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**Papa's Sports Camp** By Joan Cantor

Grandkids when younger. First Row Left to Right: Hansie Rehme, Carly Rehme, Drew Conboy, Sydney Conboy. Second Row: Calie Rehme, Craig Conboy (Papa), Emily Nicely. Third Row: A.J. Nicely. Photo Credit: Cammie Nicely

Grandkids as adults - Left to Right: Calie Rehme, Emily Nicely, Hansie Rehme (head shot), Carly Rehme, Craig Conboy (Papa), Sydney Conboy (holding Raggy), Drew Conboy, A.J. Nicely. Photo Credit: Kim Conboy on 23 November 2024

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Many families all around our country gathered recently on Thanksgiving to eat turkey, watch football, and catch up with each other. One Lake Monticello family gathered with 6 of their 7 grown grandchildren for a very special early Thanksgiving - Papa's Sports Camp Reunion. Papa is Craig Conboy who created this camp in the summer of 1999 for his first grandson, A.J., who was then 4 1/2. The four-day camp ran for 12 years and grew to include all 7 of the grands, boys and girls. They are grown up now - Carly, Drew, Emily, Calie, A.J., Sydney and Hansie. Six of the them were able to attend this reunion where they shared favorite memories, and gave thanks for the strong bonds they developed at the sports camp and the unbreakable connection with Papa.

bedtime, Papa played Taps, then the cousins made a comfy bed on the floor, and fell asleep dreaming of the next day's activities.

Reveille at 0500! If that seems early to you, one of the memories shared is looking forward to "Papa Bear pancakes for breakfast." Then, on to the sports - so many of them: hiking, basketball drills, mile run, putting competition, football in the water at Beach 3 at Lake Monticello. After all, it was a sports camp. But Papa's Sports Camp was so much more - field trips to Monticello and the Vietnam Museum. They even visited a local winery to learn about processing. And, in case they didn't have enough sports during the day, they watched a sports movie at night! At

Here are other special memories they have shared. After breakfast, they warmed up to ABBA's *Mama Mia* played on a super old tape recorder. They had etiquette class, planned indoor competitions, made creative crafts and made homemade ice cream sundaes, to name a few. They also participated in an ongoing character development activity. They each had a basket filled with \$10 worth of quarters. If they did something "bad," they lost a quarter. One of the grown-up participants observed that this activity "helped teach us that bad actions led to consequences and good deeds deserve rewards."

There was also graduation with certificates, best camper award and cookout with parents in attendance. So much to be thankful for at Thanksgiving and all year long. It is Craig's hope that sharing this story will encourage other families to create their own camp for their grandchildren so they can also build strong bonds and make memories to share as grownups. Craig can be reached at conboy1942@gmail.com. He is happy to mentor anyone who would like to create their own camp - sports, drama, painting... whatever your grands would enjoy.



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- 1 Raise, as doubt
- 5 Implore
- 10 Crusty desserts
- 14 Aware of
- 15 Evans or Blair
- 16 Second word of many limericks
- 17 "In \_\_\_ of flowers ..."
- 18 Extra-cost item
- 19 Workplace safety org.
- 20 Fish-eating hawk
- 22 Like some motives
- 24 Fight off
- 25 Looked as if
- 26 Bread units
- 28 Sticking point?
- 31 Mattress type
- 34 "Peanuts" brainiac
- 36 A wee hour
- 37 Speak softly
- 39 Coming
- 41 Balloon filler
- 42 Upward climb
- 44 Like Goodwill goods
- 45 Military bases
- 47 Objective
- 49 Tennessee NFLers
- 51 Chuck of action films
- 55 Arlington landmark
- 57 Sure-handed
- 58 Egg shape
- 59 Desert plant
- 61 Name anagram
- 62 Pathetic
- 63 Great danger
- 64 "Ta ta", in Turin
- 65 Bullring cheers
- 66 Hostile force
- 67 Didn't draw a card

