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Hawks' business makes wholesome homemade dog treats

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT



Dave Hawks with Fritz Schnitzel.
Photos courtesy of Dave Hawks

You can find them everywhere. At Happy Tails, Local Eats, Michie Tavern, Cunningham Creek Winery, and as far away as Gordonsville, Salem, Virginia Beach, and Roanoke. Paw Paw's Wholesome Homemade Dog Treats are all-natural dog treats lovingly baked by owner David Hawks.

With his 11-year-old lab mix, Fritz Schnitzel, by his side, Hawks diligently bakes five days a week from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., producing 30 8-ounce bags of dog treats. He says on average, if he works hard, he can bake two full batches of his recipe.

"Each batch gives me 15 bags, so the most I can bake each day is 30 bags/15 pounds. This can be an issue during my Hawk's business continues on page 5.

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1 Giant bugs in "Them!"

5 Tiny pests

10 Riyadh resident

14 Pixar fish

15 R2-D2, e.g.

16 Jewelry chain founder

17 Type of shark

18 Lists one by one

20 Blameless

22 Nurses take these

23 Custom-made

24 Numbskull

25 Many a cable co.

26 Test subject

31 Dislikes intensely

33 Photographer Leibovitz

34 Excitement

35 Budget rival

36 Tour of duty

37 Dirt clump

38 Man of the cloth, slangily

39 Hotel upgrade

40 Black-tie events

41 Boating item (with "life")

43 Poetic sphere

44 Arborist's concern

45 Uttar ____ (home to the Taj Mahal)

49 Vail trail

52 Legitimate target

53 Fixed limits

55 Kind of code

56 Jet black

57 Sudden burst

58 Butcher's stock

59 Sad ending?

60 Nymph chaser

61 Goofs up

DOWN

1 Go off script

2 "... said ____ ever"

3 Type of verb

4 Brief reviews

5 Athens native

6 Positive, as numbers

7 Be up against

8 Holland or Hardy

9 "Hurry up!"

10 Spring bloomer

11 Charlie Brown expletive

12 Toward shelter

13 First lady before Mamie

19 Calcutta coin

21 Heat in "The Heat"

24 Social event

27 Join together

28 Lifter at a funeral

29 Matinee hero

30 Mount Olympus dwellers

31 Angelic strings

32 Say it's so

36 Certainty

37 Old maid, e.g.

39 Truth ____

40 Male swine

42 Pound critters, usually

46 Stair part

47 Bad-mouth

48 Qualifying races

49 Quick trip

50 "Citizen ____"

51 Exasperates

52 Achievement

54 FL airport letters

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Answers to Previous Crossword:

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SUDOKU

Edited by Margie E. Burke

Difficulty: Easy

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HOW TO SOLVE:

Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

Answer to Previous Sudoku:

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

Letter to the Editor

Politics is real life

"I'm just not interested in politics. It's all so negative. I'm busy with real life, like how much things cost, interest rates on loans, job opportunities, health care, and safety."

I worked in a county government, in a department where the staff all had degrees, expertise and experience. We would identify needs and recommend changes, only to be thwarted by the elected county administrators. Those folks were often responding

to pressure from wealthy factions or by personal ideology. Those forces override professional knowledge and judgment.

That's politics. A democracy require all of our attention and participation. Without that, a government for the people and by the people does not survive. Elections matter, elected individuals affect every aspect of our lives and future. That's real life.

-Rebecca Smith, Palmyra

Obituary

Ruby Schumaker



a member of Bethel Baptist Church, a Bible study group, and a number of other organizations. She also enjoyed sports, with an especially keen interest in UVa women's basketball (where she held season tickets for more than 25 years).

In addition, she found time to pursue two careers, first, at Jefferson National Bank and then, after retiring, at the Monticello Ticket Office until a second retirement.

She lived most of her life on the family farm where she enjoyed growing a wide variety of vegetables, flowers, and shrubs and pursued many hobbies such as painting, making stuffed bears, and crafting quilts for friends and family.

