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8 Football official  
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10 Hullabaloo  
11 Casual canvas shoe  
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13 Glazier's sheet  
18 Love to pieces  
21 E-mail command  
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26 10:1, e.g.  
27 Type of commerce  
29 Fail to say  
31 Clear a cribbage board

- 32 Quick to get ticked  
34 State under oath  
36 Turbulent situation  
39 Bring back, say  
42 Stiffly formal  
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47 Stack again

- 50 Comic's specialty  
52 Yield  
53 Plumbing problem  
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Answers to Previous Crossword:

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SUDOKU

Difficulty: Medium

Edited by Margie E. Burke

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.

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Letters to the Editor

Thanks to deputies, EMTs

I wish to express my profound gratitude to the good Samaritans and Fluvanna County sheriff's deputies, ambulance crews, EMTs, and fire fighters who responded to a recent auto accident involving my wife. The accident was severe, but good Samaritans were quick to help and first responders were on scene almost immediately. Thanks to cellular telephone SOS notification, I arrived on scene shortly thereafter.

It is disconcerting to arrive on such a scene knowing that your loved one is involved, but the supervising sheriff's

deputy helped me find my wife immediately. EMTs provided critical information on her condition and hospital destination. The deputy assured me not to worry about the vehicle and quickly provided contact information for follow-up. The efforts of all of these allowed me to focus on my wife and her well-being.

I take for granted that fellow community members - bystanders, volunteers, and professionals - bring order to chaotic scenes like this, but again offer thanks to all involved.

-Eric Voigt, Palmyra

What do we want from our elected officials?

While I am not a big fan of the term politician, and I prefer to view the work I do as a supervisor as my stint in public service, in this day and age it seems that we have conflated the duties of public service with the politics of identity. I would like to believe that the citizens of Fluvanna would choose to vote for a candidate based on their character, values, and policies rather than the party they have traditionally voted for.

If my service was stained by my efforts to overthrow the results of a local election in a manner that put my colleagues, county staff and citizens at risk, would you vote for me?

If my reputation was that I lied on a prodigious and daily basis to constituents, would you vote for me?

If I threatened my personal enemies with the power of the office that I am elected to, and granted favors to my

friends, would you vote for me?

If my policies increased the debt of the county by 75 percent, would you vote for me?

If I degraded women, minorities, the handicapped and threatened their rights, would you vote for me?

If I was convicted of 34 felonies and had dozens of pending cases against me, would you vote for me?

I am certain that the answer to just these few questions is not just no, but no way in \_\_\_\_!

So one last question. Regardless of political affiliation, if you would not entrust me to serve the citizens of Fluvanna based on just the few questions listed above, then how is it even reasonable to consider re-electing a man of such poor quality and character to the most powerful political position in the world?

-Tony O'Brien, Lake Monticello

Vote Trump

I am voting for Donald Trump! I am voting for him because I don't like the direction the country is moving under Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. I believe the progressives have taken over the Democratic Party and moved it far to the left and even support a socialist agenda. By the way, the people who expound on the need to save democracy are the same that forced the president of the United States to step down and inserted the vice president in his place without a vote - that's not democratic. They are the same people who have weaponized the Department of Justice and FBI and say that the Supreme Court is corrupt because it reversed Roe v Wade. None of these things are within the democratic process. Like President Biden we will not know who is behind the curtain directing a Harris presidency, i.e., spending, inflation, immigration,

war, new green deal, oil, natural gas production, Chinese balloons over America, Iran, antisemitism, Antifa, unrestricted abortion, men in girls' sports, EV mandates, DEI, and anti-Israel policies. I do not like that direction, and I fear that if the progressives win the election, the nation will turn into a one party, radical, socialist nation without a Constitution. Please refer to California. I don't believe Kamala when she says she's for fracking. Remember they say they are for a lot of good things like fracking but they give the radical regulators the ability to overregulate and kill good economic policies. I believe that despite all that the progressive press says and what the full-page pro Harris page ads in the *Fluvanna Review* say about Trump, his agenda is to make America great and that is why he is getting my vote."

-Bing Spitler, Palmyra

Veteran against Trump

I take it personally when reading a Lake Monticello neighborhood sign that reads "Veterans support Trump." Donald Trump's continuous insults toward veterans who have died or been injured in the line of service has not gone well

with me or should it with any military veteran. During a 2018 visit to France, President Trump, our commander in chief, canceled a visit to the

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## Letters to the Editor

Aiden-Marine American Cemetery. The Atlantic Magazine reported Trump saying, “Why should I go to that cemetery? It’s filled with losers.” During the same trip, he also told senior staffers that the nearly 2,000 U.S. Marines who were killed at the WW1 Battle of Bellevue Wood were “suckers” for getting killed. As a Navy Hospital Corpsmen, I served seven years as a combat medic with the Marine Corps and a tour in Vietnam with the 26th Marine Regiment, from 1969-70. During this timeframe, five combat medics in my unit were killed in action treating wounded Marines. They were not “losers or suckers,” but sacrificed their lives for an American cause, not themselves. John Kelly, a retired Marine general who served as Trump’s White House chief of staff, told the *New York Times* that Trump fits the definition of a fascist. I have a granddaughter

currently on active duty as Navy diving officer, a grandson at USNA and another grandson at Virginia Tech where he is a member of the Corps Of Cadets, Reserve Officer’s Training Corps. All three are obligated to serve five to seven years in the United States military. Do I as a grandfather want Trump to be our next president and commander in chief? No! I refuse to drink Trump’s cool aid that is contaminated with: False or misleading statements. Claims of “a day of love” for the deadly insurrection on January 6. Referring to those who lost their lives in service to our country as “suckers” and “losers.”

All this should remind Americans that we owe it to our service members, our country, and our future to make sure Trump is never our commander in chief again.

