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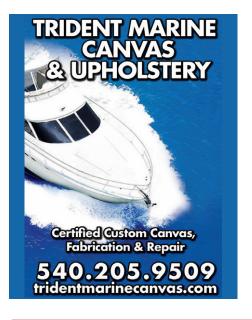
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James River Water Project holds groundbreaking

A celebration more than 20 years in the making

BY HEATHER MICHON **CORRESPONDENT**

On Wednesday (Aug. 14), officials and staff from Fluvanna and Louisa counties, along with representatives and staff from Faulconer Construction, gathered on a hillside near Columbia to hold the official groundbreaking ceremony for the James River Water Project.

Moving water from the James River to more water-challenged parts of both counties was a dream that began in the late 1990s and early 2000s. The James River Water Authority (JRWA) was established in 2006 as a joint effort between Fluvanna and Louisa to make that dream

But it turned out to be no easy task.

Along with the usual difficulties accompanying any public works project, JRWA faced an unexpected roadblock when an archaeological dig at the original site planned for the water intake and pumping station uncovered Native American artifacts that the Monacan Indian Nation believes identified that site as their historic capital settlement of Rassawek.

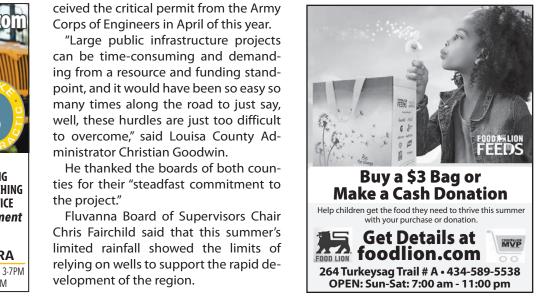
After many months of pressure from the Monacan tribe and historic preservation groups, JRWA eventually agreed to move the intake to a new site about a mile upstream and began the permitting process over again. They finally re-Corps of Engineers in April of this year.

"As our counties grow, more water will be needed - eventually, millions of gallons per day," he said. "The James River can safely and sustainably accommodate the withdrawal we need to meet the anticipated demands, even during the lowest flows."

While Wednesday marked a major milestone for the project, it will likely be another two years before water starts making the journey to Zion Crossroads and beyond.

Crews must first construct a gravity-fed intake pipe, a pumping station, and four miles of pipeline to carry the raw water from the James to a water treatment plant near Ferncliff.

Once up and running, Fluvanna County Administrator Eric Dahl said the initial permit allows the JRWA to withdraw 8.57 million gallons per day (gpd). The total cost of the project will be about \$56 million, split equally between the two jurisdictions.



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by Margie E. Burke

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- 1 Calcutta attire
- 5 Single-celled organism (var.)
- 10 Booze it up
- 14 Washerful
- 15 Poe's bird
- 16 Like some columns
- 17 Hard to follow
- 19 Lima's locale
- 20 Sunburn
- aftermath 21 Lego line with
- gears
- 23 Over
- 25 Oscar-winning Berry
- 26 "The Bell Jar" writer
- 29 Fertilizer chemical
- 32 RCA or EMI
- 33 More than dislike
- 34 Schedule abbr.
- 37 In general 39 Nuclear plant
- feature
- 41 Card game for two
- 42 Static
- 44 Palm an ace, say
- 45 Bureaucratic tangle
- 47 Fruity desserts
- 48 Yucca's kin
- 50 Colorado ski resort
- 52 Took in, in a wav
- 55 Pipe type
- 59 April forecast
- 60 Young lady, in Lyon
- 62 Cavern, to a poet
- 63 They may be stripped
- 64 Hangout
- **65** Coop group
- 66 Banquet host

67 Parking place

DOWN

- 1 Yacht spot
- 2 Best of the best
- 3 Preakness, for one
- 4 Worshiper of a statue
- 5 Sports facility
- 6 Reader's notes 7 Arden or Plumb
- 8 Like a kneeler's knee
- 9 Neat anagram
- 10 Astaire headwear
- 11 Post for all to read
- 12 Grave danger
- 13 Draw forth
- 18 Toyota model
- **22** People in a novel
- 24 Pen point
- 26 Farm implement
- 27 Volcano output 28 Irregularity