She married Frank, her high school sweetheart, when they were both teens, and they spent 62 years together in a blessed and romantic marriage. After a short time of living and working in other cities, they returned to Fluvanna and raised their three children.

Ruby faithfully supported her husband's dual callings as an employee at the C&O/CSX Railroad and as a supply minister, accompanying him to widespread charges and opening their home for many church events, including small weddings.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to her oncologist, Dr. Andrew Romano, and his staff, as well as to her radiation oncologist, Dr. Anthony Crimaldi, and his staff, for their dedicated and compassionate care and to Hospice of the Piedmont for invaluable support and comfort during her final days.

Funeral services are under the direction of Sheridan Funeral Home of Kents Store and will be held at Calvary Chapel Fluvanna at 388 Still Waters Ln (formerly 2772 Thomas Jefferson Pkwy), Palmyra, Va on July 19th, 2025 at 11:00 AM. Rev. Scott David will officiate. A reception will be held in the church directly after the service. She will rest beside her husband at Bethel Baptist Cemetery with a private interment.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers or other contributions, donations be made to Hospice of the Piedmont.

We are saddened by the loss of Ruby Louise (Glenn) Schumaker, of Palmyra, Virginia, who left us on the morning of Sunday, July 6, 2025, at the age of 98. She passed away peacefully after a valiant struggle with cancer for the fifth time.

Born January 21, 1927, she was the daughter of the late Sadie Swortzel Glenn and George Edward Glenn, Sr.

Mrs. Schumaker was preceded in death by her husband, the Reverend Frank E. Schumaker; her brother, George Edward Glenn, Jr. and his wife, Edna Diotte Glenn; her sister, Stella G. King and her husband, Charles Gerald King; and a niece, Ronda Carol King.

She is survived by her son, Glenn W. Schumaker, of Scottsville; and daughters, Patricia S. Tabb and her husband, Randolph, of Richmond; and Nancy S. Larson and her husband, Mark, of Louisville, KY.

She is survived by five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, four immediate nieces and one nephew, and numerous cousins in both her father's and mother's families.

Ruby led a remarkable life that began right before the Great Depression, a period that shaped her life of faith and hard work on Glennacres Farm in Palmyra, where her parents also ran a cannery and a hatchery.

Her appreciation for beauty was reflected in her lovely home, flowers and award winning flower arrangements, and sewing projects. She was an accomplished cook and combined great visual presentations with delicious recipes.

Throughout her long life, she made friends of all ages, participated in a number of social circles and clubs, and hosted numerous gatherings. She was

Hawk's business continued from page 3.

busy months. I sell out at craft shows and cannot keep up with the demand.”

He mixes his treats in small batches, hand rolls and cuts every one, then bakes them exactly the way we would at home. My treats are not health food. They aren’t exotic. They’re plain, wholesome, everyday treats for lovable everyday dogs,” he said. He added that none of the treats contain dairy or egg, common allergens for dogs. For dogs with gluten or wheat allergies, he offers rice treats. For dogs on a low protein diet Chicken Broth and Rice or Sweet Potato and Rice Treats are suitable. For vegetarians, his Sweet Potato and Rice treats are perfect.

The idea for the business didn't come from Hawks, but from the previous owner, Debbie Fail, in Salem, who founded it. Paw Paw's Wholesome Homemade Dog Treats was founded by Fail in Salem about 25 years ago.

“Her son was killed in a car accident, leaving behind a puppy. She grieved for her son by baking the puppy treats, the way she baked her son cookies. Over time, and with the help of several friends, it turned into a business,” he said. “Fast forward to 2014. She began having health issues with arthritis in her hands and decided to close the company.” At that time, I was working as an Interior Designer in Richmond, and my boss decided, with little notice and no sever-

ance, to close the firm.”

A close friend of Hawks was selling Paw Paw's Treats at his boutique store and had just heard from Debbie that she was closing Paw Paw's. He suggested Hawks contact her to see if she would sell to him.

