

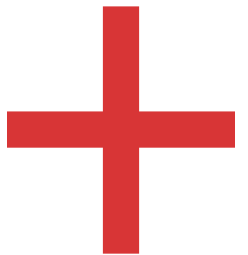
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Supervisors look at changing voting district name

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

At one point, Wednesday night's Board of Supervisors meeting (Aug. 21) looked like it might last under 30 minutes.

A vote on the conditions of a private road in a subdivision was deferred until next August. A VDOT speed survey on Dobby Creek Road (Rt. 622) was approved. Two public hearings were completed within minutes, after which supervisors approved a waiver for a slightly oversized sign at the Wawa soon to be under construction at Zion Crossroads and a new \$5 electronic summons fee for the county courts.

But there was some new business.

After the county voting districts were redrawn in late 2021, the town of Palmyra was no longer in the Palmyra District. Board chair Chris Fairchild (Cunningham) is concerned that it could confuse younger voters or those new to the area.

County Administrator Eric Dahl said supervisors could rename all five districts or just one. The process is similar to any ordinance change, with nothing more needed than an advertised public hearing and a majority vote of the board. He estimated the costs to be between \$3,000-4,000 for a single district and \$17,000-\$20,000 for all five districts, mostly to cover mailings to alert voters to the change.

There was no apparent appetite to

change all district names. "I would be very against changing the name of the Fork Union District," said Fork Union's Supervisor Mike Goad.

Tim Hodge, who currently represents Palmyra District, had some ideas, including 'Beaverdam.' The polling place for the district is now Beaver Dam Baptist Church in Troy, and seems likely to stay in the location for many years to come.

Any changes would take place after the November elections. At the urging of County Registrar Joyce Pace, supervisors would wait until sometime between January and June of 2025 to make a final decision.

The meeting ended after about fifty minutes, with Tony O'Brien (Rivanna) stepping out from behind the meeting table and stepping up to the podium to comment as a citizen.

He noted that Mike Sheridan (Columbia) had arrived at the meeting a couple of minutes late, carrying his dinner in a to-go bag.

O'Brien explained that after coaching football, Sheridan stopped to get himself a meal when he noticed somebody who looked like they needed a hand. So he handed over his meal and went back inside to get another.

"I just want to recognize Mr. Sheridan as being an extraordinary individual," said O'Brien. "He's somebody who gives to the community non-stop."

Social media threat directed at Fluvanna County Middle School

FLUVANNA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESS RELEASE

The Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office received multiple reports on Aug. 20 of a threat made over social media regarding the Fluvanna County Middle School. It was reported that during a voice call between numerous students, two males joined the call and made threats to "shoot" and/or "blow up" FCMS. Students on the call reported this to their parents who, in turn, notified law enforcement directly.

An investigation was immediately initiated to identify the offenders and their possible locations.

After an investigation, two juveniles, located outside of the Commonwealth of Virginia, have been identified and are believed to be the two males who made the alleged threats. The investigation will continue in order to identify all specific crimes committed, locate any evidence available, and make decisions on further intervention. The names and specifically identifiable information about the juveniles will not be released. At this time, the threats made in this incident no longer appear viable.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Tallies
- 5 German river
- 9 ___ chic
- 13 Cops' rounds
- 15 Verb preceder
- 16 Where the heart is
- 17 "Middlemarch" author
- 18 "Boyz n the Hood" director
- 20 Like some smiles
- 22 Leaves out
- 23 Greenish-blue hue
- 24 Canal site
- 26 Get the picture
- 27 Wide of the mark
- 30 Like a mumu dress
- 33 Equestrian event
- 35 Answer to "Where are you?"