30 Sixty, in old times

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- v. Wade
- 36 Sciences'
- 38 Piece of land

- 40 ABC and ESPN
- pampered
- 46 Doings

- **35** Dinghy or dory
- partner
- 43 Place to be
- 48 Frustrated cry 49 Driving hazard
- 51 Model's asset
- 53 Chrome
- competitor

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- 54 Judge
- 56 Thunder sound
- 57 This and that
- 58 "Sesame Street" regular
- 61 Apple product

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Letters to the Editor

Struggling with Aqua

I have never been one to vent my frustrations in a forum such as this but I want to share my recent, and as of the time of this letter, ongoing struggle with Aqua. We have a minor plumbing issue I'm trying to resolve and need to know the water pressure in our area. I called Agua assuming they would have some record regarding pressure in various parts of the Lake. I was told they would have to send someone to our house to check and it would take seven to 10 business days. That seemed like a long time to me but I didn't press the issue. I called back on day 10 and nothing had been done. I was told to give it another day. Called back on day 12 and on day 15 and still nothing had been scheduled. It was a Friday and the customer service rep said he would investigate and call me on Monday. Never received a call. Called that Thursday and still no answers but was assured they would elevate to a high priority. Well, I'm still waiting and it's been over 20 business days. I work for a neighboring public water utility and a request such as mine would have been answered at the time of the call by engineering staff or if a site visit was necessary, it would have been done the same day or the following day. With the rates we pay for water and sewer, you would think Aqua would at least try harder to provide good customer service. Very disappointing.

-Kenny Barrow, Palmyra

Well spent tax dollars





I am a member of the Fluvanna Master Gardeners, and I volunteer at the Senior Garden located at the Community Center in Fork Union. This garden was created and is maintained by Rick Hernandez and his group from the Virginia Tech Cooperative Extension, When I first went to volunteer there, I noticed that sections of the sidewalk were in terrible disrepair and entering the garden was a hazard to the seniors. I contacted the Fluvanna Board of Supervisors Fork Union representative Mike Goad and asked who to contact to fix the sidewalk. It took several months of him working with the county to have new cement put in to replace the damaged sections. I want to thank Eric Dahl, Fluvanna County administrator and Dale Critzer, the assistant director for public works for making it happen! This is how I like to see my taxpayer dollars spent!

-Pat Robinette, Palmyra

Fluco golf team is trying to deal with graduation of top four players

BY DUNCAN NIXON CORRESPONDENT



Photo by Duncan Nixon

The golf teams of the schools of the Jefferson District met for an eight-team tournament over the Birdwood course at Boers Head on Aug. 15. Interestingly, high school golf is now a decidedly co-ed sport. Not only did every team have at least one female golfer, over half of the schools had a female golfer in their number one slot. The male competitors played from the Birdwood course black tees which make the course 6,030 yards. The female golfers played from a blended set of tees. The Virginia High School League (VHSL), which oversees all high school sports in the Commonwealth, requires that the female golfers play a course distance that is 85 percent of the male golfers' distance, so a mix of tees is required to meet this requirement.

The Birdwood course is the home course for the University of Virginia golf team. It was recently redesigned by famous tour pro Davis Love III and his team. The Cavalier tees (i.e. the pro tees) make the course a daunting 7,116 yards in length.

The Fluco team under the tutelage of Coach Wiley House is completely reconstituted this season, as the top four players from 2023 have all moved on. This Fluco squad was not experienced enough to compete with some of the other Jefferson District teams, several of which had multiple golfers scoring in the 70s. Each team enters six golfers and the top four finishers for each team count toward the team score.

Scoring is on the gross score with no handicaps involved.

Christian Wood, a junior, had the best score for the Flucos. He shot 102. Next came freshman Noah Bilderback with a 106. He was closely followed by another freshman, Desmond Sadler with a 107. Sophomore Blair Marshall shot 108. Also competing for the Flucos were Ayden Spitzer and Jacob DeVane.

