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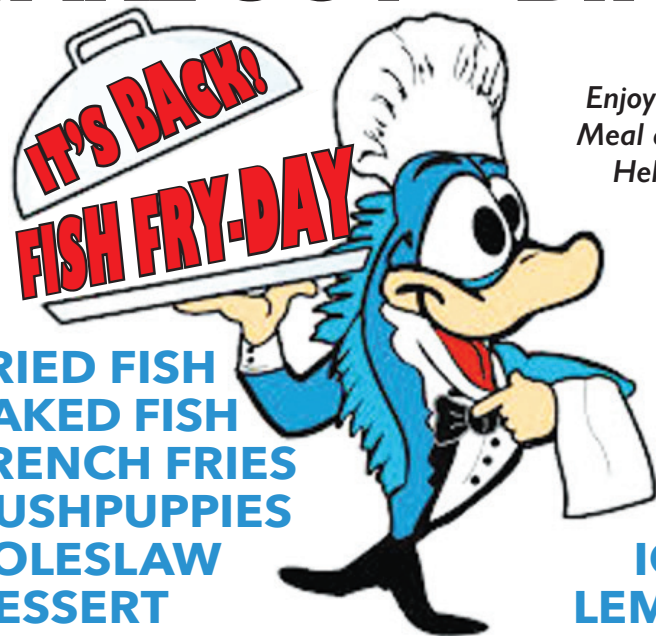
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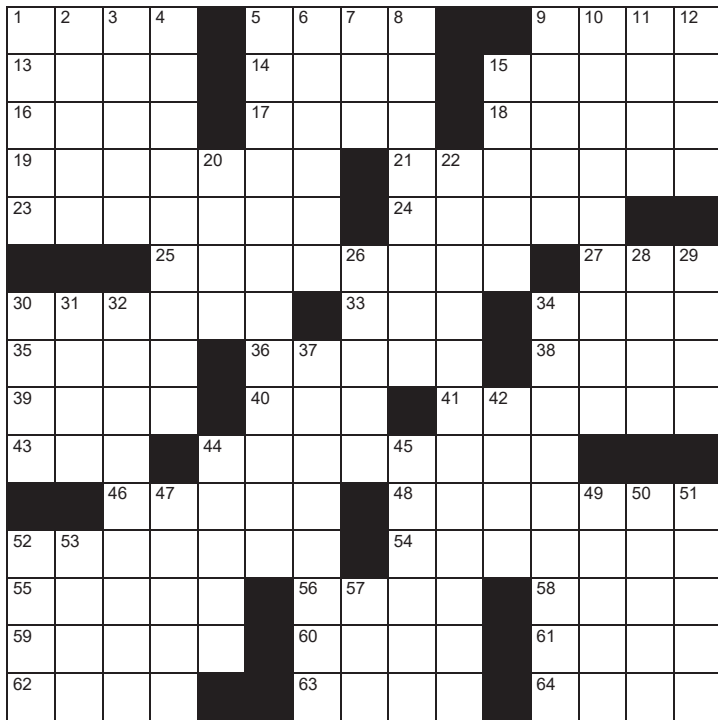
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by Margie E. Burke

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- 5 It's sold in bars
- 9 Canned meat since 1937
- 13 Pale anagram
- 14 More than suggest
- 15 Madcap comedy
- 16 Fluid rock
- 17 Like the fabled piper
- 18 Motionless
- 19 Be in charge of
- 21 Summer quencher
- 23 "Hondo", for one
- 24 Prickly shrub
- 25 Very skillful
- 27 Hoops grp.
- 30 Maintain
- 33 Sign before Virgo
- 34 Think tank nugget
- 35 Krasinski of Hollywood
- 36 Work shirker
- 38 In the vicinity
- 39 Quite often
- 40 Piece of pipe
- 41 Parody
- 43 Detail on some tickets
- 44 Acme
- 46 Medium's deck
- 48 Classic Dodge
- 52 Bond's drink
- 54 Franc division
- 55 Words to live by
- 56 Flower part
- 58 Iris's place
- 59 "Cheers" role
- 60 Coloring
- 61 Road turn
- 62 Vogue rival
- 63 Adjusts, as a clock
- 64 Means justifiers, at times



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DOWN

- 1 Give the OK

- 2 Way off base?
- 3 Top picks, informally
- 4 Common rental
- 5 Lucky horse-shoe, e.g.
- 6 Get one's bearings
- 7 Go gray
- 8 AKC concern
- 9 Smooths, as wood
- 10 Made believe
- 11 Part of a plot
- 12 Prefix with physics or data
- 15 Like some speeches
- 20 Char, as a steak
- 22 Decorator's concerns
- 26 Pompeo of "Grey's Anatomy"
- 28 Bridges of Hollywood
- 29 Org. for seniors
- 30 Cracked
- 31 Without help
- 32 Rigged court proceeding
- 34 River float, at times
- 37 ADA members
- 42 Zip
- 44 Kind of number
- 45 Actor's study, perhaps
- 47 Make amends
- 49 1999 film, "Any ___ Sunday"
- 50 Revise
- 51 Digests digests
- 52 Like some beds
- 53 Leaf-stem angle
- 57 Corn site

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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SUDOKU

Edited by Margie E. Burke

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Answer to Previous Sudoku:

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

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Letter to the Editor

What Lent and the Easter can mean to you.

