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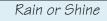
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Annual book sale at Library

Fluvanna County's Annual Book Sale at the Fluvanna library will begin on Oct. 6 and continue through Oct. 22. Oct. 6, 7, and 8, books are full price, Oct. 11 through 15, books are half price, and Oct. 17 through 22 books are \$5 for a bag. Please call the library with any questions at 434-589-1400.

Wesley's Chapel fundraiser

Wesley's Chapel UMC Oktoberfest fundraiser at 1807 Rolling Road, Scottsville, will be held Saturday, Oct. 22 from 3 to 7 p.m. There will be food, bake sale and baskets to bid on. Bring kids for a hay ride and face painting.

Class of 1970 reunion

Fluvanna County High School Class of 1970 will celebrate its 50+2 reunion with two events. There will be a tent and chairs at the football game on Friday, Oct. 14 for our class of 1970 attendees. The game start is 7 p.m. Contact Ruth Bielke by Oct. 7, if you will be attending (804-305-1694 or mbttmc@gmail.com.) On Oct. 15 there will be a dinner at the Palmyra Firehouse with registration at 5:30 p.m., RSVP by Oct. 1. Please contact Charlotte Glass (434-842-3783) for details.

NAACP meetings

The Fluvanna County NAACP is hosting the following virtual meeting: Nov. 15 - NAACP Virtual Branch Election. The membership meetings are at 7 p.m. Members can email: fluvannacountynaacp@gmail.com for the link to attend.

Veterans breakfast

Central Virginia Veterans hold their informal social gathering of fellow veterans and supporters from all eras to swap stories, meet with friends, make new ones or bring a friend on the last Saturday of this month, Oct. 29, for a "G.I. style breakfast and fellowship starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Wahoo BBQ Bar/Grill near the Lake Monticello Fire & Rescue bld. on Slice Gate Road. Cost is \$12 per person. Spouses welcome. Contact Paul Bethke at 434-510-7540 for information.

Beulah Baptist events

Come join us for an evening of Good Food and Fun! Beulah Baptist Church (1633 Kents Store Way Kents Store, VA) is holding our Annual Fall Festival and Trunk-or-Treat Monday Oct. 31 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Everything is Free! Inflatable Bounce Houses, Sno-Cones, Popcorn, Trunks full of candy, and other Food and Games. Call 434-589-2245 for more info.

Narcotics Anonymous

A weekly meeting of Narcotics Anonymous is held every Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m. at 840 Salem Church Road in Palmyra. We can recover from the disease of addiction. State Hotline #1-800-777-1515 https://piedmontvana.org

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

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Food Bank

Fluvanna MACAA Food Bank is located in the old Carysbrook High School. To get food from the food pantry bring a photo ID as proof of Fluvanna residency. Open: Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. To donate directly to the food bank call 434-842-2521 to find out which foods are most needed. Cash and food accepted.

Fluco field hockey loses to Louisa County 1-0

BY DUNCAN NIXON CORRESPONDENT



Fluco field hockey. Photo by Duncan Nixon

The Fluco field hockey team controlled play in both halves on Oct. 6, but couldn't find the net. The Louisa Lions managed a single goal midway through the first of four 15-minute periods and that was the end of the scoring. The Lions scored from a scramble in front of the net on a shot that deflected off one of the Fluco defenders, giving the Fluco's senior goalie Arianna Bugg no chance for a save.

The Flucos challenged with good scoring chances in the first and second quarters, but failed to get a shot past the Lions goalie so the score was 1-0 for Louisa at the half. In the third guarter, there was a lot of up and down action with the Flucos achieving a strong scoring chance early at 13:30, and late at 3:35 when the Lion's goalie was forced to make a kick save.

There were not a lot of good scoring op-

portunities in the final quarter. The defenses dominated, but both teams had short corner opportunities. Louisa's was stopped on a kick save, while Fluvanna's shot off the penalty was just wide. A short corner opportunity is awarded after a defensive penalty. A player on the attacking team plays the ball in from the end line about ten yards from the goal. The defensive team has the goalie and four defenders in position at the goal with all other defenders out past the center line. This allows a pass into an attacker for an uncontested shot at fairly full goal. A short corner is somewhat akin to a corner kick in soccer. So, as in soccer, where the team with the most corner kicks is thought to be the team dominating play, in field hockey the team with the most short corners is the team dominating play. The Flucos had three short corners to one for Louisa. Fluvanna's final short corner opportunity came with 5:10 left in the game. No further scoring opportunities could be generated, and the final was Louisa 1, Flucos 0.

After the game, Fluco coach Jennifer Payne noted that the Flucos had strong play from senior attacker Peyton Marshall and senior defender Taylor Peck. She also cited senior defender Abby Ford and sophomore attacker Anna Amato for good play.

The Fluco take on Monticello high on Oct. 13 and then play at Highland Springs and still have a chance to make it to post season play.

Letters to the Editor

Nov. 8 is a referendum on Biden

Dear hard-working and smart citizens of Fluvanna County, Let's remember what our country looked like before the Biden administration took over.

