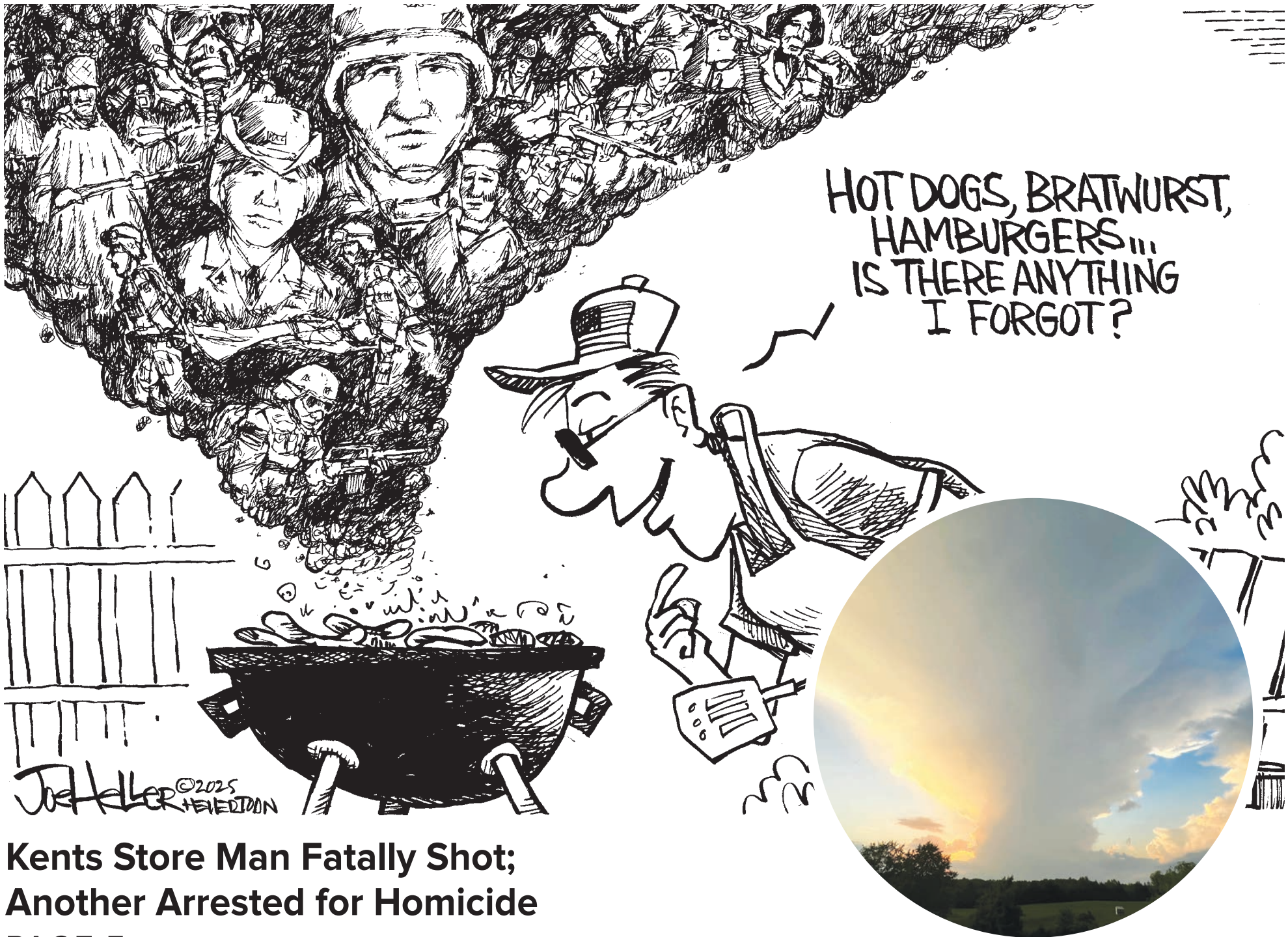


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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

