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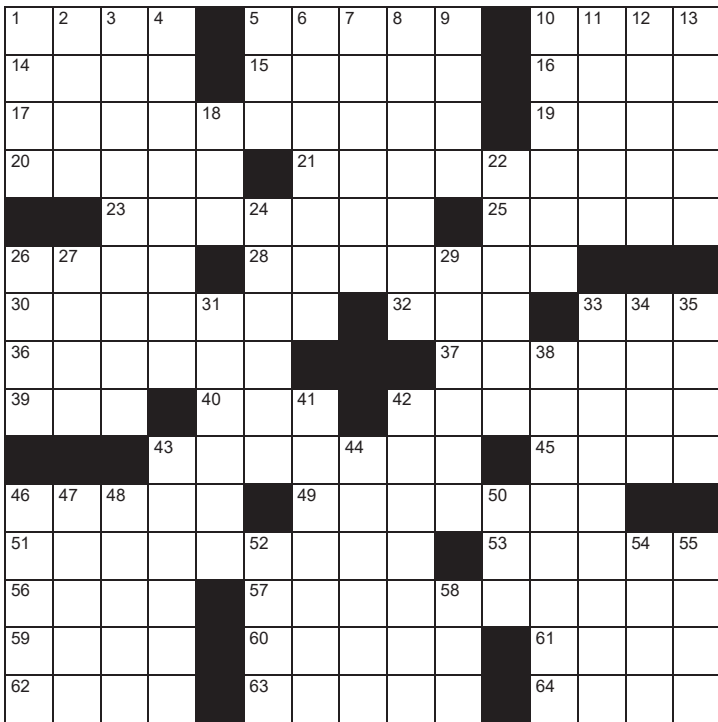
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# The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

- ACROSS**
- 1 To boot
  - 5 Cheek cosmetic
  - 10 Con man's target
  - 14 Welcome benefit
  - 15 Gossipy gal
  - 16 Lean anagram
  - 17 Revise writing
  - 19 Fair feature
  - 20 However, briefly
  - 21 What Spock is not
  - 23 Spot for grilling?
  - 25 Unreactive
  - 26 Netflix series, "Never Have I \_\_\_\_\_"
  - 28 Have, as surgery
  - 30 Style of blouse
  - 32 Really like
  - 33 Reiner or Lowe
  - 36 Sunday paper extra
  - 37 Golden years
  - 39 Summer hrs. in St. Paul
  - 40 Roofing material
  - 42 Church topper
  - 43 Kitchen set
  - 45 Feudal land
  - 46 Snacks in shells
  - 49 Like Lenin and Lincoln
  - 51 In a \_\_\_\_\_; without delay
  - 53 '90s trade pact
  - 56 Garden bloom
  - 57 Teacher or tailor, e.g.
  - 59 One of a 1492 trio
  - 60 Extreme, as pain
  - 61 Conclusion preceder
  - 62 On an even \_\_\_\_\_; steady
  - 63 Become narrower
  - 64 College VIP



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- DOWN**
- 1 "Dancing Queen" quartet

- 2 Take it easy
- 3 Gulf Coast region
- 4 Tiny, as a town
- 5 "See ya!"
- 6 Far from strict
- 7 In the buff
- 8 Stiffly formal
- 9 Angelic ring
- 10 Wool source
- 11 Wonderland girl
- 12 "M\*A\*S\*H" role
- 13 Prepared to propose
- 18 Kind of "hole" or "holder"
- 22 Little laugh
- 24 Beachgoer's goal
- 26 Grand story
- 27 Sell from a machine
- 29 Disorderly person
- 31 Kahlo, for one
- 33 In quick succession, as questions
- 34 Make eyes at
- 35 It's what's for dinner
- 38 Got the better of
- 41 Kirstie's "Cheers" role
- 42 Law on the books
- 43 Kind of fin
- 44 Mad Hatter prop
- 46 Use your noodle
- 47 Condor's home
- 48 Oscar winner for "The Cider House Rules"
- 50 Genetic stuff
- 52 Gravy container
- 54 Loose garment
- 55 In a while
- 58 Price word

