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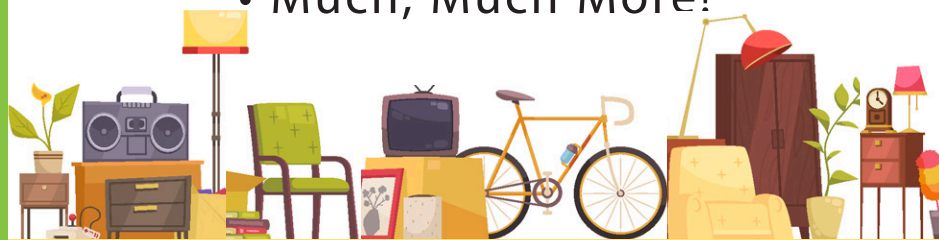
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9 Durable wood

14 Arrestee's request

15 Kaput

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17 End of a threat

18 ____ Clinic

19 Katmandu's land

20 Like many traditions

23 Night school subj.

24 Tied up

25 How some shall remain

27 Kindle

29 Musical work

30 Hepburn film, "Adam's ____"

31 Ring-tailed animal

33 Get rid of

37 Calcium or carbon

39 Ref's call

42 Supermodel Banks

43 Pavarotti, for one

45 "Armageddon" actress Tyler

46 Steel girder

49 Popular theater name

51 Vegas hotel

54 Big Apple team

55 Map abbr.

56 Like some colors

60 Textile pattern

62 Dove competitor

63 Creative spark

64 Draw forth

65 Worse than bad

66 Keister

67 Social outcast

68 Lean (on)

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SUDOKU Edited by Margie E. Burke

Difficulty: Easy

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Gretz named Virginia Superintendent of the Year

PRESS RELEASE



Peter Gretz.

Dr. Peter Gretz, Superintendent of Fluvanna County Public Schools, was presented with the Virginia Superintendent of the Year award during the Virginia Association of School Superintendents (VASS) Awards Luncheon (April 28) in Roanoke. VASS officers and presidents of several major state education organizations participated in the selection process.

More than 400 attendees were present to celebrate the announcement. In March, Gretz had been announced as the Regional Superintendent of the Year, an award given annually to eight of Virginia's 134 superintendents.

"VASS is thrilled that Dr. Peter Gretz has earned the distinction of Virginia's Superintendent of the Year," said VASS President and Washington County Superintendent, Keith Perrigan.

"Having worked alongside Pete in multiple capacities, I have had the unique opportunity to learn from him at various stages of my career. Pete's tireless efforts to ensure learning environments are safe, comfortable, efficient and conducive to learning is a model for Superintendents across the nation. Dr. Gretz has never been afraid to challenge the status quo and always finds a way to do what is best for students," he said. "Pete is the consummate professional, always willing to lend a hand, and has literally had an impact across the entire Commonwealth of Virginia."

Dr. Gretz, currently in his fifth year as superintendent of Fluvanna County Public Schools, is a 35-year Virginia educator.

Growing up in Richmond, he attended college in southwest Virginia at Emory & Henry. There, he began his career as a middle school Language Arts teacher upon graduating in 1991 and was a Teacher of the Year two years later in 1993.

For the next several years, he taught middle and high school English and advanced composition courses, coached wrestling and academic teams, and sponsored the Holston High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club.

Gretz held various school and division-level leadership positions throughout the state, including service in Orange, Buckingham, and Goochland

counties, before becoming Middlesex County superintendent in 2016. There, he became the first superintendent in Virginia to fully power all school facilities with solar power.

The state has tapped his leadership and experience in several arenas. He chaired the State Superintendent's Investigative Panel for seven years, a committee tasked with hearing teacher licensure action cases throughout Virginia. He continues to serve as vice president of the Coalition for Small and Rural Schools. He has been on the Board of Directors of the Association for Learning Environments, an interdisciplinary association of professionals working to drive the evolution and modernization of learning environments in schools.

He teaches master's and doctoral degree courses in educational leadership for JMU, Longwood, and has written and presented widely throughout Virginia and nationally, most recently having been asked to deliver talks at the National Forum to Advance Rural Education in Green Bay and the National Superintendents Forum in Orlando.


Gretz, the father of four current Fluvanna County Public School students, said he feels privileged to participate in the school community that he has been tasked to serve and lead. He and his wife, Sara, are actively engaged in Calvary Chapel Fluvanna and Fluvanna Young Life, as well as their children's involvement in community youth soccer and dance programs.

Dr. Gretz will be honored as Virginia's Superintendent of the Year at the National Conference on Education, held next February in Nashville. He is also being considered for the National Superintendent of the Year award, which is presented each year at that same conference.

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Fluco boys soccer falls to Goochland in overtime

BY DUNCAN NIXON
CORRESPONDENT



Photo by Deborah Nixon

The Fluco boys soccer team hosted the Bulldogs from Goochland County on May 19. Goochland tied the score on a header in the last minute of regulation. In the second five-minute overtime period, the

Bulldogs scored from a scramble in front of the goal after a long free kick. After the game, Coach Jason Davis noted that he felt that his defense lost a little of its focus. But Davis said he was sure that his squad would learn from this loss.

