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- 1 Hires competi-
tion
- 5 Basil, e.g.
- 9 Quick summary
- 14 Bridle strap
- 15 Pitcher in a still
life
- 16 Words of
wisdom
- 17 Conclusion
preceder
- 18 With two-party
support
- 20 Floating, as dust
- 22 Cafeteria-goers
- 23 Fiddle-de- ____
- 24 Fail to keep up
- 26 Throng
- 28 Buffalo Bill
sported one
- 33 Firecracker
parts
- 35 Overly prim
- 37 Lena of
"Chocolat"
- 38 Star in Orion
- 39 Moon goddess
- 40 Bar window
fixture
- 42 Fudd of
cartoons
- 43 Saying it's not
so
- 44 "Big Mouth"
Martha
- 45 Freudian
concerns
- 48 Sound at the
door
- 51 Garb
- 55 Hot weather
woe
- 57 Police show,
say
- 59 Palindromic
emperor
- 60 Pago Pago's
place
- 61 "Ad Astra" star
- 62 Any time now
- 63 Make changes
to
- 64 Sickly-looking

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- 65 Coastal raptor
- DOWN
- 1 Apprehension
- 2 Lofty abode
- 3 Detour
- 4 Nose-in-air type
- 5 Temple talk
- 6 "Dallas" family
name
- 7 Throw off
- 8 Car protector
- 9 Knock
- 10 Correct, as text
- 11 Docket item
- 12 Petri dish gelatin
- 13 Parker and
Waterman
- 19 Shrink back in
fear
- 21 Wallet wad
- 25 White heron
- 27 Squiggy's pal
- 29 " ____ ho!"
- 30 Census taker
- 31 One, in Bonn
- 32 Wound mark
- 33 Dear, as
memories

- 34 1997 Peter
Fonda title role
- 35 Word with bank
or back
- 36 Sound of
disgust
- 38 Freed of suds
- 41 "Hear" without
hearing
- 42 Right on the map
- 44 Lots to buy
- 46 Evans or Pine
- 47 Toffee bar
choice
- 49 ____ Martin (007
auto)
- 50 Conversation
piece?
- 51 Recessed area
- 52 Disneyland
transport
- 53 Hefty volume
- 54 Screen symbol
- 56 Kennedy
matriarch
- 58 Kick ____ fuss

Answers to Previous Crossword:

A	N	T	S		G	N	A	T	S		A	R	A	B
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SUDOKU

Difficulty: Medium

Edited by Margie E. Burke

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

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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:

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

Letters to the Editor

Keep the Fluvanna Review alive with quality articles

Having trouble letting go of the recent letter to the editor in the *Fluvanna Review* issue dated July 10-16: "Fluvanna more than just Lake Monticello." I totally disagree that the *Fluvanna Review* "showcases the gated community of Lake Monticello as the county's main event." Maybe a case of sour grapes or not. As a resident of the Lake since 1989, I love all the amenities that are available to residents. Not to mention non- residents that want to play golf or enjoy a meal at the Bunker Bistro. I also enjoy the beauty of rural Fluvanna County! Happy to see the editor's note: "Lake Views is a weekly paid

advertisement." I know first hand that three residents of Lake Monticello write for the newspaper. One has been writing Fluvanna sports for 16 years now. Maybe it is time for highly educated county residents to pickup their camera, pencil, and paper to showcase county-wide events. I did note that July 10-16 issue had nine non-Lake Monticello articles. The writer of the editorial obviously has high level journalism skills. Time to step up to the plate and begin submitting articles. Recruit friends too!! Let's keep the *Fluvanna Review* alive with quality articles."

-Craig C Conboy, Palmyra

Thank a probation, parole officer

Governor Glenn Youngkin has proclaimed July 20-26 as Virginia Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week. The Virginia Department of Corrections (VADOC) celebrates its probation and parole officers during this week and beyond, and I encourage all Virginians to do the same. You may not personally know a probation and parole officer, but everyone can feel their contributions to long-term public safety every day.

Our officers are at the forefront of public safety. Their actions directly keep those who live, work in, and visit the Commonwealth safe from criminal activity by providing effective supervision of probationers and parolees across Virginia. This aligns with the agency's mission of long-term public safety. Additionally, VADOC probation and parole officers provide guidance, tools, and resources to supervisees. This directly

leads to Virginia's consistently high success rate for reentry and low rate of recidivism (which is 17.6%—the lowest in the nation).