House said that he has 13 golfers on his squad and that it is an extremely young contingent. That's obviously an accurate description, as three of the top four scorers were in their first or second year of high school. He describes his players as very committed and highly coachable.

The high school golf season is very short due to the early end of daylight savings time. The Flucos hosted a rescheduled tournament on Aug.19 and then hosted a three team match on Aug. 20 with Charlottesville High and Chancellor High visiting. On Aug. 22 they were scheduled to travel to Western Albemarle High which plays on the Old Trail course in Crozet. On Aug. 28 and 29 they will be hosting matches on the Lake Monticello course. Another Jefferson District tournament is scheduled for Sept. 23 and that will end the season. On that date, the Fluco volleyball, field hockey and football team seasons are approximately half over.







Sheriff talks policing and fraud

BY HEATHER MICHON CORRESPONDENT

Sheriff Eric Hess held an informal meeting with Village Oaks residents on Thursday evening (Aug.) to discuss local policing.

One thing to prepare for: much more traffic.

With hundreds of new homes under construction at Colonial Circle at Lake Monticello Road and Rt. 53, "we're going to have a lot of new neighbors," he said.

Combined with new business developments under consideration on Lake Monticello Road and Rt. 600 and a nearly yearlong construction project to install turn lanes slated for late 2026, Village Oaks residents will see a lot more cars on the road.

All this new growth "definitely will affect us, it'll affect fire, it'll affect rescue," he said.

He and his staff are assessing their staffing needs for the next budget year and beyond. Hess currently has 41 deputies and a total staff of 65.

Captain Aaron Hurd said most of the deputies live in the county, and the department encourages them to take advantage of that when possible, be it by taking an hour to have dinner with their families or putting their kids to bed.

It's a good quality of life perk in a job that requires many weekend and holiday hours.

But for most of their working hours, "we expect them to be out and about," said Hurd.

He said the main crimes in Fluvanna

County are domestic violence calls, crimes against children, and fraud.

Fraud is "rampant, and it's easy."

"If you didn't enter the contest, you didn't win a prize," he said of one of the more common scams in circulation.

Other scams prey on people's vulnerabilities. Often, it's a call saying that a grandchild had been arrested in Mexico and needs money to post bond. Or that someone has missed a jury duty notice and now needs to pay a "fine."

In most cases, these kinds of scams demand payment in the form of gift cards.

"You don't get out of jail using gift cards," said Hurd.

While fraud is often seen as predominantly aimed at seniors, in Hurd's experience, any age group is susceptible to scammers.

People who have been taken advantage of by scammers often don't report it out of shame. But "they are victims," said Hurd, and deserve to be treated as such.

If you receive a strange call or email or just have a question about something that feels suspicious, Hess and Hurd both encouraged people to call the non-emergency line at 434-589-8211 and ask one of the deputies for their advice.

"We are not scary to talk to," said Hurd. "We are not going to arrest you because you didn't give us an iTunes card. I would much rather spend 20 minutes on a Wednesday afternoon talking to you on the phone about why that's a scam and why you don't have to worry about getting arrested for some bogus foolishness."

Sweet Art Emporium expands

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD **CORRESPONDENT**



Ribbon cutting at Sweet Art Emporium. Lenai Banks, Erika Mitchell, Michelle Aquillino. Photo by Susan Edginton

Sweet Art Emporium ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Aug. 10 to celebrate the opening of their expanded store and an area to accommodate pottery classes. Adding the pottery classes has been something community members have longed for and something owner Erika Mitchell was considering.

Sweet Art Emporium opened in February of 2019 in Palmyra as a gift shop to sell the work of local artists. They opened with nine artists but within three years quadrupled in square footage and supported 70 local artists.

In 2022, Sweet Art Emporium converted a

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small shop area to paint pottery and teach art classes. They moved to their current location on Turkeysag Trail in 2023, again expanding in size.

"Up until the move, I had covered all of the hours myself, but it became apparent after one holiday season that I was going to need to be open seven days a week and I wasn't going to be able to handle all of those hours by myself," said Mitchell. In April, she began the process of becoming an employer. "In May of this year, the unit next door was suddenly vacated, and I was given just five days to consider whether we could support an entire additional unit."

