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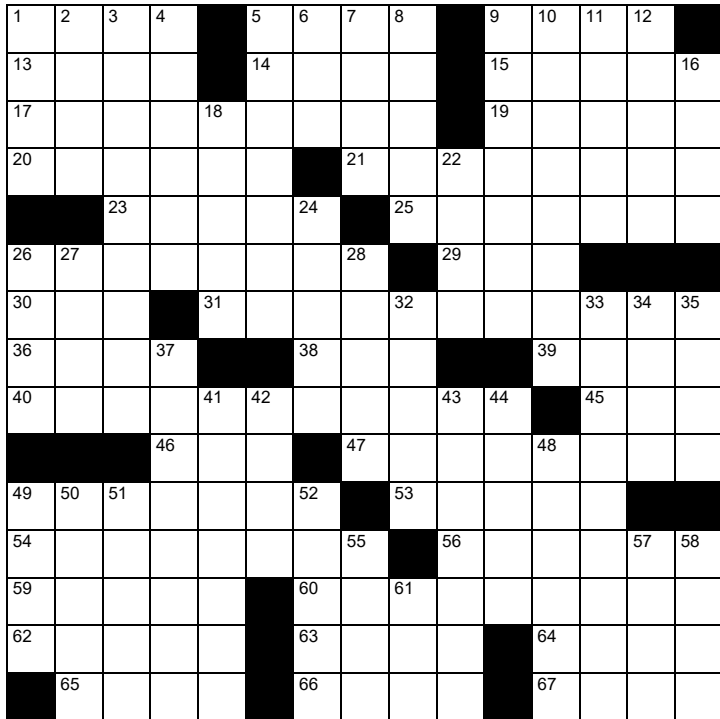
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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Garbage boat
- 5 Stop order?
- 9 Gulf War missile
- 13 Kilauea output
- 14 Varied mixture
- 15 In great shape
- 17 Miss a wake-up call
- 19 Moscow money
- 20 Bedrock resident
- 21 Keep apart
- 23 Beauty's love
- 25 Run-down digs
- 26 "Later!"
- 29 Seek a seat
- 30 Thurman of "Kill Bill"
- 31 Some lawsuit resolutions
- 36 Skater Lipinski
- 38 Greek letter
- 39 Cry of pain
- 40 Inconceivable
- 45 Sundial's seven
- 46 "Jersey Shore" network
- 47 Jesse Jackson, for one
- 49 Mast flapper
- 53 Banister post
- 54 Vicious old woman
- 56 Whoops it up
- 59 "I'll have the ____"
- 60 Good one
- 62 "____ when?"
- 63 Give off, as light
- 64 European erupter
- 65 Psychic
- 66 Nerve network
- 67 Have a bawl



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DOWN

- 1 Mess maker
- 2 Vena ____ (large vein)

- 3 Bad place to be, at sea
- 4 Gave a heads-up
- 5 Papal office
- 6 Draft pick
- 7 Commits perjury
- 8 AA candidate
- 9 Layer of rock
- 10 Singer Love
- 11 Open, as a cage
- 12 Airline based in Atlanta
- 16 Like a billionaire's pockets
- 18 Elite Navy group
- 22 Whittle down
- 24 Tribal pole
- 26 Ballet attire
- 27 Arab League member
- 28 Playful aquatic animal
- 32 Weighted down
- 33 Long short story
- 34 Kind of bed
- 35 Lost traction
- 37 Cold War concern
- 41 Online seller
- 42 Like some fans
- 43 Stuffed oneself
- 44 Not as many
- 48 Rotten Tomatoes write-up
- 49 Consequently
- 50 Fertile spot
- 51 Trim
- 52 Surgery tool
- 55 Point a finger at
- 57 The Beatles' "Penny ____"
- 58 Cinch
- 61 Cambridge sch.

Answers to Previous Crossword:

S	A	L	A	D	O	R	A	L	A	M	I	D	
I	N	A	N	E	V	O	T	E	R	O	M	A	
L	O	S	T	C	A	U	S	E	S	B	O	A	T
O	N	T	H	E	S	L	Y	S	P	O	N	G	E
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T	B	D	E	T	H	A	N	T	A	R	T	S	
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L	Y	I	N	G	V	I	C	A	R	C	U	E	
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A	R	T	I	S	T	F	O	L	L	O	W	U	P
V	O	I	D	I	L	L	U	M	I	N	A	T	E
O	B	O	E	N	E	A	T	C	A	R	A	T	
R	E	N	D	G	A	Y	E	A	L	P	H	A	

SUDOKU

Edited by Margie E. Burke

Difficulty: Easy

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

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:

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

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Letters to the Editor

Fireworks cancellation flawed

Five years ago, the Lake Monticello & Fluvanna & Neighbors Facebook group was created to bring people together. Today, with over 5,200 members, we are proud to serve as a space for diverse opinions, ideas, and experiences. As a longtime resident, business owner, and father, I have cherished the friendships and connections built here.

Our group's goal is to foster respectful conversations. We avoid political posts and personal attacks, ensuring a safe environment for everyone. Each post is carefully reviewed before being made public, especially during sensitive times like election cycles. However, comments on posts cannot be pre-screened. While we apply the same standards to comments, some may get overlooked, particularly on popular posts. Since we all have full-time jobs, things can occasionally slip by. Please use the 'report post' option to bring issues to our attention. We do not

tolerate personal attacks of any kind.

Recently, focus has been on the LMOA and the cancellation of the 2025 fireworks. Meetings were held, surveys distributed, and the Board voted 7-0 to cancel the event. Many, myself included, feel that the process was flawed. According to the LMOA Board, security and crowd control concerns raised at the August Board meeting left no option but to cancel. With the fireworks order deadline in October, there was limited time to explore alternatives.

Questioning the process is not a personal attack, and we address inappropriate comments when reported. I urge everyone to view the LMOA videos from August and the most recent vote on Sept. 25. And make your own informed decision.

