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Horticultural Scholarship deadline April 4

CONTRIBUTED BY E. DIANNE CAMPBELL



Master Gardener Mary Watt Bowers readies colorful annuals for the plant sale which funds the Horticultural Scholarship. Photo courtesy of E. Dianne Campbell

The April 4 deadline is fast approaching for the Fluvanna Master Gardener's \$1,000 horticultural scholarship.

The application is easily accessed through the Master Gardener homepage at www.fluvannamg.org. It must be completed, printed, and sent to the

Virginia Cooperative Extension Office, 5725 James Madison Hwy, Fork Union, VA 23055, and received by April 4.

The recipient must be a resident of Fluvanna County who is planning post-secondary studies in the 2025-26 academic year. The scholarship can be applied to academic or vocational education, as long as the program is related to horticultural involvement. All Fluvanna Master Gardeners' activities are directed to education and involvement in the specific ecosystem of our community and have the objective of maintaining a healthy and sustainable environment.

"There is an incredible variety of occupations related to horticulture," observes Donna McCarthy, chair of the FMG Scholarship committee, "and our \$1,000 scholarship can be applied to post-secondary studies in any one of them. Our goal is to encourage involvement in careers related to this very important aspect of living and working in Fluvanna County."

Funds for the Horticulture Scholarship come from the Annual Fluvanna Master Gardener Plant Sale which offers a wide variety of native plants, attractors, pollinator perennials, annuals, herbs and vegetables. This year's plant sale is Saturday, May 3, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, at the Jefferson Shopping Center Park 'n Ride at Turkeysag Plaza in Palmyra.

Fluco baseball falls in opener to Wilson Memorial

BY DUNCAN NIXON CORRESPONDENT



Fluco baseball. Photo by Duncan Nixon

In a pre-season interview, Fluco baseball Coach Joel Gray commented that his pitching staff would be good, if they didn't allow too many walks. Twelve walks in seven innings are too many walks. The Wilson Memorial Green Hornets spoiled the Flucos home opener on March 18 by scoring ten runs to five runs for the Flucos. Seven of the Green Hornets runs were scored by players who reached base

on walks and another who scored was hit by a pitch.

The Green Hornets jumped to an early lead in the first inning on a threerun home run by its clean-up hitter. Falling behind by three in the first inning is troubling but not insurmountable. Unfortunately for the Flucos, the Green Hornets were not done. They added two more runs in the top of the second inning on a walk, a hit batter, a wild pitch, a sacrifice fly and a double. Wilson Memorial went up 8-1 in the top of the fourth with three more runs on three walks, a wild pitch and a timely single. The Flucos responded with three runs of its own in the bottom of the fourth. Eight Flucos batted in their half of the inning. Junior catcher Carson Raines started the rally after one out when he singled. Junior third baseman Kyle Harris reached first on an infield error. Senior centerfielder Jayden Hoy singled to score Raines. Freshman Jacob Loving dropped a successful sacrifice bunt to move Harris and Hoy to second and third. Lead-off batter sophomore Brody Shields then singled to score two.

Wilson Memorial added two more

Letters to the Editor

Novel idea

What is emerging is a rather novel way to reduce, or eliminate, immigration. People have striven to come here for a society that extends civil rights to all people, and offers opportunities to work for a decent quality of life. How about we just make the U.S. less attractive to them! Just make

the U.S. more like the places they are trying to escape! Let's tear down humanitarian services and benefits for the general good of the population, education, justice systems. Let's make it authoritarian, lawless, oppressive,... you know, great.

-Rebecca Smith, Palmyra _____

Assault on democracy

The Musk/Trump/Doge Agenda is clear.

- 1. Lie about massive waste, fraud and abuse. They claim, for example, that hundreds of millions of your money is spent on experimentation on transgender mice. In fact, it is spent on lifesaving medical research on transgenic mice; mice genetically modified to more closely resemble humans. You will discover most of their examples are made-up nonsense, but they're counting on you not looking too closely.
- 2. Lie about unproductive federal employees. These people serve us every day in ways we often don't notice. They protect our health, our food, water and air, our workplaces, our nuclear stockpile. They make sure the rich pay their taxes. They serve our children, our disabled, our elderly, our vulnerable. They predict the weather and respond to disasters. They keep our parks open and accessible. They serve our veterans. Thirty percent of them are our veterans.

3. Slash funding to these necessary federal agencies. Give this money back in tax cuts. Yes, for the destruction of all these vital services you will get a few hundred dollars in tax breaks, while billionaires and wealthy corporations will rake in the millions. In the end, you will be poorer for it. If you live in a state that actually cares about its people, your state taxes will rise as they try to mitigate some of the damage.

- 4. When these defunded agencies can no longer function, suggest that privatizing them is the solution to their inefficiency.
- 5. Do all of this in ways that are openly illegal and/or unconstitutional. When challenged in the courts and losing, blame the justice system for standing in the way of a democratically elected leader trying to "save our country." Ignore court orders and impeach the judges that rule against them.

This is how oligarchy works and how democracy ends. They are already coming for you. Stand up now. Do something that makes clear this is not normal and you will not tolerate it.

-Norman Solowey, Palmyra

Dad helping Ukraine

I am a Scout who is working on the Communication merit badge and one of the requirements is to write to an editor of a local newspaper sharing an opinion about a topic. I am writing to you about how I am thankful for the U.S. helping Ukraine with the war. My

_____ in the top of the sixth and the Flucos plated their final run in the bottom of the seventh. The Flucos final run came in a manner consistent with the way the Green Hornets scored most of its runs. Walks to Tom Custer, Sam Loving and Cam Via loaded the bases. After a strike-out, reserve catcher, sophomore Noah Washington launched a long fly to deep right field that could have gone for a triple or a home run, but it didn't. The Green Hornets' right fielder hauled it in and the result was only a sacrifice fly.

dad is in the military reserves and at this time is in Europe doing his part to help. I am proud that he is doing that and thankful that he has an opportunity to do that instead of just standing aside.

-Lucy Lein, Palmyra

Statistically this game was closer than the final score. Wilson Memorial had seven hits and ten runs. Its pitchers struck out ten and walked five. The Flucos had seven hits and five runs. Fluco pitchers struck out ten, but allowed twelve walks.

The Flucos played at Waynesboro on March 20 and at Wilson Memorial on March 21. They were home against Madison on March 25. After a break, they will play at Charlottesville on April 8 and host Albemarle High on April 10.

After Covid halt, bingo is back

CONTRIBUTED BY MIKE FEAZEL



Diane Allen collects "scratcher" winnings from bingo volunteer Jean Shore. Photo courtesy of Mike Feazel

Bingo is back at Lake Monticello Fire & Rescue, starting April 4, with a new day – every Friday evening – a new band of volunteers, a renovated bingo machine, new food options and updated systems, said Carol Sorber, one of the organizers.