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DOWN

- 1 Amber or umber
- 2 Liqueur flavoring
- 3 Way up
- 4 Sightseers, often
- 5 Kindergarten breaks
- 6 Topper
- 7 Any consumer
- 8 Young person
- 9 "The Divine Comedy" poet
- 10 Less affluent
- 11 Patrick Wilson horror film franchise
- 12 Sound in a cave
- 13 Lightly burn
- 21 Subj. for U.S. newcomers
- 23 Hot coal
- 27 Cancer causer
- 29 Start the pot
- 30 Marsh growth

- 31 Kind of meet
- 32 The Buckeye State
- 33 Birth certificate entry
- 35 In a deep way
- 38 Naples staple
- 40 Community program
- 43 Catch in a trap
- 46 Lines on spines
- 48 Forget-me-\_\_\_
- 50 Showing shock
- 52 Silklike fabric
- 53 Something to shoot for
- 54 Church council
- 55 Horseback sport
- 56 Short critique?
- 60 \_\_\_ and vigor

Answers to Previous Crossword:

C	L	E	A	R	H	A	T	E	R	O	B	S
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SUDOKU

Edited by Margie E. Burke

Difficulty: Easy

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2		4					7	9
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HOW TO SOLVE:

Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

Answer to Previous Sudoku:

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

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Letters to the Editor

Fluvanna Review delivery

For many years I have enjoyed reading our weekly paper, the *Fluvanna Review*. Living at the Lake has meant that I've had easy access to a copy. Learning that it will no longer be delivered to residents' cubbies is a disappointment. However, I am balancing out my disappointment with the awareness that this convenience has been a privilege. As I understand it, Lake Monticello and two newer developments nearby, Broken Island and Sycamore Square, are the only places in the county where the paper has been delivered to homeowners. The rest of the population – approximately half of the population – has had the option of reading it online, if they have internet

access, and/or picking up a hard copy at a distribution box or inside one of many area businesses or public facilities. Local papers are becoming more and more rare; I'm thankful to have one here in Fluvanna. Going forward I will either read a digital copy or get one when I'm shopping at E.W. Thomas, picking up a book or movie at the Fluvanna County Library or stopping by one of the other locations I frequent during the week that carries it. If you have a neighbor, friend, or family member who can't log on or doesn't have ready access to one of the pick-up spots, maybe you could ask if they'd like you to get one for them.

-Millie Fife, Palmyra

Beauty transforms us

This past weekend I had the privilege of attending the concert of the Fluvanna County Singers. They were accompanied by the Righteous Ringers bell choir, two pianists, a bass guitar and drummer in a celebration of the holiday season. With so much strife and ugliness in the world, this performance was a reminder of how beauty (in this case, in the form of music) can heal and transform us.

An Ode to The Fluvanna Community Singers on their Christmas Potpourri performance:

*They stood arrayed in black and white  
 (a few red ties were sprinkled in)  
 and when they dimmed the bright house lights  
 they seemed to glow, as though within  
 a song was brimming in their hearts,  
 a carol waiting to be heard,  
 and when they sang, harmonious parts  
 burst forth, the audience moved by word  
 and sound to solemn joy and sometimes laughter,  
 as sweet music filled the hall,  
 reminding us of what the soul longs after,  
 you could hear love's labor through it all,  
 Music, sacred and profane, to lift the spirit,  
 I only wish there were more children there to hear it!*

-Norman Solowey, Palmyra

Generosity and a willingness to suffer

It's that time of year when people meditate on giving. But, why do they not think about it yearlong? The historical documentation of many societies has proven forcing people to "give" has never truly worked, as the people who wield the power to take from others have the same heart problems as those from which it is taken. We have the Babylonian mentality of everyone for themselves, the craving of consumerism and materialism, and we keep our lives too busy for a moment of reflection about the poor and needy. We frequently blame corporate or government greed but often fail to look in the mirror. Almost everyone has heard, "The love of money is the root of all evil." It's not about how much money one has but what one does with that money.

degrees lower and send the savings to those in need. People could take vacations within driving distance and spend the week enjoying the outdoors instead of a \$4,000 island vacation and use that savings to donate supplies to people still living in tents from Helene, now enduring sub-freezing temperatures. Talk to your kids about fewer presents under the tree and give to a local charity.

