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Removal of Kents Store ambulance to increase response time

BY HEATHER MICHON CORRESPONDENT

Residents in the Kents Store areas might be waiting longer for ambulance service. Kents Store Volunteer Fire Department Chief Andrew Pullen announced Thursday (Jan. 16) that they had requested the county remove the staffed ambulance stationed at the fire station during the day shift.

In a lengthy statement on the department's Facebook page, Pullen stressed that the removal of the ambulance had nothing to do with the allegations surrounding the recent arrest of Director of Emergency Services James True.

Pullen said that most of the career EMTs fit in well with the volunteers. "Unfortunately, it is true that there have been a few, and only a few, conflicts between career personnel and our volunteers."

The nature of these conflicts was apparently serious enough that the fire department's leadership team went to the county to have the career staff removed.

"We cannot and will not expand on this, but assure everyone that while we were reluctant to do so, we do feel it was done so in the best long term interest of everyone."

The staffed ambulance service was inaugurated at the Kents Store Fire Department on July 1, 2024 and provided service during the 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. shift.

Pullen said the removal of the service meant that response times for an ambulance will revert back to what they were prior to July. "More than likely an ambulance will be coming from Palmyra, Fork Union, sometimes Lake Monticello and maybe from a mutual air agency such as Louisa or Goochland," he wrote. "We simply cannot predict the unpredictable, but it will take longer for an ambulance."

County Attorney Daniel Whitten said that the county "made the decision to decrease the level of EMS service temporarily due to our career staffing shortage and after meeting with Kents Store leadership to understand their concerns."

Whitten said the decision had not been made lightly "but was necessary so we do not overcommit our existing career staff and the fire volunteers at Kents Store."

Pullen said they hope to work with the new interim Emergency Services Director to "address the communities needs and not only return the staffing to what it has been since July, but to expand it to 24/7 in the next fiscal year."

THIS WEEK'S PET CHEECH

Meet Cheech, Cheech is a one-year-old orange tabby with a heart of gold and a story worth purring about. Life threw him a curveball when an injured back leg led to an amputation, but Cheech has taken it all in stride-literally! This affectionate little tripod has been recovering in a foster home, where he's been perfecting his "cat-letics." Walking? Nailed it. Jumping? Aced it. Stairs? No problem! Cheech is still figuring out how to gracefully rub against your leg or wait for dinner without toppling over-but hey, who doesn't get a little wobbly when they're excited? Cheech's quirky personality shines brightest during these moments. Sometimes, he'll circle to catch his balance, and if things don't go as planned, he might let out a dramatic little hiss (at himself, not you-he's a diva, not a fighter). Don't worry, though-he quickly bounces back to being his snuggly, head-bumping self. While he gets along with the other cats in his foster home, Cheech likes to set some boundaries around his space. He's also a bit of a mama's boy, occasionally claiming his foster mom as his favorite human (who can blame him?). Cheech is proof that three legs are more than enough to live a full, love-filled life. If you're looking for a cat who's equal parts resilient, affectionate, and delightfully quirky, Cheech is your guy. Bonus points if you're willing to cheer him on as he continues mastering the art of being a one-of-a-kind kitty!

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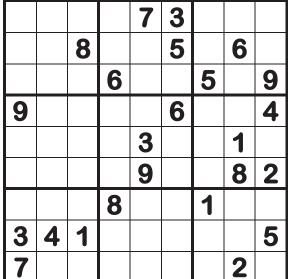
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Silvers to discuss women's heart health at FOL

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD CORRESPONDENT



Deb Silvers. Submitted photo

Deb Silvers will speak Feb. 5 at 10 a.m. at the meeting of the Friends of the Library on behalf of the non-profit WomenHeart about heart disease risk for women. She will discuss what women need to know about their risk and where to get information.

WomenHeart, a national coalition for women with heart disease, was founded in 1999. The non-profit organization was created by three women - Nancy Loving, Jackie Markham, and Judy Mingram - who suffered heart attacks in their forties.

Heart disease and subsequent research were usually focused on men and women were often misdiagnosed and received inadequate treatment. These three women lived in different parts of the country and did not know each other. Still, their experiences and a feeling of being invisible in a healthcare environment that lacked information or services for women with heart disease eventually brought them together.

In 1998, Markham decided she wanted to start an organization to help women living with heart disease. She shared the idea with her friend Myrna Blyth, who had just launched More magazine. Blyth assigned the story of women living with heart disease, to a writer who interviewed Markham, Loving, and Mingram, about their experiences. This resulted in the three women forming a network, reaching out to thousands of women with similar experiences. A year later Womenheart was formed, the first and only patient-centered organization focusing on women's heart disease.