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School choice promoted.	Woke schools run by teacher unions.			
Strong, full capacity military.	Army recruiting down 25 percent.			
U.S. not involved in any wars.	Pathetic withdrawal from Afghanistan, 13 dead soldiers; undocumented			

"C'mon man," you know who you are going to vote for on Tuesday,

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billions to Ukraine.

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-Bonnie Mackey, Palmyra

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Fluvanna Leaders

The article on the Fluvanna Christian Service Society's annual Happy Face party in last week's *Fluvanna Review* should have said that they are also collecting children's winter coats size infant to 18 years of age. The email for volunteers is marykidd01@gmail.com.

Letters to the Editor

Dangerous stretch of road

I woke up at the start of this week to a post on our neighborhood Facebook page about a very bad car accident happening on S. Boston Road within 50 yards of the intersection at River Ridge Dr. this past Sunday evening. A couple weeks ago, I was leaving my home during "rush hour" for the first time since moving out here this past spring. I waited at River Ridge Dr. almost two minutes to make a left turn onto South Boston, a turn which neighbors have truly called an accident waiting to happen. I watched not one but two near-accidents happen right in front of us and in the aftermath of my shock, I have unmovably resolved to see that this stretch of road become a much safer thoroughfare for our community.

The next day after that experience, I called and spoke with County Administrator Mr. Dahl to discuss what could be done. He encouraged me to contact VDOT saying, "The squeaky wheel gets the grease." I decided to reach out via social media to the community. In posting on two different Facebook groups that represent over 3,000 locals, there was an overwhelming response of exasperation at the problem and gratitude that this issue is once more being addressed. Many contacted VDOT that week through the "Report a Road Problem" portal or by phone call. The timing was right, as the Board of Supervisors also resolved to have VDOT conduct a Roadway Safety Assessment of this stretch of road at its most recent meeting where I spoke during public comments to implore their earnest attention to this matter.

To all of us, it is an urgent matter of preserving life and wellbeing that is deserving of any and all resources of time and funding allotted to it. I want to thank our Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors, Administrator Eric Dahl, and Lake Monticello General Manager Tom Schauder for continuing to advocate for safer roadways in our county. I urge our leaders on behalf of the residents here to commit to zero excuses in making a total resolution of the infrastructure on our roads. There has been too much development down here and drivers are often too brazen or distracted in this generation for these roadways to continue functioning as they did decades ago.

-Rachel Ferrell, Palmyra

Will Fork Union ever have a grocery store?

In last week's issue, Supervisor Mozell Booker addressed a question that she and I have discussed several times recently: "Will Fork Union Village ever have a grocery store?" I'd like to further unpack this question, beginning with the issue of infrastructure. Currently, the VSI Country & Hardware Store (I love this place) occupies the building that has previously served as the Village's grocery store (most recently IGA). Thus, the Village currently has no existing infrastructure that is immediately ready to house a new grocery venture. So, any endeavor at this time would likely require the construction of a free-standing building.

Second, I believe we should ask ourselves why previous grocery ventures were not successful. I share Mrs. Booker's belief that these ventures were not sustainable because the community did not utilize these stores as their one-stop-shop. But why was that so? In my own experiences and conversations, I've come to find that IGA was not used as one-stop-shop because it did not adequately meet the needs of the community in terms of fresh, quality meat and produce. Thus, people in the community utilized other grocers as their one-stop-shop, delegating IGA to "convenience" status as Mrs. Booker aptly described. In summation, if our community is going to sustain a grocery store, I believe that store will need to be dedicated to adequately meeting the needs of the community, particularly in terms of meat and produce.

In her letter, Mrs. Booker mentioned the exploration of alternative options. Given the status of our infrastructure, I believe alternative options might provide the most immediate answer to the grocery question in Fork Union. One alternative option that I feel worth exploring is the Dollar General "DG Market" concept, which could potentially provide the community with an option to purchase fresh meat and produce within the Village.

In the meantime, I encourage members of the community to continue this conversation. In doing so, however, please continue to support the wonderful businesses that we do have in Fork Union, as it will be vital to the continued economic progress of our community.

-Mike Goad, planning commissioner, Fork Union District

Why should I vote for Democrats?

Trump's administration resulted in a strong military and a great economic condition for this great country. In less than two years Biden has given us an economy on the verge of recession, high gas prices, cultural turmoil and a revival of Iran's nuclear ambitions, drawing us closer to nuclear conflict.

I am looking for someone who can, very concisely, tell me which policies of the Democrat party would entice me to vote for a Democrat. Don't tell me how horrible Trump was. I want to know what Democrat party policies are so great. Go!

-Robert Harris, Palmyra

We deserve better

This is a response to Colonel Bethke's letter of 9/28 in the last issue of the Fluvanna Review.

Those excessive left-wing programs he mentions? One provides significant prescription drug savings to seniors, and major investments in clean energy. Fully paid for through taxes on large corporations – with funds left over to shrink the federal deficit by \$200 billion.