Goochland jumped into the lead with a strong shot over the Fluco goalie and into the top of the net. The goal came after only six minutes of play. For the rest of the first half, the game was mostly in the Flucos control. Four minutes after the Bulldogs goal, Fluco pressure caused a Goochland foul in the box and the Flucos were awarded a penalty kick. Junior Captain Brady Crisp took the penalty kick. The Bulldog goalie stopped the shot but landed prone on the ground without controlling the ball. Crisp promptly jumped on the rebound and fired the

ball into the empty net to tie the score.

The Flucos were buzzing around the Goochland goal for most of the rest of the half, earning corner kicks and hitting the cross bar once and sending two headers just too high. With four minutes remaining in the half, the Flucos took a 2-1 lead as senior forward Tavin Cook scored on a break-away.

Early in the second half, Goochland also scored on a break-away on which the Fluco goalie had no chance. With 24:30 remaining the Flucos took back the lead, as Cook scored again on a break-away. This is not unusual, as Davis said that his team generally plays a counterattack style of offense that emphasizes

a strong defense and a break-away offense. As time ran down in the second half, the Bulldogs energy built up as they desperately looked for a tying goal. Their increased pressure was rewarded just before time expired.

Assists on Cooks' goals went to sophomore forward Gavin Underwood and to junior midfielder Cole Barth. Junior Brennan Chiovaro was the Flucos goal tender and played well throughout the game.

The Fluco boys played their final regular season game on May 22 at Monticello High. The team finished over .500 and the future looks good, as only six of a roster of 20 were seniors.

Obituary

Meredith Lynne White



Born on November 6, 1980, she spent her life amassing a wealth of experience and spreading an abundance of kindness. She was a doting and doted upon daughter, a fiercely loyal and loving sister, and there was probably no title she enjoyed more than that of Aunt to her nephew. She took the task of treasuring him, spoiling him, and teaching him quite seriously. She was a beloved fur mama to many furbabies (especially dogs), and raised and cared for many other types of farm and house critters over the years—often trying to convince her mom and sister to raise chickens, too. Her soul-dog was Chloe, a huge spirited lab mix, who undoubtedly greeted Meredith on the other side with giant kisses and lap dog cuddles. There was nothing more important to Meredith than time with her family—immediate, extended, and chosen. She cherished the friendships she fostered with people everywhere she went.

Meredith was a graduate of Fluvanna County High School ('98), Virginia Tech (BA '03), Cabarrus College of Health Sciences (AD '08), Liberty University (BSN & MSN '24) and had begun pursuing her doctorate to become a Nurse Practitioner. By all accounts, she was a gifted nurse, and nursing was her calling. She genuinely felt for everyone she encountered, sought to be a voice for others in nursing, was gifted at welcoming new

nurses into the profession while teaching them, and had a goal to be a Nurse Practitioner for older people on their life journeys.

Meredith had an interest in and passion for many things. She enjoyed being outdoors—gardening, swimming, playing in the snow, floating a river, fishing—if it was outside, she wanted to do it. She was an artist, particularly notable for the pictures she painted for many of their memorialized pets. She loved music, had an appreciation for the good use of a four-letter word or high quality whiskey, never looked a task in the eye that she feared too much to take on, and never minded good old-fashioned hard work. As a cancer survivor, she wanted to destigmatize conversations around the illness and its myriad effects on those who lived through it.

While Meredith never met a stranger, there are those of us particularly entrusted with her memory. She is survived by her parents, Wayne and Lynne White of Palmyra; a sister, Blair Steele of Palmyra; a Brother-in-Law (to whom Meredith introduced Blair), Quincy; her beloved nephew, Micah; her friend, Justin; and many extended family, friends, and chosen family. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Wistar, Virginia, and Dorothy; her uncle Larry; her aunts Cheryl and Gloria; and her god-aunts Karen, Ernestine, and LaVerne.

Family will visit with friends from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 31st, at Sheridan Funeral Home, in Kents Store, Virginia, 23084.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests gifts to charitable organizations in her memory (Mere particularly loved animals and Christmas, if you need inspiration) or to simply pass along kindness to others.

RUDY TALKS TAXES

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

Life Events Create the Need for Planning

If you're interested in minimizing your tax obligations and maximizing your savings, consider the helpful tips and ideas we cover. Now that you have filed this year's tax return, it is time to use this information to lower next year's obligation. This is especially true if you have a major event in the recent past or on the horizon. Often times, the biggest opportunities to lower your tax bill come when these changes occur. But the savings only occur if you are ready to review the alternatives.

The need for a tax planning session is often triggered by a big change in your situation. These changes, often called life events, can make a difference in your upcoming tax bill and, ideally, should have a plan before the event occurs. Here's a look at several of these life events and how they could change your tax bill.