The doors will open at the fire house at 5 p.m. every Friday, with play beginning at 6:30 p.m. As before, prizes for regular games will be \$100, with a progressive games increasing \$100 per week, and a \$1,000 jackpot.

Thursday night bingo had been a staple for Lake Monticello Volunteer Fire & Rescue (LMVFRS) for decades until Covid-19. It re-opened after the pandemic, but not all the regular players returned, and it shut down in 2023.

"After COVID, attendance never quite returned to previous levels, yet it still required the same number of volunteers," said John Lye, president of LMVFRS. "Additionally, we faced ongoing challenges in recruiting enough volunteers to keep bingo fully staffed."

But the lost bingo revenue was a big factor for the fire & rescue department, Lye said. He said the department is only partially funded by the county, and relies on other sources, including bingo and its annual fund drive, to close the funding gap. "Bingo was one of our most effective ways to raise



much-needed funds," Lye said. "We're optimistic that it will once again play a vital role in supporting our mission." The funds raised through bingo will go to purchase equipment and fund operations.

Sorber's group has been working since December to re-start the bingo. She said that has included "going through state training, inventorying the available supplies, and planning how we might bring the bingo program back to life. We had to drag it into the 21st century -- from a pencil and paper accounting system to computer-generated state forms and reports."

Much of the work involved making sure the fire bingo complies with all state regulations, said Sorber, who was a caller for another bingo in Mt. Vernon in the 1970s. "Today's bingo is regulated by the Commonwealth of Virginia," she said. "There is significant paperwork to complete and report regularly. We have to account for everything. That wasn't the case in the 1970s."

In preparing for the re-opening, Sorber said her group (Julianne DeVarennes, Janet Girton, and Jean Shore) contacted former of volunteers and former regular players, asking about ways to improve the experience, such as streamlining the purchase of bingo cards and by cleaning and overhauling the large board that displays the bingo equipment numbers.

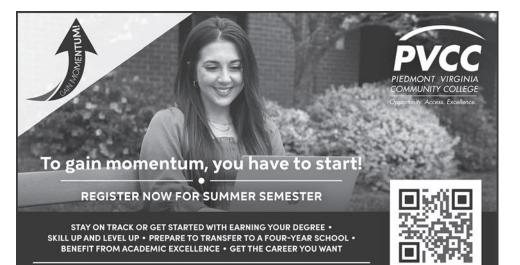
Organizers decided not to use the Maple Room kitchen for food and beverages during bingo. Instead, various food trucks will be available Friday evenings. The change benefits local businesses, Lye said, and it "will allow for more variety of food options for our patrons and allows our volunteers to concentrate on the bingo side, and not have to work the kitchen as well."

They also decided to switch the bingo night to Friday from Thursday. In previous years, the Lake Monticello bingo was on Thursdays to avoid conflicting with several other bingos on Friday nights. But some of the Friday games have closed, Lye said, and organizers thought Friday evenings might be more convenient and attract more players.

"We're thrilled to have a dedicated group of volunteers ready to take the reins and breathe new life into bingo," Lye said. "Their enthusiasm and fresh approach are truly inspiring, and we can't wait to see them in action."

The group did a trial-run bingo night March 21 to work out any kinks, with more than 70 "friends and family" playing. Organizers and players said it went very well.

No one under 16 will be allowed in the Maple Room while bingo is being played. Children 16-17 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



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How to Avoid ID Thieves This Tax Season

The vast amount of information shared online during tax season makes it a haven for identity thieves, and they're doing everything they can to take advantage of the opportunity! Here are several ways that identity thieves are targeting you, how to protect yourself, common signs of ID theft, and steps to take if you become a victim.

How Identity Thieves Target You

• Impersonating the IRS. Thieves call you and claim to be the IRS. They will try to intimidate you into making an immediate payment using a gift card or wire service. Remember, the IRS will physically mail you a letter as a means of first contact. And the IRS will never call you to demand an immediate payment.

• Filing a fraudulent tax return. Identity thieves try to file a tax return using your Social Security number before you do. So consider filing your tax return as quickly as you can to beat identity thieves at their own game.

• **Phishing schemes.** Be on the lookout for unsolicited emails, text messages, and social media posts that prompt you to share personal and financial information. These messages could also contain viruses, spyware, or other malware that could infect your electronic devices.Start your planning now.

Common signs of ID theft

- Here are some of the common signs of identity theft according to the IRS:
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- You receive a tax transcript you didn't request from the IRS.
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- You find out that more than one tax return was filed using your Social Security number.
- You receive tax documents from an employer you do not know.

Other signs of identity theft include:

- Unexplained withdrawals on bank statements.
- Mysterious credit card charges.
- Your credit report shows accounts you didn't open.

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If you discover that you're a victim of identity theft, consider taking the following action:

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• Place a fraud alert on your credit reports. To avoid long-lasting impact, contact any one of the three major credit reporting agencies–Equifax, Experian or TransUnion–to request a fraud alert. This alert covers all three of your credit files.

• Report the theft to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). Visit identitytheft.gov or call 877-438-4338. The FTC will provide a recovery plan and offer updates if you set up an account on the website.

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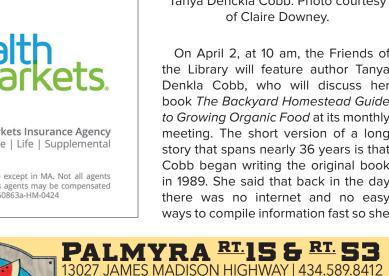
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Backyard organic gardening subject of next FOL meeting

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD CORRESPONDENT



Tanva Denckla Cobb. Photo courtesv

On April 2, at 10 am, the Friends of the Library will feature author Tanya Denkla Cobb, who will discuss her book The Backyard Homestead Guide to Growing Organic Food at its monthly meeting. The short version of a long story that spans nearly 36 years is that Cobb began writing the original book in 1989. She said that back in the day there was no internet and no easy ways to compile information fast so she interviewed experts, and researched books, and magazines on the subject.

"I did this out of necessity," she said. "My first husband and I were going to run an organic farm." She self-published the book and it sold out in six months. A publisher took over the printing and throughout the past decades Cobb has updated it and it has been re-printed into its current form.

There is so much to learn about organic gardening. Cobb said there is not a one-size-fits-all when it comes to how you do it.

"The key principle is the soil, the basis for the garden. Sun is important and water is important, aeration, and planning and prevention." She calls areas where gardens grow micro climates, where one thing will grow in one area it may not in another, and that could mean you can grow beets but your neighbor can't. "Test your soil. Send a sample to the cooperative extension. This way you find out what the soil is missing and replace it."

