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Margaret Lentz Heimlich, age sixty-four (64), passed away unexpectedly September 24, 2024. She was the beloved wife of Carl Heimlich of 40 years; loving mother of Michael Heimlich and Jennifer (Heimlich) Beer; sister of Ann Stromgren, John Lentz and Elizabeth Pederson. Margaret was preceded in death by her parents Frederick Lentz and Marie Carlton Lentz of Port Jefferson, New York and brothers Freddie Lentz and Eddie Lentz. Margaret was a dedicated wife and mother and cherished friend by many. She loved gardening, spending time with family and friends and finding ways to make people smile and laugh. Her kindness and spirit will be remembered by all.

A celebration of life will be held in Margaret's memory on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at the Bunker Bistro in Lake Monticello from 12 p.m. -3 p.m. The street address for the Bunker Bistro is 51 Bunker Blvd., Palmyra, VA. Please access Lake Monticello through the main gate located at 857 Jefferson Dr., Palmyra, VA and advise the gate attendant that you will be attending the memorial. In lieu of flowers or donations, we ask that friends and family bring joyous memories of Margaret to share.

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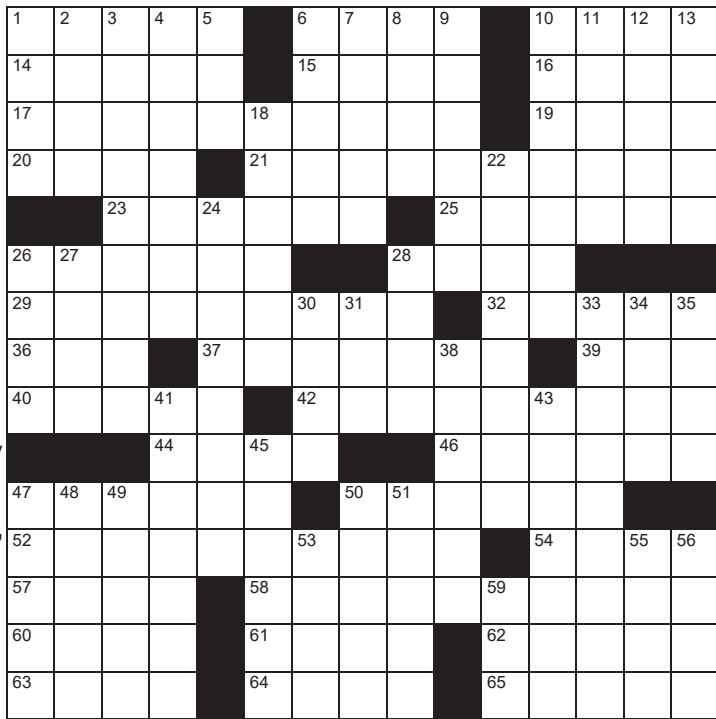
by Margie E. Burke

## ACROSS

- 1 Colorful parrot
- 6 Disaster relief org.
- 10 Many moons
- 14 Square things
- 15 News piece
- 16 Karate level
- 17 George Orwell, e.g.
- 19 Sandwich shop
- 20 Corrin or Stone
- 21 Oktoberfest duds
- 23 Take out a policy
- 25 Sidewalk stuff
- 26 More obese
- 28 "Now \_\_\_ talking!"
- 29 Start of a list of examples
- 32 Cartoon art
- 36 1972 Eastwood flick, "\_\_\_ Kidd"
- 37 Extremely cold
- 39 Do a yard chore
- 40 Like some films
- 42 What some SF taxis do
- 44 Tiny amount
- 46 Revolting sort?
- 47 Determined
- 50 Safari tree
- 52 Period of delay
- 54 Kind of cell
- 57 Military no-show
- 58 Corresponding
- 60 Fishy organ
- 61 Landlocked African land
- 62 Lucky number?
- 63 Nothing but
- 64 Husky's tow
- 65 Pollster's find

## DOWN

- 1 Lion's locks
- 2 Small amount
- 3 All in, say
- 4 Musical tempo
- 5 Lilliputian
- 6 Taxpayer, e.g.