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- 38 Student overseer
- 39 "Mob Wives" star Graziano
- 41 Saharalike
- 42 Layers of rock
- 44 Irksome
- 46 Mock rock band in a 1984 film
- 48 ___ out a win
- 49 Fall mo.
- 51 Do away with
- 52 Agenda entry
- 54 Absurd comedy
- 56 Some are raw
- 61 Gym staple
- 63 Set aside
- 64 Word after break or get
- 65 Spur (on)
- 66 Geometry calculation
- 67 New Jersey five
- 68 Pushing up daisies
- 69 Come across as

DOWN

- 1 Still asleep
- 2 Where to find a hero
- 3 Roasting platform
- 4 Brown fur
- 5 Fodder storage
- 6 Pork ___
- 7 Thrill-seeker's cord
- 8 HS subject
- 9 Those guys
- 10 Cooking device
- 11 Overact
- 12 Pick up
- 14 Headache cause
- 19 "Two Women" Oscar winner
- 21 Indian royal
- 25 Drive off
- 27 Track figures
- 28 Guitar ridge
- 29 R. L. Stine book series

- 31 Kind of colony or code
- 32 Horse-drawn carriage
- 34 Jacket fastener
- 36 Gretzky's milieu
- 37 Advantage
- 40 Deserving
- 43 Played out
- 45 La Scala works
- 47 Think much of

- 49 Over and over
- 50 Slice the turkey
- 53 "Pollyanna" actress Hayley
- 55 Pantry items
- 57 Pond growth
- 58 Tissue additive
- 59 Run easily
- 60 Rose part
- 62 Really bad coffee

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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SUDOKU

Edited by Margie E. Burke

Difficulty: Easy

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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:

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

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Letters to the Editor

Offended by lawbreakers

I am a weekly reader of the *Fluvanna Review*. I want to thank the editor and all the folks who make this well put together local newspaper happen. Thank y'all!

I have never written a letter to the editor of any newspaper before. Today, I am compelled to write as a 38-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a retired criminal defense attorney who for many years, fought for justice in the trenches of courtrooms across my country. Folks, a felony conviction in any courtroom does not just happen! Real citizens listen to all the evidence and then the judge tells them they must follow the law. Mr. Trump is a convicted felon. Even worse, he is threatening to pardon other convicted felons from courthouses all over America if he is once again allowed to be president. I am offended that so many lawbreakers broke into my House of Representatives and threatened to

hang the vice president on January 6, 2020. Please note that these convicted felons admitted what they did and also that they knew it was wrong. No pardons should ever be issued for them. This is justice in America - not some economically inferior dictator-run country where the rule of law means nothing. Mr. Trump is not right to offer this. Please consider the facts, proven beyond a reasonable doubt: Mr. Trump illegally used business funds to cover up a sordid matter involving an adult film star in violation of New York law. In fact, his conduct is a crime in all 50 states. Real people died on Jan. 6 and an insurrection really did happen.

All we have to do on Nov. 5 or at early voting which starts in Fluvanna County on Sept. 20, is do the right thing! Vote for the future - Vote Harris-Walz.

-Sandra Meadows, Palmyra

Character does matter

There was a time when character mattered. A time when our leaders were expected to uphold standards of decency. Those times seem to be gone. Now a candidate for president can be held liable for rape, cheat his contractors, run a fraudulent college, have an affair and cover it up illegally, use a charitable foundation for personal use, be convicted of multiple felonies and half the nation underwrites him. Yes, Mr. Trump has done all these things and still wins the endorsement of evangelical Christians. I'm wondering what else this man might do to the nation and our psyche.

Trump denigrates the heroes of our military, mocks his supporters, uses petty names for his rivals, and vows revenge against any who oppose him. He uses people and then turns his back on them when they are in times of trouble. He is associated with the likes of Jeffrey Epstein. He has unleashed the forces of hatred in this country, making it ok to hate your neighbor and promote violence.

Trump stood by and did nothing while a mob attacked the Capitol. He calls them patriots and vows to release them from jail if elected. If what he says matters, there will be no elections after the next one. He has demanded in the past, that the military become a police force to

quell dissent, and will turn our military against the citizens.

I really wonder if any good that he might accidentally do is worth the risk Trump poses to this country. Your vote matters. Tell Mr. Trump that you do not approve of his methods and means. Vote against anyone who gets or seeks his support. Do not support this unprincipled candidate.

-Curtis Putnam, Palmyra



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UVA professor to talk about the evolution of female athletes

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT



Bonnie Hagerman. Submitted photo

Bonnie Hagerman, UVA professor and author of *Skimpy Coverage, a Look at Sports Illustrated and Female Athletes*, will speak to members of Friends of the Library on Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. She draws on her interest as a former athlete, growing up in an athletic home where *Sports Illustrated* was part of the household reading. That led to her realization that female athletes were under-represented in sports though the few who were featured piqued her curiosity.