Then there's the multi-year infrastructure initiative, which will help finance long overdue improvements to Virginia's transportation network and water resources. Reminds me of landmark legislation, championed by GOP President Dwight D. Eisenhower, that led to the construction of our nationwide interstate highway system. This venture, among the costliest public works project in U.S. history, was subsidized by an increase in taxes on gas.

Based on Colonel Bethke's criteria, I guess that makes Ike an excessive left winger. Who knew?

Speaking of excessive. I don't recall Bob Good mentioning how he'd pay for all those classroom cameras he urged school districts to install to monitor what educators are teaching our children.

Yes, our Afghanistan withdrawal was ugly. Eerily similar to Viet Nam under Republicans Nixon and Ford. The real message here? Steer clear of endless wars with no exit strategy.

And the situation at the border is sad. The new expensive wall, which Good still supports, has obviously failed to solve the problem. And just think. That money could have been used to transport those violent, drug-dealing illegals to points north, like Martha's Vineyard.

As for Good - the ardent supporter of our military. The very day Colonel Bethke's letter appeared, bipartisan legislation was passed providing assistance to veterans suffering from food insecurity. Bob Good's vote? No. Why? Because a Democrat sponsored the bill? Even the Colonel might agree that earning the respect of your followers requires you to walk the talk – not just offer empty lip service.

I'm not about blindly supporting a particular party. But I do believe we need to question what our elected officials have accomplished for us. In Bob Good's case, it's not much. Colonel may be satisfied with the incumbent's empty rhetoric, toxic political alliances and divisive agenda. But common sense tells me we deserve better.

-John Deegan, Palmyra

Good is good

I'm amazed that an editorial letter titled "Vote for Compassion" that ran in the last issue of the *Fluvanna Review* could be filled with a cry that ordained minister Josh Throneburg is for killing babies and Bob Good is evil for wanting babies to live.

First of all, it's inconsistent for a Christian minister to even consider abortion, unless of course his ministry is false. It is written that Jesus did say that in the end there would be many false preachers using his name.

Secondly, I am amazed that a candidate for office would not put his party affiliation on his campaign posters. It would seem that Throneburg is hiding that he is a Democrat. What else is he hiding?

Bob Good has been good for us. He's done a great job considering Pelosi's agenda.

After Biden's election where much was hidden, how about a "Vote for Honesty". We don't deserve to be fooled again by a candidate. -Donald Polonis, Palmyra



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Willow Branch returns to Carysbrook

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD CORRESPONDENT



Robert and Gayle 1985.

After leaving the U.S. Navy in 1982, Robert Noble was playing with two bluegrass bands in Florida. He decided to form a band and made a few phone calls, asking around about available musicians in the area. He contacted three musicians, one of them being his future wife Gayle.

"Things clicked musically among the musicians at that initial practice, as well as personally for Robert and myself, and the band was officially born in 1983," said Gayle Noble.

Robert and Gayle have been married almost as long as Willow Branch has been together. Both are graduates of Fluvanna County High School, but the irony is they

never knew each other during their school years. His first encounter with Gayle was when he was seven and she was in her teens. He saw her play the banjo at a church revival and later told his father he wanted to "play the banjo like that girl at church." Fate brought them together at the formation of Willow Branch, and they have been together ever since.

Gayle admits her love of Bluegrass goes way back and is influenced by growing up on the family farm that had been around since the 1830s. The rural countryside and farming are steeped in the early culture and tradition of American music, and Bluegrass. It is incorporated into Gayle's soul and it is her inspiration for Bluegrass and her passion for music.

Gayle used to perform with her sisters, known as The Griffin Sisters. Like all budding musicians, most begin by learning piano. She then played clarinet in the Fork Union Elementary School Band and has played a variety of instruments, including saxophone, guitar, harmonica, banjo, and fiddle.

She says that first-generation music artists like Bill Monroe, Flatt & Scruggs, Reno & Smiley, and the Stanley Brothers have inspired members of Willow Branch.

"How they sang it, how they played it, and the stories their songs conveyed. There were also many artists to follow in the founder's footsteps that came before us. We admire their music as well and they too have served as an inspiration to us." Willow Branch does compose some original music. Their mandolin player Doug McDonald, a songwriter, has composed some songs they have performed over the years.

COVID was a sledgehammer to performers, shutting everyone down but it did not deter Willow Branch.

"We informed followers via our Facebook page and website that we weren't going to let COVID stop us and that we would be accepting bookings and performing in public again as soon as possible," said Gayle. "We did our best to constantly stay in touch with the public. We were fortunate to secure a couple of outdoor gigs in both 2020 and 2021. At these functions, we were isolated and kept a safe distance from others in attendance."

She added that "judging by our busy fall schedule, it's clear that people are ready to celebrate. It's great to see folks having a good time together, and enjoying music and each other's company. We've had good attendance at recent performances, so it seems that things are on the right track."