She knew that those interested in ceramics and pottery were unable to find classes in the area.

"Community members had asked me if I would ever offer pottery, wheel throwing, and hand-building classes. My answer was always, "It's too messy to have in an art shop it was also clear that we needed more space for classes and pottery painting. So I took a huge leap and signed the lease." After signing the lease, Mitchell knocked through a wall, hired three community members to help her and she says "hit the ground running."

They are currently offering 8-week wheel throwing classes, 8-week hand-building classes, pottery studio memberships, classes in painting, felting, crochet, peg dolls, sculpture, jewelry, 1-day workshops, and daily drop-in pottery painting.

The jobs created by the expansion included two retail associates and one kiln assistant.

"They are less than part-time positions, but all are 100 percent necessary to the success of the shop. When you support a local business, you create jobs for your neiahbors."

Mitchell's expansion of the shop would seem like an ambitious undertaking but she fills a need for the community and artists who want to explore other mediums and interests. The business not only showcases the work of local artists but can be a destination for anyone who wants to test their interest and try a new hobby.

Lenai Banks and Michelle Aquillino are the new retail associates. About 50 people attended the opening.



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- Ask them to stand at the bus stop. A driver can easily oversee children who sit on the road.
- Remind them that the bus stop is not a play area. Especially children who run or play between parked vehicles can go unnoticed by oncoming traffic, potentially resulting in an accident.
- Ask them to look both ways before crossing the road and not run out or push other children into the road.

Motorists should also be mindful of traffic rules regarding school buses. Stop for school buses with flashing red lights and an extended stop sign when approaching from any direction. Remain stopped until everyone is clear, and the bus moves again. Also stop whenever the bus is loading or unloading passengers, even if the lights and stop sign are not activated. Please help keep each other safe, thank you!

Volunteers Passionate About Upkeep Needed

Are you an LMOA Homeowner and are you passionate about the upkeep of our community? The **Environmental Control Committee** (ECC) is looking for regular and alternate members. The core function of the ECC is to review residents' project applications for construction or property modification which the committee does every Tuesday (except on holidays). Meetings take 2-3 hours, and ideal candidates can interpret and apply LMOA Policy, Covenants, Restrictions and Reservations, and Statements of Subdivision to ensure applications meet all requirements. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the committee at ECCommittee@Imoa. org. If you cannot commit to meeting every Tuesday, please consider becoming an alternate member. They fill open spots to meet quorum if a regular member cannot be present. Please join the team and help keep LMOA beautiful!

Budget Season Kickoff

Planning for the 2025 Budget and Fee Schedule will occur now through November, and the work sessions are open to all LMOA Members. The first meeting took place in the Ashlawn Clubhouse on August

21 from 1-3 PM. We encourage Members to read the first proposal and minutes at Imoa.org under the Finance tab. Please keep in mind that there will be a series of meetings and work sessions, and the fee schedule proposal may change many times before the final Board approval. The full 2025 **Budget Development Calendar** can be found by logging into Imoa. org, opening the Finance page, and selecting 2025 Budget. We will also announce upcoming meetings in the GM Corner and Plan Your Month emails. LMOA encourages all Members to attend these meetings and provide feedback.

Please Do Not Flush Wipes

The Water Workgroup and Aqua Virginia urge Lake Monticello residents not to flush any kind of wipes, not even ones marked "flushable". Paper towels, feminine products, and diapers should also not be flushed. These items do not break down and can cause backups which lead to costly clogs that can prevent the wastewater systems from working effectively. Other items you should never flush are pharmaceuticals and grease. Thank you for doing your part to avoid backedup sewage.

August Board Meeting

The LMOA Board of Directors will meet for its regular meeting on August 22 in the Fairway Clubhouse (51 Bunker Blvd.) at 7 PM. Email Karis Rivera at krivera@Imoa.org if you are a Member and want to sign up to speak.

West Coast Swing Session

A free west coast swing practice session will take place on August 26 for Lake Monticello residents. The session will be held from 7-8:30 PM in the Terrace Rooms of the Ashlawn Clubhouse. The first 30 minutes will be a lesson on variations of the push, pass, or whip followed by an hour of beginner-friendly music for open dancing. Dancers are expected to already know their basics (push, pass, and whip). For more information, please contact Kyla at kyla.bohon@gmail.com.

