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Going from abnormal to intolerable

The chaos, waste, deception, pain and destructiveness of the Trump administration has gone beyond abnormal to intolerable. Governance and diplomacy based upon threat and extortion have no place in the American experience. At question is whether it is Trump's willful ignorance of American history and standards of democratic governance or his conscious attempt to become America's first king that dominates his abnormal efforts! Attempted governance by royal decree labeled executive orders is un-American.

Beginning with his shrill pointless and destructive attacks upon DEI and Critical Race "Truths," attacks, which to one raised and having observed first hand the inequitable cruelties of the Jim Crow South of Montgomery, Birmingham and Atlanta, Trump clearly demonstrates his willful ignorance and cognitive impairment.

Then, as cabinet members are constitutionally required to be approved by the Senate, creating a faux cabinet agency, e.g. DOGE, without Senate approval is invalid if not illegal! Further, funding of DOGE by scavenging monies Congress appropriated for other valid and legal agencies and granting DOGE operatives access and manipulative control over legitimate agencies is dangerous and destruc-

tive. Lastly, with our history of an apolitical competitive career civil service, none of the DOGE operatives appear to have competed for, been examined for qualification or had their character vetted as has been the norm for our professional civil service!

Lastly, confused and deceptively discussed by the DOGE amateurs, a critical distinction must be made between the original mandatory and self-sustaining Social Security old age retirement program, intended to ensure a viable and independent retirement for Americans, and the Congressionally mandated reasonable and humanitarian tax payer funded SSI disability program. To conflate the two and suggest DOGE control over or the privatization of the traditional Social Security program clearly demonstrates a threat to virtually all Americans' financial wellbeing!

With hardly a mandate, having been elected by a plurality of less than half the popular vote, the cognitive impairment, willful ignorance and absence of character of this president must be responsibly addressed by the GOP mini-majorities of both houses of Congress and the American democratic experience saved from impending destruction!

-John Neighbours, Palmyra

Worries about potential hazardous waste

I attended the public hearing of the Planning Commission on March 11 to hear the discussion about amending zoning ordinance 22-22-1, removing the word "municipal" from the definitions of "Solid Waste Material Recovery Facility" and "Solid Waste Collection Facility."

This amendment would broaden the definitions of "Solid Waste Material Recovery Facility" and "Solid Waste Collection Facility" to include non-municipal waste.

I raised the question of what this change could mean in terms of the types of waste that might be included in "non-municipal waste" that might differ from "municipal waste". My concern was that "non-municipal waste" might be at greater risk of including potentially hazardous waste, the presence of which we might not be aware of, nor of the level of risk to our local environment.

My personal concern raised enough interest with the Commission that until more information could be obtained about potentially hazardous waste that might enter our county, the vote on this requested action was de-

ferred to the next Planning Commission meeting on April 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the County Administration Building, 132 Main St, Palmyra.

I think we would want to be fully aware of the potentially hazardous waste that could be received from private companies. Another way to look at it may be to be fully aware of hazardous waste that could not be included (banned).

Comments that the DEQ monitors waste facilities did not settle anyone's concerns since, as we all know, the federal cuts taking place presently trickle down to the state level and often have negative effects on performance by monitoring agencies such as the DEQ.

I will be doing my homework to find out more on this subject, as will the Planning Commission, but I think the Board of Supervisors should look into this as well.

-Paul Crowther, Palmyra

Concern about future of Palmyra post office

I am writing in my capacity as president of the Fluvanna Historical Society to express my own and the Society's concerns about the U.S. Postal Service potentially closing the current Palmyra Post Office or relocating it. This was announced not to the public put to the box holders at the post office. The Fluvanna Historical Society commented to the USPS that it has concerns both about closing the existing facility and in possibly building a new facility "...within a radius of three miles from the present facility."

I cited in my letter to the postal service the effort citizens living in Palmyra have made over a period of many years to protect the village's unique character and to improve the quality of life there, an effort very much supported by the Historical Society and its members. In addition, the county too has invested in Palmyra by committing substantial money to the courthouse and a new VDOT

streetscape project. I believe that keeping the post office in its present location would be the Society's first preference. There may be room there to expand the present building. I also urge that any proposed new facility be located close to the village.

The Society has over the years made use of the post office easier and more accessible by allowing customers to park in its lot at the Village Park adjacent to the post office.

The citizens of Fluvanna County have indicated their commitment to retaining the integrity of the Village of Palmyra and have supported the efforts to protect its historic legacy.

The Society urges interested citizens to contact the U.S. Postal Service during its open comment period in the next 45 days. Comments may be sent to: US Postal Service, PO Box 27497, Greensboro, NC 27498-1103 Attn: Palmyra Main Post Office Relation.

-Marvin Moss, Palmyra

Move away from mainstream media

Our household did not support Trump in our last election. Sadly, many people listened to the rhetoric and promises he has spread for the last 10 years and was amplified by most if not all of mainstream media outlets. Since taking office we are witnessing steps to make us less safe, free and secure.

For years the model for many news outlets was to amplify horrific things that occur in our country and play them on a continuous loop to have their audiences screaming at the tv (desired effect). They very rarely fact check their sources (Haitians eating pets) and when they are proved wrong they quietly move onto the next horrific thing to keep everybody all wound up. Very rarely will they retract anything and if they do, they will not air the retraction on a continuous loop as the original outrage they aired.