- Marriage.** Getting married comes with plenty of tax decisions. This is especially true if a home or two is involved or there is a change in the number of your dependents. But it starts with deciding the basics, like filing joint or separate tax return, understanding the changes a joint filing will make, and seeing if it changes the way you report your deductions. Plus if you are an older couple walking down the aisle, you will need to account for the possible taxation of Social Security benefits.
- Tax Tip:** If one spouse doesn't work, they can still contribute to a spousal IRA, as long as you file jointly. For 2025, each spouse can contribute up to \$7,000 (\$8,000 if age 50 or older). And a bonus tip: Remember you are deemed married for the full year even if you get married on the last day of the year. Use this knowledge to your tax advantage!
- Divorce.** If you have a divorce or separation agreement executed after Dec. 31, 2018, the spouse making alimony payments pays the tax bill. Child support follows the same equation, as the child support payments do not need to be reported as income by the receiving spouse and are not deductible by the person paying it. Plus each asset distributed may have differing tax treatment. So before

the divorce becomes final, sit down to understand the after-tax value of what you are agreeing to do.

- Tax Tip:** If both parents agree, it's often best for the higher-earning parent to claim the children on their tax return. Doing so allows them to file as head of household, which offers a higher standard deduction than filing single and can unlock valuable tax credits. Be sure to factor this into your divorce agreement.
- Birth.** A new baby means a new dependent—and potential tax savings. You may qualify for new credits and deductions right away.
- Tax Tip:** Working parents can claim a tax credit for child care expenses for kids under age 13, so a newborn qualifies. Some employers also offer dependent care reimbursement benefits. Remember that dependent related benefits apply here too, whether it is a new birth or an adoption.
- Buying or selling investments.** Investments are subject to differing tax rates, often related to how long you own the underlying asset. Plus using appreciated long-term investments as part of a charitable contribution strategy is one of the best tax savings ideas still available to everyone. So managing the timing and way you sell property can really change its tax nature. In addition, if you have a choice, consider placing income-generating investments, such as bonds or dividend stocks, in tax-deferred accounts such as IRAs or 401(k)s. Use taxable accounts for investments you intend to hold for more than one year, as these will qualify for favorable capital gains tax treatment.
- Tax Tip:** Consider selling investments with losses to offset assets you sell at a gain.
- Selling your home.** If you've owned and lived in your home for at least two of the last five years, you may exclude up to \$250,000 of profit from taxes (\$500,000 if married filing jointly).
- Tax Tip:** Track and document all home improvements, as this increases your home's cost basis and reduces any future tax bill when you sell.

Thanks again for a fantastic year! Now is the time to start planning for the 2025 tax year. Please give us a call at 434-442-4044 or email info@rwftaxservices.com to make an appointment for a review.

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CFC raising funds to build green dog pod

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT



Dog pod. Photo courtesy of CFC

Mary Birkholz has always set goals and made them a reality. In 1988 she bought over 180 acres of land and created an animal sanctuary for neglected, abused, and abandoned dogs and cats. In her early years, she focused on commercial real estate and finance but continued volunteering with area animal shelters in her spare time. Once it became Birkholz's true calling, she maintained the vision of a sanctuary where animals could come, feel safe,

and eventually find their forever home, even if it ended up being with her. As any volunteer who has worked in various capacities at CFC knows, each animal who comes to Caring For Creatures—whether surrendered, a stray, picked up in the road, brought in by a volunteer, or dumped in a box at the entry gate—is treated as an individual. The diet, medical care, and training or re-training are customized for their specific needs. The animals reside in

spacious living areas that are cleaned daily. Staff and volunteers provide social interaction and behavior modification. CFC is one of only a few facilities on the East Coast that offer ongoing care for cats testing positive for FIV or feline leukemia. They receive calls for help from individuals and veterinarians seeking assistance for FIV or FeLV-positive cats all over Virginia and surrounding states. They also take in feral cats and now have a cattery for them to reside and begin rehabilitation. Birkholz recently took in over 100 cats from a cat colony. With donations and volunteers donating time to build the cattery, Magnolia Cove has been added to the campus buildings along with the larger cattery The Scratching Post, built over 15 years ago. On average, Caring For Creatures responds to over 3,700 calls and 2,000 emails every year, the majority of these communications relate directly to an animal in need of help. "CFC's focus is helping animals, but to do that, we must also help the humans behind the animals." To help in these circumstances, Caring For Creatures has a strong Community Outreach Program. Birkholz explains that their community outreach program is fundamental to their mission. "Behind every unwanted litter and every neglected, abused, or abandoned

animal, there is a human who has made a misguided or uneducated choice," she said. "Many animals come into animal care facilities because their owners are unable to deal with behavioral problems that could have been solved with some training or behavior modifications. Other animals are surrendered because their owners are struggling to make ends meet and do not know where to find assistance." CFC's Community Outreach Program offers one-on-one guidance, suggestions, and referrals to help individuals resolve their animal-related concerns or issues. Birkholz is now working on the next step, housing for the dogs. CFC is embarking on a capital fundraising campaign to create their first dog residence: Dog Pod #1. All too often dogs are housed in small kennels and confined areas, which has been shown to contribute to behavioral and mental issues. Birkholz has always made an effort to build outdoor kennels for hardier dogs to have some space to play and socialize with a dog house and a shaded area in the summer. Some live in the main office or with Mary in her office with a run outside. Volunteers take them out for walks or take them to one or two of the play areas on campus. But some of the elderly dogs, mothers with pups, or litters of pups cannot withstand those outdoor elements on an ongoing basis whereas others learned to adapt, so

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they are housed in the only indoor kennel located in a refurbished garage. Birkholz said that in 35-plus years of doing this work, she and others have learned a great deal.