Cobb is excited about the variety of fruits and vegetables she grows, including a Puerto Rican pepper, super-large cherry tomatoes, long seedless cucumbers, sweet potatoes, berries, apples, and more.

Pests and prevention of other things such as mildew, Cobb suggested being proactive in a healthy way and avoiding pesticides. She prefers what she calls mechanical means for ridding the garden of pests rather than reaching immediately for biological deterrents such as Neem oil for Japanese beetles.

"This means the biological deterrent will remain in the soil for less time than a commercial pesticide that will last for years." And since healthy soil is key to a successful organic garden, pesticides are frowned upon and biological ones are a last resort. Some methods to handle pesky critters like Japanese beetles are spraying with soapy water or banging them off with a broom or swallowing them up with a dust buster. "We need to ask ourselves what we are doing to harm the soil or pollinators?" She added that the book has a comprehensive pest section to address gardening questions when they arise.

The book is a compilation of scientific research and anecdotal remedies used throughout the centuries.

"We'll know things in ten years we did not know now," she said, looking forward to the next update of her book.



Gretz named 2026 Region V superintendent of the year

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Peter Gretz. Submitted photo

Now in his fourth year as the superintendent of Fluvanna County Public Schools, Dr. Peter M. Gretz has been named the 2026 Virginia Association of School Superintendents (VASS) Region V Superintendent of the Year. Dr. Gretz will formally be recognized during the annual VASS conference in April.

"Dr. Gretz's leadership has been essential to the success of our school division and students, and we are very honored to have him as a part of our school community," says Andrew Pullen, Fluvanna County School Board chairman. "On behalf of the school board, we congratulate him on his achievement of being selected as the 2026 Superintendent of the Year for Region V."

During his tenure with Fluvanna, all Fluvanna County Public Schools have been fully accredited for the 11th consecutive year, and the on-time graduation rate remains among the highest in Virginia. He has emphasized student-centered learning and a commitment to a balanced assessment profile that de-emphasizes the low-level, rote, standards-driven testing required by the state and given prominence to hands-on learning and authentic assessments that allow students to demonstrate mastery of skills.

"This is a humbling recognition," said Gretz. "I have been fortunate to have wonderful mentors throughout my career and am blessed to work with an exceptional team of inspiring leaders and educators in Fluvanna. Any success I've experienced is the result of having had the opportunity to learn with and from them."

His leadership has been devoted to the development of a new strategic plan that focuses on transformational relationships and deeper learning across the division as well as enhancing communication throughout the school community. He is committed to building trusting relationships with all members of the school community and maintains an open-door policy, welcoming all conversations about how to best support, improve and promote the work of the schools.

"His leadership within the region has been exemplary," remarked Doug Straley, Louisa County Superintendent and 2024 VASS Superintendent of the Year. "Throughout his career, Pete's leadership has consistently exemplified a commitment to innovation, fiscal responsibility, and most importantly, the well-being of the students and staff he serves."

Just prior to coming to Fluvanna, Gretz led the Middlesex schools to be the first district east of the Mississippi to be fully powered by renewable energy, saving local taxpayers millions in avoided energy costs. He has since become an advocate of Power Purchase Agreements and was instrumental in helping Fluvanna adopt its own school solar project and savings.

He has also advocated for increased state investment in school construction and renovation and was instrumental in revitalizing the general assembly's commitment to making school construction funds available for localities.

A former Teacher of the Year in 1993, he remains primarily focused on teaching and learning. His shared vision for the schools communicates an urgency to empower students to cultivate a passion for lifelong learning and to equip them to have a positive impact.

Dr. Gretz became Superintendent of Fluvanna Schools in 2021. Previously, he served as superintendent of the Middlesex County Public Schools for five years. Now in his 34th year as a Virginia educator, he has served in many localities across the state, including Goochland, Buckingham, and Orange, as a district instructional leader, principal and English teacher. He was named Teacher of the Year in Washington County in 1993.

Dr. Gretz earned a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Virginia Tech, a Master of Arts in Education Leadership from East Tennessee State University, and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Emory and Henry College. He is also a graduate of the inaugural UVA School Finance cohort class implemented in partnership with the Virginia Association of School Business Officials.

He has been an adjunct faculty member since 2014, teaching graduate master's and doctoral studies in educational leadership for JMU, Longwood and VCU. He is Chair of Region V, consisting of 20 school divisions in Central and Southwest Virginia, and is Vice President of the Coalition of Small and Rural Schools in Virginia.

He and his wife, Sara, live in Palmyra with their four children, all of whom attend the Fluvanna County Public Schools.

One dead, three injured in Fluvanna crash

VIRGINIA STATE POLICE PRESS RELEASE

Virginia State Police is investigating a fatal two-vehicle crash involving a Fluvanna County emergency vehicle that occurred March 19 at 7:51 a.m. at the intersection of Rt. 15 (James Madison Highway) and Rt. 6 (East River Road) in Fluvanna County.

A 2022 Ford F-550 Fluvanna County emergency vehicle was heading northbound on Rt. 15 when it was unable to avoid a 1998 Ford F-150 that had pulled into the intersection from Rt. 6. There is a stop sign on Rt. 6 and the emergency vehicle did have its lights and siren activated. The emergency vehicle struck the F-150 on the driver's side. The driver of the F-150, Luis J. Sanchez, 61, of Henrico, died at the scene. Sanchez was wearing a seatbelt. A passenger in the vehicle, Marco H. Guerrero, 42, suffered serious injuries and was taken to an area hospital. He was wearing a seatbelt.

The driver of the emergency vehicle, Virginia R. Davis, 21, of Waynesboro, suffered serious injuries. A passenger, Hunter C. Aimes, 32, suffered minor injuries. Both were wearing seatbelts and both were transported to area hospitals.

The crash remains under investigation.

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November Property Transfers

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

11/01/24

Pearson Properties LLC to Sutherland Timber SA LLC. See document for description. \$2,319,615.

11/04/24

11/06/24

\$525,000.

1.231 Acres. \$178.800.

Inc. 1.936 Acres. \$61,000.

for description. \$250,000.

5.865 Acres. \$4,500,000.

Summer Tocci. \$87,800.

1/2 Acre. \$60.000.

Grayson, Christy L. to Tocci, Andrew and Summer Tocci. 10 Acres. \$260,000. Grayson, Christy L. to Tocci, Andrew and

Newton, Irene T. to Telia, Kenene Tulema.

Hunsaker, Nathan H. to Gomez, Miguel

Peterson, Sean L. to Belew, Dereck and

Lauren Belew and Cristina Zorrila, TR. Lot

86 Phase 3 Sycamore Square Subdivision.

Brandon Edward and Timothy Ryan Evans.