I grew up in a lenient Catholic family. When Lent arrived my family would give up eating meat on Fridays. My wife grew up in stricter Catholic family and they gave up candy, soda, cookies, cake and other sweets. I never quite understood why. In college I found out about Mardi Gras and Fat Tuesdays, and that this was a celebration before giving up drinking and carousing for 40 days. Consequentially to me Lent meant giving up something you desire. Since this made no sense to me, I skipped the entire Lent stuff for the next 56 years.

On Tuesday after a rally in Charlottesville to support Ukraine, I sat down for a quick bite with some friends who both go to church occasionally and have strong moral beliefs. There occurred a discussion about Lent. Their belief was that Lent should not be about giving something up, but about doing something good for others. Since we all were concerned about the United States losing its freedoms and the assault on our democracy, we supported the idea of 40 days of good things for our neighbors and country.

I encourage you to also become involved with 40 days of involvement. Here are some ideas. Join an action group like Indivisible; write letters to various leaders; write letters to your local newspapers; attend a rally; call up your

representatives to attend a school board meeting or other community meetings; support your local newspapers and TV stations; watch politically neutral TV such as PBS; search for the truthful facts and discuss them with those who are misinformed; put bumper stickers on your car to show your support for freedoms, and I am sure there are many other ways.

Our democracy is in jeopardy and 40 days of kindness with truth can certainly count as doing something positive during Lent.

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Flucos to start a busy spring sports schedule

BY DUNCAN NIXON
CORRESPONDENT

Baseball. Softball. Boys soccer. Girls soccer. Boys tennis. Girls tennis. Boys lacrosse. Girls lacrosse. Boys track and field. Girls track and field. It is going to be a busy spring for Fluco athletes, coaches and fans.

All of these sports kick off next week. On Monday the 17th, the soccer teams swing into action against Liberty Christian. The 18th of March is a wild day. The baseball and softball squads will both be hosting Wilson Memorial. The lacrosse teams will be taking on Fauquier County. The girls will be at home and the boys will be on the road. The tennis teams open up on March 20 against Waynesboro. The girls will be at home and the boys on the road. Track and field opens on March 22 hosting the Fluco invitational.

The baseball and softball teams follow their Tuesday openers with games on Thursday and Friday March 20 and 21. On the 20th, they will both travel to Waynesboro and on the 21st they will be at Wilson Memorial. The Fluco soccer teams follow-up their Monday openers with games against Madison County on the 20th. The girls at home and the boys on the road. Girls lacrosse also has two games next week. They host EC Glass on the 21st. Boys lacrosse does not play twice next

week. Their second game is on March 25 at Patrick Henry High. The tennis squads are not as busy early as the other teams. Their second matches don't come up until April.

The seasons are hectic for virtually everyone. The baseball and softball teams are scheduled to play 21 times between March 18 and May 22. The soccer teams have 17 matches in that same time frame. The lacrosse teams are also scheduled to play 17 times this spring. The tennis teams are on the court 16 times.

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Fluco Swim & Dive shows outstanding effort

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Alex Fullerr.

Our Swim & Dive team represented Fluvanna County very well over the last couple of days with outstanding effort, teamwork and individual performances at the state meets.

Alex Fuller (Sr.) ~ double state champion! An extraordinary achievement that cannot be overstated!

1st in the 50 Free - 23.06 - new school record.

1st in the 100 Butterfly - 53.62 - new school record.

Also, both of Alex's times earned her the All-American Cut.

Girls 400 Free Relay ~ 5th Place - 3:49.83 - new school record:

Alex Fuller (Sr.), Abby Caruso (Fr.), Madison Clark (So.), Sophie Pace (Jr.).

Girls 200 Free Relay ~ 5th Place - 1:43.12:

Reese Yowell (Jr.), Abby Carsuo (Fr.), Sophie Pace (Jr.), Alex Fuller (Sr.)

Girls 200 Medley Relay ~ 15th Place - 2:05.24:

Abby Caruso (Fr.), Josie Caruso (So.), Sophie Pace (Jr.), Reese Yowell (Jr.)

Abby Caruso (Fr.) ~ 13th in the 100 Free - 56.98 - Her new PR.