“That knowledge helps us to understand how to carry out the CFC mission, we need the right physical space. The facility should not only be a sanctuary for the animals in need, but be as light as possible in its impact on the earth. It must also reflect an excellent investment in dollars spent.”

CFC chose the Biotekt Biophilic Earth Structure for their dog residences which they dubbed Dog Pods. Birkholz believes in the environment and feels this is the best option to serve both the dogs and the earth. The fundraising campaign for Dog Pod #1 is now underway. Their goal for this project is \$600,000. Thus far, they have received monetary support and commitments totaling just over \$300,000.

CFC has taken the first step of placing their order with the manufacturer of the components to create Dog Pod #1. Caring For Creatures is moving forward to build those facilities with the first unit arriving in June. From there we will have contractors prepare the foundation and put the components together.

“We have chosen the Biotekt Biophilic Earth Structure for our dogs. We feel it can accommodate our design needs as well as provide an energy-efficient building. It offers a more budget-friendly option than conventional construction and is produced with recycled materials,” said Birkholz. The way it is built is key to keeping costs down. The Dome House is made of prefabricated pieces, a simple structure with a small number of parts. The parts are lightweight and easy to transport, so they can easily be assembled even in narrow spaces. Construction can be completed in a very short time by a

small number of people. It is also wind and earthquake-resistant due to the unique way it is constructed.

Dog Pod #1 will be energy efficient to save on heating and cooling expenses. It will be a low-maintenance building that can withstand the ever-changing climate conditions. It will use dog-proof and soundproof materials for floors and walls. This is key to reducing stress on dogs and staff. Limiting the number of dogs in each Pod to 10-12 will also keep stress and noise to a minimum. This is critical to the mental and emotional health of the dogs. The area is designed for easy cleaning.

Each 1,650-square-foot building will be self-sufficient and provide a space for all aspects of care such as feeding, medical, grooming, and adoption meet and greets. It would be similar to the catteries and also simulate indoor places for dogs to adapt more quickly to a home environment. Access to fresh air and spacious yards in which to play and relax. Inside areas offer comfortable sleeping spaces protected from all extremes of weather.

Donations in any amount are welcomed. Another fun option is to honor a beloved animal companion in a unique naming opportunity connected to their Dog Pod Campaign. Dog Pod #1 will require 2,400 nuts and bolts and 4,800 washers for assembly. Make a donation, in any amount, to the Dog Pod #1 Campaign, and Caring For Creatures will write a beloved pet’s name and the initials of their person on a washer that will be built into the structure. If you are interested in participating or want more information, contact Mary Birkholz, at: Mary@CaringForCreatures.org. Or call her at 434-842-2404.

“It’s kind of a fun thing,” she said. “This is truly a landmark project for us and we are only able to take this much-needed step forward because of your ongoing support over the years.”

THIS WEEK’S PET: Jolly

Hi friends! My name is Jolly and I am patiently waiting for my forever home. I am currently living with my wonderful foster family who has so many nice things to say about me, but I am happy to tell you about myself. I am a very chill and low key fella. I can be a little shy around new people, but once we get to know each other -- get ready for snuggles!! I am house broken, crate trained, and I can get along with both cats and dogs. What more could you ask for? I am a good student and have learned a lot from my foster... it helps that when I am a good boy she gives me cookies, MY FAVORITE. You...yeah you! I think we could be a good fit. Have your people call my people so we can meet and fall in love!



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Fishing time

It's Fishing Fun Time ! Sponsored by LMOA. Kids' Fishing Day on Saturday, **June 14** at Tufton Pond. For children ages 3-12. Check-in at 9 a.m. , fishing until 11 a.m. , followed by pizza and prizes. Free bait and tackle provided, or bring your own..Questions? fishingclublakemonticello@gmail.com

Golf tournament

The 46th annual Lake Monticello Volunteer Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad Benefit Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, **June 14** with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Contact LM Pro golf shop (434) 589-3075 for registration forms/info or email golftourn22@gmail.com for more information.

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.



LAKE VIEWS

NEWS FROM YOUR LAKE MONTICELLO NEIGHBORS



Pool Opening Kicks Off Peak Season at the Lake

Happy summer vacation to all of our educators and students! The opening of the pool on Saturday, May 24, marked the beginning of Lake Monticello's peak season. LMOA Members who plan to visit the pool this summer, must have their Member ID in order. Visit lmoa.org to find out how or call Member Services. Fluvanna Public Schools closed on May 21, so our young residents will be out and about, enjoying our wonderful amenities, many of which are accessible by walking or biking. Please drive carefully and share the roads with everyone. We look forward to seeing residents enjoy the lake life to the fullest!

New Lake Job Opportunity

The Main Gate has a job opening! Are you available to cover the weekend patrol for the Saturday and Sunday day shift? Apply for this part-time position at lmoa.org.

Note from Jacie Dunkle at Bunker Bistro

"Heads up! Breakfast is taking a summer break, but don't worry—we'll be back in the fall when Shark Tank closes! Speaking of Shark Tank, your favorite poolside concession will be

open 7 days a week from 12-6 PM, weather permitting. Get ready to savor grilled burgers and hot dogs, and don't miss a few weekends of happy hour featuring refreshing beer and wine! Our snack bar menu is perfect for your poolside cravings. We gladly accept credit cards at Shark Tank, but cash is our preferred method!

