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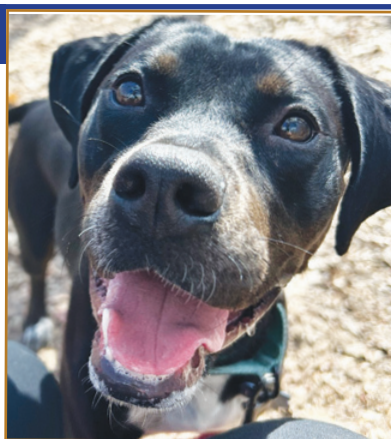
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Shell writes an environmental mystery

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
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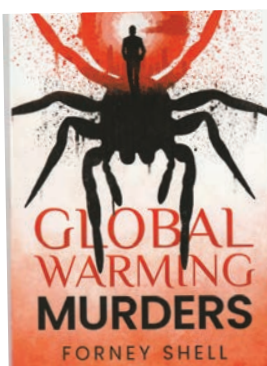
In his early years, Forney Shell was an engineer and had also worked with NASA. After retirement, he became a travel agent, indulging in his passion for travel. Nowadays, he is writing. Shell began by writing a couple of short non-fiction books about his life experiences and how to draw up a bucket list for travel.

Now, he is embarking on a new genre - mystery.

"I've never tried descriptive writing," he said. His new book combines mystery, the environment, and intrigue in *Global Warming Murders*.

Switching gears from functional and informative writing for his jobs to try fiction was a challenge. And many local writers just getting started have expressed the same thoughts. Those who leave professions such as teaching, psychology, or even anthropology, use ideas from their past professions and create fiction. After all, John Grisham was a lawyer.

"I had written a paper on global warming back in the day and thought why not take it and turn it into a mystery." His book is told from the



Book cover. Forney Shell

perspective of Major Kurt Turner, who joins a presidential committee tasked with recommending responses to global warming disasters. Throughout the story, Shell educates the reader with his knowledge and research on global warming disasters, debating it with others on the committee. The story moves along as one might expect until one of the members, a renowned professor, is mysteriously murdered, thrusting his protagonist into a web of deceit intertwined with secrets, conspiracies, and power plays. A typical day in D.C.

Naturally, Major Turner starts sleuthing and gets too close for comfort.

The book is designed for quick reading at under 200 pages, making it easy to read and engaging. He utilizes not only his experiences as an engineer but also as a travel agent, describing places abroad in detail and sprinkling a little romance into it too.

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First annual Juneteenth celebration at Bremo Chapel

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
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The first Juneteenth celebration will be held at the Bremo Chapel in Bremo Bluff on June 21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. *Coming Home: Reconnecting With Our Roots* celebrates Fluvanna's African American history and culture. Events include a historical presentation, musical performances, hymn singing, soul food (\$8 a plate), vendors, living portraits, local history, and storytelling.

Juneteenth memorialized the official emancipation of enslaved people in Texas on June 19, 1865 when General

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Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas announcing the Emancipation Proclamation. The proclamation granted freedom to the estimated 250,000 enslaved people in the state.

The original Emancipation Proclamation was signed by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863. It declared that all slaves in Confederate states were free. Though many have always believed that this proclamation freed all the slaves in the nation, it did not, though it did transform the Civil War by making the abolition of slavery a focal point. The proclamation also authorized the recruitment of Black soldiers into the Union army.

Although Juneteenth marked the end of slavery in the United States, emancipation for the remaining enslaved in two Union border states, Delaware and Kentucky, would not come until December 6, 1865, when the Thirteenth Amendment was ratified. Thousands of black

slaves were not freed until after the Reconstruction treaties in 1866.

Slavery in the United States was officially abolished on December 18, 1865, with the ratification of the 13th Amendment. However, it allowed for involuntary servitude as punishment for a crime.

In 1866, the first Juneteenth celebrations took place in Texas, with prayer meetings, spirituals, and new clothes representing new found freedom. It recognized the meaning of freedom, hope, and the fight against racial injustice. Freedom meant the end of chattel slavery and the start of a new chapter for Black Americans. Hope meant a future where freedom and equality are attainable for all.

Juneteenth became a state holiday in Texas in the 1980s. In 2021 it was officially recognized as a federal holiday.

For more information about this event, contact Nina Monroe at reconnectingto-roots@yahoo.com or call 434-825-5298

Fluvanna farm bureau women share folk art tradition in barn quilt painting classes

VIRGINIA FARM BUREAU PRESS RELEASE

No barn needed—patience is the only prerequisite to create a dazzling barn quilt.