- ACROSS
- 1 Iditarod, for one
- 5 Humiliate
- 10 Nursery item
- 14 ____-clad
- 15 Shop tool
- 16 Parks in 1955 news
- 17 Johnson and Knotts
- 18 Some are French-cut
- 20 Worthy of respect
- 22 Pearl Buck's "The Good ____"
- 23 Twilled fabric
- 24 Atlas feature
- 26 Not learned
- 29 Cookie bits
- 33 Dylan or Marley
- 35 Sound investment?
- 37 Stir up
- 38 Teach
- 40 Arched wall area
- 42 Some learning
- 43 Folsom fellow
- 45 Cut with an ax
- 46 Slight quake
- 48 Kind of job or joke
- 50 Ties up
- 52 Lysol targets
- 55 Malice
- 58 Hearty pub meal
- 61 Nobel Prize category
- 63 Skier's aid
- 64 Sure anagram
- 65 Piece of history
- 66 Certain woodwind
- 67 Like some meat
- 68 Toothpaste brand
- 69 Yosemite sight
- DOWN
- 1 Carnival attractions
- 2 Stood up

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- 3 Pitch in
- 4 Naval officer
- 5 Pond floater
- 6 Fishhook feature
- 7 Studio for Seurat
- 8 Martin or Charlie
- 9 Coop dweller
- 10 Sci-fi villain
- 11 Laugh heartily
- 12 Ain't correct?
- 13 Wingding
- 19 "Cold one"
- 21 Smart set
- 25 Merit-badge earners
- 27 Garb
- 28 1985 film, "____ Wolf"
- 30 Expectant woman
- 31 Angler's hope
- 32 Whole lot
- 33 Lahr who played the Cowardly Lion
- 34 Telltale sign
- 36 Zest
- 39 Ghost story setting
- 41 Corral call
- 44 Govern badly
- 47 Mind-matter connector
- 49 Dictator
- 51 TNT ingredient
- 53 Breakfast fruit
- 54 "How ____ it is!"
- 55 Slimy creature
- 56 Tower site
- 57 Agenda entry
- 59 Rainbow goddess
- 60 Religious subgroup
- 62 Rainbow's shape

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Fluco softball goes to 11-5 with walk-off hit against Louisa

BY DUNCAN NIXON
CORRESPONDENT



Photos by Deborah Nixon

It was tight match-up on May 15 when the Fluco softball team hosted the Louisa Lions. Louisa jumped into the lead with two runs in the top of the second inning. A Fluco error and two solid hits followed by a throwing error allowed the Lions to score twice. The Flucos got those runs back in the bottom of the third.

Fluco clean-up hitter, senior Amirah Bielke open the inning with her second single. Junior Natalie Gomez bunted Bielke to second. Junior Megan Pounsberry then smashed a double to score Bielke. With two out freshman first baseman Allison Gomez blasted a long ball to right center. It came within six inches of being a go ahead home-run, hitting the top of the fence and bouncing back, resulting in a game tying double.

The fourth, fifth and sixth innings were scoreless. Fluco starting pitcher, sophomore Lila Schwartz, shut down the Lions allowing only one single in each inning and walking no one. In the top of the seventh, the Lions opened with a triple and took the lead 3-2 on a wild pitch. Bielke who had come in to pitch in the seventh then closed down Louisa.

With one out, in the bottom of the seventh and final inning, Pounsberry singled. She stole second and the catchers' throw got away into the outfield and Pounsberry came around to score to tie the game. Freshman Aleah Anderson worked a walk to set things up for Allison Gomez. A very hard hit line drive over the shortstop split the outfielders and went all the way to the fence for a walk-off double, and a 4-3 win, as Anderson scored easily.

After the game, Fluco coach Aime McCall reported that her team has been playing solidly and she emphasized that she was impressed with Allison Gomez' hitting as she is only a freshman. McCall also complimented her pitchers Schwartz and Bielke, who did an excellent job in holding the Lions to only three runs. With a couple of games to play in the regular season it looks like the Flucos are likely to qualify for post-season play.

On May 20, McCall's squad hosted Goochland and on May 22 they traveled to Monticello High for the final game of the regular season.



SUDOKU

Edited by Margie E. Burke

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Fluvanna Art Association met May 15 with speaker and photographer Paul Stams. Stams discussed his lifelong love of photography and montage. A former middle school physical education teacher, assistant principal, and union representative, Stams delved into photography and montage more seriously after retirement.