“I was truly tired of driving to Richmond each day, wanted to work from home and have a little more flexibility in my work, and I love baking and cooking in general and am quite good at it,” he said. He followed up and called Fail, arranging a visit to see her.

Job hunting had been difficult, and he hadn't found anything suitable.

“On my way down to see Debbie, I had a long talk with God and asked him to make it clear to me if this was something I should pursue. He did.”

When he arrived at Fail's house, it turned out she lived a stone's throw from his parents and where he grew up, knew all the same people, and went to the same school.



Paw Paw's Product Shot.

“Our meeting was warm and friendly, and my previous work in food service was exactly what I needed to make this work. I've been doing it ever since. I don't make a lot of money, and I work hard for the money I do make. But my friends have all said the same thing, they've never seen me as happy.”

Paw Paw's Wholesome Homemade Dog Treats was mentioned in the Economic Development newsletter for Fluvanna County. Like other small businesses, Hawks follows in the footsteps of local wineries, Red Rocker Candy, Hudson-Henry Granola, and Herbert's Wine Jelly, who create unique items and gifts in the area. And who doesn't want a wholesome homemade dog treat for our

furry friends?

“As I age, I'm beginning to realize I can't do this forever and have started looking at the future.” He says he may turn to a subscription model. A limited number of customers, based on how much he can bake with each receiving a quarterly shipment of the flavors they want. “The thing I love most is the dogs I meet and their owners. Dog people are the nicest people.”

For more information about flavors and ingredients, visit <https://pawpawstreats.com/> or contact Dave Hawks at pawpawstreats@aol.com or call 804-380-6596.

Obituary

James Q. Grant



James Quentin Grant, 80, of Lake Monticello, formerly of Sullivan, Illinois, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family. He passed following complications from an injury he sustained.

Jim graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in Food Science and began his professional journey with Del Monte. His career flourished, leading him to retire from Conagra Foods in project management. A man of vision and drive, Jim partnered with his close friend Dennis Sites to establish New Country Builders.

Beyond building homes, a job that he loved, Jim was an avid golfer. He enjoyed the camaraderie the game

provided, but also loved the competition it would bring. Not only did he enjoy playing golf at Lake Monticello and the surrounding area, he also enjoyed many golf trips with the guys.

Jim was blessed with two sons, Gary(Chrissy) and Greg(Cari). He was incredibly proud of his sons and the lives they built. In 1985 Jim married Debbie and together welcomed daughter Whitney.

Jim's greatest joy came from his role as a grandfather. He adored his grandchildren - Damien, Ava, Bentley, Tanner, and Paige, beyond measure. Nothing brought him more happiness than spending time with them, sharing stories, lessons, and unconditional love.

He was an incredibly intelligent man, respected for his knowledge, success, and willingness to mentor others. Jim will be sorely missed. We will forever hold him dear in our hearts.

Dedication held for the 29th Fluvanna Habitat home

PRESS RELEASE



The Hunt Family.

The newest Habitat home- its 29th built in Fluvanna - was officially dedicated on Sunday, June 29. The ceremony took place at the Lake Monticello Volunteer Fire and Rescue Station down the street from the home at Houchens Place community off South Boston Road. The event was well attended by family, community leaders and Fluvanna Habitat volunteers. Pastor Matt Boschen of Effort Baptist Church graciously blessed the new home and the Hunt family, who own the home.

Fluvanna Habitat for Humanity is building two homes this year in the Houchens Place community. When

complete, the community will hold 26 homes and a recreational area. Fluvanna Habitat uses dedicated volunteers and local contractors to build three-bedroom, two-bath energy efficient and environmentally responsible homes. This saves homeowners a considerable amount by reducing the actual cost of the home as well as reducing monthly energy costs.

Fluvanna Habitat for Humanity works with Fluvanna families who need an affordable home and who are willing to work with us as partners to become financially able homebuyers. Families must spend at least 100 hours in “sweat equity” participating in financial literacy and homeownership classes and helping to build homes.