I was an avid motorcyclist and had a patch which said, "Suffer To Conquer." Times are certainly tough but we must suffer for the benefit of those who suffer more. A household, business, or church could set their thermostats a few

If one legitimately has no money to give, the gift of time can be just as valuable. It's easy to sign up to help sort food at a local food bank. Take a trip to Free Bridge and talk to homeless people who crave personal interaction. Use your time to go through clothes and donate them to someone who has none.

If you're tired and just need a break, make a conscious decision to force yourself to exert the effort and generously and willingly give or suffer for those who are so much more unfortunate. Change the attitude in your heart and turn from selfish consumption.

-Tyler Dodson, Palmyra



## Friends of the Library reflect on 2024

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD  
CORRESPONDENT

The Friends of the Library had their end-of-the-year potluck on Dec. 4, celebrating the holidays and looked back on a successful year. The Friends of the Library has been the main support and fundraiser for the Fluvanna County Public Library. They are mostly volunteers who are avid readers with a passion for knowledge. Among their many accomplishments are the movies shown on Friday, the book sale, which is their biggest fundraiser - and a lot of work for volunteers - and monthly speakers. They are at work daily at the library doing

whatever is needed to assist staff.

This year, the FOL book sale brought in \$27,355.50. Sponsors contributed an additional \$1,800.00, and the bake sale made \$546.50. All of this was possible because of the work of FOL volunteers.

To thank the volunteers, a brunch was given, catered by Jonnay Groome's Culinary Arts students at FCHS. The students delightfully presented, cooked, baked, and created some amazing food for the occasion. The menu offered raspberry orange scones, delicate blueberry muffins with fresh blueberries

and a strudel topping, cheese-nut balls with pretzels instead of toothpicks, and deviled eggs. There was chicken and fresh fruit and vegetables.

Library Director, Cyndi Hoffman is credited with having a vision of making the library more than a quiet place to read and study. It's now a hub of activity for the whole community, and with the help of FOL, it's what a community center should be with children's programs, art, speakers, meetings, and more.

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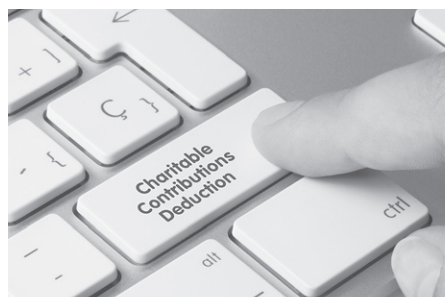
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BY RUDY GARCIA, OWNER, RIVANNA WOODS FINANCIAL / TAX SERVICES

### Don't Lose Your Charitable Contribution Tax Deduction!



As we head into the final weeks of the calendar year, many of us plan to give to our favorite non-profit organizations. While fewer clients are itemizing, for those that do, following the rules is more important than ever. Here are several suggestions to ensure your donations pass IRS standards and help reduce your taxable income.

- **Document noncash donations carefully.** Noncash contributions, such as clothing or other household items, are deductible if they're in good or better condition. The responsibility for valuing these items falls on you, though some charities offer valuation guides to help with this. Keep a detailed listing of your donations and take photos of the items. If you think your non-cash donations will exceed \$5,000 for the year, then you will need to separate your non-cash items into categories. Remember to get a receipt from the charity. For any category of donations over \$5,000, an independent appraisal is required.
- **Understand vehicle donations.** If you wish to donate a vehicle (car, truck, boat, motorcycle etc.) and you want to maximize the value of your donation, donate the vehicle to a charity that will use it and not simply resell it. If not, your donation is limited to the amount received by the charity when they sell it.
- **Record your mileage.** If you drive for charitable activities, keep a log and you can deduct 14 cents per mile. Typical activities include delivering meals, volunteering, or transporting people to charity events.
- **Consider Donating Investments.** One of the best tax deals is still donating appreciated long-term gain investments to your favorite charity. Not only do you receive a deduction for the appreciated gift, you also avoid paying tax on the capital gain. Further, if you are the age of 70 1/2 or older you can contribute up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to a charity and avoid paying income taxes on the distribution.
- **Spot check itemize deduction qualification.** To claim a charitable contribution, you'll need to itemize and the thresholds for itemizing in 2024 are \$14,600 for single taxpayers and \$29,200 if married. If your total deductions fall short of the thresholds, consider bundling next years' contributions into this year to maximize your itemized deductions.
- **Get receipts for all donations.** You must keep receipts for every deductible donation. While receipts aren't submitted with your tax return, you'll need them in case of an IRS audit.
- **Make your contributions by December 31<sup>st</sup>.** For 2024, contributions must be completed by December 31. Donations made using a credit card by the deadline are deductible for 2024, even if you pay off the card the following year. Similarly, checks written by December 31 are deductible for 2024, even if cashed in January 2025.