Our household started to move away from regular mainstream news programming about a year before the election. We would like to rec-

ommend that if you are as tired as we were with the rhetoric which is amplified daily on all of the channels, try venturing out on your own to find a reliable source which you can easily verify that what they are telling you is factual and accurate. If you type pro-democracy contributors into any search engine there are a number of sources you can sample. We have a number of them we follow: Meidas Touch Network, Legal AF, Democracy Docket, to name just a few which give us a more in depth understanding of the tsunami of attacks on our democracy that is unfolding daily.

All of these independent media contributors are available on most social media platforms (YouTube, Spotify, Bluesky, etc.). In addition, we can listen or read the news when we want it and can share information with family and friends by forwarding topics that affect us all.

-Steve Carney, Palmyra

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Polar Plunge at the lake to help Team for Kids

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT



Shae Sebetzki. Submitted photo

A polar plunge is scheduled for March 29, from 3 to 5 p.m., at Lake Monticello to raise money for Team for Kids.

"I decided to do a polar plunge because I always have thought they were fun, and I thought it would be a good way to bring the community together for a great cause," said Shae Sebetzki, the event organizer. The polar plunge is free.

Before the plunge, raffles, treats and a kid's craft table will be available. Any proceeds raised will go to Team For Kids.

Sebetzki said, "Team for Kids is all about getting kids introduced to running and keeping them active. They raise money to help pay for

racing fees and training programs so children can run in races and be prepared for them."

Sebetzki is raising money in a variety of other ways, including bake sales.

"On a random day in March of last year, I had the courage to sign up for the lottery for the NYC marathon; out of the 165,000 people who signed up, 6,500 randomly got picked, and I was one of them! I had so much fun but I'll admit, I did not prepare well enough. I wanted to go back and give it another shot, this time for a good cause."

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Leslie Jane Geer



mentary music in Brick, New Jersey, while earning a master's degree in education.

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Leslie was always passionate about music. She sang in high school and college, and most recently, in the Palmyra United Methodist Church choir. She had a beautiful soprano voice and always encouraged others to sing and trust their own talents. For years, she spearheaded the Easter Sunrise service that the Palmyra United Methodist Church held at the Fluvanna Dog Park and she sang *In the Garden* as the sunrise broke the horizon to the East.

A close family memorial service is planned. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to a local animal shelter.

Leslie Jane Geer passed away peacefully on March 14, 2025, at the age of 78 at Barclay Senior Living in Charlottesville, Virginia. She was born on December 2nd, 1946, in Toledo, Ohio.

Leslie was the beloved daughter of Lloyd and Ora (Brailey) Geer, who lived in Cresco, Pennsylvania. She grew up in Swanton, Ohio, and went to high school there until her family moved to Pennsylvania before her senior year. In 1968, she graduated as a music major from Bucknell University and later lived and taught ele-

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It's never too early to start thinking about tax planning strategies for 2025. Here are some ideas to help you get started.

• **Forecast your taxable income.** Consider conducting a taxable income forecast and update it once a quarter. Use this information for your 2025 estimated tax payment obligations. You can also use your forecast to budget how much you'll need to save each month so you won't have a huge tax balance to scramble to pay at the end of the year. Your starting point for this forecast can be last year's income, but with investments or potential business income, this exercise becomes more important.

• **Prioritize retirement and savings plans.** Take time to review your 401(k), individual retirement account (IRA), health savings account (HSA) and other savings accounts to ensure you're maximizing your tax savings. Establish a regular contribution schedule early in the year, while taking into account new maximum contribution limits. And if you're working, take full advantage of your employer's retirement contribution matching program.

• **Turn losses into tax savings.** Selling assets such as stocks, bonds, limited partnership interests, and collectibles for less than you paid for them can result in a capital loss. The loss can be applied to offset capital gains and then used to reduce ordinary income, up to an annual limit of \$3,000 (\$1,500 if you're married and file separately). Any remaining balance can generally be carried forward to future years. Keep in mind that capital losses caused by the sale of investments within your retirement accounts are not deductible.

• **Consider selling appreciated assets.** If you expect your capital gains tax rate to increase next year, consider whether it makes sense to sell an appreciated asset, such as shares of stock, and recognize the gain at

this year's lower tax rate. You can then immediately repurchase the same shares of stock, but with a higher cost basis. Remember, wash sales rules only apply to losses, not gains!

• **Conduct an investment strategy Your Go-To 2025 Tax Moves review.** If you have not already done so, now is the time to conduct a review of your investment portfolio. This will help you create a tax-efficient strategy that allows you to allocate assets to accounts where tax savings can be maximized. For example, you may want to rebalance your investments to align to your retirement plan risk goals.

• **Keep great records.** You know you drove the miles, donated the items to charity, had the medical expense, and paid the day-care. How can the IRS be disallowing your valid deductions? Remember that without correct documentation the IRS is quick to disallow them. So set up good record keeping habits. Create both a digital and paper folder system separated by income and expense type. Keep a contemporaneous mileage log and properly document your charitable contributions.

• **Stay current with tax reform developments.** With many tax provisions scheduled to end at the end of 2025, it's important to stay informed with the latest tax news coming out of Washington, D.C. New laws that get passed or existing laws that get extended are likely to affect your tax planning strategy for 2025 and beyond.

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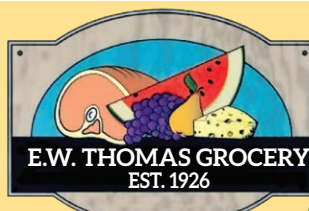


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Some new neighbors aren't very welcome

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Nandina shrub is an invasive species. Photo courtesy of E. Dianne Campbell

It's always nice to welcome a new neighbor. Actually, not so long ago, many of us were the new neighbor that was welcomed. Fluvanna County population continues to grow noticeably.