During her research on female athletes and swimsuit models in *Sports Illustrated* she discovered that those curious about her research on women in the magazine would prompt them to remark, "Oh, you're looking at swimsuit models?"

"The hopeful lilt in these comments made me consider the significance of the general assumption that a female in *Sports Illustrated* was not an athlete but a swimsuit model, as well as the possibility that the magazine wanted her to be seen that way," she said. "One of the stories that was particularly amazing was *Sports Illustrated's* 2002 feature on tennis player Simonya Popova who had "pulchritude and attitude in equal measure" as well as a huge serve and amazing ground strokes. And she was completely fictional. Given that the magazine rarely gave coverage over to female athletes - especially in comparison to the attention it placed on sportsmen - the fact that the magazine chose to feature a completely fictional, but beautiful, athlete is telling."

The evolution of women's sports has been spurred by Title IX, which protects people from discrimination based on sex in education programs or activities that receive federal financial assistance.

"I think the recent success of the women's Final Four basketball tournament and women's success at the Paris Olympics have shown how far women have come, especially since they were not allowed to participate in the first modern games in 1896." Women's tennis, soccer, and basketball have been the focus of media attention in the last several years. Recently, women Olympians garnered just as much attention as their male counterparts for their accomplishments. Hagerman added that social media has also been a game-changer, increasing accessibility for female athletes.

"I feel that media coverage, sponsorship, and public perception are all on the upswing for certain sports. Equal pay remains an issue for several sports, including tennis, which is often seen as the gold standard for women."

Considering how race, class, and sexuality have intersected with gender in the evolution of women in sports, Hagerman said, "It is all about accessibility and opportunity, and race, class, and sexuality as well as disability, motherhood, and religion have all affected women's ability to play sports at all levels."

She cited many athletic trailblazers, who changed perceptions of female athletes, impacting future generations, including Babe Didrikson, Althea Gibson, Wilma Rudolph, and Billie Jean King, from the early days.

"It was Billie Jean King who saw sports as a vehicle for advancing second-wave feminism, but feminists of the 1960s were slow to see the potential of it until Billie Jean King beat Bobby Riggs in the second Battle of the Sexes in 1973. But sport has been a platform for activism for decades."

She named the tennis-playing Williams sisters, Megan Rapinoe, Naomi Osaka, and Simone Biles as examples of recent women athletes who have changed perceptions.

"There are so many more. All of these women completely changed the world of women's sports in terms of what women are capable of physically, as well as mentally. For the latter, Naomi Osaka and Simone Biles changed the game where mental health issues are concerned and prioritizing their mental health over anything else."

She also discusses the obvious - the swimsuit model and the female athlete.

"For SI, the idealized qualities of its female athletes, good-looking, straight, white, able-bodied, and cisgender, mirrored those it prized in swimsuit models. Anytime we talk about femininity instead of femininities, we are talking about hegemonic femininity which denotes that there is one right way to be feminine instead of multiple approaches."



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Public-Private partnership launches with Home Depot

PRESS RELEASE

The Albemarle County Board of Supervisors recently announced a public-private partnership with Home Depot U.S.A., Inc., associated with development of their property located at 1531 Rio Road East, at the former Sears site at the Fashion Square Mall.

Redevelopment of the Rio29 area has been a priority for Albemarle County for several years, following the construction of the grade-separated intersection at Rt. 29 and Rio Road in 2016. The Rio29 Small Area Plan, adopted in 2018, created a vision for the area's redevelopment as an urban core with new transportation connections, amenities, mixed-use development, and placemaking.

The agreement actively markets the former Red Lobster parcel and requires Home Depot to work with the county to transfer the right of way for the proposed future realignment of Hillsdale Drive. The value of the right of way for the realignment of Hillsdale Drive is estimated at more than \$3 million.

This partnership provides a maximum of \$750,000 in tax increment financing (TIF) to the company, over a period of up to 10 years. The incentive helps to offset the additional costs associated with a redevelopment project, as demolition and site conditions require more intensive site work than an undeveloped site.

A TIF is an incentive tool that returns the increased property tax revenue from improvements or redevelopment to the property owner, to support investment into the site and the expansion of commercial activity. Once the TIF ends, the locality benefits from the full value of the improvements indefinitely.