Thank you for your trust and support.
-Ed Lauterbach, D.C. | Founder: Lake Monticello & Fluvanna & Neighbors

No fireworks?

Lake Monticello is now a less joyful place to live and raise a family.
-Shaun Pharr, Palmyra

Stark choices

I am a woman of a certain age who clearly remembers life before the pill, before women had a choice of deciding whether to have a biological family and the timing of pregnancies in their lives. Issues around pregnancy are so personal. Everyone has opinions about abortion, but who am I to judge someone's decision to have an abortion because of rape, incest, or because the pregnancy is unintended which is around 42 percent of all pregnancies. For women whose income is below the poverty line, 75 percent of all pregnancies are unintended. Do we want to go back to back alley abortions for unintended pregnancies?

It is so wrong to take this very personal decision out of the hands of the woman and her support network, including her physician. I know a young woman who lives in one of the states that outlaw abortion at six weeks before a woman knows she is pregnant. This woman chooses not to get pregnant while living in this state. If she got pregnant and had a natural miscarriage (10 to 25 percent of all pregnancies) or a needed abortion, would she get needed health care? Would her health care provider not provide best practice obstetrical

care, fearful of doing what is medically necessary because of potential criminal charges by state government? Vice President (Kamala) Harris would sign national legislation to protect women's reproductive rights which would include birth control, IVF treatments, and the personal choice of abortion.

Donald Trump is boastful of his role with the Supreme Court's decision to overturn

Roe v. Wade. This has resulted in 13 states completely banning abortion, many of these states with the greatest poverty and lowest literacy rates. Project 2025, developed by former Trump administration officials, could result in a nationwide abortion ban, restrict access to birth control, force states to report on women's miscarriages and abortions and jeopardize access to IVF. Women's reproductive freedom would be basically controlled by government.

Given these two stark choices for women's reproductive freedom, I know what choice I'm making when I vote for the future of all the women in my family - Vice President Harris/Gov. (Tim) Walz.

-Kathleen Swenson Miller, Palmyra

Jobs and undocumented workers

Can someone please explain to me and the former president how people who are not legally able to work in this country are being allowed to work in this country? There is a process that is in place requiring identification and if you have had a job or been hired you know what this is. Secondly, who is hiring these people?

Obviously they must be businesses

here, who would rather pay undocumented workers willing to work for low wages, than hire citizens through the process and pay minimum wage or better. Or is it that there are not enough people willing to do the jobs that need to be filled?

No one is stealing millions of jobs in this country from anyone.

-Donna Johnson, Palmyra

Become a Fluvanna Master Gardener

PRESS RELEASE

Gardening is a lot of fun, but to really enjoy success, a bit more is required than digging a hole in the ground or tossing about an envelope of seeds. Start preparing for next year's growing season by becoming a Master Gardener.

As the summer growing season winds down to withering stalks and seed pods, thoughts turn to what we might do differently next spring. The Fluvanna Master

Gardeners' 2025 training program begins in mid-January and continues to early May, just in time to apply the new knowledge to the next season's flower and vegetable gardens. The course covers the range of home-growers' interests in decorative plants, vegetables, fruits, and landscaping.

The program's 50 hours of instruction is a combination of remote and in-person learning. Weekly evening zoom lectures and demonstrations feature university

professors and acknowledged experts in their fields. Subjects begin with the basics – where many complications begin or can be detected – such as basic botany, entomology, soil, pathology and stressors, and water conservation.

In addition to the zoom classes, field trips provide personal hands-on experiences which demonstrate and apply theories. *The Virginia Cooperative Extension Gardener Handbook* is the resource text for the class, and is a valuable resource for continuing reference and application.

Students are personally mentored by experienced master gardeners who have volunteered to work with them through the class and continue to assist them becoming involved in the many community

activities organized by the group. Fluvanna Master Gardeners organize numerous community projects. Each is designed to attract and educate the public to enjoy and succeed through environmentally savvy practices compatible with the unique ecosystem of this area.

Following completion of the training, students complete 50 hours of participation in activities. In each successive year, Master Gardeners volunteer 20 hours of support for the projects.

The cost of the Master Gardener Training Program is \$200, with scholarships available based on financial need. Registration is available online through the Fluvanna Master Gardener website, www.fluvannamg.org.

Letters to the Editor

No Proof that Trump did or did not read Project 2025

The letter to the editor dated Sept. 26 and titled "Trump never even read Project 2025" was amusing. The author implies he knows first-hand that Trump did not read Project 2025 nor does he adhere to its contents.

The author could not know if Trump read Project 2025 and although Trump's team did not commission the document, nothing is mentioned about his involvement in its development. It is unlikely that Trump discussed details with the author. I think Trump always speaks for himself, allowing him to invent facts as the situation dictates. For verification, please read NPR fact checking (<https://www.npr.org/sections/politics-fact-check>). Documentation shows that Trump often has a different version of a situation depending on who is listening. ABC News reported that he was angered because his debate responses were fact checked in real time. Quite a few untruths were identified and explained openly to him. Why would he be upset about the truth coming out unless he wanted his untruths accepted as fact? Fact check-

ing was done for Harris and explained openly.

Voters should not support politicians based on emotional response but rather based on verifiable facts. Television news reporters are suspect because many play fast and loose with facts. Verifiable facts are not suppositions or speculation but information that can be attributed to the situation and the topic and are provided by more than one reporter. Both sides of this campaign continue to publish unverified information to pass off as fact (i.e., what a politician will do if elected or what will happen because of what we are told they will do). Politicians and news reporters are motivated by ratings and money, and do not mind misstating truth as it suits them. Opinions are important but not when we suggest they are accepted fact. The term "I think" helps to delineate opinion from fact. Much of what we voters hear is speculation and conjecture so many of us believe anything we hear or read – absent proof or validity.