Truist Bank to Truop46 LLC. See document

Union Baptist Church... to Daddy Rabbit

Macon Partners LLP to HS Plaza LLC.

Angel. Lot 48 Fieldstone. \$460,000.

Johnson, Leaonard Ed... to Johnson,

11/12/24

LM. \$400,000.

Silas Laverne & Lorna... to Nasir, Kamal and Sharareh Nasir. Lot 167 Phase Four Fairway LM. \$380,000.

Councill, Cheryl Lynn to Raine, Bruce

Phase 9 Knollwood LM, \$146,500.

Henry IV. 9.787 Acres. \$825,000.

Chandler, Henry A. to Starkey, James

Haldeman. Lot 125 Phase Nine Knollwood

Hanson, Michael to McClain, Jill M. Lot 109

Braun, Jeffrey H. to Miller, Clayton. Lot 305 Phase 12 Edgewood LM. \$235,000.

11/13/24

Smith, Margie H. to Flint Hill Properties VA LLC. Lot 161 Phase 5 Tufton LM. \$200,00. Malcolm, Alyson to Aguillon, Jesus Marti-

nez and Maria Belem Ayala Marmolejo. 2 Acres. \$353,000. 11/14/24

Cooper, James A. to Gantt, Anna C. and John Gantt. Lot 20 Phase 1 B and 2 Oaks Subdivision. \$387,000.

11/15/24

Kraus, Allison to Collins, Maura and Austin Collins. 2.087 Acres. \$460,000.

Powell, Jaclyn Morgan to Cumberland Trust and Invest...and Armistead Martin Family Irrev... \$600,000.

NSCB LLC to Day, Allison and Ethan Hayes. Lot 57 Phase 12 Edgewood LM. \$395,000.

11/18/24

Hughes, Allison Aldre... to Hughes, Benjamin Graham. 6.496 Acres. \$245,000.

Russell, Synthia R. TR to Shurack, Michael E. and Kimberly C. Shurack. Lot 352 Phase 5 Addition One Tufton LM. \$345,000.

Liberty Homes VA Inc. to Williams, Anthony and Lisa Williams. Lot 337 Phase 12 Edgewood LM. \$335.640.

11/19/24

Ryalls, Robert S. TR to Mayo, Kimberly Ryalls. 13.05 Acres. \$290,000. TBF LLC to Packard, Jolene M. 2.299

Acres. \$380,000.

11/20/24

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

Stoopman Family Trust to Wilson, Robert Draughon, Jr. Wilson, Janet Walsh. Unit 2 Building C Marina Point LM. Condominium. \$390,000.

Greer, Charles H. to Orahood, Brian and Billie McConnell Orahood, See document for full description. \$250,000.

Stanley Martin Homes ... to Tupili, Bamsi

250 West LLC to Thornton, Ronnie. 8.00 Acres. \$37.800.

Erbe, William J. to Crlisle, Judith Berman. Lot 157 Phase 2 Shadwell LM. \$242,741.

Farooqui Holdings LLC to Hendrickson, Scott M. 1.200 Acres. \$200,000.

Fairchild, C. Hunter to Oeur, Bay and Yarn Sam. Lot 307 Phase 9 Knollwood LM. \$285,000.

Alexander and Davis L... to Parneet 2 LLC. \$500,000.

12/27/24

11/20/24

11/21/24

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11/25/24

\$150.000.

11/26/24

vision. \$255,000.

sion. \$372.427.

Thomas, Joyce Breeden to Shifflett, Casey.

Lot 18 The Villas Sycamore Square Subdi-

Natesha Latoi. Lot 19 High Point Subdivi-

Glenn W., Jr and Marta I. Amacher, Lot 19

Demek, Juneanne B. TR to Amacher,

Pitts, Ellen B. to Lenherr, Erin Snoddy.

James River Real Esta... to Gillespie,

Aldridge, High G. to Aldridge, Joshua

Maddox, Michael Marion to Short, Darrin

C. and Erica R. Aldridge. 7.08 Acres.

and Rachel Short. Lot 1 Rolling Oaks

Sudduth, Stephen James to Wisniewski, Heather H.,TR and Heather Hamil

Wisniewski Livin.. Lot 348 Phase 12 Edge-

Estates Subdivision. \$449,000.

wood LM. \$729,000.

Connor Thomas and Michelle Taylor Gilles-

Phase 4 Fairway LM. \$489,000.

33.44 Acres. \$133,000.

pie. 2.854 Acres. \$304,000.

Liberty Homes VA Inc. to Peterson,

Browning, Robert L., II TR to Pickens, Steven and Michelle Pickens. 24.9 Acres. \$575,000.

Sandridge, Thomas to 200 P Paw Lane LLC. 27.958 Acres. \$1,225,000.

Dolanreid, P LLC to FFC Properties, LLC. Lot 57 Phase Three Montpelier LM. \$142.151.

Gregory, David E. to Carter, Christopher Shawn. 2 Acres. \$150,000.

12/30/24

Peters, Stephens to Loeffler, Dean and Ann M. Eisenhauer, \$98.000.

Stanley Martin Homes... to Kittell, Richard C. and Katherine Kittell. Lot 143 of Plat BK 3 PG 439-448. \$339,990.

Wheeler, Tamara L. to Fortino, Melissa Maie. Lot 119 Phase 1 C Village Oaks Subdivision. \$317,000.

Stanley Martin Homes ... to Mosley, Allessandra Maria Bian... Lot 136 Block C Colonial Circle Subdivision. \$397.090.

Kool, Nancy L. to Vallone, Geoffrey Salvatore II., and Reagan Taylor Johnson. Lot 242 Phase 12 Edgewood Section LM. \$325,425.

12/2/24

11/07/24

Taylor, Britney H. to Taylor, Ashley N. See document for full description. \$380,000.

Hawker, Jon M. to Brown, Edward P. ,Jr and Anne M Yeater. Lot 185 Phase Four Addition 1 Fairway LM. \$470,000.

12/3/24

Equity Trustees LLC to PennyMac Loan Services LLC. 1.874 Acres \$245,904. Pulomena, Laurie to Moritz, Mark T. and Nicole Moritz. Lot 8 Phase 4 Fairway LM. \$285,800

Murphy, Sigrid TR to Crawford, Richard David and Angela L Crawford. Lot 11 Phae 11 Falcon Hills LM. \$400,000.

Toms, Patsy D. to Worrell, Margaret Anne and Griffith Turner Austin. 5.84 Acres. \$72,000.

Webster, Kaitlyn Paxt.. to Doherty, Phillip and Oana Doherty. Lot 295 Phase 5 Addition 1 Tufton LM. \$370,000.