Home Depot's redevelopment of the former Sears will invest more than \$26 million into the property, create new jobs, and generate a variety of local tax revenues that will contribute to the County's tax base. It is expected to open by the end of 2025.

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Lake police chief shares critical safety concerns about annual fireworks

BY HEATHER MICHON
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"I understand my position on this is probably not popular," Lake Monticello Police Chief David Wells told the LMOA Board of Directors at its meeting on Thursday (Aug. 22). "My job is not to be popular, my job is to keep everybody safe."

Wells gave a detailed presentation on his safety concerns surrounding the annual Fourth of July weekend fireworks, the most popular event on the community's yearly calendar.

Its popularity is the problem, bringing too many people into an area never designed to handle large crowds.

Three years into his tenure as Director of Public Safety, Wells has become increasingly concerned about managing such a complex event.

He and three officers, plus maybe one off-duty deputy, are tasked with monitoring thousands of people milling around in the dark near the Main Beach. Plus, they have all their usual calls for assistance. "People don't stop doing dumb stuff on a holiday," he said. "They usually do more dumb stuff on a holiday."

Increasing the number of law enforcement staff for the day is difficult; most off-duty deputies don't want to spend the holiday doing crowd control. In the case of a major incident, Wells said that support from area agencies is often 45 minutes away.

Parking alone is a major issue. There are only 135 spaces near the Main Beach, so the majority of people park on the streets, creating chokepoints for emergency vehicles and dangers for pedestrians. There is no viable place to create overflow parking.

There's also no viable way to set up perimeters to control access to the community. This year, the Main Gate let in 735 visitor vehicles, which could have added up to 3,000 people to the crowd, plus an unknown number of walk-ins. "It's basically a free-for-all. Once you're in, you're in, you can do whatever you want to do."

"The pool's the one thing I actually kind of like," he said. "It has a secured perimeter, it's enclosed by a fence, it has a central point."

This is in stark contrast to the Main Beach, which has an inadequate number of poorly designed and unlit pathways that make it difficult to get emergency

services onto the beach and difficult to evacuate people off the beach safely – to say nothing of the people paddling around in the dark waters.

Along with all the normal risks surrounding crowds, heat, swimming, and alcohol use, there's a real risk of violence.

This year, Wells got word that a "gang of guys" from Charlottesville was planning to confront some Fluvanna counterparts near the basketball courts.

He and his team headed off any trouble, but he warned that may not always be the case. The dangers of brawls, a mass shooting, or even someone driving into the crowds are real possibilities. Along with the risk of harm to individual community members, it also brings a massive liability risk to the community as a whole.

"I just don't think 15 minutes of fireworks is worth that," he said.

"Not to be mean, but quite frankly, if something happens after I bring this to everybody's attention, then y'all are

going to own it," he concluded.

Board chairman Larry Henson said he had seen the look on Wells's face when crowds began pouring in on the evening of July 6. "I've said it before, and I'll say it again: what goes on outside this gate has a huge effect inside the gate. And we can't keep them out. So we're going to have to make a decision."

But Henson stressed that a decision had yet to be made. Details of Wells's presentation had been shared on the Lake News Facebook group days earlier, sparking vigorous online debate. "What you read on Facebook is garbage," he said.

That said, any decisions will have to be made soon. Contracts for next year's fireworks are usually signed in October.

The directors seemed to appreciate Wells's candor and commitment to community safety.

"I don't like it, David," said Gary Sellick, "but I 100 percent understand it."

Savor the flavors of summer with Virginia-grown squash

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While summer is almost over, there's still plenty of time to enjoy the season's bounty of Virginia-grown squash.

Squash is plentiful in Virginia, with 401 farms growing squash on 726 acres in 2022, according to the most recent U.S. Census of Agriculture. While peak season for winter squash is right around the corner, several varieties of summer squash still are available at local farm stands and farmers markets through October.

These seasonal squash come in a variety of shapes, colors and sizes. The three main types of summer squash are yellow, zucchini and white patty pan.

James Smith of Stonefield Farms in Buckingham County began harvesting his zucchini and yellow crookneck squash in late June despite weather-driven setbacks.

