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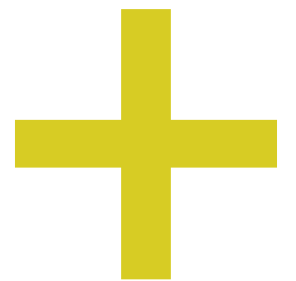
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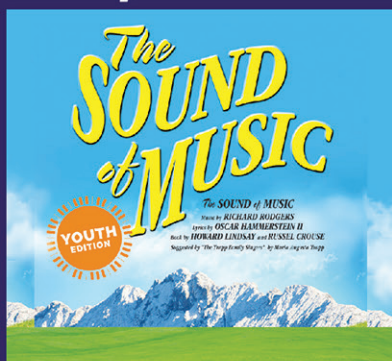


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by Margie E. Burke

**ACROSS**

1 Perching places  
 6 Tomb-raiding Croft  
 10 "\_\_\_ that special?!"  
 14 Parting word  
 15 Versed in  
 16 Have words (with)  
 17 Diverse populace  
 19 Volcano flow  
 20 Good buddy  
 21 Forum wear  
 22 Far from fearless  
 24 'Maggie May' singer Rod  
 27 Common sprain site  
 28 Cast a ballot  
 30 Actor Depardieu  
 32 Vitamin additive  
 33 Mammal's coat  
 34 Most "Esquire" readers  
 37 Adam of "Hustle"  
 39 Nazi police  
 41 Ginger \_\_\_  
 42 Goes away  
 44 Battery fluid  
 45 Did the tango  
 46 Common sci-fi setting  
 47 Pressing need?  
 50 Made booties, maybe  
 52 Plaid fabric  
 54 Drop from the eye  
 55 Goings-on  
 58 Assist in wrongdoing  
 59 Like some glasses  
 62 Spanish Steps city  
 63 Mideast's Gulf of \_\_\_  
 64 Aquatic nymph  
 65 Little hopper  
 66 Lothario's look

**DOWN**

1 Tiffany product  
 2 Creative spark  
 3 Heavy burden  
 4 Poker play  
 5 Fit  
 6 Samsonite stand  
 7 Shirts and skirts  
 8 Pooh pal  
 9 Picnic crashers  
 10 Cuba or Aruba  
 11 Kindle  
 12 Orange variety  
 13 Kind of show  
 18 Right this minute  
 23 Worries  
 25 Keep an eye on  
 26 Lady Macbeth portrayer, e.g.  
 28 Traveler's need, maybe  
 29 Rev. Roberts  
 31 Forever and a day  
 33 Part of a hammerhead

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- 67 Things to strive for  
 34 Nut from Australia  
 35 Sweeping  
 36 Focal point  
 38 Camel's kin  
 40 VCR insert  
 43 Opposite of dorsal  
 45 Made sudden moves  
 46 Yo-yo need  
 47 TV spy Maxwell  
 48 Social no-no  
 49 Plant malady  
 51 Road-paving stuff  
 53 Drive off  
 56 It may be raw  
 57 Bettor's concern  
 60 Texter's "Holy moly!"  
 61 \_\_\_ Zedong

### Answers to Previous Crossword:

C	O	D	A	S	T	A	I	N	P	E	E	P
A	B	E	T	C	I	R	C	A	A	X	L	E
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K	E	Y	S	M	E	A	T	S	T	R	E	S

# SUDOKU

Edited by Margie E. Burke

Difficulty: Easy

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

### 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:

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

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# Fork Union artist designs Christmas tree star for annual tree lighting

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD  
CORRESPONDENT



William White. Submitted photo

Stained glass artist William White III was chosen to design the star that will perch on top of the Fork Union Christmas tree at the second annual Tree Lighting Event to be held Nov. 30, from 4-8 p.m. Nina Monroe, organizer of the event, promises family fun including caroling, carriage rides, kids activities, and more. One of the highlights is the tree lighting and the custom-made star.

White has been a Fork Union resident most of his life, growing up in Fork Union and attending school in Fluvanna, "eventually finding my way back as a young adult," he said.

"I'm super excited that Nina is organizing this new annual event, bringing some fresh energy to our little town," he said.