**Answers to Previous Crossword:**

A	F	A	R			D	I	V	E		A	B	E	T			
C	A	V	E			B	R	O	I	L		N	E	A	R		
D	R	A	B			A	U	T	O	M	O	T	I	V	E		
C	E	L	E	S	T	I	A	L			P	A	G	E	S		
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B	A	H			S	H	U	T	O	U	T		E	V	A		
S	P	E	W			E	L	A	N		R	E	F	E	R		
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C	R	E	D	O			C	E	A	S	E	L	E	S	S		
R	E	M	I	T			T	A	N	C	E			A	N	T	E
A	N	O	N				O	L	D	E	R			S	C	A	N
P	A	N	G				T	E	S	T				H	E	R	D

# SUDOKU

Edited by Margie E. Burke

Difficulty: Easy

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

**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:*

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

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR



QR Code provided by the Fluvanna Leadership Development Program

**Chili Cook Off**

A Community Chili Cook Off will be held **Feb. 22**, at 2 p.m., at St. James Baptist Church, 17227 James Madison Hwy. Interested participants arrive at 11:30 for entry. For Info contact Connie Henson 434-960-7773, Genevieve Washington 434-589-3216, Willie Hill 434-981-4060 or Joyce Bishop 434-589-8940. Prizes for the best chilis!

**Veterans breakfast**

Central Virginia Veterans will be holding its monthly 'G.I. style' breakfast on **Feb. 24** at 8:15 a.m at Wahoo BBQ & Grill, Slice Road Gate, Lake Monticello. Cost is \$12 per person (cash only). Veterans and spouses/friends are welcome. Questions? Contact Paul Bethke (703) 965-8363.

**Food Pantry**

FLRD Community Food Pantry, located at 4321 James Madison Hwy, Fork Union, is accepting cash and food donations. The pantry is open on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**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.

## Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation gives \$2,000 to Fluvanna Meals on Wheels

FLUVANNA MEALS ON WHEELS PRESS RELEASE

Fluvanna Meals on Wheels has received \$2,000 from the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation to help nourish neighbors experiencing hunger. The "Nourishing Our Neighbors" grant supports community feeding partners as they tackle food insecurity and promote healthier lifestyles through nutritional education initiatives.

"Fluvanna Meals on Wheels is thrilled to receive this grant and support from the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation. Funds from this grant will go a long way to make sure the most vulnerable seniors in our community receive the extra food necessary for healthy living via our pantry bag program. We are able to deliver a monthly bag of non-perishable items to our clients who need extra food above our daily hot meal," said Heather Marshall, executive director, Fluvanna Meals on Wheels.

The Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation is committed to supporting families facing food insecurity across its 10-state footprint. Established in 2001, the foundation provides financial support for programs and organizations dedicated to feeding local neighbors in the communities it serves. Since its inception, the foundation has awarded more than \$19.6 million in grants.

About The Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation

The Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation is the philanthropic arm

of Food Lion, based in Salisbury, N.C. Established in 2001, the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation provides financial support for programs and organizations dedicated to eliminating hunger. The charitable foundation has provided more than \$19.6 million in grant funding, helping to nourish communities with fresh food for backpack programs, Kids Café's, and other hunger-relief programs as well as funding for long-term programs to help shorten the lines at food banks. The charitable foundation partners with Feeding America, the nation's largest hunger-relief agency, in addition to local food agencies serving the 10 Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic states in which Food Lion operates. For more information, visit [www.foodlion.com/pages/food-lion-feeds](http://www.foodlion.com/pages/food-lion-feeds). About Food Lion

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## Fluco boys stymied in fourth quarter by Orange County

BY DUNCAN NIXON  
CORRESPONDENT



Photo by Deborah Nixon

The Fluvanna County boys basketball team hosted Orange County on Feb. 7. It was the final home game of the regular season. The crowd was larger than usual and a little raucous. The Hornets started strong, jumping into a 7-0 lead. The Flucos bounced back as junior Tramayne Minor nailed two three-point shots, one of them at the buzzer. The Flucos ended the quarter with an 11-9 lead.

The second quarter started with Minor nailing his third three-pointer, but Orange responded with a short jump shot and a three-pointer of its own. That tied the score at 14-14. Orange moved into a 19-17 lead. Fluco senior DeAndre McCloud put the Flucos even again with a lay-in on a break-away. McCloud then sank to free throws for a 19-17 Fluco lead. Late in the quarter, junior Kemaan Massie put the Flucos up by two at 23-21 with a strong baseline drive for a lay-in. Unfortunately for the Flucos, the Hornets converted a three-point shot and one of two from the free throw line in the last minute of the half to take a 25-23 lead into the locker room.