Willow Branch has performed at Carysbrook Performing Arts Center on many occasions, mostly in the theater on stage. Yet, when the Fluvanna County Arts Council was in the process of raising funds for the renovation of the Arts Center, Willow Branch donated their time and talent on at least three occasions to help raise money for this effort. All three occasions were Bluegrass music concerts that included other bands as well, two of which were indoors at the Central Elementary School Auditorium in 1995 and 1996. The other concert was held outdoors on the Carysbrook softball outfield in 1997.

They will return to Carysbrook on Oct. 22, at 7 p.m. for the 2022-23 season; the first

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planned season of shows since COVID shut the doors.

"God has blessed us with almost 40 years of traveling the highways with some wonderful musicians to perform our music

across the country. We hope he will allow us to continue for many more," she said.

For more information about Willow Branch, visit www.willowbranchbluegrass. com. For tickets for their upcoming per-

Gayle in high school on the Carysbrook stage. Submitted photo

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Virginia's fall color change begins at the highest elevations of Southwest Virginia and the Alleghenies in late September and proceeds downslope and eastward through October. In early November, Virginia's fall foliage show wraps up near the coast.

"Virginia's abundant hardwood forests provide weeks of beautiful foliage viewing this time of year," said State Forester Rob Farrell. "The local roads that make up the fall foliage tour were suggested by long-time forestry staff for consistent, beautiful autumn scenery year after year."

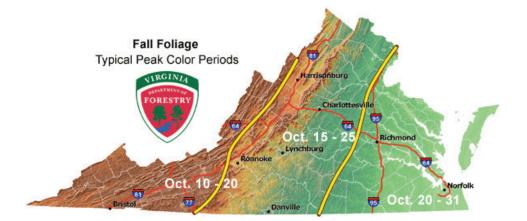
While it can be difficult to predict the exact timing of fall color change and intensity, in general, ample summer rain followed by fall's bright sunny days and cool clear nights produce the most vibrant foliage. Healthier trees usually give the best show, while stressed or diseased trees often go straight to brown.

For weekly updates on Virginia's color progression, follow VDOF's social media pages (links below) or visit VDOF's website at https://dof.virginia.gov/education-and-recreation/fall-foliage-in-virginia/. For more info on the best places to see fall foliage, visit the Virginia Department of Tourism's fall page at https:// www.virginia.org/plan-your-trip/seasons-and-climate/fall/.



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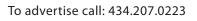


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Local Democrats gather for 6th annual crab fest

BY HEATHER MICHON CORRESPONDENT

Around 200 people gathered at Pleasant Grove Park on Saturday (Oct. 8) to eat Chesapeake Bay Blue Crab and talk Democratic politics at the 6th Annual Justice Jamboree Crab Fest.

"This may be the most progressives that have ever been together in Fluvanna County," joked Lefty Lunch Ladies founder Susan Wolff.

Organized and hosted by the Lefty Lunch Ladies, the Fluvanna Democrats, and Fluvanna Leaders for Race and Diversity, Crab Fest is an opportunity for local Democrats to meet the candidates ahead of upcoming elections.

This year, there is only one race on the ballot in Fluvanna: incumbent Congressman Bob Good (R-5th District) and his Democratic opponent, Josh Throneburg.

Throneburg, an ordained minister and small business owner living in Charlottesville, won the nomination by default in April after two opponents failed to collect enough signatures to qualify for the June primary.

He has been campaigning aggressively



across the district since the spring, hoping to become the 5th District's first Democrat in Congress since Tom Perriello served a single term from 2008 to 2010.

With redistricting completed earlier this year, the 5th District looks very different that it did when Representative Good defeated Democratic candidate Cameron Webb in 2020.

The new map is anchored in Central Virginia, gaining the City of Lynchburg, and the counties of Louisa, Amherst, Powhatan, Goochland, Nottaway, Amelia, and part of Hanover, while losing the counties of Brunswick, Fauquier, Franklin, Greene, Henry, Madison, and Rappahannock.

State Senator Jennifer McClellan (D-9th District) told the crowd she is as tired as everyone else over having to fight to hold on to rights that had seemed secure, but urged them to dig in to "turn Fluvanna blue" for Throneburg.

"We need a congressman who understands that investing in expanding broadband is not socialism, it is economic development, it is investing in our children," she said. "We need a congressman who will say yes to helping his community and his country. We need a congressman who is compassionate and has common sense. I mean, that's the bare minimum we deserve, right? And with your help, we can get it."

In introducing Throneburg, Fluvanna Democrats co-chair James Schoenster said "every time you have a conversation with him, you feel like you're part of the family. He brings comfort and understanding to every single conversation."

Throneburg spoke for about ten minutes, focusing primarily on the importance of getting out the vote. "It is, in most of our municipalities, just 'Josh versus Bob.' That's it. There is no president to drive people out to vote for him. There is no senator to drive people out to vote for him. He has to drive people out to vote for him."

He praised Fluvanna for a high rate of early voting and encouraged more to do the same. "Once you have voted, you got nothing to worry about regarding this election except getting other people to vote."