Free Wellness Program

Join Susanne Murtha for the program "Learn How to Live Well and Suffer Less from Chronic Pain". She is a certified pain management coach who will share practical evidence-informed strategies to address pain on August 29 from 7PM - 8:15 PM. This program is sponsored by Hygeia Wellness. Please register by emailing cynhygeia145@gmail.com.

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FlucOlympians recognized for achievements

BY HEATHER MICHON CORRESPONDENT



FlucoOlympians. Photo by Heather Michon

School Board members recognized the achievements of the FlucOlympians team at the Special Olympics Summer Games in Richmond.

Eight student-athletes split into two teams for track and field, with one team winning the gold and the other the silver.

"They did a good job," said teacher Nick

Ward. "It was a lot of fun, we went down there, we stayed in Richmond, we got to stay at the dorm, it was a great experience for them."

"We're really proud of their effort, their teamwork, and their independence," said Director of Special Education Jennifer Valentine

FOIA request questioned

School Board chair Andrew Pullen (Columbia) faced renewed criticism at August's board meeting (Aug 14).

In public comments at the end of the meeting, Fork Union District resident Ashleigh Crocker said Pullen had failed to fully comply with a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request she made in June.

The request stemmed from the ongoing questions surrounding Pullen's role in submitting a charter school application to the state.

Crocker's FOIA request sought both emails and text messages between Pullen and local and state officials. She said he submitted no text strings from many of the people on her request list, and the screenshots he did submit often appeared to be fragments of longer conversations.

"It's beyond clear that the chair of the board cannot be trusted and isn't doing his job," said Crocker. She called on the other board members to censure or remove him as chair.

In his closing remarks at the end of the meeting, Pullen said he refused to even acknowledge the criticism. "If anyone is concerned with FOIA requests, I would say: get a lawyer."

Cellphone Policy

Superintendent Peter Gretz gave a detailed presentation on Governor Glenn Youngkin's Executive Order #33, which directed the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) to develop policies that eliminate cellphone use during instructional time and address the mental health impacts of social media and cell phone addiction.

Each school district will have until January 2025 to establish its own policies aligning with the VDOE guidelines.

Gretz said both Fluvanna Middle School and Fluvanna County High School already have policies stating that cellphones must be turned off during the school day. FCHS also has specific prohibitions on filming fights.

He said that every year, teachers contact the district's Advisory Council asking that cellphones be banned from campus, while other teachers have a more liberal attitude towards cellphone use in the classroom. Policies are not always consistently enforced.

"What's the value of having a policy if I get to choose whether or not to enforce it?" said Danny Reed (Fork Union). "At that point, it's just a free-for-all."

James Kelley (Palmyra) said he could see the benefits of a cellphone-free campus, "but it inherently comes at a communications cost with the families." because parents wouldn't be able to contact their children to arrange schedules or check on their well-being.

Pullen has opposed cellphones in school for some time but does not want the state telling the districts what to do, especially if the guidelines require things like locked cubbies or bags for student phones. These, he said, are just more "unfunded mandates" from Richmond.

VDOE was expected to release full guidelines by September, and districts will have until the end of the year to align their policies to the state's directives.

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Low-level fixed-wing, helicopter flights to image geology over parts of Virginia, including Fluvanna

PRESS RELEASE

Low-level airplane and helicopter flights are planned over broad regions of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia to image geology using airborne geophysical technology. The airborne survey will be conducted from August of 2024 for approximately one year, weather and wildfire restrictions permitting.

The survey is being coordinated by the U.S. Geological Survey with the goal of

providing images that expand the fundamental knowledge of geology across the region. The survey area was chosen due to its both known and suspected mineral occurrences.

The survey will help map rocks and minerals at the surface across vast regions that may have limited outcrop due to vegetation and unconsolidated rock cover. It will also help map subsurface geology, where some rocks can be

located hundred to thousands of meters (more than 3,280 feet) below the surface based on their magnetic signature. Such mapping can improve the understanding of the geologic framework within which the potential mineral resource may occur.