Probation and parole districts across the Commonwealth do much more than provide effective supervision for the more than 60,500 supervisees in Virginia. These districts and our corrections team members are true servants of their communities, providing monetary donations, volunteer hours, and collaboration to schools, community resource centers, and partner law enforcement agencies.

This week, thank a probation and parole officer for their work. It's a simple gesture, especially for the many services they provide to this great Commonwealth.

-Judge (Ret.) Chadwick S. Dotson, director, Virginia Department of Corrections

Community Calendar



QR Code provided by the Fluvanna Leadership Development Program

High school fundraiser

Annual fund raiser for the Fluvanna County High School PTSO will be held on **Aug. 2** from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Tickets required prior to event.

Registration open for Fluvanna Leadership Class

Registration for Fluvanna Leadership Development Program will continue through **Aug. 14**. The non-political class shows how Fluvanna County works and how to effectively get things done. In-person classes are every other Thursday, Aug. 28 – April 7 (except holidays). Registration costs \$100. Registration and additional information are at www.fluvannaleadership.org.

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.

Morris talks about his art journey

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT



Michael Morris. Photo by Page Gifford

At the monthly meeting of the Fluvanna Art Association on July 18, Fluvanna High School art teacher Michael Morris talked about his journey as an artist and teacher. A native of Fluvanna, he grew up on Quaint Lea Farm in Palmyra and recalls his fascination with nature, the animals, and the farm structures, particularly “the dilapidated ones.”

“Our house was full of paintings, prints, watercolors, oils, and different styles, even some that my mother brought back from Spain when she traveled there.” He said his favorite place was outdoors. There, he was surrounded by all kinds of odds and ends of various farming eras, from rusty implements to weathered wood. His mother painted and was fond of birds, and his grandfather also dabbled in painting but preferred woodworking. These influences shaped Morris's artistic interest.

His grandfather lived in Bremono Bluff, built the Bremono Power Plant, and later became its operations manager.

During high school and college, Morris discovered many facets of his artistic self. Recognizing his inner perfectionist as he overworked his pieces, he learned to loosen his style. He has experimented with many different styles and mediums.

“I would read comic books, mostly for the imagery, and it helped me to draw the human figure in different poses.” He attended Bridgewater College, where he majored in studio art. His favorite subjects were printing, etchings, lithographs, and sculpture. One of his projects used parts of his Honda car. In a black and white print, using negative space, he created a collage of car parts and used the actual pieces to create sculptures.

“Sculpture is more permanent,” he added. During the time he began building his art career, he lived in Bristol when a tornado destroyed his house. Being the creative type, he dealt with the loss and devastation of his home, which had been boarded up, by painting murals on the boarded-up windows and doors. He had a crying eye on one window, a smile on another, and a bulldog on the door. The symbolism he left behind spoke about hope and gratitude.

He reiterated through a series of pictures of his work that anything available can be used, from car parts, a fishing reel, to cow skulls, to make art. From

seeing his work, it is evident that he has astute at looking at an object and completing a sculpture, print, a mural, watercolor, or an acrylic painting. His work is diverse and fearless. He's not afraid to turn something mundane into something meaningful.

“My students are afraid to try anything new, but if you don't try, you'll never know,” he said. “I encourage my students to think outside the box and use different materials.”

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Rose. Photo courtesy of the FSPCA

Last month, a beautiful, sweet, and gentle hound named Rose arrived at the Fluvanna SPCA. The stray was pregnant and gave birth to eight puppies. Luckily, a foster has taken her in with the pups.

It is well-known that this is also kitten season, and the FSPCA is inundated with them. Some have been adopted, but many still need homes. There

is little the shelter can do when it is overcapacity, and anyone considering adoption or interested in fostering is welcome.

For the dogs, it's a difficult life, living in a small indoor pen when all they want to do is get out and play, run, and take a walk. Volunteers are needed to play and socialize with them in the outdoor pen or take them on a walk. They build trust and confidence, and this helps them get adopted more quickly. Volunteers who connect and bond with the dogs, know their personalities, likes, and dislikes; this helps staff determine the best fit and home for them. Fosters can also give support in this way.

Cat volunteers are also welcome to play and socialize with the cats, and also help staff in learning more about the animals on a personal level that helps them get adopted. To learn more about volunteering, visit <https://www.fspca.org/volunteer>.