"Heart disease is the number one risk factor for women," said Silvers. In the last 25 years, the organization has developed a national network of patient support groups across the U.S. - nearly 100 in 30 states. Over 1,000 female heart disease survivors have become educators and volunteers to advocate for health policies at the federal level. They developed an initiative to help women become aware of their risk, by getting a diagnosis and being treated.

"Know your numbers, including your cholesterol, LDL, HDL, and blood pressure," Silvers stressed.

Tenaska Virginia Partners accepting scholarship program applications

Deadline for scholarship submissions is Friday, March 7, 2025

Tenaska Virginia Partners, L.P., owner of Tenaska Virginia Generating Station, a 940-megawatt (MW) natural gas-fueled plant in Fluvanna County, is now accepting applications for the Tenaska College Scholarship Program. Students graduating from Buckingham County and Fluvanna County high schools are eligible to apply. The program will award four \$2,500 scholarships.

Tenaska, an energy company based in Omaha, Nebraska, manages scholarship programs in communities where its power-generating facilities are located. To date, the company has awarded more than \$1 million in scholarship funds nationwide.

"Tenaska remains committed to investing in students' access to higher education," said Sam Graham, plant manager for Tenaska Virginia Generating Station. "We understand the important role education plays in future success and are proud to support our local students."

Candidates must be high school seniors graduating in the spring of 2025 who plan to enroll in an undergraduate course of study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school.

Scholarship information, including

criteria and applications, is available online at tenaska.com/plantscholarships or through school guidance counselors. To be considered, applications must be submitted by March 7.

Recipients will be chosen based on a variety of criteria including academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, participation in school and community activities and financial need. A committee at Tenaska headquarters will select the scholarship recipients and announce the winners in the spring.



Understanding mindfullness: taking time for ourselves

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD CORRESPONDENT

Cynthia Moore presented another wellness program for people in the community on Jan. 18 as part of the Hygeia Wellness series. The speaker was Anna Delong, a psychotherapist with expertise in neuropsychotherapy, mindfulness, and research-based strategies to promote resilience and overall well-being

"The human autonomic nervous system has two branches: the sympathetic, which helps you manage stress, and the parasympathetic, which helps you recover and restore," she said. She explained that the Stress Branch (sympathetic) of our nervous systems is intended to be short-term and intermittent while the Restore Branch (parasympathetic), ideally, is the branch most often engaged in inner turmoil. "It is very common to be stuck with the stress branch of your nervous in the on mode and this is linked to an increase in anxiety, depression, and insomnia." She added that it also affects other systems, including the immune and digestive systems.

"Primitive man's stress benefited him, alerting him and protecting him from real danger, such as a tiger. Nowadays, we spend our time, fighting paper tigers." She calls this constant state of high-alert Autonomic Nervous System Deregulation and it often leads to chronic disease.

Most of those in attendance were aware of these issues and were trying to address their insomnia, stress, and anxiety and some found ways to do it but most stated they could always use more information in their toolbox.

She stated there are many effec-

tive strategies to help you reset your nervous system to rest, restore, and recover. Those who attended participated in a breathing exercise, trying a variety of suggested poses to relax the body and mind.

After trying two different poses, whether it was a gravity chair or their feet up on a chair with limbs relaxed and outstretched, they appeared looser and less tense. Having a quiet environment and space to relax with slow breathing techniques was one way for anyone to take time out during the day to recover from the challenges

Awesome third quarter carries Fluco boys to win over Charlottesville

BY DUNCAN NIXON CORRESPONDENT



The Fluco boys hosted perennial Jefferson District rival, the Black Knights from Charlottesville High on Jan. 21. At half-time, the Flucos led in a defensive battle with a score of 17-16. The third quarter was a different story. The Black Knights were playing an aggressive full court press defense. The goal of this style of defense is to create turn-overs and steals. However, if the offense is able to break the press the result is often easy lay-ups. The Fluco broke the press consistently in the third quarter and put the ball in the hands of sophomore Antwon Carter. Carter knew what to do with the ball. He took it hard to the basket and finished well. Carter had 11 points in the quarter, half of the Flucos' 22. Carter had three baskets and five free throws.

The Flucos played a different defense altogether. After the game, Coach Heath Bralley reported that his assistant Coach Jay'von Jackson suggested that a 1-3-1 zone defense might work against the Black Knights. He was right. The zone, anchored by big man Mason Kirby in the middle, completely flummoxed Charlottesville. They managed only two points in the third quarter. The way to beat this zone is with outside shooting, especially from the corners. The Black Knights tried to do this, but the Flucos were always in their face. As a result, the Black Knights made only two of nineteen three-point attempts for the game. The Black Knights needed a Vinny Agee or a J.J.

Reddick. But, they didn't have outside shooters.

The Flucos took a 21 point lead into the fourth quarter. Charlottesville played intensely and aggressively in the fourth quarter, but it was too late. The Fluco lead shrunk to 12, but the outcome was never in doubt.

