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Meet **Jasper and Shadow**, a lovable bonded pair of hound mix father & son
who are looking for their forever home together. These two boys, aged 6 and 4,
are the perfect match and share a strong bond that makes them inseparable.

Jasper, the older of the two, is a laid-back and affectionate hound who
enjoys spending time with his people, lounging in a sunny spot, and
going for leisurely walks. His gentle and easygoing nature makes him a
wonderful companion, and he thrives in a calm, loving environment.

Shadow, the younger of the pair, is a bit more energetic but still shares
the same affectionate and sweet demeanor as his dad. He loves to play
and explore but is always ready to settle down for a cozy nap beside Jasper. Shadow is the perfect complement to
Jasper's calmness, bringing an extra spark of joy and energy to their dynamic.

Together, they make an ideal duo, with Shadow often following Jasper's lead, and both are well-behaved, well-
mannered, and eager to please. They get along well with other dogs, and would be a great fit in a home looking
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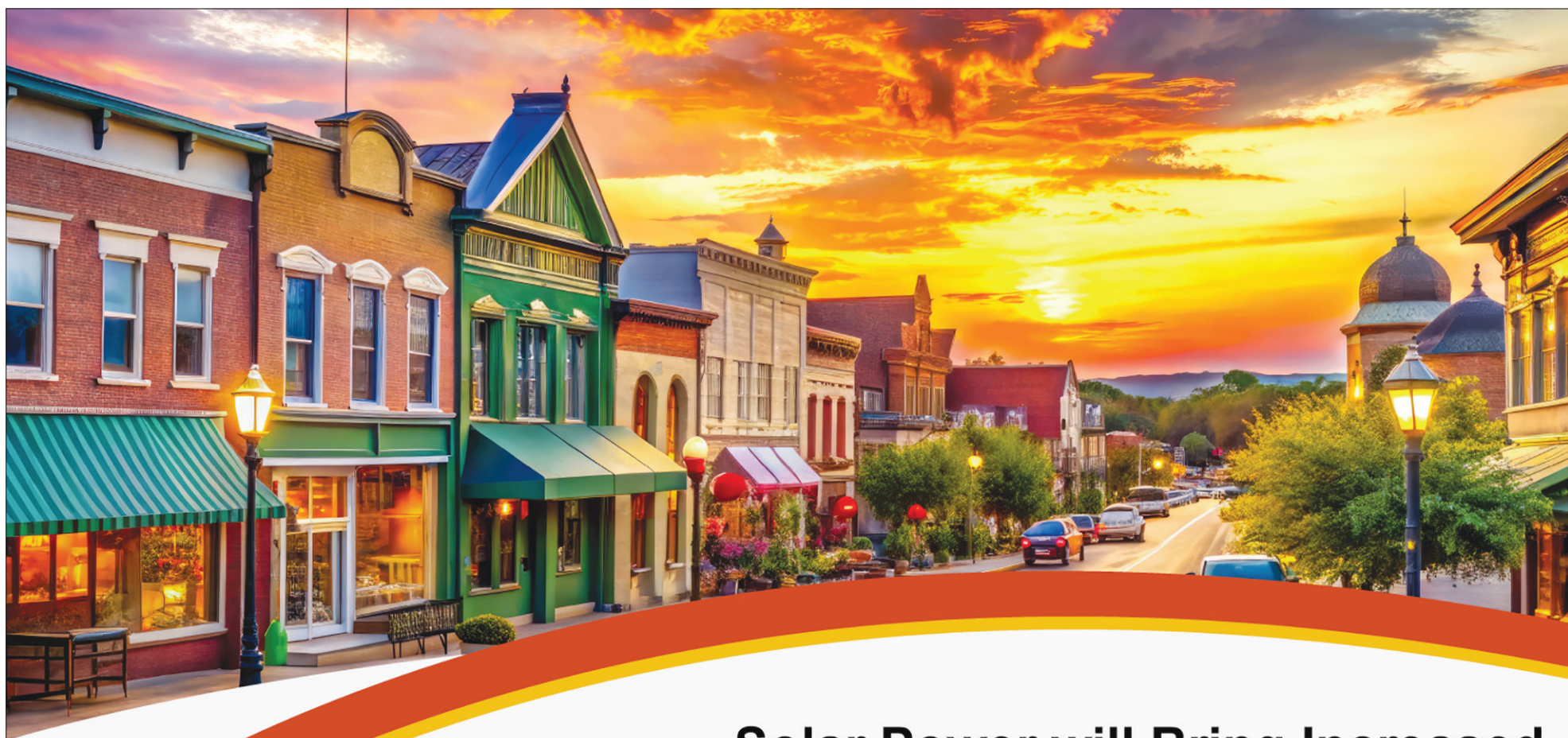
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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Shocked
- 7 Brando film, "___ Tango in Paris"
- 11 Trade name abbr.
- 14 Nativity display
- 15 Limited, as hearing
- 17 Fireplace shelf
- 18 Tofu, essentially
- 19 College statistic
- 21 Frittata ingredients
- 22 Deborah's "The King and I" co-star
- 23 Tough going
- 25 Falling-out
- 27 Defers, with "off"
- 28 Former name of the Congo