Flights will cover Fluvanna County and the following counties: Albemarle, Alleghany, Amelia, Amherst, Appomattox, Augusta, Bath, Bedford, Botetourt, Brunswick, Buena Vista, Buckingham, Campbell, Charlotte, Charlottesville, Covington, Craig, Cumberland, Danville, Fluvanna, Franklin, Goochland, Greene, Halifax, Harrisonburg, Henry, Highland, Lexington, Louisa, Lunenburg, Lynchburg, Madison, Martinsville, Mecklenburg, Nelson, Nottoway, Orange, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Powhatan, Prince Edward, Roanoke, Roanoke City, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Salem, Staunton, and Waynesboro.

Bales of fun: Tell a story with decorated hay bale displays

VIRGINIA FARM BUREAU PRESS RELEASE

Each fall, hay bales become the ideal canvas for crafting scenes that share stories about agriculture.

Spotlighting farming and community spirit, the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Women's Leadership Committee is welcoming entries for its 10th annual Hay Bale Decorating Contest. The creative competition encourages participants to embrace their imaginations and celebrate agriculture and farm life through decorative hay bale displays.

"It's a wonderful activity to bring people together," said Michelle Martin, an Augusta County farmer and District 5 representative on the VFBF Women's Leadership Committee. "People of all ages really enjoy participating, and it helps communities promote and support agriculture in a fun way—that's a great thing!"

Entries will be accepted Sept. 1 through Nov. 15. The contest is open to anyone, including farmers markets, businesses, student groups, community associations, individuals and county Farm Bureaus.

Decorators can use their artistic ingenuity to transform round or square bales into imaginative displays featuring animals, structures, shapes and farmscapes. Props like corn stalks, farm tools, gourds and other agricultural items can be used alongside the hay bales to enhance the scene's story.

Winners will be selected and receive a cash award in the following categories: junior (8 and younger); square bale

display; community spirit; and most creative. This year also will have a special themed category, "Stars of Agriculture," in which participants are invited to decorate hay bales like celebrities or agricultural figures—real or fictional.

Meant to create an impression and spark conversations, the displays are typically located in visible areas near schools, outside of businesses, at county Farm Bureau offices and in yards.

"Everyone is always so creative, and I really look forward to seeing this year's entries," Martin added.

An entry form is available at bit.ly/3Wz9DrU. Participants must include a photograph of the hay bale display with each application.

Winners will be notified by email or phone. Photos of contest entries will be displayed at the 2024 VFBF Annual Convention in Hot Springs in early December.

Last year's contest drew a record 59 entries, with displays encompassing agricultural commodities, farm animals, horticulture, farm life, farm machinery and farm safety. Winning entries included a "Got Milk?" cookie and milk display; a bovine family on a cattle farm; a Barbie-inspired farm scene titled "Come on Barbie, Let's Go Farming"; an FFA display featuring an owl mascot; and a canine-themed display representing a local 4-H dog club.

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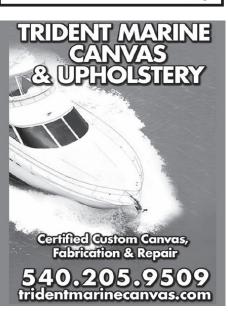
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PUBLIC HEARING

Fluvanna County Planning Commission Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm

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ZTA 24:04 - ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN "THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF FLUVANNA, VIRGINIA" BY AMENDING § 22-2-1, ENACTING §§ 22-3-1 THROUGH 22-3-5.4 AND ENACTING §§ 22-28-1 THROUGH 22-28-25 TO CREATE A SOLAR ZONING DISTRICT AND TO ADD SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS FOR UTILITY SCALE **SOLAR GENERATION FACILITIES**

All interested persons wishing to be heard are invited to attend the public hearing. Interested persons may also submit written comments prior to the scheduled meeting to **planning@fluvanncounty.org** and questions may be directed to Todd Fortune, Community Development Director at 434-591-1910. Details of this request are available on the County website at http://www.fluvannacounty.org/ and in the Planning and Zoning Department during regular office hours.