The number of clients itemizing charitable donations may be fewer, but the value of those deductions is greater when bundling is involved. Because of this it is important to get the details right and avoid the hassle of the IRS questioning your good intent.

It is not too late to reduce your upcoming tax bill, but act now as your days of opportunity are numbered. With the holidays rapidly approaching, now is the time to make an appointment for a year-end review. Feel free to call 434-442-4044 or email [info@rwftaxservices.com](mailto:info@rwftaxservices.com) to make your appointment now!

## RUDY TALKS TAXES

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

### Beneficial Owners Information Reporting (BOI)

#### Attention: All small business owners

2024 brings us new reporting requirements from the Department of the Treasury that impact just about every small business who have formally organized anywhere in the United States. These reporting requirements are administered and managed through FINCEN (the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network), <https://www.fincen.gov/>.

The deadline for small businesses that were organized before **1/1/2024** is the end of this year, **12/31/2024**. New businesses formed in calendar year **2024** must complete their report **within 90 days** from their company's registration becoming effective. Penalties for not filing and/or late filing are substantial.

**\*\*Be aware: there have been several court cases that have bearing on these reporting requirements, however at this time the reporting requirements for nearly all small businesses are still in place and not impacted by these court cases.**

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Filing information for the beneficial owners includes: name, date of birth, residential address, copy of a picture ID (driver's license, state ID card, or passport).

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## Area shelters need transporters

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD  
 CORRESPONDENT



Puppies being transported. Photos courtesy of Stephanie Cimillo

Volunteers do a lot for area shelters including walking dogs, socializing and playing with cats and dogs, grooming, training, attending adoption events, plan-

ning fundraisers, and pitching in when short-staffed. Yet, there is one volunteer job that is often not thought of but is crucial for the care these animals' needs. Transporters are those who get the animals to their vet appointments. Stephanie Cimillo is one of them who does both for Caring For Creatures and the Fluvanna SPCA.

"Transporting is a way to help animals while committing only a few hours of your time. The need is particularly acute in rural counties where veterinary services are not nearby," Cimillo said. She has transported many animals including an adorable litter of mixed chocolate lab puppies. "Transporters keep the rescue staff free to care for the animals in their charge. You are helping get the animals vetted including being spayed and neutered so they can be adopted." Spaying and neutering are key to keeping shelter numbers down.

Cimillo says all that is needed is a strong desire to help the animals, a reliable, road-legal vehicle, and a valid driver's license. SUVs/hatchbacks are best for accommodating dog crates, but cat carriers will fit in any vehicle.

"The animal rescue community is powerful in Fluvanna and we rely heavily on support from the community. Any help you can give is truly appreciated," she said.

If interested in volunteering to transport, contact Caring for Creatures at [cfchome10@gmail.com](mailto:cfchome10@gmail.com) or 434-842-2404 and FSPCA at [Manager@fspca.org](mailto:Manager@fspca.org) or 434-591-0123

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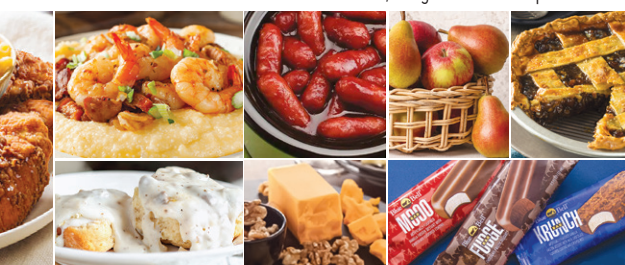
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## Fluco boys fall to Wilson Memorial in home opener 71-51

BY DUNCAN NIXON  
CORRESPONDENT



Photo by Duncan Nixon

The Fluco boys basketball squad hosted the Wilson Memorial Hornets on Dec. 6. The Flucos and the Hornets both scored 29 points in the first and third quarters combined. Unfortunately, The Flucos were outscored by nine in the second quarter and by eleven in the fourth.

