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271 Pleasant Grove Drive, Palmyra

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PUBLIC HEARING Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Ordinance to amend the "Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia," by enacting § 20-13-1 to codify that there shall be a biennial assessment, reassessment, and equalization of assessments of all real estate in the County, such real estate to be assessed as of January 1.

Copies of the complete text of the above ordinance is available for public review at <https://www.fluvannacounty.org/> and at the Office of the Fluvanna County Administrator during normal business hours. All interested persons wishing to be heard are invited to attend the public hearing.



PUBLIC HEARING Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

The Virginia Department of Transportation and the Board of Supervisors of Fluvanna County, in accordance with Section 33.2-331 of the Code of Virginia, will conduct a joint Public Hearing at the Fluvanna County Circuit Court, 72 Main Street, Palmyra 22963, at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2025. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed Secondary Six-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2026 through 2031 in Fluvanna County, and on the Secondary System Construction Budget for Fiscal Year 2026. Copies of the proposed Plan and Budget may be reviewed at the Louisa Residency Office of the Virginia Department of Transportation, located at 3709 Davis Highway, Louisa, or at the Fluvanna County Administrator's Office located at 132 Main Street, Palmyra, Virginia.

All projects in the Secondary Six-Year Plan that are eligible for federal funds will be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which documents how Virginia will obligate federal transportation funds.

Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this hearing should contact the Virginia Department of Transportation at 829-7616. Persons wishing to speak at this public hearing should contact the Fluvanna County Administrator's Office at 434-591-1910.



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

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

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

Bethke shares her tricks for watercolor landscapes

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT



Bethke and FAA members. Photo by Page Gifford

Local artist Linda Bethke shared her tips and tricks with members of the Fluvanna Art Association's monthly meeting on Saturday (May 3). Bethke opened her three-hour workshop by discussing traditional watercolor, which relies on water control, building color, masking or leaving white space, and using various watercolor brushes. She talked about her contemporary methods of flicking or spritzing water, using salt, alcohol, saran wrap, and wooden skewers to create effects.

Traditional watercolor has always been a fast-moving yet meticulous medium to master, frustrating many artists who try it and admit it is one of the most difficult mediums to control. Bethke's favorite comment and one that is key to watercolor is to get the paint "juicy."

"There are so many ways to control it, loose, pale, washy, or wet on wet, and let the paint do some the work," she said. "Avoid mud, let pure colors mix on the paper, and swoop the brush through the paint instead of mixing it on a palette. Tilt your paper to mix and blend colors, it's much prettier, cleaner, and less mud." She adds that more water creates lighter pigment and more paint creates darker pigment.

Glazing is often used to help deepen color by using a weak mixture of transparent pigment applied to a dry area.

"My first application of paint is rarely my last. Glazing helps to enrich and beautify an area."

Most watercolorists manipulate the puddles of paint with a brush to

achieve a certain effect. Bethke applies paint with her brush and then uses the blunt end of a wooden skewer, whisking it upwards at lightning-fast speed to create grass.

She uses this and other simple tools, including a wad of paper towel to blot an area or a Scrub Daddy to pull out color and create white spaces, flicking water on an area with her fingers, Alcohol can have the same effect. A solution of fifty percent alcohol will disburse paint and create unique patterns. A higher alcohol content of 80 or 90 percent will remove it and leave white areas with soft edges. A frisket or a watercolor mask is painted on to preserve white areas and removed later to leave perfect hard edges. It all depends on the look the artist desires.

"This leads to a variety of hard and soft edges," she said as she used a small spray bottle to spritz water on her paper to dampen it.

She uses these various household tools to create grass, snow-capped mountains, thistles, rocks, twigs, trees, and weeds.

"The foreground is a safe place in a landscape to experiment with these techniques."

As she demonstrates, she discussed things for artists to consider. Members delved into their experimentation with the techniques as Bethke reminded them that nothing is perfect and it's not the goal when creating.

"Special one-of-a-kind happy accidents are diamonds in painting. Artists can't even recreate these again."



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County Calendar

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Historical society event

Celebrate Mother's Day with the Fluvanna Historical Society! Join us in the historic village of Palmyra for "Second Sundays" on Sunday, **May 11**, from 2 to 4 p.m. Historic courthouse, Maggie's House and Old Stone Jail Museum at 14 Stone Jail Street Palmyra.

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.

Scam Alert: County warns about fraudulent emails

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

Fluvanna County officials are warning residents about a new email scam circulating around the region.