Carter led the Flucos in scoring with an impressive total of 27. He scored five in the first and second quarters, eleven in the third and six in the fourth quarter. Junior Kemaan Massie contributed 12 points, scoring in all four guarters. Junior Tramayne Minor added six points. Senior Kirby controlled the boards, with ten rebounds, Junior guard Tyrell Ntenda had three assists for the Flucos. The Flucos made 50 percent of their shots while the Black Knights hit on only 25 percent of their shots.

The Fluco win was their third in a row. They are now 6-9 overall and 3-3 in Jefferson District play. On Jan. 24 they traveled to Louisa County and on Jan. 28 they played at Western Albemarle. On Jan. 31 they will host Monticello High School. There are three games on the schedule in February against Albemarle High, Orange County and Charlottesville again. The last game of the regular season is at Charlottesville on Feb. 11.



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RUDY TALKS TAXES

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

Business Laws in Limbo to Start 2025

Several laws are in legal limbo to start 2025. Here's a summary of where these laws currently stand and how they affect your business.

#1 - Law that's in limbo: New overtime rules

Background: New overtime rules that may mean higher payroll expenses for your company have been blocked by a federal judge. Prior to July 2024, overtime pay was mandated for employees earning \$35,568 or less (\$684 a week). Under new rules that were supposed to

take effect July 1, 2024, employees earning up to \$43,888 would now qualify for overtime. Another increase was scheduled January 1, 2025, with employees earning up to \$58,656 qualifying for overtime.

While the Department of Labor may appeal the rule's injunction, the agency may still face an uphill battle to implement the rule with a new White House administration set to take office later this month. A similar rule proposed in 2016 to boost the overtime salary threshold was also blocked and never implemented.

How this affects your business: There's still a possibility that this new overtime rule takes effect in the near future. Consider the following steps to ensure that your business is in compliance if the rule is allowed to take effect:

- Step 1: Identify affected employees. Look through your current payroll and identify employees who earn a salary of \$58,656 or less.
- Step 2: Determine how to classify these identified employees. For the employees you identify in Step 1 who earn less than the salary threshold amount, conduct an analysis to determine whether each of these employees is now eligible for overtime. If so, you have a few choices: you can bump up their pay to avoid paying overtime to that employee; reclassify the employee to hourly and pay overtime as they clock enough hours; or have them keep time sheets and then pay overtime when their hours exceed the overtime requirements
- Step 3: Prepare to update your payroll to ensure your payroll system is ready to pointment!



be updated to reflect any changes to an employee's overtime status is the overtime rule is allowed to go into effect. This includes updates to any official paperwork or documents.

#2 - Law that's in limbo: Corporate Transparency Act (CTA)

Background: Required filing of beneficial owner information (BOI) on FinCEN.gov continues its roller coaster judicial journey. On December 26th, the requirement to file is (for now) officially on hold once again pending further judicial review. Last week the injunction to halt the filing requirement was overturned leaving your business until January 13, 2025 to file your report. Now that ruling is suspended.

How this affects your business: If enforcement of the CTA is allowed to continue, you'll need to decide if your business must comply with CTA's reporting requirements by filing a BOI report. As the CTA is written, any company created in the United States that has registered with a secretary of state or any similar office under the laws of a state or Indian tribe, or foreign companies registered to do business in the U.S., is subject to these new reporting requirements.

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Real estate assessments in Fluvanna up 25 percent

Meals tax public hearing set for March 19

BY HEATHER MICHON CORRESPONDENT

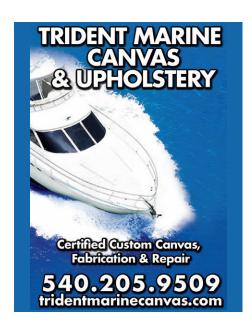
Fluvanna homeowners will soon receive their updated real estate assessments - and they might be surprised by the final figures.

Fred Pearson of Pearson Mass Appraisal Service told the Board of Supervisors on Wednesday (Jan. 22) that the average valuation of a home in Fluvanna County was up 25 percent over the previous assessments made in 2022.

Those with homes over 1,200 square feet might see valuations up by between 35 and 60 percent.

"We just reflect the market," Pearson said when asked about the increases. "And it's not just this county. It's other counties as well."

Virginia counties must update real estate assessments every two to six years. The assessments are then used to calculate a homeowner's tax bill.



Clarification



A portrait of Loretta Johnson-Morgan that ran in the Jan. 2 issue of the Fluvanna Review was painted by Bryan T. Fair.

Fluvanna Commissioner of the Revenue Andrew Sheridan said that residents should know that "it may say you have a 24 percent increase in assessed value, but it doesn't mean your taxes are going up 24 percent."

Unlike some counties, Fluvanna uses equalization of the real estate tax rates to prevent sharp increases to annual tax bills.

The assessment letter should be issued within the next couple of weeks.