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- 32 Popular card game
- 33 Wrath
- 34 Revved, as an engine
- 35 Camping item
- 37 Phraseology
- 38 Win the affection of
- 39 What you used to be
- 40 Pipe joint
- 41 Tries for a role
- 42 Barber's concern
- 43 Polygraph spikes
- 44 "... nothing to fear but fear ___"
- 46 Farrow of film
- 47 1993 standoff site
- 50 Tennis shot
- 54 Misleading
- 56 Total
- 57 Uses a yardstick
- 58 Tapeworm
- 59 Word before rally or talk
- 60 Confined, with "up"
- 61 Grassy plants
- DOWN**
- 1 Coyote's supplier
- 2 Part of GTO
- 3 "On Golden Pond" actor
- 4 Play charades
- 5 Chevron rival
- 6 Show's partner
- 7 Sailor's time off
- 8 Restitution
- 9 Sudden burst
- 10 Summer shade
- 11 Pharmacy offering
- 12 Arctic mass
- 13 Puts in
- 16 Its capital is Reykjavik
- 20 React to a loss
- 24 Blue shade
- 25 Desk drawer item
- 26 Senseless
- 27 Siamese sound
- 29 Signing off on, simply
- 30 "Judy" actress of 2019
- 31 Borders
- 33 Lavish meal
- 34 Movie trailer?
- 36 Monotonous
- 37 Faint scent
- 39 Adjective for Everest
- 42 It can wait, in a movie title
- 43 Sang cheerfully
- 45 British county
- 46 "Hidden Figures" actress Janelle
- 47 Spineless one
- 48 Toward shelter
- 49 Join hands?
- 51 VFW members
- 52 Cleveland's lake
- 53 Thumbs-up votes
- 55 Break bread

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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E	C	O	N		R	U	N	I	N		H	O	V	E			
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SUDOKU

Edited by Margie E. Burke

Difficulty: Medium

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

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:

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

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PUBLIC NOTICES



PUBLIC HEARING Fluvanna County Board of Zoning Appeals Tuesday, January 21 2025 at 7:00 pm

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2204, a public hearing will be held in the Morris Room of the Fluvanna County Administration Building, located at 132 Main Street Palmyra, VA 22963 for citizens of the County to have the opportunity to be heard by the Board of Zoning Appeals on the following request:

BZA 24:03 – Bruce Patterson: A request for a twenty (20) foot Variance to Section 22-5-4 of the Fluvanna County Code to allow for the reduction of the required minimum front setback from seventy-five (75) feet to fifty-five (55) feet with respect to 0.588 acres of Tax Map 51A, Section A, Parcel 49. The subject property is zoned R-1, Residential, Limited, and is located in the Fork Union Community Planning Area and in the Fork Union Election District.

The meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be in person and instructions for public participation during the meeting will be made available on the Fluvanna County website: www.fluvannacounty.org Interested persons may submit written comments prior to the scheduled meeting to planning@fluvannacounty.org or call 434.591.1910, between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday – Friday or visit the County Administration Building at 132 Main Street Palmyra, VA 22963.



PUBLIC HEARING Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors Wednesday, January 22, 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 for the following item:

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

Copies of the full text of the ordinance are 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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Lease agreement between Fluvanna County and Monticello Area Community Action Agency for use of space 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.

Community Calendar



FLUVANNA County Calendar



QR Code provided by the Fluvanna Leadership

Mah Jongg players

Order your 2025 Mah Jongg cards and support Lake Monticello Fire and Rescue by participating in our group order. The National Mah Jongg League will donate \$5 per card to Lake Monticello Fire and Rescue when a group order is placed. Cost is \$15 for large print, \$14 for standard print. Orders must be received by **Jan. 31** to qualify for the donation. Call Marianne Riek, 589-9674, to place order.

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Author of *Skimpy Coverage* to speak at library

CONTRIBUTED BY MONA ORANGE

Friends of the Fluvanna County Library hear from Bonnie M. Hagerman, author of *Skimpy Coverage: Sports Illustrated and the Shaping of the Female Athlete* at its Sept. 4 meeting starting at 7 p.m.

The 2024 Olympics shined the light on many amazing U.S. women athletes – many that most of us had never heard about. Why not? Perhaps we will have a better understanding when hearing from the Friends of the Library speaker Bonnie Hagerman.

Bonnie Hagerman is the author of *Skimpy Coverage: Sports Illustrated and the Shaping of the Female Athlete* and an associate professor of women, gender & sexuality at the University of Virginia, where she serves as the de-

partment's director of undergraduate programs.

After a competitive athletic career concluded and graduate studies beckoned, Ms. Hagerman focused on gender and sport. She decided to use *Sports Illustrated* as a lens because *Sports Illustrated* magazines could always be found on her family's coffee table in the den. She was aware that female athletes were underrepresented in *Sports Illustrated*, both in terms of the number of stories and the length of those stories but was also curious

about the female athletes *SI* did choose to cover.

What Bonnie Hagerman learned and wrote about in her book is fascinating!

This Friends of the Library meeting will take place in the library meeting room. Refreshments will be served, and books will be available for purchase and signing.

The public is invited to this free monthly meeting of the Friends of the Fluvanna County Library at 214 Commons Blvd. Please call the library with any questions at 434- 589-1400.

Watch for pet scams

AARP PRESS RELEASE

With families searching for new furry friends this holiday season, criminals are using adorable photos and heart-tugging tales (pun intended) to lure in unsuspecting pet seekers. Here are three ways you can stay ahead of pet scams this year:

Do your research and understand how much a certain breed costs. Avoid websites that offer deep discounts on the going rate.

Use the photo of the pet you are offered to conduct a reverse image search online (search "how to do a reverse image search" in your favorite browser). Scammers often copy pet photos from other websites.

If possible, shop locally. Meeting the breeder in person or touring the shelter facility lets you know it is legitimate. A seller that invents reasons why you can't pick the pet up in person or demands an upfront payment shouldn't be trusted.