"Squash and zucchini are probably what we did the best with this year," Smith said. "It's been up and down—too little rain; too much rain; all of the above."

A majority of Virginia was placed under a drought watch in June by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the Virginia Drought Monitoring Task Force. As of Aug. 13, the Big Sandy region in Southwest Virginia remained under a drought watch, but drought warnings have been lifted in other affected areas except the Shenandoah region following excessive rain from Hurricane Debby.

Smith was able to mitigate drought challenges through fertigation—the process of applying water and fertilizer to crops through an irrigation system.

"The zucchinis were incredible. The squash are a little slower-growing, but we've had good results," he said. "I've

been able to produce enough to put away ourselves." Next to supplying a commercial customer, Smith sells his squash at the Powhatan Village Farmers Market on Thursdays, and Farmville and Forest farmers markets on Saturdays.

"If I can keep these plants alive with succession planting, I'll go all the way through the first frost—maybe early October," he explained.

Cindy Weatherly of Cindy's Produce in Virginia Beach usually harvests her zucchini and yellow straightneck squash through October—if "Mother Nature cooperates." Customers can purchase her summer squash along with butter-nut, acorn and delicata squash at the farm's roadside stand.

Weatherly enjoys experimenting with recipes and sharing them with customers. When it comes to preparing summer squash, it depends on her mood.

"For yellow squash, you've got to have it with onions and bacon. Some days it gets potatoes with it, and some days it goes in a pan with some cheese in there somewhere."

Harvested well before they reach their mature size, summer squash is often enjoyed raw, lightly steamed or stir-fried.

"I like them best when they're chopped up and fried in a pan with some bacon," Smith said.

His customers quarter, batter and deep fry zucchini with cheese, and other customers favor zucchini boats, which are made with halved squashes stuffed with a breadcrumb and cheese mixture. Smith's farm also sells home-made zucchini bread.

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Lake Foundation plan to build family pavilion gets LMOA approval

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The pavilion design is not set, but it could look something like this.

The Lake Monticello Owners Association board unanimously approved a proposal to build a family pavilion at the Lake, to be financed and built by the Lake Monticello Community Foundation, at its meeting Thursday (Aug. 22).

The open-air, covered pavilion could be used for such things as free family movie nights, family picnics and reunions, by swim teams and kid camps, for weddings, for free band concerts and many other things, according to officials from the LMOA board and the foundation.

"When we informally surveyed the community, this pavilion was clearly the most popular among the ideas that were practical for the foundation to carry out," said Alan Stewart, president of the Lake Monticello Community Foundation. "This will be built at absolutely no cost to LMOA. But we are working closely with LMOA on the design and features of the pavilion, which we want to be pleasant to look at while also being highly useful to everyone at the Lake."

The LMOA board officially approved the location of the pavilion, which had earlier been approved by the foundation board. The approximately 30- by 40-foot pavilion will be built on the open ground between the Ashlawn Clubhouse and the pool.

"We worked closely with LMOA officials to select the best site," Stewart said. "After a series of meetings between the foundation and LMOA, and consultations with those likely to use it or be affected by it, we decided this is best for several reasons, including reasonable parking, easy access to Ashlawn and bathrooms, easy access to the pool, and land that is not currently slated for any use."

"Thank you, Lake Monticello Community Foundation," said LMOA President Larry Henson after the LMOA board vote. "This is a very nice gift. It will be great." LMOA Vice President Gary Sellick called the foundation gift "a great thing."

The design of the pavilion isn't final, and all design decisions will be mutually approved by LMOA and the foundation. The general plan is for a wooden structure with an attractive roof line, sitting on a concrete slab. It would have an electric

cal system able to support a band performance and LED lighting.

LMOA would set the rules for usage of the pavilion.

The foundation is estimating a cost of less than \$100,000 to build the pavilion, and said it already has about a third of that in hand. The rest will be raised through its various fundraising activities, such as a golf tournament, Talent Showcase, Festival of Trees and "Pay What You Want" yard sale, as well as by donations from generous residents. (Donations can be made at www.lakemonticellocommunityfoundation.org/donate.)