If residents feel that their assessment is incorrect, Pearson and his team will be ready to answer questions and make adjustments if necessary.

"We're going to listen to homeowners," said Pearson. "We just want to get it right."

Meals tax set for hearing

Along with real estate, personal property, and transient occupancy taxes, Fluvanna may have a meals tax by summer's

Supervisors voted 3-2 to advertise a public hearing on establishing a food and beverage tax at their March 19 meeting.

The tax would apply to food and drinks purchased at restaurants and ready-toeat meals at store delis. It will not apply to groceries.

The county could take in \$300,000 to \$600,000 annually on a meal tax, and

could grow dramatically once the Wawa is built at Zion Crossroads.

Fluvanna voters rejected a meals tax in a 2018 referendum. A change in the state law in 2021 now allows boards of supervisors to approve the tax without a popular vote.

Supervisors were split on the issues, with Chris Fairchild (Cunningham) and Mike Goad (Fork Union) arguing it put an unreasonable burden on citizens. Mike Sheridan (Columbia), Tony O'Brien (Rivanna) and Tim Hodge (Palmyra) argued it gives them more options for taxation and could help reduce the burden on property owners, who now contribute most of the county's annual revenue.

Sheridan, in particular, said that some of the money raised by the meals tax should go into a fund for new school construction.

"We have an elementary school that's 60 years old," he said. "It was an older building when I went there 50 years ago."

"I wouldn't have voted for it eight years ago, and I can't see voting for it now," said Fairchild. "I puts an additional burden on restaurants, and it raises taxes on our citizens."

Fairchild and Goad floated an alternative idea of creating a special tax district that would cover businesses in certain areas but leave others exempt. County

Attorney Dan Whitten said he would look into the idea.

After a sometimes animated debate, the majority voted to move forward and approve the March 19 public hearing.

The advertised rate will be six percent, the maximum allowed by law, but will probably be set at five percent, with two percent of the revenue allocated for a school construction fund.

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CONTRIBUTED BY TRICIA JOHNSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FLUVANNA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Fluvanna County and the Fluvanna Historical Society are thrilled by a \$785,504 grant recently awarded for the restoration of the historic Fluvanna County courthouse. This funding, provided through the Virginia 250 Preservation Fund, was announced by Gov. Glenn Youngkin as part of a \$20 million initiative to support historic preservation projects across the Commonwealth. The goal is to complete the renovation by July of 2026 in anticipation of the increase in historic tourism due to the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the country.

The Fluvanna grant is one of only 35 to be awarded out of 227 applications that were submitted.

Built in 1830 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the courthouse is an architectural gem of significance in the Commonwealth and the country. Designed by General John Hartwell Cocke of Bremo, a protégé of Thomas Jefferson, the courthouse is distinguished as the first of Virginia's important Classical antebellum collection to use a Greek order for its prominent columns.

Kathleen Kilpatrick, a board member of the historical society and chair of the Fluvanna VA250 Committee, wrote the complex grant application. Kilpatrick said called the courthouse "...a model of public architecture for the young republic. Our courthouse still stands as a stellar Virginia example for the nation."

Jennifer Schmack, the county's director of economic development, said, "preserving this architectural treasure not only honors our rich history but also enhances our ability to attract visitors and drive economic growth." Schmack noted that this effort ties in neatly with the county's Tourism Strategic Plan and the "Find Fluvanna" initiative.

This project builds on years of collaboration between Fluvanna County and the Fluvanna Historical Society, which spearheaded the development of a

Historical Structure Report that guided the restoration planning. The grant will be used for a comprehensive exterior restoration, to stabilize the interior stair balustrade, as well as to update the mechanical and electrical systems to preserve the building.

"This grant award is a monumental step forward for Fluvanna County," said Christopher Fairchild, chairman of the Fluvanna County Board of Su-

pervisors. "It not only underscores the historical importance of our courthouse but also ensures that future generations will be able to appreciate it."

The story is deeply interwoven with the history

of the community. Its construction was built with the labor of enslaved craftsmen from Bremo. Horace Scruggs, vice president of the historical society said, "the use of John Hartwell Cocke's enslaved skilled workers in the construction of this building connects it to the African-American community, and to the broader story of the many significant contributions made by enslaved craftsmen and workers to building Fluvanna and its wealth and prominence in Central Virginia." Scruggs emphasized that "as a descendant of those enslaved at Bremo, this project is especially important to me, as it will be to

others, whose ancestors and their important contributions are acknowledged."

Andrew Marshall, preservation architect with John Milner Associates and project manager for this effort, said "the size of the

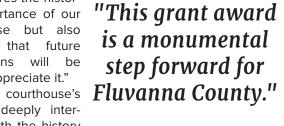
grant, one of the largest in the program, will allow the project to address many key deficiencies, including the unsightly stucco on the front columns, while also creating a better visitor experience

ahead of the 250th anniversary and for decades to come."