He was at one time the center of a controversy with the old guard of the FAA, who believed photography had no place in the association. Other members supported Stams, who had a compelling argument that no matter what tools are used, photographers are still artists. Photography, like other mediums, uses certain skills and techniques to manipulate light and elicit a response from the onlooker. Stams explained it didn't matter what device the artist used, whether it was a paintbrush, pencil, or a camera.

“This is not digital, it is photography,” he reminded those in attendance.

Photo montages became trendy in the late 19th to early 20th century. It is similar to a collage but was done in the dark room by combining or juxtaposing negative images over one another. Stams does this well and began creating his photo montages in 1972.

“One day, someone looked at my work and said, 'When did you become an artist?' I had never looked at my work this way,” he said, stunned at the realization that he was taking his skills and techniques to a higher level.

In his later years, computers made combining, overlapping, repeating, and blending images much easier with Photoshop, eliminating the need to spend time in a dark room with toxic chemicals.

so did his style and expression. His statements and messaging became clearer.

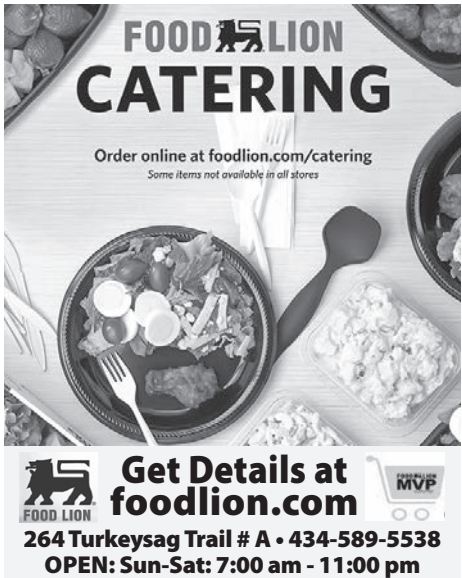
“Dadaists used montage as political dissent during the late 19th century.” Stams has unusual gift for translating his photographs into ethereal, overlapping, and repeating images and blending them with bold colors. They are riveting works of art that keep the onlooker absorbed, wondering where reality ends and fantasy begins.

The places he has traveled to, including Amsterdam, London, Cuba, New York, and New Orleans, he cleverly arranges his photos in a whirlwind of familiar icons and personal expression.

"I use 15-30 pictures to complete a montage."

In his more serious pieces, he subtly combines images such as his hands with a cell phone looming large over a beautiful beach at dawn. The meaning was obvious, what we are missing in the moment in the natural world. Those things cannot be recaptured easily while we waste time on our devices. Some of his images can seem abstract and unrelated, but they have a deeper meaning that links them. In one photo, he has several African animals looking off in the distance at progress and development, and wondering why their environment was sacrificed for this.

His current photos of Charlottesville feature many subjects, including a ghostly black figure gliding over the railroad tracks in the *Spirit of the Amtrak Station*. He records the changes, the people who have come and gone, and the condition of the Downtown Mall in a series of photos that are a powerful expression of what he sees. His perspective is always “seeing “ what is around him and translating it into meaningful art that takes us to a different level of thinking.



Thanks to the generosity of American Battlefield Trust, the 4th graders at Carysbrook were once again able to visit Pamplin Park for their annual field trip. This is the second year that American Battlefield Trust's History Field Trip Grant Program has provided funding to help pay for this trip. The grant of \$2,500 helps cover some of the cost of the trip that costs over \$10,000. The annual trip to Pamplin Park in Petersburg always provides students with an exceptional, hands-on historical experience.

Every year the Trust offers funding and assistance to K-12 teachers planning field trips to historic sites. The teachers at Carysbrook teach Virginia history and are always excited to utilize Pamplin Historical Park as an outdoor classroom that gives their students meaningful and memorable experiences.

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Authorities are continuing to process the scene and evidence. Vargas' body was transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Richmond.