The third quarter started with baskets by McCloud and Massie for a Fluvanna lead. The lead did not last long. A few minutes later, the Hornets scored an old fashioned three-point play to

tie the score at 33-33. Another three point play, off a Hornets' steal, made it 36-33 for the Hornets. The Flucos managed to tie the score again 36-36 on a rebound basket by sophomore Antwon Carter. However, the Hornets again ended the quarter with a three-point basket and one of two from the line. The Flucos trailed going to the final quarter 40-36. Massie scored three baskets in the quarter and Carter contributed two rebound baskets.

Orange started the fourth quarter strong and halfway through the quarter they opened their lead to eleven points. The Flucos competed aggressively to the end, but a host of successful free throws by the Hornets opened the margin substantially. The Hornets outscored the Flucos in the final quarter 23-10 for a 17 point win, but the game was much closer than the final score would suggest.

In this game, Fluco Coach Heath Bralley had his team in a box and one defense for most of the game. This defense puts four defenders in a zone and one defender playing man-to-man on the opponents' top scoring threat. The defense works especially well if the offense tries to force the ball to the player being defended man-to-man. The Fluco executed the defense especially well holding the Hornets

player who was the primary target of the man-to-man defense scoreless. However, the Hornets moved the ball well and may have had more open three-point opportunities than normal. Both teams were aggressive and quick. Neither team had much size.

McCloud led the Flucos in scoring with 12 points, while Minor and Carter each contributed nine points.

The Flucos ended their regular season schedule at Charlottesville on Feb. 11. Bralley advised, after the game, that a win over Charlottesville could qualify his team for Region play despite the teams' overall losing record.

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## RUDY TALKS TAXES

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

### Tax Tips for Filing Your 2024 Return



Here are some tips to make your life less complicated when getting ready to file your 2024 tax return.

**Pay attention to all your Form 1099-Bs.**

Look through your 1099-Bs immediately after receiving them, paying special attention to the basis code. Brokerage firms may also send you a corrected Form 1099-B in February or March, so also be on the lookout for these even if you've already filed your 2024 tax return.

**Sum up your transactions.** If you have a ton of transactions, try to sum them up or organize them on a spreadsheet. Having your transactions gathered in one place will make it easy to transfer all this information onto your 2024 tax return. Looking through your transactions is also a great way to reconcile your recordkeeping with your bank's or brokerage firm's list of transactions.

**Be on the lookout for Form 1099-Ks.**

Rules about which taxpayers should receive a Form 1099-K have been different the past several years. For the 2024 tax year, you should receive a 1099-K from each electronic payment processor with whom you've received more than \$2,500. There's still a chance, though, that you could still receive a 1099-K that needs reported on your tax return even if you didn't eclipse the \$2,500 threshold.

**You may owe taxes on interest income.**

If you took advantage of higher interest rate savings accounts or certificates of deposits (CDs), you could receive a Form 1099-INT for the interest income

you earned. For CDs with a maturity date of longer than one year, you must report interest income for the year the interest was earned even if you didn't receive any cash.

**Keep great donation records.** Cash contributions under \$250 require a bank record like a canceled check, credit card record or a receipt from the charity. For larger donations, a receipt from the charity must be obtained before filing your return. Donations of property should include a photo, a receipt from the charity and a detailed listing of the items donated that are in good or better condition.

**Review your child's income.** Your child may be required to file a 2024 income tax return. A 2024 return is generally required if your child has earned more than \$14,600, or has investment income such as dividends, interest, or capital gains that total more than \$1,300.

**Calculate your estimated tax if you need to extend.** If you file an extension, you'll still need to do a quick calculation to estimate your 2024 tax liability. If you still owe Uncle Sam any money, you'll need to write a check by April 15. Remember, filing an extension gives you additional time to FILE your tax return, but not to PAY the taxes you owe.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns regarding your tax situation please feel free to call. It is never too early to get on the calendar. Just call us at 434-442-4044 or email us at [info@rwftaxservices.com](mailto:info@rwftaxservices.com) to make your appointment!