-Craig C. Conboy, Palmyra

### Which response? Which vision? Which future?

At a recent J. D. Vance rally, an onlooker interrupted him by shouting, “Jesus is king!” Vance stopped and responded, “You’re right, Jesus is king,” and the gathering responded with thunderous applause. By contrast, when the same statement was shouted at a Kamala Harris rally, she responded, “You guys are in the wrong place,” and she had the two young men escorted from the building.

This crystalizes the ethical trajectories the Republican and Democrat parties see for our nation.

Our nation protects the freedom of all races and creeds. This was firmly established in our founding documents which are based on Judeo-Christian values.

The framers of those documents were, indeed, flawed beings. But they were intelligent enough to see the wisdom of and necessity for a nation to be built on a strong moral code. The framers recognized that leaders must humbly submit to a higher power. The imperfections of the leaders throughout our nation’s history are epic. But with each, the question must be asked: “What was their vision for our nation and its people?”

The responses of Kamala Harris and J. D. Vance clearly define their parties’ visions for the nature and character of what our country may become. May God have mercy on our nation.

-ED Campbell, Palmyra

### Choose aspiration, inspiration

“Fear and Loathing in the White House!” Not a movie I want to see again. I choose a leader offering aspiration and inspiration not degradation and desperation. I want Americans to: have access to safe food and drink, go to school in a secure environment, work at a job providing at least a living wage, freely share their thoughts, safely travel for work and leisure in ways that do less harm to the environment and start a family if, when, and how they choose.

In America we wouldn’t have access to all the foods we now enjoy without migrant workers. Water supplies wouldn’t be protected if the EPA was abolished. Schools would be more dangerous if the Justice Department backtracks on sensible gun policies. Children would struggle to develop necessary skills and the ability to reason, if the Department of Education is eliminated. People wouldn’t have freedom of speech if the president is true to his word to use the military against “the enemy within.” Investments in infrastructure - bridges/roads/railways - would be in jeopardy. Regulations on industries that manufacture and service cars/ trains/planes would prioritize enriching management

and stockholders, not travelers’ experience and safety. Forget about green energy alternatives. The low national minimum wage would continue to deny workers self-sufficiency. Those who can least afford it will face rising healthcare costs and they won’t be able to care for ill or aging loved ones without jeopardizing their own health and resources. Women will lose even more bodily autonomy as states enact abortion and birth control restrictions. Kamala Harris and Tim Walz have outlined plans to expand upon the positive steps the Biden administration has taken in these areas. Donald Trump and J.D. Vance share few plans, but those they have articulated, those crafted for them (see Project 2025), and the Trump administration’s record show they will make the lives of all but the richest (and the “yes men”) worse in these respects.

A rising tide can either lift all boats or swamp them. Use your vote to do the heavy lifting, the boat you save may be your own.

-Millie Fife, Palmyra

## Two Fluvanna girls cross country runners are third and fourth at District meet

BY DUNCAN NIXON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Jefferson District 5000 meter year-end cross-country meet was held at Panorama Farms on Oct. 23. Panorama Farms is a private property not open to the public for running or walking. It is located in northern Albemarle County between Free Union and the Charlottesville-Albemarle airport. It is obviously an excellent venue for scheduled cross-country events. It is the home course of the University of Virginia cross country teams and it was the site of the Division 1 men’s and the Division 1 women’s cross country championships in 2023.

When cross country is run as a team event, as was the case in the Jefferson District meet, the scoring is based on the finishing position of the first five runners of seven for each team - low score wins. The Fluvanna girls had an excellent start in this calculation as senior runner Anna Amato finished third in a time of 18:58 and junior Ruby Frazier was fourth in a time of 19:21.70. Amato was only three and a half seconds off second place. The Fluco girls

third, fourth and fifth finishers came in 30, 31 and 35 for a team score of 103. Unfortunately, this was not close as all five of Albemarle High’s runners were in the first 13 to finish. The Fluco girls third fourth and fifth finishers were all underclassmen - Lacey Rhodes, a sophomore, Eliana Portman, a junior and Amaris Garcia, a freshman. The Fluco girls finished fourth of seven schools.

On the boys side of the meet, Fluco junior Jack Jeffries was the first Fluco to finish, coming in 16th, in a time of 17:17.40. The other top finishers for the Fluco boys were, freshman Levi Rensch, junior, Jonathan Gretz, freshman Maxwell Cantangelo, and sophomore Chase LaRochelle. All of these runners are underclassmen.

Fluco cross country Coach Melanie Kennedy said that all of the Fluco runners in this meet, posted their best time of the year, an amazing accomplishment, no doubt due to the serious competition.



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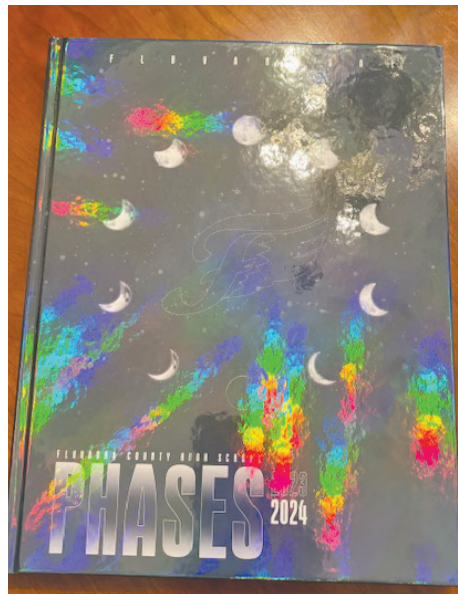
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The winning publications include:

2024 "Phases" Fluvannual Yearbook  
- 1st Place - Editors: Katie Bond and Savannah Morris;

2024 Fluco Beat Online News - 1st Place - Editors: Kessler Potter '24, Rebecca Martin, and Gabi Etchison '24;

2024 "Undefined" Literary Magazine  
- 1st Place - Editors: Kessler Potter '24, Rachael Broxon, and Annika Potter.