12/5/24

Lamb, Justin Kyle to Jarvis, Logan C. and Pate D. Jarvis. Lot 333 Phase 5 Tufton LM. \$330,000.

Vazquez, Emmanuel Na... to Lee, Edwin G. and Maralee A. Harmon, James Murray, Elizabeth M Murray. Lot 120 Phase 8 Nahor LM. \$360,000.

12/6/24

Land BH Properties LLC to 4 All Land LLC. 14.424 Acres. \$100,000.

Stanley Martin Homes ... to Estes, Lavinia Dianne. Lot 145. \$334,789.

Stanley Martin Homes ... to Myers, Vaughan R. and Thomas E. Myers, Kathryn Haile Myers. Lot 144. \$390,589.

Kibena, Mai to Scimeca, Graig M. and Linda Stewart Scimeca. Lot 420 Phase 3 Montpelier LM. \$1,115,000.

Chin, Christina Marga... to Tanner, Daniel R. Lot 5, Island Hill Subdivision. \$492,500. 12/10/24

Mezick, Priscilla A. Lot 221 Phase 3 Montpelier LM. \$195,000.

12/11/24

12/9/24

Stanley Martin Homes ... to Harrell, Donnie Ray. See document for full description. \$299,990.

Stanley Martin Homes ... to Worley, Seth Adam and Oliva Harper Casero. See document for full description. \$319,840.

12/12/24

Ruscigno, Jo Ellyn to McGovern, Joseph Daniel, Jr., and Tracy Jane McGovern. Lot 525 Section 3 LM. \$401,000.

12/13/24

Peters, Stephen to Ruscigno, Jo Ellyn and Marissa J. Kile. Lot 253 Phase 3 Addition 1 Montpelier LM. \$484,000.

US Delta Timberlands ... to Houser, Hans S. and Maureen Phillips-Houser. See document for full description. \$270,000.

Liberty Homes VA. Inc to Shaffer. Brandon Todd. Lot 8 Troy Heights Subdivision. \$420.000.

Henderson, Hernon De... to Collins, Debra L and Wilson Davis Collins, Kenneth W. Hunt. See document for full description. \$430.000.

Waite, Michael TR to Lang, William F. and Elizabeth A. Lang. Lot 472 Phase 3 Montpelier LM. \$320,000.

12/16/24

Armstrong Lauren to Cardinal Ventures, Inc. 2 Acres. \$88,200.

Southern Property LLC to Parks, Robert James and Sheryl Rae Parks. Lot 22 Phase 3 Meadow Brook Subdivision. \$635,000.

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\$520,000. 12/17/24 Liberty Homes Va, Inc. to Hill, Cameron J.

and Rachel F. Bryant. 10 Acres. \$503,275.

McLeod, Stacy L. to Becker, Craig Eugene

and Michelle Hayes Keever. 4.776 Acres.

12/18/24

Spann, Shelby Haines to Fouch, Jonathan E. and Debra L. Fouch. Lot 259 Tufton Addition One LM. \$320,000.

Stanley Martin Homes ... to Buckner, Elisha Ann and Thomas Joseph Bronsberg. Lot 141 of Plat BK 3 PG 439-448. \$373,245.

Taylor, Fulton L. to Prairie Diamond Properties LLC. Lot 104 Phase 11 Falcon Hills LM. \$198,000.

Cotton, Jeffrey Yount to Daddy Rabbit Inc. 2 Acres. \$125,000.

Hernandez, Luis Manue... to Kaufman, Loretta Michelle and Daniel Kaufman. Lot 462 Phase 5 Tufton LM. \$285.000.

12/19/24

Jordan Ridge Property ... to Goldmann, Samuel . Lot 157 Phase 6 Addition 1 Riverside LM. \$322,500.

Napier, Lynwood G. TR to Cotton, Jeffrey Y. and Lori Ann Cotton. Lot 1 Section 11 Fox Hollow. \$95,000.

12/20/24

Regal, John E. to Lipscomb, Ivan Randall and Alice C. Lipscomb. 7.37 Acres. \$750.000.

Loving, Betty J. to Ward, Joshua Robert and Melanie Lynette Swain. 1.64 Acres. \$255,000.

12/23/24

Liberty Homes Va Inc to Barrale, Anthony and Allyson Nikole Barrale. Lot 21 High Point Subdivision. \$323,231

Chaitanya and Deepa Lingareddy. \$339,091

As supervisors debate tax rates and school funding, residents speak out

BY HEATHER MICHON CORRESPONDENT

With budget season underway, several county residents stepped up to the podium Wednesday night (March 19) to encourage the Board of Supervisors to fully fund Fluvanna County Public Schools.

Public comments started off the meeting and extended for over an hour.

The School Board has requested a local match of \$24 million, an increase of about \$1.9 million over the previous year. Most of the funding would be used to boost salaries for teachers and staff and to fund a half-dozen new positions.

Supervisors have signaled that they may not be willing to fund the entire request, as this would require them to put the real estate tax at a higher rate than they want to see.

The maximum advertised tax rate is \$0.75 per \$100 of assessed value, but a majority of supervisors would like to come in well below that figure.

During a work session before the main meeting on Wednesday, they did increase FCPS's allocation from \$1.07 million to just about \$1.2 million.

Many residents would like them to go further.

"To me, education is the foundation of prosperity," said James Schoenster. "Yet members of the board seem intent on austerity when evaluating our school's request, despite the fact that half of it simply qualifies us for a salary match from the state. I tell everyone, if fortunate enough to have a 401k with matching contributions, that it's free money or a no-brainer, and this is no different."

"I'm a homeowner. I would be thrilled to pay more taxes if it meant that I could comfortably send my son to the Fluvanna County schools," said Kelsey Cowger. "But you all are trying to run a county with barely any support for business, barely any industry, barely any tourism that brings in revenue."

"Soon, all our teachers, who are excellent and sorely needed, will be faced with the choice: stick around and be underpaid, or apply for any open position in one of the surrounding counties and make thousands of dollars a year extra for doing the same work," said Cameron Van Iderstein. "We will lose good talent if we don't offer competitive salaries."

At the same time, other residents stepped up to encourage the supervisors to cut the tax rate even lower to mitigate the impact of the high reassessments issued by tax appraisers earlier this year. "There are ways to cut the budget," said one resident. "I'm going to start out with tonight's meeting.

Why are taxpayers funding dinner for the Board of Supervisors and the staff here? When I go to work, nobody provides me a meal. I don't think taxpayers' money should be used that way."

"I think everybody needs to check yourself because you are voted into office to do what is right for all the citizens of this county, not just the school board, not just the teachers, not just the sheriff's department, not just the fire and rescue," she added.