White started working with glass at the end of 2016. He met a local stained glass artist and began assisting him in the studio.

"My tasks were basic at first—grinding glass, foiling it, cementing panels, and installing protective glass on churches. But it was the perfect setup to learn the craft," he said. "When new projects came in, I practiced cutting glass, soldering joints, custom beveling, and flameworking stained glass into small leaves and petals. I discovered I had some unique skills for detailed work."

Over the next few years, he took on a lead role in the studio.

"It finally dawned on me that I was officially a stained glass artist. I love expressing myself through color, textures, and metal, it feels almost otherworldly to others and is incredibly rewarding."

His designs include botanical-themed residential commissions, like flame-worked Wisteria flowers on whiplash, with solder-sculpted vines and autumn trees with heavy, dimensional branches, sculpted in solder, with a few flame-worked leaves blowing away in the wind. His work is delicate and flawless, showing his dedication and passion for his craft.

"The beauty I create, over hundreds of hours with my hands, inspires me daily with ideas for future commissions."

A couple of years ago, White attended an American Glass Guild conference and met many fellow glass artists, which sparked his curiosity.

"The historical value and conservation of stained glass are generational and timeless." Currently, he is working with Willet Stained Glass Studios, focusing mainly on the full restoration of stained glass windows in religious settings. He said he plans on building a studio on his property outside Fork Union to concentrate on custom commissions again.

Last year, during Fork Union's Tree Lighting event, he approached Nina Monroe about possibly collaborating on a custom glass tree topper for Fork Union's Christmas tree.

"I envisioned a Bethlehem-styled star, but with dimension and glow. In June, Nina reached out to me about creating the star. We exchanged ideas and, after countless drafts, I've designed what I think is a rather delicate and precious, white dimensional star."

He adds that creating a 3D piece of art glass can be tricky. He began the project with a paper pattern and prototype to understand its shape and dimensions.

"We're all familiar with stained glass lampshades, they're typically made using a mold. But I've designed this star too intricately." He said all 32 pieces need to be held in the exact right position while tack-soldering them together, and then floating solder over the entirety of the star.

For structure, he added 3/16" bronze rods between the foiled glass. "This glass star has to withstand life on top of a 25-30 foot tree. I'm proud of this resilient, almost 3 foot piece of art glass."

The star will be finished just in time for Fork Union's Christmas tree to welcome it.

"In glass art, it's often said, the project is halfway completed when the first piece of glass is cut. This star is a perfect example of that. Now that I've developed a taste for it, I'm looking forward to creating future stars for my charming little town's Christmas tree."

## Letters to the Editor

### Thanks *Fluvanna Review*

I secured a copy of the latest edition of the *Fluvanna Review* on Thursday (Nov. 14). I can't tell you how much I appreciate you featuring the Dogwood Memorial story on the front page of the paper. The Vietnam veterans running the foundation feel likewise - not to mention the host of local vets and their families who will soon be able to access the site once the upgrades are completed. Just so happens I was in their company yesterday evening - news-

paper in hand - at a panel discussion sponsored by the Albemarle-Charlottesville Historical Society.

Many thanks again for headlining this important initiative, and the landmark's story in general. And thank you so much for all that you and your staff do to serve the greater Fluvanna community. You personify the importance of maintaining a strong and vibrant local journalism.

-John Deegan, Lake Monticello

### Republic worldview

Republican voters, you have used our democratic system to elect a regime that does not support the system itself. You just chose Steve Bannon's and Stephen Miller's worldview, guided by What Would Putin Do. If you find that it does not serve you after all, that it is

oppressive, that it goes too far, you are going to have to take action yourselves. You cannot count on the Democrats and libs to be working to try to achieve balance. That is gone with the system you threw out.

-Rebecca Smith, Lake Monticello

## Fluco JV football stays undefeated, on some unusual plays

BY DUNCAN NIXON  
CORRESPONDENT

After completing an undefeated regular season of play, the Fluco JV football team was matched against the Louisa Lions in the Jefferson District JV Championship game, at home on Nov. 11. The Flucos and the Lions appeared to be very evenly matched as the game progressed. The Flucos ended up with a 20-14 win. The Flucos scored all of their points in the second quarter. The first quarter was scoreless.