For more information about adoptions or fostering, visit [fspca.org](https://www.fspca.org).

RUDY TALKS TAXES

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

The Hidden Tax Perils of Mixing Personal & Business Finances

When you're running a business, the line between you and your business can get blurry very quickly. One minute you're paying for supplies with your own card, the next you're juggling transfers between your personal and business accounts.

While it may not seem like a big deal, this kind of financial crossover can quietly turn into a mess, with tax and legal surprises lurking in the background. In this month's newsletter, learn about the dangers of mixing personal and business finances – and what you can do to keep your money in check.

For small business owners, the line between personal and business life often blurs together. You might cover a client lunch with your personal credit card, or deposit a business payment into your personal account before transferring it to your business account.

But this kind of financial co-mingling carries real consequences. From tax headaches to legal vulnerability, mixing personal and business finances can quietly put you at risk.

Here's why drawing a firm line matters more than you might think.

The IRS wants clarity

The IRS expects clean, traceable separation between personal and business transactions. When that separation is unclear, it raises red flags. Poor recordkeeping makes it harder to prove expenses, validate deductions, or demonstrate legitimate losses.

If you're audited and can't substantiate that a charge was for business purposes, the deduction is many times denied. You'll likely end up paying more in taxes and potentially face penalties, even if the mistake was unintentional.

Tax season becomes more expensive

Blending your personal and business finances makes preparing your tax return inefficient and expensive. If your books are full of unclear or misclassified transactions, someone has to take the time to untangle the data. This will cost you either more time or more money.

Another potential problem is trying to recall whether a transaction was for business or personal purposes months after the fact.

You may not be able to recall the purpose of a particular transaction. This uncertainty can lead to missed deductions, errors in reporting, and even fines if mistakes are discovered.

You may be undermining your legal protection

One key reason to form a legal entity like an LLC or corporation is to protect your personal assets from business liabilities. This protection only holds if you maintain clear boundaries between your business and personal financial activities.

When you dip into your business account to pay for personal expenses, or vice versa, you begin to erode that legal shield. Courts refer to this as piercing the corporate veil. If this happens, creditors or litigants can come after your personal assets to settle business debts.

Tips to keep your finances separate

Establishing clear financial boundaries doesn't have to be complicated. The key is consistency and discipline. Here are several tips to do it effectively:

- Open a dedicated business bank account. If you haven't already done so, open a separate bank account into which you'll deposit all business revenue and pay out all business expenses.
- Set up a formal system to pay yourself. Rather than casually transferring money or using business funds directly, treat yourself like an employee. Schedule regular owner draws or payroll disbursements.
- Keep detailed records. Maintain receipts and documentation for all business transactions. Many apps allow you to photograph and store receipts instantly, reducing paperwork and confusion later.
- Ask for help. Please call if you'd like help setting up a system to keep your business and personal expenses separate, or if you have any other questions about improving cash flow for your business.

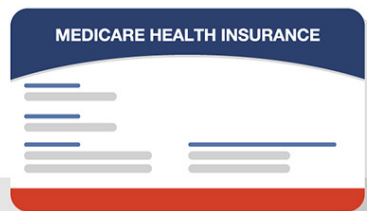
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Meals on Wheels: a chance to help people directly

CONTRIBUTED BY MIKE FEAZEL

The driveway was maybe just a tiny bit challenging for this Meals on Wheels delivery, but it was well worth it to drive past a lovely little lake that just demanded a fishing pole, and that I would never have seen without Meals on Wheels.

Better yet was the lady at the end of the driveway – smiling and happy and welcoming. The Meals on Wheels delivery may well have been her one human contact for the day, and she seemed to enjoy that as much as the food.

More importantly, Meals on Wheels deliveries function as wellness checks for many people in Fluvanna County who might not otherwise get one. We MoW drivers always have at least a little chat with the clients, asking them how they are, wishing them a good weekend, etc. If a client doesn't answer the door, there are procedures to make sure a more-careful check is launched if needed. People have been saved as a result.

Meals on Wheels routes vary a lot. Two of the 10 routes are in Lake Monticello, and they're a piece of cake to cover. Most people would consider three of the others outside the Lake pretty easy too. The other five can be a little bit harder – a lot of blacktop roads, gravel driveways, strange street names

(Polecat Lane), a very few places where cellphones don't work.