“Each year our field trip to Pamplin Park is the culminating activity after studying the Civil War. The students are engaged as they are transported back in time to the events that happened on the battlefield,” said Shelly Farley

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FLUVANNA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESS RELEASE

A Kents Store man was fatally shot Sunday and another arrested for his murder at a residence in the 3000 block of Kents Store Way.

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“At this time, the nature or cause of the initial disturbance is still unknown and remains under investigation,” according to the sheriff’s office.. “More information will be released as it becomes available and if appropriate. This incident appears to be an isolated incident and there is no continue threat to the community. The sheriff and his staff wish to extend their condolences to the family of Mr. Vargas during their time of loss and grief.”

The sheriff's office also thanked the Louisa County Sheriff's Office and the Virginia State Police for their assistance.

PRESS RELEASE

The men and women of the Virginia State Police and their families will gather in Richmond on Wednesday, May 21 to honor all public safety professionals who have given the ultimate sacrifice in service to the safety of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Gov. Glenn Youngkin will be the ceremony's keynote speaker.

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Fluvanna school board pushes back against new SOL, textbook mandates

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

Members of the Fluvanna County School Board voiced strong opposition to new state educational policies around Standards of Learning (SOL) testing and new textbook mandates during its monthly meeting on Wednesday night (May 14).

Earlier this year, the General Assembly in Richmond passed a new bill mandating that SOL test scores account for at least 10 percent of a student's year-end grade starting in the 2026-27 school year. Gov. Glenn Youngkin recently signed the bill into law.

This new policy will move the SOLs to the last two weeks of the academic year and transition from a 600-point scale to a 100-point scale.

Supporters of the policy change have argued that it will eliminate a month of instructional time focused on the tests, which are currently administered more than a month before end of the school year, and the 100-point scale will make results easier to interpret.

By tying the test scores to final grades, supporters believe that students will be more incentivized to retain information throughout the year, rather than focusing on learning for the stand-alone test.

Students who fail the test will have the opportunity to re-test before final grades are calculated.

"I think that the folks who drafted this don't have a real good handle on what it looks like," said Superintendent Peter Gretz, "and trying to get all the different populations tested and re-tested, and I don't know what that looks like, either."

Board members agreed.

"You can take the greatest GPA student in the world and put them in a standardized testing environment, and you see a completely different student on paper," said Danny Reed (Fork Union).

James Kelley (Palmyra) said "this doubles down on what is effectively an American learned behavior, which is this asinine standardized test taking. It doesn't serve our students, it doesn't serve our teachers. I'm not sure who it ultimately serves."

Reed wondered what would happen if a district decided to opt out of the SOLs. "Is it 60 percent of our budget disappears if we just don't do standardized testing from the state?"

Members were also concerned about new textbook requirements that could end up costing the district \$200,000 to \$300,000 in the next couple of years. Gretz said he and other superintendents were working to get more clarity on what would be required and

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whether the state would provide some funding.

The issue brought a rare moment of unanimity for the board members, as chair Andrew Pullen asked if they would help draft and co-sign a letter to the state.

“It’s no secret that I’m pretty conservative and voted for the guy [Youngkin],

but I think these issues he’s failing us left and right,” Pullen said. “So I think when you see unanimous support from a board like ours, which is wildly different in our political persuasion, if we send a letter like that to them, I think maybe, maybe we’ll get some attention.”

Storm brings five and one-half inches of rain to county

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

Parts of central and western Fluvanna County saw nearly half a foot of rain on Tuesday (May 13).

According to the National Weather Service’s Rainfall Monitoring website, rain gauges in Troy and Palmyra reached 5.08 to 5.48 inches between Monday night and Wednesday morning.

Other areas were less hard-hit, with Scottsville recording 2.38 inches and others between 1.18 and 1.31 inches.

Water levels at the Crofton Boat Ramp on Rt. 600 crested at 21.9 feet on Wednesday, almost five feet above flood stage and the highest level recorded since May 2014.

Lake Monticello saw some minor flooding, particularly in the coves.

LMOA spokesperson Marieke Henry alerted residents on Thursday that the high water levels had swamped two sewage pumping stations between the Marina and the Main Beach.

As a precautionary measure, Lake staff took water samples to test e.coli levels, which were found to be slightly elevated.