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- 7 Musical work
- 8 Many a Facebook repost
- 9 Punish with a fine
- 10 Navel base?
- 11 Gaggles members
- 12 Barkin or Burstyn
- 13 Period of work
- 18 Like pins and needles
- 22 Relating to coats of arms
- 24 Barracks boss
- 26 South Pacific getaway
- 27 Later
- 28 Crib cry
- 30 Mascara site
- 31 Rocks at the bar
- 33 Unoriginal
- 34 "Get going!"
- 35 Pitcher in a still life
- 38 Many a chalet
- 41 In a perfect world...
- 43 Party hearty
- 45 Weather headlines
- 47 Adult insect
- 48 Bad kind of situation
- 49 Facebook menace
- 50 Seating request
- 51 Boy with a bow
- 53 Bona fide
- 55 Neck and neck
- 56 Patch up
- 59 Winter hrs. in Chicago

### Answers to Previous Crossword:

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

Edited by Margie E. Burke

Difficulty: Easy

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

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

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# Letters to the Editor

## Thanks to election workers

I have had the privilege in the past several weeks of being present as an observer at the voting center at Turkey Gate at Lake Monticello.

I would like to thank and send kudos out to the wonderful men and women who have dedicated their time and energy to making sure every ballot

(early voting, absentee and election day) is safely and securely processed.

It is a difficult and tedious task to process each vote meticulously, and those who do it deserve our praise and thanks.

-Rose Johnson, Palmyra

## Fluvanna Habitat for Humanity announces new executive director

### PRESS RELEASE



Ashley Boschen. Submitted photo

Fluvanna Habitat for Humanity has named Ashley Boschen as its new executive director. With a background in non-profit ministries, Ashley comes to Habitat with a heart for Jesus and a love for people. She has served in various roles within churches as an ordained minister and other non-profits to care for communities. Since moving to Fluvanna County with her family in June of 2023 for her husband's role as pastor of Effort Church, Ashley has been investing in her ministry to her three boys. She is excited about being rooted here in Fluvanna and for the opportunity to serve the community. Outgoing Executive Director Robyn Bolling will continue as president of Habitat's Board of Directors.

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Adams, William A.	51-13-3	9262	1082281	Mark IV, LLC	59-A-66A	312729	1082829
Anderson, Nadia Manifold, et al.	18A-3-99	30868	1082231	Marshall, Joseph E	31-2-4A	309255	1082786
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Bates, Lucy c/o Lottie Bates	51-A-72A	2177	1082213	Mayry, Karen Leigh	17-A-32	302222	1082628
Bennett, Kristie L. & Minter, Amanda	31-A-50	13812	1082210	McCloud, Samuel	30-11-2	309179	1082741
Bishop, Corey E.	14-7-13A	4299	1082223	McGuire, Jimmy E. & Joyce N.	36-12-2	20265	1082704
Bowles, Molly & Sally c/o Mary B. Scruggs	59-A-88	2326	1082097	Melton, W.T., Jr. & Barbara	59-1-1	312648	1082686
Brownlee, Shay Alexandra	37-A-18E	20330	1082232	Melton, W.T., Jr.	59-4-1F	312658	1082686
Burruss Timber Associates c/o David Roby	59-A-17A	9313	1082125	Melton, W.T., Jr. & Barbara	59-4-1G	312658	1082686
Butler, Timothy W. & Dabney, Alisha	60-10-C	312947	1082093	Melton, W.T., Jr. & Barbara	59-4-1H	312648	1082686
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Daugherty, Sheila & Lee, Serena	59-A-61	13952	1082191	Needham Village, LLC	16-A-4A	302037	1082788
Davis, Steven	31-A-40A	3545	1082161	Newsome, Donald R.	60-A-52A	312927	1082616
Dimmie, George	60-A-59	2520	1082401	Opie, Robert Lee	59-A-34	3127	1082762
Dudley, Helen D.	16-A-A43	302046	461087	Palmer, Avis & Madeline	19-A-43	42026	1082779
Faulkner, Adelaide, et als. c/o William Mickens	54-7-5	2662	1082418	c/o Brad Palmer	50-A-79	3228	1082634
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George, Faye P.	58-A-76	307575	1082369	c/o Ruth Wilcox	59-A-34	3127	1082762
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Jackson, Jamie	31-A-101	309388	17753	Stovall, Rosemary, Lillie & Suzette	39-A-39	310335	1083103
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## Fluvanna Faces: Nina Monroe