Some residents have received fraudulent emails that appear to come from the Fluvanna County Department of Planning and Zoning.

"These emails contain false and misleading information regarding recent applications and indicate that additional action, as well as payment via wire transfer, may be required before final approval is granted," officials say in the alert at fluvannacounty.org.

They do not believe the emails are part of any data breach, saying "the information contained in the emails appears to come from the use of publicly available information obtained from the county's website."

This particular scam has been circulating in other parts of Virginia and West Virginia since at least last summer. Since the start of April, the city of Winchester and Washington County, West Virginia, have sent similar warnings to their residents.

Fluvanna officials want to remind residents that all official county emails carry the @fluvannacounty.org domain.

Most importantly, the county never


requests payment via wire transfer.

If you received a suspicious email, do not respond or click on any links contained in the body of the email.

If you have any questions about an email, call the department of planning and zoning directly at 434-591-1910.

If you have made a payment due to one of these emails, contact the Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office at 434-589-8211.


The county has also set up a link to report a potentially fraudulent email. Visit <https://www.fluvannacounty.org/planning/page/fraudulent-email-alert> for details.



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Letter to the Editor

Let them sue

I did not practice law in this area, so consider this the comments of a non-lawyer. It seems to me that possession is 9/10 of the law may apply here. Let them sue us. In poker there are strong bluffs and weak bluffs. The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) suggestion that the LMOA could be found to owe three times the loan amount strikes me as a very weak bluff. If a government agency -the Small Business Association (SBA) - said the loan did not have to be returned, how could the request for the loan have been fraudulent? DOJ may be able to overrule SBA and claw back the loan amount, but that needs to be litigated.

-Duncan Nixon, Lake Monticello

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

1 Like some gases

6 Hearts or darts

10 Transfer

14 More upscale

15 Tehran's land

16 On vacation

17 Pot spot

18 Provide fresh air

20 Moray, e.g.

21 Out in front

23 Dressed to the

24 Walked-over

26 Actor Baldwin

28 Fishy organ

29 Marriage offer

33 "8 Mile" rapper

35 Dryer buildup

36 Schedule abbr.

37 Riot spray

38 Loose talk?

40 Potter's need

41 Farrow of film

42 Mean anagram

43 Like cold cuts

45 Ration out

47 Slugger Aaron

48 One of Columbus' ships

49 Desire

52 Put on a show

55 Parishioners

57 Likewise

58 "Kill the Messenger" comic

60 Bedeck

62 Place for polish

63 A single time

64 Shake awake

65 HS subject

66 Subway Series team

67 Hold off

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5 Loom's pedal

6 Assumed as fact

7 Word after gray or Bay

8 Kind of orange

9 Med. specialty

10 Cotton fabric

11 McGregor of "Moulin Rouge!"

12 Check information

13 Peepers

19 Not up to the task

22 Ship steerer

25 Wine and

27 Horse with high odds

29 Piper product

30 Persevere

31 Up to the task

32 "The Before Time" (1988)

33 Jane Austen classic

34 Letters

39 Not to mention

40 Double-decker checker

42 Litmus reddeners

44 Cord for an ID card

46 "Modern Family" actor Ed

49 Facebook tally

50 Like Odin

51 One beyond help

52 Teen spots

53 "Rush Hour" star, 1998

54 Some H.S. math

56 Bank statement abbr.

59 CD follower

61 John or Jane

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Drip irrigation spares gardens from summer drought

CONTRIBUTED BY E. DIANNE CAMPBELL



A simple drip irrigation layout slowly waters the plants' roots. Photo by Jane Shepherd

THIS WEEK'S PET Coral

Hey there! I'm Coral, great to meet you! I'm a super happy girl who enjoys spending time outdoors and soaking in all the amazing scents nature has to offer. I'm definitely finding my groove more and more each day. I am feeling more confident and really starting to show the staff here how sweet and silly I can be. I can get along well with other dogs as well. If all that is not enough, hopefully I can win you over with my gorgeous smile! To my future dog parent -- I can't wait to meet you.

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This summer is projected to be another dry one, according to the 2025 edition of *The Old Farmer's Almanac*.

The venerable prognosticators boast an 80 percent accuracy rate, so this is not good news, particularly for gardeners.

Folks wishing to avoid the prospects of another summer of heart-stopping water bills or anxiety about wells running dry might consider drip irrigation. With the possibility of saving 30 to 50 percent of water usage, it's worth the thought.