"We're fairly confident we can raise the money to build the pavilion by next summer, and it should take only weeks to finish," Stewart said. "The Lake Monticello Community Foundation believes this new pavilion will be another spectacular gift that we – through the community's participation and contributions – can make to the whole community."

Approaching its fourth birthday, the Lake Monticello Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization completely independent from LMOA, has financed and completed the All-Inclusive Playground, paid for kayak launch ramps, given college scholarships, made large donations to a half dozen community service organizations throughout Fluvanna, provided free pool passes to the needy, and organized community events.



Foundation President Alan Stewart presents the pavilion proposal to the LMOA board. Photo by Mike Feazel

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Flucos host delayed Bockman Memorial golf tournament

BY DUNCAN NIXON
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The Bockman Memorial golf tournament has been a season opening event for the Fluco golf team for a number of seasons. This year, due to bad weather, the tournament had to be rescheduled. It was played over the Lake Monticello golf course on Aug. 19, instead of Aug. 8. Nine high schools competed in the tournament, all the Jefferson District schools, plus Liberty Christian Academy from the Roanoke area.

The Flucos' extremely young team was not in contention to win this event,

but it did beat out nearby Charlottesville High and Louisa County High. The Flucos improved by 17 strokes over their score in the Jefferson District tournament played on Aug. 15. Leading the Flucos was Blair Marshall with a 99. Desmond Sadler was close behind with a 101. Jacob DeVane shot a 103 and Christian Wood came in at 107.

The Bockman tournament is named after the late George Bockman, who was a Fluco loyalist and volunteer extraordinaire.

Fire department plans 9/11 memorial ceremony

PRESS RELEASE

Lake Monticello Volunteer Fire & Rescue plans its 23rd annual "Remembrance and Tribute" ceremony in honor of those killed in terrorist attacks Sept. 11, 2001. The event will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, at the department's Community 9/11 Memorial Garden, 10 Slice Road, Palmyra.

In addition to the 9/11 victims, the ceremony memorializes members of

the Lake Monticello Fire and Rescue and Fluvanna County firefighters who were killed in the line of duty while serving the residents of Fluvanna County, and U.S. Navy Seaman Dakota Rigsby, of the Lake Monticello Fire Department, who was killed while serving on board of the U.S.S. Fitzgerald, in the Sea of Japan.

Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

Lake shares first look at 2025 budget

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

The Lake Monticello Owners Association gave residents a sneak peek at the 2025 budget at an information session at Ashlawn Clubhouse on Wednesday afternoon (Aug. 21).

The focus of the session was proposed changes to dues and fees.

After approving a \$150 increase to annual dues earlier this summer, next year's dues will climb to \$1,163.52 per household. Improved property fees, which pay for trash pickup and storm cleanup, are expected to remain at around \$283.

Most fees will rise by between \$2-5 if they change at all.

More significant increases are proposed for the golf course. Troon, the management company overseeing golf operations, recommends an increase of 5-7 percent.

For example, a standard 18-hole membership would increase from \$1,800 to \$1,900. Family plans would increase from \$2,625 to \$2,800.

Chief David Wells of the Lake Monticello Police Department recommended several small increases in fees related to barcodes and construction to help defray administrative costs.

"Everything takes staff time," he said. Audience members asked questions

throughout the session, particularly regarding the pool.

The seasonal family plan prices are expected to increase by three percent, from \$415 to \$424.

Many comments focused less on the fees than the free passes offered to members starting next season.

This benefit was promised if the dues increase was approved: each household would receive a pass for 25 free pool visits annually for the next five years.

It became clear that details of how the program will work—and its impact on revenue—are still unknown.

At the monthly Board of Directors meeting on Thursday (Aug. 22), Treasurer Mark Kelly reported that the association's projected revenue will climb from \$6.5 million this year to \$7.7 million in 2025. This is almost entirely attributable to the \$150 dues increase, and much of it will go to build up the Major Repairs and Renovations (MRR) fund.

Members can view documents on the 2025 budget under the 'Finance' section of the LMOA.org website. Budget sessions and hearings are scheduled for Oct. 17, Oct. 31, and Nov. 7. The Board of Directors is expected to vote on the finalized budget on Nov. 14.