Levi Rensch (Fr.) ~ 16th in the 500 Free - 5:32.94 - His new PR.

Kayleigh Herring (So.) ~ 3rd in the 1-Meter Dive - 336.95 - Her new PR.

Cash Johnson (So.) ~ 4th in the 1-Meter Dive - 360.15 - His new PR.

James Johnson (Jr.) ~ 6th in the 1-Meter Dive - 278.10 - His new PR.

Tony Myrsten (Fr.) ~ 10th in the 1-Meter Dive - 231.90.

We are very proud of these young people, their effort, sportsmanship, and representation as Flucos!

Indoor track State meet recap

CONTRIBUTED BY MELANIE KENNEDY



Kameren Green, Garrett Jordan, Cayden Lucas, Jackson Fields.

Congratulations to the Indoor Track and Field Team for its outstanding performances at the Class 3 State meet. The team traveled to Liberty University on Monday and Tuesday to compete in arguably one of the toughest brackets in the state of Virginia.

We took seven athletes this year and each of them proved that they deserved to be there.

Congratulations to Garrett Jordan!! He is the state champion in the boys 300m. He ran a super fast time of 34.74, the only athlete to break 35 seconds in the meet. Garrett also ran the 55m prelims on Monday. His top eight finish qualified him for the finals on Tuesday, where he ran a personal best time of 6.55, finishing 6th overall in the state.

Jackson Fields had an impressive run in the 300m dash as well, running a personal best time of 35.71, placing seventh overall.

Our boys 4x200 team ran an amazing race in an incredibly competitive field. The boys placed 5th overall with a time of 1:31.07. There was less than one second separating the top eight teams!

On the distance racing side we had Ruby Frazier and Jack Jeffries competing in both the 1600 and the 3200. Ruby finished second in the 1600 with a time of 5:03, and Jack finished 8th in the 1600 with a personal best, blazing fast time of 4:28. They both ran an amazing 3200 race with Ruby finishing 8th overall and Jack, 19th.

Ethan McPherson had an incredible day at the pole vault. He cleared a personal best of 12-6, placing him in ninth overall.

It was a great two days for all of these athletes!

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Watch Out for These Occupational Fraud Schemes

While occupational fraud is fairly uncommon, according to the 2024 Occupational Fraud Report from the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, if it does happen it often takes 12 months to discover and can cost upwards of 5% of revenue if undetected. Because of this it is best for every business to know what it is, how it occurs, and what actions to take to minimize your risks.

Types of Occupational Fraud

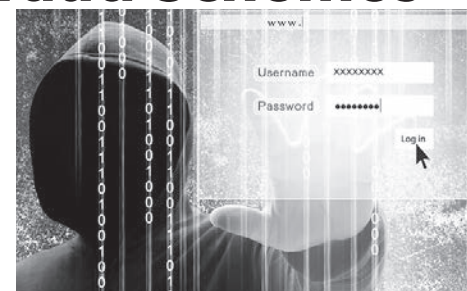
The starting point to preventing occupational fraud is to understand the common approaches to theft:

- **Ghost employees.** Typically, someone with access to your payroll creates a fake employee and assigns direct deposit information to a dummy account so they can secretly transfer the money into their own bank account.
- **Time thieves.** This fraud is often hidden if employees are not working overtime. Sometimes multiple employees will team up to clock each other in earlier than when they arrive or later than when they depart for the day.
- **Shape-shifting commissions.** In an attempt to bump up a commission payment or attain a quota, a sales contract is modified. Sometimes a booked sale is made larger than it is with a corresponding credit memo put in the system in a later period.
- **External swindlers.** This popular scam often starts with a fraudster impersonating a company executive asking an employee with access to payroll data to provide sensitive information. These imposters can make the correspondence look very real by using company logos, signatures and email addresses.

What you can do to fight occupational fraud

Being aware of the threats is a start, but you also need to know how to stop them. Here are some tips to reduce your company's occupational fraud risk:

- **Look for signs.** Per the Occupational Fraud report, internal theft signals often include employees living beyond their means, employees with significant finan-



cial problems, and employees that are overly close to customers or vendors.

- **Create or enhance internal controls.** Review your company's internal controls. Separation of duties is key. Dual approvals of payroll, regular shifting of duties, separate payroll bank accounts, limited bank access and management oversight are all basic controls that should be in place.
- **Review payroll records.** Designate someone outside of the payroll-processing department to periodically review the payroll records. Have this person review names, pay rates, and benefit accounts to verify that the total payroll is accurate and matches what was withdrawn from the business bank account.
- **Perform random internal audits.** During an internal audit is when you can really get into the details to look for potential fraud. Conduct an in-depth review of the entire payroll system or select a random sample of dates and employees. Keep the timing of the audit under wraps to prevent giving someone the chance to cover up their misdeeds.
- **Ask your employees for help.** A tip from an employee is how more than half of all business fraud cases are initially detected. Another one-third of tips came from customers, vendors, and other outside parties. So consider implementing some form of anti-fraud education that targets both employees as well as external parties.