Another reason to vote early? "If you vote on Monday, and you die on Tuesday," he quipped, "your vote counts. You could be long buried and still make a difference in this county."

"I started this because I have young daughters. I looked at their future and I thought: we got to do something different," he said. "Whether it's this planet, whether it's this democracy, whether it's being a woman or a woman of color, we have to move things into a new trajectory if my kids and kids like them are going to have a fair shot at a future."

Bob Good, he said, has become "a threat" to people in his district, including women, veterans, members of the LBGTQ community, even farmers who needed a stable climate for their crops.

"He has become a threat and he has accomplished nothing."

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At an event in Louisa County earlier in the day, Throneburg said he had a conversation with a Republican voter who had first not wanted to talk with him because they would never vote for him. "I said that's fine. And we started chatting and we got going and by the end, the woman looked at me and said, 'If you do win, just unite us. Someone just bring us together, because we're so tired of it.""

The audience also heard from candidates Kellen Squire and Amy Laufer, who will be running for office in 2023, and from former congressional candidate Cameron Webb, who is currently serving in the Biden Administration as a senior advisor on the COVID-19 Response Team.

Lefty Lunch Lady member Kathy Swenson Miller said the event takes a large group of volunteers about two months to plan and prepare. This was the first time Crab Fest has been held in-person since 2019, with 2020 and 2021 combining meal pickup at Pleasant Grove followed by a virtual meeting via Zoom.





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Hurricane Ian leaves positive impression on Virginia farmland

PRESS RELEASE

Rarely does good news follow a hurricane. But, in the instance of Hurricane lan, Virginia farmers said the storm brought beneficial weather for drought-stressed field crops, hay and pastureland.

Hurricane Ian, the first named storm of the 2022 Atlantic hurricane season to impact Virginia, passed through the state Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. The storm produced at least 3¹/₂ inches of rain in some Virginia localities, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's crop report for the week ending Oct. 2.

The report also revealed that soil moisture levels increased dramatically after lan's arrival. During the week ending Sept. 25, there was a 32 percent moisture shortage in Virginia's topsoil and a 27 percent shortage in subsoil.

During the week ending Oct. 2, the moisture shortage in topsoil dipped to

8 percent, while subsoil lowered to 22 percent. In all, the moisture of Virginia's topsoil now stands at 91 percent adequate or better, and subsoil is 77 percent adequate or better.

"I hate to use the term 'welcome sight,' but (Hurricane Ian) was a welcome sight," said Augusta County hay, cattle and poultry producer Matt Hickey.

"It was getting pretty dry up here, and we desperately needed the rain," added Hickey, who serves on the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Poultry Advisory Committee. "Now that I have some moisture in the ground, it's a good time to get some cover crops planted too."

Fellow Augusta County farmer Brad Dunsmore noted that Hurricane lan was "uneventful," and that during the storm rain fell slowly and steadily with little wind. He also said he hadn't noticed any discernable flood or wind damage to his farm or others nearby.

Although the Oct. 2 NASS crop report indicated pastureland was deteriorating statewide, Dunsmore and Hickey agreed the rain from the storm improved conditions locally.

"In our general area, most people got anything from about 1½ to 3 inches of rain," Dunsmore said. "Our ground soaked it all up, and it was a great rain for us. It's been a great boost."

Roanoke, which along with Lynchburg, is the only NASS-tracked locality that has seen above-average rainfall for the year. It experienced just over three inches of rain from the storm. Jeannie Dudding, who raises beef cattle and hay in nearby Craig County, observed that the hurricane's impact was negligible.

Mike Parrish, a Virginia Cooperative Ex-

tension agent in Dinwiddie County, said the influx of moisture affected the county's cotton and peanut crops, but the disturbance was minimal.

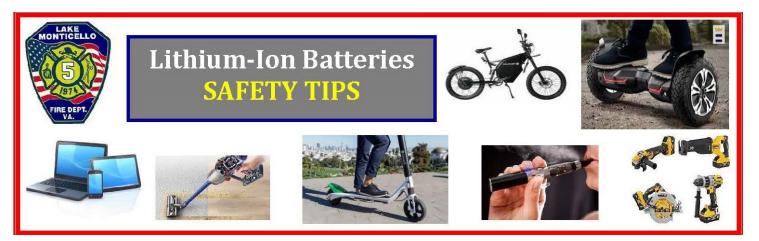
Following Hurricane lan, Virginia's cotton crop stands at 78 percent good-to-excellent condition and 99 percent fair-or-better condition, and the state's peanut crop is 71 percent good-to-excellent and 99 percent is fairor-better.

"We hate to talk about storms being a benefit," Parrish said. "But, when you get into a drought like many of us did, people really were looking for a tropical storm to just barely come through and throw some rain our way.

"We'll take what we got. We definitely benefited from the moisture."

Be cautious when handling lithium-ion batteries, fire chief warns

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Stories have circulated nationwide of fires started by lithium-ion batteries and our area has not escaped this growing issue, according to Lake Monticello Fire Chief Richie Constantino.