The game started with both teams playing deliberately. The Flucos won the first quarter 12-11. Junior guard Kemaan Massie had six points including a three point basket that was the only three

point shot the Flucos made all game.

In the second quarter, the Hornets opened the scoring with a three point basket and ended the quarter with another three. They canned two other shots from downtown and scored 12 of their 14 points from long range. The Flucos were not hitting their shots and only scored five points in the quarter. They trailed at the half 25-17.

The third quarter was evenly played, but the Flucos could not close the gap, they trailed by 8-10 points throughout the quarter. The Flucos were down by nine after three periods 43-34. In the third quarter, the Flucos had seven players in the scoring column. Senior forward DeAndre McCloud had two baskets and the Flucos made seven free throws.

In the fourth quarter, Fluco coach Heath Bralley made a gamble and went to a full court press. His team is not big but they are quick, so a full court press was a reasonable attempt to cut into the Hornets lead. The press did create some turnovers for the Flucos, but it also opened up the game, leading to a lot of back and forth action. The Hornets got the better of this open play, with powerful drives to the basket, scoring 27 points in the quarter to win going away.

A number of team statistics for the game were quite even. Both teams turned the ball over 13 times. Assists were 15 for Wilson and 12 for the Flucos.

Total rebounds were 36 for the Flucos and 35 for the Hornets. The telling team statistic was obvious when reviewing the stat sheet. Wilson made 7 of 20 from three-point range, a fairly normal success rate. On the other hand, the Flucos were one for sixteen from long range. It is inconceivable in this age of three-point shooting for a team to win with 1 for 16

shooting from long range. Massie led the Flucos in scoring with 12 points, while Key contributed 10. McCloud pitched with eight points.

The Flucos now host Goochland on Dec. 13 and Monticello High on Dec.16. After that, they travel to Wilson Memorial for a rematch on Dec. 19 and host Louisa High on Dec. 20.



Benny Denby and Anna Amato sign to compete at the college level; Denby in football and Amato in track and cross-country. Photo courtesy of Athletic Director Scott Morris

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**Farm Bureau president: Organization helped ensure local governments have right to determine where solar facilities are located**

VIRGINIA FARM BUREAU PRESS RELEASE

The president of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation told farmers that the organization helped defeat legislation in this year's General Assembly that would have taken away local governments' ability to determine where commercial solar energy facilities are located.

"This is extremely important because mandates under the Virginia Clean Economy Act of 2020 include goals of having 16,100 megawatts of solar power in the commonwealth, which will require between 80,500 and 161,000 acres of land to achieve that goal," VFBF President Wayne F. Pryor told producers from across the state on Dec. 4. "That could potentially take away over 160,000 acres of Virginia land. Between 2017 and 2022, we lost nearly 500,000 acres of farmland, and one of the causes was farmland being used for solar facilities.

"We can't afford to lose more." Pryor's remarks came during the 2024 VFBF Annual Convention in Hot Springs. He told delegates to the event that when the VFBF governmental relations staff encouraged producer members to ask their representatives to vote against Senate Bill 697, more than 700 people responded.

"We must ensure that other locations like marginal lands, brownfields, reclaimed mine sites and other sub-prime

lands are used to achieve solar energy goals," Pryor continued. "Those decisions need to remain in the hands of localities that can ensure solar facilities are consistent with their comprehensive plans and the needs of their communities."

He also shared with convention participants that VFBF governmental relations staff created a workgroup led by the Board of Veterinary Medicine and the state veterinarian's office to address the large animal veterinarian shortage. A lack of large animal vets has plagued many rural communities in the commonwealth for years.

Pryor told Farm Bureau's volunteer leaders that 2024 was a successful year for the organization in many ways.