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Rick Wells DC

Flucos impress at State competitions

BY DUNCAN NIXON
CORRESPONDENT

It is an impressive accomplishment to be a State class 3 champion in any individual event. Besting competitors from high schools of similar size from all over the Commonwealth is no small task. Yet, the Flucos came away from state competitions in Track and Field and Swim and Dive this past week with two state champions and three state titles.

Leading the way was Alex Fuller for the Fluco girls swim and dive squad. She was state champion in the 50 free-style and the 100 butterfly. Fuller's time of 23.06 in the 50 free was a school record as was her time of 53.62 in the butterfly event. Swim and Dive Coach Mitchell Pace said that Fuller, who has completed her swim career at Fluvanna, is off to Boston in the fall on a scholarship to Northeastern University, a Division 1 school.

Also, claiming a Class 3 state championship was boys track and field athlete Garrett Jordan who ran what Coach Melanie Kennedy described as a "super-fast time" of 34.74 in the 300-meter sprint. It was the only time under 35 seconds at the meet. Jordan also ran a personal best time in the 55m dash for a 6th place finish. In distance running, Jack Jeffries took 8th in the 1600 with a personal best time of just

under 4:30. Jackson Fields also competed in the 300m finishing 7th. For the girls in track and field, Ruby Frazier was second in the 1600 meter and 8th in the 3200 race.

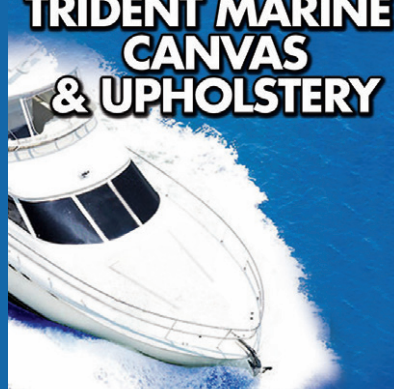
Fluvanna also turned in some strong performances in relay events The boys 4X200 ran in what Kennedy described as an "incredibly competitive field." They finished 5th in a time of 1:31.07 in a race in which the top 8 teams were separated by less than a second. In the pool, the girls 4X200 relay team and its 4X400 relay teams both finished 5th. The 4X400 team consisted of Fuller,

Abby Caruso, Madison Clark and Sophie Pace. The 4X200 team consisted of Reese Yowell, Caruso, Pace and Fuller.

In diving, Kayleigh Herring was third in the 1-meter event Cash Johnson was 4th in 1-meter, while James Johnson took sixth. All three had personal best high scores.

Both Kennedy and Pace were highly enthusiastic about the caliber of their student athletes. Pace stated "We are very proud of these young people, their effort, sportsmanship, and representation as Flucos."

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The Master Gardener plant sale

PRESS RELEASE



Past Master Gardener President
Carlene Gischel.

Spring is coming.
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Honest and true. It will be here soon!
And, with spring, what else can we
look forward to?

The annual Fluvanna Master Gardeners plant sale!

Mark the date on your calendar, Saturday, May 3, 9:30 a.m. to noon. And if it rains, don't despair, it's delayed just one day to May 4, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

This year, there will be an even greater selection of reasonably priced items. In addition to the plants from reliable local growers and native selections from the Butterfly Garden, new plants will be provided by master gardeners who have carefully germinated seeds. After the

master gardeners have nurtured flats of tender sprouts, they will harden them off in the newly completed greenhouse at the Butterfly Garden.

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The sale will be held at the Jefferson Shopping Center Park 'n Ride at the Turkey'sag entrance to Lake Monticello. Entrance before opening time will not be available. Credit cards as well as cash and personal checks will be accepted.

The Fluvanna Master Gardener Plant Sale is the volunteer organization's only fund-raiser of the year. It's the source of the \$1,000 scholarship for post-secondary horticultural education plus support for local youth education opportunities, including 4-H Summer Camp scholarships.

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Jospe returns to Carysbrook

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT



Robert Jospe. Photos courtesy of Robert Jospe.

Robert Jospe and his jazz band will be performing on March 22, at 7 p.m. at Carysbrook Performing Arts Center. It has been 12 years since Robert Jospe played at Carysbrook and he said he is thrilled to be coming back.

"I love the intimate aspect of the theater as well as the acoustics. I've always loved playing there. And I have a fantastic quartet, one the best bands I've ever played with. Playing with these

guys is amazing and I know the audience will love them too. They are so good." He added that they will offer a great repertoire of originals and covers, "some of which the audience will recognize. And I will be focusing on original jazz compositions."