On the first play of the second quarter, with the Flucos on their 47 yard line, sophomore quarterback Jack Pace threw a well placed swing pass to freshman running back Jacob Loving that moved the ball all the way to the Louisa seven yard-line. Sophomore running back Garrett Jordan ran it into the end zone. The point after kick attempt was blocked and the Flucos led 6-0. Louisa responded quickly marching down field on the ground to score their first touchdown with 6:26 left in the half. Their extra point kick was good and the Flucos trailed 7-6.

The Flucos bounced right back, in the same fashion, running the ball successfully down the field and scoring to go ahead on a 17 yard run by Jordan. A two-point conversion attempt was thwarted, so the score with 2:40 left in the half was Fluvanna 12 and Louisa 7. Louisa moved the ball well, and time was running down. Fluco sophomore defensive-back Caleb Brent intercepted a Lions' pass and returned it to the Louisa 23 yard line. With 1.2 seconds on the clock an unusual play transpired. Pace threw into the end zone and the Lions intercepted. The Lions' defensive back tried to run it out of the end zone. He was hit and fumbled. Fluco

freshman Caleb Ray fell on the ball in the end zone for a Fluco touchdown. With time in the first half expired, the Flucos went for a two-point conversion, and succeeded on a run by Loving. The half time score was Fluvanna 20 and Louisa 7.

Virtually the entire third quarter was taken up by the Lions drive after receiving the second half kick-off. The quarters in JV games are 10 minutes rather than 12 minutes as in varsity games. The Fluco defense was good, but also not so good. The Flucos forced three fourth down attempts, but the Lions converted on all three. With 42 seconds left in the third quarter, the Lions punched it in for their second touchdown. Their extra point kick was good and the score after three quarters was Fluvanna 20 Louisa 14.

The Flucos moved the ball early in the fourth quarter but were ultimately stopped on the Louisa 21 when a fourth down pass was incomplete. Louisa moved the ball down field on the ground as time was running down. With only 21 seconds left on the clock, another unusual play occurred that again benefited the Flucos. The Lions quarterback, running for the endzone, fumbled the ball forward into the end zone. By rule, this was a touch-back giving the ball to the Flucos at the 20 yard line. A Fluco kneel-down ended the game.

The head coach of the Fluco JV squad, in his second year, is Josh Barringer, an instructional aide at Fluvanna's alternative high school. He has coached the JV team to two successive titles. He explains his success as based on lining up players in their best positions and then, practice, practice and more practice.



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

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## Carysbrook presents the documentary film *Raised/Razed*

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD  
CORRESPONDENT



Jordy Yager. Lorenzo Dickerson.  
Submitted photo

On Nov. 23, at 3 p.m., Carysbrook Performing Arts Center will show the acclaimed documentary *Raised/Razed*. It focuses on Charlottesville's oldest African American neighborhood Vinegar Hill. The documentary looks at the lives of residents as they faced racially discriminatory policies and a city government that saw them as the only obstacle to progress. The film discusses the harsh realities of the federal Urban Renewal Program and the history of its effect on other communities across America.

Writer and director of the film, Lorenzo Dickerson, and Jordy Yager, director of digital humanities at the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center, discussed their approach to creating this documentary. Yager said he and Dickerson saw it as a pattern of behavior that began with McKee Row in 1918 when the City of Charlottesville supported the razing of the Black neighborhood only to construct a park in honor of Confederate General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson on the same land. In 1926, the city School Board seized Black-owned land and a home on 5th Street Northwest to build Jefferson High School, the city's first and only Black high school. Twelve years later, in 1938, the city School Board seized the Black-owned land and homes along Pearl Street to build the all-white segregated Lane High School.

"By the 1950s and 1960s when the City began talking about razing the predominantly Black neighborhoods of Vinegar Hill, Cox's Row, Garrett Street, and Gospel Hill, this pattern of actions had become praxis," said Yager. "When we discuss the future of Black neighborhoods today, we need to keep this long history of forced displacement front and center in our minds. We saw the narrative of Vinegar Hill's destruction becoming the central focus of how people referred to the neighborhood. With *Raised/Razed* we wanted to preserve the neighborhood as much as possible, to prevent a narrative erasure. Before it was destroyed, it was the center of life."