Talk to your family about considering adopting a rescue as an option to going with a breeder.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

The AARP Fraud Watch Network is a free resource for all. Learn how to proactively spot scams or get guidance if you've been targeted. Visit aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork or call our dedicated helpline to speak to a fraud specialist at 1-877-908-3360.

With about 1 million members in Virginia, AARP is the largest organization working on behalf of people age 50-plus and their families in the Commonwealth. To learn more about how AARP Virginia is working in your community, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/aarpvirginia and follow @AARPVa on X at www.X.com/aarpva.

RUDY TALKS TAXES

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

It's Tax Preparation Time! Tips to Organize your Tax Records



January officially launches the tax season. As those tax forms start coming in, here are some tips to help you stay organized to make filing your tax return efficient and with the least amount of potential stress:

- **Gather your tax documents.** Create a list of expected tax forms and then mark them off as they are received. This includes W-2s, 1099s, K-1s, and other statements from your employer, business, brokers, banks, or other sources. If you notice any errors, promptly contact the issuer to request corrected copies.
- **Stay organized.** As you gather your documents, designate a specific spot to keep everything together. Consider scanning the documents to store them digitally on your computer, or take photos with your phone as a backup. Missing paperwork is one of the most common reasons for delays in filing tax returns.
- **Mark important deadlines.** Make and keep your tax filing appointment in mind. While April 15 is the normal filing deadline, your deadline could vary depending on business returns and your tax appointment. But also keep April 15th in mind—it's the deadline for filing your 2024 individual income tax return. It is also the due date for submitting gift tax returns, contributing to a Roth or traditional IRA for 2024, and paying the first installment of 2025 individual estimated taxes. Set reminders in your calendar to stay on track.
- **Know business tax deadlines.** If you're involved in a partnership or an S corporation, remember that business tax returns are due by March 17th. For calen-

dar-year C corporations, the deadline is April 15th.

- **Review your mileage logs.** If you're claiming mileage for business, moving, medical, or charitable purposes, ensure your logs are complete, accurate, and up to date. Review and total them to avoid discrepancies.
- **Check your child's tax requirements.** Your child might need to file a 2024 income tax return. Typically, a return is required if their earned income exceeds \$14,600 or if their investment income (e.g., dividends, interest, or capital gains) is more than \$1,300.
- **Maximize IRA and HSA contributions.** You can still make contributions for 2024 to your IRA or HSA until April 15th or the date you file your return, whichever is earlier. The 2024 IRA contribution limit is \$7,000 (or \$8,000 if you're age 50 or older). For HSAs, the maximum is \$4,150 for single taxpayers and \$8,300 for families.
- **Plan for an extension if needed.** If you anticipate needing an extension, you must calculate your estimated 2024 tax liability. Even with an extension, you'll need to pay any taxes owed by April 15th to avoid penalties and interest.

By following these steps, you can simplify the tax filing process and avoid unnecessary stress as deadlines approach. Now is the time to make your appointments with us. We are already seeing clients and the calendar will fill up quickly. Remember to call 434-442-4044 or email info@rwftaxservices.com to set up your appointment!

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House Select Committee on Advancing Rural and Small Town Health Care release report results

PRESS RELEASE

Chair Rodney Willett and members of the Select Committee on Advancing Rural and Small

Town Health Care held a press conference reporting their recommendations from work conducted by the Select Committee.

The committee traveled across the Commonwealth—visiting regions from Southwest Virginia to the Eastern Shore—to hear directly from healthcare providers, local leaders, and families. Their findings identify six key areas of focus:

- Health Workforce
- Maternal Health
- Dental Care
- Obesity
- Telehealth
- Transportation

“People in rural communities face numerous health disparities compared to their urban counterparts. As a result, rural areas have lower life expectancies, which can be attributed to limited access to healthcare and higher rates of chronic diseases. These issues are what our select committee is working to address, and they are included in our 30 recommendations, both legislative and budgetary,” said Delegate Rodney Willett, Chair of the Select Committee. “Our bipartisan committee

traveled across the Commonwealth to highlight these issues and to help provide access to care for the communities that need it most.”

“Visiting health facilities and hearing firsthand about the challenges rural communities face set our path for the legislative session. I’m introducing legislation and budget amendments to ensure rural areas and small towns aren’t left behind when it comes to healthcare,” said Delegate Nadarius Clark. “Every corner of Virginia deserves access to the care they need, and we are committed to making that a reality.”

“As a pharmacist who represents Sussex, Greensville, Southampton, Brunswick, Emporia, and portions of Isle of Wight and Dinwiddie, I have a strong first-hand understanding of the barriers and needs of quality healthcare in the rural areas of our state,” said Delegate Otto Wachsmann. “I am hopeful our efforts on the House Select Committee will continue and spill over to other members in the General Assembly to remember that our citizens in the rural portions of our state also deserve access to quality healthcare and that our providers in these areas need additional support.”

“The reality is that healthcare costs

are too high across the board, and those high costs disproportionately harm rural communities where options and resources are already limited,” said Delegate Kannan Srinivasan. “If our committee’s work is to be considered successful, we must come together to address these disparities. Every Vir-

ginian, from Abingdon to the Eastern Shore, deserves access to affordable, high-quality health care.”

The full report includes actionable solutions, such as proposed budget amendments, telehealth investments, and strategies to strengthen the rural healthcare workforce.

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AARP Foundation tax-aid sites opening soon

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AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is the nation's largest volunteer-run free tax preparation service. Volunteers are trained and IRS-certified every year to ensure they understand the latest changes to the U.S. Tax Code. Taxpayers who used this service avoided tax preparation fees and pitches for high-interest refund loans. AARP membership is not required.