Sometimes, though, along with the furniture and family treasures, folks bring along their favorite plant from back home. And that could be the beginning of a serious problem.

Many new residents say they chose to relocate to Fluvanna County because they appreciate the natural ambience of trees and fields along the winding hilly roads. But introducing new plant species, even in backyard gardens, can have a negative impact on the environment that attracted people here in the first place.

Non-native species can cause considerable damage to the Fluvanna ecosystem. They can spread quickly from the backyard to invade and overtake native vegetation on roadsides, streams, fields and forests. This interruption not only displaces the natural balance, it can also become a serious economic threat to the agricultural base of this area.

With this in mind, the Fluvanna Master Gardeners are hosting an informative event at the Fluvanna Public Library Saturday, April 12, from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

"Invasive Plants in your Landscape and What You Can Do" will be discussed by Lauren Taylor, executive director of the Blue Ridge Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM), Virginia's first Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA).

Taylor's involvement with invasive plants began when she was a volunteer to create the Patagonia National Park, one of the largest grasslands restoration projects in the world. She now works with organizations to remove invasives on both public and private lands, and she has built a web app that can be used for field identification of the 103 plants on the Virginia Invasive Species List.

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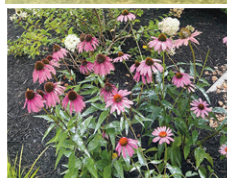
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Fluco baseball looks very strong

BY DUNCAN NIXON
CORRESPONDENT

The Fluco baseball team won the Class 3 State championship in 2019, just before COVID. Last year with a roster that coach Joel Gray described as “youthful, but very talented” the team went to the State quarterfinals and posted an 18-6 record. This year Gray is looking to get back to the State final four, which will be played at Fluvanna. Of course, reaching the State finals is a lofty goal and anything can happen in a long season.

Nonetheless, it doesn't look like this goal is unreasonable. The Flucos are deep, experienced and talented. The talent starts with junior shortstop Sam Loving, a multi-sport athlete. Loving was Jefferson District Player of the Year in 2024 as a sophomore. Gray notes that Loving batted an astonishing .500 last season which made him only the second player in Gray's extensive tenure to hit .500 or better for a season. Shortstop is a good place to start in building a championship team, but pitching is usually what decides the matter.

Two All-Region 3C senior pitchers will be returning to the mound for the Flucos. Caden Harris posted a 7-1 record last year and Cam Via was 6-1. They can pitch and hit. Both are power hitters who will bat in the middle of the order. Relief pitchers include seniors Logan Horner and Christian Lounsbury and junior Tremayne Minor. The pitching should be solid as long as there aren't a lot of “ninety-foot freebies,” Gray's term for walks. Due to Sste rules designed to protect young arms, pitchers are limited as to how many pitches they can throw per day, so pitching staffs need to be deep.

Joining Loving in defending the middle of the field will be Brody Shields at second base. Gray says Shields may be “the best glove we have ever had in the program.” Three seniors will be called on to handle first base. When not pitching, Caden Harris or Via will be there. Another senior first baseman will be Thomas Custer, who is recovering from an injury to his throwing arm. Custer is expected to be available by the fifth or sixth game. Third base will be handled by junior Kyle Harris who Gray describes as a solid defender and a “grinder” at the plate. Junior Carson Raines will handle the catching, with sophomore Noah Washington as his back-up. Raines is another of the team's power hitters.

Gray believes that his outfielders can fly. Senior Jackson Fields is a track athlete and has committed to play in college at Bridgewater. He has

a strong arm and will bat in the middle of the order. Other outfielders who have impressive range are Senior Jayden Hoy, Junior Carson Melton and freshman Jacob Loving. Minor will also be in the mix in the outfield, when not on the mound.

According to Gray, Jefferson District contenders include Louisa County and Orange County both of which have solid pitching, and Western Albemarle which has a strong baseball program. Nevertheless, the Flucos are probably heavy favorites to repeat as Jefferson District champions.

Gray is assisted by Stacy Barringer, Don Fields and Josh Barringer.

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PRESS RELEASE

Fork Union Military Academy was named one of Virginia Living's *Top Schools & Universities 2025*, a prestigious recognition of the Academy's commitment to academic excellence, leadership development, and character formation. This annual guide, featured in the magazine's April 2025 issue, highlights 178 outstanding educational institutions across the Commonwealth.

Through a rigorous selection process utilizing statistical data, reputable news sources, and respected educational reviews, Virginia Living identifies schools that are making a lasting impact on education in Virginia. Fork Union Military Academy inclusion among this distinguished group reflects its mission to develop young men of character, leadership, and academic distinction.

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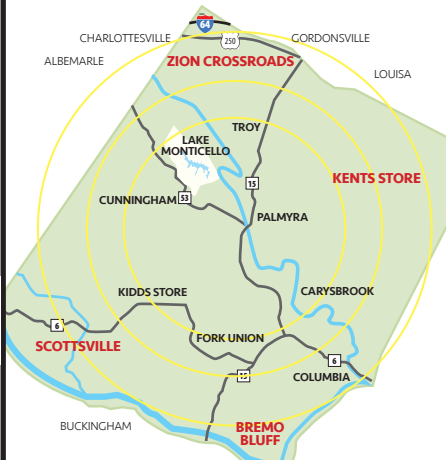
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Fluvanna Meals on Wheels receives grant from Sentara Health

PRESS RELEASE

Fluvanna Meals on Wheels, a leader in ensuring that homebound seniors in Fluvanna County have nutritious meals, received a \$12,000 grant from Sentara Health to assist with the FMOW weekend meal program. The grant from Sentara will be used by FMOW to deliver shelf-stable weekend meal boxes to the most vulnerable Fluvanna County seniors.