Nearly 50 students from Elizabeth Pellicane's journalism classes and the Literary Magazine Club worked on these publications throughout the 2024 school year. Students are now in the process of creating the 2025 publications.

Bond and junior Cecily McMillian are the editors of the 2025 Fluvannual, which has a theme of "Timeline" and which can be pre-ordered at [jostens-yearbooks.com](http://jostens-yearbooks.com). The book, which will cover all 180 days of the 2025 school year, will be published next summer and be available in July of 2025.

The 2025 Fluco Beat student news site publishes news, sports, and entertainment articles regularly during the school week under the direction of Editors Alli Rhoades, Ethan Ritchey, and Rebecca Martin. You can read it at [theflucobeat.com](http://theflucobeat.com).

The 2024 edition of the "Undefined" magazine includes a range of student submissions, featuring artwork, poetry, and writing from FCHS students. You can read a pdf of the magazine by going to [theflucobeat.com](http://theflucobeat.com) and scrolling to the Fine Arts Corner.

Rachael Broxon, who is joining Annika Potter as the 2025 "Undefined" editors, says "I feel very honored to be able to help make the Lit Mag, and even more so to achieve a first place award my first year on the team. The cumulative effort from all the artists in the school and from the team itself truly make the Lit Mag special. Each piece was specifically selected by myself and the Lit Mag team to make the best magazine possible, and I'm so glad that all of our efforts paid off."

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Hesler to talk with FOL about timely topic in her new book

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD  
CORRESPONDENT



Author Jody Hobbs Hesler's will discuss her new novel *Without You Here* with Friends of the Library on Nov. 6 at 10 a.m. It is told through the eyes of eight-year-old Noreen, who deals with her aunt Nonie's suicide. Hesler said that the loss, compounded by the family's fears that Noreen will follow her aunt's troubled path, reverberates through her life, planting doubts about her judgment. Noreen grows to be a young mother stuck in an increasingly precarious marriage whose imminent crisis will force her to choose between allowing history to repeat itself or setting a

new course.

In her previous book *What Makes You Think You're Supposed to Feel Better*, she examined similar subjects through short stories.

"I've written stories ever since I could hold a pencil. Like other writers I know, I'm in the habit of experiencing the world as an observer, as well as a participant, and disconnection, longing, and loss, are the emotions that tend to spark my interest and imagination the most," she said. "This disconnection might occur within families or other intimate relationships or even within a character's sense of self—from denial about a loss to mental health issues."

She added that sensitive topics or dealing plainly and directly with human experience define literary fiction's domain. Literary fiction's superpower is inviting empathy.

"Literary fiction is scientifically proven to increase a reader's empathy. When fictional characters experience realistic emotional challenges, readers respond with genuine emotion."

She added that, "I aim to connect with readers meaningfully and deeply, and I hope they extend the same compassion and understanding they develop for my characters toward the real people they encounter in the world around them."

Some of her research is the result of

life experience. Loss, longing, rejection, regrets, and more that we all can relate to during a lifetime.

"I've lost a few people to suicide. I've reckoned with my anxiety and other demons, and I've witnessed loved ones reckoning with theirs, but my characters and their situations are invented. So the emotional truths in my fiction come from real life one way or another, but the exploits, conflicts, and struggles I illustrate belong to my characters."

To write about Nonie in *Without You Here*, she had to understand Nonie's mental health issues. She died in 1980, so Hesler needed to understand what mental health care for panic disorder might have looked like at that time. For background on mental health issues, she interviewed a psychiatrist with a specialty in anxiety disorders, a therapist writer and friend, and an EMT. She read several books, from memoirs to more academic volumes, detailing the issues Nonie would have had. She watched helpful YouTube videos, from Australian government-sponsored mental health documentaries to archival footage of relevant psychiatric sessions from the late 1960s.

But that's only the beginning of the research included in her current book. Young Noreen breaks her arm in one im-

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portant scene, so to portray it accurately, she needed to understand her injury. To learn more about broken arms, she interviewed a family doctor and the daughter of a family friend about her broken arm, which was similar to Noreen's.

"Noreen and Nonie were both bigger risk-takers than I ever was, so I also needed to study what's involved with jumping a train, among other things. I also discovered a fascinating subculture newspaper for train jumpers," she said. She feels her extensive research is key to maintaining her connection with her readers. "To earn a reader's trust, my details need to ring true. Research and accurate representations are my means for earning that trust."

She says every personal experience influences her work.

"Anything that makes me learn, grow, struggle, suffer, and celebrate is grist for the storytelling mill. But whatever began as a personal and specific experience only shapes the lens I apply to whatever story I'm telling," she said. "My characters and their experiences are entirely separate from me. They're their self-contained little worlds."

"It's important to note, though, that this isn't a book about suicide. It's a fictional story about characters, their connections, and their struggles. I worked hard to render Nonie and Noreen as well-rounded, fully-fledged people, not defined by a single event or diagnosis, so when I give

a reading, I'm talking about Noreen and Nonie."

She has written for many journals and magazines including *Writer's Digest*; writes and copy edits for *Charlottesville Family Magazine*, and serves as assistant fiction editor for the *Los Angeles Review*. She teaches at Writer House in Charlottesville and when teaching a writing workshop, she refers to particularly sensitive issues as "hot potatoes."

She adds that her job as a writer of literary fiction is to serve the story.

"Hot potatoes only enter a story if they're necessary to it. Mental illness, addiction, and trauma are never superficial props plopped in at random to draw attention or provoke a reaction. They're only included if they're fundamental to the story being told. This thorough truth-testing poses the biggest challenge in representing these issues."