## Letter to the Editor

### Looking Back, Seeing Now

There are not enough superlatives to describe the scene at the Fluvanna County Public Library on Sunday, Feb. 2. It was a celebration, called *Looking Back, Seeing Now*, of the survival of communities in Fluvanna. It paired local artists in making portraits of descendants of enslaved persons in Fluvanna. Of course there were wonderful portraits, but there were also biographies of the sitters, a live band, and statistical information about slavery in Fluvanna. And food! It was beautiful, uplifting, affirming, joyous, interactive, and shared. It was inspiring to see the interaction of so many different slices

of Fluvanna residents. Two of the School Board's representatives were there, namely Andre' Key and James Kelly. It is unfortunate that more of our county leaders were not there, especially none of our Board of Supervisors. This project was brought to fruition by the amazing dedication and efforts of Linda Staiger, Melissa Hill, Nadine Armstrong, Kathy Miller, and the Fluvanna County Historical Society. The people involved in this project are county treasures. They have uplifted our community. When you see them, say, thank you!

-Jeff Carr, Palmyra

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**Foundation helps youth at risk**

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD  
CORRESPONDENT



Freddy Jackson. Submitted photo

ment and leadership. He is also a life skills coach and case manager, a social-emotional learning coach at Albemarle County Public Schools, and the leader and developer of the Elements of Peace Program. Many of the skills he acquired and experienced were during his search for self-awareness.

Almost nine years ago, the idea of *Love: No Ego* came to him through personal experiences, mistakes, and being unfulfilled.

"I also considered the heaviness of the political climate of our country, the way we treat each other as humans, and how the ego is always out front, constantly in our faces. We promote and live through the ego more than we do our natural human intuition," he said, "It became evident that love is the greatest energy ever and everything that we are designed to do and be here. And the ego is the one thing that can keep you away from everything that you're designed to do and be here on earth. So I thought, we just need more Love and less ego. *Love: No Ego*. And it became something that I knew I had to share."

Among the tools he uses to reach troubled youth is nature.

"Nature is one of the best tools that we use. As you know the benefits of nature on human beings are positively endless." He adds that 95 percent of what we do occurs outdoors, including hikes, visiting mountains and waterfalls, nature exploration, community projects, building park benches, planting trees, etc. "We like to help create the conditions and environment for their intuitions and creativity to be ignited. We have a variety of social-emotional exercises to help the youth realize what's "Natural vs Unnatural", "Reality vs What We Made Up" "Truth vs Illusions", "Love vs Fear" and "Love vs Ego". This helps them to understand which space they occupy the most. And of course, they know which space is best for them. All of us do, despite our age difference."

They also use yoga, music, art, and storytelling as other tools to reach youth and help them to have an understanding of themselves and their environment and how to change their view of both - tools that can benefit them throughout their lives.

He talked about some of his success stories, including a young student in the program who went from what he called "a very dark space, and into a very loving and productive space."

The student's parents were amazed and said, "the impact was immeasurable." *Love: No Ego* helped pull their child out of a depression and restore his confidence. Jackson helped him secure a job, got him physically active, got him talking about his feelings, and his future, helping him to be a healthy

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and happy human again. "This young man is now an engineer with a local company in Charlottesville."

The old saying it takes a village to raise a child still holds when communities can support youth in various ways.

"I think all businesses should open their doors to the youth. Offer hands-on mentoring, internships, and on-the-job skills. The community should do the same and volunteer with your local youth organizations, become a mentor, and give back. Our giving should always reach just a bit further than our desire to want or to receive."

Jackson goes to schools in places like Fluvanna and Albemarle to help students. His goal is to go wherever there is youth in need. Whether he is working one-on-one, in a group, or addressing them as a motivational speaker, he catches their attention when they are young before emotional

damage takes root.

"We have to first meet them where they are, meaning that we show up with suspended judgment and a real vision for them," he said. "It's important that we be willing to look at our problems, trauma, and things that we've never healed from. Hurt people can help other people. However, when you're willing to show up as your best self, and you're checking the box of human before you check any other boxes of demographics, political status, race, religion, etc., we open the doors for healing, and for love to do what it naturally does."

For anyone interested in learning more about what Freddy Jackson and *Love: No Ego* do visit [www.lovenoego.org](http://www.lovenoego.org) or [www.mrlovenoego.com](http://www.mrlovenoego.com) to contact him directly. To donate visit <https://www.lovenoego.org/donate>.

## PVCC to Host Horace Scruggs discussing film, music and history

### PRESS RELEASE

The Piedmont Virginia Community College (PVCC) Fine Arts and Performance division will welcome back Fluvanna County-based musician, educator and documentary filmmaker Horace Scruggs, as he presents recent projects over two consecutive evenings of film, music and history. Events include a screening of his 2023 documentary chronicling life in a local, historically African American neighborhood, followed by another in his signature series of "learning and listening" concerts on African American music. The events will be held in the V. Earl Dickenson Building Main Stage Theatre, on the main campus at PVCC.