“Fluvanna Meals on Wheels is thrilled to receive this grant and support from Sentara Health. Funds from this grant will go a long way to make sure the seniors with the most need in our community receive the extra food necessary, via our weekend meal program,” said Heather Marshall, executive director, Fluvanna Meals on Wheels.

This contribution from Sentara reinforces their shared commitment to creating healthier communities through partnerships with organizations and individuals.

About Fluvanna Meals on Wheels www.mealsonwheelsfluvanna.org

Delivering since 2008, Fluvanna Meals on Wheels’ mission is to see that homebound seniors and adults with disabilities in Fluvanna County do not go hungry. Their volunteers deliver a hot, nutritious meal, a warm smile, and a wellness check to their clients so they can remain healthy and continue living in their own homes.

Keswick Hall gears up for banner golf season

PRESS RELEASE



Keswick Hall.

Keswick Hall – a 600-acre luxury resort set in the scenic Virginia Wine Country – is gearing up for a banner golf season highlighted by enhancements to its celebrated Pete Dye-designed Full Cry golf course, hosting a 2025 U.S. Open Championship local qualifier in May, and additional prestigious events throughout the year.

Full Cry is undergoing course renovations led by noted architect Scot Sherman, a longtime disciple of the creative genius Pete Dye. The updates include enhancements to the overall design of the splendid par-4 13th, where Dye’s trademark railroad ties have been added to the bunker located behind the green. A new tee box is also being constructed for the par-4 6th hole, and there have been slight modifications to the uphill par-5 17th. Most notably, the par-4 9th has been completely redesigned. The renovations are expected to be completed by April.

On May 13, Full Cry will play a pivotal role in the journey to the 2025 U.S. Open Championship, serving as a local qualifying site for the season’s third major. This opportunity allows both amateur and professional golfers to compete for a chance to advance through qualifying stages and ultimately secure a spot in the U.S. Open taking place at Oakmont Country Club in June. Keswick Hall is one of 110 qualifying host sites for this year’s U.S. Open.

Additionally, Full Cry will welcome the field for the 100th playing of the Virginia State Golf Association (VSGA) Women’s Amateur Championship from July 14-16. The event has been held

since 1922, and the champion receives an exemption into the U.S. Women’s Amateur Championship. Notable past winners include Lily Harper Martin, Robbye King Youel and Mary Patton Janssen. In 2024, Lauren Greenleaf became the 10th player to win at least three VSGA Women’s Amateur Championship titles.

“We are excited about the renovations and enhancements to Full Cry that Scot Sherman and his team have brought to the course while keeping Pete Dye’s original vision for his masterpiece intact,” said Molly and Robert Hardie, owners of Keswick Hall. “Hosting the U.S. Open local qualifier and the VSGA Women’s Amateur Championship gives us the perfect opportunity to showcase these improvements to an outstanding field of competitors. We look forward to welcoming these golfers and providing an exceptional experience here at Keswick Hall.”

Since its opening in 2014, Full Cry has received widespread acclaim including recognition as one of the “Best New Courses” by Golf Digest. Full Cry is currently ranked No. 4 in Golfweek’s “Best You Can Play in Virginia,” No. 57 in Golfweek’s “Top 200 Resort Courses in the U.S.,” and No. 94 in GOLF Magazine’s “Top 100 Courses You Can Play in the U.S.” Keswick Hall previously received the prestigious Golf Digest Editors’ Choice Award for “Best Golf Resorts in the Americas” for seven consecutive years.

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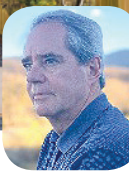
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"Highest Caseloads, Lowest Pay": school leaders urge more funding for staff

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

As the School Board discussed its budget proposal during its monthly meeting on Wednesday (March 12), the Board of Supervisors was holding its own meeting, debating how much – or how little – of the proposal they would fund.

In February, the School Board approved a budget requesting \$24 million in local funding, an increase of about \$1.9 million over the previous year.

Of that funding, approximately \$1.5 million would go to a three percent increase in staff salaries and to cover some increases in health insurance rates. Roughly \$500,000 would go to four new staff positions, including a human resources director, a behavioral specialist, and coordinators of instruction and alternative education.

After a work session with the Board of Supervisors the previous week, where they had faced questions about staffing and compensation relative to other localities, Superintendent Peter

Gretz and Director of Finance Brenda Grasser presented some new data to the School Board that they intended to send on to the supervisors.

The data showed that Fluvanna County Public Schools has the lowest assistant-principal-to-student ratio among surrounding divisions.

They also presented information on teacher-to-student ratios, insurance rates, and teacher salaries relative to nearby districts.

"So that means the highest caseloads on top of the lowest pay with the highest insurance," said Danny Reed (Fork Union).

Grasser said that was why she felt so strongly about advocating for staff. "I feel like we have people that are very loyal and they stay here for many, many years, and sometimes

we punish them for being loyal," she said.

Reed and James Kelley (Palmyra) stressed the urgency of getting this new data to the supervisors.