Born in New York City, Jospé was first inspired by his Belgian parents love of music. "My father was an avid, jazz and classical music listener. He taught me to appreciate music as a great art form. We listen to music together all the time" he said. "My mother loved popular music and was an excellent dancer."

When he was 10 years old, his best friend's father had a drum set.

"We both played on it listening to records and playing along. The Beatles had a big influence on me as well in 1964. When I got my own set in 1966 I never looked back. I was playing whenever I had time." Though Jospe was exposed to music at an early age he remembers this was the first time he felt deeply connected to music differently. "I was blown away by it and I wanted one." He later began playing the drums at age 14 and had his first professional performance at age 16 in France.

"My first influence in rock was Ringo Starr. But around the same time, I was

very influenced by jazz that my father was listening to. I became a big fan of Joe Morello, who was playing with the Dave Brubeck Quartet. I heard him twice when I was 16 and 17. And we talked after a concert one night. When I was 18, I went to Berkeley School of Music for the summer and studied with renowned drum teacher Alan Dawson," he said. "When I moved to New York, to attend New York University, I was incredibly fortunate to study for six months with Tony Williams, former drummer with Miles Davis and one of the most influential musicians of the 20th century." He credits Davis with changing the direction of jazz.

Over a decade, Jospé performed actively in the New York City music scene, becoming a co-leader of the fusion band Cosmology with Dawn Thompson and John D'earth. He performed with acts like Dave Liebman, John Scofield, and John Abercrombie.

In 1989 Jospé joined the University of Virginia music department faculty. He teaches jazz drumming and a rhythmic fluency course he titled "Learn to Groove". He performs with the UVA faculty jazz ensemble The Free Bridge Quintet. Jospé contributed to the online educational component of Jazz by UVA

with fellow instructor Scott DeVeaux and jazz writer Gary Giddins.

In 1990, Jospe formed Inner Rhythm. In addition to his many public appearances, Jospé and his group have played numerous private events and house concerts, including a performance with Tony Bennett in Germany in 2004. The Robert Jospé Express formed in 2012 when the former keyboard player for the Dave Matthews Band, Butch Taylor, began playing gigs at Fellini's in Charlottesville. Bassist Dane Alderson joined the band a few months later.

Jospe talked about the evolution of his style from intense study to inner expression.

"My present style developed during the 1970s combining rock funk swing Latin into modern-day fusion. Like any artist developing one's voice comes from years of practice, imitating masters, and studying the music that you love," he said. "My voice as a drummer has developed without a conscious effort. It's more like coming out of years of playing and practicing and listening over and over again to the great drummers who influence me like Elvin Jones, Tony Williams, Billy Cobham, and many other great jazz and rock drummers."

Jospe described his drumming style as if it had its own personality -- joyful, happy, serious about the music, but not too serious about himself.

"Playing the drum set is about groove, but it's also about colors. I like to think of myself as a painter on the drums coloring the music and shaping the feel," he said. "Hopefully my style comes across as an organic style, combining the different genres of jazz with a groove that makes you wanna listen, move, and feel happy."

Thinking back to when he could sit in with any jazz group from any era, who would he choose? He returned to the 60s when jazz was wild, hot, yet sleek.

"The Miles Davis Quintet or the John Coltrane Quartet anytime in the 1960s."

Jospe's performances are numerous and some more memorable than others. "I've played so many fantastic gigs it's hard to say. It's always special and so much fun playing concerts for listening audiences. I would say that one of the most memorable settings was opening up for Natalie Cole at the Ferguson Center to a sold-out theater for the 10th annual Ella Fitzgerald festival in Newport News. Also playing with Bobby McFerrin at the Forbes Center in Harrisonburg as a guest with the JMU big band. During that concert, Bobby had everyone drop out and it was just him and me going at it, playing off each other. That was amazing."

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Content: LMOA

Is Your Backyard a Valuable Wildlife Habitat in Disguise?

Written by Marieke Henry

The LMOA Wildlife Committee is very close to achieving its goal of making Lake Monticello a Community Wildlife Habitat, as certified by the National Wildlife Federation. Your yard might already meet the qualifications without you even realizing it. Do you live at Lake Monticello and does your yard have food, water, and shelter for wildlife? If you think it might, then the LMOA Wildlife Committee could use your help! It has currently secured 114 points of the required 150 to certify the whole community. They need just a few more submissions, which will provide them with free resources to help fulfill their duties to the Board. They are so close - can you help them, please?

Why Certify the Community?

Lake Monticello stands out with its beautiful mature trees, natural landscapes, and diverse wildlife. It's essential for residents and prospective home buyers to understand how to coexist with this wildlife and preserve the community's unique qualities.