Events kick off Friday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m., with a free showing of the short film "The Port Republic Times" and a talk back with Scruggs and local historians. The film captures life in the Port Republic neighborhood of Waynesboro through stories from those who call it home. First-hand accounts detail school, church, and civic life in an upbeat production that celebrates a neighborhood and a culture. Special guest panelists joining Scruggs include Mary Baldwin University Professor of History Dr. Amy Tillerson-Brown and historian Chris Wilmott.

"African American Voices from the Stage and Screen" will take place Saturday, Feb. 22, at 7:30 p.m. A concert of musical selections from Broadway shows and movie soundtracks, Scruggs' commentary highlights the African American experience with his trademark combination of thoughtful inquiry, humor, and deep knowledge of his subject matter.

Renditions of songs from Broadway musicals like "Ain't Misbehavin'," "The Wiz," and "The Color Purple," will be

performed along with works from the movie soundtracks of "Dreamgirls," "Mudbound," and "Harriet." Joining Scruggs onstage for this concert will be:

- Soprano Precious Anderson-Bland, a native of Fluvanna County, is known for her singing by churchgoers in the region.
- Mezzo-soprano Leslie Scott-Jones is also a local actress, writer, director and artistic director of the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center's Charlottesville Players Guild.
- Alto singer Ronee Martin, a central Virginia native who appeared on season 11 of the "America's Got Talent" television show, has recorded as a backing vocalist for artists such as Wynton Marsalis and Patti Labelle.

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## FUMA names Dealton Cotton as head varsity football coach

FUMA PRESS RELEASE

Fork Union Military Academy is proud to announce the selection of Dealton Cotton as head varsity football coach. Cotton, who has served as the Academy's school counselor and assistant varsity football coach/defense coordinator since 2023, brings decades of coaching experience at both the high school and collegiate levels.

A native of Norfolk, Cotton played football at Granby High School before earning three degrees from East Carolina University. A standout on the field, he was a four-year letterman for the Pirates and helped lead the team to the 1992 Peach Bowl and the 1994 Liberty Bowl.

Cotton's career in education and coaching spans more than 20 years, including roles as a school counselor, football coach, and athletic director. His coaching career includes a successful tenure as Head Football Coach at Maury High School in Norfolk, where he was named Coach of the Year in 2005, and at Norview High School, where he also served as Athletic Director and was named Conference 9 Coach of the Year in 2014. From 2008 to 2013, Cotton was an Assistant Head Coach and Defensive Line Coach at Old Dominion University.

"We are thrilled to have Dealton Cotton take on the role," said Director of Athletics John Blake. "Coach Cotton brings a wealth of experience from both the high school and collegiate levels, along with a proven track record of leadership and success. His deep understanding of our current players, combined with his vision and strategic approach, will be instrumental in building a strong and competitive football program."

Cotton's leadership both on and off the field has had a profound impact on student-athletes throughout his career. His experience in coaching, counseling, and mentoring young men aligns with Fork Union Military Academy's mission to develop young leaders of character.

"I am honored and excited to be selected as the next varsity football coach at Fork Union Military Academy," said Cotton. "This is a special place with a rich tradition, and I look forward to building on that foundation by developing not just great athletes, but young men of character, discipline, and integrity. I'm proud to continue working with these cadets and helping them reach their full potential."

## Virginia farmers share policy priorities with lawmakers

VIRGINIA FARM BUREAU PRESS RELEASE

Over 100 farm leaders shared their perspectives on seven key agriculture issues in one busy morning at Virginia's General Assembly on Feb. 3.

As part of Virginia Farm Bureau Federation's annual Legislative Day, farmers met with lawmakers and aides to urge action on legislation favorable to agriculture and forestry. Advocates expressed support or concern for bills regarding local zoning authority for utility-scale solar facility siting, farm labor, the large-animal veterinarian shortage and the retail labeling of invasive plant species.

A Feb. 2 dinner featured remarks from Sen. Dave Marsden, D-Burke, chair of the Senate Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources Committee. He was lauded for sponsoring many of Farm Bureau's budget amendments in the past.

Marsden acknowledged that change is felt more acutely in rural Virginia compared to urban areas.

"You're now dealing with issues foisted upon you by people who may not understand what you're going through," he said to the farm advocates. That's why legislative advocacy is worthwhile, Marsden added.