Dorsey appointed to Planning Commission

A debate from last year was replayed later in the meeting as supervisors voted to appoint a new planning commissioner for the Rivanna District.

In 2024, supervisors voted to approve Eddie Shifflett over Supervisor Tony O'Brien's nominee, Lake Monticello Owners Association director Gary Sellick.

As a matter of custom and courtesy, the district supervisor's nominee is usually approved, but that night, O'Brien's motion did not even receive a second. With Shifflett's recent resignation from the Planning Commission, O'Brien again nominated Sellick. This time, his motion was seconded but went on to fail 3-2.

Sellick spoke to the supervisors before the vote, highlighting his work for the LMOA and the Fluvanna community in recent years.

"I feel like I know the people of Rivanna District. I know what they want. And as I have for five years, I'm ready and willing to listen to their wants and needs and to be their voice."

After Sellick's nomination failed, O'Brien nominated Robert Dorsey, who was approved by a 5-0 vote.

"I am upset that the board has chosen not to nominate Mr. Sellick," he said, "but I recognize and respect the board's decision. I think this is a little bit of an affront to the Lake community. I will say that. But nevertheless, I think Mr. Dorsey will be an excellent representative."

Dorsey's term on the Planning Commission will begin next month and end June 30, 2026.



Tax Revenue for Vital Community Projects in Fluvanna County

Commonwealth Girls Classic played at Lake Monticello golf course

BY DUNCAN NIXON CORRESPONDENT



Winner Angela Liang. Photo by Duncan Nixon

Despite some very iffy weather, the Peggy Kirk Bell (PKB) two-day Commonwealth Girls' Classic tournament was completed at the Lake Monticello golf course on March 15 and 16. The first round on Saturday was completed on a drizzly, dreary day. The Sunday round went off early in an attempt to finish 18 holes before the predicted nasty weather rolled in. With most of the young women still on the course, a lightning strike nearby resulted in a discontinuation of play. The competitors mostly crowded onto the small patio at the pro shop with their golf bags and push carts to wait to see if the round could be continued. Fortunately, the storm was fast moving and play was resumed after a relatively short delay.

These young women can play. They play from mixed tees over a course of 5,900 yards. For reference, the women's red tees at the Lake course play 5,051 yards, while the men's senior gold tees play 5,610 yards. The average length of LPGA courses is 6,400 yards, which is longer than the men's white tees at the Lake.

The winning score for the tournament in the Bell Division (the top players) was a one under par 143, posted by Angela Liang, a high school sophomore from Bridgewater, NJ. She shot a consistent 71, 72 to win by four strokes. In second place was Ryland Portadin who came to play from Colt's Neck, NJ. She is listed as a high school class of 2029 student. After a disappointing first round of 78, Portadin turned in a blazing 69 on Sunday This, not surprisingly, was the low round for the weekend. Her two-day total of 147 was two strokes better than the score of 149 posted by high school senior Joelle Johnson, of Bowie Md. Johnson was consistent, shooting 75 and 74. The best score by a Virginia golfer was good for fourth place. Rose Hall of Yorktown shot 73, 77 for 150. Hall will also graduate high school in 2029.

The Peggy Kirk Bell organization hosts tournaments for high school age and younger women's golfers year-round. Players come from considerable distances to compete in the tournaments. In the Commonwealth Classic, there were golfers from Schenectady, NY and Peru, IN. There was even one competitor from Canada. The PKB organization divides players into three categories. The strongest players compete in the Bell Division, followed by the Prep Preview players and the Futures National players. The players are included in the appropriate division based on their scores and not their age.



Supervisors approve meals tax

BY HEATHER MICHON CORRESPONDENT

Fluvanna County has a new tax.

The Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 to establish a four-percent meals tax at its meeting on Wednesday (March 19).

The tax, scheduled to go into effect on Aug. 1, will apply to ready-to-eat foods, including restaurant meals, grab-and-go prepared meals from grocery stores and gas stations and, delis, and food trucks.

Initial projections show that the tax will bring in an additional \$300,000



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to \$600,000 in annual revenue in the first couple of years. That figure will increase sharply when the new Wawa opens at Zion Crossroads.

Voters rejected a local meals tax referendum in 2018, but changes in the state law in 2021 empowered local governments to levy the tax themselves.

Supervisors were split on the decision. Mike Sheridan (Columbia), Tony O'Brien (Rivanna), and Tim Hodge (Palmyra) felt it created a new revenue stream for the county beyond real estate and personal property taxes.

O'Brien argued the tax would bring in revenue from non-residents, especially once the Wawa is built.

For his part, Sheridan proposed putting about half the revenue into a fund to help finance future school construction projects.

On the other side, Chris Fairchild (Cunningham) and Mike Goad argued that it was another tax burden on residents and potentially a "regressive" tax that punished lower-income residents.

The law allows local governments to levy a tax of up to six percent, but the supervisors settled on four percent. At least two percent will be set aside for school construction.



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Lake Monticello Golf Club Ranks 3rd in Virgnia!

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 thirdbest 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. 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!

Slip & Rack Payments Due 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.

Support Lake Monticello's Wildlife in Your Backyard

The LMOA Wildlife Committee would like to thank the community members who applied for Wildlife Habitat Certification this past week. They are now just 14 points away from achieving their goal of making Lake Monticello a Certified Community Wildlife Habitat, as recognized by the National Wildlife Federation. Your yard may already meet the qualifications without you even realizing it! For more information, visit www.nwf.org/Native-Plant-Habitats/Create-and-Certify.

Tennis for Fluvanna Kids

The Piedmont Area Tennis Association is excited to return to Lake Monticello to offer a free, fantastic day of tennis for kids on April 13 from 2 - 4 PM. Kona Ice will be on site! There is a limit of 40 participants, so please sign up on time at https://form.jotform. com/250604545379158. Additionally, a reminder for all racquet sports players at Lake Monticello: the 2025 season opened on March 1. Please visit Member Services to renew your membership for the 2025 season. The day rate for non-members of the Ashlawn Courts is \$6. Play at Lafayette is always FREE.

Fluvanna Kids Can Join Lake Monticello Swim Team Registration for the Lake

Monticello Swim Team is now open! This is a fantastic opportunity for children to learn how to swim, experience competitive swimming, and make wonderful friends. Membership costs \$190. For more details and to sign up, please visit their website at Imstsharks.swimtopia.com.

Volunteer to Promote

Community Water Safety Do you live at Lake Monticello and want to help your neighbors while on the water? Join the Volunteer Water Safety Team for their season kick-off event on Saturday, March 29 from 9 - 11 AM. They will serve a light breakfast at the Ashlawn Clubhouse while teaching you all about their services to the community. Meet current volunteers and learn more about this fun opportunity. Email LMOAWaterSafety@gmail.com to RSVP and ask any questions that you may have. No boating experience is necessary, just a desire to help your neighbors have a safe and fun summer on the water. They will teach you

everything you need to know!