"Kind of sucks to be here when they're making some pretty big moves down the hill right now," said Kelley.

At the work session, the supervisors could not see a path toward funding the entire request.

The budget they discussed allocated only \$761,000 of the \$1.9 million under the proposed real estate tax rate. Funding the full amount would mean cutting \$1.2 million

from an already lean budget or raising the real estate tax rate.

They are open to allocating more. Supervisor Mike Goad (Fork Union)

said they "really need to dig deep here and figure out what we're looking at, but I would like to get closer to at least a number where the teachers are able to have that increase."

No decisions were made at the work session, and the debate over funding will go on for the next several weeks.

"I know things are tough down the hill," said Kelley. "I know that setting a tax rate is difficult. That's the job they are elected for, and we are elected to advocate and tell the Board of Supervisors what we need."

If the supervisors provide only partial funding, the School Board will have to figure out what parts of their budget they can fund.

"Ultimately, cutting corners and not funding education leads to terrible outcomes for our kids," Kelley said.

"We have kids that are doing fantastic work with less," said Reed. "So imagine what our teachers and students could do with more. They would be amazing."

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The Marina Team would like to remind Lake Monticello boaters that slip and kayak rack rental fees were due March 1st and are now considered past due. There is a grace period until March 31st, so if you would like to keep your rack or slip, please contact the Marina. Payments can be made over the phone by calling (434) 589-1692, or stop by Thursday- Monday from 10 AM- 4 PM. If not paid by March 31, your spot will be given to someone on the waiting list.

Another 3 Opportunities to Volunteer at the Lake!

Our community thrives thanks to the countless volunteers who serve on our board, committees, and workgroups and help run

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1. Fluvanna Habitat will be having their Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 26. If you are interested in playing in the tournament, you can find information for registration on their website: <https://fluvannahabitat.org/news/>. Or, if you are a business that would like to sponsor the event or you are interested in volunteering to help with the event, please contact Kellie O'Connor at 434-589-3752 or office@fluvannahabitat.org.

2. Do you like being out on the water, helping your neighbors, and ensuring a safe and fun summer at Lake Monticello? If so, you may be interested in joining the Volunteer Water Safety Team! Their mission is to promote and enhance the safety of LMOA members and guests while on the waters of Lake Monticello through education, outreach, and presence. Their slogan is 'neighbors helping neighbors'. No boating experience is necessary; they will teach you everything you need to know! Join them for their season kick-off event on Saturday, March 29 from 9 - 11 AM for a light breakfast and update session. It will be held at Ashlawn Clubhouse. Meet current volunteers and learn more about

this fun volunteer opportunity. Email LMOAWaterSafety@gmail.com for more information and to let them know you will be joining them.

3. Lake Monticello Beautification Corps needs your support on April 5 to help clean up Lake Monticello Road. Together, you'll tackle the challenge of clearing roadside trash from the Route 53 roundabout to South Boston Road. Gather at the Ashlawn Clubhouse at 9 AM, LMBC is providing safety vests, gloves, and trash grabbers, and trash bags. Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the outdoors, and remember to bring a water bottle to stay hydrated. The cleanup will take about 2 to 3 hours.

Community Spring Cleaning

If you live at the Lake and are itching to dive into spring cleaning, mark your calendars for the Community Yard Sale on April 12 and Bulk Trash Pickup April 21-24. These annual events are always a hit with our Lake community. It not only saves you a trip to the dump, but it is also a fun opportunity to find new treasures by reusing or upcycling items your neighbors are letting go of. Sign up to be included on the yard sale map by emailing memberservices@lmoa.org. If you want to dispose of yard sale leftovers, please bring them back indoors until the week of bulk trash pickup or regular trash day which are just a week later!

Wildlife Tips for March

Brought to you by Tish O'Connor of the LMOA Wildlife Committee

March is a month with nature days to celebrate: the first day of spring, daylight savings time, International Day of Forests, and World Wildlife Day. Many migratory birds are flying north again to their breeding grounds.

Mark your calendar for a program by the Virginia Wilderness Committee to be held at Ashlawn Clubhouse on Sunday, March 23 at 2 PM. Ellen Stuart will discuss native plants and their benefits for our yards and natural habitats. Our Wildlife Committee sponsored this program.

Bearwise.org tells us that in March, some black bears leave their dens to stretch their legs and then go back to sleep. Other bears leave their dens for good. Bears emerge skinny, groggy, and thirsty. They eat lightly at first and look for old berries, acorns, and winterkill carcasses. Now is a good time to make sure anything around your property that could possibly attract a hungry bear is stored out of sight, smell, and reach.

Learn how to select a tree for your property that will have the best chance to survive. Charlottesville Area Tree Steward Tim Maywalt, discussed best practices for planting and demonstrated how to care for your newly planted tree and your other trees for the long term on March 11. You can still watch that program by visiting the Charlottesville Area Tree Stewards website which provides past presentations and helpful advice.

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POLAR PLUNGE: Fund raiser > Saturday, MARCH 29 at 41 Ashlawn Blvd. LMOA Main Beach, inside the Lake, Time: 3 to 5 p.m. Raffles, Candy Bars, Craft Table, Cotton Candy, and Hot Chocolate ! All Donations will go to the TEAM FOR KIDS charity. Shae Sebetzki will run the NYC marathon in November in honor of this charity. Come Join in the FUN !

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Community Calendar



QR Code provided by the Fluvanna Leadership Development Program

Quit smoking

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Create a wildlife sanctuary

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 Clubhouse 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.