Dickerson had a personal connection to Vinegar Hill.

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Inges' Store building. Growing up I heard stories of Vinegar Hill from my family members," he said.

Dickerson's research for the film came from various places including the Albemarle Charlottesville Historical Society and the original property assessments of Vinegar Hill that they had, including photos.

"When telling this story of a place that no longer exists, we were very conscious of doing what we could to piece together a visual representation of the neighborhood that viewers can understand and connect with. We accomplished this with a combination of before and after photography, mapping, and animation," said Dickerson.

"When Jordy and I set out to make this film, being that we both are from the area, and had heard about Vinegar Hill from elders, and never learned about it in school, we wanted to focus on telling both sides of the story. The destruction, but also the life. Hence the title "Raised/Razed." He adds that the film's focus was to bring to light the first-hand experiences in Vinegar Hill, directly from the people who lived it. "We worked to capture the personal impact on the displaced residents beyond the nuts and bolts of the politics and details of the neighborhood's destruction by having residents share their thoughts and feelings about what occurred and what it meant for their families."

Vinegar Hill was about much more than just losing a physical place to live for its residents. Those social connections were lost as people moved to different locations. And generationally, families were no longer able to use their homes' equity to accomplish things like sending children to college and starting businesses.

The most transformative part of the film for Jordy Yager was when George Ferguson, a former resident of Vinegar Hill, told an oral historian that if someone went down to the Charlottesville City Clerk's Office and looked up who owned the properties in Vinegar Hill that the city called "slums" and "blighted" they would find that most of those properties were owned by White landlords who failed to keep their properties in good condition.

"Upon hearing this, Lorenzo and I went through the city property records and

determined that Mr. Ferguson was entirely correct. Not only that, but we read through hundreds of pages of appraisal reports, and found that Black-owned homes in the neighborhood were some of the best-kept properties in the city, often cited as beautifully designed and constructed, and meticulously maintained," he said. "This truth flew in the face of an often-told myth that Vinegar Hill's Black properties were slums and blighted which Lorenzo and I had always known in our bones to be false, and now we had the undeniable proof."

Their goal with the film was to have people learn about this history and the results that Urban Renewal that displaced more than 1.3 million people in more than 600 municipalities across the U.S.

"And while Charlottesville is no exception, this is our story and history. We also wanted people to understand that, for as much as our region has begun to talk about the history of Vinegar Hill, especially over the last 20 years, we have not begun to reckon with the impacts it had on the hundreds of Black residents and their descendants," said Yager. "In many ways, we are still struggling to listen to the voices of the families at the center of government policies—those who are most impacted, and who have the best situational expertise and insight as to how to improve our communities, are often most ignored."

Yager added that with Raised/Razed "we intentionally wanted to take the concept of 'progress,' which was repeatedly cited by City officials and supporters of urban renewal, and challenge it. As Mark Bell so presciently puts it in the film: "Unfortunately, you can't be surprised at what people will do in the name of progress—even though it's not progress for a certain group of people."

Dickerson and Yager agree that stories and narratives are the most powerful guiding forces we have as human beings.

"They are the vehicles we use to make our decisions and the tools we use to tell our history and impart lessons to the next generations," said Yager.

For more information and tickets, visit [www.carysbrook.org](http://www.carysbrook.org).

## Woman taken to hospital after Lake fire

CONTRIBUTED BY MIKE FEAZEL

A Lake Monticello woman was taken to the hospital after a fire damaged her home on Liebenow Court Friday (Nov. 15), said Lake Monticello Fire Department Chief Richard Constantino. The house suffered minor damage.

The resident reported the fire began in a microwave and had spread to an adjacent air-fryer, wooden table, and the wall and ceiling with fire damage, when firefighters arrived. They quickly extin-

guished the flames and made sure the fire didn't reach interior structures of the building, Constantino said.