"We had a local fire started by a hoverboard and another by an electronic game system," the chief said. While neither of those resulted in fatalities, he said that nationally many of these fires had fatal consequences and caused severe damage to structures.

"So far this year alone the New York City Fire Department has responded to over 105 structure fires caused by lithium-ion batteries where six people have been killed—including children—and 60 more have been injured," Constantino said.

Lithium-lon batteries are used in many devices, including cell phones, laptops, tablets, E-bikes, electric cars, scooters, hoverboards, cameras, vehicles and cordless power tools. Lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy and can pose a threat if not treated properly, the chief said.

"Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective," the chief said. "They can fail unexpectedly and violently overheat, catch fire, or explode. They can also emit toxic fumes which can cause health and safety risks."

Constantino said that statistics have shown that the E-bike and other mobility devices are the source of "many of these serious structure fires and losses of life." He said these incidents have occurred in private dwellings, apartments and commercial establishments, often because of the following errors:

- Batteries were overcharged, or charged with improper and/or "after-market" charging units.
- Charged too close to flammable materials and not in well-ventilated areas.
- Devices were stored, charging and burning in areas of egress, thereby blocking residents escape paths.
- Charging was being done during nighttime hours while residents were sleeping and unaware of the dangers and changing conditions.
- Do not charge indoors, if possible.

"When in doubt, call 9-1-1 for a fire department response," said Chief Constantino, reminding Lake Monticello residents to call 9-1-1 and not the main gate or the fire department. "Dialing the wrong place can cost precious time," he added.

Constantino said the Lake Monticello Fire Department offers the following additional safety tips for the proper use and charging of devices equipped with lithium-ion batteries:

- When purchasing devices powered by these batteries, be sure the equipment has the Underwriters Laboratories Mark. The UL mark shows that the product has been safety tested.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions in its entirety for use, charging and storage.
- Educate and supervise your children on the use of these devices.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or couch or too close to combustibles.
- Always use the manufacturer's cord and power adapter made specifically for the device. Do not use after-market cords and chargers from other devices.
- Keep batteries/devices at room temperature. Do not place in direct sunlight and store batteries away from

anything flammable.

- Do not attempt to repair broken or defective chargers.
- If a battery overheats or you notice an odor, change in shape/color, leaking, or odd noises from a device, discontinue use immediately. If safe to do so, unplug and move the device away from anything that can catch fire and call 9-1-1, even if you are unsure there is any danger.
- Damage to their casing, or the cells inside, these batteries can fail quickly and violently.
- If possible, remove the devices from the residence.
- Do not touch batteries with bare hands. If possible, use a wooden/fiberglass handled shovel to remove the structure being careful not to drop the device on flammable furnishings.
- Be careful of extreme heat and off gassing.
- Even if you believe the fire is out, these batteries pose an unexpected and rapid re-ignition threat for minutes, hours or even days after extinguishment with stunning speed and intensity.
- Placing lithium-ion batteries in the trash or recycling is illegal.
- Recycle batteries by taking them to Fluvanna County Solid Waste and Recycling Center (land-fill) located at 11206 West River Road (Rt. 6), Fork Union. Check its website for hours of operation.
- Individually bag or tape ends of batteries before disposing. When batteries are stored together, the positive and negative terminals can come into contact with each other, causing a short circuit and can cause fires.



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Water plan a quantum leap for county, supervisor says

BY HEATHER MICHON CORRESPONDENT

The Board of Supervisors accepted an updated set of county ordinances for water and wastewater after a public hearing at their meeting on Wednesday (Oct. 5).

Fluvanna has three municipal water systems: Fork Union Sanitary District (FUSD), a small system in Palmyra Village, and the new Zion Crossroads system (ZXR), which will soon be in operation. The new ordinance brings the county up to date with new Virginia administrative codes, adopts new technical documents, and sets standard rates for all three systems.

Lake Monticello and surrounding communities are served by Aqua America, a private utility with its own operations and fee schedules.

Rather than set different fees for ZXR, FUSD, and Palmyra, County Administrator Eric Dahl said, "we're making one consistent countywide rate."

The base rate for usage on all three systems is \$11.22 for water and \$17.65 for wastewater to a maximum of 2,000 gallons of usage per month, with additional water charges for usage over 2,000 gallons. Dahl said this was the current rate for FUSD and Palmyra customers.

Establishing a new connection to ZXR or other systems will start at \$17,000 for a standard ³/₄ connection. Larger diameter connections geared towards businesses and larger developments will cost more, with a 1-inch connection price at \$34,000 and a 4-inch connection coming in at \$544,000.

These hookup prices are higher than in surrounding counties like Louisa and Goochland, but Dahl said there were factors in both counties that kept their prices lower. The Louisa Water Authority receives operational subsidies from the county, and some residents in Goochland pay a higher rate to support their countywide system.

Dahl pointed out that development at Zion Crossroads was going to focus primarily on business and light industry, and the expense of connecting to the water system was unlikely to be a deal-breaker for prospective business customers. Once connected, base rates are competitive with area counties.