"We need to understand what you go

through to provide us with the sustenance we need to survive in Virginia," he said.

Over 2,300 bills were introduced in this abbreviated General Assembly session. Upward of 600 have failed to advance, while 300-plus passed the House and Senate.

Farm Bureau opposes HB 2438, which narrowly passed the House 48-46. The bill raises concern that all Virginia localities may be required to adopt statewide standards for solar facilities on land zoned for agriculture. Over 600 Farm Bureau members responded in less than 24 hours to an "Action Alert" from the organization, asking them to contact their legislators about the bill.

Meanwhile, advocates voiced support for related bills that aim to decrease the amount of open space consumed by solar facilities, requesting solar panels be placed on previously developed sites, including parking lots, buildings and brownfields.

Legislative Day first-timer Stacy Richardson of the King and Queen County Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee discussed energy issues with lawmakers who represent the Upper Tidewater region.

## Iconic American artist Georgia O'Keeffe on the big screen Opening March 7 at Violet Crown Cinema Charlottesville

PRESS RELEASE

*Georgia O'Keeffe: the Brightness of Light*, a feature-length documentary film about the life and art of the iconic American artist, opens a theatrical run at Violet Crown Cinema Charlottesville on Friday, March 7.

From Academy Award-winning director Paul Wagner, the film stars Claire Danes as the Voice of Georgia O'Keeffe, narration by Hugh Dancy, and music by Emilie Levienaise-Farrouch (Living and All of Us Strangers).

The film premiered to a sold-out audience in November at the Virginia Film Festival.

Producer Ellen Casey Wagner and writer-director Paul Wagner will be in person to talk about the film at the 7 p.m. screening on Sunday, March 9.

O'Keeffe biographer Roxana Robinson calls *Georgia O'Keeffe: the Brightness of Light*, "A beautiful, thoughtful and thoroughly reliable narrative of the artist's life and her work. It is a joy to watch."

American Focus, Inc., dedicated to telling cinematic stories of America and her people, celebrates Women's History Month with the release of this sweeping biography.

Georgia O'Keeffe is widely considered the most important American woman artist of the 20th century. Known as the "Mother of American Modernism," O'Keeffe exploded on the New York art scene in the 1920s with her paintings of flowers, bones, and the beauty of nature.

Nude photographs of O'Keeffe taken by her lover, Alfred Stieglitz, shocked the public and contributed to the perception that her paintings were sexually charged. In the 1970s, O'Keeffe, famously isolated in northern New Mexico, emerged as an iconic role model for American women.



"Sources of clean energy are needed, but also I care about the rights of landowners and local government," she said to lawmakers. "I don't think we should saturate our state with solar panels; however, there's a place for them, and we need to find that balance!"

Farmers from southeastern Virginia met with Sen. Emily M. Jordan, R-Smithfield, to talk about energy issues and funding for agricultural best management practices. She said personal interactions have a lasting impact on lawmakers.

"These are moments you show people what comes from the ground—the end result," Jordan said. "Creating these relationships is so important."

A joint resolution was presented on the House floor to honor Wayne F. Pryor of Goochland County, who recently retired after 18 years as VFBF president, for his extensive service and contributions to Virginia's agricultural community. He was recognized in the gallery with his wife, Pattie.

Additionally, Farm Bureau members shared snack bags of Virginia-grown products with legislators.



# Firearm violence prevention bill passes House after previous failures

BY SARAH HAGEN  
VCU CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

A gun violence prevention bill that recently cleared the House hopes to resolve what advocates call a public health crisis, but opponents say the bill is just another attack on Second Amendment rights.

Del. Cia Price, D-Newport News, introduced House Bill 1736, which would create the Virginia Center for Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention, and codify the center's fund.

This is the third time Price has introduced this bill since 2022, but the first time it has gotten through the House. The bill passed the Democratic-majority chamber on mostly party lines, with three Republicans supporting it.

The center would be a state agency that addresses firearm violence through research, intervention, policy and programs, according to Price.

Price, a lifelong resident of Newport News, said she has seen too much gun violence over the decades, which has shaped the work she hopes to accomplish in the statehouse. Gun violence is a newer problem in a lot of counties, which they are not prepared to confront, she said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was prevented from gun violence research for 22 years by the Dickey Amendment, after a gun lobby

group pressured Congress.

As a result, nonprofits had to fund their own research, and there was a lack of granular, statewide information available, according to Price. Her proposed center would fix this dearth of information.