The building and dedication of this home could not have been possible without our volunteers and community partners. We express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the following dedication donors:

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Fluvanna Habitat, an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, is a non-profit, volunteer Christian ministry that works in partnership with the community to provide safe, affordable homeownership opportunities to qualified families in need in Fluvanna County. The organization brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Contacts: Facebook @fluvannahabitat; website www.fluvannahabitat.org; email office@fluvannahabitat.org; phone: 434-589-3752.

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Jeremiah Owens serves as delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders

PRESS RELEASE



Jeremiah "J.C." Owens.
Submitted photo

Jeremiah "J.C." Owens, a rising senior at Fluvanna County High School, was a delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders which was held June 25 - June 27 just outside of Boston, on the University of Massachusetts Lowell campus.

The Congress is an honors-only program for high school students who are aspiring physicians and medical researchers. The purpose of this event is to honor and inspire the top students in the country interested in these careers, to stay true to their dream and, after the

event, to provide a path and resources to help them reach their goal.

J.C.'s nomination was signed by Dr. Mario Capecchi, winner of the Nobel Prize in Medicine and the Science Director of the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists to represent Virginia based on his academic achievement, leadership potential, and his determination to serve humanity in the field of medicine.

During the three-day Congress, J.C. joined other students from across the country and heard Nobel Laureates and National Medal of Science recipients discuss leading medical research; met with top medical school deans on what to expect in medical school; witnessed stories told by patients who are living medical miracles; became inspired by fellow teen medical science prodigies; and learned about cutting-edge advances and the future in medicine and medical technology.

Scottsville man denied bond in sexual battery case

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

A Scottsville man arrested in late June on charges of aggravated sexual battery and indecent liberties with a child under 13 was denied bond in Fluvanna County Circuit Court on Friday (July 11), despite being granted bond in a similar case in Albemarle County this spring.

Brett Larose surrendered himself to the Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office following his indictment in late June. He has been held at the Central Virginia Regional Jail since June 26.

Attorney Scott Goodman presented multiple witnesses who attested to Larose's good character.

His employer, Scottie Tate, said that over the past 20 years, Larose had gone from "a good friend to a brother." He told Circuit Court Judge David Barredo that Larose was a vital part of his business and could live with him if he were released on bond.

"I need him back," said Tate.

Larose's current romantic partner said she had known him for several years and described him as a thoughtful person who believed in the power of positive thinking. During their time together, she said he had shown "no interest in children whatsoever."

A former girlfriend began to cry during her testimony, saying, "My heart and soul say this is not him."

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Amanda Galloway presented a different picture of Larose. Both the Fluvan-

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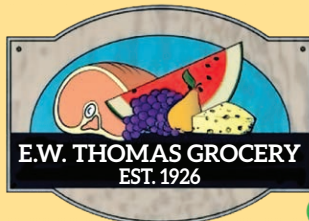


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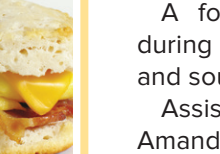
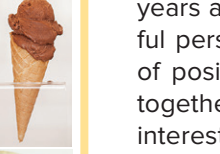
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na and Albemarle cases involve the very young daughters of his then-girlfriends. The Albemarle offenses allegedly took place in 2016, and the Fluvanna case in 2020.

Larose was originally charged in 2021, but Galloway said the victim's family was facing some difficulties and the case was not pursued at that time. The Albemarle charges were revived in April 2025, and the Fluvanna charges in June.

Since his arrest was announced, Galloway said her office had been contacted by a Fluvanna woman who said her relationship with Larose had been abusive. Her allegations are being investigated, and he is likely to face additional charges.

Goodman said he was unaware of the potential new charges, but argued the women in both cases knew each other

and had made the allegations in 2021 because they were "upset because he left each relationship."

Larose was "never, ever, ever alone" with the children, and he "has no contact with these people and hasn't for years," he added.

The Albemarle judge had been "floored" by the way he had been "yanked out of his life" on these old charges, Goodman said.