But even the challenging routes are very doable, I've found after driving all 10 of the routes at some point in the last two years. The rural driving is generally easy – many 45 mph speed limits, none more than 55. You don't hear any banjos, and I've met no bear-eating dogs, though there are some herds of cats that might purr you to death. The roads are drivable, if sometimes requiring you to go slow, and I've never felt any danger on the pre-lunch deliveries.

I pretty much always do the Lake Monticello routes alone, and sometimes do the same for the easier routes outside the Lake. I like to have Sue go along on the more challenging routes, both because she can help speed the GPS navigation and spot the specific houses and because she's good company on the two-hour drives. But I've done some of them alone too, with no problem.

Some people don't drive, opting to volunteer for the hour-and-a-half shifts in the kitchen in Crofton Plaza, preparing the pre-cooked meals rather than driving at all.

Some drivers volunteer for a specific route one day every week or a couple of times a month, becoming totally familiar with that route and friends with the clients on it. Others, like me, prefer to fill in when regular route drivers are on vacation, have company, or whatever. I drive a couple of times a month, when it fits my schedule, and I like to do different routes so I get to see more or less all of the county, visiting places I'd otherwise never see.

The drives tend to be at least interesting, and sometimes lovely. Unless you drive all those blacktop Fluvanna roads you have no idea how rural it is, how there can be more bales of hay than people in a given mile of road, or how many hundreds of acres are devoted to pine forests destined eventually for the pulp mills, how many houses are tucked way back from the road where no one can see them, how many charming churches and ancient cemeteries there are, how many no trespassing signs there are.

Fluvanna Meals on Wheels provides all the training needed for either working in the kitchen or driving deliveries. Delivery people get good driving instructions, though I find it much easier to use GPS. You get a t-shirt and signs for your car doors and lots of thanks and good wishes. And a lot of satisfaction that you are really, directly, face-to-face helping your fellow person.

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers, both for the kitchen and for delivery drivers. More information on volunteering is available from MoW Volunteer Coordinator Amy Smedley at volunteer@fluvannamow.org.

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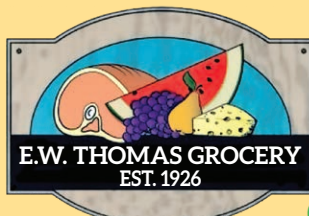


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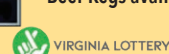


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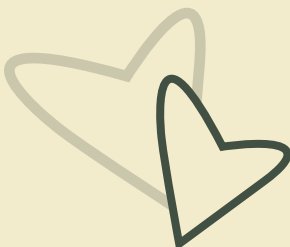
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July 22, 1955



Present Day. Lake Monticello



Mel and Joan (Harrington) Hinkley of Palmyra, VA are celebrating their 70th Platinum Wedding Anniversary

The lovely couple married July 22, 1955, at Broadway Methodist Church in Orlando, Florida. Mel, originally from West Gardiner, Maine, and Joan, a native of Orlando, Florida, met while he was stationed at Pinecastle Air Force Base. They lived in Bowie, Maryland for 30 years before retiring to Florida. Since 2004, they have made their home in Lake Monticello, Palmyra, Virginia.

Mel has been actively involved in community organizations such as the Civitan Club and the Masonic Lodge of Bowie, Maryland. He served two tours in Vietnam, retired from the U.S. Air Force in January 1970, later retired from the FCC in 1997, and was Master of Clearwater Lodge No. 127 in 2002. Joan concluded her career with the USDA in 2000.

They are members of the Cunningham Methodist Church and supporters of the Fluvanna SPCA. Joan has been actively involved in the Charlottesville Area Quilters Guild and Lake Monticello Quilt Guild. Mel is known for his humor and woodworking and Joan for her quilting, needlepointing and knitting. When they're not enjoying time with family and friends, they can be found exploring and shopping in Fluvanna County or dining at their favorite restaurant.

They have four children (Wade, Brian [deceased], Amy, and Susan), eight grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren. During Mel's overseas service, Joan managed the family, often relying on delayed communications such as reel-to-reel audio tapes. Their enduring partnership and love have remained strong throughout 70 years together. Congratulations to Mel and Joan Hinkley! We love you mom and dad!