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LMOA YEAR IN REVIEW 2024

Reflecting on 2024, we are excited to share that our efforts have centered around proactive solutions that set us up for success in 2025. This progress was largely made possible by improved cash management practices and by our dedicated staff and volunteers who embraced creative thinking to reach goals. The savings and earnings achieved in 2024, along with the dues increase coming up in 2025, will replenish our reserves and provide our Operations Team with the flexibility we need to serve our community more effectively. We are deeply grateful to the Membership for supporting the dues increase and to the volunteers who have stood by the staff every step of the way. We look forward to spending another year maintaining, sustaining, and enhancing this community. Enjoy our recap of achievements and challenges in 2024!

Enhanced Finance Management Reaps Rewards: Our General Manager, Tom Schauder, worked closely with the LMOA Board of Directors to implement a lease strategy for Food & Beverage (F&B) services. This shift from Troon providing F&B service under a cost-reimbursable type contract to a lease with RocDun Hospitality LLC reduced losses by over 50% with plans to eliminate losses in future years. Our

staff also embraced improved cash management practices, working with the Finance & Audit Committee to enhance our investment strategy, thus increasing our return on investments. Tom would like to thank the Board of Directors, all of our volunteers, and the entire LMOA Staff for their continued support and professionalism. "This community is a very large enterprise, and it takes a lot of teamwork, coordination, and collaboration to sustain its day-to-day operations," he said.

New Faces, Fresh Perspectives:

In March, LMOA welcomed Mark Novak to our team, stepping into the important role of filling Carol Cavanaugh's shoes who retired after 34 years! Mark brings a fresh perspective to Environmental Control & Compliance and has rebranded the department as Residential Standards. In May, we welcomed Senior Financial Analyst Laura Payne to the LMOA Finance Team. Her expertise has brought many improvements to the department, fostering collaboration with the Finance & Audit Committee. Committee member Jay Hinkle dedicated quality time to assisting with the 2025 Budget and truly appreciated Laura's support throughout the process. Exciting changes also took place within the Water Safety Patrol, where Tom Braithwaite passed the reins to Diane and Gibb Kerr.

This volunteer-driven group has embraced a neighbors-helping-neighbors ethos, now known as the Volunteer Water Safety Team (VWST). They are committed to promoting safety through education, outreach, and a friendly presence on the water. Our VWST has truly shined at Lake Monticello this year, with 72 volunteers dedicating 1550 hours supporting water safety throughout the summer and at events like the UVA Women's Regatta and holidays. Meanwhile, at the golf course, our Golf Pro, Mark Marshall, has taken on the important responsibility of managing our golf course after his well-deserved promotion. For the first time ever, the Lake Monticello Golf Club has broken even and is projected to make a profit in 2025. Huge congratulations to Mark for this achievement!

With Team Building, F&O Thrives:

When trash bins at the Main Beach were frequently overflowing due to discarded pizza boxes, the Facilities & Operations Team sought to install a commercial pizza box bin but found it to be priced at \$1,200. F&O Director Tracy Chandler initiated a contest, challenging his team to create a more affordable, homemade version. Senior Staff selected Travis Perry's design, and he and his coworkers built and installed the new bin at the Main Beach. This project was not only cost-effective but also served as an effective team-building activity. Tracy also led the Reserve Study collaboration with the third party, Reserve Advisors. He has been proactive in restructuring his department by revising spending models for savings, enhancing

focus on Lake Health, improving communications with a new map for welcome packets and infographics on our website, eliminating single points of failure within his team, and boosting productivity. The team also completed a 'Stop the Bleed' course, all becoming certified to administer life-saving first aid in case of severe bleeding injuries.

Lake Police Stop Scammers:

This year, the Lake Monticello Police Department (LMPD) has been involved in several successful cases involving fraud and exploitation of Lake residents. Our dedicated officers focused on addressing various incidents of construction fraud, stepping in to help five residents who fell victim to the same contractor. Teaming up with the Fluvanna Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, our officers were able to secure an indictment against the contractor for several felony fraud charges and for operating without a license. On September 12, 2024, in Fluvanna Circuit Court, the contractor pleaded guilty to multiple counts and received a three-year prison sentence, along with a requirement to pay over \$70K in restitution. LMPD also looked into a financial exploitation case, and we're pleased to share that the victim has received over \$70K in restitution so far. Additionally, they assisted another resident in recovering nearly \$4K after falling victim to a cryptocurrency scam. It's heartwarming to know that the department often receives thank-you cards from residents who have had positive interactions with our officers. We truly appreciate their dedication and support in helping our community. **Continued...**

LMOA Year in Review Continued...

Pub Becomes Bunker Bistro:

During LMOA's time managing Food & Beverage (pre-Covid), we faced challenges that led to losses of over \$600K. We decided to outsource Golf and F&B Operations, a strategic move that helped reduce our losses in F&B. However, \$400K was still too high of a cost for our association to bear. To better manage our finances, the LMOA Board of Directors supported the strategy to lease The Pub to an independent company. In March of this year, The Pub was revitalized as Bunker Bistro, now operated by our very own members, Jacie Dunkle and Sam Rochester, under the company name RocDun Hospitality LLC. LMOA supported its start-up with \$100K, and the Board approved continuing the support in 2025 if necessary, capping the total cost in F&B at less than \$180K annually. By reducing losses in this area, we can reallocate our budget towards critical operations that were deferred due to budget constraints, such as replacing failing gate systems, cleaning and replacing worn signs and fire hydrants, repairing the fishing pier at Tufton Pond, and addressing sediment control while assessing healthy dissolved oxygen levels in the Lake with the help of the Facilities & Lake Operations Committee.