Want to Work at the Lake?

LMOA is looking for a Main Gate Attendant, Operations Technician, and a Police Officer. If you are ever interested in working at Lake Monticello, please check out Careers at Imoa.org to join the team that keeps our community running smoothly.

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@Imoa.org. If you want to dispose of yard sale leftovers, please bring them back indoors until the week of bulk trash pickup!

Petition Packet Deadline

5 PM on March 31, 2025, is the deadline to return LMOA Candidate and Member Proposal Petition Packets. The Election Committee will verify signatures and announce the qualifying candidates at a Special Open Session on April 10 at 7 PM in the Fairway Clubhouse.

PUBLIC NOTICES



PUBLIC HEARING Fluvanna County Board of Zoning Appeals Tuesday, April 15 2025 at 7:00 pm

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

BZA 25:01 – **Alfonso Calderone:** A request for a seventy-nine (79) foot Variance to Section 22-4-3 (C) (1) (a) of the Fluvanna County Code to allow for the reduction of the required minimum frontage from five hundred (500) feet to four hundred and twenty-one (421) feet with respect to 11.04 acres of Tax Map 47, Section A, Parcel 42. The subject property is zoned A-1, Agricultural, General, and is located in the Rural Residential Planning Area and in the Cunningham Election District.

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



PUBLIC 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.

Appointments will be scheduled every 20 minutes to minimize waiting. To appear before the Board of Equalization, please call 434-591-1903, from 8:00am to 5:00pm or email boe@fluvannacounty.org.

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

The date(s) and time(s) are:

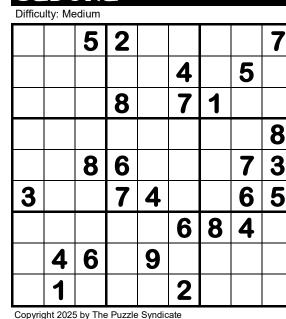
- Thursday, April 10, 2025 from 1:00pm to 6:00pm
- Thursday, April 24, 2025 from 1:00pm to 6:00pm
- Thursday, May 8, 2025 from 1:00pm to 6:00pm
- Thursday, May 22, 2025 from 1:00pm to 6:00pm
- Thursday June 12, 2025 from 1:00pm to 6:00pm
- Thursday June 26, 2025 from 1:00pm to 6:00pm

(Additional dates and times will be scheduled if necessary and advertised)

By order of the Fluvanna County Board of Equalization



The Weekly Crossword



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.

by Margie E. Burke

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PUBLIC NOTICES



NOTICE OF FY 2026 BUDGET, PROPOSED TAX RATES AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN PUBLIC HEARING FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Pursuant to Virginia Code Sec. 15.2-2506 a public hearing on the proposed FY 2026 County of Fluvanna budget and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Circuit Court Room, 72 Main St., Palmyra, Virginia, at which time citizens of the County will be given an opportunity to appear before, and be heard by the Board of Supervisors on the subject of the FY 2026 Budget and FY 2027-2030 CIP.

The budget totals \$117,769,609 in revenues and expenditures, which represents a 9.55% increase from FY 2025. The proposed budget includes the following tax rates that would be effective for the tax year 2025.

2025 Proposed Tax Rates

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Real Property	\$ 0.844	\$0.750
Mobile Homes	\$ 0.844	\$0.750
Personal Property (Residential)	\$ 4.10	\$4.10
Personal Property (Business & Public Utilities)	\$ 2.90	\$2.90
Machinery and Tools	\$ 1.90	\$1.90

All levies above are per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

Anyone needing special assistance or accommodations 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 11, 2025. Additional information about the budget, proposed tax rates, or CIP can be obtained by calling the County Administrator's office at (434) 591-1910. A copy of the Proposed Budget and CIP is available in the County Administrator's Office, the Fluvanna County Library and on the County website at www.fluvannacounty.org.



PUBLIC HEARING Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors Tuesday, April 16, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 15.2-1427 and 15.2-2204, a Public Hearing will be held Fluvanna County Circuit Court, at 72 Main Street, Palmyra, VA 22963 for citizens of the County to have the opportunity to appear before and be heard by the Board of Supervisors on the following items:

AFD 24:01: Withdrawal from the North 640 Agricultural and Forestal District - A request to withdraw a parcel from the North 640 Agricultural and Forestal District in accordance with County Code Section 3.1-13. This parcel is located on 6.78 acres and known as Tax Map 30 Section 12 Parcel 3A. The Parcel is located on James Madison Hwy. (SR15) in the area of Haden Martin Rd. (SR 640) and is located in the Rural Residential Planning Areas and the Fork Union Election District.

ZTA 24:09: Ordinance to amend the "Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia," by amending § 19-2-1 to clarify that no more than five lots may be created from the parent tract using the minor subdivision approval process, regardless of whether the lots are created at one time or over an extended period of time, and to make other conforming changes.

ZTA 24:11: Ordinance to amend the "Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia," by amending § 22-22-1 to clarify that no more than five lots may be created from the parent tract using the minor subdivision approval process, regardless of whether the lots are created at one time or over an extended period of time, and to make other conforming changes.

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

AMENDMENT TO SUP 83:05 – Park, Caretaker Residence – A request to amend a Special Use Permit for a caretaker's residence in the I-1, industrial, Limited District on 2.2 +/- acres and known as Tax Map 53 Section 5 Parcel 1 and Tax Map 53 Section 5 Parcel 2. These parcels are generally located on East River Road (SR 6) in Gravel Hill in the Rural Residential Area of the Fork Union Election District.

A copy of the complete text of the above items is available for public review at **https://www.fluvannacounty.org**/ and at the Office of the Fluvanna County Administrator during normal business hours. Questions may be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department, at (434) 591-1910. All interested persons wishing to be heard are invited to attend the public hearing.





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 <u>https://www.fluvannacounty.org/</u> 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 27, 2025 to May 16, 2025

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

PUBLIC HEARING: Fluvanna Community Center, Stage Room, 5725 James Madison Hwy, Fork Union, VA on May 1, 2025, at 6 pm

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)

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 22963.

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: 540-830-8837; e-mail: jenghwa.lyang@deq.virginia.gov.