She hopes her readers understand we're all human and struggling with something. "Compassion and connection are precious and essential," she said. "When we encounter a character who struggles with something familiar we can step outside our own experience and see something new. Sometimes a character's struggles can help us understand and articulate our own." She adds that seeing how difficult an event or issue is for a character might help us develop greater compassion for ourselves or loved ones or friends, struggling with something similar. "When fiction resonates, it's sort of magical."

## New solar ordinances set tough restrictions on utility-scale development

BY HEATHER MICHON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Board of Supervisors passed a new set of ordinances at their Oct. 16 meeting that will heavily restrict the development of utility-scale solar farms within Fluvanna County.

The ordinances, created by a joint committee of two supervisors and two Planning Commission members, set stringent guidelines for solar projects of two megawatts or greater.

Earlier this year, supervisors removed utility-scale solar farms as a by-right use on land zoned as A-1 (Agricultural). Under the new ordinances, landowners must re-zone property as S-1 (Solar).

As presented to the supervisors, the amount of land open to utility-scale solar development would be capped at three percent of Fluvanna's total acreage, or 5,400 acres.

Assuming the new zoning was approved, projects would be subject to a long list of regulations covering everything from fencing and vegetative buffers to wildlife corridors and decommissioning.

However, much of the public hearing focused on setbacks—the distance between the solar field and nearby structures, roads, property lines, and water features.

Solar fields would need to be between 375 and 500 feet from nearby dwellings, parcels, or property lines, 300 to 500 feet from roadways, 1,000 feet from the James, Rivanna, and Hardware rivers, and 500 feet from ponds or perennial streams.

For streams, the buffer would extend 500 feet from both sides of the waterway.

This is far more restrictive than most state and local regulations, which generally place setbacks at 100 to 150 feet from water sources.

Solar developers and advocates say the setback from streams, in particular, would close much of the county to solar development.

"These setbacks are completely unworkable," said Skylar Zunk of Energy Right Virginia. "If these go through, solar will not have a pathway forward in Fluvanna County. There will be no projects, and that will rob landowners of opportunities to earn income from their land."

Central Virginia Electric Cooperative president Gary Wood said energy costs were climbing dramatically in Virginia, and would likely do so for the next 10 to 15 years. Limiting solar development in Fluvanna County to this degree could have a negative impact on energy bills.

"The co-op have very few tools, and those tools include small, local solar, and that's what we'd like to make sure we have, an opportunity to still make use of that tool and keep it in the tool bag."

CVEC's plans were to build at least more solar field in Fluvanna of around

five to seven megawatts.

He asked that the setback on streams be reduced to around 200 feet, which would open more acreage for this type of solar field.

In their deliberations, a majority of supervisor back the removal of the three percent cap on land use. "Our setbacks are a cap in itself," said Tim Hodge (Palmyra).

But it was the setbacks that Tony O'Brien (Rivanna) said made it impossible for him to vote to approve the ordinances that he himself had helped draft in committee.

While he said he was proud of the job the committee had done, the decisions on the setbacks had been "arbitrary."

"I don't want to pass an ordinance that basically says, well, we're just pretending," he said. "We're just pretending and we think we're smarter than the USDA and the DEQ, than any of these other people."

He argued that the county allowed people to build houses and driveways right next to waterways. Farmers were allowed to let their animals roam freely and were not required to put in riparian buffers or fence off access to streams, even though the "number one source of pollution in the Chesapeake Bay is agriculture, period."

O'Brien further argued that limiting solar limited the county's economic growth, as businesses would not have access to cheap, abundant energy and residents could face higher monthly bills.

None of these arguments were persuasive to the majority of the board. Hodge moved to approve the ordinances without the three percent cap, and the motion passed 4-1, with O'Brien voting no.





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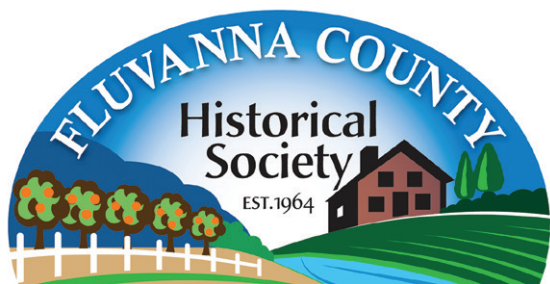
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- Lafayette arrives in horse-drawn carriage
- Kristen Sorrell on fife, accompanied by children, lead the singing of *Yankee Doodle*
- Ladies of Fluvanna Community Singers, joined by others, sing a tribute to Lafayette
- *La Marseillaise* performed by Jean-Jacques Bevilacqua
- *The Star-Spangled Banner* led by Fluvanna Community Singers
- Period food served (Thomas Jefferson's favorite macaroni and cheese, Virginia ham on biscuits, venison, turkey, period relishes, cookies, tea biscuits and cider)
- Fluvanna Flutterwheels dance The Virginia Reel, encouraging audience participation
- Period games for kids, including (sanitary) bobbing for apples
- Speakers include Fluvanna County Supervisor Mike Sheridan, George Gaige re-enacting Lafayette, and master of ceremonies Dr. Randy Lanford, re-enacting John Timberlake, Jr.

*Attendees at the family-friendly event are encouraged to wear period or patriotic costume and to bring chairs*

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PRESS RELEASE

With this summer's blooms going to seed, thoughts turn to what to do differently for next year's gardens. A good place to start is with learning research-based fundamentals and practices through the Fluvanna Master Gardener Training Program. Beginning with the basics, the Master Gardner Training walks through topics such as soils, pest management and diseases. The classes look at best practices to attain results and avoid problems. Class topics range from turf, to ornamentals, fruits, vegetables, and much more. Attention is also directed to how individual gardeners impact environmental issues such as water conservation and wildlife habitats.