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD  
CORRESPONDENT



Nina Monroe. Submitted photo

**Did you grow up in Fluvanna?**  
Yes

### Tell us about yourself and your family.

I come from a large family, the youngest of many siblings. I have one daughter, LaTonja who lives in Fluvanna. My mother and some of my siblings also live in Fluvanna while other siblings live in other parts of Virginia, Maryland, and North Carolina.

I've been a realtor with Long and Foster at Lake Monticello since June 2019. I also have a side business called The Elephantz Trunk, which I started in Fork Union several years ago but is now located at 68 Heritage Drive in Palmyra.

### What prompted you to start The Elephantz Trunk?

It started out as a part-time adventure. I wanted a way to feed my creative side and offer the community something different.

### What are your goals for the business?

To grow and become a premier custom upholsterer in the area, offering full decorating services. I already offer a custom re-upholstery service in the customer's choice of fabric and have custom-designed and reupholstered antique and vintage-inspired furniture in the boutique.

### Who taught you to upholster furniture?

My mother.

### Where do you find your pieces to upholster, refinish, paint, etc.?

All over; estate sales, yard sales, antique stores, thrift stores, etc.

### Do you have anything else featured in your boutique?

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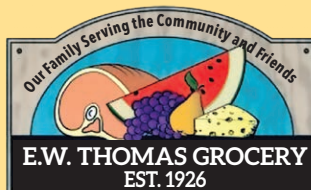


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**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors**  
**Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.**

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

**Lease agreement between Fluvanna County and Fluvanna Christian Service Society for the use of property at Carysbrook Complex.**

Copies of the complete text of the above lease are available for public review at <https://www.fluvannacounty.org/> and at the Office of the Fluvanna County Administrator during normal business hours. All interested persons wishing to be heard are invited to attend the public hearing.



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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.

All interested persons wishing to be heard are invited to attend the public hearing.

**PUBLIC NOTICES**




**FLUVANNA COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**BY ORDER OF FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Pursuant to Virginia Code Sec. 15.2-2507, the Board of Supervisors of Fluvanna County, Virginia (the "County") will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, in the Fluvanna County Courts Building located at 72 Main St, Palmyra, Virginia, 22963 with respect to the following proposed amendment to the County's Fiscal Year 2025 Budget:

**The Adopted FY2025 budget totals \$107,505,194 in revenues and expenditures. The proposed amendment for the Fluvanna County Public Schools budget calls for an increase of \$3,211,343.17 from federal and state funds.**

A copy of the proposed amendment 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.




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**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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**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.

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## Hot tips for sourcing your firewood locally

VIRGINIA FARM BUREAU PRESS RELEASE

With over 16 million acres of forestland in the commonwealth, Virginians have plenty of choices when it comes to sourcing firewood. And while there's ample firewood for campfires and home heating, foresters and experts recommend buying from your county of residence to help prevent the spread of invasive diseases and pests.

"It's very difficult to determine if wood is infested, and it can be infested with a variety of invasive pests," said Bill Osl, a Cumberland County forestland owner, and chair of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Forestry Advisory Committee and the Virginia Board of Forestry. "By buying firewood locally, you're not just limiting the spread of these destructive and non-native organisms, you're also helping someone in the community and supporting the local economy. It's a win-win."

Osl said harmful insects like spotted lanternflies, emerald ash borers, fire ants, spongy moths and Asian longhorn beetles hitchhike on firewood, potentially traveling hundreds of miles. They can start infestations in new places, ultimately destroying crops, infecting more trees and even whole forests.

When camping, experts advise buying firewood at the destination or gather it onsite, if permitted. Leftover firewood should always stay behind. Only packaged, heat-treated firewood with a U.S.