G.I. breakfast

Central Virginia Veterans will be holding its monthly 'G.I. style' breakfast on **March 29**. At 8:15 a.m. at Wahoo BBQ & Grill, Slice Road Gate, Lake Monticello. Cost-\$12 per person,(cash only please). Veterans and souses/friends are welcome. Questions? Contact Paul (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.

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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.



**PUBLIC NOTICE
THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
FOR
THE COUNTY OF FLUVANNA**

Public notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization for Fluvanna County will meet for the purpose of hearing complaints of inequalities wherein the property owners allege a lack of uniformity in assessment, or errors in acreage in such real estate assessments. The Board shall also hear complaints that real property is assessed at more than fair market value. Upon hearing such complaints, either oral or written, the Board will give consideration and **INCREASE, DECREASE, OR AFFIRM** such real estate assessments. Before a change can be granted, the taxpayer or his agent must overcome a clear presumption in favor of the assessment. The taxpayer or agent must show by a preponderance of the evidence that the property in question is valued at more than its fair market value or that the assessment is not uniform in its application and that it was not arrived at in accordance with generally accepted appraisal practices, procedures, rules, and standards as prescribed by nationally recognized professional appraisal organizations such as the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) and applicable Virginia law relating to valuation of property.

If you wish to appeal your 2025 Real Estate Assessment, please contact the Board of Equalization at (434) 591-1903 or boe@fluvannacounty.org by April 18, 2025 to register your appeal.

Meetings of the Board to hear objections will be held at the Morris Room in the Fluvanna County Administration Building, 132 Main Street, Palmyra, VA 22963

(Dates and times will be scheduled if necessary and advertised)

By order of the Fluvanna County Board of Equalization



**PUBLIC HEARING
Fluvanna County Planning Commission
Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 15.2-1427 and 15.2-2204, a Public Hearing will be held in the Morris Room in the County Administration Building at 132 Main Street, Palmyra, Virginia 22963 for citizens of the County to have the opportunity to appear before and be heard by the Planning Commission for the following items:

SUP 25:01 Sprouse, a specialty retail store – A Special Use Permit request in the A-1, Agricultural, General District for a specialty retail store on an approximately 7-acre parcel located at 1474 North Boston Road, Troy, Virginia 22964 and also known as Tax Map Parcel 10-A-60A. This parcel is located in the Rural Residential Planning Area and in the Columbia Magisterial District.

SUP 25:02 Seven Islands Riverfront Campsites – A Special Use Permit request in the A-1, Agricultural, General District for a primitive campground with three campsites on approximately 6-acres of an approximately 80-acre parcel located on the south side of the James River and also known as Tax Map Parcel 57-A-34. This parcel is located in the Rural Preservation Planning Area of the Fork Union Magisterial District and is accessed from Route 652 (Bridge Port Road) in Buckingham County.

Details of these requests are available for public review at <https://www.fluvannacounty.org/> and at the Planning and Zoning Department during normal business hours. Questions may be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department, at (434) 591-1910. All interested persons wishing to be heard are invited to attend the public hearing.

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment and announce a public hearing on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regarding a proposed landfill in Fluvanna COUNTY, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: MARCH 20, 2025 to May 7, 2025

PUBLIC HEARING: Fluvanna Community Center, Stage Room, 5725 James Madison Hwy, Fork Union, VA on April 22, 2025, at 6 pm

PERMIT NAME AND NUMBER: Bremo Bluff Fossil Fuel Combustion Products (FFCP) Management Facility, SWP627

PERMIT APPLICANT: Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Virginia, 120 Tredegar Street, Richmond, VA, 23219

FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Bremo Bluff FFCP Management Facility, located on an adjacent parcel at the east side of the retired Dominion Energy Bremo Power Station located at 1038 Bremo Bluff Road, east of Route 15 (James Madison Highway) and north of the James River, in Bremo Bluff

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Dominion Energy Virginia has applied for a permit to build a new landfill, called Bremo Bluff FFCP Management Facility, adjacent to the retired Bremo Power Station. The proposed landfill has been designed in accordance the requirements of Federal Rule 40 CFR 257, as incorporated into the Virginia Solid Waste Management Regulations (9VAC20-81). The facility will receive mainly FFCP, consisting primarily of coal combustion by products, as defined under 9 Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) 20-81-10, which encompass coal combustion residuals (CCR), as defined under 40 CFR 257.53, during the closure of the CCR North Surface Impoundment (North Pond) located at the retired Bremo Power Station. The CCR in the North Pond was previously generated during operation of the retired Bremo Power Station. The North Pond is required by the Virginia Code §10.1-1402.03 to be closed by removal or beneficiation of impounded CCR. The landfill will include a liner system, leachate collection system, final cover system, and groundwater monitoring system as required by 40 CFR 257 and 9VAC20-81.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts comments by hand-delivery, e-mail (BremoPowerStationWastePermit@deq.virginia.gov), or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. DEQ also accepts written and oral comments at public hearings. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named below. A copy of the draft permit and application are also available at Fluvanna County Public Library at 214 Commons Blvd, Palmyra, VA 963.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Mr. JengHwa Lyang, Solid Waste Permit Writer, Valley Regional Office - Virginia DEQ, 4411 Early Road, P.O. Box 3000, Harrisonburg, VA 22801; Phone: 540-