Judge Barredo acknowledged that "these offense dates have some age on them," and that Larose was not a flight risk.

However, between the nature of the accusations and the potential for new charges, he did believe Larose posed a potential danger to the community, and denied bond.

Larose is scheduled to return to court on August 25.

– most probable number – per 100 ml. A test sample at the Palmyra Boat Launch on July 10 found the e.coli level was 2419.6 MPN, almost ten times above the safety level.

The previous test on July 3 found 1299.7 MPN.

By comparison, June testing found levels ranging from 83.6-178.5 MPN.

The best way to protect yourself from potential e.coli contamination is to wait at least 48 hours after a heavy rain before going into area rivers, lakes, or ponds, including Lake Monticello.

The July 10 test was conducted the same day the area received rainfall of about 0.5 inches of precipitation.

"If the water looks muddy, the bacteria levels are generally high as well, so it's best to avoid contact with the water until the water clears up," Rivanna Conservation Alliance Director of Monitoring Claire Sanderson recently told NBC29 News. "If you've been in the water, then rinse off with tap water afterwards."

Visit the Rivanna Conservation Alliance website at <https://www.rivannariver.org/bacteria/> to learn more or to view the monitoring dashboard. You can also sign up for alerts to track the latest testing rates.

Heavy rains bring tenfold increase in *e.coli* levels in Rivanna

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

Thinking of splashing around in the Rivanna this summer? Don't.

The Rivanna Conservation Alliance conducts weekly water testing along the river in both Albemarle and Fluvanna counties during the summer months.

They are looking for *e.coli*, a bacteria

common in animal and human waste. Heavy summer rains push all that waste into area waterways and increase the risk of nasty gastrointestinal illness for swimmers and boaters.

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Fluco athletes win many well deserved awards; coaches too

BY DUNCAN NIXON
CORRESPONDENT

The Fluco Spring sports teams performed well this year and understandably a number of athletes were recognized for outstanding performances in the Jefferson District and at the Region level.

In soccer, a rising senior, Brady Crisp was named Class 3 Player of the Year for his excellent work on defense for the Flucos. For the second year in a row Crisp was All-Region and All-District. He was joined on the District and Region first team by Fluco midfielder Tavin Cook, who will be graduating.

The Fluco baseball team placed four athletes on the All-Jefferson District first team. Pitcher Caden Harris, shortstop Sam Loving, outfielder Jackson Fields and designated hitter Camden Via were all selected. Loving is a rising senior, other three have graduated. Harris also made the All-Region first team, as did Jayden Hoy and Via.

The Fluco girls softball team had three players elected to the All-District team. Freshman Allison Gomez, Jillian Davis and Lila Schwartz made the team. Davis was also named to the All-Region first team. For the girls soccer team, defender Piper LaRoche was a first team All-District selection.

The track and field team had a number of All-Region selections. Anna Amato and Ruby Frazier in the 1600 and the 3200

(the metric mile and two mile) Garrett Jordan in the 200 and 400 dashes, Kam Green in the 200, Jackson Fields in the 200, Zion Cherbin in the long jump and Jack Jefferies in the 1600 run. In addition, the 4X100 relay team was also All-Region. It consisted of Jordan, Green, Amir Toney and Andre Key.

Coach of Year honors were garnered by boy's soccer coach Jason Davis and baseball coach Joel Gray.

A number of Fluco athletes were honored as second team District and/or Region performers. In boy's soccer, Ivan Patchett was second team All-District and All-Region. The baseball team placed Caden Harris and Brody Shields, a sophomore, on the All-Jefferson District second team. Harris made the first team as a pitcher and the second team as a first baseman. Fields was second team All-Region. Second team All-Region for the softball team was Aleah Anderson.

The girls lacrosse team had four players make the second team All-Jefferson District. They were, Mia Grace Dixon, Emmalyn White, Ava Schwartz and Megan Drumheller. The boy's lacrosse team put two players on the All-Jefferson District second team. They were Javier Campos and Henry Jeffries. On the All-Region second team was Andrew Williams. Girl's soccer second team All-District was Reese Yowell. A host to Fluco athletes were named Honorable Mention in their respective sports.