Drip irrigation, also sometimes called trickle irrigation, slowly delivers water where it is needed so there is no run-off and little is lost to evaporation. Vegetables, annuals, perennials, and woody shrubs generally need about an inch of water per week, so home gardeners can plan watering zones and control timing to match the weather and their plants' particular needs.

On May 16, 10 a.m. to noon, a free seminar at the Pleasant Grove Community Garden will explain and demonstrate how the conservation can be attained. Rick Hernandez, Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent for Fluvanna, and Jane Shepherd, Fluvanna Master Gardener Conservator of the Butterfly Garden, will team up to discuss, instruct, and demonstrate how a drip irrigation system can be installed.

Shepherd says she has a two-fold inspiration for looking into the process – the high cost of public water and the desire to conserve water as an increasingly precious resource. "I'm not a very tech-savvy person, so I was intimidated by the challenge of trying to install a system on my own," she says. "Luckily, Rick Hernandez agreed to share his expertise in a hands-on workshop we can offer to Fluvanna County residents. We hope other gardeners will be more confident after observing a small system being planned and installed."

The seminar will explore the pros and cons for the home garden, review the equipment and tools required, and provide participation in the planning and installation of a system. It will be presented in the Community Garden at Pleasant Grove Park, Friday, May 16, 10 a.m., to noon. Attendance is limited to 20 people at a time, so pre-registration is essential. Contact B. Redman at the VCE Fork Union office, 434-591-1950, or bredman@vt.edu.

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Obituary



Eleanor Ann Stayton, whose vibrant spirit touched countless lives across her 98 years, passed away peacefully on April 25, 2025, at Our Lady of Peace Retirement Community, where she had lived since 2019.

Born in 1926 and raised in Flushing and Montauk Point, Long Island, Eleanor's remarkable beauty was matched only by her inner strength. As a young woman, she graced the covers of Walter Thorton Magazine and won an impressive array of beauty pageant titles, including New York City's Most Beautiful Baby (1929), National Donut Queen (1943), and Miss Stardust National (1945), where she triumphed over 8,000 competitors.

In 1951, Eleanor married Leon "Bud" Busick Stayton Jr., and the couple made their home in Seattle, Washington from 1954 to 1961 before settling in Port Washington, NY. Following their divorce in 1970, Eleanor demonstrated remarkable resilience as she single-handedly raised her three children while building a career in the Port Washington School system. Her leadership abilities shone as she served as President of the Port Washington Association of Education Secretaries from 1975-1976.

In 1977, Eleanor made her beloved Montauk cottage her year round home. She worked as the assistant in the Park Superintendents Office at Hither Hills State Park until her retirement in 1988.

Her next chapter began in 1994 when she and her sister Carol moved to Lake Monticello, Virginia. For over 25 years in Fluvanna County, Eleanor's community spirit flourished through her dedicated volunteer work with the Lake Monticello Volunteer Fire & Rescue Auxiliary, the Fluvanna County Historical Society, local schools, Meals on Wheels, the library, and Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

Eleanor embraced life with enthusiasm, finding joy in travel, reading, and card games – especially bridge. A proud member of the DAR, NSDU, and UDC, she was known as a wonderful mother, a loyal friend, and a woman whose cheerful and engaging presence brightened any room.

Eleanor is survived by her daughter Lynn Stayton-Eurell, Lynn's husband Michael Eurell, and their daughter Mackenzie and her husband Dustin Kirk; great-granddaughter Norah; son Leon "Lee" B. Stayton III and his children Jesse, Chloe, Chelsea, and Sarah; son Lawrence E. Stayton, daughter-in-law Magda J. van de Bunt Stayton, and their children Lawrence (Connor) Stayton and John (Jack) Berend Stayton; and nephew David Johnson.

She was preceded in death by her parents Michael L. and Margaret H. Cahill; her sisters Margaret "Peggy" Johnson (husband Alan) and Carol Cahill; and nephews Michael W., Stuart, Alan, and Michael E. Johnson.

Eleanor's life reminds us that beauty comes in many forms – from youthful pageant wins to the deeper beauty of resilience, civic engagement, and unwavering love for family and community.

The family suggests remembrance donations in Eleanor's name be made to the Lake Monticello Fire & Rescue Auxiliary.

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Early voting begins for June 17 primaries

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

Early voting is now underway in Virginia's June 17 primaries.