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Fluvanna County, Virginia Proposed Budget for the Year Beginning July 1, 2025

	Adopted		Proposed	Increase/	%
GOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	Budget FY25		Budget FY26	(Decrease)	Change
Local	\$ 55,058,377	\$	59,984,620	4,926,243	8.95%
State	\$ 40,232,494	\$	41,726,484	1,493,990	3.71%
Federal	\$ 3,386,006	\$	3,225,765	 (160,241)	-4.73%
SUBTOTAL GOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	\$ 98,676,877	\$	104,936,869	\$ 6,259,992	6.34%
EXPENDITURES					
General Government Administration	\$ 4,009,043	\$	4,141,827	132,784	3.31%
udicial Administration	\$ 1,671,807	\$	1,790,622	118,815	7.11%
Public Safety	\$ 13,370,157	\$	14,828,870	1,458,713	10.91%
Public Works	\$ 3,145,108	\$	4,581,331	1,436,223	45.67%
lealth and Welfare	\$ 6,899,746	\$	7,763,666	863,920	12.52%
ducation	\$ 55,150,388	\$	56,950,316	1,799,928	3.26%
Parks and Recreation and Library	\$ 1,371,550	\$	1,458,262	86,712	6.32%
Community Development	\$ 1,448,670	\$	1,518,202	69,532	4.80%
Vondepartmental	\$ 1,199,049	\$	1,342,704	143,655	11.98%
Debt Service	\$ 8,955,047	\$	8,876,348	(78,699)	-0.88%
SUBTOTAL GOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 97,220,565	\$	103,252,148	\$ 6,031,583	6.20%
APITAL FUND REVENUES					
und Balance Appropriation	\$ 5,612,856	\$	5,140,627	(472,229)	-8.41%
Grants	\$ 94,470	\$	4,470,812	4,376,342	4632.52%
SUBTOTAL CAPITAL REVENUES*	\$ 5,707,326	\$	9,611,439	3,904,113	68.41%
APITAL FUND EXPENDITURES	\$ 6,157,326	\$	10,261,439	4,104,113	66.65%
NTERPRISE FUND REVENUES					
ork Union Sanitary District	\$ 421,354	\$	449,574	28,220	6.70%
Palmyra Sewer Fund*	\$ 20,000	\$	20,000	, _	0.00%
ion Crossroads Water and Sewer Fund*	\$ 145,782	\$	179,782	34,000	23.32%
chool Food Service	\$ 2,533,855		2,571,945	38,090	1.50%
SUBTOTAL ENTERPRISE REVENUES	\$ 3,120,991	\$	3,221,301	100,310	3.21%
ENTERPRISE FUND EXPENDITURES					
Fork Union Sanitary District	\$ 421,354	\$	449,574	28,220	6.70%
Palmyra Sewer Fund	\$ 220,512		246,318	25,806	11.70%
ion Crossroads Water and Sewer Fund	\$ 951,582		988,185	36,603	3.85%
chool Food Service	\$ 2,533,855		2,571,945	38,090	1.50%
SUBTOTAL ENTERPRISE EXPENDITURES	\$ 4,127,303		4,256,022	128,719	3.12%
GRAND TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 107,505,194	Ś	117,769,609	10,264,415	9.55%

*Revenues are supplemented by transfers from the General Fund

County staff will also provide an informational briefing on the budget and contemplated FY26 expenditures for the Capital Improvements Program.

A copy of the Board of Supervisors proposed budget is on file in the office of the County Administrator, the Fluvanna County Library and www.fluvannacounty.org. Comments will be taken at the public hearing and written comments may be directed to the County Administrator, P.O. Box 540, Palmyra, VA 22963. Anyone needing special assistance or 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 5:00 p.m. on April 11, 2025.



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Throwing Shade VA offers discounts for planting native species

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Virginians are once again being encouraged to throw some shade - in their landscapes, that is.

The Virginia Department of Forestry's Throwing Shade VA program is back and giving consumers discounts when they purchase native trees and shrubs from over 15 participating retail nurseries.

Now through May 1 while supplies last, shoppers can receive a \$25 discount on eligible native trees and shrubs valued at \$50 or more.

The program aims to incentivize residents to plant more native trees and shrubs. Among their many advantages, native species expand biodiversity, prevent erosion, store greenhouse gases and improve water quality by filtering out pollutants. They also provide food and habitat for wildlife and pollinators.

"Since we launched in 2023, Throwing Shade VA has been a resounding success, with more than 5,500 discounted plants purchased last year alone," said Molly O'Liddy, VDOF urban and community forestry partnership coordinator. "We are pleased to be expanding the program from 10 to 15 nurseries this year and are excited to continue working alongside our wonderful nursery partners across the state, who are happy to help you find the perfect native tree for your property or project."

Already acclimated to Virginia's environment and climate, native plants thrive with less maintenance than non-native, ornamental species saving time and money in the yard.

And there is a diverse range of natives that can meet any landscaping goal.

"Many people admire our native flowering trees and shrubs when they explore local parks or when they're just driving around," said Ed Olsen, Virginia Cooperative Extension consumer horticulture specialist and host of Real Virginia's "From the Ground Up" gardening segment.

"These beautiful plants not only add wonderful, year-round color to yards when they flower and as their foliage changes in the fall, but they also play a vital role in supporting local ecosystems and wildlife."

To receive the \$25 discount:

- Visit a participating location.Choose native trees and shrubs
- with the Throwing Shade VA tag.
 Scan the QR code, and complete
- a short survey. •Show the completed survey to the
- clerk upon checkout.
- Receive your discount.

Throwing Shade VA is supported through state water quality improvement funds. Information collected confidentially from the surveys helps DOF track water quality improvement goals and allocate funding for additional planting projects across Virginia.

For a list of participating nurseries and more information, visit bit.ly/49TH7GW.

Community Calendar

Beulah Easter services



Fluvanna Leadership Development Program

Beulah Baptist Church (1633 Kents Store Way in Kents Store) will celebrate **Easter Sunday** with a Sunrise Service at 7 a.m., Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and Worship Service at 11a.m. The Sunrise Service will be outside. For more info, call 434-589-2245.

Grace & Glory supper

Lenten Soup Supper will be held at Grace & Glory Lutheran Church, 683 Thomas Jefferson Pkwy. in Palmyraon Wednesday, **April 9**, at 6:30 p.m. Meals will be simple -various soups served with bread and beverage followed by a short program discussion.

Quit smoking

Free! Support for those who want to quit tobacco and nicotine! **Every Wednesday,** 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., **March 19 - April 23.** Virtual-Zoom conferencing. Contact Scott Mein at scottrmein@gmail. to receive the link to participate. Questions? Call Scott (862) 432-0490.

Food Pantry

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

Food Bank

Fluvanna MACAA Food Bank is located in the old Carysbrook High School. To get food from the food pantry bring a photo ID as proof of Fluvanna residency. Open: **Monday through Friday,** 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. To donate directly to the food bank call 434-842-2521 to find out which foods are most needed. Cash and food donations gratefully accepted.





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