Also, mark your calendars for these events:

- **Juneteenth Celebration**
Join us on Thursday, June 19th, for a vibrant drum circle and soul food specials crafted by one of our talented lead line cooks!
- **One Love Project**
Don't miss reggae night on the patio on Friday, June 20th!

Let's make memories together this summer! See bunkerbistro.com for details and reservations."

Board Focuses on Pavilion, Fireworks and Algae Blooms

At the LMOA Board Meeting on May 22, 2025, the Facilities & Lake Operations Committee proposed a revised funding request to initiate a project at Tufton Pond, targeting the harmful algae blooms that have affected the pond in recent years. The committee is

particularly concerned about the absence of dissolved oxygen in the depths of the pond and main lake, as they believe this creates conditions favorable for the growth of harmful algae. They have identified a company, Clean-Flo, that offers an environmentally friendly solution for managing algae growth; however, it comes with a cost. The Tufton Pond project could reach up to \$200,000 over the next three years. If successful, implementation could be extended to the main lake, which would incur significantly higher expenses. During discussions, the Board emphasized the importance of protecting the main lake and informed the committee that the Board must meet with the contractor before approving the contract.

Kent Buckley-Ess, member of the Pavilion Workgroup, presented to the Board its conclusion; that it does not endorse the August 2024 RP for a pavilion at the Ashlawn Clubhouse, nor does it support a large pavilion with electricity at any location within Lake Monticello. Instead, it recommends that LMOA consider smaller pavilions at playgrounds without electricity; however, this would be up to the Lake Monticello Community

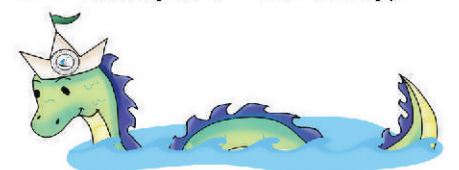
Foundation who proposed donating the pavilion. The Board will discuss this topic at a later date.

Speakers who came to support fireworks were relieved to see the Board approve two proposals that granted the General Manager the authority to negotiate and enter into contracts for fireworks displays at the Lake Monticello Golf Course. One show will be scheduled around Labor Day this year as a test show, and the other near the 4th of July in 2026.

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

Did you know...

The Volunteer Water Safety Team has created a laminated boater's info card which summarizes important lake safety rules and has a really cool map of the Lake! This useful map shows the location of coves, beaches where you can swim from anchored boats, and much more. Lake residents, pick up your complimentary card during Marina hours 10:00-4:00 (closed on Tuesday and Wednesday)!



Scottsville rescued pets summer food drive underway

PRESS RELEASE

A canned pet food collection drive is now in effect through June 30 in the Scottsville area to help feed 250-plus homeless cats and dogs being sheltered at the *Caring for Creatures* animal sanctuary in Palmyra. Can and bag donations can be placed in marked drop-off containers at Scottsville's Baine's Books & Coffee, Baked on the James, East Main Street Garage, Hilltop Produce & Seafood, Marrs Pet Grooming, Piedmont Vet Services (Keene Corner), and River-town Antiques. Additional drop-off containers can also be found at Scottsville's

U.S. Post Office and JMRL Public Library branch. Cash donations can be made on the Web at james-river-good-works-group.square.site. For more information on this project of the *James River Good Works Group*, email jrgoodworks@gmail.com or phone 434-566-8054. The *James River Good Works Group* is a network of volunteers working in the Scottsville area to improve the community and help neighbors in need. Information on JRGW and its other current projects can be found on the Web at james-river-good-works-group.square.site.

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Georgia Morgann Smith graduated from Fluvanna County High School on May 23, 2025 with an advanced studies diploma. She is a member of the National Beta Society which is an international honor society for 4th - 12th graders. The society's motto is "Let us lead by serving others." She completed ServSafe certification for the food service industry. Georgia also played as a pitcher, first baseman and outfielder for the Fluvanna Parks and Rec Girls Softball team beginning in 2017. Georgia is enrolled at Longwood University in Farmville and leaves in August to begin her studies for an elementary education teaching degree.

Remains of former president's daughter return to America
 Fluvanna resident Barbara Vorndick led the effort



Barbara Vorndick and Monroe Remains. Photo by Dr. Lynn Price Robbins.