Main Dam Recertified:

As part of the recertification process that occurred in October, Chief Wells led a tabletop exercise focused on emergency procedures for the Main Dam. Participants included representatives from LMOA, Fluvanna County, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Sheriff's Office, the Lake Monticello Water Rescue and Dive Team, and Shimp Engineering. Beyond this exercise, our LMOA staff perform daily dam inspections, and engineers also evaluate the Lake Monticello dams annually. These vital actions help ensure community safety and maintain our dam insurance.

Dredging Program Evolves:

In April, the Facilities & Operations Team utilized a 90-ton crane to remove our dredger from the Lake so an expert from Aquarius

Systems could examine the failing machinery. It was determined that the dredger was not economically repairable. LMOA faced a choice between a complete replacement, costing half a million dollars, or outsourcing the program. This situation was compounded by our dredger operator's plan to retire in the spring of 2025. Carl Vandevander has operated our dredgers for 15 years, and it would take many months to train someone new, making outsourcing to a reputable company more effective. Outsourcing was approved by the LMOA Board of Directors and will serve as a beta test in 2025, allowing LMOA to explore the service and other options. This new approach will initially cover the three main coves, while we look into alternatives for the smaller finger coves.

No Major Sewage Leaks Detected:

LMOA Staff did not discover any significant sewage leaks this year. It looks like our efforts to improve communication between LMOA and Aqua Virginia have had some positive results with infrastructure upgrades that include the replacement of key pump stations, the installation of remote monitors on select pump stations, a few smart manhole covers, a dedicated webpage for the Lake, and an ongoing odor study. The Water Workgroup, which brings together LMOA residents and Aqua Virginia staff, continues to meet monthly, and we look forward to receiving educational resources (like reminders not to flush any wipes or grease) and improved customer service from Aqua Virginia in the coming year. Thanks to the collective efforts of the LMOA Board of Directors, Community Development Committee (CDC), Water Workgroup, and dedicated LMOA Members and Staff, we slightly influenced Aqua Virginia's proposed rate increase, which is now \$1.41 million lower than they initially requested. The CDC chair, Tom Diggs, dedicated over 100 hours to researching legal documents and drafting statements for LMOA. He also attended the hearing to represent LMOA, and customers sent almost 2,000 comments to the State Corporation Commission (SCC) voicing their opposition to the rate increase.

In our commitment to addressing neglected infrastructure and fighting rate hikes, LMOA staff and Board Directors met face-to-face with county and state officials, including those from the Department of Environmental Quality, Senator Mark Warner, Congressman Bob Good, and Delegate Thomas Garrett. As advocates of our community, LMOA will continue to drive an improved relationship with our utility provider.

Lakers Give from the Heart:

There were countless displays of our community's generosity; these are just a few highlights:

The LMOA Merchandise Sale raised \$475 for Meals On Wheels. This fall, LMOA sold t-shirts, ornaments, and Yeti tumblers to fundraise for our homebound residents. LMOA covered manufacturing costs and donated \$5 for each item sold. The t-shirts are customized in Fluvanna County by The Crossed Arrow LLC. In December, LMOA made its annual donation to the Lake Monticello Volunteer Fire and Rescue (LMVFR) during its end-of-year celebration. This year was extra special as we celebrated LMVFR's 50th anniversary with a one-time donation of \$50,000! We received many heartfelt emails reflecting our community's appreciation for dedicated fire and rescue volunteers. The annual donation, totaling \$35,000 in 2023, is consistently supported by our Members as gratitude for their lifesaving efforts. Additionally, the Gifting Ladies organized a food drive that collected 2,346 pounds of food and \$350 for MACAA food banks.

Volunteers Save LMBC:

At the beginning of 2024, the Lake Monticello Beautification Corps (LMBC) informed LMOA that they might need to dissolve as membership had dwindled. Recognizing the importance of the volunteer group that maintains LMOA's common spaces, multiple groups in the Lake made a tremendous effort to recruit new volunteers. We are pleased to report that enough residents stepped up to support the group in 2024, enabling it to continue serving the community. This year, it donated five benches for enjoying scenic views (a staff favorite overlooks the Main Beach).

The group raised approximately \$3,200 from the artist raffle and Holiday Home Tour, a cherished tradition at Lake Monticello. LMBC can always use more assistance and welcomes energetic outdoor lovers to join them. No gardening and landscaping experience is necessary! Please email Alan Aldag at aaldag@outlook.com for more info!

We Continue to Grow: In 2024, sixteen new homes were built in our community. The Young Residents and Families, Wildlife, and Racquet Sports Committees have organized around 20 free, fun, and educational programs for all ages—many of which were beautifully captured on video by our dedicated volunteers from the Broadcast Committee. The Lake Monticello Ladies Golf Association also celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a variety of engaging activities for women and young golfers. Still, there's a shared hope that we can do even more for our growing teen population. The latest census shows that 24% of our residents are aged 18 or younger, highlighting their importance in our community. Our F&O Director, Tracy Chandler, has come up with some fantastic ideas for projects to present to the Board, including a swim dock and teen-friendly park improvements, both of which have been met with great enthusiasm. In 2025, LMOA plans to reach out to the teen population for their guidance. We thank all the volunteers who have worked hard to provide free programs and videos, and we look forward to collaborating with them again next year.

This is quite a bit, isn't it? Can you believe it only hints at the amazing work our staff and volunteers do to uplift this fantastic community? There is even more recap on lmoa.org! We truly appreciate you keeping up with LMOA's official news, and we're excited to see what's in store for us this new year. Wishing you all a joyful 2025!