"If you are a locality that doesn't have that, you could go to this center and find out more information for the localities that look more like yours," Price said in a 2024 committee meeting.

Lawmakers in 2022 did not pass a bill by former Richmond Democrat Sen. Jennifer McClellan that would have created the center, but through budget negotiations created the Virginia Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Fund that provides grants when needed — it did not conduct research or community outreach, according to Price.

The fund holds millions of dollars of gun violence prevention money, but could be more effective, Price said.

"In 2022 and 2023, we saw gun violence prevention measures going to fund things that were not necessarily gun violence prevention," Price said, adding that some top localities for gun violence were not getting funded.

The proposed center would provide the data and coordination needed to direct money to the right place, Price said. The center would work to address gun violence through programs with the Departments of Health, Social Services,

Education and others, according to Price.

"This is about research, this is about data, this is about resources so that we can address problems that are killing children, killing older people," Price said.

Homicides and suicides made up 39% and 59% of gun-related deaths, respectively, from 2019 to 2023, according to the Virginia Department of Health. Gun violence has been the national leading cause of injury-related death for young people for the last eight years, overtaking vehicle crashes in 2017.

Over 100 mass shootings have occurred in the state since 2015, according to data from the Gun Violence Archive, an independent data collection and research group. When four people or more are killed by a firearm, in one incident, the FBI defines it as a mass shooting.

Mike Fox leads the Virginia Moms Demand Action chapter, which advocates for public safety reforms to protect against gun violence.

"Gun violence is not just a law enforcement issue, it's not just a public safety issue, but it's a public health crisis that impacts all of us," Fox said.

Fox has volunteered with Moms Demand Action since 2018. He has seen how effective proactive measures against gun violence, such as local intervention groups, can be for a community.

"If we're able to save lives by having these sort of intervention efforts both at the state level and even at the local

level, then it'll absolutely make a difference," Fox said.

This approach was introduced in Maryland in 2022, through the Johns Hopkins University's Center for Gun Violence Solutions. It has helped pass "lifesaving gun policies" and written over 20 studies, according to its website.

Philip Van Cleave, president of the Virginia Citizens Defense League, included HB 1736 on the organization's list of strongly opposed bills. The bill is a ploy to take away guns and will not get to the "root of violence," he said.

Van Cleave is suspicious of the label "gun violence," which ignores the numerous ways that violent crimes take place, and stated it is a term created by the "gun control lobby" — for example, no one uses the term "tire iron violence."

"It's just another way to find something to attack our right to keep and bear arms," Van Cleave said. "It's not really about solving the issue of violence."

The VCDL will ask Republican Gov. Glenn Youngkin to veto the bill if it passes, Van Cleave said. Youngkin vetoed many gun control bills in the last legislative session.

HB 1736 is currently in the Senate Courts of Justice committee, as of Feb. 7. Lawmakers have until Feb. 22 to finish working on legislation.

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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 on [planning@fluvannacounty.org](mailto:planning@fluvannacounty.org). All interested persons wishing to be heard are invited to attend the public hearing.



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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FLUVANNA COUNTY

**ALICIA B. MARTINEZ SUAREZ**

**Plaintiff**

v

**KENNETH ART SEARS, SR.,**

**Defendant**

**Case No.: CL24000941-00**

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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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## Upload Photo for Pool ID

We are excited to announce that Troon has appointed Chris Markham as this year's Pool Manager, following his excellent work as Assistant Manager last year. Troon is currently hiring a new Assistant Manager and lifeguards (visit [lmoa.org](http://lmoa.org) to apply). This summer,

households in good standing will receive 25 free pool credits, and we expect some changes to the pool season accordingly. The pool will open on Saturday, May 24, and close on Tuesday, September 2. Reduced hours will begin on August 12, as most lifeguards will return to school. Please note that all pool patrons will need to carry Member IDs for check-in, using either an app or a physical card. To use your pool credits, upload a photo to your LMOA online profile as soon as possible. If you need assistance, please schedule an appointment by emailing [MemberServices@lmoa.org](mailto:MemberServices@lmoa.org).

## Lake Monticello Jobs

LMOA's Facilities & Operations Department is hiring a full-time Maintenance Technician, and the Department of Public Safety is seeking a certified Police Officer. For details and to apply, visit the CAREERS section at [lmoa.org](http://lmoa.org). Bunker Bistro is also looking for friendly servers for full-time and part-time shifts starting at 7 AM for its new breakfast menu. Experience is a plus, but they will train the right candidates. If interested, please email your resume to [51bunkerbistro@gmail.com](mailto:51bunkerbistro@gmail.com).