-R. Bowman, Palmyra

Character matters

I read the continuing thread from our military veterans of Letters to the Editor, the recent one, a response from Col. Paul Bethke (U.S. Army - Ret.) to Command Sergeants Major Catherine and Rudy Garcia (U.S. Army - Ret.). I'd like to share one disagreement and one agreement with Col. Bethke.

The assumption that the majority of those who have served or are serving believes Gov. Tim Waltz, a retired senior noncommissioned officer in the United States Army, abandoned his troops as he made his and his family's decision to leave honorable service is false. Col. Bethke does not speak for me or my fellow teammates who have worn the cloth of our nation. I do believe that most of us in this category would not disparage the honorable service of a fellow veteran who has sacrificed his time and energy to say, "Send Me."

I do agree that character matters and that the opinions of those who serve closely with us should be considered. I am sure that the opinions of political, civilian, and military leaders who served in the former administration under Pres-

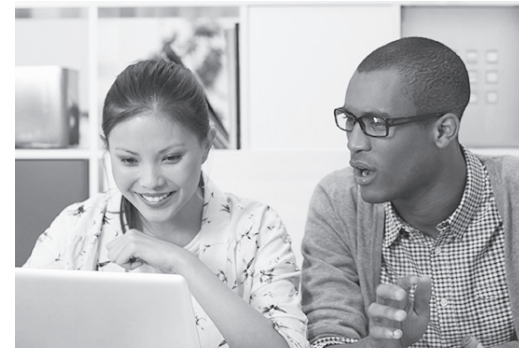
ident Trump will be part of my consideration of who has the best character and values to become our next commander in chief. Readers can research on their own, but a cursory bit of news reviews show that 1) Just four of 40 former cabinet members have publicly endorsed their former boss, Donald Trump and 2) his handpicked team, starting with his vice president, and including his special counsel, director(s) of strategic communications and communications, director of the FBI, several ambassadors, director of national intelligence, national security advisor(s), and secretary of defense also do not support him. [the list is lengthy, I will conclude here].

I would urge all of us in Fluvanna County to research, reflect, pray, decide, and vote during this election cycle. History and prior actions matter. Character and Values matter. We can debate policy, but I hope we never abandon our moral compass that our parents, coaches, teachers, scout leaders, etc. instilled in us. Lt. Col Tom Smedley, (U.S. Army -Retired), Palmyra

RUDY TALKS TAXES

BY RUDY GARCIA, OWNER, RIVANNA WOODS FINANCIAL / TAX SERVICES

Early Mortgage Payoff: Small Payments Can Save You Big Money



Small payments can save you big money when paying off your mortgage.

With 30-year fixed rates reaching levels not seen in 25 years, adding even just a little extra to your monthly payment can significantly cut down on the interest you pay over the life of your mortgage.

Here are several different scenarios to illustrate how much interest you can save by slightly increasing each monthly payment.

Base scenario and assumptions

Here's the assumptions used for this base scenario:

- Average U.S. home price (\$420,800) and mortgage rate (7.50%) for early 3rd quarter of 2024
- Average U.S. downpayment of 10%
- House financed using a 30-year fixed rate mortgage
- Monthly payment includes principal and interest payments only; it does not include other expenses typically bundled with monthly payments, such as property taxes, homeowners insurance, and mortgage insurance premiums

With no additional money tacked on to your monthly payment, you would pay \$574,583 in interest over the course of your 30 year mortgage in this base scenario.

To buy this house for \$420,800, you would end up paying just shy of \$1 million after adding \$574,583 of interest charges!

None of us wants to pay \$1 million for a \$420,000 house. So let's take a look at the following scenarios to find out how much interest expense you can save by increasing your monthly payments by a small amount.

Here's a summary of the base scenario's assumptions compared with how much interest

you can save, and how much faster you'll pay off your mortgage, in each of the following examples.

Example #1: An Extra \$100 Per Month

Adding an extra \$100 to your monthly mortgage payment would save you \$81,902 in interest expense and cut down on the time to pay off your mortgage by 3½ years.

Example #2: An Extra Lump-Sum at Years 5, 15 & 25

Let's assume you make an additional lump-sum payment of \$5,000 in years 5, 15, and 25 of your mortgage.

While you wouldn't save that much extra time paying off your mortgage in this scenario, you'll still end up pocketing nearly \$37,000 just by making three lump-sum payments over the course of your mortgage.

Example #3: An Extra \$200 Per Month

If you can afford an extra \$100 per month to put towards your mortgage, why not try for \$200 a month? This is where the math starts to get fun. Adding \$200 a month helps pay off your mortgage 6 years sooner and saves you \$140,000 in interest expense.

Every little bit helps

Even adding an extra \$10 per month can save you nearly \$10,000 over the course of your mortgage. That's a lot of money that goes into your bank account instead of your bank's bank account!

Paying off your mortgage early and cutting down how much interest you pay over the course of your mortgage doesn't require a lot of money. Whether it's \$100 or \$10 a month, every little bit can help on your quest towards a better financial future for you and your family. Please feel free to call with questions on how you can squeeze a little bit extra out of your budget!

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Mountain biking in Fluvanna

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
 CORRESPONDENT

Mountain biking enthusiasts want other like-minded bikers to know about Pleasant Grove Park's beautiful and challenging trails. This past weekend (Oct. 6), the Virginia Racing Events hosted the 2024 Virginia State XCM Championship Race at Pleasant Grove Park. This is the third year the event has been at Pleasant Grove which boasts 22 miles of trails.

The XCM Championship race often referred to as cross-country marathon (XCM), is a demanding form of mountain bike racing. Riders had four hours to complete as many laps as they could over a 12.1-mile closed course with 995 feet of elevation, RVA Racing Events served as the event host, working closely with officials from USA Cycling, Fluvanna Parks and Recreation, Pleasant Grove Park staff, Fluvanna Heritage Trail Foundation, and Fluvanna County government.