After spending nearly two centuries in an unmarked and forgotten grave, the remains of Eliza Monroe Hay, daughter of fifth U.S. President James Monroe, were returned to American soil. Through the efforts of Barbara Vorndick and her team at the Bringing Eliza Home Project, Eliza's remains arrived home in the U.S. on May 21 and was met by Vorndick and others at Washington Dulles International Airport. What began as a historical curiosity became a personal mission for Vorndick, whose dedication led to the rediscovery of Eliza's burial site in the Père Lachaise Cemetery in France, where the grave had been neglected for decades. With no prior experience in historical research, Vorndick was drawn to Eliza's forgotten and misunderstood story and began seeking answers. Her six-year long research led to the discovery of documents that reshaped historical understanding and will make it possible for Eliza to be reinterred in her family's plot at Richmond's Hollywood Cemetery. "This project has been a fascinating, enriching journey in many ways, but the most amazing aspect was how it enriched my faith," said Vorndick, a parishioner of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Palmyra. "Through the long

hours and years of research, I came to feel God's presence in a very real way. When I wondered if I would ever find the documents that I needed, He was there, whispering in my ear – suddenly dropping ideas into my mind." During Vorndick's years of research and emails to French entities, a French parish archivist discovered a record of Eliza's funeral Mass at St. Philippe-du-Roule Catholic Church in Paris, leading Vorndick to believe she had confirmed the rumors of Eliza's conversion to Catholicism. For Vorndick, this moment turned the history project into a journey of grace and deepened faith. Eliza Monroe Hay's life was marked by privilege, displacement, and mystery. But in death, her memory has been restored with love. Her journey home to America, guided by history and faith, is a reminder that the Catholic Church's mission of mercy and respect continues for the faithful, even after death. A documentary about Barbara's scholarship and Eliza's repatriation is being produced by Primary Source Media. Eliza's reinterment service is planned for the fall, where she will finally be laid to rest with her family in the Monroe family plot in Hollywood Cemetery in downtown Richmond. More information will be released about the service closer to the date.

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Highland to resume dig on the lost and found Madison home



Highland resumes archeological dig on Monroe home. Submitted photo

Highland will resume archaeological excavation on the lost and found Monroe home on May 21. Excavations will be visible to visitors and will continue on weekdays through July 3, weather permitting.

In 2016 Highland announced the discovery of the Monroes’ main house. It was built in 1799, and the research news upended the longstanding history of the site by determining that the standing house is a guesthouse Monroe had built in 1818.

“This research season focuses on the cellar spaces, which is very exciting” said Highland Executive Director Sara Bon-Harper. “Our work builds on previous seasons that established a lot of architectural details, and now we will be able to learn about activities in these spaces.”

Highland museum guests can visit the excavation site and interact with

archaeologists. Access to view the archaeological excavations is included with general admission. Tickets may be purchased at <https://highland.org/tickets>.

Highland, the home of James Monroe, fifth president of the United States, is adjacent to Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello in Charlottesville, Virginia. Purchased by Monroe in 1793, the property was home to the Monroe family for 25 years. Highland interprets the period of Monroe’s public career, including the lives of enslaved African Americans who lived on the property. Acquired by William & Mary (Monroe’s alma mater) in 1974, Highland offers tours, hosts community and private events, and features a robust museum shop including a Virginia Artisans Room. For hours, directions and more information, visit highland.org or call 434-293-8000.

Propane leak forces evacuation at Crofton Plaza

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

A major propane leak at Crofton Plaza on Lake Monticello Road forced evacuations and a multi-agency response on Sunday (May 19).

Lake Monticello Volunteer Fire & Rescue (LMVF&R) Chief Richard Constantino has shared a detailed report on Sunday’s incident, which occurred at approximately 10:30 a.m.

En route to the scene, Constantino said they learned the propane tank was “underground in proximity to a building with a very big gas leak.” The incident was immediately upgraded, and additional crews from Palmyra and Fork Union were dispatched to the scene.

When they arrived, responders found propane flowing “freely and violently” from a 500-gallon tank.

With two business and the Sunday Farmer’s Market both at risk, “firefighters evacuated the endangered civilians and requested the businesses to close their establishments until the emergency was controlled,” said Constantino.

Because there was no nearby water supply, firefighters connected to a fire hydrant across the road at Village

Oaks, 500 feet away. This continuous water supply helped control the spreading gas cloud, as other crew members made entry to a nearby building to make sure the propane did not find an ignition source.

Constantino said they had been assisted by an off-duty Tiger Fuel employee who happened to be at the Farmer’s Market and not only helped firefighters with the mitigation but assisted the AmeriGas representative who later arrived to plug the tank.

The damage was the result of a driver inadvertently running over the valve with his truck while attempting to park near the Farmer’s Market. The valve and part of the top of the tank was pulled free, allowing the gas to escape.

Nobody was injured in the incident.

Along with crews from Palmyra and Fork Union, LMVF&R was assisted by the Fluvanna County Sheriff’s Office and the Virginia State Police, and VDOT.

Supervisors debate permits, school funding

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

The Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors approved a special use permit for a specialty gun and archery shop at its meeting on Wednesday (May 21).

Brecht Sprouse wants to open a retail shop on North Boston Road (Rt. 600), focusing on hunting, fishing, and archery. He has owned a similar business in Albemarle County for many years.

The space will include an indoor archery range, but firearms will not be discharged on the property.

The special use permit was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission in May after a month-long delay.

Commissioners deferred approval in April because no community meeting had been held.

Over a dozen residents attended a meeting on April 23 to address community concerns about firearm safety and traffic.

At Wednesday’s meeting, Chair Chris Fairchild (Cunningham) asked administrators to address some concerns about the county’s transparency surrounding the application that were shared on the county’s My Two Cents portal and in emails.

“One, if you could speak to what our policies are as a county, and two, if we met or surpassed them,” he said.