The Farm Bureau-affiliated Virginia Foundation for Agriculture, Innovation and Rural Sustainability helped former Tyson Foods broiler growers establish the Central Virginia Poultry Cooperative, which began producing cage-free eggs this spring. The foundation worked with growers, localities and The Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission and governor's office to secure over \$1.8 million in grants for the endeavor, Pryor reported.

The Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom program raised a record \$508,000 to fund free agriculture-themed resources for educators. Some of that funding came from county Farm Bureaus; for a third consecutive year, all 88 county Farm Bureaus in Virginia made donations AITC.

Another success was through Farm Bureau's grain marketing division. The group moved over 6.1 million bushels of grain in 2023, which was 1.2 million more bushels than in 2022.

Pryor also thanked members who made an effort to help fellow farmers in Southwest Virginia whose farms and businesses were damaged by Hurricane Helene in September. After the destruction, Virginia Farm Bureau activated its Virginia Farm Relief Fund and began accepting donations and applications for assistance.



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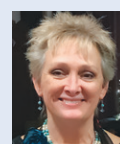
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## Seven dead on Virginia roadways over Thanksgiving holiday

### Troopers Continue to Stress Seat Belt Use over the Holidays

PRESS RELEASE

Preliminary data indicates that seven people died on Virginia's roadways over the 2024 Thanksgiving holiday. The number is a decrease from 2023, when 11 people were killed, and a large decrease from 2022, when 19 people died in fatal crashes. However, in only two of the 2024 fatal crashes could it be determined that the victim was wearing a seatbelt (one fatal crash in Warren County did involve an ATV).

"Virginia State Police is pleased that we continue to see the number of fatalities decrease, although we want that number at zero," said Lt. Col. Matt Hanley, Interim Superintendent of Virginia State Police. "However, we still are seeing too many people not buckling up when they are in a vehicle. It can save lives. Please wear a seatbelt and make this a safe rest of the holiday season."

During the five-day counting period, which began at 12:01 a.m. Nov. 27, and concluded at 11:59 p.m., Dec. 1,, seven people lost their lives in seven crashes on Virginia roadways. The crashes occurred in Bath, Culpeper, Page, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Warren and Wythe counties. The fatal crash in Warren County on Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 28) involved an ATV that was off-road.

To prevent traffic deaths and injuries during the Thanksgiving holiday, the Virginia State Police participated in Operation C.A.R.E., the Crash Awareness and Reduction Effort. Operation CARE is an annual, state-sponsored, national program during which state police increases its visibility and traffic enforcement efforts during the five-day statistical counting period.

The 2024 Thanksgiving Holiday Care initiative led to state troopers citing 404 people for not wearing a seatbelt, and writing 116 citations for child restraint violations. A total of 77 people were arrested for Driving Under the Influence (one of which was for Driving Under the Influence-Drugs). A total of 3,638 drivers were cited for speeding, and over 1,700 drivers were cited for reckless driving.

Overall, state troopers worked 1,182 crashes, 129 of which resulted in injuries.

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#### Lake home tour

Lake Monticello Holiday Home Tour, 12:30-5 p.m., **Dec. 14.** \$10 tickets are available by emailing [LMBC.gardens@gmail.com](mailto:LMBC.gardens@gmail.com).

#### Donations needed

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#### Beulah candlelight service

Beulah Baptist Church in Kents Store (1633 Kents Store Way) will hold its annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on **Dec. 24** at 7 p.m. Child care is available. For more info, call 434-589-2245.

#### Qigong workshop

Holly Chen will provide a workshop on "Qigong for Better Mind and Body Health" on **Jan. 10** at 10:30 a.m. at the Ashlawn Club House, Lake room. The event is open to the public and free of charge. During the workshop, participants will learn the fundamentals of Qigong, the differences between Tai Chi and Qigong, the health benefits of practicing Qigong, why they are beneficial, and the method and tips for learning and practicing. In addition, they will have an opportunity to learn various Qigong exercises.