Community Calendar



QR Code provided by the Fluvanna Leadership Development Program

Central VA Veterans 'G.I. style' breakfast

Central Virginia Veterans will be holding their monthly 'G.I. style' breakfast on **July 26** at 8:15 a.m. at Wahoo BBQ & Grill, Slice Road Gate, Lake Monticello. Cost is \$12 per person (cash only). Veterans and spouses/friends are welcome. Questions? Contact Paul Bethke (703) 965-8363.

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Young sharks had great night but LMST falls to Fairview

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Ander Carmack and Theo Gehling.
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Bedazzled in patriotic splendor, the Lake Monticello Swim Team hosted a “Red, White, and Blue” themed meet against the Fairview Swim Club, on Wednesday, July 2.

The littlest Sharks had a great night, securing wins in each of the six and under races, the first of which went to the six and under 100 meter(m) free-style relay team of Charlotte Strickland, Charlotte Petik, Trace Brown, and Arrow Harrington. Arrow swept her individual 25m freestyle (30.41)

and 25m backstroke (33.00). Her backstroke time was an impressive 7.97 seconds faster than her seed time. Kingston Arencibia led his 25m freestyle (26.75) and 25m backstroke (30.19), and swam up an age group, to join the 8 and under boys, finishing second in the 100m medley relay, and as an exhibition swimmer in the 8 and under 25m breaststroke (31.19) and 25m butterfly (36.83) races.

Michael Koerper (8) showed continued improvement, dropping time to win both the 25m butterfly (26.40) and 50m freestyle (43.65). Michael is currently ranked amongst the top five, eight and under swimmers, in the entire Jefferson Swim League.

LMST boys 9-10, dominated their division, with wins by Perry Provencher in the 50m backstroke (46.47), 50m butterfly (46.13), and 100m freestyle (1:37.53), and as part of the 200m medley relay team, along with Kaleo Heath, Henry Ward, and Carter Markham.

Piper Eves (10) swam her first 50m freestyle of the season, and snagged a win in 42.97 seconds, finishing just .06 seconds ahead of teammate, Ava Powell (9), who led the remainder of her individual races, including the

50m backstroke (46.82) and 100m freestyle (1:35.46).

Twin brothers, Levi and Paxton Strickland (12) triumphed over the competition in their age group, with Levi leading the 50m backstroke (45.63) and 50m butterfly (48.19), and Paxton besting the 50m freestyle (38.37) and 100m freestyle (1:31.56). The brothers joined Brandon Kalinosky and Matty Geffken to win the 200m medley relay (3:20.94).

Joining the 11-12 boys in wins, were 12 year old girls Lily Dungan, who led

her 50m freestyle (35.97), 50m butterfly (40.19), and 100m freestyle (1:21.12), and Annelise Campbell, who was first in 50m breaststroke (46.41) and 50m backstroke (40.16).

Older Shark girls saw wins by Ariella Miller (13) in the 50m butterfly (41.31) and Sophie Pace (17) in the 50m breaststroke (41.81) and 50m butterfly (33.31). Sophie’s finishes put her amongst the top 20 swimmers in the Jefferson Swim League.

Despite their best efforts, LMST fell to Fairview 475 to 584.

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School Board debates phone policy

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

Fluvanna County School Board members spent some time at its recent meeting focusing on the district’s cell phone policy in light of a Virginia Department of Education directive to restrict student cell phone use as much as possible during the school day. The board met on July 9.

They were skeptical that the VDOE’s preferred “bell-to-bell” policy, which would prohibit use not only in the classroom but in the hallways and during lunch and recess, was even feasible, particularly among high school students.

“I think it is a fool’s errand and unnecessary to bar students in the high school from having their phones in between classes,” said James Kelley (Palmyra), who was participating in the meeting remotely.