The National Wildlife Federation Community Wildlife Habitat Certification shows that our properties provide food, water, shelter, and space for local wildlife, which enriches biodiversity and supports conservation efforts in a community. At Lake Monticello, many residents have already contributed to this effort, and the LMOA Wildlife Committee obtained certification of four common areas and our golf course, which hosts numerous native plants and bluebird boxes managed by volunteer Cathy Gibbs*.

Once the goal of 150 points is reached to certify Lake Monticello as a whole, the committee will gain resources from the National Wildlife Federation to enhance community education, helping the committee fulfill its charter. Working together for wildlife conservation benefits us all with more pollinators, birds, and cleaner air and water.

How to Get Certified?

Applying for certification is very easy and costs \$25. Just visit <https://certifiedwildlifehabitat.nwf.org> or you can grab a paper application

from the Wildlife Committee displays in our two clubhouses. As the staff liaison for the committee, I wanted to help. After reading the application, I realized I didn't even have to make modifications to my yard because I already qualified. I have a creek running through my yard, a small brush pile, many native trees, and several native plants that were already here when I moved in. I also have a bird feeder and only use eco-friendly fertilizers and weed control methods. It was that easy, I was done in five minutes! The committee encourages everyone to join this initiative and help them reach their community goal—it's an opportunity to make a lasting impact!

Want to Learn More Before Committing?

If you're feeling a bit unsure about getting certified, why not join the Wildlife Committee for its upcoming educational program? It's all about native gardening and how to create beautiful wildlife habitats with native plants! Join speaker Ellen Stuart-Haentjens from the Virginia Wilderness Committee at 2 PM in the Ashlawn Clubhouse on March 23. Ellen has a dual PhD in biogeochemistry and ecosystems

ecology with expertise in native plants. Studies have shown that when private yards are planted with native landscaping as a habitat for wildlife, these yards support a wider variety of bird species. It's simple to turn your backyard into a home for birds, butterflies, and other wildlife just by providing certain native plants and water sources. Native plants are easier to maintain as they require lower maintenance, less water, and less fertilizer. We can all contribute to diversity and conservation right in our own backyard! We would love to see you at the event!

**Did you know LMOA has 23 bluebird boxes on the golf course, at Bunker Park, and at the Ashlawn Clubhouse? These are checked weekly for nests, eggs, and fledglings by volunteer and resident Cathy Gibbs. At the end of the 2024 season (February to September), Cathy reported to the VA Bluebird Society the season totals: 178 eggs were laid with 156 fledglings. Jorja and Tim Stark generously donated a bluebird cam, which is installed in a box and has provided amazing images of the bluebirds' activity throughout the nesting season, which we can't wait to share soon.*

Lake Monticello Golf Club Ranked 3rd in Virginia!

Congratulations, Lake Community! We are proud to share some exciting news! After many years of hard work and dedication from Mark Marshall (Golf Pro), Jim Prucnal (Golf Superintendent), Troon, LMOA Staff, and the Golf Committee, we have achieved a remarkable milestone. Golfpass.com has recognized Lake Monticello Golf Club as the third-best public golf course in the state of Virginia! We have come a long way, as Golf Committee Chair Jim Beach reminded us during the Board-Committee Chair work session last week. Our golf course has undergone a tremendous transformation in recent years. What was once a challenging facility with many unplayable greens and financial losses is now thriving, earning this well-deserved recognition. In 2024, our golf operations achieved a solid breakeven, showcasing beautifully manicured greens that attract players from near and far. It is no wonder the Peggy Kirk Bell Girls Golf Tour has booked tournaments here five years in a row (they will be here again on March 15 and 16). Moreover, we are proud to give back to the community by allowing the high school team to practice on our course and host its tournaments. We are truly making strides together!



Jackson Ross Wells of Kents Store in Fluvanna County won the Virginia Wrestling Association (VAWA) state championship. He wrestled in the 14U 115 pound weight class winning all his matches up to the finals by pinfall. During his final championship match he defeated NJ Bultinck of Fredericksburg, VA by a major decision 15-6. Champion - Jackson Ross Wells - Kent's Store; Runner-up - Nicholas Bultinck - Fredericksburg; 3rd - Omar Niyazov - Chantilly; 4th - Mason Smith - Mechanicsville; 5th - Porter Kincer - Roanoke, and 6th - Javan Crawford - Chesapeake.

FCPS issues update on cybersecurity incident

PRESS RELEASE

Fluvanna County Public Schools announces an update from the initial communication on Jan. 10 regarding the PowerSchool cybersecurity incident.

School authorities said then that with PowerSchool's help the FCPS would provide more information and resources (including credit monitoring or identity protection services, if applicable) as they were made available.

PowerSchool has created a Cybersecurity Incident page, including FAQs that you can access at <https://www.powerschool.com/security/sis-incident/>.