Barn quilts are a form of folk art posted on structures across Virginia's rural communities, with patterns historically tied to a family or local heritage. To share this piece of Americana with the public and support local youth, Fluvanna County Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee hosts an annual series of barn quilt painting classes.

Classic quilt patterns are drafted with geometric precision, while the imaginative color story of each square can break every rule.

"Several painters can work on the same pattern, and none of them look alike by the end of the class," said Fluvanna women's committee member Cheryl Falvella. "They pick different colors and end up with variations you didn't expect."

The day-long workshops attract painters from all over to Central Virginia. Mother-daughter duo Gail and Justine Belschner of Maryland are enthusiasts of regional barn quilt trails, and learned about the class in a Facebook group called Barn Quilt Addicts.

"I was looking for a class in Maryland, but this popped up," Gail said. "This is our first time trying and it has been a wonderful experience."

Each pattern is pre-drafted on aluminum composite material. The lines

are a guide for placing painter's tape before applying each color of latex paint, blown dry between coats.

"The taping process is very important," said committee member Sandy Hopkins. "Really press down on it to get clean lines."

She has long admired the intricate artistry of fabric quilts.

"But I hate sewing!" Hopkins said. "So, this is a good compromise. You are only limited by your imagination. You don't have to know how to paint, you just need to want to paint."

Barn quilts traditionally decorated barns across the countryside, but modern iterations are placed on fences, mailboxes, house facades, garages and sheds, or used as interior décor.

Class fees benefit youth programs in Fluvanna County including 4-H, FFA and college scholarships, plus Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom, the Ronald McDonald House, local senior citizen programs and more.

Two additional 2025 workshops are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 12, at Fork Union Baptist Church, and on Saturday, Oct. 25, at Salem United Methodist Church. Choose a pattern and register at fluvannabwomens.wixsite.com/home under the events and classes tab. Or follow Fluvanna County Farm Bureau Women's Committee on Facebook for updates.

Fluco boys' lacrosse loses a close one in Region 3C play-offs

BY DUNCAN NIXON
CORRESPONDENT



Photos by Duncan Nixon

In a first round play-off game on May 27 the Fluco boys lacrosse team hosted the Hornets from Orange County. It was a highly competitive game featuring scoring runs by both teams. The Flucos trailed by three goals with 5:30 left in the final quarter. Two quick Fluco scores reduced the Hornets lead to one goal at 10-11. But the Flucos could not manage a tying goal in the final three minutes as the Hornets managed to run down the clock.

The game opened with Orange scoring two early goals. Fluvanna bounced back with three scores in the later half of the first quarter. Fluco junior attackman Maddox Beaulieu scored the first goal for the Flucos on a wrap-around shot, with 8:21 left in the quarter. The second Fluco goal came a minute and a half later as Braddock McCauley scored on a hard low shot. At 3:58, Beaulieu scored again on a long low bouncing shot. The score gave the Flucos a 3-2 lead, the only lead they would have. In the final two minutes of the first quarter, the Hornets fired in three goals to lead 5-3 after one period.

Early in the second quarter, the Flucos managed to tie the score at 5-5. With 10:45 left in the quarter, The Fluco scored a goal from blank range after nice pass from outside the box. A minute later, Fluco junior goalie and team co-captain, Colton Ball made an impressive save to keep the Flucos with in one. With 8:04 on the clock, junior midfielder and team co-captain Javier Campos scooped up the ball at the Hornets net and dashed the length of the field, dodging defenders along

the way to score the tying goal. Each team scored again as the half wound down for a 6-6 half-time score.

Unfortunately for the Flucos, the Hornets scored the first three goals of the third quarter to take 6-9 lead. With a mere 1:24 left in the third quarter, junior midfielder Solomon Eckert scored for the Flucos from in close, so the Flucos went into the final quarter down by two goals.

The Hornets scored first in the final quarter to go back up by three. A minute after the Orange goal, The Flucos scored from in close to make it 8-10. After five minutes of back and forth play with opportunities for both sides, but with the goalies prevailing, Orange scored its final goal from in close to again lead by three goals. With five minutes left, the Flucos got their ninth goal as Eckert scored again from in close on a great pass. The Flucos final goal came with 3:16 remaining but the Hornets managed to turn the Flucos away and run down the clock for the win.

Eckert had an outstanding night for the Flucos, scoring four times. Beaulieu and Braddock McCauley both scored twice. Junior Jack Jeffries, another Co-Captain, scored once and won an impressive 17 Of 25 face-offs. Ball recorded 14 saves.