Minor flooding also closed hiking trails at Pleasant Grove.

Timothy Adam, an amateur meteorologist and author of the popular Fluvanna County Severe Weather Facebook page, said the county found itself in a “Goldilocks zone – a corridor where atmospheric conditions aligned perfectly for sustained rain production.”

While preliminary models showed the storm tracking west of Fluvanna, it ended up directly overhead.

As the storm system interacted with the mountains to the west and the northwest, “the moisture-laden air was forced to rise over the mountains, which enhanced lift and caused the rainfall to intensify and stall,” he said. “This combination of moisture and stalled movement led to extremely high rainfall rates – up to an inch every 30 minutes.”

No serious injuries were reported in Fluvanna. Charlottesville, which also saw areas of heavy downpours, saw one fatality, as a 12-year-old boy was swept away by fast-rising floodwaters near Crozet.

FMG awards \$1,000 scholarship to Lainey Brown

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FMG President Kathleen Brunke and scholarship Chair Donna McCarthy present Lainey Brown her \$1,000 scholarship, with her mother Rachel Short and grandparents Sandra and Gary Clore. Photo courtesy of E. Dianne Campbell

Fluvanna Master Gardeners presented a \$1,000 scholarship to Lainey Brown to support horticultural involvement.

The scholarship is the first of two Fluvanna Master Gardeners Horticultural Scholarship awards to be presented this year. Brown will attend Longwood Uni-

versity to study environmental science.

She attended Fluvanna High School through the end of the 2022 school term, then transferred to the Homeschool/Piedmont Virginia Community College Dual Enrollment program. She attains her PVCC associate degree this month.

Her involvement marks three generations in agriculture, with both produce and cattle production. She works her own produce garden and has worked at Crossing Brook Farm in Fork Union for five years. A memorable project has been volunteering to prevent sand dune erosion with the planting of sea oats in Cocoa Beach, Florida.

Brown’s award was presented during the celebration of Master Gardner 2025 graduates on May 10. A second scholarship check will be presented in June.

Further information on Fluvanna Master Gardner activities and events can be found on their website www.fluvannamg.org.

THIS WEEK’S PET: Quinton!

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Fluvanna County Comprehensive Plan

FLUVANNA Community Input Survey

What is the purpose of the Community Survey?

Fluvanna County is preparing an update to its Comprehensive Plan, and would like to invite citizens to participate in the process. All information provided is confidential, and will assist in gathering information on issues important to citizens. The survey is available online by scanning the QR code or going to the link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/FluvCompPlanSurvey2025>

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A Comprehensive Plan is a guide for a locality's future development. The Plan lays out a locality's vision for the future and outlines the goals to achieve that vision. The plan also outlines ways to manage growth, protects what citizens think is special, and assists local officials with decision making. Public input is a crucial part of this process. Paper copies will be available at the County Office Building and Library.

Please Complete Survey
by May 30th, 2025



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE FLUVANNA COUNTY
PLANNING AND ZONING OFFICE AT 434-591-1910

2025 Master Gardeners graduate and serve

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Master Gardener Class of 2025 includes Susan Burk, Whitney Beard, Angelia Mullaney, Stephanie Babineaux, Candice Cox, and Patricia M. Beers Block.. Photo courtesy of E. Eianne Campbell

Training has ended and community service has begun for the 2025 graduates of the Fluvanna County Extension Master Gardner Training Program. This year's cohort has enthusiastically jumped into the activities and is enjoying meeting new friends while continuing to learn and apply coursework.

Students completed 50 hours of instruction through lectures, demonstrations, and field trips, beginning in mid-January and completed in early May. Their course of study followed guidelines established through cooperative extension experiences of best

practices that are based on university-based research and applied to the local microenvironment of our climate and soil conditions.

Classes start at the basics of botany, soils and nutrition, and entomology, then continue through to pruning and propagation, as well as examining best practices to protect habitat for wildlife. With the successful completion of coursework, students will complete 50 hours of volunteer service during their first year, and 20 hours a year thereafter.