Department of Agriculture or state agency seal of certification is safe for moving from place to place. Heat-treating firewood eliminates pests that could be transported, but once the package is open, the wood can attract insects and shouldn't be moved.

Additionally, when stocking up on firewood for the home, officials suggest buying firewood from a reputable dealer in the county where you plan to burn the wood. Virginia firewood typically is sold in cords—stacks of 4 feet by 4 feet by 8 feet.

"Simple choices and a little planning can make a big difference in ensuring Virginians will have forests to enjoy for generations to come," said Rob Farrell, Virginia state forester.

Store firewood properly, and ensure it stays dry by keeping it in a well-ventilated area away from places that could get wet from rain or groundwater. Stack it no more than two layers deep, and place a pallet or something underneath the wood so it's off the ground.

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# Fluvanna High hosts 2024 Region 3C Cheer Championships

BY DUNCAN NIXON  
CORRESPONDENT



Cheerleaders. Photo by Duncan Nixon

There was a very large crowd on hand on Nov. 2 when the Fluvanna County competition cheer squad hosted the Virginia High School League (VHSL) Region 3C Compe-

tion Cheer event. The crowd was large because 12 schools were competing.

Competition cheer squads work extremely hard in practice and training. Fluco

coach Kirsan Pillow said that her squad started working on Aug. 1. Most of the cheer competitors also work on their skills over the summer as well. Despite long hours of practice and training, the actual competition routines are limited to just under five minutes. Cheer is different from other sports in that all the participants must be on the top of their game. A single competitor who is lost in a routine will be quickly noticed by the judges.

Although the Fluco cheer squad finished a very respectable third in the Jefferson District cheer competition held on Oct. 18, the team did not advance to the second and deciding round at this event. The Flucos performed well, but the competition was stiff. Most of the competing teams were from the Shenandoah Valley (i.e. teams like Turner Ashby and Broadway High.) Monticello High was the only other Jefferson District school in attendance.

This year's Fluco squad was young with only three seniors. Captains Kaylee Beirne and Abigail Taylor, and Riley Graziano were the seniors. Four of the team members are known as flyers. These are the girls who are thrown from the top of the pyramids and do twists and turns in the air. The flyers were Beirne, junior Ashley Monahan, sophomore Caroline Mazingo and sophomore Tessa Nolte. Other members of the squad include sophomores Kendall Austin and

Olivia McPherson, juniors Adisen Brown, Makyla Damron, Mikayla Damron, Ja'Kiyah Johnson and Mikaela King, and freshmen Madalyn Frink and Serra Smith.

Spectators may wonder why it takes the judges around 10 minutes to evaluate a five-minute performance. The answer is that the scoring system is extremely complicated. There are five judges and there are 12 categories on which scores must be recorded and the scores then totaled. The "Routine Sheet" for scoring found on the VHSL website indicates that in the categories of Stunts and Pyramids a maximum rating of 10 points may be awarded for difficulty and 15 points for execution, another 20 points are allowed for cheer and the rest of the points are awarded for tumbling, jumps and dance. A total perfect score is 100. The scores of the highest scoring judge and the lowest scoring judge are dropped out. As in sports like ice skating and snow boarding, scoring is subjective. However, as in all sports that are judged subjectively, the judges are expert at what they are assigned to do.

The VHSL State Cheerleading competition will be held Nov. 9 at the Siegel Center on the campus of VCU in Richmond.

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**Statewide 'Bull Pen' finalists showcase innovative ideas**

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VIRGINIA FARM BUREAU PRESS RELEASE

Five agricultural innovators and entrepreneurs in Virginia will be competing for up to \$30,000 this December.

In the third annual Bull Pen challenge, the state finalists will showcase their innovative ideas that enhance agricultural and forestry labor and sustainability; food safety; rural health; or supply chain resilience.

Hosted by the Virginia Foundation for Agriculture, Innovation and Rural Sustainability, the competition provides a

platform for enterprising contestants to develop and promote their business ventures and present them for professional review and critique. The contest also exposes them to potential investors and customers.

"The Bull Pen provides an opportunity to showcase rural entrepreneurs and businesses from across the state," said Tony Banks, VA FAIRS senior assistant director. "This competition also enables us to provide the competitors with the oppor-

tunity to compete for cash prizes that can help them expand their businesses."