This loss ended the Flucos season, but they were in the play-offs for the second year in a row and the prospects for the Don Wyant coached team are positive. He had only three seniors on this year's roster and the Fluco JV team had an outstanding season.

The Weekly Crossword by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Cut's partner
- 6 Pricing word
- 10 "___ the Roof" (Drifters hit)
- 14 Part of UHF
- 15 Greeting at sea
- 16 What a collar covers
- 17 Pre-moving event
- 19 Grove growth
- 20 Lose
- 21 Cool with the plan
- 23 "Caddyshack" menace
- 24 Kind of surgeon
- 25 Gadot of "Wonder Woman"
- 26 Praiseful poem
- 27 Kind of meet
- 29 Overdo it on stage
- 31 Trial run
- 33 Speck
- 35 Low cards in pinochle
- 36 Size, as of an earthquake
- 39 Nickels and dimes
- 42 MBA course
- 43 Near, poetically
- 47 Ketchup brand
- 48 Nave neighbor
- 50 Baltic or Bering
- 51 Part of T.G.I.F.
- 52 Veil anagram
- 55 Wrap around
- 57 Insatiable sort
- 59 Activist Yousafzai
- 60 Early whirly
- 61 Nullify
- 64 Type of keel
- 65 Gravitare (toward)
- 66 ___ motion (start)
- 67 Johnny Bench's team
- 68 Fine things?
- 69 Current fashion

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- 1 Flat-faced dog
- 2 Pie preference
- 3 Bill Murray army flick
- 4 Kind of talk
- 5 Philly team
- 6 "Piece of cake!"
- 7 Triumphant cry
- 8 Palette selection
- 9 Laughing beast
- 10 Biblical preposition
- 11 Shining example
- 12 Be at the controls
- 13 Sewing kit items
- 18 Insect with pincers
- 22 Button on a mixer
- 23 Sonny and Cher's "I ___ You Babe"
- 24 Type of illusion
- 28 Top-of-the-line
- 30 Demeanor
- 32 Turtle foursome, briefly

- 34 Riding
- 37 Good point
- 38 Open, as records
- 39 Tiny biter
- 40 Last longer than
- 41 Policy signer
- 44 Cut off
- 45 Food that jiggles
- 46 Scammed
- 49 Join the Navy, e.g.
- 53 Word at an unveiling
- 54 Kind of tube
- 56 Mixing board slider
- 58 Heaps
- 59 Supplies workers
- 62 Wine holder
- 63 Tackle's teammate

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Answer to Previous Sudoku:

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8	1	3	2	9	4	6	5	7
7	5	4	1	6	8	2	3	9
6	2	9	5	7	3	1	8	4

Gardeners can strategize safe ways to keep garden pests at bay

VIRGINIA FARM BUREAU PRESS RELEASE

Every gardener encounters uninvited dinner guests in the garden. The trick is knowing how to break up the party.

Gardeners may find aphids swarming their cucumber plants, Mexican bean beetles munching on their lima beans or spider mites decimating their tomatoes. Colorado potato beetles, corn earworms and thrips are other common garden pests in Virginia.

With integrated pest management, gardeners can combat insect and mite populations with practical, cost-effective solutions while protecting people, animals and the environment.

"The key is to look at all the tools in the toolbox, and then decide what's going to work best," explained Eric Day, manager of the Virginia Tech Insect ID Lab and co-author of Virginia Cooperative Extension's 2025 Pest Management Guide.

It's important to crowdsource by planting crops and varieties that are well-suited to your soil and climate and are pest-tolerant. Consult your local Extension office for planting recommendations.

"Any insecticide is last resort," Day noted. "Make sure you've tried out everything else before you go that route."

Limiting spraying reduces impacts on pollinators, beneficial insects and the environment.

- Here are some tips from Extension:
- Place row covers over cucurbit plants from the time of planting to just before bloom to avoid squash vine borer infestations.
 - Inspect plants for egg clusters,

beetles, caterpillars and other insects as often as possible.

- After properly identifying your pest, jot down the time of year and if control was needed, for future reference. You'll know when to check for earlier signs of infestations and how to time plantings to avoid peak activity.
- Handpick as many pests as possible, and drop them in a cup of soapy water. When insect populations reach a critical point, it may be time to explore chemical controls.

Placing crushed eggshells, hydrated limes or cups of beer near plants can be effective in deterring slugs, but gardeners should approach other home remedies with caution.