Matt Stancil, also known as the trail guy wants this to be a premier destination for mountain biking. An experienced mountain biker, visiting trails in other parks, he discovered the secluded and serene beauty of 20-plus miles of trails at Pleasant Grove.

"For anybody who enjoys old-school single-track- this is the place to go," he said. The challenge is the descent to the river creates major elevation changes on many of the trails, making them fast, and perfect for mountain biking. "Tight, flowy single track as well as areas that are flat and easy to ride. There's a wide range of difficulty levels."

Like most kids his age, he became interested in mountain biking in the early '90s.

"I started with a department store bike, riding around the neighborhood with friends before moving on to dirt and trail. I painstakingly saved up money, working odd jobs while in high school, to purchase my real mountain bike. It was a 1992 Trek Antelope and had all the bells and whistles at the time. Knobby tires, chromoly frame, vertical pull brakes, features that are now outdated and retro," he said. "I had my first true mountain bike ride on that bike on Chubb Trail at Castlewood State Park in Missouri. After that, I was hooked. I recently rebuilt the bike and it is available for the mountain bike program at Pleasant Grove Park in Fluvanna County."

He has turned his passion for mountain biking into a Facebook page - Fluvanna Trail Guy. For anyone new to mountain biking he says be prepared to walk your bike and not to worry about your pace being slower than other riders.

"Look for bike shops and groups that offer no-drop rides and make sure they stick to it. When looking to purchase a bike, ride as many as you can! Used, rebuilt, rentals, brand new demos, all of them! There are now so many options that it can be overwhelming."

Getting out on trails helps riders become more proficient at the sport. He suggests getting out and finding as many places

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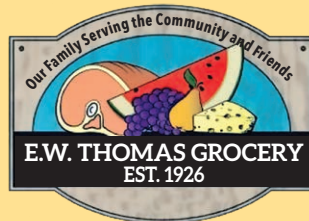


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to ride as possible. There are so many trail systems and apps like Trailforks, that find systems riders didn't know existed. Most apps have a rating system and a feature that helps plan your experience.

"If you've never raced it is a great way to get faster and elevate your current riding level. Many novice riders get into racing, and connect with riders of similar abilities."

All levels of experience can enjoy the trails at Pleasant Grove.

"The biggest thing is knowing where to find favorable trails for a beginner. That is why I lead beginner rides at the park so riders don't have to worry about navigation while trying to enjoy a new sport."

Like many groups in Fluvanna, who engage in one thing or another, they constantly hear people from other areas say that they had no idea this was here, and Matt gets the same feedback about the trails. He said that when he started riding at Pleasant Grove 15 years ago, he felt the same way.

"Initially, I just wanted to use it as a way for people to see more information about the trails," he said. "With more than 20 miles of trails, it can be overwhelming for a first-time visitor."

After moving to Fluvanna, Stancil visited Pleasant Grove almost daily. He had a part-time seasonal job with Fluvanna County Parks and Recreation to maintain trails and then became full-time. In addition to trail maintenance and supporting park events,

Stancil has become a mountain biking ambassador in Pleasant Grove, hosting Charlottesville-Area Mountain Biking Club and other groups, as well as serving as a trail guide resource for those riders new to Pleasant Grove.

"Biking does seem to be growing in this area and nationwide. There is a push to implement bike-friendly infrastructures and provide alternative forms of transportation," he said. "Through grants and crowd-sourced fundraising, some parks are investing in skills areas and pump tracks which are a great way to attract new riders and give them a place to practice progressive skills in a controlled environment before heading out to the trails. A pump track costs less than a ball field and can attract many users besides bikers."

He's also developed a skills clinic for beginners new to mountain biking. The one-day clinics will be open every Saturday in November. Those new to the sport and do not yet have a bike can even borrow one that he refurbished with parks and recreation or contact him for other options.

For those who are hard-core mountain bikers, the rugged trail network at Pleasant Grove Park may become one of the best mountain biking destinations in Virginia.

For more information, visit FindFluvanna.org. Or contact Matt Stancil at mstancil@fluvannacounty.org.

Fluco football crushes Charlottesville High School 52-13

BY DUNCAN NIXON
CORRESPONDENT

In their first Jefferson District game of the season the Fluco football team traveled to Charlottesville High on Sept. 27 and came away with a decisive 39 point victory. The final score was a lopsided 52-13.

Fluco Coach Mitchell Pace commented after the game that "we played an all-around solid game...I'm very proud of these young men getting their first win of the season in the Jefferson District." (their second win overall.)

The Fluco ground attack dominated the game. They rushed for 386 total yards, averaging 10.1 yards per carry. Junior Matt Rea led the way, rushing for 132 yards, and a very impressive four touchdowns. Senior Kam Green pitched in with 68 yards and a touchdown. Junior Will Lambert ran for 53 yards and senior Ben Denby for 36.

Lambert passed for 73 yards and the Flucos were 7 of 14 in the air. Junior Dawson Raines stepped up in the kicking game converting all his extra point tries and adding a 25-yard field goal.

Leading tacklers for the Flucos were senior Caden Harris, Junior CJ Johnson and sophomore Dakota Drumheller.

(Late breaking) The Flucos are now an even 3-2 on the season when the Flucos added another road win on Oct. 4. They

traveled to Albemarle High and scored a 15-7 win. They had a successful goal line stand as the clock ran down. After taking over on downs deep in their own territory, they were able to come up with a first down to run out the clock. Sam Loving led the Flucos attack with 129 yards rushing and a touchdown. Danny Alveranga converted on a 40 yard field goal for the Flucos.

On Oct. 11 they will play at Western Albemarle High School a team that is currently 0-4. The Flucos' Homecoming contest will be on Oct. 18 against Orange County High. The homecoming game may be a challenge as the Hornets are currently 4-1. On the following two Fridays, the Flucos are away, at Louisa High and Goochland County. Their final regular season game is at home against Monticello High on Oct. 8. That game will be Senior Night.