The biggest race in November, to replace outgoing Governor Glenn Youngkin, is already set—current Republican Lt. Gov. Winsome Earle-Sears will face off against former Democratic Rep. Abigail Spanberger.

Democrats still have to vote on their choices for lieutenant governor and attorney general candidates.

In the attorney general's race, Democrats will choose between Jay Jones, a former Norfolk state delegate, and Henrico Commonwealth's Attorney Shannon Taylor.

The field for lieutenant governor is much more crowded, with six candidates vying for the nomination.

The ballot includes well-known candidates like former Richmond mayor Levar Stoney, and state senators Ghazala Hashmi and Aaron Rouse, and relative newcomers like labor leader Alex Bastani, Prince William School Board chair Dr. Babur Lateef, and former federal prosecutor Victor Salgado.

Republicans have already settled on conservative radio host John Reid for lieutenant governor and incumbent attorney general Jason Miyares, who is seeking reelection.

Reid, the first openly gay candidate to run for statewide office in Virginia, has recently faced controversy after explicit photos allegedly tied to a social media account surfaced online.

Reid denies the allegations and continues to campaign.

Fluvanna voters can vote on the Democratic ballot in the lieutenant governor and attorney general races.

In-person early voting continues through June 14. The Fluvanna County Registrar's Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.. They will be closed on Monday, May 26, for Memorial Day.

The primary will be held June 17, with polling precincts open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For questions about registration, voting, or any other issues, please contact the registrar's office at 434-589-3593 or visit them online at <https://www.fluvannacounty.org/registrar>

Lake Bunker Bistro holds Drag Queen Brunch

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

After being delayed by threats of violence in February, the Drag Queen Brunch took place at Lake Monticello's Bunker Bistro on Saturday (May 3) without incident.

Local social media accounts filled up with bright photos of almost a half-dozen performers entertaining a large and enthusiastic crowd in a private room at the Bistro.

A good number of children were in the audience, and attendees said it was a very family-friendly event.

LMOA Director Jennifer Richardson took her young family and said the event went well. "It was packed, there were a lot of kids, and there was a visible police presence, so everyone felt safe."

Richardson praised the show's coordinators, Jacklynn Dunkle and Amanda Pace Dickinson, for making the show happen despite the odds. "I am so appreciative of Chief [David] Wells and the team at LMPD for making sure we were safe," she added.

Hosted by RocDun Hospitality, which manages Bunker Bistro, Drag Queen Brunch was designed as a fundraiser for the JD Dickinson Foundation, a local nonprofit that provides scholarships for Fluvanna students.

When the event was announced in January, tickets sold out in three days.

Just days before the event, LMOA received a credible threat of violence, and after consulting with local law enforcement, RocDun decided to postpone the show to give authorities a chance to investigate. To date, no arrests have been announced in the case.

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- Check NEWS at lmoa.org to learn all about checking in at the pool.
- Sign up for Everbridge to receive texts from LMOA.

Independence Day Celebration Dates Set

Volunteers and LMOA staff gathered last week to lay out the 4th of July Schedule for 2025. Get ready for a fantastic boat parade on Thursday, July 3, and a full day of fun on Friday, July 4. This year's events include Cornhole and Horseshoe Tournaments, the 5K run, Kids' Putting Contest, Kids' Games, a Pickleball Demo, and the Sand Sculpture

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and new items. Owners Sam and Jacie also serve an early breakfast Tuesday-Saturday with grab-and-go sandwiches at 7:30 AM. You can also order off the menu inside. Enjoy a cup of Shenandoah Joe coffee with pancakes, an omelet, or something else! The patio is open with views of the chipping green, pond, and fairways. Reservations are recommended at bunkerbistro.com.

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Ensure a clean grill of health when cooking outdoors

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Seasoned grillers are likely familiar with food safety protocols regarding safe temperatures and cross contamination. As barbecue season heats up ahead of Memorial Day, consider incorporating grill cleaning and maintenance methods into those standard safety practices

A dirty grill can affect food flavors and create excess smoke, according to Michigan State University Extension. “For a deep cleaning, I use soap, and water from a spray hose,” said chef

Tammy Brawley of The Green Kitchen, host of Real Virginia’s Heart of the Home cooking segment.

Remove the grates to attack residues that may linger after winter storage. Start by soaking the grates in hot soapy water, then scrub and spray to clean off grease and food particles.