## Notice

The Fluvanna County School Board will hold a Budget Public Hearing on November 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the FY26 Budget Objectives. The meeting will be held at the FCPS School Board Office, 14455 James Madison Highway, Palmyra, VA.

**Professors, experts, and field trips**  
The training program begins Jan. 11 with an in-person orientation. Then come weekly zoom classes instructed by college professors or recognized experts in their fields. Classes are supplemented with several onsite field experiences on Saturdays, as students are joined by experienced master gardeners for hands-on techniques. The graduation event will be May 10. After that, graduates begin 40 hours of volunteer service in a variety of events and venues that encourage appreciation and understanding of horticulture.

**Free information sessions**  
Further information on the Master Gardener program will be provided in two information sessions held at Fluvanna Public Library: Thursday, Nov. 14 from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., and on Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 1:15 to 2:30 p.m. At those times, Training Program Coordinator Nancy Rossnagel will provide further details. She will be joined by experienced Master Gardeners who will become familiar faces as students participate in events during the coming months. The first step to becoming a Master Gardener is to complete the online application at the website [www.fluvannamg.org](http://www.fluvannamg.org), under the tab "Become a Master Gardener." Fill out the application, come to the familiarization sessions, learn more, meet new friends, serve your community, and plan a great garden for next year.

PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICES

**VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FLUVANNA COUNTY**

**FIELD, JANET RENEE** )  
**Plaintiff** )

**v.** )  
**FIELD, JANET RENEE** )  
**Defendant** )

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**  
**CASE NO. 24CL742**

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.

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## PUBLIC HEARING

**Fluvanna County Planning Commission**  
**Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.**


Pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 15.2-1427 and 15.2-2204, a Public Hearing will be held in the Morris Room in the County Administration Building at 132 Main Street, Palmyra, Virginia 22963 for citizens of the County to have the opportunity to appear before and be heard by the Planning Commission for the following items:

**ZTA 24-05: Ordinance to amend the "Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia," by repealing §§ 19-7-2, 22-4-10, 22-4-10.1, 22-4-10.2, and 22-4-10.3, and amending §§ 19-8-1, 19-8-6, 22-4-2.1, and 22-4-3, to eliminate Rural Cluster Subdivision Regulations and Use.**

**ZTA 24-06: Ordinance to amend the "Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia," by amending §22-22-1 to amend the definitions of "Funeral Home" and "Commercial Kennel."**

**ZTA 24-07: Ordinance to amend the "Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia," by amending §15-4-1 and 22-26-7 to clarify the requirements of the phrase "shielded and screened from view."**

Copies of the complete text of the above ordinances are available for public review at <https://www.fluvannacounty.org/> and at the Office of the Fluvanna County Administrator during normal business hours. Questions may be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department, at (434) 591-1910. All interested persons wishing to be heard are invited to attend the public hearing.




## PUBLIC HEARING

**Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors**  
**Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to Virginia 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 22963 for citizens of the County to have the opportunity to appear before and be heard by the Board of Supervisors for the following item:

**Ordinance to amend and reordain "Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia," by repealing §§ 19-7-2, 22-4-10, 22-4-10.1, 22-4-10.2, and 22-4-10.3, and amending §§ 19-8-1, 19-8-6, 22-4-2.1, and 22-4-3, to eliminate Rural Cluster Subdivision Regulations and Use.**

A copy of the full text of the ordinance is available for public review at <https://www.fluvannacounty.org/> and in the office of the County Administrator during regular office hours. Questions may be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department, at (434) 591-1910. All interested persons wishing to be heard are invited to attend the public hearing.



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**Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors**  
**Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.**

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**Ordinance to amend and reordain "Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia," by repealing and reenacting Chapter 6 - Erosion and Sedimentation Control in its entirety to conform County code with current Virginia erosion and sediment control statutes and regulations.**

A copy of the full text of the ordinance is available for review by the public on the County's website and in the office of the County Administrator during regular office hours.

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## PUBLIC HEARING

**Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors**  
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**Ordinance to amend and reordain the "Code of County of Fluvanna, Virginia," by enacting § 20-1-8 to exempt from taxation as tangible personal property the following items: household goods and personal effects and farm animals, grains, and other feeds, agricultural products, farm machinery and farm implements**

A copy of the full text of the ordinance is available for review by the public at [www.fluvannacounty.org](http://www.fluvannacounty.org) and in the office of the County Administrator during regular office hours. All interested persons wishing to be heard are invited to attend the public hearing.





# LAKE VIEWS

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## New Workgroups Encourage Member Communication

At the October Board Meeting on the 24th, President Larry Henson confirmed that a working group will be formed to evaluate the Lake Monticello Community Foundation (LMCF) proposal to donate a pavilion on the Ashlawn Clubhouse grounds. This decision follows a meeting that took place on October 21, 2024, between homeowners who live near the Ashlawn Clubhouse, LMOA Board members and staff, LMOA Safety & Security Committee members, and LMCF board members. Ashlawn Clubhouse neighbors expressed concerns about safety, overcrowding, and the need for more communication with residents closest to the proposed pavilion site.

During the August LMOA Board Meeting, LMCF President Alan Stewart presented a proposal seeking the LMOA Board of Directors' approval for "a plan to enhance the Ashlawn Clubhouse and pool facility by donating a pavilion with a concrete foundation for community use." While the Board of Directors approved this request, both LMOA and LMCF Board Members reassured residents that planning is still in the early stages, that they are open to considering other locations, and that they will collaborate with the working group.

Another workgroup in the making is a fireworks working group. LMOA Member Ann Walker spoke at the October LMOA Board Meeting to thank the Board and Staff Members

who met with her on October 22, 2024, to discuss the risks of a fireworks show. This meeting led to discussions about potentially forming a working group, which President Henson said he would support. Walker said her goal would be to evaluate whether risk could be returned to an acceptable level where fireworks could be reconsidered.