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Tips for Homeowners to Contact the LMOA Board

The 'Contact the Board' button on the website has been moved for your convenience. It can now be found on the brown toolbar when you log into lmoa.org. The link leads you to a form that, once submitted, goes to all Board Directors. You can expect an answer from the Board President, Vice President, or Treasurer.

This option should be used to voice your opinion about an upcoming decision, concerns, or proposed resolutions. The Board of Directors relies on LMOA staff to carry out day-to-day operations. If you have a concern, contact the staff first - we usually have a solution. In the event we are unable to solve your issue with satisfaction - which may occur if we are limited by policy or resources - we are happy to connect you with the General Manager, a committee, or the Board.

Our Board Directors are volunteers who have been elected by the Membership to govern our association. However, there are many ways homeowners can influence decision-making, such as voting, speaking at monthly board meetings, or joining a committee.

We encourage homeowners to attend or watch the monthly meetings because it is the best way to stay informed outside of reading the weekly newsletter. If you can't

make it in person, the Broadcast Group broadcasts and streams the meetings live via Comcast channel 977 and YouTube. You can hear firsthand about changes, upcoming projects, and recommendations that are being considered early in the process. This gives you a chance to contact the board or sign up to speak before final decisions are made.

Aqua Virginia Rates Update

On September 12, the State Corporation Commission (SCC) issued a final order approving the Aqua Virginia rate increase. Aqua agreed to an SCC hearing examiner's proposal of a \$5.49 million increase, which is \$1.41 million lower than the company initially requested. As allowed by SCC regulations, Aqua Virginia started charging its customers an interim rate increase on February 5, 2024. Because that increase was higher than what the SCC approved in the final order, Aqua Virginia will provide a refund in the form of credits based on a recalculation of the rates. The terms of the final order require this to be completed within 90 days of its issuance. The SCC's decision came after a year-long review by commission staff, resulting in a settlement agreement and stipulation between Aqua Virginia and the SCC staff that was accepted by the hearing examiner. The Office of the Attorney General and five counties contributed to the

settlement discussions. The next Water Workgroup is on October 9 at 10 AM in the Ashlawn Clubhouse, Terrace Room A. A designated group of LMOA Members meet monthly with Aqua Virginia Staff. These meetings are open to all LMOA Residents.

Stop for School Buses

Stop for School Buses: Please remember that drivers are required to follow certain laws when encountering a school bus on our roadways. Virginia motorists must:

- Stop for stopped school buses with flashing red lights and an extended stop sign when approaching from any direction, including at intersections
- Remain stopped until everyone is clear, and the bus moves again
- Stop whenever the bus is loading or unloading passengers, even if the lights and stop sign are not activated

Job Openings at the Lake

Our Public Safety Team has an opening for a part-time Security Officer, this time for the night shift. Additionally, the Lake Police is still recruiting qualified officers. As one of 8 authorized Private Police Departments in Virginia, its officers are state-certified law-enforcement officers. This is a unique opportunity to serve a non-traditional police agency. Candidates must have been

Virginia-certified police officers in good standing within the past five years and eligible to be re-certified. The position is currently NOT covered by the Virginia Retirement System, making it ideal for a recently retired police officer. If interested in these listings, please visit CAREERS at lmoa.org.

F&O Director Celebrates First Year at LMOA

During his first year, Facilities & Operations Director Tracy Chandler led the Reserve Study collaboration with Reserve Advisors, which has given him a thorough understanding of LMOA's reserve funds. He also spearheaded an initiative to restructure his department, adjusting spending models to achieve savings, increasing focus on Lake Health, enriching communications with a new community map and infographics on lmoa.org, eliminating single points of failure in his department, and increasing productivity. His team-building activities have included participating with multiple floats in the July 4th Parade and a pizza box bin design competition. The results thereof can now be enjoyed at the Main Beach. Future challenges include:

- cleaning/replacing dirty or faded signs and fire hydrants
- repairing the Tufton Pond pier
- replacing the failing dredger and key employees who will retire soon

Congratulations, Tracy!

Lafayette marker dedication set for Nov. 3

PRESS RELEASE

The Marquis de Lafayette will be in Fluvanna County Nov. 3 for the ceremony marking the dedication of The Lafayette Trail Marker near Currie's Tavern, said organizers from the Fluvanna County Historical Society.

Lafayette, in the form of re-enactor George Gaige, will arrive from Columbia by carriage at 3 p.m. that Sunday for the dedication at Lyles Baptist Church in Wilmington, in a re-enactment of his 1824 visit.

Other outdoor festivities after the dedication will include singing of period and

patriotic songs, dancing the Virginia Reel with the Fluvanna Flutterwheels, games, and a buffet that includes foods that would have been enjoyed by the group of Fluvanna citizens in 1824. Attendees are encouraged to wear period costume and are encouraged to bring chairs.

Lyles Baptist Church is at 92 Lyles Church Lane, Palmyra (four miles east of Palmyra at the end of Courthouse Road). For more information or to get involved, contact 434-981-8085 or email fluvanna-history.org.

Comparing The Candidates' Plans

The Trump administration proposes to...

...ramp up oil drilling on public lands and provide tax breaks for the already-wealthy oil, gas, and coal producers. **Provide tax cuts to billionaires.**

...let states **monitor women's pregnancies and menstrual cycles.** Prosecute women and providers who violate abortion bans.

...**deport 11,000,000 +** people and build migrant deportation camps.

...**repeal the Affordable Care Act** which provides healthcare for millions of Americans. Trump has "concepts" but no plan! If we lose the ACA, those with pre-existing may not be insurable!!

...**block safety measures protecting Americans from gun violence.**

...limit the rights of American citizens to vote and gut the law prohibiting the use of military force on civilians. **Elections are only fair if Trump wins.**

...**eliminate protections from the effects of Climate Change** and withhold funds appropriated by Congress.