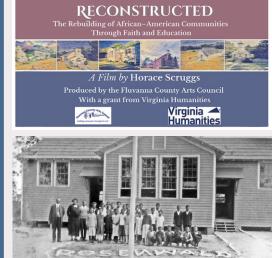
The 35-year plan

Richard Kincheloe of Dewberry Associates gave a presentation on his assess-

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SANDRA F. CARROLL,

Defendant.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce a vinculo matrimonii from defendant. It is ORDERED that the Defendant appear at the above-named court and protect her interests on or before December 2, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

> ENTER: Judge Richard E. Moore DATE: 9/30/2022

I ASK FOR THIS: Bruce K. Tyler P.O. Box 2, Afton, VA 22920

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF FLUVANNA

REBEKAH KILE LYNCH, Plaintiff, CL22000583-00

BRYAN O'DELL LYNCH, Defendant.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is for the Plaintiff to obtain a no-fault divorce against the Defendant pursuant to §20-92(A)(9)(a) of the Code of Virginia (1950 as amended).

It is ORDERED that the Defendant appear at the above-named court and protect his interests on or before December 2, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. It is further ORDERED that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in the Fluvanna Review who shall publish this Order of Publication for the time specified and shall send the Certificate of Publication and the bill to Anthony D. Martin, Esq. at 414 E. Market Street, Suite A., Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

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PUBLIC HEARING Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors Wednesday, October 19 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-1427, a Public Hearing will be held in the Carysbrook Performing Arts Center, at 8880 James Madison Highway, Fork Union, Virginia for citizens of the County to have the opportunity to appear before and be heard by the Board of Supervisors for the following item:

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 15.1 OF THE FLUVANNA COUNTY CODE AND TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 15.2 IN ITS PLACE TO REGULATE EXCESSIVE NOISE AND ACTIVITIES RELATED THERETO AND TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

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ment of county water systems and where they needed to go over the next 35 years. The study gave recommendations for where the county might need to make improvements over that period, from building in new redundancies to extending service lines.

They also see the need for a central water treatment plant, ideally located somewhere near the new Fork Union Business Park on Rt. 15. Water could be pumped from the James River for use by the FUSD system. He and Dahl stressed that this didn't need to be done immediately, but would help improve capacity over time.

All three systems currently have limits on the amount of water they can provide. Once operational, the ZXR system will initially only be able to provide 75,000 gallons per day. Once the James River Water Project is completed, they have an agreement with the Louisa Water Authority that would allow them 400,000 gallons per day.

Kincheloe said their models showed that the rate structure under consideration would allow the three systems to operate without additional capital funds from the county for emergencies or replacement of aging equipment during this 35-year period.

Quantum leap

Supervisors had to vote on several different motions. The current Chapter 21 of the county ordinances was to be repealed in its entirety, and replaced with a new Chapter 21 containing updated language and amendments. County Attorney Fred Payne said the original chapter was so outdated and so comparatively limited in scope that it was cleaner to repeal it than to simply try to add new language. A third motion adopted the new Utility Master Plan.

The votes marked the culmination of years of work by the supervisors and county staff. Modernizing and expanding Fluvanna's water infrastructure, particularly at Zion Crossroads, is seen as critical to the county's future economic growth.

Supervisor Tony O'Brien (Rivanna) said the issue was one of the things that had led him to run for the board in the first place. "This is a quantum leap for Fluvanna," he said.

Supervisor Mozell Booker (Fork Union) said this new package was a long time coming. "It's a privilege for me to be sitting here to see this," she said. "It's finally going to happen."

All three motions passed by a vote of 5-0.

Artist/artisan studio tour set for Oct. 15

20 artists – 10 locations

PRESS RELEASE

The ARTS of Fluvanna County has designed a self-guided artist/artisan studio tour to bring artists and patrons together, featuring juried artists living and working in Fluvanna County. A total of 20 artists will exhibit at ten locations throughout the county. Visitors can enjoy a day visiting with artists in their studios, learning more about the creative process, and purchasing directly from artists.

The Studio Tour is the first of its kind in

Fluvanna County, home to a large number of artists working in a wide variety of media, a fact not known to many. The tour will bring awareness, expand cultural knowledge, and connect patrons directly to artists- helping small businesses build success. Check the www.artsfluvannacounty.com website to learn about the artist/artisans participating and to plan your visit on Saturday, Oct 15. (Map available on website.)



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Turkey prices double as Thanksgiving approaches

PRESS RELEASE

While there are enough turkeys to meet Thanksgiving demand this year, consumers can expect to pay more than double for their holiday bird.

Inflation and avian influenza outbreaks are contributing to the price hikes, according to American Farm Bureau Federation economists. The retail price for fresh boneless, skinless turkey breast reached a record high of \$6.70 per pound in September, 112 percent higher than the same time in 2021 when prices were \$3.16 per pound. The previous record-high price was \$5.88 per pound in November 2015, during that year's highly pathogenic avian flu outbreak.