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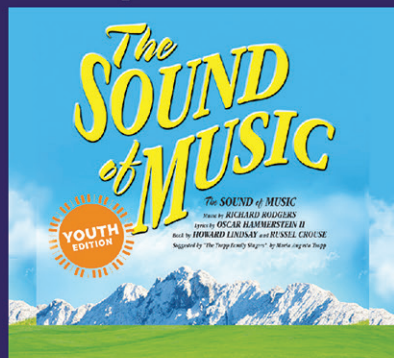


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Statewide "Bull Pen" *continued from page 10.*

double its honey production in the next two years by expanding the apiary from five to 10 hives. This will enable them to produce 700 pounds of honey by 2026, allowing them to serve a wider range of health-conscious customers in Prince George, at farmers markets and through other direct-to-consumer channels.

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ticipates in business-to-business partnerships, including recent collaborations with Tarnished Truth Distillery, Max Meadows Lavender Farm and The Veil Brewery.

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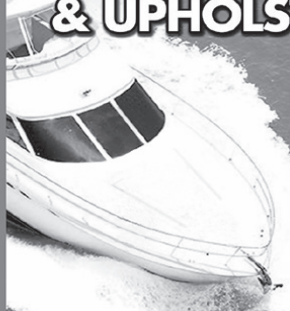
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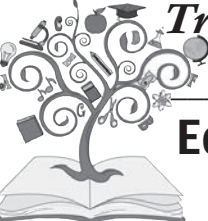
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**HOLIDAY BAZAAR:** Sponsored by at Cunningham United Methodist Women, 3389 Thomas Jefferson Pkwy, Palmyra on Saturday, November 9, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring handcrafted items, jewelry, themed table runner, wall hangings, Christmas décor, "Grandma's 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.

**VENDORS WANTED:** Lake Monticello's Holiday Arts & Crafts Market will be held on December 7th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. inside the Ashlawn Community Bldg. If you wish to be a Vendor at this event please email: fiveOhClub@gmail.com, for details.

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### YARD SALES

**RIVANNA LIONS CLUB:** Fundraising Yard Sale on Saturday, November 9, starting at 8 a.m. at 54 Wildwood Drive inside Lake Monticello. All proceeds to support local service in our community.

### Community Calendar

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



#### 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. [centralvirginiaspportingclays@gmail.com](mailto:centralvirginiaspportingclays@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](mailto: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.

## Merry Christmas, Go Play in the Dirt!

PRESS RELEASE

Some gifts really can last a lifetime.

Fluvanna Master Gardeners now offer an opportunity to give a gift of tuition for its Extension Master Gardener Training Program. This 50-hour class is the beginning of many years' enjoyment of learning, sharing, making new friends, and becoming involved in the community. And it all takes root in a favorite pastime.

Gift-givers will find information on the Fluvanna Master Gardener website, [www.fluvannamg.org](http://www.fluvannamg.org). The "Become a Master Gardener" tab leads to applications for the class, with a drop-down link showing how to "Give a Gift" of tuition.

A Gift Presentation Bundle has been specially prepared for the occasion. It includes an attractive Gift Certificate, a Familiarization Brochure, and the Virginia Cooperative Extension Gardener Handbook which is the text for the class and a valuable reference book. The Gift Bundle can be delivered to the giver for presentation or it can be sent directly to the recipient.

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In order for the gift to be completed, though, the recipient needs to complete the online training program application no later than Dec. 16. The requisite security clearance procedure must be completed before acceptance, and it takes time to process.

Tuition for the training program is \$200, which covers all class expenses and materials. Should the recipient choose to not take the training, the gift-giver's funds will be returned with notification by Jan. 6, through the "Contact Us" tab on the website. Class size is limited and returned slots can be filled by standbys.

The Extension Master Gardener Training Program begins on Jan. 11, and covers an in-depth range of topics on the full variety of home gardeners' interests. In addition to evening zoom classes taught by college professors and knowledgeable experts, students have several Saturday field trips for hands-on experiences at local sites. Graduation ceremonies will be held on May 10.