...pardon January 6th "Patriots." Seek revenge against those Trump sees as non-supporters. **Require a loyalty pledge to him.**

...**gut the Civil Service.** Trump calls captured soldiers "suckers and losers." Trump dodged serving his country.

...ask Congress to pass a bill **declaring there are only two genders.**

...**establish an Autocracy.**

The Harris administration proposes to...

...ensure corporate America pays its fair share of taxes to **take the burden off the middle class** and add to the 16 million new jobs created in 2020-24. Continued support of the Infrastructure Act and CHIPS.

...ensure the **rights of women** to control their own medical decisions and access to birth control and IVF.

...pass the border reform bill sidelined in 2024. **Increased funding for more border agents** and additional technology.

... continue negotiations begun by the Biden administration to **lower more prescription drug prices** and work to strengthen & expand the Affordable Care Act.

...continue protecting Americans from gun violence with **sensible gun safety laws and a ban on assault weapons.**

...**ensure all Americans can safely vote** without fear of intimidation. Follow the 200-year-old tradition of accepting the fair results of elections.

...**continue investing in clean energy.** Work to re-enact OSHA, EPA, regulations that protect Americans.

...**support the Department of Justice and police** departments. (Violent crime dropped 3% in the U.S. according to FBI data.)

...**protect Civil Service jobs** from political abuse. Walz served 24 years in the National Guard before retiring.

...**protect the rights of citizens in all communities.**

...**protect our Democracy.**

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Community Calendar

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



Spirituality of aging

Grace & Glory Lutheran Church in Palmyra, is hosting a six-part series on the spirituality of aging and you are invited to participate. What you can expect: video presentations, discussions, and contemplative practices, share, question, reflect - and be surprised! All materials provided. Meetings start Wednesdays, **Oct. 16, 23, 30, and Nov. 6** at 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with light lunch served. RSVP or contact the church at admin@graceandglory.org, (434) 589-2217.

Scottsville Lions to host Community Awards Night

The Scottsville Lions will be hosting the 2024 Community Awards Night on **Oct. 23**. Brief update presentations by the honored groups will start at 7:30 pm., with an open-mike question-and-answer session to follow. The event will be held at the Scottsville United Methodist Fellowship Hall and start at 7 p.m.

Beulah Baptist celebration

Beulah Baptist Church (1633 Kents Store Way Kents Store) is holding its annual Fall Festival and Trunk-or-Treat Thursday, **Oct. 31** from 5 to 7 p.m. Everything is Free! Sno-Cones, popcorn, trunks full of candy, and other food and games. Call 434-589-2245 for more info.

Farmers market

The Farmers Market is back! **Every Sunday**, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., outside of ACE Hardware Store at 101 Crofton Plaza, in Palmyra.. Live music, food trucks, vendors. Email fluvannacountyfarmersmarket@gmail.com or contact Peggy Shanklin at 434-962-2762.

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 donations gratefully accepted.

PUBLIC NOTICES

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FLUVANNA COUNTY

FIELD, JANET RENEE)	
Plaintiff)	
v.)	ORDER OF PUBLICATION
FIELD, JANET RENEE)	CASE NO. 24CL742
Defendant)	

A Petition has been filed to obtain a Declaration of Death for Janet Renee Field. Janet Renee Field has not been seen or heard from since July 2, 2014.

It is **ORDERED** that anyone with factual evidence to dispute the death/disappearance of Janet Renee Field appear before this Court on the 6th day of December, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. in the Clerk's Office of this court and present those facts.

It is **ORDERED** that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Fluvanna Review, a newspaper of general circulation in Fluvanna County and a copy of this order to be posted at the door of the Courthouse.

Entered this 27th day of September, 2024.

Requested by:

David M. Barredo
Judge

C. Holland Perdue III (VSB #81509)
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PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSAL TO CLEANUP

AN UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST) SITE

There has been a release from an underground storage tank system at

Kidd's Store

8469 West River Road, Scottsville, VA 24590

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is requiring Duke Oil Company Inc. to develop a Corrective Action Plan to address cleanup of gasoline contamination at the site. If you have any questions regarding the cleanup, please contact:

Bob Baird, PhD
Environmental Consulting, Inc.
13040 Greenwood Church Road
Ashland, VA 23005

info@callECItoday.com or (804) 798-5555

The Corrective Action Plan will be submitted to the Valley Regional Office of DEQ on September 26, 2024. If you would like to review or discuss the proposed Corrective Action Plan with the staff of DEQ, please feel free to contact Eli A. Connell at Eli.Connell@deq.virginia.gov or (540) 830-0258 after the date of the Corrective Action Plan submittal. DEQ Valley Regional Office will consider written comments regarding the proposed Correction Action Plan until October 26, 2024 and may decide to hold a public meeting if there is significant public interest. Written comments should be sent to DEQ at the address below. DEQ requests that all written comments reference the tracking number for this case: PC#2024-6082.

Department of Environmental Quality
Storage Tank Program
4411 Early Road, Harrisonburg, VA 22801

FLAG to offer home solar information

PRESS RELEASE

Fluvanna residents can learn about whether home solar is right for them, and how to choose a supplier if it is, at a free session Wednesday, Oct. 30, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Fluvanna Library. The seminar is being organized by the Fluvanna Leadership Alumni Group (FLAG), which is made up of alumni of the Fluvanna Leadership Development Program.

The solar seminar will feature solar experts from Central Virginia Electric Cooperative (CVEC) and Dominion Power, as well as Fluvanna resident Steve Smith,

who installed solar on his home five years ago and has carefully documented its performance and cost savings.

"The goal of this session is not to convince residents to install solar," said Cathy Tatro, chair of the FLAG Speakers Committee. "It's to help them decide if it would work for them, and to give them the information they need to get the solar system they want and can afford." She said the seminar will have plenty of time for audience questions.