“Every time I’m at the high school, my phone doesn’t work,” said Andrew Pullen (Columbia). “So I don’t understand who’s using their phones at school, unless they’re on the internet, and then that’s restricted.”

Danny Reed (Fork Union) argued that the policy was not robust enough, as it did not deal with other distractions, like Chromebooks and smartwatches.

“If this bill included that, I’d be fantas-

tically supportive of doing that because kids email all day long on their Chromebooks in the classroom,” he said. “So great, cell phones are gone. When are we going to address kids at the middle school emailing kids at Carysbrook?”

No final decisions were made, and work on refining the policy will continue in future meetings.

Soares replaces Grasser

Gemma Soares has been appointed as the executive director for instruction and finance, replacing outgoing administrator Brenda Grasser.

A 20-year veteran of Fluvanna County Public Schools and currently the director of elementary and federal programs, Soares stood out among a statewide slate of candidates.

Three new assistant principals will also be joining the district: Pam Wishert at Central Elementary, and Ron Silverman and Keith Ellen at Fluvanna Middle School.

The announcements came midway through the July meeting of the Fluvanna County School Board, its first since early May.

The June 11 meeting was cancelled at the last minute for lack of a quorum, as

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three members were unable to attend. During public comments, some community members criticized the failure of those members to fulfill their duties as elected officials.

VSBA

Another lengthy discussion focused on the district's membership in the Virginia School Board Association (VSBA). VSBA is a membership organization for school districts around the Commonwealth. Membership includes pro-

fessional and leadership development for school board members, advocating for public education policy on the state level, model school policy, policy reviews, and other legal services. These services can relieve smaller school districts of considerable work and legal costs, particularly when it comes to policy compliance. Pullen has been a vocal critic of the VSBA and seeks alternatives each year as membership comes up for renewal. This year, he asked Gretz to research districts that do not belong to the VSBA

or any other membership organization. However, the board later voted 4-1 to approve the 2025-2026 membership, with the understanding that they could cancel mid-year if a better option came to light.

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By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated October 26, 2016 and recorded at October 31, 2016 in Book 0973 Page 0432 Instrument Number 1603194 in the Clerk's Office for the Fluvanna County Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally \$82,500.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Fluvanna Circuit Court located at 72 Main Street, Palmyra, Virginia 22963.

August 05, 2025 at 11:00 AM

improved real property, with an abbreviated legal description of the following described property, to wit:

ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING SITUATE IN THE PALMYRA MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF FLUVANNA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF AND ADJOINING U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 250, CONTAINING TWO (2) ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING TRIANGULAR IN SHAPE AND BOUNDED BY THE SAID HIGHWAY, THE LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY B.W. WOODSON AND THE LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY LUTIE WALKER.

SEE ALSO PLAT OF SURVEY ENTITLED "PLAT SHOWING BOUNDARY SURVEY OF TAX MAP 4 PARCEL 110 PALMYRA DISTRICT, FLUVANNA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, PROPERTY OF JEFFERY KNIGHTINGALE" MADE BY CHAMBERS LAND SURVEYING, DATED 12/08/2014 AND RECORDED ON 05/21/2015 IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF FLUVANNA, VIRGINIA IN DEED BOOK 940 AT PAGE 121.

AND as more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

TERMS OF SALE: The property will be sold "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights of way, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust to be announced at the time of sale. A deposit of \$20,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required at the time of sale, in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price, with interest at the rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date said funds are received in the office of the SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the entire deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale and Substitute Trustee's fee. All other public charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, whether incurred prior to or after the sale, and all other costs incident to settlement to be paid by the purchaser. In the event taxes, any other public charges have been advanced, a credit will be due to the seller, to be adjusted from the date of sale at the time of settlement. Purchaser agrees to pay the seller's attorneys at settlement, a fee of \$470.00 for review of the settlement documents.

Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustees a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT

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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.

EUGENE K. COATES, ET AL

Respondent(s).