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Dutch bob feature
- 6 Get-rich-quick offer, usually
- 10 Uno y dos
- 14 Watchful
- 15 Pop choice
- 16 Island dance
- 17 Photovoltaic devices
- 19 Viva voce
- 20 Studio time
- 21 Hyundai model
- 23 With arms and legs outstretched
- 26 Like some glances
- 29 Burst of wind
- 30 Fine and dandy (var.)
- 32 Puts into piles
- 37 Prayer ending
- 38 Demolish
- 40 Betting group
- 41 Gives in
- 43 Summer Olympics sport
- 45 "This ___ hurt a bit"
- 47 Kind of cut or skirt
- 48 Type of jobs
- 53 Bring to a boil?
- 54 Sno Ball maker
- 58 Fix, as text
- 59 Call attention to
- 62 Garage service
- 63 Slangy denial
- 64 Occur as a result
- 65 Fortune teller
- 66 Liquid lunch, perhaps
- 67 Orchestra section

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- 3 "I Remember Mama" role
- 4 Prairie
- 5 Old Glory features
- 6 Screenplay part
- 7 Army rank (Abbr.)
- 8 Part of "snafu"
- 9 Common people, with "the"
- 10 Beach sandal
- 11 Like farm country
- 12 Thrill to death
- 13 Waldorf, for one
- 18 Trumpet's kin
- 22 Cheerios grain
- 24 Disturb
- 25 Gold coin of old
- 26 Strike breaker
- 27 Hefty book
- 28 Store sign
- 31 Dots on a map
- 33 Favorable, as a time
- 34 Medieval crucifix
- 35 Kind of bridge
- 36 ___ gin fizz
- 39 100th of a drachma
- 42 Big drink
- 44 Sunrise greeter
- 46 "___ Eleven" (Clooney film)
- 48 Fruit skins
- 49 Not warranted
- 50 Payola, e.g.
- 51 Down the road
- 52 Aviary sound
- 55 Alleviate
- 56 Style of poker
- 57 Spots
- 60 Murmur
- 61 PC "brain"

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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SUDOKU

Edited by Margie E. Burke

Difficulty: Easy

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HOW TO SOLVE:

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

Answer to Previous Sudoku:

8	9	6	4	2	7	1	3	5
7	5	3	8	6	1	9	4	2
2	4	1	3	9	5	7	8	6
6	2	5	1	4	9	3	7	8
9	3	7	2	8	6	5	1	4
4	1	8	7	5	3	6	2	9
1	6	4	9	7	8	2	5	3
5	7	2	6	3	4	8	9	1
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Commissioners defer action on municipal waste ordinance change

Shifflett steps down as Rivanna commissioner

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

Concerns about a single word being struck from a county ordinance led the Planning Commission to defer action at its monthly meeting on Tuesday (March 11).

Planning Director Todd Fortune and County Attorney Dan Whitten had recommended striking the word “municipal” from an ordinance that regulates waste facilities in the county.

“The intent here is basically to give some more flexibility on the source,” said Fortune. “The term ‘municipal’ indicates it has to be a public entity from which the facility collects its waste.”

The public hearing on the change was first advertised for earlier in the year, but was delayed due to bad weather.

Before the cancellation, some community members raised concerns that the amended ordinance could open the door to all types of waste being transported into Fluvanna – including industrial, medical, and perhaps even nuclear waste.

“I’m surprised,” said Paul Crowther, the only speaker during the public

hearing. “I thought I was going to have trouble parking.”

Crowther’s concern was the vague wording of the ordinance and the lack of clarity over what private companies could ship into the county. “I don’t want to start bringing that stuff into our backyard.”

Whitten explained that any non-municipal waste was monitored by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), but Crowther did not find that comforting.

“With what is going on in this country right now with everything being cut – who knows if there’s going to be a DEQ next week?”

Whitten felt that was unlikely, but Commissioner Kathleen Kilpatrick (Fork Union) said that as a former director of a state agency, she thought it was possible that loss of federal grant funding could indeed limit oversight.

“Impacts to state agencies are an issue,” she said, “including employees’ capacity.”

Commissioners voted 4-0 to defer action until its April meeting to give

the Planning Department time to look into the matter or make some suggestions on how to strengthen the ordinance.

Earlier in the meeting, Fortune noted that Rivanna Commissioner Eddie Shifflett had resigned from his position. No reason was given at the meeting for the resignation, and he was not present for the session.

Shifflett was appointed by the Board of Supervisors to an unexpired term in May 2024 and had more than a year left to serve.

Supervisors will appoint a replacement at an upcoming meeting.

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Safety initiative launched to prevent farm vehicle accidents

VIRGINIA FARM BUREAU PRESS RELEASE

Spring is when drivers will be sharing the road with farmers moving oversized equipment. And when normal traffic meets up with larger, slower vehicles, there's an increased risk of accidents.

That is one of the reasons the Virginia Farm Bureau Farm Safety Program started a new initiative—Safety Awareness for Farm Equipment on Roadways, or SAFER.

The initiative kicked off with a contest to raise awareness of slow-moving and large farm equipment on the roadways, and the potential dangers involved in transporting them.

The Farm Bureau safety program is inviting community groups and civic and youth organizations to create visual displays depicting the size difference between farm equipment and regular vehicles. The goal is to have displays in high-traffic public areas that will help make drivers more aware of farm equipment on the roadways.

"If you can't see a farmer, then they can't see you," noted Matt Nuckols, chair of Farm Bureau Farm Safety Advisory Committee. "And besides, it's illegal to pass on a roadway with a double solid line—even if the driver ahead of you is going extremely slow."