Fluvanna Historical Society President Marvin Moss, said, "we are very proud that we continue our active partnership with the county for the benefit of its historic resources and the education and enjoyment of our citizens and visitors."

The Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors has since 2018 earmarked a total of \$712,803 toward this project. The historical society and the county have collaboratively won funding from the General Assembly in the amount of \$310,000 in addition to the VA 250 grant award. Combined with \$41,810 raised independently by the historical society through fundraisers and private donations, a total of \$1,850,117 is currently available for this effort.

For more information on the courthouse restoration project, contact Jennifer Schmack at jschmack@fluvannacounty.org or for information on the Fluvanna Historical Society, contact Kathleen Kilpatrick at fluvannahistory@gmail.com.







Three arrested in drug smuggling case at Fluvanna women's prison

BY HEATHER MICHON CORRESPONDENT

Three people have been arrested for attempting to smuggle \$80,000 worth of drugs into the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women (FCCW) in Troy.

Consquela S. Lester of Roanoke and Jennifer K. Robbins and Courtney S. Snidow, both of Pearisburg, were taken into custody by special agents from the Virginia Department of Corrections (VADOC) Office of Law Enforcement Services on Jan. 18.

"They were intercepted by VADOC corrections team members while attempting to visit inmates," said VADOC in a statement. "Staff seized approximately 100 Buprenorphine and Naloxone strips worth an estimated \$80,000."

Also known under its brand name of Suboxone, the drug is used to treat the symptoms of opioid addiction. According to the Partnership to End Addiction, it can also provide users with a sense of euphoria.

Prisons all over the country are

seeing a spike in Suboxone smuggling and abuse. Rather than pills, Suboxone is delivered on small strips to be placed under the tongue. This also makes them easy to smuggle inside clothing, papers, and other objects.

Lester is scheduled to appear in Fluvanna General District Court for a hearing on Jan. 28 and Robbins and Snidow on Febr. 11.

Two FCCW inmates are also facing charges in the case. Their names have not yet been released.

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DOJ demands LMOA pay back \$650k COVID-era loan

BY HEATHER MICHON CORRESPONDENT

Back in April 2020, the Lake Monticello Owners Association (LMOA) was awarded a \$646,843 loan under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), one of the many government programs designed to shore up the economy as the COVID pandemic began shutting down businesses across the country.

Now, the government wants that money back.

LMOA Board of Directors Chair Larry Henson told the audience at this month's meeting that they had received a letter from the Department of Justice in mid-December notifying them that, as a 501(c)(4) homeowner's association, it is ineligible for PPP loan forgiveness.

"This notification was unexpected," General Manager Tom Schauder said in a follow-up letter to Lake residents, "since both the loan and the forgiveness applications had been approved by the SMA [Small Business Administration]."

PPP was designed to help eligible small businesses cover payroll and benefits for up to eight weeks at the height of the pandemic. These low-interest loans were eligible for forgiveness if the business used the funding for its intended purposes and did not need to be repaid.

The SBA forgave the LMOA's loan in late May 2021.

PPP and other COVID-era funding programs were hastily implemented and poorly managed, and the federal government has spent the last several years trying to untangle the mess.

Over the last two years, many HOAs nationwide have faced demands from the DOJ to return PPP funds – or face

legal charges under the False Claims Act. Conviction on FCA charges can result in fines and other penalties.

Mike Feazel of Lake Monticello News notes that \$646,843 "would equal about 10 percent of the LMOAs budgeted revenue for 2025 or nearly \$150 per property within LMOA."

Schauder stressed in his letter that this issue is far from over.

"An attorney for our insurance provider is assisting with the response to the [DOJ] letter, and resolution may take several months."

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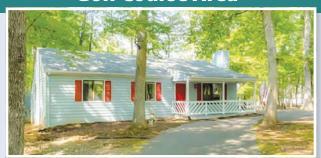
Golf Front



178 Jefferson Drive - \$339,900

Adorable golf front cottage. With breathtaking pond views overlooking the 7th fairway. Take it all in, while you sip your morning coffee from the screened porch or the expansive rear deck. On those brisk mornings, you might prefer to fire up the wood burning fireplace, in the spacious living room, complete with vaulted ceilings and laminate wood flooring. The generously sized dining area will be wonderful for entertaining. Recent improvements include a remodeled primary bath, painting, a new stove, and HVAC replacement in 2017. All this on a nearly level lot, perfectly positioned within walking distance to the Slice Gate, where you'll find multiple dining options and shopping. Also enjoy the close proximity to both Beach 2 and Beach 3, and the fire and rescue squad a stone throw away.