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Large Crowds at Main Beach Unsafe, Says Chief Wells

Lake Monticello Police Chief, David Wells, expressed his concerns about safety and security during major events, especially the Independence Day fireworks show. During a presentation at the Lake Monticello Board meeting in August, he said lack of adequate parking and crowd control, traffic congestion, limited staffing, and the inability of emergency vehicles to reach the Main Beach are among his main concerns. With only two ill-designed exit points, the Main Beach is not a safe venue for a crowd larger than 600 people, Chief Wells stated.

He said the November bonfire is a lowkey event that can be held safely, but urged the Board and Staff to take a critical look at planning for next year's Independence Day Fest.

Pick Up Lost & Found Items at Lake Facilities

Do you think you may have lost something over the summer? Check our Lost & Found box at the Ashlawn Clubhouse, Pool and Marina during business hours! We have accumulated many water bottles, some bags, a chair, clothing, and a few other knick-knacks. We will be donating everything after September 1, 2024, so come by soon!

Board Approved Policy Changes in August

At the August meeting, the LMOA Board approval policy changes which included:

- prohibiting all powered vehicles on beaches (except LMOA and emergency vehicles) and entering docked boats without owners' permission;
- aligning the process for removing a board director and the ability to pass assessments with the Virginia Code (removing the 3% dues increase cap did not pass);
- creating a Special Membership for the Lake Monticello Volunteer

Fire & Rescue (LMVFR) so they can purchase LMOA golf and pool memberships at the same cost as property owners. Water Rescue Chief, John Lye, spoke on behalf of LMVFR saying LMVFR is a separate corporation from LMOA and 100% run by volunteers. Since many of the volunteers are not residents of Lake Monticello, the Special Membership would be greatly appreciated.

Lake Monticello Gains Pavilion & Pool Wheelchair

The LMOA Board of Directors approved the purchase of a pool-access wheelchair to assist those with disabilities. The Directors also granted the Lake Monticello Community Foundation (LMCF) permission to build a family pavilion at the Lake. The proposed location is beside the Ashlawn Clubhouse. The 30 x 40-foot pavilion will be funded by donations, and the foundation has already raised about a third of the \$100K needed to facilitate the project, said Alan Stewart, president of LMCF. The rest will be raised through its various fundraising activities, such as a golf tournament, Talent Showcase, Festival of Trees and "Pay What You Want" yard sale, as well as by donations from generous residents. A final design

has not been chosen, but it will be an open-air, covered pavilion. It could be used for free family movie nights, family picnics and reunions, by swim teams and kid camps, for weddings, for free band concerts and many other things, according to officials from the LMOA board and the Foundation.

Volunteers and YRF Give Free Boat Rides to Lakers

The Young Residents & Families Committee is partnering with the Volunteer Free Boat Ride Group on September 7. They will be providing free boat rides to Lake Monticello residents who signed up through the GM Corner email. Lake residents who missed the opportunity can request a free boat ride on another date by emailing lmboatrides@gmail.com.

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PUBLIC HEARING

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

Pursuant to VA Code Sections 15.2-1427 and 15.2-2204, a public hearing will be held in the Fluvanna County Circuit Court, at 72 Main Street, Palmyra, VA for citizens of the County to have the opportunity to appear before and to be heard by the Planning Commission on the following item:

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@fluvannacounty.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.



PUBLIC HEARING

Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors September 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 15.2-1427 and 15.2-2204, Public Hearings will be held in the Fluvanna County Circuit Court, at 72 Main Street, Palmyra, VA 22963 for citizens of the County to have the opportunity to appear before and be heard by the Board of Supervisors on the following items:

ZTA 24:03 – ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN “THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF FLUVANNA, VIRGINIA” BY AMENDING §§ 19-9-6 AND 22-17-7 TO INCREASE CERTAIN PLAN REVIEW FEES

READOPTION OF THE 2015 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WITH AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 2 (LAND USE AND COMMUNITY DESIGN), CHAPTER 5 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT) AND CHAPTER 6 (HISTORIC PRESERVATION). THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IS THE COUNTY’S KEY POLICY DOCUMENT FOR LAND USE, DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ISSUES.

Copies of the complete text of the above items are available for public review at <http://www.fluvannacounty.org/> and at the Office of the Fluvanna County Administrator during normal business hours. Questions may be directed to the Planning & Zoning Department at (434) 591-1910. Interested persons may submit written comments prior to the scheduled public hearing to planning@fluvannacounty.org. All interested persons wishing to be heard are invited to attend the public hearing. VA 22963.