Additionally, one contest category is for educational campaigns that don't

involve a physical display, and another is for the most effective use of media channels to educate drivers about the presence of farm equipment on roadways.

The contest runs through Oct. 31, and winners will be eligible for thousands of dollars in cash prizes. For details, visit vafb.com/Safety.

Many Virginia farmers don't have the luxury of cultivating all their acreage on one farm. They often have to move equipment from field to field as they plant, tend and harvest crops.

Springtime in Virginia is when farmers are planting corn and soybeans while also harvesting barley, rye and wheat. Some of them also start cutting hay in May, Nuckols explained. The equipment needed for planting and harvesting includes applicators, balers, combines and sprayers, some of which can be up to 16 feet wide. When the average highway lane is 10 to 12 feet, that means there's not much room for maneuvering.

Drivers shouldn't assume that a farmer can pull over to let someone pass. Shoulder conditions may make it unsafe to pull heavy equipment to the side of the road.

But make sure you know the farmer's intentions before passing.

Farmers with large equipment are usually easy to spot. Virginia law requires vehicles that travel slower than 25 mph and are being driven on public roads to be equipped with rear-mounted triangular slow-moving vehicle emblems. These reflective orange signs act as a warning to approaching drivers to slow down.

Farm equipment can't stop quickly. For example, if the equipment is traveling 15 mph, it would take a car traveling

55 mph 5 seconds to brake 300 feet—the length of a football field—to avoid a collision.

Often drivers think they can quickly pass farming equipment, but what if the farmer is planning to make a left-hand turn while you're passing?

"It could be disastrous," Nuckols said. "And because farm equipment is so large, the car may take the brunt of the damage."



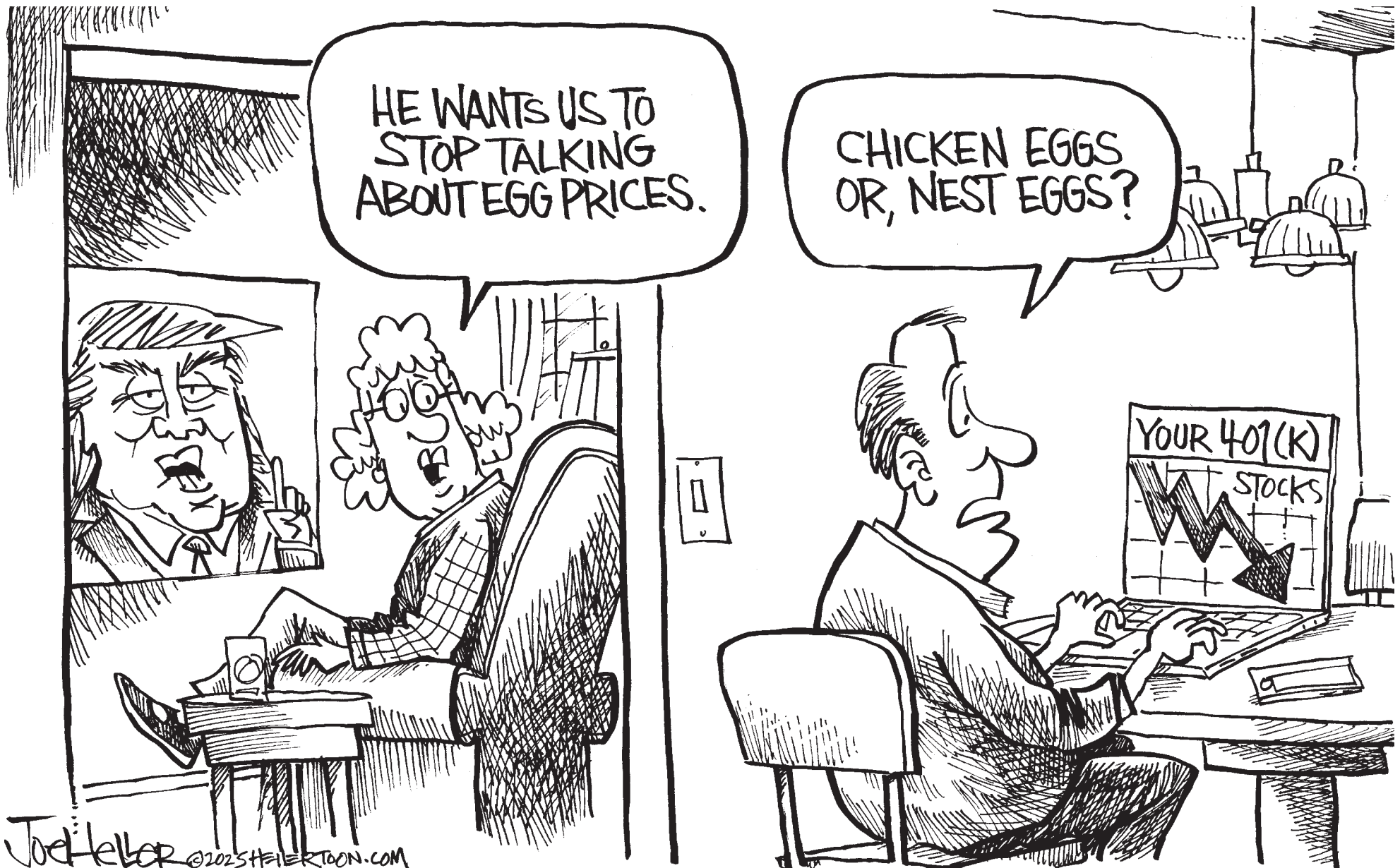
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