## Final Budget Hearings

Join the LMOA Board of Directors on November 7, 2025, for an important Budget Hearing! It's a wonderful opportunity for Members to share their final thoughts and comments on the 2025 budget before it's finalized for approval at the November BOD meeting. We genuinely value your input, and we'd love to see as many Members as possible attend this Board Work Session and Hearing. If needed, a second hearing is planned for the next day, November 8, where you can continue to share your insights. Both meetings will kick off at 6 PM in the Fairway Clubhouse at 51 Bunker Blvd. We appreciate your participation and look forward to hearing from you!

## LMOA Completes Dam Emergency Training

Chief Wells led a tabletop exercise this week that focused on our emergency procedures for the Main Dam. This review is crucial for keeping LMOA's dam certification up to date. Representatives from LMOA, Fluvanna County, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Sheriff's Office,

Lake Monticello Water Rescue and Dive Team, and Shimp Engineering all came together to participate. In addition to this exercise, our LMOA staff conduct daily inspections of the dam, and engineers assess the Lake Monticello dams biannually. These essential measures help us ensure community safety and maintain our dam insurance.

## Happy Face Box Downstairs at Ashlawn Clubhouse

The Happy Face donation box at the Ashlawn Clubhouse is filling up, but there is plenty of space to store more items! The Fluvanna Christian Society is looking for generous toy and food donations. Every little bit counts and will help brighten the holidays for Fluvanna families in need. The box can be found next to the Help Desk at 41 Ashlawn Blvd. from 8 AM - 5 PM every Monday - Friday. For questions, please call Mary Kidd at 434-589-0910 or email [marykidd@juno.com](mailto:marykidd@juno.com). They need canned, bagged, and boxed foods for a holiday dinner or new toys for children newborn to 13 years old like LEGOS (Fortnite, Superheroes, Minecraft), art kits, scooters, skateboards, remote control cars, trucks, helicopters, dolls, bikes, and helmets. No toy guns, please. All children's sizes (infant - 18) of new coats and pjs are also welcome!

## Wishing Lake Monticello a Happy Halloween!

Get ready for Halloween! Children will be out trick-or-treating from 6 to 8 PM on Halloween Night, October 31, 2024. If you prefer not to participate, just turn off your porch

lights. For those who want to join the fun, there is a candy map of LMOA's official Facebook page. On November 1, 2024, admire pumpkin carving creations at Bunker Park (14 Bunker Blvd.) from 6 - 8 PM. We thank the Young Residents and Families Committee for this fun tradition. When out driving, please give trick-or-treaters lots of space on these two nights. Thank you!

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As the winter season approaches, our Facilities & Operations Team will take extra care by winterizing the restrooms at Beach 4 and the Shark Tank (Beach 1) on November 10, 2024. This helps prevent frozen pipes and saves on costs. We're happy to share that the facilities at Ashlawn Playground, Bunker Park, Lafayette Playground, Beach 2, 3, 5, and the Marina will stay open through the winter, so you can enjoy visiting these spots! Just a gentle reminder: we love our furry friends, but pets aren't allowed in our parks. Don't worry, however! Beaches 2 and 5 will happily welcome pets starting December 1.

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Our dedicated LMOA Administrative Staff will honor Veterans' Day on Monday, November 11, so the Member Services and Residential Standards desks will be closed. They will also be closed on November 28 and 29 for Thanksgiving. As always, we deeply thank the police and security officers and other staff who continue to work through the holidays.



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**EVENTS**

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**FALL FESTIVAL & HOLIDAY BAZAAR:** at Salem United Methodist Church, 840 Salem Church Rd. Palmyra on Saturday, November 2, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring Artisans and Crafters, Christmas & Gift items, Baked goods and Brunswick Stew for sale. All proceeds will go to the U.M. Committee on Relief (UMCOR) for hurricane relief.

**HOLIDAY BAZAAR:** Sponsored by at Cunningham United Methodist Women, 3389 Thomas Jefferson Pkwy, Palmyra on Saturday, November 9, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring handcrafted items, jewelry, themed table runner, wall hangings, Christmas décor, “Grandma’s Attic” treasures and more. Pies, cakes, cookies, breads and preserves for sale. Raffle.

**ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR & BAKE SALE :** come to Sts. Peter & Paul Church, (Rte 53), 4309 Thomas Jefferson Pkwy., Palmyra on Saturday, November 9, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for great gifts, gift baskets, Crafts, Raffles. Something for Everyone ! Food Service - JUST A BITE.

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Schools discuss digital stress and online risks for students

BY HEATHER MICHON  
CORRESPONDENT

Smartphones and social media have become a regular part of daily life for people of all ages.

The impact of this technology on students was the subject of a community meeting at Central Elementary on Wednesday night (Oct. 24). For the latest Fluco Engagement Night, school officials, the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, and interested parents came together.

"There's a crisis going on that we're trying to catch up with," said Kaitlyn Harlow-Burner, the division's coordinator of mental health services.

A 2022 Pew Research study found that 95 percent of American teens have smartphone access, 90 percent have access to laptops or computers, and 80 percent have gaming consoles. Today, 97 percent of teens use the internet daily, with 46 percent reporting they are online "all the time."

The data is clear: since smartphone use started to rise around 2010, America's youth have become more anxious, more depressed, and more dissatisfied with their lives. Suicidal ideation and incidents

of self-harm have also skyrocketed, especially among teen girls. At least half of all children say they've been subject to cyberbullying.

"We are not here to freak anybody out," said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Amanda Galloway.

At the same time, parents need to understand the very real risks of online life for kids, including not just cyberbullying, but sexting, extortion, doxxing, grooming and sexual abuse, and child trafficking.