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NEWS FROM YOUR LAKE MONTICELLO NEIGHBORS



Job Opening in LMOA's **Finance Department**

LMOA's Finance Department has some exciting news to share. The Accounts Payable Specialist, Brenda Jenkins, will be retiring in March after a decade of exemplary service at LMOA. We greatly appreciate her professionalism and unwavering support; she even stayed longer than planned to help her team through the billing season. This opens up a new opportunity at LMOA for a "Financial Analyst/ Accounts Payable Specialist". If you are interested, please head to Imoa.org Careers where you will find more information about this job opening and other opportunities like Field Inspector, Marina Manager, IT Specialist. You can also emial rmathews@lmoa.org for more information. Additionally, LMOA's Senior Financial Analyst has accepted a well-deserved promotion to become our next Finance Director. Congratulations and best wishes to you both!

Beware of Unstable Ice

Warmer temperatures are on the way! Although it has been quite frigid, LMOA wants to remind everyone that the ice on ponds and Lake Monticello is NOT safe. It has not been cold enough for the ice to be stable, so we urge you to keep yourselves, your pets, and your children off the ice. You may also have noticed that the colder temperatures affect gate functionality a little bit. Please ensure that your barcodes are free of salt and frost (do not use a scraper, as it may damage the barcode), and we are working to keep the readers as clean as possible.

Lake Residents Get Moving at the Ashlawn Clubhouse!

If you live at the Lake, get fit for free at the Ashlawn Clubhouse. There are free yoga classes every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:45 to 9:45 AM, plus Chair Yoga on Wednesdays from 2:00 to 2:45 PM and relaxing Night Yoga on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Just bring your mat and jump right in-no sign-up needed! Free strength training classes are offered on Wednesdays at 10:15 AM-bring your mat, weights, and a water bottle, and on Tuesdays, join neighbors for Functionally Fit classes from 10:30 to 11:30 AM!

Time to Run for the Board!

On February 3, 2025, Candidate Petition Packets & Member Proposal Petition Packets will be available to

LMOA Members in Good Standing. Members who wish to run for the Board of Directors or propose amendments to LMOA Governing Documents will now be able to do so electronically for the first time ever. Paper copies of the packets will still be available for pick up at the Ashlawn Clubhouse also starting February 3, 2025. For more info on electronic petition packets, running for the Board, or Member Proposals, click here or contact Executive Assistant Karis Rivera at krivera@lmoa.org. LMOA thrives due to the selfless services of our volunteers. You make the most difference in your community when you volunteer at LMOA!

Barcode Billing Anomaly

All LMOA property owners should have received their Annual Billing Statement by now. An attached billing letter that accompanied statements contains all of the details on how to pay. Different from normal, barcodes are not included this year due to a technical issue. They will be billed on January 31, 2025, and are due by February 28, 2025. Barcodes will be added to Amenities accounts on January 31st for online payments. Additionally, when using a debit card for payment, LMOA's system processes it as a credit card, which

will incur a 3% fee.

Broadcast Needs Volunteers

Our Broadcast Volunteers work very hard on their productions and would love for you to support them by subscribing to Lake Monticello Owners' Association's YouTube channel. Their latest video features "2024 Year in Review", an inspiring half-hour production that captures the community's most beautiful memories. The Broadcast Group can always use support. If you are interested in learning how to record or edit video, you can learn for free from a seasoned professional on the Broadcast Committee. If you are interested, contact broadcast@lmoa.org.

Order from Bunker Bistro's To-Go Menu, It's Easy!

Are you enjoying Bunker Bistro's togo menu? Today's featured items are chicken pot pie and chicken cordon bleu, but there are lots more options on the menu. Order online and pick it up at Ashlawn Clubhouse (41 Ashlawn Blvd.). Go to bunkerbistro. com and click on the to-go button in the upper right-hand corner. It's so easy!

Obituary

Kathleen Bunce Whitney

April 21, 1955 – January 22, 2025



Kathleen Bunce Whitney, 69, of Palmyra, Virginia, passed away on January 22, 2025, at UVA Medical Center in Charlottesville, Virginia. She was born on April 21, 1955, in Washington, D.C., to Dr. John Daniel Bunce and Marjorie Ann (Sullivan) Bunce and grew up in Annandale, Virginia. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Kathy is survived by her loving husband, Thomas Whitney; daughter, Denise Whitney; son, Kevin Whitney; and four grandchildren: Tyler Whitney, Austin Whitney, Brienna Whitney & Thomas Gannon Jr. She is also survived by her siblings: John Bunce, Brian Bunce, Terrence Bunce, Mary Anne Foreman, and Patricia Ayers.

She earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a Master's in Counseling & Education from James Madison University. Kathy dedicated her career to helping others, working as a Personnel Manager at Softech Industries and later as an Employee Relations Specialist at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Kathy loved arts and crafts and never missed a chance to celebrate family and friends' special occasions. She was an avid reader of crime dramas and suspense novels and a devoted fan of Judge Judy. She was a member of the Palmyra United Methodist Church and the Rivanna Lions Club.