Information sessions

Further information on the Master Gardener Training Program is offered 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.

To learn more about the Fluvanna Extension Master Gardener program and its many community volunteer activities, visit the website [www.FluvannaMG.org](http://www.FluvannaMG.org)

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## Home Solar decisions not simple: Here's some help

CONTRIBUTED BY MIKE FEAZEL

Making decisions on whether to install home solar, and then who to pay to do it, isn't simple, speakers said Thursday at a solar seminar at Fluvanna County Library organized by the Fluvanna Leadership Alumni Group, but the long-term result could be good financially and for the environment.

Not everyone can benefit from home solar, said Keoni Rison, an energy advisor for Dominion Energy Solutions, a sister company of Dominion Energy. Homes can be too shaded by trees or have roof orientations that make solar less effective, he said.

Solar also is a long-term, not necessarily short-term, economic benefit, said Andrew Cotter, the energy expert for Central Virginia Electric Cooperative (CVEC). He said home solar systems typically break even after 12-13 years, with the energy provided after that essentially free for the 25-30 year lifetime of the system.

Even then, electric power isn't free. Unless they invest in very expensive batteries, homes must be connected to the electric company so they have power when the sun isn't shining. There's a fee (about \$38 a month for CVEC) for the connection to the power grid, and homeowners must pay standard rates for utility electricity they use in excess of what their solar systems provide to the grid.

But the benefits can be significant, financially and to the environment. Lake Monticello resident Steve Smith, who installed solar five years ago and has kept extensive records, said he saves \$873 a year on his electric bill with a system designed to replace half of the electricity he had been paying CVEC for his all-electric home.

Another big benefit financially is in resale value for the home. Rison said real estate studies have shown that installed solar increases a home's value by at least 4.1%, and some suggested 6-7%. Another major benefit is that the solar array protects you from almost-certain utility cost increases over its 25-30 year lifetime.

Smith also noted he has saved 36 tons of CO2 from entering the environment over the five years of his system. Speakers said a somewhat typical 16-panel solar array would benefit the environment by an amount equivalent to 200 mature, full-sized trees.

But solar is a big investment. Smith said his solar cost "as much as a brand new car." Others estimated enough solar to fully power a house would cost in the \$40,000-\$50,000 range. Many solar companies provide 25-year financing for the solar systems, or homeowners can use other credit such as home equity loans.

The cost is mitigated by the 30 percent tax credit from the federal government, lowering the effective cost of the solar arrays by that much. Homeowners also

can benefit from selling Solar Renewable Energy Credits through a broker. "This is not a scam," Cotter said. "It's the real thing."

Once a decision is made on home solar, the difficult choice is who to hire to install it. Speakers made several urgent suggestions:

- Get at least three quotes from qualified, established installers. Established installers are important because warranties are often for 25 years, and buyers need confidence that the companies will still be around to fulfill the warranties.
- Carefully read customer reviews of the companies you're considering.
- Remember, "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably isn't true."
- Get everything, including guarantees, in writing.
- Make sure the guarantees include a specific power output, and that the company will solve the problem if the solar array doesn't provide that much power.
- Solar systems currently should cost between \$3 and \$4 per watt produced.
- Make sure the company doesn't sell you more solar arrays than are useful. The installer has financial incentives to sell you as many arrays as possible, but some in shaded areas or on roof areas facing the wrong way won't produce enough power to be justified.
- Make sure the system uses microconverters, not string converters. One microconverter is connected to each solar panel, assuring if it fails only that panel stops producing. A string converter is connected to multiple panels, so if it fails several panels may stop.
- Buyers must keep in mind that they may still face high electric bills in months such as February when the sun provides 50 percent less energy, and that the total solar cost, including financing costs, is often higher in the early years, with the big payoff coming in later years.

Both CVEC and Dominion Energy provide unbiased advice and feedback on solar projects, they said. Rison noted neither his nor Cotter's pay is based on selling solar systems. Contact Rison at [Keoni.j.rison@dominionenergy.com](mailto:Keoni.j.rison@dominionenergy.com), and Cotter at [acotter@mycvec.com](mailto:acotter@mycvec.com).