If you were a FCPS staff member or student between the years 2000 and 2024, your information may have been part of this incident. If your information was compromised, PowerSchool is offering two years of free identity protection services. For adult students and educators, this offer will also include two years of complimentary credit monitoring services. To access those free services, please follow the steps that are found at <https://www.powerschool.com/security/sis-incident/notice-of-united-states-data-breach/>

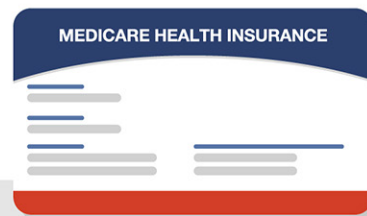
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Community Calendar



QR Code provided by the Fluvanna Leadership Development Program

Ruritan Club meeting

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To celebrate the beginning of spring The Lake Monticello Wildlife Committee is sponsoring a program on using native plants to create a backyard wildlife sanctuary. When native landscaping is used, your property supports a wider variety of bird species, nesting sites and food. Native plants are easier to maintain too. All are invited. Sunday, **March 23**, at 2 p.m. in the Lake Monticello Ashlawn Club-house at 41 Ashlawn Blvd., inside the Lake.

"Saving Monticello"

The Fluvanna Historical Society Book Club will be meeting at the Fluvanna Public Library on Monday, **March 24**, at 3:30 p.m.. We will be reading "Saving Monticello" by Marc Leepson. If you are interested please contact Mary Jane Whitney at (703) 861-5415, or mwhitney601@gmail.com for more details.

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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED
REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE INCREASE
FLUVANNA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Per Virginia Code Section 58.1-3321, notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Fluvanna County proposes to increase property tax levies.

(1) Assessment Increase: Total assessed value of real property, excluding additional assessments due to new construction or improvements to property, exceeds last year's total assessed value of real property by 22.55 percent.

(2) Lowered Rate Necessary to Offset Increased Assessment: The tax rate which would levy the same amount of real estate tax as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of real estate with the exclusions mentioned above would be \$0.689 per \$100 of assessed value. This rate will be known as the "lowered tax rate."

(3) Effective Rate Increase: The County of Fluvanna proposes to adopt a maximum tax rate of \$0.750 per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the proposed rate would be \$0.061 per \$100 or 8.85 percent. This difference will be known as the "effective tax rate increase".

Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above percentage.

(4) Proposed Total Budget Increase: Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues, the total budget of Fluvanna County will exceed last year's by 8.78 percent ¹.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate and increase above will be held on Wednesday, April 09, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building in the Morris Room, 132 Main Street, Palmyra, Virginia 22963.

Anyone needing additional information or special assistance/accommodation due to a disability in order to attend the hearing should contact the County Administrator's office, at (434) 591-1910, not later than 5 p.m. on April 4, 2025.

¹ The total budget increase is based on all revenues received by Fluvanna County.

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF FLUVANNA

MOZELL BOOKER,

Plaintiff

Civil Case #25CL102

v.

**PARTIES UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY
INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY REFERENCED HEREIN,**

Defendant

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of the above-styled suit involves the Plaintiffs interest in a parcel of property known as Tax Map/Parcel Number 50-A-46 in Fluvanna County, Virginia. The legal description of this property is:

All that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being situate in Fork Union Magisterial District of Fluvanna County, Virginia, containing ten acres, more or less, and adjoining the lands now or formerly owned by Horatio Seay, et.al, and known as part of the Duncan tract; being in all respects the same tract or parcel of land conveyed to Fannie A. Scott from J.N. Wilkerson and wife, by deed dated November 1, 1898, and of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Fluvanna County, Virginia in Deed Book 29 (o.s.) at Page 41. The said Fannie A. Scott died intestate on September 8, 1939, and left as her sole heirs at law and successors in title her three grandchildren, namely: Helen W. Anderson, Frances W. Easter and James E. Wilson.

An Affidavit having been filed, whereby Plaintiff, by counsel, did affirm that due diligence has been used by the Plaintiff to ascertain the identity and whereabouts of the possible defendants, without success.

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 8.01-316 A .1. b., it is hereby **ORDERED** that all interested parties appear on or before April 11, 2025 at 9:00 am in Clerk's Office of this Court and do what is necessary to protect his interest.

ENTER: Judge David M. Barredo

DATE: 2-7-2025

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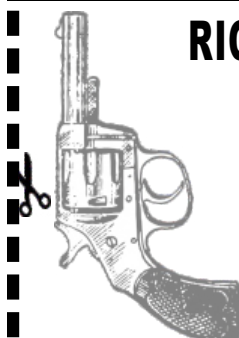
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Residents share hopes for the future at Comp Plan community meetings

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

Fluvanna residents shared their thoughts on the county's future at a series of community meetings hosted by the Planning Department as part of the development of a new Comprehensive Plan.