The homeowner showed difficulty breathing after fleeing the residence and was transported to UVA hospital by the Lake Monticello Rescue Squad. The Palmyra and Fork Union fire companies also responded to the fire, along with Lake Monticello police and the Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office.

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## Amato, Frazier, Jefferies, shine at state meet

BY CARLOS SANTOS  
EDITOR

Fluvanna County cross country runners Anna Amato, Ruby Frazier and Jack Jefferies excelled at the Virginia High School League's Class 3 State Cross Country meet held Saturday (Nov. 16) in Blacksburg. Frazier, a junior, ran the girls 5000 meter race in 18.56.3 to place eighth out of 103 runners. Amato, a senior, finished 12th with a 19.11.7 time. They were the only girls running for Fluvanna.

In the boys race, Jack Jefferies was the only competitor for Fluvanna, running the 5000 meter course in 17.12.6 to finish 32nd out of 103 runners. Fluvanna cross

country coach Melanie Kennedy said Jefferies was "the first male that we've taken to the state meet since 2016"

"These 3 athletes are the epitome of hard work, class, and dedication," Kennedy said. "They are great teammates and represent Fluvanna County cross country program with grace and confidence. We are incredibly proud of them

on the course and off. They are great athletes but even better people."

Kennedy added that "all three of these athletes made it to states because they were in the top five after the teams were taken out at the regional meet. All three athletes earned All Region honors because they placed in the top 15 overall in their respective races."



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## Library Review Committee wraps up evaluation of controversial high school titles

BY HEATHER MICHON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Learning Resources Review Committee (LRR) finished its work on Thursday (Nov. 14) with a lengthy meeting at the Fluvanna County High School Library.

Since early spring, five educators and five citizen representatives have evaluated a wide range of books flagged by a Fluvanna County resident in October 2023.

The complainant submitted a list of 24 titles in the FCHS library catalog that she said contained material inappropriate for children. The School Board tasked the LRR with reading each book and deciding if it should be removed from library shelves.

Many of the titles on the complaint list were not in the FCHS Library collection, but that still left 16 books for evaluation.

It was not always an easy task. Young Adult books, geared towards readers aged 12-18, often tackle tough subjects like sexuality, self-discovery, and substance abuse. Many book challenges are based on depictions of sexual behavior that critics say are too graphic for teens.

Before beginning the evaluation process, members developed a set of criteria that drew on best practices used by school librarians in developing collections and input from Mental Health Services Coordinator Kaitlin Harlow-Burner and FCHS counseling staff. The goal was

to look at each book for its overall merit rather than focus on isolated paragraphs.

The final two books, *Dime* by E.R. Frank and *What Girls Are Made Of* by Elana K. Arnold, proved to be the most challenging to evaluate. At its September meeting, the subcommittee assigned to read and make recommendations on the two titles found themselves unable to decide, so they asked the entire committee to weigh in.

The full LRR collectively agreed that *Dime*, a grim story about grooming and sexual slavery, did not meet the criteria for being graphic, prurient, or vulgar. While they all agreed it was a tough read, they believed the depictions of grooming alone could have value for young adults who may not realize they are being led down a dangerous path.

*What Girls Are Made Of*, a story about a young woman navigating the physical and emotional fallout of her first sexual relationship, did have one graphic passage on self-pleasure that several evaluators felt may have crossed a line. However, most of the members felt the book provided valuable insights into what young women face at that stage of life. After nearly an hour of deliberations, they recommended it be moved from the library collection to the Counselor's Office.

FCHS librarian Shannon Taylor said the

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book, purchased in 2018, had never been checked out and would likely have been culled from the collection within the next 4-5 years due to low circulation.

No new challenges have been submitted to the schools since October 2023. This follows a national trend. In 2023, the American Library Association reported a record 4,240 unique titles challenged nationwide, compared to 1,128 titles this year.

With evaluations done for the time being, the committee plans to collaborate on recommendations to the School Board to guide any future challenges.