## Fluvanna gathers to commemorate the bicentennial of Lafayette's visit

BY HEATHER MICHON  
CORRESPONDENT

Lafayette Trail representative  
Julien Icher unveils plaque.  
Photos by Heather Michon

Over 100 people gathered in Wilmington on Sunday afternoon (Nov. 3) to mark the bicentennial of the visit of Revolutionary War hero, the Marquis de Lafayette, to Fluvanna County.

Speakers, including Supervisor Mike Sheridan (Columbia), Fluvanna Historical

Society president Marvin Moss, and Lafayette Trail representative Julien Icher, gave remarks before unveiling a new historical marker at the junction of Courthouse Road (Rt. 601) and Rising Sun Road (Rt. 608) in Wilmington.

Two hundred years to the day earlier,

an equal number of Fluvannians had gathered at Currin's Tavern to greet the 67-year-old French nobleman as he made his way to visit Thomas Jefferson at Monticello.

Lafayette last visited Fluvanna more than 40 years earlier as a young major general in the Continental Army during the last push of the British toward their final defeat at Yorktown.

The United States invited Lafayette to visit America in for the 50th anniversary of the Revolution. He arrived in New York in July 1824 and spent the next 14 months on a tour that took him to 24 states,

During an emotional visit to the Yorktown battlefield in mid-October, he was invited by General John Hartwell Cocke to visit Fluvanna enroute to Monticello. Fluvanna residents, including Revolutionary War veterans, enthusiastically greeted him during his early November stops at Columbia and Wilmington. Both towns held elaborate dinners in his honor.

Icher told the audience that Lafayette understood the culture of the new country, and the "honesty, simplicity, and humility" of the American people better than any of his European contemporaries.

That faith in the emerging nation not only led him to risk his life on the battlefield and to convince his government to support the American cause, it became the "political gospel" he preached in Europe for the rest of his long life.

"His name was Marie-Joseph Paul Yves

Roch Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette," said Icher. "That was his full name. That doesn't exactly carry the idea of simplicity."

Still, Lafayette went on to help author the Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen in 1789, which remains a cornerstone of French political philosophy today.

The Lafayette Trail has unveiled over 165 historical markers commemorating the 1824 tour in 25 states. Icher thanked the county and Wayne Corry, current owner of Currin's Tavern, for supporting the placement of the Wilmington marker.

Once the festivities were over, "this marker will stay here to tell the story of this great man and his faith in the American Revolution, and more importantly, in the American people."

After the unveiling, the crowd assembled at nearby Lyle Baptist Church for a program that included music, dancing, and food that might have been offered back in 1824. Lafayette, portrayed by local actor George Gaige, arrived by horse-drawn carriage to give some remarks.

Several people in the audience read some of the toasts offered that exciting day two centuries past, including Lafayette's own:

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## The public are the judges for the Annual People's Choice Awards Show

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD  
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The annual People's Choice Awards Show, sponsored by The Fluvanna Art Association, is currently exhibiting at the Fluvanna County Public Library. This year, artists submitted 52 pieces, including wood items, sculptures, paintings, collages, prints, and more. The diversity in technique and mediums is evident in the uniqueness of each artist.

This year, the association decided to add back categories to make voting easier as well as recognize competition at

different levels. Many of the artists have learned one medium but are learning other unrelated mediums such as mosaic and collage. Two other specialty categories were also added - Most Colorful and Inventive.

The public can vote for their favorites with ballots near the ballot box or use the QR Code. Voting will take place through Nov. 20. The winners will be revealed at the art reception on Nov. 23, from 12:30-2:30 p.m. The exhibit will remain up until Dec. 2.



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## Free Yoga for Residents

Lake resident Renata Miller is offering two yoga classes at the Ashlawn Clubhouse. She leads a Tuesday yoga class from 8:45 to 10 AM, chair yoga from 2 - 3 PM on Wednesdays, and a flow yoga class on Thursdays from 8:45 - 9:45 AM and 7 - 8 PM. All you need is a yoga mat!