"Make sure that remedy isn't going to be more damaging to the plant than it is to the pest," Day warned.

Gardeners should never use home-made insecticidal solutions, as they can be toxic to plants. Select the commercial chemical or organic product that is specifically labeled for the plant; follow the label's re-entry intervals to avoid contaminating the environment, applying the wrong treatment, or harvesting something with insecticides.

"There's always going to be pests out there, but it's never a reason to stop gardening," Day encouraged. "Some years will be better than others. Just keep planting, growing and enjoying!"

Visit pubs.ext.vt.edu to access Extension's 2025 Pest Management Guide.

See the full story in Spring Cultivate magazine at issuu.com/virginiafarmbureau.

Open Door Christian School honor roll

The following students achieved Honor Roll for the sixth 6 weeks or the fourth 4th nine weeks or semester of the 2024-2025 school year. Congratulations! A * denotes all A's.

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Second Grade: Annabelle Bourgeois*, Camille Brandt, Maddox Dunn*, Grace Ferguson*, Jenesis Johnson, Carly Martin, Aurielle Murphy, Faith Perry*, Silas Robbins*, Presley Shifflett*, Axl Pendleton-Smith, Amina Taliaferro

Third Grade: Mason Braxton*, Asher Carroll*, Sawyer Fleming*, Autumn Johnson, Hadleigh Henshaw, Haley Wilcox

Fourth Grade: Avah Drymond, Grace Perry*

Fifth Grade: Brantley Henshaw, McKinley DeRosario, Sara Wilcox

Sixth Grade: Alisa Berko, Josslyn McLaughlin

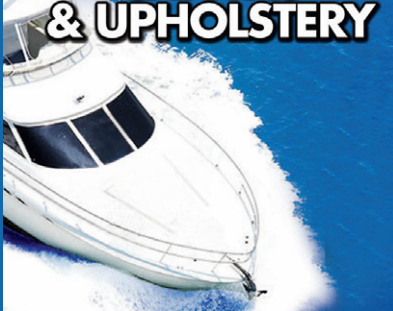
Seventh Grade: Chase Brandt, Holly Dunn*

Eighth Grade: Eliana Berko*, Caleb Bruce, Chris Pontano*

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Community Calendar



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Salem vacation Bible school

Salem U.M.C. , 840 Salem Church Road, Palmyra will be holding Vacation Bible School on Saturday, **June 7**, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The theme is "What a Mess" and will include crafts, lessons, games, music, snacks and lunch. A potluck cookout will be held after the event. Registration information is available by emailing salemchurchfluvanna@gmail.com.

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

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.

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Seven people killed in Virginia crashes over the Memorial Day holiday

Over 400 cited for hands-free violations

VIRGINIA STATE POLICE PRESS RELEASE

Preliminary data shows seven people were killed in crashes on Virginia roads over the 2025 Memorial Day holiday weekend (Friday through Monday). The number is a significant drop from 2024 when 13 people died in crashes over the holiday. However, Virginians should not let their guard down as last year there were 25 fatalities that Virginia State Police investigated in the week after Memorial Day 2024.

The fatal crashes over Memorial Day weekend occurred in the counties of Bedford, Buckingham, Caroline, Fauquier and Spotsylvania, and the cities of Chesapeake and Virginia Beach. The fatal crash in Bedford County Saturday afternoon involved a bicycle and a second vehicle, which fled the scene. The hit-and-run remains under investigation. The crash on Interstate 95 in Spotsylvania County on Saturday involved a motorcycle.

“Our goal remains to see a holiday weekend where there are no fatal crashes,” said Colonel Matthew D. Hanley, Superintendent of Virginia State Police. “With graduations and summer travel continuing beyond this past weekend, we are continuing to

ask drivers to buckle up, slow down, drive sober, and avoid distractions.”

As part of the nationwide, state-sponsored Operation C.A.R.E (Crash Awareness Reduction Effort), Virginia State Police had all available troopers and supervisors on patrol during the 2025 holiday weekend. During the statistical counting period, troopers cited over 3,300 drivers for speeding and over 1,500 drivers for reckless driving. Seventy-one drivers were arrested for Driving Under the Influence (DUI/DUID). State troopers also cited 405 drivers for violating the “hands-free” phone law.

Virginia is also currently participating in the annual *Click It or Ticket* seatbelt education and enforcement campaign. Over the holiday, there were 506 seatbelt violations and 122 child restraint citations issued by state police.