After deep cleaning, MSU Extension recommends spraying or wiping grates with cooking oil to prevent rust during grilling season. “I clean my grates before each use,

as opposed after each use,” Brawley continued. “Before grilling, I set the temperature to high, because 500 degrees or more will kill any bacteria in residues left over from the last use. And then I use a bristle brush.”

While wire grill brushes are effective tools, Consumer Reports recommends pitmasters take extra precautions, as bristles may break off and adhere to both the grill and cooked food.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said that internal injuries have been reported following unintentional ingestions of wire grill-cleaning brush bristles by both children and adults. If consumed, wire bristles can injure the mouth, throat, tonsils or esophagus, and even damage the stomach and intestinal area.

Thoroughly check grates for any bristles before cooking. Toss the brush if it’s missing bristles or appears worn or warped.

MSU Extension recommends investing in a high-quality wire brush and

hanging it to dry with the brush upside down. Keep your brush inside to prevent deterioration from weather exposure. Or consider alternative cleaning tools.

Alternatives to wire brushes include stone cleaning blocks; wooden scrapers; nylon fiber brushes; coil-shaped, bristle-free brushes; and scrapers with single, rounded tips to clean rod-shaped grates. Some pitmasters scrape grates with balled-up aluminum foil or an onion.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends that perishable cookout food be consumed or refrigerated within two hours, or within one hour if outdoor temperatures are 90 degrees and above. Whole cuts of meat should be cooked to a minimum temperature of 145 degrees with a 3-minute rest time before carving or eating; fish to 145 degrees; hamburgers and other ground meat to 160 degrees; egg dishes to 160 degrees; and poultry and pre-cooked meals to 165 degrees.

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Virginia’s spring farmers markets are seasonal hotspots with year-round benefits

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When farmers markets come to life in the spring, Virginia-grown goodness ensues.

The state’s farmers markets are bringing back bountiful peak-season produce, handmade goods and a “strong connection between local farmers and their communities,” noted Kim Hutchinson, Virginia Farmers Market Association executive director.

“With over 256 member markets across the state, the VAFMA supports markets in creating economic opportunity, strengthening local food systems and expanding access to local food,” she said. “This year, markets are seeing a surge in interest around innovative prepared foods, pasture-raised meats, native and foraged ingredients, and international food traditions that reflect the many cultures represented in Virginia.”

She added that markets are expecting larger crowds this year as consumers continue their interest in supporting local farms and businesses.

Shoppers at the Ashland Farmers Market can get a taste of the area’s dynamic agricultural landscape. Set to open the first Saturday in May, the producer-only market features vendors within 30 miles of the town.

Market manager and vendor Christi Macomber said the modest-sized market packs in tons of variety with farm-fresh eggs; native fresh-cut flowers and potted plants; pasture-raised meats; home-baked goods; local honey; and more. Visitors also can expect to see strawberries, asparagus, cut greens and other seasonal produce at the market in coming weeks.

“One of the ways I keep track of time

is seeing what’s on the tables at the farmers market each week,” she said. “Especially when the season really gets going, there’s always going to be something new.”

The Warrenton Farmers Market kicked off its spring season mid-April, bringing Virginia’s vast array of agricultural products, cuisines and cultures to the area’s rural communities.

Boasting over 50 vendors from various regions, the market offers everything from Brazilian-style barbecue to international produce grown by beginning farmers in Fauquier Education Farm’s incubator program.

“We don’t have a lot of produce growers in the area, so the education farm has really helped our farmers market grow and retain produce vendors that are as local as possible,” noted Natalie Ortiz, Warrenton Farmers Market manager.

Farmers markets also play a vital role in addressing food insecurity, with many markets accepting Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits.

Various Warrenton Farmers Market vendors accept SNAP benefits and Fauquier Farm Bucks, which are gift cards distributed to county residents through the Fauquier FISH program.

“This gives our patrons who might need a little bit of support more options,” Ortiz noted. “They can use their SNAP benefits at the grocery store for things they can’t get at the market.”