PUBLIC NOTICES



**NOVEMBER 5TH, 2024
FLUVANNA COUNTY
GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION**

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Friday, Sept. 20nd - Friday, November 1st: 8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Saturday, October 26th: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 30th: 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Extended hours)
Saturday, November 2nd: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Last day to Vote Early at the Registrar's Office)

Monday, October 14, 2024: Closed in Observance of Columbus Day
Tuesday, October 15, 2024: Deadline to register to vote or change your voter registration information for this election.
(5:00 p.m. in-person & 11:59 p.m. online.)

Mailed voter registration applications must be sent to the the Fluvanna County Voter Registrar's Office postmarked on or before the deadline.

Friday, October 25, 2024: Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail. Applications must be received in the Registrar's Office by 5 p.m.

DROP BOX LOCATIONS: Registrar's Office during business hours and at each voting precinct on Election Day.

Tuesday, November 5th 2024: Election Day - DROP BOX "Vote by Mail" ballots must be returned to the Registrar's Office, a Polling Place Drop Box in Fluvanna County or USPS postmarked on November 5th by 7 p.m. to be counted.

ELECTION DAY POLLING HOURS: 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Joyce W. Pace, Director of Elections & General Registrar
265 Turkeysag Trail, Suite 115, Palmyra VA 22963
TELEPHONE: 434-589-3593 FAX: 434-589-6383

Email: jpace@fluvannacounty.org
Website: <https://www.fluvannacounty.org/registrar>

Fluvanna fills trucks for Hurricane Helene relief

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

Fluvanna County residents filled the truck with donations in just four days.

In fact, by the time driver/organizer Trey Brown headed out, residents had also almost filled a second full trailer. This second shipment will be headed Bristol, Tennessee in the coming days.

Trey's wife, Tamara Brown, said they had been "blown away" by the generosity of the community.

Trey Brown had fond memories of vacationing in western North Carolina with his grandparents as a child. After seeing the devastating floods brought by Hurricane Helene in late September, he decided he needed to act.

The trucking company he drives for supported his plan for a supply drive, and Tractor Supply gave them space in the parking lot. Volunteers stepped up to help sort and load the mountain of dona-

tions that flowed in after the call for supplies went out.

Before leaving on Saturday, Brown reached out to officials on the ground in North Carolina to arrange a drop-off at a location just outside the disaster zone. "They have to limit who's in the disaster zone so they can focus on what needs to get done," he explained in a Facebook comment. Once unloaded, the coordinators will ensure the supplies get to those in need by truck and airlift.

Brown posted a short video as he approached the drop location on Sunday morning. "I can't thank you, everybody, for pulling all this together and helping me get down here and to help these people out," he said.

If you would like to donate to support Helene victims in North Carolina, visit www.nc.gov/donate

Tennessee is asking for donations through the easterntennesseefoundation.org.

Fluvanna Women in Business to hold Expo

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

Dozens of local vendors will gather at Fluvanna County High School on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the Fluvanna Women in Business Expo.

Fluvanna Women in Business (WIB) was founded in February 2020 and has not only survived the pandemic, but thrived. WIB president Elyse Wood says they currently have 148 paying members and over 800 Facebook followers.

"It started because of the need," founder and past president Jan Tatangelo said. "They have people connect and create relationships."

Despite the name, the group isn't exclusively female.

"We're not anti-men," she said. "We have guys as members, too."

The group keeps up a full schedule of networking and social events, including coffees at Cuppa Joes and lunches and evening events at area restaurants and wineries.

They also try to hold one major event each year. "Last year, it was a speed networking thing," said Wood. "It worked out really great."

This year, it's the Expo.

"We've had great sponsors," said Tatangelo. "The sponsors have really stepped up." This includes Fluvanna County, which has also assisted with advertising the event.

Along with 48 vendors – the maximum they could fit in the space allotted – they will hold a silent auction, a raffle, giveaways, and free swag. "We have food trucks, a kids' zone, and face painting," Tatangelo added.

"The money that we raise goes back into our community through business grants and scholarships," she said.

Admission is free, and holding the Expo at the high school assures that it won't get rained out and that attendees won't have

to worry about parking. Tatangelo and Wood said they hope to draw people from surrounding counties to see what Fluvanna's businesses have to offer.

For more information on this and other events and business announcements, follow "Your Fluvanna Women in Business" on Facebook.

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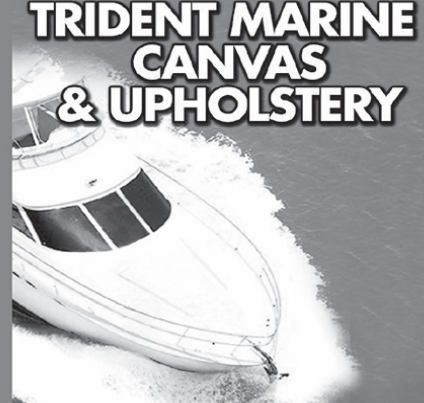
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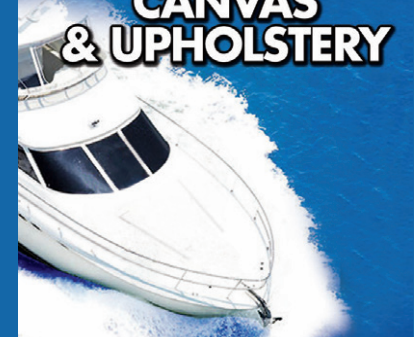
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High water damages Pleasant Grove bridge

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

High waters from the remnants of Hurricane Helene caused major damage to a pedestrian bridge at Pleasant Grove just weeks after it was renovated and reopened to the public.

The Board of Supervisors was briefed on the damage at the start of its meeting Wednesday evening (Oct. 2).