## Valentine's Day at the Bistro

Valentine's Day is right around the corner, and Bunker Bistro is taking reservations! Join them for a lovely evening featuring dinner and drink specials, plus some wonderful background jazz by Bob Bennetta and Larry Bisgaier. Bistro owners Jacie and Sam are also thrilled to welcome their new banquet manager, Joann Shelton! She's here to help you plan your special celebrations with diverse menu options. If you have an event in mind, please reach out to them at [lakeside.banquets@gmail.com](mailto:lakeside.banquets@gmail.com).

## Lake Wildlife Tips

Lake Monticello residents enjoy a harmonious coexistence with wildlife and benefit from a healthy and unique landscape. Here are some tips from the LMOA Wildlife Committee for enjoying the great outdoors during February:

1. As Valentine's Day approaches, love is also in the air for some wildlife. Be on the lookout for nesting activity in the bluebird boxes at the golf course and Ashlawn Clubhouse, which are maintained by Cathy Gibbs and the Wildlife Committee.
2. February is an ideal time to prune certain landscape trees before the spring growth begins. Proper pruning

requires an understanding of tree biology and helps maintain tree health and structure while enhancing the aesthetic and economic value of our properties. The International Society of Arboriculture offers a valuable resource for tree care at [TreesAreGood.org](http://TreesAreGood.org).

3. In late winter, male deer (bucks) rub their antlers against small trees to loosen their antlers. You can protect your trees by using fencing or a tree tube secured to a stake for stability.

4. For the gardener's itch, now is the perfect time to start planning.

The Wildlife Committee encourages residents to create a nature habitat at home that can be certified by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF). Our goal is to certify the whole community, and we are currently applying for some of our common areas - more on that later. The certification process for residents is easy and will educate you on how to establish a habitat tailored to your preferences. Find more information at [Create & Certify](http://Create & Certify).

5. Additionally, consider renting a critter-free plot at the community garden located at Pleasant Grove Park. More details can be found at [FluvannaCounty.org](http://FluvannaCounty.org); search Community Garden, Fluvanna County Virginia.



## Supervisors approve incentive plan for volunteer first responders

BY HEATHER MICHON  
CORRESPONDENT

Fluvanna County relies on volunteer first responders to come to our rescue in times of trouble.

Now, these dedicated volunteers will have the opportunity to earn some money for their service.

The Board of Supervisors voted on Wednesday (Feb. 5) to approve a Fire and EMS Incentive Program Incentive Program.

This program establishes a tiered payment system based on how many duty hours—the hours spent in the fire-house waiting for calls—a first responder works in a fiscal year.

A volunteer working 144 duty crew hours is eligible for a \$300 cash incentive, and those working 288 hours could see a \$595 incentive. There are also small incentives for administrative volunteers and volunteers in leadership positions.

Through this program, the county hopes to provide some financial support for volunteers who spend so much time away from their families but could also improve retention.

County Administrator Eric Dahl explained that implementing new tracking software would take some time, especially since some departments are currently understaffed. He recommended launching the program on July 1, at the start of the new fiscal year.

Supervisors asked Dahl if the program could be started earlier using manual tracking. Tim Hodge (Palmyra) argued this could allow volunteers to earn incentives while the county works out any potential bugs in the automated system.

The motion to approve the program, back-dated to begin on Jan. 1, passed on a vote of 5-0.

### County building

Supervisors also voted to approve a \$136,295 contract with Enteros Design of Richmond for a space needs study to be used in designing a new county office building.

County staff has long since outgrown existing office space and set aside \$16.5 million in their FY2022 budget to construct a new building in the same complex as the Fluvanna Public Library and the Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office. The building would house both the administrative staff and the Department of Social Services.

A space study was conducted in 2019, but since that time, the county has added at least one new department, and staff needs have changed. "This would totally revamp, update that study," said Dahl.

The study will present a preliminary conceptual plan for both the new build-

ing and renovations of existing county buildings, along with budget estimates for the project.

### Bike repair station

The Rotary Club of Fluvanna County won approval to install a bike repair station and informational kiosk in the Village of Palmyra.

The station, which will be located near the Old Stone Jail, will provide tools and pumps for quick bike repairs, along with information about the historic village green. A similar station has been located at Pleasant Grove for close to a decade.

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