Sharks fall to the Frogs

CONTRIBUTED BY AMY WILLIAMS



Lauren Hockman. Photo by Landon Kovarik

The Lake Monticello Sharks fell to the Farmington Country Club Frogs, 480.5 to 521.5, in the meet it hosted, Wednesday, July 16. This was the final regular meet of the 2025 swim season, which will wrap-up at the Jefferson Swim League (JSL) Championship Meet, July 25-26, at the Brooks Family

YMCA in Charlottesville.

The Sharks ended the season with many significant time improvements made by its swimmers. Aubrie Baugher and AJ Waksmunksi, of the six and under group, each improved their 25

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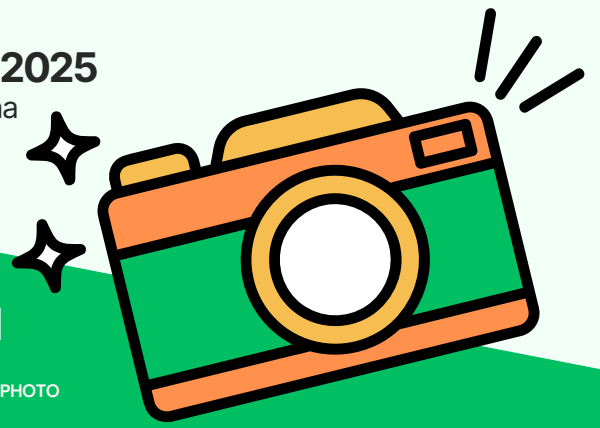
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Chief David Wells Returns to Fluvanna Sheriff's Office

After three years as LMOA's Director of Public Safety, David Wells will leave LMOA in August and return to his previous role as Chief Deputy at the Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office. He will still support our Lake community through his county position, as the Lake Monticello Police Department works closely with the Sheriff's Office. Starting July 28th, Officer Jim Mooney will serve as Interim Director of Public Safety and Police Chief. With over 30 years of law enforcement experience, Officer Mooney will oversee police, security, and barcodes. Additionally, Rebecca Mathews, our HR Director, will support the Residential Standards operation to ensure ongoing service and support for the community. We thank Chief Wells for his hard work, dedication, and leadership serving LMOA, and are confident he will excel in his new role.

LMOA July Board Meeting

Our next LMOA Board of Directors meeting is on Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 7 PM in the Fairway Clubhouse (51 Bunker Blvd.). Here are some tips on how to follow along as a Lake resident:

- How to Watch: If you can't make it in person, no worries! Our volunteer-run Broadcast Group records open sessions so you

can still join in. You can watch it live on Comcast Channel 977 or on YouTube. We also keep the recordings available on lmoa.org for two months, so you'll have plenty of time to tune in later. These recordings are posted within a day or two of the meeting on the member side of the website under Board Meeting Details.

- Sign up to Speak: If you're interested in sharing your feedback with BOD, this can only be done by attending in person. Email krivera@lmoa.org to sign up to speak. If you have comments after the meeting, you can contact the board by logging into lmoa.org and clicking on the link CONTACT THE BOARD in the brown toolbar.
- How to Prepare for a Board Meeting: You can find the Board Meeting Agenda and Packet by logging into lmoa.org and selecting Board Meeting Details under the GOVERNANCE tab.
- If you have any other questions, please email me at communications@lmoa.org. Looking forward to seeing you there!

How Lakers Enjoy Pickleball

On Friday, July 18, 2025, about 40 people signed up to play pickleball at the Ashlawn Racquet Sports Courts! On Fridays, courts are divided by skill level for a more enjoyable

game. Would you like to join the growing pickleball community at Lake Monticello? You can enjoy the sport in three easy ways: pay to play at Ashlawn Courts, play for free at Lafayette Park, or participate in open gym at Carysbrook Gym in Fluvanna County. For more details on county pickleball, see page 7 of the Parks & Recs Guide. Lake Monticello's Ashlawn and Lafayette Courts both have pickleball and tennis lines. The Ashlawn Courts are equipped with both types of nets, but at Lafayette, you'll need to lower the tennis nets for pickleball. Whether you play tennis or pickleball at Ashlawn, be sure to schedule in advance via playtimescheduler.com. Details on paying for and booking court time can be found at lmoa.org. Visitors are welcome at Ashlawn Courts but must be accompanied by an LMOA Member and pay a \$6 daily fee. Please bring cash and leave it in the dropbox near the courts.