County Administrator Eric Dahl said the county had met all the legal requirements around advertising the hearings.

“A community meeting is not required under Virginia code or the county code,” he said. They are generally held on the recommendation of the Planning Commission or staff. Sprouse agreed with the recommendation.

For a public hearing, they generally only inform adjacent property owners, but Dahl said here, they had notified everyone within a one-mile radius, sending out about 140 letters to residents.

Another concern was that public hearing notices did not state what type of specialty retail shop was being considered for the site.

County Attorney Daniel Whitten said that here, too, they had met the letter of the law.

Previously, the state code required a descriptive notice for a special use permit, but “they changed the language to ‘notice,’” he said. “So basically, what we provided as the notice met the state code. We say specialty retail shop, because we stated the tax notice. We stated the property address. We stated the voting district. All of that met the requirements of the state code.”

School Funding

Fluvanna County Public Schools Executive Director Donald Stribling requested that the supervisors reallocate the remaining \$149,700 from the Fluvanna Middle School track resurfacing project for additional renovations in and around the new track.

While the track is complete, an additional \$38,000 would pave around the track edges and grade and resurface pathways around it.

The remaining \$111,00 could allow them to start on other upgrades needed to keep the facility up-to-date and up to code. These would include upgrading bleachers to make them ADA-compliant, adding cameras and Wi-Fi to the track areas, updating the concession stand, and re-roofing a storage shed.

During Stribling’s presentation, it became clear that the bleachers could become a significant project. A complete inspection and recommendations for repairs or replacement were estimated at \$14,000—and preliminary projections for major repairs up to a full replacement range from \$200,000 to \$1.5 million.

“My only concern is that there seems to be a little bit up in the air about the bleachers,” said Mike Goad (Fork Union), “and I would hesitate to fund something that we don’t really know what we’re getting into.”

Supervisors decided to hold funding for anything involving the bleachers, but approved \$67,000 for paving, roofing, and concession stand upgrades.

School funding was mentioned again during a discussion of the meals tax, which will take effect on August 1.

When approving the four-percent tax in March, supervisors agreed to set aside two percent of the monies collected for a special school construction fund.

County Attorney Daniel Whitten believed supervisors needed to clarify what projects would be eligible for funding.

The group debated whether the fund could be used for major renovations or expansions of existing facilities, or only for new building construction.

They eventually agreed to fund only new construction, with a minimum threshold for distribution of \$10 million.

“None of us will be alive when \$10 million is in that account,” said Mike Sheridan (Columbia), who had first proposed setting up the fund. “I’m not being pessimistic. We’re talking about \$100,000 a year going into this account.”

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HUMAN SERVICES ASSISTANT III: The Human Services Assistant III screens clients for benefit programs. Some duties include: assisting applicants with completing benefits applications and performing initial screening of applications; interviewing applicants and researching databases to obtain and/or verify information needed to process applications; scheduling and coordinating appointments for applicants to meet with benefits staff. The full job description can be found at the link below. Must possess organizational, customer service and computer skills. Qualifications include a high school diploma supplemented with post-secondary coursework in one of the social or behavioral sciences. Salary range is \$29,334 - \$40,000, depending on qualifications and experience.

Applications must be submitted at https://evqk.fa.us8.oraclecloud.com/hcmUI/CandidateExperience/en/sites/CX_2001/job/4242.

Deadline to apply: June 6, 2025.

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PUBLIC NOTICE



PUBLIC HEARING Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Ordinance to Amend “The Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia,” by amending §§ 20-13-3, 20-13-5, 20-13-6, 20-13-7, 20-13-10, and 20-13-11 and enacting § 20-13-15 to clarify the duties of the Commissioner of Revenue and Treasurer in the administration of the food and beverage tax and to authorize 50 percent of the revenue from the food and beverage tax to be used solely for public school construction projects in accordance with a policy approved by the Board of Supervisors and to allow the seller to deduct 3% of the amount of tax due to compensate sellers for the collection of the tax

A copy of the full text of the ordinance is available for review by the public at www.fluvannacounty.org and in the office of the County Administrator during regular office hours. All interested persons wishing to be heard are invited to attend the public hearing.

Fluvanna student earns electric co-op scholarship

PRESS RELEASE

The Education Scholarship Foundation of the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives (VMDAEC) has reached a \$1 million milestone in awarding college scholarships to deserving students.

The Roberta I. Harlowe Scholarship, the foundation's highest award, is named for the past chair of the scholarship fund who is also a former member and current Ambassador of the CVEC board of directors. This year's scholarship of \$3,000 was awarded to Piper LaRochelle, a senior at Fluvanna County High School. Piper will attend Oklahoma State University to study Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, with the dream of designing aircraft. The daughter of Bridget and Dave LaRochelle, she is ranked in the top five at her school and is deeply involved in service and leadership. She serves as president of the Beta Club, leads school tutoring initiatives, and partners with Caring for Crea-

tures to support animal adoption. Piper also represents the Fluco Club, captains the Varsity Girls Soccer Team, and helped lead her school to its first-ever regional and state appearance for girls soccer. She has earned numerous athletic honors, organized team fundraisers, and led injury prevention clinics for young athletes in the community.