Despite health challenges, Kathy faced life with resilience and humor. Her home was always open, her wit always sharp, and her spirit always strong. She valued kindness, connection, and laughter.

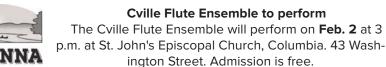
A memorial service will be held February 15, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Palmyra United Methodist Church (PUMC). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to PUMC, P.O. Box 15, Palmyra, VA 22963, or to the Rivanna Lions Club, c/o Secretary Misti Harris, 13 Jefferson Dr. Palmyra, VA 22963.

Kathy's love and laughter will be deeply missed but never forgotten. She leaves behind cherished memories and a legacy of warmth and strength.

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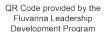
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Community Calendar



Dinner dance

Come out for a Wonderful dinner dance on Feb. 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. while supporting the Lake Monticello firehouse. Great music with Flashbacks. Baked ziti dinner (Meatballs, salad, dessert and soft drinks. BYO) \$25 per person. Call Peggy B. 434.962.3439 for tickets.



County Calendar

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, 8:30 a.m. to 2 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.

Health fair set for Feb. 15

PRESS RELEASE

Move2Health Equity will hold its second annual health fair at Dunbar Rosenwald School at 2524 Mountain Hill Road in Palmyra on Feb. 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Move2Health Equity Works collaboratively to address health inequities and disparities in western Fluvanna.

The event will include: Blood pressure testing; health education/cooking demonstration, CPR training; prostate cancer testing; Covid, flu and RSV vaccinations and a Walking Trail opening ceremony.



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CANDLELIGHT CONCERT: Classical and Romantic Musical being held February 15, at 7 PM -Bethel Baptist Church, 227 Bethel Church Road, Palmyra, VA. Featuring Bell Choir, Piano, Organ, Flute, Violin, 3 Tenors, Soloists. Free Will Offering for local benevolent fund. Reception Following.

DINNER DANCE: Come out to the Lake Monticello Firehouse for a wonderful DINNER DANCE on February 15, from 5:30 pm to 8 pm . Proceeds support the Lake Monticello VFDRS. Great music with the 'Flashbacks'. Baked Ziti dinner (meatballs, salad, dessert and soft drinks, BYO). \$25 per person. Call Peggy at 434-962-3439 for tickets.

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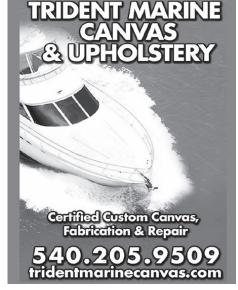


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PUBLIC NOTICES



PUBLIC HEARING Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors

Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 15.2-1427 and 15.2-2204, a Public Hearing will be held in the Fluvanna County Circuit Court, at 72 Main Street, Palmyra, VA 22963 for citizens of the County to have the opportunity to appear before and be heard by the Board of Supervisors on 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 24-10: Ordinance to amend the "Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia," by amending §22-22-1 to correct the definition of "Front Yard."

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. Interested persons may submit written comments prior to the scheduled public hearing to planning@fluvannacounty.org. All interested persons wishing to be heard are invited to attend the public hearing

Stargazing in Fluvanna

BY PAT BEERS BLOCK

Welcome Star Gazers to this month's highlights of celestial events visible in Fluvanna County!

Fun events to view in February

This month offers star gazers some much needed rest from peering into the depths of the night sky with kinked neck and strained eyes. The primary events this month might be considered mundane- if any celestial event can ever truly be categorized as such- and include the faithful phasing of the moon, several interesting planetary and star occultations (overshadowing of one celestial body over another) and conjunctions (remote objects visually appearing close to one another), and the clockwork of the stars and planets circling the sky. There are no major meteor showers to track or eclipses

to observe. But there are a fair number of planetary/ star conjunctions, and the moon will be a key player this month, with its interludes with various planets and stars. Hopefully these events capture your interest and motivate you to set up your sky gazing equipment and spend time observing the night and early morning dark sky.

Let's get ready to engage in observing these events by setting up your star gazing equipment, charging your cell phones and linking to Sky Guide, Sky View Lite, or any other star gazing applications that you find useful, and settling into your favorite viewing spot to witness the magic of the night and early morning skies!

Weeks 1-2 (February 1-8)

February 1 is a good evening to view the planet Venus in conjunction with the waxing (getting larger) crescent moon. Venus will be a bright light you will find in the early evening sky.