Retail food prices in general were 11.4 percent higher this August compared to the same time last year.

"All of us are feeling the pain of higher prices at the grocery store," said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. "HPAI outbreaks in the spring and an uptick in cases in the fall are taking a toll, but farmers remain dedicated to ensuring America's food supply remains strong."

A cost hike for feed, fuel and fertilizer makes raising turkeys more expensive. Record-high production costs increased by 17.8 percent from 2021.

Louisa County farmer Casey Hoback raises upward of 47,000 turkeys annually at Hoback Farms LLC. While his flocks have remained healthy, supply disruptions associated with HPAI still affect his operational costs.

"It has knocked out a lot of breeder flocks, so egg production is greatly reduced," Hoback explained. "Supply is quickly drying up in spots, and there's not an overnight replacement. It takes months of growing time."

HPAI is resurging in the U.S. this fall due to waterfowl migration, added Tony Banks, senior assistant director of agriculture, development and innovation for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation. And turkey production was already down over 13 percent from pre-pandemic levels in September, further straining supply, he explained.

"Turkey processing weights also are down as companies process birds at lighter weights to avoid potential flock losses to HPAI; however, these lighter birds, at 7 percent smaller than in September 2021, also limit supplies."

Inflation just exacerbates those challenges. "Fuel is a huge driver of cost increase," Hoback continued. "Petroleum is a building block of commercial fertilizer that goes into making feed, which drives up raw feed costs. The cost of fuel also affects the cost of hauling turkeys and feed."

Despite the record high prices, Americans aren't expected to go cold turkey this year.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates per capita turkey consumption is forecast to increase 7.7 percent heading into 2023. Consumers may be seeking turkey as a price-conscious alternative to other meats, which also have increased in price due to a combination of COVID-related supply chain issues and inflation.

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NEWS FROM YOUR LAKE MONTICELLO NEIGHBORS

"Monti Puts a Smile On Your Face"

Meet Keelin Donohue, a 14-year-old Lake Monticello resident who used a phone app to create the Lake's very own mascot. "I'm so excited the community chose my Monti – a sweet, playful lake monster that puts a smile on people's faces!"

Creating Monti isn't Keelin's first creative endeavor. "I am self-taught, and I have always liked to design and draw cute cartoon characters for my sisters, Mae and Gracie," the teen shares. "I want to continue to explore artwork throughout high school and college and design animated characters for movies and shows."

So, when Keelin's mother saw that the Lake Monticello Owners' Association (LMOA) was holding a mascot design contest, she knew it was perfect for her daughter. "I am so happy to see more family-friendly initiatives at the Lake recently like Community Safety Day and Fall Fest," says Keelin's mom, Angela. "When I showed Keelin the email announcing the contest, she went straight to drawing sketches with pencil on paper."

"At first," Keelin recalls, "Monti had teeth, but it looked too scary. Then I thought Monti needed something on his head. Gracie came home with a newspaper hat she made at school, and it was perfect for Monti's head! Monti is also playful," she continues. "That's why it is balancing the sailboat from the LMOA logo on its tail."

In the final phase, Keelin used a free app on her smartphone called IBIS Paint X to complete her concept. "I could already envision my Monti on t-shirts and cards," she shares, "I wanted it to look as clean and neat as

possible. I took a picture of my final sketch and transferred it to the app where I could get the colors and shading just right."

In addition to a gift certificate and art supplies, Keelin wins a place in Lake Monticello's history books as the creator of a mascot that will warm peoples' hearts for generations to come. "That's a wonderful thought," she concludes. "I want to thank everyone for voting. I hope Monti makes you happy!"





Our Maintenance Department is looking for talented men and women with essential maintenance and /or mechanic skills. If you have experience or training in these areas, then check out what our Maintenance Department has to offer by emailing Rebecca Mathews at rmathews@lmoa.org. She is happy to meet you and find out where you fit in. Come join our team!

Notice of Sale

This is a notification that the Lake Monticello Owners' Association (LMOA) is selling Lot 170 in Section 1 of the Lake Monticello gated community. The lot known by street number 839 Jefferson Drive is described below:

- unimproved
- includes utilities (water, sewage, power)
- conveniently located near the Main Gate
- within walking distance of a playground, clubhouse, racquetball and basketball courts, and the Main Beach of Lake Monticello
- has mature trees at the property's edge

Parties interested in purchasing the lot at 839 Jefferson Drive must fill out and sign a Bid to Purchase Form, available through the LMOA Communications Director Marieke Henry at mhenry@lmoa.org. LMOA will accept the highest cash offer received that is at or above \$35,000.

Background: The house on said property was abandoned, considered unsaleable, and an eyesore to the community for many years. LMOA purchased the property, demolished the unsalvageable home, and cleared the lot. The purchase and sale of the said property are in the best interest of the community, in accordance with LMOA bylaws, and do not require a membership vote. Offers are welcome from anyone; however, offers from LMOA Members who are not in good standing with LMOA will be rejected. Questions can be directed to Tom Schauder at tschauder@Imoa.org.





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