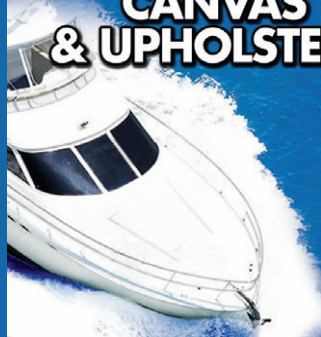
Members would like to see rules requir-

ing complainants to demonstrate that they have read the entire book themselves rather than just pulling individual passages from online databases. They would also like to see limits on how frequently books can be submitted for challenges.

At least one member believed complainants should be required to buy enough copies of the books to give to the ten-member committee.

Chair Gemma Soares said she would compile the suggestions into a report to be presented to the School Board in the coming months.

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## Foundation approves another \$6,000 in grants

### PRESS RELEASE

The Lake Monticello Community Foundation will give six more \$1,000 grants to local nonprofits and community service organizations, its board decided Tuesday. The grants bring the Foundation's total donations for the year to nearly \$17,000, slightly more than in 2023, in addition to beginning fundraising for the proposed community pavilion.

The new \$1,000 grant recipients will include Happy Faces, Lake Monticello Fire & Rescue, the Fluvanna SPCA, Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Fluvanna, the FLRD Community Food Pantry co-sponsored by

the Blue Ridge Food Bank, and Fluvanna Meals on Wheels.

"We're very pleased that we're able to continue helping these organizations that do so much for our community," said Foundation President Alan Stewart. "And we're so grateful for all the support the community gives us to enable us to do this."

The Foundation's next fundraisers include a Memory Tree at the Bunker Bistro which allows residents to remember loved ones by lighting a light in their memory and the Festival of Trees Dec. 6 and 7.



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## Survey highlights training challenges as schools navigate curriculum changes

BY HEATHER MICHON  
CORRESPONDENT

Preliminary data from a Fluvanna County Public Schools staff survey found that while teachers and staff say they have a positive work environment and supportive administrative teams, they have far less favorable views around professional development and training.

Superintendent Peter Gretz shared this preview of staff responses at the monthly School Board meeting on Wednesday (Nov. 13).

Gretz explained that the state had rolled out mandatory training in new curricula and procedures very quickly, "and some of that training has not been great."

While he believes the state is doing the best it can, it has put a burden on the teaching staff, particularly in the elementary grades.

Teachers are "having to rework curriculum, learn new curriculum, learn new assessments, give new assessments that they are not familiar with, go through training that was not great, and they are really suffering because of it," he said. "Veteran teachers, exemplary teachers are saying things to me like 'I feel inadequate, I feel defeated.'"

Gretz said he would present the full survey results at the next meeting and that efforts were ongoing to respond to staff concerns.

### Licensing

Gretz and Executive Director Don Stribling briefed board members on the Virginia Department of Education's (VDOE) One Year Local Eligibility License. This measure allows localities to issue a one-year teaching license to those who hold at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.

"The state board is trying to respond to the shortage of people going into teaching," said Gretz. The one-year license gets people into the classrooms while they are still working on getting their full teaching license.

Stribling said about 90 percent of FCPS teachers hired on this type of provisional license have gone on to finish their professional education and receive their permanent teaching license.

### Security

Chair Andrew Pullen (Columbia) raised

some concerns about the Paxton Smart Credential system, which allows authorized users to enter secure areas with their smartphones or smartwatches via Bluetooth, rather than a fob or other device.

Pullen said he had received "a lot of correspondence and concerns" from staff uncomfortable with putting the app on their personal phones. "I don't feel comfortable putting the app on my personal phone."

Gretz said he was aware of the concerns, and his staff was working on alternatives for those who wanted to avoid using the app. However, "we were advised this was the safer way to do this because most people don't lose their phones."

### Strategic plan

After 18 months of consulting with experts and holding multiple meetings with both staff and parent advisory groups, FCPS has finalized a Strategic Plan. This document lays out the division's priorities and goals for the coming years.

"We've got a vision, a mission. We have core values that are defined and behaviors associated with each identified goal," said

Gretz. "And it's an aggressive plan, but I think it's one that will enable us to meet the expectations of the greater school community, our students, and our families."