According to a recent Colorado State University study, every dollar of nutrition incentives spent on farm direct purchases, such as at a farmers market, can contribute up to \$3 to the

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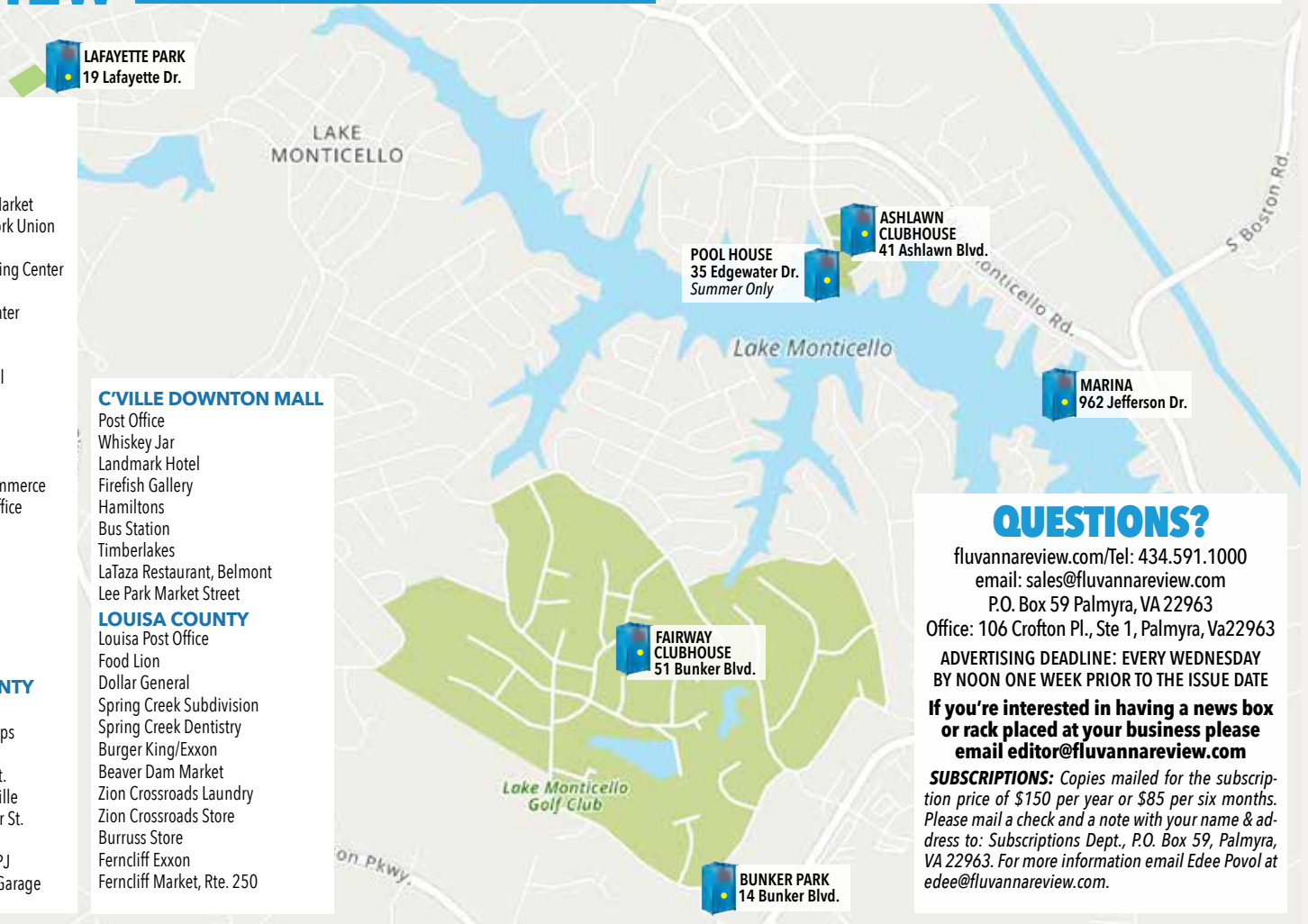
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U.S. economy.

The Warrenton market also supports the local economy through initiatives like offering business support services to vendors and initiating farm-to-table partnerships.

The Ashland market helps draw larger crowds to surrounding businesses on Saturdays.

"And it's just a nice gathering place for the community," Macomber noted.

The market's upbeat atmosphere is elevated by live music on the lawn, picnic tables and conversations with local growers.

Many farmers markets host community events throughout the spring and summer, including pop-up kids' markets and activities. Visit the Warrenton Farmers Market and Ashland Farmers Market Facebook pages for updates on offerings and coming attractions.

To find a farmers market near you, visit the VAFMA website at vafma.org/virginia-markets.

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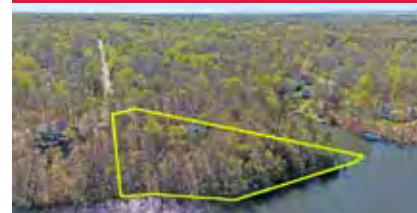
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