phone at (434) 591-1910. Any oral or written comments received by that date will be considered by the Authority in the development of the application.

**Notice of Public Sale**

**June 30, 2022 at 10:00 AM**

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**LocalStorage Fluvanna, 21 Burns Plz, Palmyra, VA 22963 on June 30, 2022 at 10:00 AM** will list storage units on the website **<http://www.StorageTreasures.com>** until sold or disposed of on **July 07, 2022 at 10:00 AM**.

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# Sharks back in action

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Mickey Comer, LMST swimmer of the week for June 15. Photo by Gladys Guzman

The Sharks of the Lake Monticello Swim Team (LMST) were back in action for the first swim meet of the 2022 season.

On Wednesday evening, June 15, the Sharks participated in an unscored meet against the Dolphins of Fry's Springs Beach Club. The Sharks had a strong showing and did extremely well during the meet. The meet was held at Fry's Springs pool, which is a 50 meter pool, twice the length of our home pool. This can be difficult for younger swimmers and new swimmers, but everyone really gave their full effort. Head Coach Fefe Nardone praised the team saying, "that 50 meter pool was tough but everyone stuck it out and swam great. Us coaches are extremely proud of our swimmers. We have been working hard these past two weeks making sure we do the little things right."

The meet kicked off with 200 meter medley relays, where four swimmers

swim 50 meters each with four different strokes - backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, and freestyle. The Sharks' relay teams all placed well in each race.

The team also competed in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, and butterfly; swimming various 25-, 50-, and 100-meter races. Swimmers closed out the meet, late into the night, with swimmers swimming 100-meter freestyle races.

This was the first time for many of the swimmers to experience swimming in a competitive meet, as well as being the first full length dual meet since summer of 2019. The coaching staff praised the diligence, dedication, and sportsmanship of the swimmers throughout the night. Coach Nardone shared, "We can't wait to see each of them improve throughout the season."

LMST has 171 amazing swimmers registered this season. Every week the

coaches will pick both a male and female "swimmer of the week" to be recognized. This is earned by swimmers who demonstrate hard work, dedication, improvement, and most importantly sportsmanship during the prior week. The first two swimmers of the week are: Mickey Comer and Teagan Brown. Congratulations to these swimmers.

All the LMST Shark families and coaches are looking forward to continuing with an exciting season schedule, which included an away meet against Farmington Country Club on Wednesday, June 22. Then LMST kicks off its first of three back-to-back home swim meets against Glenmore Country Club Tornadoes on June 29, Hollymead Hammerheads on July 6, and City of Charlottesville Swordfish on July 13. The Sharks close out the season with an away meet against Key West Killer Whales on July 20.

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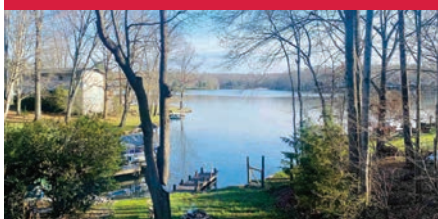


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