Funds generated from summonses issued by Virginia State Police go directly to court fees and the state’s Literary Fund, which benefits public school construction, technology funding, and teacher retirement.

Protect and preserve essential Virginia pollinators during national observance

VIRGINIA FARM BUREAU PRESS RELEASE

Many unsung heroes are behind the abundance of food and beauty that surrounds us.

June 16-22 is National Pollinator Week, an annual event designated by Congress to highlight how essential pollinators are to the production of food and fiber. According to the nonprofit Pollinator Partnership, about 75% of all flowering plants need help with pollination and about one-third of all foods and beverages begin with pollinated crops.

Essential pollinators include honeybees, native bees, beetles, flies, butterflies, moths and birds. They also support biological diversity in natural ecosystems, with many species of insects serving as food for other wildlife.

“If they aren’t here, we won’t be here,” noted Elaine Mills, a Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardener and pollinator specialist.

But pollinator populations are declining worldwide due to habitat loss, pesticide use and climate change. The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources Wildlife Action Plan identifies 60 pollinators that are considered a Virginia Species of Greatest Conservation Need.

“A lot of people think of honeybees, but it’s really our native bees that are the absolute best pollinators,” Mills said.

There are 458 species of native bees in Virginia. A majority are solitary species, with many female bees collecting nectar and pollen to feed their young and laying eggs in underground cells or in plant stems.

To support native bees in the garden, Mills recommends leaving some bare soil for ground nesting bees; trimming large, hollow stems of old plants in the spring for cavity nesters; and tolerating some leaf damage from leaf cutter bees.

“We should really celebrate the fact that the bees can make use of our plants to provision their nests,” she noted.

It’s also a good idea to provide different types of flowers from the early spring through the fall. Some native bees, like the spring beauty bee, are pollen specialists that collect pollen from one category or species of plant to feed

their young.

Virginia’s nearly 400 species of moths and 170 species of butterflies rely on various plant species for nectar and as host plants. For example, Monarch butterflies only need milkweed; swallowtail butterflies rely on plants like tulip poplar, spice bush and Golden Alexanders; skippers use grasses like little bluestem and switchgrass as host plants; and oak trees support over 500 species of caterpillars.

Mills urges gardeners to stay away from tropical milkweed and butterfly bush.

She said it’s also important to:

- Avoid planting invasive species, and grow native plants.
- Cultivate plants that offer nectar and pollen and can serve as host plants; and herbaceous and woody plants with different flower types.
- Provide a sunny spot for pollinators to warm their flight muscles.
- Plant at least one supportive plant species in a cluster to attract attention from pollinators flying overhead.
- Retain leaf litter for overwintering insect larvae.
- Leave dead trees or fallen logs on your property for cavity nesting bees and other beneficial insects.
- Create “puddling areas” for butterflies with shallow sources of water in containers.
- Buy untreated plants from a reputable nursery, and avoid using pesticides. Rely on beneficial insects for insect control.

Gardeners with small spaces can learn how to support native pollinators during Mills’ “Container Gardening with Native Plants” webinar on June 20 from 10-11:30 a.m. Registration is free. Visit the Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia website for more information.

The MGNV website also features a suite of pollinator resources, including a recorded presentation by Mills on supportive gardening practices.

Read Virginia Tech’s study of 25 common garden plants that attract abundant and diverse insect pollinators.

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LMOA maintenance staff worked Monday morning to install a new Mobi-Mat donated by the Lake Monticello Community Foundation. The mat is designed to make it easier for those with mobility issues, as well as parents with baby carriages, to get down to the Main Beach. The mat extends from the end of the hard sidewalk to near the water and the docks at the Main Beach. Facilities Director Tracy Chandler said the mat is not in its final configuration, since some adjustments will be needed to make it fit the curving walkway better. "But it already should be a great benefit to the community," he said. Foundation board member Sarah Monceaux said the foundation is pleased to be able to make the Main Beach more accessible to all Lake residents.

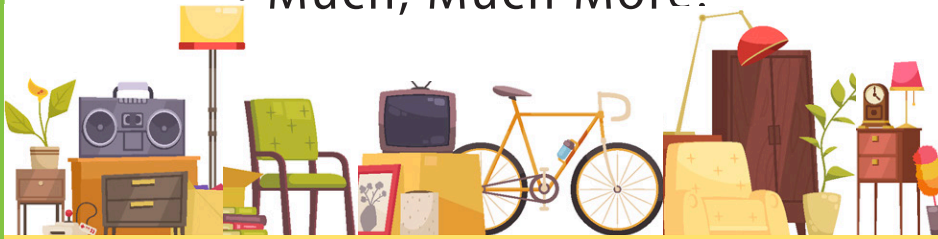
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Stargazing in Fluvanna

BY PAT BEERS BLOCK

Welcome star gazers to this month's highlights of celestial events visible in Fluvanna County!