Volunteer hours are very easy to accumulate in the Fluvanna Master Gardner program, since the organization has many activities through school and library programs, the Butterfly Garden and Community Garden in Pleasant Grove Park, events and hikes in the park, Help Desk service for home gardeners at the library on Tuesdays, and caps the summer with an event for kids and grownups at the county fair.

The Master Gardener Training Program is offered only once a year. Full information and registration forms are online at the website www.fluvannamg.org.

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Storm Recovery and Summer Preparations

Last week, crews took out the worn docks at the Main Beach to prepare for a new, durable EZ Docks system. Contractor Harbor Dredge is collaborating with LMOA's Facilities & Operations Team on the planned replacement project. If this system performs effectively, the docks at the Lake Monticello Marina will eventually be replaced with EZ Docks, too.

The LMOA staff is diligently working on storm recovery initiatives which has hindered summer preparations. While previous efforts, such as replenishing sand on the beaches, have faced some setbacks, the team remains dedicated to ensuring the community is prepared for peak season, which begins on May 24 (please note that LMOA Admin Offices will be closed on Memorial Day).

The storms that took place May 13-15 were more severe than expected, resulting in unavoidable flooding. However, storm monitoring by LMOA staff was in place as usual. It is important to know that LMOA has revised its previous protocol. Staff no longer lowers

the lake before a storm by manually opening the spillway, as this has been proven to be an unnecessary action that significantly damages the spillway. This was identified in 2021, when LMOA had to repair the damage and undertake extensive renovations.

Throughout last week's storms, the spillway of the dam operated as it should, draining the Lake at a rate that maintains the dam's integrity. At the time of the renovation and throughout the recent dam recertification process, LMOA received valuable guidance from engineers on best practices, learning that manually opening the spillway is not recommended.

These are some tips we recommend Lake residents jot down for future storms:

- When flood warnings are issued, it is important to remember to loosen boat lines before a storm to prevent damage to boats and docks. Tight mooring lines dislodge the wood pilons from their position, compromising the structure.
- In this area, residents should also be prepared for power and water outages. For a list

of recommended emergency supplies to sustain your household, visit:

[VAemergency.gov/emergency-kit](https://www.vaemergency.gov/emergency-kit).

- If you are in a car and approach a flooded road, remember the rule, "Turn Around, Don't Drown."
- Please remember that LMOA does not recommend swimming in Lake Monticello directly after flooding. Rain washes chemicals, animal feces, and other contaminants from yards into the Lake, and sewage can back up. Wait at least 48 hours after a storm before swimming in Lake Monticello.
- Surface flooding in yards may result from clogged culverts. Before heavy rainfall, clear drains, culverts, and ditches of leaves and debris. This helps water drain properly and prevents leaves from washing into the Lake, which harms lake health.
- All beaches at Lake Monticello are equipped with flags that communicate whether the Lake is open or closed - a red and white checkered flag indicates a Lake closure.

Lake Job Opportunities

Enjoy a work-life balance at Lake Monticello! We are

hiring a Full-Time or Part-Time Custodian. The ideal candidate is an independent worker who takes pride in their work and is available Wednesday through Sunday. We offer benefits, options, and/or unique perks as well as flexible working hours. Visit lmoa.org for more information! Also, the Shark Tank will be open on Saturday, May 24, 2025. If you're interested in a part-time summer job and are 16 years or older, you can fill out an application at Bunker Bistro.

Water Safety Tip of the Week Brought to you by the Volunteer Water Safety Team

Did you know...

The Water Safety Team has prepared Paddler's Info bags for those who kayak, canoe, and enjoy their paddleboard at Lake Monticello! This free bag is available at the Marina and contains a laminated Lake Safety Card, a whistle (required for all paddlers), a chem light, and other goodies. Stop by to get your complimentary bag during Marina hours 10:00-4:00 (closed on Tuesday and Wednesday).



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FLUVANNA COUNTY TAXPAYERS

Fluvanna County Real Estate and Personal Property taxes for the first half of 2025 are due June 5, 2025. Taxes need to be paid in full by midnight June 5, 2025 to avoid penalty.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE VARIOUS PAYMENT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE:

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PUBLIC HEARING

Fluvanna County Planning Commission

Tuesday, June 10, 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 25:03 Fork Union Drive-in – A request for a Special Use Permit in the A-1, Agricultural, General District for an outdoor entertainment site (venue) on two parcels identified as Tax Maps 51-A-61 and 51-A-62. The parcels are two-acres and 0.75-acres and are located at 159 Winnsville Drive (SR 612) approximately 0.2 miles from its intersection with US 15 at Weber City. The parcel is located in the Fork Union Community Planning Area and the Fork Union Election District.