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# LAKE VIEWS

NEWS FROM YOUR LAKE MONTICELLO NEIGHBORS

## Fluvanna Review for Lake's Homebound Residents

The Lake Monticello Owners' Association aims to collaborate with the Fluvanna Review to ensure its homebound residents receive the newspaper. During Thanksgiving week, the Fluvanna Review announced that newspaper delivery to Lake Monticello homes would end on December 5, 2024. LMOA staff learned of this decision a week earlier. In August and September, some residents reported dangerous encounters with the paper's new delivery driver, who drove on the wrong side of the road during daylight hours. The Lake Police Chief informed the Fluvanna Review that deliveries against traffic were unsafe and illegal. The paper was not instructed to stop delivery but was advised to find an alternative delivery method. Two months later, the newspaper's publisher reached out and proposed pickup points, noting that alternative delivery methods were costly and that drivers were difficult to find. He stated that he had positive experiences with newspaper racks and boxes, and LMOA staff supported the request, asking the paper to work with LMOA to ensure that homebound residents would still receive the paper. The Fluvanna Review will now offer pickup points at Lake Monticello, in addition to about 90 pickup points in Fluvanna, Louisa, Albemarle Counties, and Charlottesville. Lake residents can find the newspaper at locations such as Ashlawn Clubhouse, Fairway Clubhouse, Pool House (summer only), Lafayette Park, Bunker Park, and the Marina. LMOA is ready

to help the Fluvanna Review find more locations if needed. If you or someone you know is a homebound resident and find it impossible to reach a pickup point, please contact LMOA's Communications Director at [mhenry@lmoa.org](mailto:mhenry@lmoa.org) so she can connect you with the publisher of the Fluvanna Review for alternative arrangements.

## Bistro Breakfast Tries Breakfast To-Go

The owner of Freedom Drip has informed LMOA that she will be opening a shop soon in the county and will no longer park at the golf course. Instead, Bunker Bistro is offering breakfast to-go on a trial basis. Owner Jacie Dunkle expresses her gratitude to everyone who stopped by for coffee and pastries during the first week. She wants residents to know that if they call her after 7:30 am at 434-591-0106, she will gladly prepare an order, ready and waiting when they arrive. Their breakfast option is available as a special three-week trial. If you love it and want this service to continue, please drop in over the next couple of days and show the bistro your support!

## Winter Water Turnover Supports Aquatic Life

Why does Lake Monticello look like chocolate milk today? It's all due to tannins being stirred up from the bottom of the lake during a process called water turnover, which happens when the weather changes. With the recent drop in temperatures, the top layer of the Lake has cooled down, making

it colder than the water below. Just like a pot of boiling water, the warmer water rises to the surface. This natural occurrence is super beneficial because it replenishes oxygen levels at deeper levels and spreads it throughout the water, which is essential for the survival of aquatic life.

## Safety & Security Committee Seeks New Members

LMOA's Safety and Security Committee will have three vacancies in the new year and welcomes homeowners who want to help preserve and enhance the safety of our community. Its members advise the Board on safety and security responsibilities, assess the effectiveness of safety services, and recommend policies for the community's needs. If you are interested in joining this or any other committee, please email [krivera@lmoa.org](mailto:krivera@lmoa.org).

## GFL Gives Trash Tips for Smooth Winter Pickup

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**Parade:** December 14, 2 PM  
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## Supervisors approve over \$200K in school security requests

BY HEATHER MICHON  
CORRESPONDENT

Representatives from Fluvanna County Public Schools and other departments appeared before the Board of Supervisors on Wednesday night (Dec. 4) with budget carryover requests totaling just over \$600,000.

If a department fails to spend all the money allocated in a fiscal year, those unexpended funds will be returned to the county's general fund.

However, if the money was set aside for a project or service that could not be completed by the end of the fiscal year, departments can request to carry over those funds into the next fiscal year.

Under the county's policies, carryover funds are not meant for new projects. Still, the supervisors have broad latitude in approving carryover requests, regardless of whether they meet the criteria.

### School security

FCPS made seven carryover requests totaling \$425,591.

Over half of the requests involved security upgrades, including \$143,285 for new security locks, \$66,400 for wearable crisis alert buttons, and \$40,000 for weapon detectors.

None of the requests fit the carryover criteria, but supervisors agreed that they were important projects that should not necessarily wait for the upcoming budget season.