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF FLUVANNA LILLIAN MARTINA JACKSON-BARBOUR

Case No.: 24CL540

Plaintiff

SELENA M. JAMES, et al

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of the above-styled suit involves the heirs of John S. Stanton and William McCoy and their interest in a parcel of property known as Tax Map/Parcels 50-A-40 in Fluvanna County, Virginia.

The legal description of Tax Map/Parcel 50-A-40 is ALL THAT certain tract, piece, or parcel of land lying, being and situate in the County of Fluvanna, State of Virginia, in Fork Union Magisterial District, 3.65 acres, more or less, on the east side of Dream Lane, a private drive, on plat of survey by Brian D. Jamison dated November 9, 2022.

An affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used by the Plaintiff to ascertain the identity and address of all possible defendants, without success; that due diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of all known defendants; and that there are no known defendants upon whom process has been served.

Pursuant to Virginia Code §8.01-316(A)(1)(b) and §8.01-316(A)(2), it is hereby **ORDERED** that all interested parties appear by 9-27-2024 at 9:00 AM, to do what is necessary to protect his interest.

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PRESS RELEASE

A "Sassy Senior" safety seminar to help Fluvanna County residents avoid fraud and defend themselves is set for 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4, at Ashlawn Clubhouse. The seminar, sponsored by the Fluvanna County Silver & Gold group, is open to all county residents.

During the seminar, LMOA Police Chief David Wells will speak about avoiding fraud and promoting general personal safety. Then, self-defense expert Cindy Kyle will do a hands-on demonstration about ways seniors can defend themselves. Attendees should dress comfortably, wear reasonable shoes, and be ready to practice their new skills. Personal mobility equipment can be used in the class too.

Residents outside the Lake should use the Lake's main gate and tell staff they're attending the "Sassy Senior Safety" seminar.



Growing edible flowers is reawakening an age-old tradition

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Edible flowers are finding their place in a reawakening movement.

Northern Virginia Master Gardener Nancy Dowling makes the most out of limited outdoor space in Arlington. Dowling is among the many gardeners and growers who are rediscovering the lost art of edible flowers.

Along with offering habitat to her frequent bird and butterfly visitors, her floral canvas offers colorful culinary possibilities.

"Working outside, you build an appetite," she laughed. If there's a vibrant nasturtium blooming nearby, she can't help but indulge in her favorite flowery snack.

"More people are interested in using their space as productively as possible, and what's more productive than eating your own plants?" Dowling remarked.

"A lot of flowers are edible, and it's actually more common than you think," noted Arden Jones, owner of Great Day Gardens in Bedford County.

Because Jones already was growing cut flowers, herbs and mixed greens for direct sale, it made sense to venture into the edible flower market. Her cornflower, nasturtium, calendula and rose petals set her salad mixes apart at the local farmers market. The business also grows edible flowers for bakery breads and custom-ordered wedding cake décor.

Praised for their medicinal benefits throughout history, many edible flowers contain antioxidants and other useful nutrients. Rose petals and rose hips were promoted during World War II as an excellent source of vitamin C when some foods were scarce, according to Mary Toth, curator of herbaceous plants at Norfolk Botanical Garden.

"It's kind of dependent on the flower and what it may offer you, but a good amount of them have some sort of beneficial medicinal value," Toth explained.

While many flowers are edible, it's important to study up before ingesting one.

"There's a lot of flowers you cannot eat that are poisonous, so you have to be careful," Dowling warned. Ingesting flowers like peonies, hydrangeas and hellebores can prove fatal.

Sometimes the same plant can contain both edible and poisonous parts, and some parts are too bitter to eat.

"The petals are usually the best part of the flower, so I'd recommend removing the heel at the base of the petal—your stamen, pistil and calyx,"Toth advised.

Before foraging flowers from roadsides, neighborhoods or out in the wild, ensure that they're properly identified and pesticide-free. When in doubt, don't eat them.

Toth recommends picking flowers early in the morning, and avoiding any "faded, dusty or discolored flowers" for optimal freshness. Store them in the fridge for up to three days, and rinse in a bowl of water right before eating.

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