Case No.: CL25-188

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. 32-6-1A
Account No. 309460

All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of real property, together with any improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being situate in the Columbia Magisterial District of Fluvanna County, Virginia, containing 3.446 acres, by survey, on the northeast side of and adjoining Virginia State Highway No. 630, designated as Lot 1A and described by metes and bounds on plat of survey made by Robert L. Lum, C. L. S., dated July 29, 1985, which plat is of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Fluvanna County, Virginia in Deed Book 162 at Page 587.

And being the same real property conveyed to Eugene K. Coates and Mary E. Coates, husband and wife, as tenants by the entireties from Stuart F. Marks and Mildred Ann Marks, husband and wife, by Deed dated August 14, 1985 and recorded August 26, 1985 among the records of the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Fluvanna County, Virginia in Deed Book 162 at Page 585.

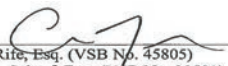
This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Deed Book 69 at Page 57, Deed Book 98 at Page 043.

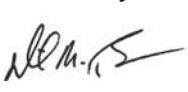
IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, hat the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Eugene K. Coates, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 321 Plain Dealing Road, Palmyra, Virginia 22963; Mary E. Coates, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 321 Plain Dealing Road, Palmyra, Virginia 22963; Eva Fair Smith, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Robert A. Smith, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Kenneth C. Hall, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Ashley Marie Hall, whose last known address is unknown; Michelle Lynn Hall, whose last known address is unknown; N. Scott Hall, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Deborah Hall, whose last known address is 197 Merrimac Trail, Apt 4, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185; Brian Hall, whose last known address is 7505 Wentworth Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23228; Kevin Hall, whose last known address is 5207 Iron Bridge Road, North Chesterfield, Virginia 23234; Judy D. Hall Proffitt, whose last known address is 4298 Cedar Lane Road, Kents Store, Virginia 23084; Mildred Ann Marks, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Kimberly Dawn Marks, whose last known address is unknown; Kelly L. Hartley, whose last known address is 12390 Cox Mill Road, Gordonsville, Virginia 22942; Earl Carter Fair, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Mary Eleanor Botkin, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; David Wayne Johns, whose last known address is 21 Brook Street, Laurens, New York 13796; 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 August 28, 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.

I ask for this:

Entered on the 9th day of July, 2025


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July 1, 2025**



Fluvanna County Public Schools today announced its policy for providing free meals to all students served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. Each school and/or central school nutrition office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

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**VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COUNTY OF FLUVANNA
 INRE: PETITION OF FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
 FOR A WRIT OF ELECTION (COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE)
 WRIT OF ELECTION Civil Case No. 25CL481**

To the Registrar and the Secretary of the Electoral Board of Fluvanna County:

Following the resignation of the Commissioner of Revenue Andrew M. Sheridan, Jr. on June 2, 2025, effective December 31, 2025, the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors filed a Petition for a Writ of Election pursuant to Virginia Code § 24.2-228.1 to fill the vacancy in the office of the Commissioner of Revenue from January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2027. The Court hereby ORDERS, ADJUDGES and DECREES as follows:

1. A Writ of Election is issued and the Secretary of the Electoral Board of Fluvanna County and all other appropriate officials, as necessary, shall proceed to cause public notice to be given of, and do all things necessary and proper for, an election to be held on November 4, 2025 to fill the vacancy in the office of the Commissioner of Revenue. The term of the newly-elected Commissioner of Revenue will begin on January 1, 2026 and the person elected shall serve until December 31, 2027.

2. The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Fluvanna County is directed to transmit attested copies of this Writ of Election to the Secretary of the Electoral Board of Fluvanna County, the Secretary of the State Board of Elections, and to the Fluvanna County Attorney.

I ask for this:

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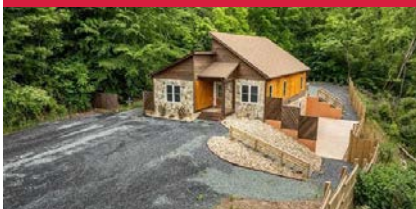


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