On the morning of February 6, the moon will be in its first quarter and in occultation (appears to pass behind) with the Pleiades star cluster (aka the 7 Sisters, and Messier 45) that is found within the Taurus constellation. Remember, when the moon enters its first quarter phase, the Earth experiences neap tides. The moon will appear to be a "half-moon" with the

right side of the moon illuminated with

Week 3 (February 9-15)

On the night of February 9, the waxing gibbous moon will be in conjunction with Mars. On February 10, the moon will be in conjunction with the stars Castor, and Pollux in the constellation Gemini. On February 11, the moon will be in conjunction with the Beehive star cluster (aka Messier 44) located within the constellation Cancer.

The full moon appears on February 12 and has the colloquial name of the Snow Moon, so named by Native Americans because of the presence of snow on the ground during this month. It has also been referred to as the Hungry moon due to limited food resources, and Bear Moon with the birthing of bear cubs at this time of year. Celtic and Old English names for the February moon also included Snow moon, as well as Ice moon, and Storm moon.

The moon on February 12 will also be in conjunction with the star Regulus of the constellation Leo.

Week 4 (February 16-22)

The moon will be in conjunction with the star Spica within the constellation Virgo on the morning of February 17.

The moon moves into its last quarter phase on February 20. The moon will be illuminated on the left half of its surface.

Week 5 (February 23-28)

To end the month of February, the moon will complete its lunar cycle on February 27 and move to its new moon

phase at which time the moon will no longer be visible except as a ghost-like sphere in the sky.

In Summary...

So ends the celestial highlights of February. But before ending this month's star gazing report, let's look back to the strange asteroid that NASA observed last August named Asteroid 2024 PT5 that briefly circled the Earth and acted much like a mini-moon for a few months. NASA recently discovered that Asteroid 2024 PT5 is in fact a rock that had broken from the moon's surface after a large impact on the moon hurdled this rock into space. Minerals in this asteroid are of the same composition as those in moon rocks; and using some pretty awesome scientific methods. Asteroid 2024 PT5 was found to be following our moon's orbit. For more information about this asteroid, visit NASA's website https://www.jpl. nasa.gov/news/study-finds-earthssmall-asteroid-visitor-likely-chunkof-moon-rock/?utm_source=iContact&utm_medium=email&utm_ campaign=1-nasajpl&utm_content=weekly20250124

Also worth exploring throughout the month are celestial stories available through NASA's web posts, and websites that provide information about space rocket and satellite launches, the ISS, and events like the aurora borealis that might be visible in the Fluvanna area.

With the perpetual motion of planets and stars, the daily changing sky promises to entertain you for a lifetime! Until next month, keep your eyes facing the morning and evening sky to see the wonders of our universe as we Earthlings travel through it!

[information has been extracted from Astronomy Calendar of Celestial Events 2025 - Sea and Sky https://eclispe.gsfc. (seasky.org); nasa.gov; https://highpointscientific.com/astronomy-hub; https://amsmeteors.org/meteor-showers; and Wikipedia]



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Plaintiff

KENNETH ART SEARS, SR.,

Defendant

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No.: CL24000941-00

THE OBJECT of the above-styled case is to obtain a divorce a vinculo matrimonii by Alicia B. Martinez Suarez against Kenneth Art Sears, SR., IT APPEARING TO THE COURT, by Affidavit filed according to law, that Kenneth Art Sears, Sr., is not a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and that his last known address is 764 Jefferson Drive, Palmyra, Virginia 22963 it is therefore

ORDERED that the said Kenneth Art Sears, Sr., appear on or before the 13th day of March, 2025 at 9:30 AM in the Clerk's Office of this Court and do what is necessary to protect his interests; and it is further

ORDERED that the foregoing portion of this Order be published once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Fluvanna Review, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Fluvanna, Virginia, and shall be posted on the front of the courthouse within 20 days after entry of this Order of Publication.

DATE: 1-15-2025 ENTER: Judge David M. Barredo

I ask for this:

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Email: ecs@fplegal.com Counsel for Plaintiff



PUBLIC HEARING

Fluvanna County Planning Commission Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 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:

AFD 24:01: Withdrawal from the North 640 Agricultural and Forestal District - A request to withdraw a parcel from the North 640 Agricultural and Forestal District in accordance with County Code Section 3.1-13. This parcel located on 6.78 acres and known as Tax Map 30 Section 12 Parcel 3A. The Parcel is located on James Madison Hwy (US15) in the area of Haden Martin Rd (SR 640) and is located in the Rural Residential Planning Areas and the Fork Union Election District.

ZTA 24:11: Ordinance to amend the "Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia," by amending § 22-22-1 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, and to make other conforming changes.

ZTA 25:01: Ordinance to amend the "Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia," by amending §§ 22-4-2.1 and 22-22-1 to define "agritourism activity" and to authorize such activity by-right in the A-1 zoning district.

ZTA 25:02: Ordinance to amend the "Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia," by amending §§ 22-22-1 to remove the word "municipal" from the definitions of "Solid Waste Material Recovery Facility" and "Solid Waste Collection Facility."

A copy of the complete text of the above ordinances is 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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