Galloway and Commonwealth's Attorney Jeff Haislip said they've investigated sexting cases involving children as young as seven.

What happens online inevitably impacts the classroom. "You can't turn off depression, anxiety, suicidal ideation, borderline personality disorders when you come to school," said Harlow-Burner. Particularly with their phones always in reach, "they can't get away from it."

This is one reason Governor Glenn Youngkin has directed all Virginia public schools to adopt policies severely limiting the use of smartphones in schools.

While schools have a role in monitoring online behavior, Harlow-Burner said

adults need to model the behavior they want to see in their children and their communities.

Galloway said parents are often behind the curve regarding how young people use online spaces and new technologies. "Make your kids sit down and show you how it works," she said. Take some time to investigate popular apps like Snapchat and TikTok and learn how kids can hide online activities through "vault" and "decoy" apps.

With seemingly safe platforms like Roblox, she urged parents to set accounts so their children "can't message or can only message people you know are real" to prevent them from falling prey to online predators who have swarmed the site.

Director of Special Education Jennifer Valentine urged parents to reach out to the schools with concerns or problems. "How do we make it better for your kids?" she asked.

If it was too hard to ask directly, she noted that the new school app allows people to make anonymous comments.

Valentine and Harlow-Burner said parents should ensure their children know "who their safe people are," including their School Resource Officers (SROs) and school officials. Haislip and Galloway also invited parents to contact their office with concerns or questions.

Harlow-Burner said there were no simple answers, but it was critical to keep the conversation going.

She challenged the audience to reach out to at least five other people in the

community to discuss online risks and ways parents can help keep their children safe and healthy in this new environment.

The next Fluco Engagement Night, which will focus on substance abuse education and prevention, is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 5, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the School Administration Building, 14455 James Madison Highway.

Sharing school threats on social media is a crime

Just two months into the school year, Fluvanna County Public Schools has already faced multiple online threats of violence.

Commonwealth's Attorney Jeff Haislip reminds the public that making threats against schools is a crime — and so is passing along threats made over social media.

This includes things like sharing screenshots of threats over Snapchat or talking about rumors of violence over group chats.

"Even if you don't make the threat, sharing a threat made by someone else is still a crime," he warns.

In one recent incident, 17 students shared a threat on social media before the information was reported to school authorities.

The frequency of school threats has increased to the point where the school community could become numb to potential dangers, but "we respond to every threat," said Harlow-Burner. "We take that extremely seriously."

Community Calendar

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



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.

All Saints Day

On Sunday, **Nov. 3**, at 10 a.m., Grace and Glory Lutheran Church, 683 Thomas Jefferson Pkwy (Rt. 53), Palmyra, will celebrate All Saints Day. The names of those who have died in the last year will be shared during worship. You are invited to bring a memento or picture of a departed loved one and join in this time of remembrance.

Cunningham U.M. Bazaar

Holiday Bazaar: Sponsored by Cunningham United Methodist Women, 3389 Thomas Jefferson Pkwy, Palmyra on Saturday, **Nov. 9**, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring handcrafted items, jewelry, themed table runners, wall hangings, Christmas decor, "Grandma's Attic" treasures and more. Pies, cakes, cookies, breads and preserves for sale. Raffle.

Deathtrap

Persimmon Tree Players next show, *Deathtrap*, is a comedy thriller. Performances are set for **Nov. 16 and 22** at 7:30 p.m. and **Nov. 17, 23 and 24** at 2 p.m. at the Victory Hall Theater in downtown Scottsville. Tickets will be available on-line and at the door.

Helene fundraiser

Central Virginia Sporting Clays, 442 Middle Fork Road, Palmyra, is hosting a fundraiser for Hurricane Helene victims on **Nov. 16** from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a shoot and silent auction. centralvirginiassportingclays@gmail.com.

Donations needed

FCSS Happy Face Christmas Party will be held Saturday, **Dec. 14**, at Central Elementary School starting at 9 a.m. FCSS is collecting new toys (\$15-\$30 range), stuffed animals, bikes and helmets, clothes for children. To volunteer or have questions email marykidd01@gmail.com.

Food Bank

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# Stargazing in Fluvanna

BY PAT BEERS BLOCK



Welcome to this month's highlights of enjoyable evening and morning sky events!

October weather was a bit uncooperative, with many October evening skies filled with clouds and precipitation. These conditions made it difficult to view events like the orbiting of the mini-moon, the flare of the Tsuchinshan-ATLAS comet, and the meteors from the Orionids meteor shower. Such is the plight of the dedicated sky gazer! But there is always a new day and night, ready to inspire and delight us with exciting celestial events.

This month, we have more opportunities to view the asteroid 2024 PT5 as this "mini-moon" orbits the Earth in a fashion similar to the real moon's orbit. This asteroid, first visible in early October, will continue to be present and visible -that is, when the weather cooperates- through the entire month of November. This asteroid originated from the Arjuna asteroid belt and became caught in the Earth's gravitational force as it traveled towards Earth. This resulted in the asteroid becoming a "mini-moon" that orbits the Earth. At the end of November, 2024 PT5 will leave Earth, orbit the Sun, and from there travel through our Solar system. Unfortunately, it may be difficult to see this mini-moon with most personal sky viewing equipment (see [www.IFLScience.com/asteroid-2024-pt](http://www.IFLScience.com/asteroid-2024-pt)). Keeping tabs on its location might be possible by visiting professionally managed observatories in our area.

Other events this month include the escapades of the moon with various planets and stars, again ensuring that the moon is a key player in our celestial calendar. Additionally, there are a significant number of planetary, and planet/star conjunction alignments as well as the presence of the Leonids meteor shower that will captivate us as we gaze into the morning and evening sky to enjoy them.