Fun events to view in June

Discovering other celestial events can be a fun diversion from the tracking of stars and planets as they revolve in their orbits and trajectories. So let's look at what the Japanese space company, ispace inc, is planning for June. In early June, the ispace craft known as *Resilience* will be delivering its payload of a lunar lander and rover on the moon that will conduct three specialized experiments including a water electrolyzer experiment; an algae based food production experiment; and a deep space radiation monitor. The water electrolyzer project is being done to determine the feasibility of extracting oxygen (for breathing) and hydrogen (for fuel) from lunar water resources. The second experiment involves the use of a self contained module that will attempt to grow algae. The third experiment will search deep space radiation levels via a specialized probe built for this purpose. Results of these experiments will be something we can track over the next several years.

This month, there will be conjunctions (remote objects visually appear close to one another) and planetary and star occultations (one object briefly overshadows another celestial

object) to observe. Throughout the month of June, with June 27th being its peak, the Bootids meteor shower might appear in the early morning sky; Look to the west and north for meteor activity. The June full moon has an interesting and logical colloquial name, and we get to enjoy the summer solstice when the Northern hemisphere experiences the longest daylight of the year!

Hopefully some of these events capture your interest and motivate you to spend time observing the night and early morning dark sky this month. So let's get ready to engage in observing these events by setting up your star gazing equipment, charging your cell phones and linking to *Sky Guide*, *Sky View Lite*, or any other star gazing applications that you find useful, and settling into your favorite viewing spot to witness the magic of the night and early morning skies!

Weeks 1 (June 1- 7)

One June 1, the moon will be in conjunction with both Mars, and the star Regulus of the constellation Leo, albeit at different times this night. This same combination of events occurs again on June 29. The conjunction can be seen in the western sky.

The moon enters its first quarter on June 2. The moon will appear illuminated

on the right half of its surface.

On June 6, the moon will be in conjunction with the star Spica, the brightest star within the constellation Virgo.

Week 2 (June 8-14)

On June 10, the moon is in conjunction with the star Antares, the brightest star in the constellation Scorpius.

The full moon appears on June 11 within the constellation Ophiuchus (known as the Serpent Bearer and found between the constellations Hercules and Scutum). This moon bares the colloquial name of the Strawberry Moon, so named by Native Americans because of the emergence of strawberries at this time of the year.

Week 3 (June 15-21)

On June 16, Mars remains in conjunction with star Regulus within the constellation Leo.

The moon moves into its last quarter phase on June 18. The moon will be illuminated on the left half of its surface.

The premium event of June, the summer solstice, occurs on June 20 when the maximum tilt of Earth's North Pole towards the Sun allows the Sun to shine for the longest time of the year on the Northern Hemisphere.

On June 21 the planet Mercury will be in conjunction with the star Pollux within the constellation Gemini.

Weeks 4- 5 (June 22-30)

The last week in June has multiple events. These include the conjunction of the moon with the star cluster Pleiades (aka Seven Sisters), and the presence of the moon and Venus on June 22. The new moon phase will occur on June 25 at which time the moon will no longer be visible except as a ghost-like sphere in the sky. The conjunction of the moon with the planet Mercury and the Beehive Star Cluster (Messier 44) occurs on June 27, along with the possible presence of meteor activity from the Bootids meteor shower.

Bootids, a Variable Class III meteor shower, tends to be somewhat unpredictable

as to the number of meteors that might appear in the night sky. The formal data maintained by the International Meteor Organization about this shower suggests that from 2-10 meteors might appear per hour. However, there have been instances when no meteors have been seen, and other times when up to 40 meteors an hour rate were observed. The shower will be most visible from June 25-29, with the peak expected to be on June 27.