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a waterbody in Fluvanna County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: August 29, 2024 to September 30, 2024

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater/Stormwater issued by DEQ pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations.

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APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Fluvanna County; P.O. Box 540, Palmyra, VA 22963; VA0082228

FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Carysbrook WWTP; 9172 James Madison Hwy, Palmyra, VA 22963

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Fluvanna County has applied for reissuance of a permit for the Carysbrook WWTP. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewaters from residential areas at a rate of 0.012 million gallons per day into Rivanna River in Fluvanna County in the Rivanna River/Carys Creek watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: physical and chemical properties, organic matter, solids, bacteria, and inorganics. Sludge from the treatment process will be pumped and hauled to Moores Creek Advanced Water Resource Recovery Facility where it will undergo further treatment.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing on the draft permit by hand-delivery, e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. DEQ must receive hand-delivery and postal mail by close of business and email and fax comments by 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the comment period.

Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses or email addresses of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Name: Daniel Bradford; Address: Valley Regional Office, 4411 Early Road, P.O. Box 3000, Harrisonburg, Virginia, 22801; **Phone: (804) 389-1253; E-mail: daniel.bradford@deq.virginia.gov.** The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.

Community Calendar

Community calendar items must be under 50 words and will run only once a month.



Farmers market

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Lake Monticello Ladies Golf Association celebrates 50 years

BY DUNCAN NIXON
CORRESPONDENT



LMLGA ladies. Photo by Duncan Nixon

THIS WEEK'S PET BURLY

Meet sweet Burly! He is a big, happy dude who loves to have fun! He loves to run and play with toys. He knows how to sit, and would love to learn some more tricks and manners. Burly is eager to please, especially if it involves cookies. He just wants a person and home to call his own. He has so much love to give, he's just waiting for his second chance. We have noticed that Burly likes cats a little too much (he will chase them), so his new home should have none. He can also be unsure of new dogs, and needs to go at his pace. He doesn't like to share food or water bowls with other dogs, but he's done okay with playdates after very long, slow introductions. Therefore, Burly should be the only pet, unless the family is prepared to manage and help him in sharing situations. He is current on all his age-appropriate vaccines, and preventatives, microchipped and neutered. **Since being with us for more than 6 months, we consider him one of our Lonely Hearts which makes his adoption fee only \$20.**



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The Lake Monticello Ladies Golf Association (LMLGA) celebrated 50 years of competitive golf on Aug 21. With 25 plus women golfers and the Fluvanna County golf team in attendance as guests, the LMLGA heard a talk by UVA women's golf coach Ria Scott. Scott's presentation was impressive, as she detailed her highly successful coaching career and explained how she came to be a lover of competitive team golf. Golf is usually seen as an individual sport and on the professional level it is every player for themselves. However, on the high school and college levels it is played as a team sport with the combined scores of multiple teammates determining the match outcome.

Scott explained that as a youth, she was involved in a number of sports but eventually chose golf. She walked on to the women's golf team at University of California – Berkeley and eventually moved up through the college ranks to become a pro, playing in Asia including some events in her native Philippines. She came to the U.S. at the age of six.

She started her college coaching career at the University of San Francisco, taking the job almost by accident. After working the USF team into the top 25 in the national rankings, she was offered the women's coaching job at the University of

Oregon. She coached at Oregon for eight years, with considerable success. She was the first foreign born coach in the U.S. She then moved to UVA, which she described as her "favorite place." She has coached the Cavaliers for seven years and has continued to have considerable coaching success. She explained that she currently has six scholarships to give out as full or partial grants.

Before Scott spoke, Regina York the current president of the LMLGA presented a short history of women's golf at Lake Monticello. She noted that there are now approximately 80 women golfers on the association's membership list. She also explained that the association roster includes women of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. She pointed out that the Lake Monticello women have been consistent winners of the annual Jefferson Cup competition, which pits women from numerous central Virginia golf courses against each other. It was also noted that a number of former LMLGA presidents were in attendance, including 98-year-old Doris Gardner.



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EVENTS

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