The Leonids meteor shower is considered a major (Class I) shower and is anticipated to produce between 10 to 15 meteors, many of which will not be visible due to the waning (getting smaller) gibbous moon that may be brighter than the meteors (American Meteor Society ([amsmeteors.org](http://amsmeteors.org))).

We can expect to see another full moon phase this month that results in a Supermoon. Recall the term Super-

moon, as described in Wikipedia (see <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Supermoon>) applies to the moon that is closest in its orbit to Earth. The result of this close proximity of moon to Earth is the appearance of a brighter and seemingly bigger full moon. This month's Supermoon marks the fourth and last Supermoon for 2024.

Now that we have some insight into major events of October, let's get ready for this month's celestial excitement by getting your star gazing equipment ready, your cell phones fully charged and linked to Sky Guide, Sky View Lite, or any other star gazing applications that you find useful, and you resting in your favorite viewing spot to witness the magic of the night and early morning skies!

Fun events to view in November [extracted from Astronomy Calendar of Celestial Events 2024 - Sea and Sky ([seasky.org](http://seasky.org)); NASA's SKYCAL ([gsfc.nasa.gov/SKYCAL](http://gsfc.nasa.gov/SKYCAL)); In-The-Sky.org calendar; Highpoint Scientific (<https://highpointscientific.com>); starwalk.space/en/news; space.com; the Old Farmer's Almanac at [www.almanac.com](http://www.almanac.com), and Wikipedia].

## Weeks 1 and 2 (Nov. 1-9)

The first day of November marks the beginning of November's new moon. This phase of the moon is a great time for stargazing since the bright side of the moon faces away from Earth and won't overshadow celestial bodies and events. Of course, clouds and other weather patterns can always hinder sky viewing so try to be aware of weather predictions as you prepare for your stargazing experience.

On Nov. 3, the moon will appear in front of (termed "occultation") the red star Antares, of the constellation Scorpius, producing a temporary "disappearance" of this star.

On Nov. 4, the chi Taurids (Class III, variable) meteor shower reaches its maximum strength. This class of showers, however, rarely produces more than one or two meteors per night; viewing is best during the evening.

The presence of the epsilon Geminid (Class II; minor) meteor shower continues from September and ends on Nov. 8. The average shower numbers can rise to two per hour on this date.

On Nov. 4, the moon will be in conjunction (visually close to one another) with the planet Venus. About 1 ½ hour after sunset, Venus will be visible by looking to the upper right portion of the waxing (getting larger) moon.

## Week 3 (Nov. 10-16)

On Nov. 9, the moon is in its first quarter and appears as a half moon with the right half of the moon illuminated by the Sun's rays. This lunar position is very conducive to viewing the sky since the moon's shine won't overpower the sky with its light.

On the evening of Nov. 10, the waxing (getting larger) moon will be in conjunction with Saturn, and will evolve into the occultation with Saturn. For a brief time during the occultation, Saturn will seem to disappear from the night sky.

The presence of the Northern Taurids (Class II; minor) meteor shower continues through Dec. 2, with Nov. 12 noted to be the day when this shower reaches its maximum strength. The average shower numbers can rise to five per hour on this date.

On Nov. 14, the moon moves into its perigee position, a special position where the moon is closest to Earth. The lunar perigee position produces the strongest tidal force on Earth's tidal waters.

A full moon appears on Nov. 15. This full moon is known colloquially as the Beaver's moon because it appears at a time when beavers take up regular residence in their fully stocked and furnished (with sticks for snacks) shelters. This month's moon is the fourth and final Supermoon this year. Recall, a moon is known as a Supermoon because it appears much larger and brighter than other lunar events. Provided the sky is devoid of clouds or precipitation, the evening sky will be delightfully illuminated with the entire face of the moon visible and smiling at us with its always friendly and inviting face.

On Nov. 16, the moon is in conjunction with the Pleiades/Seven Sisters Cluster (also known as Messier 45) in the constellation Taurus.

## Week 4 (Nov. 17-23)

Nov. 17 marks the maximum activity for the Leonids (Class I, Major) meteor shower during which many meteors might appear. This shower can produce

a maximum of about 15 meteors each hour. Normally it is best to view these meteors after midnight, however with the Supermoon still visible, viewing the Leonid meteors a few hours after sunset and before midnight might help increase the possibility of seeing meteors.

Also on Nov. 17, the moon is in conjunction with Jupiter.

On Nov. 19, the moon will be in conjunction with the stars Castor and Pollus in the constellation Gemini in the early morning sky.

On Nov. 20, the moon will be in conjunction with Mars in the early morning sky. The moon will be in conjunction with the Beehive star cluster in the constellation Cancer in the evening sky.

The moon moves into its last quarter phase on Nov. 22. The moon will be illuminated on the left half of its surface. This date also marks the time when the moon will be in conjunction with the star Regulus in the constellation.

## Week 5 (Nov. 24-30)

On Nov. 26, the moon is in the apogee position, a special position where the moon is the farthest from Earth. The lunar apogee position reduces the moon's tidal force on Earth's tidal waters to its lowest strength.

On Nov. 27, the moon will be in conjunction with Spica, a bright star in the constellation Virgo.

Finishing the month on Nov. 30, the November Orionids (Class II, Minor) meteor shower reaches its height with approximately three meteors per hour bursting through the sky.

So ends the celestial highlights for November. Enjoy exploring the November sky and hopefully finding the treasures noted above. Keep looking up to the sky this month; the sky is always changing and it can entertain you for a lifetime. As you become more familiar with planets, stars, and constellations and their locations throughout the year, you are on your way to becoming an expert astronomer who can predict where different celestial bodies might be in the morning and night sky!

Until next month, keep your eyes facing the morning and evening sky to see the wonders of our universe as we Earthlings travel through it!



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