She was eligible for consideration because her parents are consumer-members of Central Virginia Electric Cooperative.

Scholarship recipients are chosen based on a competitive screening process that considers financial need (40%), academic achievement (40%) and community involvement and personal history (20%). Applicants must be graduating seniors from either high school or homeschool in the year during which they apply. They must also provide evidence of their acceptance into a post-high school educational institution or program. Scholarships can be used to pay for tuition, fees, and books.

The Foundation is funded through tax-deductible donations and bequests from individuals, proceeds from fundraising events and CoBank's Sharing Success

Program. For information on donating to the Foundation, please visit <https://vmdaec.com/scholarshipfoundation/>.

Four students from Fluvanna graduate from Radford

Nearly 1,400 Radford University graduates were awarded degrees during two main ceremonies, the graduate commencement and hooding on May 9, in the Dedmon Center and undergraduate commencement on May 10 on Moffet Lawn.

The graduates included four students from Fluvanna County: Noah Greenberg, Vincent Scopelliti, Taylor Scott, and Sarah Merriman. Students were joined by proud family members, friends and faculty as they marked this milestone achievement.

This year's graduating class includes 259 first-generation college students, with graduates ranging in age from 18 to 66, and representing eight states, Washington, D.C., and 12 countries outside the United States. The nursing program had the largest number of

students graduating from a single academic discipline.

Keynote speaker Kwabena Osei-Sarpong, a 2005 Radford alumnus and CEO of RIFE International, delivered an inspiring address that emphasized gratitude, resilience, and the enduring power of a Radford education.

"Twenty years ago, I sat where you are today, excited, hopeful but unsure about what was ahead," Osei-Sarpong said. "Today, standing here with you, I feel the same, except now I have a few more scars, a little more wisdom and a lot of gratitude. This might be the most surreal moment of my journey, a full-circle moment that I wouldn't have imagined would have come so soon."

"To the Class of 2025, go out there and show them the Radford spirit."





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Class of 2025 FCHS Class of 2025 takes center stage

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

It was a perfect night for a graduation.

With unseasonably low temperatures and a steady breeze to keep them cool and collected under their caps and gowns, the Fluvanna County High School class of 2025 filed onto the football field Friday (May 23) to cheers and the occasional blast of an air horn from the packed bleachers.

“Today, we gather not just to celebrate a moment, but to honor a journey,” said FCHS Principal Margo Bruce in her opening remarks.

The journey, as valedictorian Zachary C. Rhea and salutatorian Bela H. Varga noted, had begun during COVID.

“At first, I found virtual learning to be a hassle and an inconvenience,” said Varga.

Over time, he said, he had begun to view it differ-

ently. “In this instance, I realized the power that came from focusing on the positive scenario.”

Rhea said that virtual learning had left them feeling isolated, even when they resumed in-person learning, “almost as though the people we had grown up knowing were somehow more distant than before.”

However, eventually, “we were able to establish new bonds and reconnect with those around us,” he said.

Co-valedictorian Anna E. Amato talked about finding inspiration in Kenyan long-distance runner Eliud Kipchoge. In 2019, Kipchoge set a record by running a marathon in under two hours, a feat most experts believed was decades away.

“He sent a message to each person on this planet: no human is limited,” she said. “Class of 2025, as we go out on our own, I urge you to remember Kip-

choge’s words – each and every one of you has unlimited potential.”

“I believe that all of us did an amazing job,” said co-salutatorian Alexandar S. Stillwell. “This year, we went from tough moments, such as first presentations and much more, all the way to fun moments with friends. I believe everyone here is successful.”

Some graduates are heading for the military, while others are going directly into the workforce. The majority are heading to two- and four-year college programs, with Bruce announcing that the Class of 2025 has been awarded \$1.69 million in scholarships.

Wherever they go, Superintendent Peter Gretz said, “I hope you will always remember that you have a giant, unstoppable, and unshakeable Fluco family here. We believe in you, and we are here for you.



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Blevins, Logan Michael Araújo
Bond, Katherine Nicole
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Buglia, Daniel Kenneth
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PUBLIC HEARING

Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors

Wednesday June 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

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

ZTA 25:05 - Ordinance to amend the “Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia,” by adding § 22-1-3 to identify the County’s GIS map as the official zoning map of Fluvanna County.

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



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:

- **By mail postmarked by June 5, 2025**
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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.

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
Clerk

I ask for this:

John A. Rife

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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

Justina P. Hendway, Clerk

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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.
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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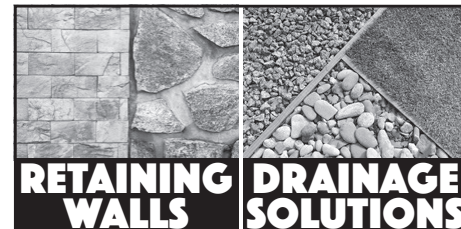


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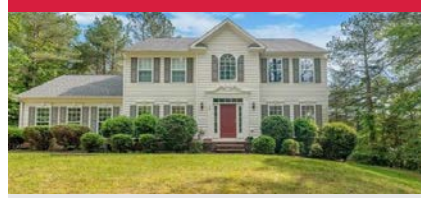


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