"If something happened tomorrow, we probably would look at ourselves in the mirror and say there is something we could have been doing more," said Mike Goad (Fork Union). "Once we do all of this, if something were to happen, we could at least say, well, these are the steps we took."

The supervisors were also open to approving a \$30,000 request for a population study and, after some debate, a \$78,906 request for the ongoing renovations of bathrooms at Central Elementary.

In all, supervisors approved 15 of 17 carryover requests for a total of \$495,226.

### Other matters:

Supervisors also approved:

- Reduction of rental fees at the Fluvanna Community Center's commercial kitchen to \$25/hour for residents and \$30.25/hour for non-residents. The previous rates of \$35/hour for residents and \$40.25/hour for non-residents were found to be the second-highest in the region.
- Finalization of nominees for the Board of Equalization, the body that reviews property tax assessment appeals. Unlike most county boards and commissions, where supervisors simply appoint members, BOE nominees must be approved by the circuit court.
- Advertisement of a public hearing on the renewal of the lease agreement with Monticello Area Community Action Agency (MACAA) at the Carysbrook complex. The hearing will be held on Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.
- A \$61,000 contract with TRC Engineers for professional services related to constructing a fire training 'burn building.'

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Hutner, Norma B to Liberty Homes VA Inc. Lot 123 Phase Four LM. \$55,000.

Critzer, Linda C to Critzer, Brian Scott and Kristine Critzer. 2 Acres. \$130,000.

## 9/04/2024

Krepinevich, Louis Nic... to BHL Group LLC. 2.638 Acres. \$29,100.

Krepinevich, Louis Nic... to BHL Group LLC. See document for description. \$26,300.

Marsh, Joseph P to Brizan, Danica D. \$385,000.

## 9/05/2024

Newcomb, Lori to Brandt, Jessica and Michael Joseph Dominick. Lot 277 Phase Eight Nahor LM. \$340,000.

Liberty Homes VA Inc. to Foreman, Rebecca and Robert Hellman, and Daniel Harmon. Lot 197 Phase Six Riverside Addition One LM. \$342,000.

Northsouth Capital LLC. to Rock Creek Residences LLC. Lot 302 Phase Twelve Edgewood LM. \$192,562.

Best, Jack L. to NSCB LLC. Lot 57 Phase Twelve Edgewood LM. \$278,000.

## 9/06/2024

Greer, Charles H. to Kennedy, Phillip S. and Debra W. Kennedy. 2.383 Acres. \$45,000.

Ardinger, Sylvia B. to Hakim, Richard J. and Pamela Lawson Hakim. Lot 115 Phase Two Shadwell LM. \$585,000.

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Liberty Homes VA Inc. to Perkins, Gregory S. Lot 3 Rockspring Estates Subdivision. \$371,188.

Butler, Charles D. Jr to Good Buy Real Estate LLC. Lot 130 Phase Three Montpelier LM. \$152,299.

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Tenser, Charles Henry... to Mauck, Lawrence Newbill, III and Rebecca Adams Mauck. See document for full description. \$354,300.

## 9/12/2024

CMH Homes Inc. to Jackson, Clarissa. See document for full description. \$299,990.

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## 9/13/2024

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## 9/16/2024

Cook, Charles Leslie to Heck, Elizabeth T. and Michael S. Paschall. See document for full Description. \$210,000.

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Harris, Darrick to Taaffe, William IV. And Shelley Fields, Romis Fields. 1.799 Acres. \$795,000.

Campagna, Michael to Land BH Properties LLC. \$50,000.

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## 9/20/2024

KC Renovations LLC to Orten, Elizabeth. 2.084 Acres. \$254,000.

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Nealy, Christine M. to Taylor, David D. and Tina R. Curran-Taylor. See document for full description. \$445,000.

## 9/25/2024

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## 9/27/2024

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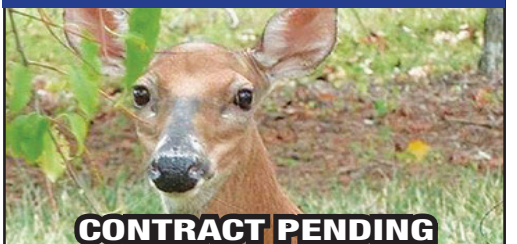
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