ZMP 25:01 BHL Group LLC, Rural Land Tracts LLC and Catlett Land Company LLC – A Conditional Rezoning from A-1, Agricultural, General, to I-1, Industrial, Limited. The subject property is identified as Tax Map 11-9-3 and consists of approximately 36.187 acres. The parcel is located within the Zion Crossroads Community Planning Area, the Zion Crossroads Urban Development Area, and the Columbia Election District.

ZTA 25:02 - Ordinance to amend the “Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia,” by amending § 22-22-1 to add a definition for “Solid Waste” and to amend the definitions of “Solid Waste Material Recovery Facility” and “Solid Waste Collection Facility.”

A copy of the complete text of the above ordinances 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.

Community Calendar



FLUVANNA
County Calendar



QR Code provided by the
Fluvanna Leadership
Development Program

Veterans meeting

Central Virginia veterans will be holding their monthly 'G.I. style' breakfast on **May 31**. Time is 8:15 a.m. at Wahoo BBQ & Grill, Slice Road Gate, Lake Monticello. \$12 per person (cash only please). Veterans and spouses/friends are welcome. Questions? Contact Paul Bethke (703) 965-8363.

Food Pantry

Fluvanna MACAA / FCSS Food Pantry is located at the old Carysbrook High School. To receive food from the food pantry bring a photo ID as proof of residency in Fluvanna. Open: **Monday - Friday**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. To donate directly to the food bank call 434.842.2521. Cash and food donations gratefully accepted.

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.

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF FLUVANNA

COUNTY OF FLUVANNA, VIRGINIA,

a Political Subdivision of
the Commonwealth of Virginia,

Complainant,

v.

JAMES WOOD, ET AL.,

Respondent(s).

Case No.: CL25-309

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Fluvanna, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Fluvanna, Virginia, described as follows:

Tax Map No. 19-A-78

Account No. 3357

All that certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the Columbia Magisterial District of Fluvanna County, Virginia, on the west side of the road leading to Palmyra, in front of Salem Church, containing 30.25 acres, more or less, and further described as follows:

Beginning at corner near a branch and running N 48° E 87 poles; thence N 18° W 32 poles; thence N 58° W 25 poles; thence N 83° W 8 poles; thence S 81.5° W 22 poles; thence S 77.5 W 16.8 poles; thence S 7.5 E 97 poles to the beginning.

Less and except that portion of land taken by the Virginia Air Line Railway Company as described in Deed Book 3, at Page 239.

And being the remaining 29 acre, more or less, portion of the same property conveyed to James Wood from E.F. Haden and Ida Haden, his wife, by Deed dated March 1, 1887, and recorded December 24, 1890, in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Fluvanna County, Virginia, in Deed Book 26 O.S., at Page 309.

This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described.

IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: James Wood, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; William Wood, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 1717 Corcoran Street NW, Washington, DC 20009; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby

ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before June 16, 2025 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered on the 5th day of May, 2025

Justina P. Hendway, Clerk

I ask for this:

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF FLUVANNA
COUNTY OF FLUVANNA, VIRGINIA,
a Political Subdivision of
the Commonwealth of Virginia,

Complainant,

v.
THOMAS ANDERSON, JR., ET AL.,
Respondent(s).

Case No.: CL25-310

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Fluvanna, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Fluvanna, Virginia, described as follows

Tax Map No. 52-A-75
Account No. 2168


All that certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the Fork Union Magisterial District of Fluvanna County, Virginia, containing 20 acres, more or less, and being assessed in the land records of Fluvanna County, Virginia, as Tax Map Number 52-A-75, Account Number 2168.

And being the same property conveyed to Thomas Anderson from Willie M. Wills by Deed dated February 5, 1906, and recorded February 19, 1906, in the Circuit Court Clerk’s Office of Fluvanna County, Virginia, in Deed Book 2, at Page 59.