### Phones

Regarding Governor Glenn Youngkin's Executive Order 33, which directed schools to develop "bell to bell" policies that reduce or eliminate student smartphone use in the schools, Gretz said he had received feedback from students and staff and had initially intended to present some recommendations to the board.

After consultations with the district's legal council, Gretz said that "the executive order does not direct school boards to do anything. It directs the Department of Education and the Secretary of Education to create guidelines that school boards can then use to implement policies."

The General Assembly will likely also discuss the issue when it meets in Richmond in January.

He recommended that "we don't scramble around to make changes in December" but rather to wait and see what happens in the legislature.

### Community Calendar

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



#### Veterans breakfast

Central Virginia Veterans will be holding their monthly 'G.I. Style' breakfast on **Nov. 30** at 8:15 a.m. at Wahoo BBQ & Grill, Slice Road Gate, Lake Monticello. Cost is \$12 per person (cash only please). Veterans and spouses/friends are welcome. Questions? Contact Paul Bethke (703) 965-8363.

#### Christmas stroll

Kids Christmas Stroll at Bybee's Road Baptist Church, 4989 Bybee's Church Road, Troy, on Saturday, **Dec. 7**, from 10 to noon. Hear the Nativity Story. Get crafts/gifts to take home. Visit with Santa. 434-589-2824.bybeechurch.org

#### Christmas potpourri

The Fluvanna Community Singers present A Christmas Potpourri., Friday, **Dec. 6** at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, **Dec. 7** at 3 p.m. at Central Elementary School, 3340 Central Plains Rd., Palmyra. No charge. Donations to MACAA/Fluvanna Food Pantry appreciated.

#### Fork Union Bazaar

Fork Union Christmas Bazaar sponsored by the Fluvanna Leaders for Race & Diversity, at Carysbrook Elementary School, Fork Union, on Saturday, **Dec. 7** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This event will support the FLRD Community Food Pantry in Fork Union. Shop local for the holidays. Crafts, gift items, food truck, live music, vendors and more! Crafts, Gift Items, Food Trucks, Vendors, Live Music and more! For Vendor Signup: www.FluvannaLrd.org.

#### Santa breakfast

Breakfast with Santa at the Lake Monticello Firehouse, 10 Slice Road, Palmyra, on Saturday, **Dec. 7**, from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. \$15 for 10 year olds and up. Four year olds and under free. After pancakes, take a photo with Santa. Sponsored by LM Fire & Rescue Auxiliary.

#### Wreath workshop

Holiday Wreath Workshop at Fluvanna County High School on Tuesday, **Dec. 10** at 6 p.m. Create a wreath for your home or for a gift. Proceeds benefit the FCHS-PTSO. Questions? email: fluvannahighschoolptso@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

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.

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## PUBLIC HEARING

### Fluvanna County Planning Commission

### Tuesday, December 10, 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 24-08: Ordinance to amend the "Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia," by amending §§22-4-2.1, 22-4-2.2, 22-5-2.2, 22-6-2.2, 22-7-9.2, 22-8-2.2, 22-9-2.1, 22-10-3, and 22-22-1 to lower the threshold number of children served in licensed Family Day Homes from six to five in accordance with Virginia Code requirements, and to clarify related definitions.**

**ZTA 24-09: Ordinance to amend the "Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia" by amending §19-2-1 to clarify that no more than five lots may be created from the parent tract using the minor subdivision approval process, regardless of whether the lots are created at one time or over an extended period of time.**

**ZTA 24-10: Ordinance to amend the "Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia," by amending §22-22-1 to correct the definition of "Front Yard."**

**FY 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan – Public review and recommendation of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for fiscal years 2026 through 2030 (FY2026 – FY2030) which is to be submitted in conjunction with the fiscal year 2026 (FY2026) Fluvanna County Budget. The CIP lists the major construction and acquisition efforts planned for the next five (5) fiscal years and it describes proposed methods of financing for CIP projects as is prescribed in Virginia State Code.**

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.

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**PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:** Sponsored by the Lake Monticello Fire & Rescue Auxiliary on Saturday, December 7th. From 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Located at 10 Slice Road, (turn at CVS Traffic Light) Lake Monticello Fire House. \$15 for 10 yr. olds and up. \$10 for 5-9 yr. olds, and 4 yr olds and under-FREE. After pancakes, take a photo with Santa in his sleigh!