Warmest regards,

Marieke Henry
LMOA Comms & Admin Director



Input needed for comp plan

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT

Every five years the Planning Commission undertakes the task of planning for the future by updating the Fluvanna County's Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is a guide to the future growth and development in the county, and is the groundwork on which zoning and subdivision ordinances, transportation plans, infrastructure, and the capital improvement programs are built. Without solid groundwork, there is no guidance and it is important for residents to have input on future planning before it happens. In the current Fluvanna County Parks and Recreation guide, the Planning Commission is making an appeal to county residents to get involved in 2025.

In 2005, much of the county was rural until Sycamore Square was built. In 2007, the Planning Commission worked on a Comprehensive Plan that implemented many of the zoning ordinances we have to date. At the time, resident volunteers were considering ideas presented at the meetings by then administrator Cabell Lawton. Palmyra, Zion Crossroads, Lake Monticello, and Fork Union were considered for improvement. The volunteer groups worked through 2008 to implement a plan for their area. Fork Union had committed to sprucing up the town; Palmyra saw their historical heritage as key; the Lake was concerned with traffic and safety seeing all the growth occurring around them and Zion Crossroads was designated as the area for future urban development. Most of the business growth has taken place in Louisa.

Since then, the county has engaged the public to attend various meetings, have discussions, and suggest ideas for consideration. What has occurred in 16 years since the original groups met has been major housing developments impacting traffic while business growth has been slow. Also, some residents clamored to keep the county rural while others sought progress. Striking a balance has not been easy. Some supervisors were against traffic lights because they felt they threatened the rural environment and set the precedence for unwelcome growth. County models to look at, include neighboring Louisa, Goochland, and Caroline counties which are growing and have good planning for the future.

The most recent plan was adopted in the fall of 2024 and was a re-adoption of the 2015 plan with changes to selected sections. A full update of the plan is needed, county officials believe. The Comprehensive Plan lays out a locality's vision for the future and outlines goals to achieve that vision; including managing growth and protecting what citizens think is special about the area. This assists local officials with decision-making regarding zoning, the

pros and cons of proposed projects, and whether there are any benefits to the county and its residents.

A series of community meetings will be held to inform residents about the process for updating the plan and allow citizens the chance to provide input into the county's vision for the future. Each meeting is expected to last approximately an hour and a half to two hours and will consist of two parts: A presentation by Fluvanna County staff on the process; and breakout exercises where attendees will give their input regarding the county's future.

Residents are encouraged to attend and understand the importance of the comp plan, particularly zoning ordinances that guide decisions. It is important to voice concerns and share ideas. Leaving it to others without input may have consequences some residents may not like.

The community meetings are tentatively scheduled for late January and early February. Information will be available on the Fluvanna County website, Fluvanna FanMail, and the *Fluvanna Review* for dates, times, and locations.

After the community meetings, Fluvanna County staff will distribute a citizen survey to gather additional input concerning the county's future. Surveys will be distributed both in hard copy and electronic versions. Watch for details on the surveys on the Fluvanna County website, Fluvanna FanMail, and in the *Fluvanna Review*. Anyone who would like more information is encouraged to contact the Fluvanna County Planning and Zoning Department at (434) 591-1910.



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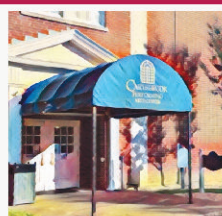


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Lake Monticello Main Beach.

Winter storm Blair Fluvanna brushed by snow and ice

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

Fluvanna spent the opening weekend of 2025 bracing for the area's first significant snowstorm since the first week of 2022.

Some residents reported that up three to four inches of snow had fallen by mid-day Monday (Jan. 6) topped with some sleet and icy rain.

Thomas Adam of the Fluvanna County Severe Weather Facebook page posted late Sunday afternoon that, depending on air temperatures and pressures, there were two storm scenarios: one in which the county would see only 2-4 inches of snow but up to a quarter-inch of ice, and one in which it would see 4-8 inches of snow but far less ice.

"Either way, it's going to be a mess," he wrote, noting that road conditions would deteriorate soon after the snow started falling. Ice accumulations could cause power outages and falling trees.

Adams's prediction of less snow but more ice proved correct. By sunrise, freezing rain had moved in, turning snow to slush and coating trees and surfaces with ice.

Early Monday morning, residents began sharing reports on road conditions and plotting safe routes into Charlottesville.

The consensus was that people should stay home. There were multiple reports of slick secondary roads and cars left abandoned in ditches.

"Not a lot of people on the road, which is great!" posted Scott Harris of

Reliable Rides after dropping his wife off at Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital. "I drove about 25-30 mph after almost going off the road, and I'm a professional driver and long-time winter driver."

The advent of Winter Storm Blair led to many residents turning to social media to share information, helpful hints, and offers of assistance.

"Stock up on non-perishable food and water, check your fuel levels, and ensure your pets have enough supplies and a safe shelter. Make sure your generators and chainsaws are in working order, and consider treating your walkways and driveways to prevent ice buildup," warned the Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office.

They also warned people to stay off the roads during the storm and "make sure your vehicle is equipped with plenty of fuel and emergency supplies if you need to travel."

"Tomorrow should be interesting," posted E.W. Thomas Grocery on Sunday afternoon. "We are open today 9-5. Yes, we have eggs and milk and bread."

Others shared graphics on generator safety and how to prevent pipes from freezing in the frigid temperatures expected to follow the storm.