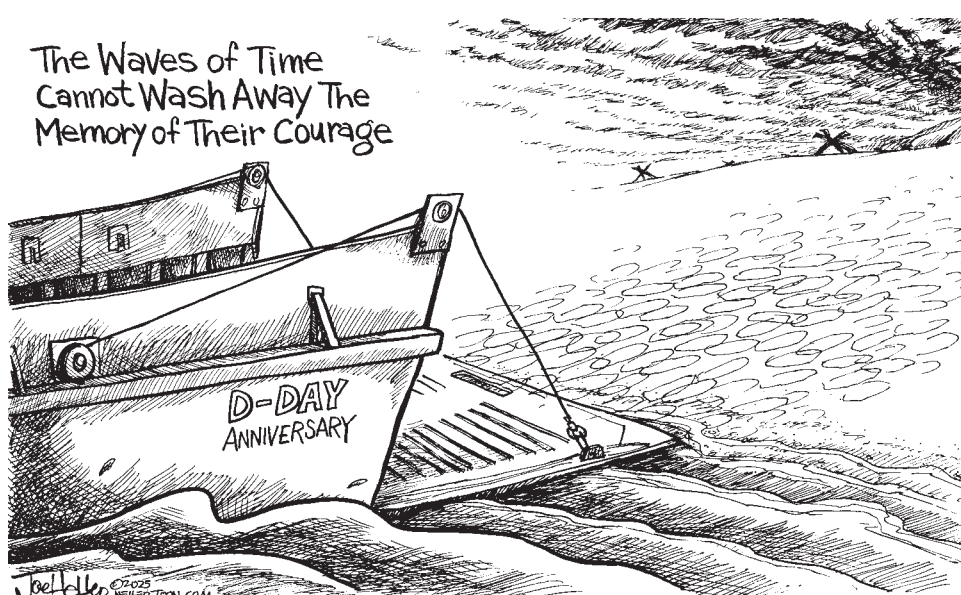
In Summary...

So ends the celestial highlights of June. A quick update on last month's discovery of the comet SWAN25 F2 is worth mentioning at this time. SWAN continues to travel through the sky and at times can be visible on Earth. For information about the location of SWAN25 F2, you can visit THESKYLIVE.com website and follow the adventures of this newly discovered comet.

Beyond these noted events, it is worth exploring celestial stories and events that are posted on NASA's homepage, and visiting websites that provide information about space rocket and satellite launches, the travels of the ISS, and aurora borealis flare-ups that might be visible in Fluvanna county.

With the perpetual motion of planets and stars, the daily changing sky promises to entertain you for a lifetime! Until next month, keep your eyes facing the morning and evening sky to see the wonders of our universe as we Earthlings travel through it!

[information has been extracted from *Astronomy Calendar of Celestial Events 2025 - Sea and Sky* (seasky.org); <https://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov>; <https://highpointscientific.com/astronomy-hub>; <https://amsmeteors.org/meteor-showers>; <https://starwalk.space>; <https://spacetourismguide.com>; Wikipedia; <https://SkyatNightMagazine.com>; theskylive.com]





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YARD SALE

MULTI FAMILY YARD SALES: Saturday, JUNE 14th., at 504 Justin Drive, Palmyra, VA 22963. Start Time : 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lots of ‘Dollar’ items. (2) Beach Cruiser Bikes. Lawn sets, kitchen items, garden items, etc. Knick-knacks, dishes, board games, DVDs, and MUCH MORE!

PUBLIC NOTICES



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.



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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.

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NEWSPAPER PICKUP LOCATIONS

FLUVANNA COUNTY

Ashlawn Clubhouse 41 Ashlawn Blvd.
Fairway Clubhouse (both entrances)
51 Bunker Blvd.

NEW: Pool House 35 Edgewater Dr.
Summer Only

Lafayette Park 19 Lafayette Dr.
Bunker Park 14 Bunker Blvd.
Marina 962 Jefferson Drive

Fluvanna Review Office (inside & outside)
Long & Foster Realtors
Monticello Country Realtors
Fluvanna Ace Hardware
BP Gas Station
Detail Me Now
Orme Fitness Center
Meals On Wheels
Shell Gas Station/Dunkin Donuts
Tucker Griffin Barnes
Mailbox Express
Mailboxes/Jefferson Center
Jefferson Pharmacy
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Gia Italian Restaurant
T-Mobile
Food Lion
Pleasant Grove House
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El Vaquero West
Cuppa Joe
Lake Centre Mailboxes
Danny's Bar & Grill
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Beautiful Gate Church
Broken Island Mailboxes
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Family Dollar
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Town & Country Comm. Market
Sal's Italian Restaurant, Fork Union
Fork Union Pharmacy
Fork Union Village Shopping Center
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Columbia Store
Columbia Post Office
Central Elementary School
Fluvanna Middle School
Fluvanna High School
Carysbrook Elementary
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Fluvanna School Board Office
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Keswick Post Office
Tip Top Restaurant, Pantops
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Bus Station
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Dollar General
Spring Creek Subdivision
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LAKE VIEWS

NEWS FROM YOUR LAKE MONTICELLO NEIGHBORS



Guests at the Lake Pool

If you are an LMOA Member in Good Standing and wish for your guests to access the pool without your presence, they must be registered as Permanent Guests. Please visit lmoa.org for more information. We will record all lessons learned to improve the process for next year. Keep in mind, this system is new for everyone. Expect minor hiccups and be patient with one another and with the staff. Thank you!