The footbridge, which sits on the trails behind the Fluvanna County library, was declared unsafe by county officials early in 2024. Parks & Rec and public works staff completed the necessary repairs in September.

But then, heavy rains in recent weeks pushed rivers and creeks to their highest levels in over a decade. County Administrator Eric Dahl said the waters that swamped the bridge on Oct. 1 looked completely still on the surface but still carried enough force to lift the bridge and deposit it several feet from its original location.

The bridge is closed until further notice, and there is currently no timeline for repairs.

"This is a pretty minor inconvenience in the grand scheme of things with everything that so many are experiencing from this storm," said Chair Chris Fairchild (Cunningham). "Our prayers as a county are with the people who are experiencing that."

County fair

Despite less than ideal weather, the County Fair in August brought in 7,887 paying guests, just 500 fewer than in 2023.

Parks & Rec director Aaron Spitzer reported that the fair cost the county about \$27,000, a decrease from previous years. Matching grants had helped defray some of the costs.

The Fair Board, which helps organize the event, spent about \$68,000, an increase of about \$5,000. This was attributed to adding some new events like stump carving, and increases in costs for lighting and other materials.

Total revenue for the three-day event was about \$86,000.

"We're one of the only few county fairs that is growing in the state," said Spitzer. "Most of the others are staying the same or going down, but we're always trying to bring in something new."

Pleasant Grove hunt

Also on the agenda Wednesday night was the approval of a hunt at Pleasant Grove for the Wheelin' Sportsmen, a group that helps the disabled enjoy hunting and other outdoor activities.

The annual hunt benefits a group of hunters who might not otherwise have opportunities to get out into the field, and helps the county keep the park's deer population manageable. While no deer were taken in the most recent hunt, an average of 2-5 deer were culled in previous years.

This year, the hunt is scheduled for Dec. 27. The park and trails will be closed to the public during the event.

Public hearings advertised

Supervisors approved the advertisement of three public hearings scheduled for November 20:

- Repealing and replacing Chapter 6 of the County Code. This chapter focuses on erosion and sediment control and needs to be updated to conform to new state regulations;
- Approval of a lease agreement between Fluvanna Christian Services Society (FCSS) and the county for the use of space at the Carysbrook Complex. FCSS has leased property on the site since 2018. The new lease, which would last for five years at a rate of \$180 per year, would allow FCSS to use space for overflow freezers for the food pantry and storing donations for the Happy Face Christmas toy and clothing drive;
- Approval of a \$3.2 million supplemental appropriation for Fluvanna County Public Schools. Most of the money will come from federal and state sources, but because it will technically expand the county's \$107 million budget by more than one percent, a public hearing needs to be held under state law.



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Democrats assemble for 8th annual Crab Fest

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

Over 100 Fluvanna Democrats and progressives gathered Saturday afternoon (Oct. 5) for the 8th Annual Justice Jamboree Crab Fest.

Organized by the Lefty Lunch Ladies, Fluvanna Leaders for Race and Diversity, and the Fluvanna Democrats, the event included – as always – fresh-caught Chesapeake Bay crabs, music, and conversation.

But with exactly one month to go until the 2024 general election, the focus was

on one thing: electing Democrats to Congress and to the White House.

Medal of Freedom recipient and Gold Star father Khizr Khan said that he had recently started to "sense the spirit that made Virginians and others sign the Declaration of Independence. I would encourage you all to read it before the election."

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He also urged the audience to “reach out to those who haven’t made up their minds yet.”

Jackson Miller, a Democratic Party organizer, said that one in six registered voters in Virginia had already used early voting to cast their ballots.

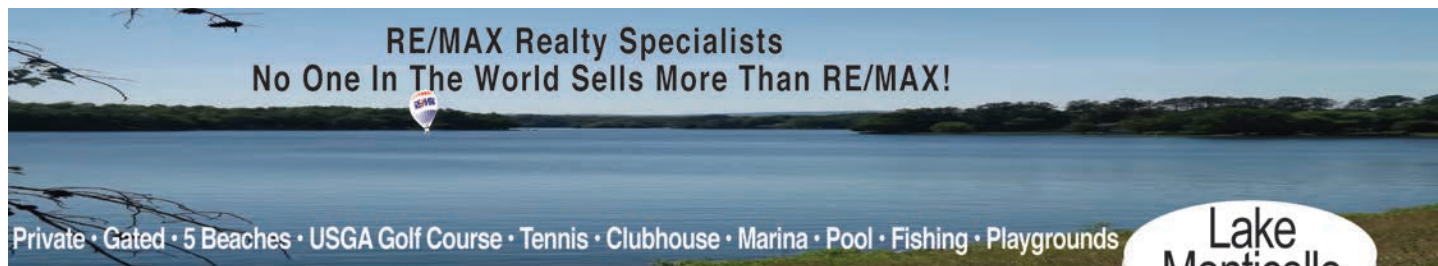
But all the speakers agreed that it wasn’t time to sit back and relax. “We have four more weekends,” said Delegate Amy Laufer (55th District).

“We have 31 days,” said Richmond Mayor Levar Stoney. “This is a margin of error race, and this is a margin of effort race.”

If the deadlocked presidential contest between Kamala Harris and Donald Trump was uppermost in everyone’s minds, State Senator Aaron Rouse (7th District) argued that local Democrats shouldn’t give up on winning the 5th Congressional District race, where Democrat Gloria Witt is facing off against Republican John McGuire.

“Do not be afraid of the work,” Rouse said. “We can flip this district.”

Witt, the final speaker of the day, was upbeat about her chances. Democrats could not only win the race, she said, “we will redefine how you win in the 5th District.”



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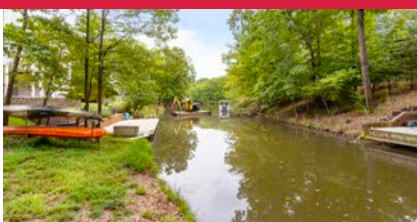


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