Meetings were held at Fork Union, Palmyra, Cunningham, and Columbia, each drawing 20-30 participants.

Planning Director Todd Fortune opened each meeting by explaining the Comprehensive Plan—a legally required, detailed document setting out the county's priorities for future growth and development—and the process for creating it.

He stressed that the Comprehensive Plan is not a “quick fix,” but rather a high-level overview of what the community wants to look like over the next 10-20 years.

Community meetings are a preliminary step, offering the public the opportunity to share their visions for the future.

Fortune and his assistant Margie Bamford led participants through two exercises.

The PARK exercise asked participants to list what they wanted to Preserve, Add, Remove, or Keep Out; the Map exercise asked where these things should be located within the county's physical borders.

There is much about Fluvanna that participants enjoy and want to preserve, including a sense of community and its rural character.

But many shared their desire for more small businesses, more restaurants, more housing options, more shared community spaces, more transportation options, more opportunities, more reasons for young people to stay, and more opportunities for seniors to age in comfort.

Residents of Fork Union and Columbia, in particular, stressed the need for revitalization that could attract more businesses and rejuvenate their sense of community.

There were vast differences of opinion when defining what to remove or keep out, particularly when it came to issues like solar farms and data centers.

Later in the spring, residents will have the opportunity to share their views via a survey.

All responses from the community meetings and the survey will be collected and shared with the public and the subcommittees to develop a Comprehensive Plan draft. The Planning Commission will then review the draft and make its own modifications. The final draft will eventually go to the Board of Supervisors for approval and adoption.

Fortune expects the whole process to take 12-18 months.

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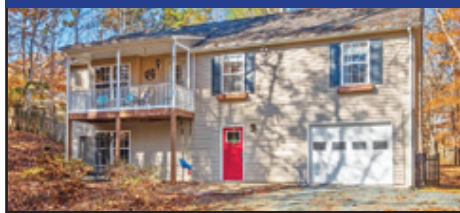
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Supervisors scrutinize school funding package

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

The school budget took center stage at a budget work session held by the Board of Supervisors on Wednesday (March 5), with a discussion focused on the School Board's request for an additional \$1.9 million over last year's local funding request.

Of that request, just over \$1 million would go to salaries, with the remainder going to rising health insurance costs and a small number of new executive positions.

Supervisor Tim Hodge (Palmyra) said that he knew there was an argument that the schools' needs should be fully funded, but told Superintendent Peter Gretz, "I went back and listened to your budget work session, and it didn't sound like it was all needs. It sounded like \$1.8 [million] was what you need, what you'd like, and some extras."

"Those weren't my terms," said Gretz. "Which things that I presented did you think we didn't need?"

"That's not my place to determine," said Hodge.

"Well, I mean...our determination is that we need it."

Hodge clarified that he was speaking not about Gretz's budget presentation but about the School Board's debate

over the final budget package in February. Members initially differed widely on how to approach the final budget request before reaching a consensus. The final vote was 3-1, with one absent.

In particular, Hodge questioned some of the requested staff increases, asking, "if you've survived this year, can you go another year without them?"

His concerns were based on the high tax reassessments received last month, which he argued would mean that if the budget were fully funded, the people with the smallest homes would see the highest tax increases. The elderly and the impoverished might see the most significant impact.

"I don't want to do your job for you," he said. "I just want to figure out is there a way we can come in below \$1.8 [million] without crippling you guys."

Gretz said he did not have the authority to negotiate on behalf of the School Board. He presented his budget to the School Board, which decided what parts they wanted to present to the Board of Supervisors. If the supervisors did not approve the requested funding, he would return to the School Board, "and it will ultimately be their decision which things they help me fund."

School Board member James Kelley (Palmyra) said that the core mission is educating children, and part of that

mission is to recruit and retain talented teachers and staff.

Later in the discussion, he noted that the current executive staff members fill multiple roles simultaneously. "It's honestly just absurd," he said. "No other school division does it like this."

"We would continue to educate children if you cut our budget because that was what we are here to do, but this represents the needs of a school division who is having the same stressors you as a county are having," he said. "We will work with whichever numbers you ultimately bring us."

Supervisor Tony O'Brien (Rivanna) said that the potential loss of federal education dollars and what he saw as the strong possibility of an economic downturn means "we'll probably be facing a more challenging year next year, which just means if we don't stay ahead, we're going to be falling even further behind."

Hodge said he was trying to drill down and find a compromise where he did not have to hurt the several hundred teachers within the Fluvanna school system or the 29,000 taxpayers within the county.

"We've done our part," said School Board chair Andrew Pullen (Columbia). "You do your part. We're going to make it work."

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