July 4th Schedule is Ready!

This year's schedule can be found on lmoa.org. We thank the many volunteers who dedicate time to plan these events! There will be no fireworks this year on or around July 4th, but the Board did grant the General Manager the authority to negotiate and enter into contracts for two fireworks displays at the Lake Monticello Golf Course; one show to be scheduled around Labor Day this year as a test show, and the other near the 4th of July in 2026. These shows will not be open to the public.

Storm Cleanup Ongoing

The pier at Tufton Pond was damaged during last week's storm, necessitating the safe removal and temporary replacement of a 10' x 12' section. We are currently evaluating further plans for its repair and will keep you updated. In the meantime, we kindly ask that you exercise extra caution while using the pier. This storm has helped LMOA identify several areas in need of attention, and we will be working to address

these damages in the coming weeks. If you believe we have overlooked any issues in common areas or LMOA assets (e.g., under-road culverts), we encourage you to contact us via email at maintenance@lmoa.org so we can initiate a work order. Additionally, your help in clearing the culverts you are responsible for and managing storm debris on your property will be invaluable in preventing issues during future storms. Finally, please be careful when entering the lake, as dangerous objects swept by the flood may be lurking beneath the surface.

Join the Gray Foxes

The 2025 Season for the Lake Monticello Senior Men's Golf Association (aka "Gray Foxes") is in full swing. They play weekly: 18 holes on Thursdays and 9 on Tuesdays. The weekly games provide a fun way to meet other golfers in the community. With ample playtime remaining in the 2025 season, golfers aged 50 and above are encouraged to complete a registration form at the Pro Shop (51 Bunker Blvd.) and pay the \$65 fee, which includes your dinner at the annual banquet in November.

Support LMVFR While Having Fun Golfing!

Don't wait - sign up for the 46th Annual Lake Monticello Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad Benefit Golf Tournament as soon as possible. It promises to be another fantastic event on Saturday, June

14, 2025, with an 8 AM shotgun start. This popular tournament fills up fast, with last year's participants even being wait-listed! For just \$110, you'll enjoy green fees, dual-cart access, a delicious breakfast sandwich with coffee, and a buffet lunch after your round at the Bunker Bistro. Registration forms are available at the Pro Shop or by emailing golftourn22@gmail.com. Be sure to sign up by the due date of June 6, 2025.

Life Vest Loaner Program

The Volunteer Water Safety Team has a selection of life vests that Lakers can borrow free of charge! Details of the Life Vest Closet:

- * Located inside the Marina behind the red door.
 - * Open during Marina hours (Thursday-Monday, 10:00-4:00)
 - * Both adult and children's life vests of varying sizes are available.
 - * Choose one that fits properly (try it on and test all the straps and buckles).
 - * Fill out the sign-out sheet with your name and phone number and the number on the life vest.
 - * Return at your convenience and sign it back in.
 - * There are no time restrictions.
- That's it. We want everyone to be safe!

Do you have life vests to donate? Please drop them off at the Life Vest Closet during Marina hours. For any questions, contact the Volunteer Water Safety Team at LMOAWaterSafety@gmail.com

Fishing Club Hosts Kids' Fishing Day at Tufton Pond

Join the Lake Monticello Fishing Club's 20th Annual Kids' Fishing Day at Tufton Pond! This free event will be held Saturday, June 14, from 9 - 11 AM. (Saturday, June 21 will be used as a "rain date" if needed.) Free use of rods, reels, tackle, and worms will be provided for by the Lake Monticello Fishing Club, or you can bring and use your own gear! Pizza and prizes will follow the event! Sign up at lmoa.org or the Main Office at 41 Ashlawn Blvd.

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

Did you know...

The orange flag is a safety tool to alert other boaters that a person is in the water. Over the Memorial Day weekend, VWST observed a boat pulling tubers, and a child fell off. The orange flag was raised, and another boater slowed and put up their flag! What a great example of neighbors helping neighbors stay safe on our Lake.



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