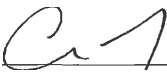
This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described.

IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Thomas Anderson, Jr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Albert E. Anderson, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 104 Jackson Heights, Troy, Virginia 22974; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby

ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before June 19, 2025 in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered on the 8th day of May, 2025

Clerk

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COUNTY OF FLUVANNA, VIRGINIA,
a Political Subdivision of
the Commonwealth of Virginia,

Complainant,

v.
CURTIS TONEY, ET AL,
Respondent(s).

Case No.: CL25-192

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Fluvanna, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Fluvanna, Virginia, described as follows:

Tax Map No. 58-A-71A
Account No. 312628


All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of real property, together with any improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being situate in Fork Union Magisterial District of Fluvanna County, Virginia, containing 2.000 acres, by survey, and adjoining the lands now or formerly of Sam Williams on the north; adjoining the lands now or formerly of Pleasant Smith on the east; and adjoining the lands now or formerly of Robert and Gracie Woodson on the south and west, with metes and bounds as shown on plat of survey of Robert L. Lum, C. L. S., dated May 16, 1977, a copy of which plat is of record in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of Fluvanna County, Virginia in Deed Book 123 at Page 517.

And being the same real property conveyed to Curtis Toney and Lena M. Toney, husband and wife, as tenants by the entireties from Robert Woodson and Gracie Woodson, by Deed dated July 12, 1977 and recorded July 13, 1977 among the records of the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of Fluvanna County, Virginia in Deed Book 123 at Page 516.

This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Deed Book 74 at Page 374, Deed Book 43 at Page 42.

IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Curtis Toney, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 2252 Teepee Town Road, Bremono Bluff, Virginia 23022; Lena M. Toney, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 2252 Teepee Town Road, Bremono Bluff, Virginia 23022; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby

ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before June 16, 2025 in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered on the 5th day of May, 2025

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EVENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Bethel Baptist Church, 227 Bethel Church Rd., Palmyra, VA 22963 holding their vacation bible school on June 8 to June 12, from 6 – 8:30 p.m. for kids K-6th. Ages: 4-12 years. Register online at: www.bethelbaptistchurchpalmyra.org or at the Church June 8th.

LAKE MONTICELLO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. & RESCUE SQUAD. Is having their annual Benefit Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 14, 2025. This benefit is a key fundraiser! \$110 Entrance fee, includes, greens fees/cart, breakfast, buffet lunch. Prizes awarded & raffle. Captains choice. Pick up forms at the LM Golf Pro Shop, (434) 589-3075, by June 6.

FLUVANNA FARMERS MARKET OPEN: Located in Crofton Plaza off of Lake Monticello Road (next to Ace Hardware Store). Every Sunday from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. starting April 27 to October 26, 2025. Enjoy local produce, meats, live music, food trucks, arts & crafts. Pet Friendly! No fees for Vendors! FluvannaCountyFarmersMarket@gmail.com

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Applications are now open for the Virginia Department of Forestry Emerald Ash Borer Cost-Share Program, which offers financial assistance for protecting ash trees from the emerald ash borer. Starting in 2018, the cost-share program, supported by Virginia invasive species funding, has reimbursed the costs for more than 2,400 ash treatments statewide. Landowners and organizations can apply for the program until June 13.

Amanda Conrad, DOF forest health program coordinator, said ash trees are commonly found in yards and lining roads.

"Left untreated, these trees will become infected by emerald ash borer and die, posing a significant risk to public safety," she said.

Infested trees become brittle and prone to breakage, which could be dangerous if ash trees are growing near homes, roads, parks or utility structures.

Farmers and landowners also are impacted—by both property damage and loss of the beneficial species.

"I know a lot a farmers who had them fall on fences," said Mark Campbell, Virginia Farm Bureau Federation membership & field services director based in Nelson County. "Ash trees have a fair amount of limbs that will shatter and drop if the tree is standing dead. But I don't know of too many farms that have living ash trees around anymore."

The responsibility of preserving a beloved ash tree is up to the landowner or locality, he noted.

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