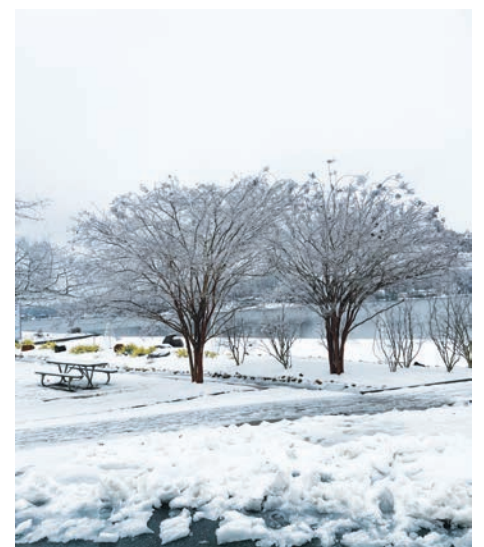
On the biggest local Facebook forums, people looked for help starting snowblowers, tracking down any last-minute propane deliveries, and wondering if anyone could help dig them out after the storm.



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Fluco boys outscored by Liberty Christian Academy

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Fluco basketball team.

It was not a close game. LCA won the opening quarter 17-5 and the Flucos could never get close, even though they played their opponents evenly over the second half, only being outscored 30-28. Liberty led at the half-time 36-19, and that margin proved to be insurmountable.

In the first quarter, the Bulldogs were in a man-to-man defense that simply smothered the Fluco offense. Fluco senior big man Mason Kirby hit on a three-point shot early in the quarter and sophomore forward Antwon Carter hit on a lay-up to end the quarter and that was all the Flucos scored. Meanwhile, the Bulldogs sank three, three pointers on their way to a 17 point quarter.

The second quarter was a little bit better for the Flucos, but they were outscored 19-14. Kirby had eight of the Flucos' 14 points. The Flucos only managed ten points in the third quarter and trailed by 23 going to the final stanza. In the third quarter, senior forward DeAndre McCloud had a crazy lay-in to start the quarter and a three-point basket. Junior guard Kemaan Massie made two impressive euro-step lay-ins.

In the final quarter, the Flucos converted on some close-in lay-ups and

they outscored the Bulldogs 18-16. Junior forward Amir Toney scored seven of his nine points in the quarter, including a two pointer, a three pointer and two free throws. Five Flucos scored in the quarter. For the game, the Flucos had nine players in the scoring column.

After the game, Coach Heath Bralley noted that his team is quick, but the Bulldogs were simply bigger and stronger and had some quickness of their own. The Bulldogs did not have any giants, but on average their starters were probably two inches and 25 pounds larger per man than the Flucos.

LCA is a religious private school in Lynchburg that gives scholarships to help students meet the financial costs of a private school education. Accordingly, the Bulldog teams often excel in competition with public schools of the same size. The Virginia High School League (VHSL) has allowed LCA to compete against public schools because the Bulldogs had very few private schools to compete against that were reasonably close. It appears that they may still have problems finding opponents willing to take them on. Lynchburg to Fluvanna is a long bus ride.



Fluco basketball. Photos by Duncan Nixon

October Property Transfers

PROPERTY TRANSFER DEEDS ARE PROVIDED BY THE FLUVANNA COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT.

10/01/2024

Jervis, Silas L. TR to Ludwig, Dale. Lot 166 Phase Four Fairway LM. \$80,000.

10/02/2024

Cochran, Jacob A. to Rocha, Carlos Augusto and Carol Ann Rocha. Lot 467 Phase 12 Edgewood LM. \$310,000.

Grose Real Estate Inv... to Daley, William Shawn and Rebecca L. Daley. 2.0 Acres. \$245,000.

Hawthorne, Linda M. to Aspiring Developments. Lot 121 Phase Eight Nahor LM. \$220,000.

10/03/2024

Pennypacker, James S. to Willingham, Diane M. Lot 239 Phase Three Addition One Montpelier LM. \$290,000.

Ludwig, Dale to Tovar Sastoque, Paula Valenti... and Nelson Gabriel Aldana Mendez. Lot 343 Phase Four Fairway LM. \$285,000.

10/04/2024

Buttacavoli, Gracean... to Birchfield, Brian Scott and Laurie Ann Birchfield. \$360,000.

10/07/2024

Nadig, Irene to Bourgeois, Barbara. Lot 157 Phase 9 Knollwood LM. \$347,000.

10/08/2024

Kwiatkowski, Evan R to Croson, Jordan Sabine and Tyler R. Croson. \$465,000.

10/09/2024

Daniel, John F. to Ellis, Richard and Carolyn Cordone. Lot 213 Phase Four Fairway LM. \$375,000.

Mayo, C. Russell, TR to Myers, Glenn and Linda Kelly Myers. \$533,000.

10/10/2024

Moster, Hannah Kathe... to Woodland, Jessica L. 1.596 Acres. \$161,500.

Beal, Mark B. to Diangelo, Michael S. and Kelly K. Diangelo . Parcel A & B. \$310,000.

10/11/2024

Myers, Elizabeth J to Pond, Madison and Cameron Pond. Lot 211 Phase 8 Nahor LM. \$320,000.

Foster, Guy, Jr., TR to Wolford, Calvin L. and Ann M. Wolford. Lot 11 Nahor Village. \$301,000.

Hudecek, Kimberly K. to Moss, Susan D. Lot 95 Phase 9 Knollwood LM. \$480,000.

10/15/2024

Viar, John to Hylton, Carisa Jo. Lot 32 Phase 6 Riverside LM. \$360,000.

ALG Trustee, LLC, Sub. TR to Paramount Investments, LLC. Lot 463 Phase Twelve Edgewood LM. \$279,000.