## 2025 Budget Work Session and Hearing for Members

Please join the LMOA Board of Directors on November 7, 2024, for the 2025 Budget Work Session & Hearing at the Fairway Clubhouse at 6 PM. This is an important opportunity for our Members to share their thoughts and feedback on the upcoming budget before it is approved at the regular Board of Directors meeting on November 21. Please attend or watch on YouTube or Comcast Channel 977. We value your input, and if necessary, we'll have a second budget hearing on the 8th at the same time and place. A draft fee schedule and informational slides can be found by logging into [lmoa.org](http://lmoa.org) and selecting the Finance tab.

## Holiday Office Closures

LMOA Administrative Staff will observe Veterans' Day on November 11 and Thanksgiving on November 28 and 29. The Member Services and Residential Standards desks will

be closed on these days.

## Workgroup Meets Monthly

Meet the Lake Residents and Aqua Virginia Staff who collaborate to improve service at Lake Monticello. The next meeting is on November 13. Visitors are welcome, but please hold your questions until the end of the meeting. It will take place at the Ashlawn Clubhouse Terrace Room A from 10:30 – 11:30 AM. The group wants to remind you not to flush wipes, not even ones labeled "flushable." They clog the system, causing sewage leaks. For more information, please visit Aqua Virginia's webpage for Lake Monticello: [aquawater.com/lake-monticello.php](http://aquawater.com/lake-monticello.php).

## 'Taking Charge of Your Financial Health'

Join Aqura Nicholson and Christina Courtney for an introductory preview of an upcoming 10-week Fiscal/Financial Wellness course. During this free workshop hosted by the Hygeia Wellness Park, participants will explore building a resilient money mindset, unrestrictive budgeting techniques, debt management strategies, and accessible investing options so that you can confidently accomplish your goals, be they establishing

financial security, achieving debt freedom, or creating long-term wealth. This will be held in the Ashlawn Clubhouse Terrace Room A from 3 -4:15 PM.

## Bonfire for Lake Residents

The beach bonfire returns to the Lake this weekend! For details, please visit [lmoa.org](http://lmoa.org) or call Member Services at 434-589-8263. This is a private event.

## Newcomers and Old Friends Meet at Firehouse

The club's monthly meeting will be in the Lake Monticello Volunteer Fire Department from 3:30 – 5:00 PM. There will be no monthly meeting in December.

## Free West Coast Swing

Kyla Miller is hosting another free West Coast Swing practice session from 7 - 8:30 PM in the Terrace Rooms of the Ashlawn Clubhouse. The first 30 minutes will be a lesson on push, pass, or whip variations, followed by an hour of beginner-friendly music for open dancing. Dancers are expected to know their basics (push, pass, and whip). For more information, please get in touch with Kyla at [kyla.bohon@gmail.com](mailto:kyla.bohon@gmail.com).

## LMOA Board Meets on 11/21

The regular board meeting will take place in the Fairway Clubhouse at 7 PM (51 Bunker

Blvd.). Please email [krivera@lmoa.org](mailto:krivera@lmoa.org) to sign up to speak or call Member Services at 434-589-8263 for assistance.

## How Are the Bear Cubs?

The LMOA Wildlife Committee invites you to learn about its partnership with the Wildlife Center of VA. They sponsor the center's bear program, which allows injured and/or orphaned bear cubs to be rehabilitated over the course of a year before being released back into the wild. At this event, attendees will be updated on the status of the cubs taken in earlier this year. The committee will welcome guests at the Ashlawn Clubhouse at 1 PM.

## Happy Face Donation Box

Please add something to the Happy Face donation box at the Ashlawn Clubhouse! The Fluvanna Christian Society (FCS) is looking for items that help make the holidays brighter for Fluvanna families in need, such as new toys, kids' coats and pajamas, and nonperishable foods for a holiday dinner. The box can be found next to the Help Desk at 41 Ashlawn Blvd. from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM every Monday - Friday. For questions, please contact Mary Kidd at 434-589-0910 or [marykidd@juno.com](mailto:marykidd@juno.com). The donations will be gifted to these families at an annual Christmas party in December.

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