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## LMOA Board Expected to Approve 2025 Budget

At the LMOA Board meeting on November 21, several Resolution Proposals (RPs) will be read, including one to approve the 2025 Budget, which has been in process since the summer to ensure Committee, Departmental, and Staff involvement, as well as open sessions for Member input. The RP to approve the 2025 Budget highlights that the LMOA Board of Directors intends to seek ways to support RocDun Hospitality, potentially providing an additional subsidy capped at \$100K if the lessee continues to provide financials as they have been doing and metrics. The RP also notes that the Golf Committee recommends a 1.5% fee increase for contract holders, contrary to the 3% increase proposed during the 2025 Budget planning process. The Board meeting will start at 7 PM in the Fairway Clubhouse at 51 Bunker Blvd.

## Thanksgiving Closures and To-Go Menu

In celebration of Thanksgiving, we want to let you know that there will not be an Environmental Control Committee meeting on November 26. Additionally, the LMOA Administrative Offices will be closed on November 28 and 29, so please plan

accordingly. Bunker Bistro will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, but dinner packages can be picked up on Wednesday, November 27, before 6 PM. You can place an order at [bunkerbistro.com](http://bunkerbistro.com). Please note that pickups will be at the Ashlawn Clubhouse, NOT at the Bistro.

## Learn How LMOA Wildlife Committee Sponsors Bears

On November 23, Lake residents are invited to learn about the LMOA Wildlife Committee's sponsorship of orphaned bears. The Wildlife Center of Virginia saves injured and/or orphaned bears, preparing them for rehabilitation over the course of a year before releasing them back into the wild. This event will be at the Ashlawn Clubhouse (41 Ashlawn Blvd.) and begins at 1 PM.

## LMOA Holiday Ornaments Support Meals on Wheels

We're excited to share that the LMOA merchandise sale brought in over \$400 for the Meals on Wheels program! It's not too late to contribute to this amazing service. There are still lots of fun LMOA ornaments available for you to purchase. You can find them at the ProShop (cash only), at the Main Desk (cash or check). Every little bit helps!

## Lake Job Opportunity

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## Lake Events Spread Holiday Cheer in December

- **Christmas in the Ashlawn Clubhouse** is just around the corner! On December 7, the Lake Monticello Community Foundation invites you to join its annual Festival of the Trees fundraiser, happening from 9 AM to 4 PM in the cozy upstairs of the Ashlawn Clubhouse. You can grab some raffle tickets for a chance to win a beautifully decorated holiday tree—some of these trees even come with delightful gift certificates! It's truly a must-see event! And don't miss out on the festivities downstairs, where the Five OH Club will be hosting a charming Holiday Market from 10 AM to 2 PM, featuring a wonderful selection of local handmade gifts just waiting for you to discover.
- **Visit the Jingle Mingle** on December 12 in the Golf ProShop at the Fairway Clubhouse from 4-6 PM for gift shopping, hors d'oeuvres, and drinks. We have been

looking forward to this social event all year long!

- **Karaoke:** Get ready to showcase your singing talent at the Ashlawn Clubhouse on December 13! Join us for our fun-filled annual Ugly Sweater Karaoke Party, hosted by the Young Residents and Families Committee. It's a wonderful chance to enjoy community spirit, delicious drinks, and tasty snacks with neighbors from 6 to 9 PM. We'd love to have you, so please let us know if you can make it. RSVP to [yrfcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:yrfcommittee@gmail.com).
- **Parade & Home Tour:** On December 14, bring your family and friends to wave to Santa along Ashlawn Blvd or at the Jefferson Drive intersections. The entire parade lasts about 45 minutes as it travels around Jefferson Drive starting at the Ashlawn Clubhouse at 2 PM. Plus, on the same day, the Lake Monticello Beautification Corps will be hosting its lovely Holiday Home Tour from 12:30 to 5 PM. Don't miss the chance to peek inside five beautifully decorated homes in Lake Monticello and support LMBC. For all the details, please visit [lmoa.org](http://lmoa.org)!

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