Spencer, Nicholas S. to Mayry, Katherine and Colin Mayry. Lot 507 Phase 3 Montpelier LM. \$365,000.

Powell, Leslie Susan to Patterson, Kayla and Susie Bickers and Baily Bryant. 2.531 Acres. \$240,000.

10/16/2024

Bill, Wayne Harold, TR to Smith, Irene Marie and David Mee. Lot 582 Phase 3 Montpelier LM. \$930,000.

Booker, Granville Bra...to Liberty Homes VA, Inc. Lot 23 High Point Subdivision. \$38,000.

Harris, Alison to Gonzalez Jose Luis Guerrero and Jose Luis Gonzalez Guerrero. Lot 12 Sycamore Square Villas Phase 11. \$252,000.

Woods, Katherine P. to Roach, George and John Ownby. Lot 39 Phase 3 Montpelier LM. \$180,000.

Camp Yellow Cardinal... to Rhodes, John Alvin and Michelle Marie Rhodes. 13.173 Acres. \$118,000.

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Vick, James L., TR to Benco, LLC. 108.459 Acres. \$1,250,000.

10/18/2024

Heatwole, Paul D. to Marks, Joshua Ryan. 36.9813 Acres. \$249,000.

Yowell, Richard to Wrigley, William and Amy Glechorn. Lot 10 Phase 2 Meadow Brook Subdivision. \$825,000.

10/21/2024

Jarrell, Spencer to Peterson, Ana and Kyle Peterson. Lot 44 Phase 3 LM. \$315,000.

Strong, William Daniel... To Liberty Homes VA Inc. Lot 279 Phase 1 Ashlawn LM. \$45,000.

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10/22/2024

Aspiring Development... to Ortiz, Elizabeth Miguelina and Gerald R., Burkett 11. Lot 269 Phase 1 Ashlawn LM. \$400,000.

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Mundell, Michael Webern to Ciarpello, Shannon. Lot 137 Phase 3 Montpelier LM. \$402,500.

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Heider, David to Thompson, Justin K. and Terri A. Thompson. See document for full description. \$375,000.

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Reynolds, Joseph M. to Henderson Regan N. and Adrian S. Rolon. Lot 553 Phase 5 Tufton Addition 1 LM. \$308,500.

10/30/2024

Werly, Charles S. to Bumbaugh, Scott and Kristin Bumbaugh. Lot 126 Phase 9 Knollwood LM. \$485,000.

Ward, Benjamin to Mossingford, LLC. 35.8105 Acres. \$148,500.

Herring, Russell T. to Liberty Homes VA , Inc. Lot 70 Phase 11 LM. \$15,000.

Nemer, James J., TR to Beazell, Stewart Anderson and Sean Patrick Cottrell. Lot 469 Phase Twelve LM. \$565,000.

10/31/2024

Birdsall, Margaret W... to Caliguirri, Charles S., Jr. and Amy Caliguirri. Lot 340 Part 2 Section 1 Ashlawn LM. \$600,000.


Miles, Douglas C. to Sauerwein, David. Lot 71 Phase Eight Nahor LM. \$372,500.

Novak, Mark A. to Birdsall, Margaret W. Lot 18 Nahor Village Subdivision. \$392,000.

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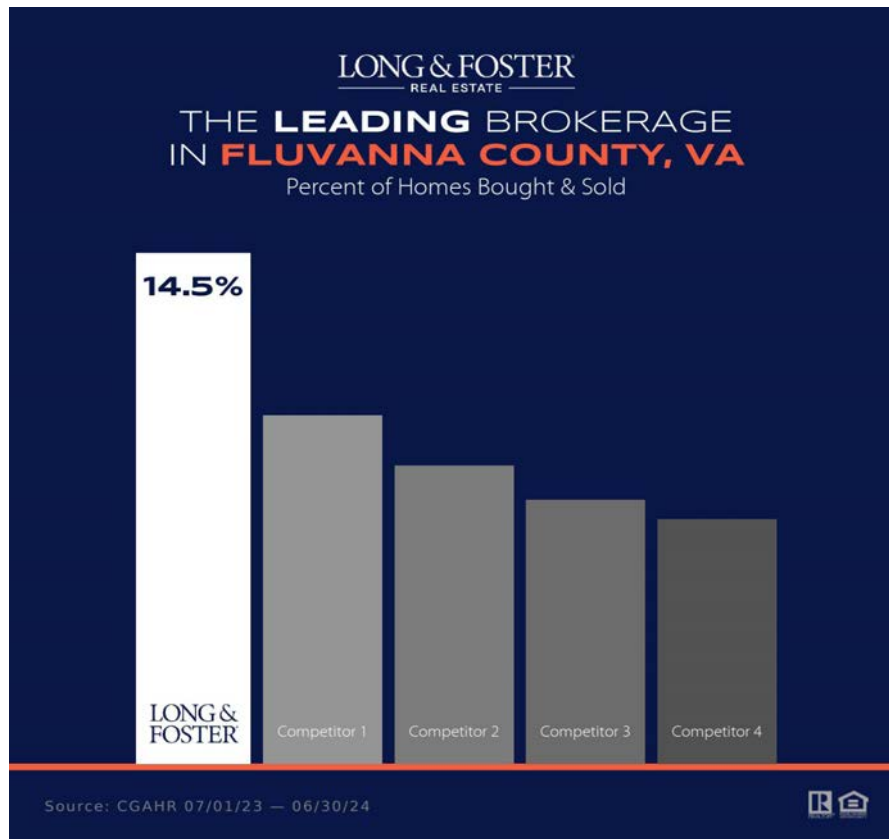
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