Fall Election Reminder

Our Field Inspector, Reece Peck, let us know we're starting to see political signs popping up around the LMOA community for the fall elections. This is a friendly reminder that political signs are permitted STARTING September 14th. If you've already placed a sign, we kindly ask that you remove it until the allowed date. Thank you for helping us maintain a fair and orderly environment for everyone at Lake

Monticello!

WATER SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK brought to you by the Volunteer Water Safety Team

Did you know that the US Coast Guard's 2024 Recreational Boating Statistics Report was published on July 1st? It stated that boating fatalities fell 1.4% from 564 to 556 deaths, although boating accidents increased 2.1% from 2126 to 2170. The leading contributors to death are:

- 1) alcohol consumption and
- 2) lack of boating safety instruction.

During this time period, paddleboard deaths increased. 84% of those were due to drowning because the victims were not wearing life jackets.

Let's continue to stay safe at Lake Monticello by following basic safety guidelines, wearing a life jacket, limiting alcohol consumption, and taking a VA Boating Safety Course!



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meter (m) freestyles and 25m backstrokes, with Aubrie dropping 18.57 in freestyle and 34.2 in backstroke, while AJ dropped 14.9 and 13.15 respectively. Teammate Caroline Schoen improved her 25m freestyle by an impressive 22.94 seconds.

Amongst the eight and under swimmers, Sophia Herner (-10.96) and Allen Johnston (-10.27) improved on their 25m freestyle times, while Coen Payne (-15.06), Thomas Grout (-16.86), and Kade Messersmith-Bunting (-21.25) dropped time in their 25m backstrokes.

Barresi siblings, Miles and Vienna, showed improvement with Miles dropping 11.13 from his 50m breast, while Vienna beat her individual medley (IM) time by 13.27 seconds.

These finishes prove that wins do not always come from first place finishes, but rather, from self-improvement.

Other wins for the evening came from Kingston Arencibia, who ended his season strong, with first place finishes in both the six and under, 25m

freestyle (24.57) and 25m backstroke (28.40). These times leave Kingston as fifth in the JSL, amongst swimmers six and under, for freestyle and second for backstroke. Fellow six and under swimmer, Arrow Harrington, finished first in the 25m freestyle (29.21) and 25m backstroke (31.21), placing her amongst the top ten, six and under swimmers in the JSL.

Amongst the eight and under swimmers, Michael Koerper took first in the 25m freestyle (18.50), making him fourth in the league, while Henley Belew led the 25m breaststroke (29.23) and 25m butterfly (26.01), both of which were top 20 finishes for the JSL.

Norbu Barnett continued his winning streak with first place finishes in the 9-10, 50m breaststroke (45.88), 50m butterfly (36.96), and 200m IM (1:23.58). These finishes have Norbu at the top of the league in both butterfly and IM, and second in breaststroke. For the 9-10 girls, Stella Strickland ended her season with more first place finishes, including the 50m freestyle (42.00) and 50m breaststroke (54.50), both in

the top 40 finishes for the league.

Matthew Blevins captured wins for the 13-14 year olds with his 50m butterfly (37.08) and 50m freestyle (31.15). These finishes leave Matthew solidly within the top 35 of the JSL.

Senior swimmer, Marley Rochester,

finished her last ever regular season meet with a win in her 50m butterfly (38.25).

The Sharks proved they are ready for the championship meet, where they will face off against 15 other teams from throughout the region.

THIS WEEK'S PET: Tootsie Roll

Calling all hound lovers! Meet our precious girl Toostie Roll, a three year old Foxhound mix. She has such a bright and lively personality. She's got a big, happy heart and lots of love to give. She hasn't met a person that she didn't like, but her favorite time is when she is romping around with her fellow doggie pals. She would be a wonderful addition to an active and fun-loving family looking for a loyal sidekick.

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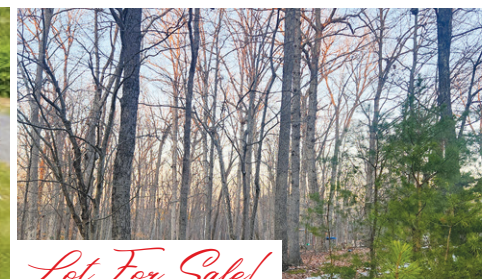
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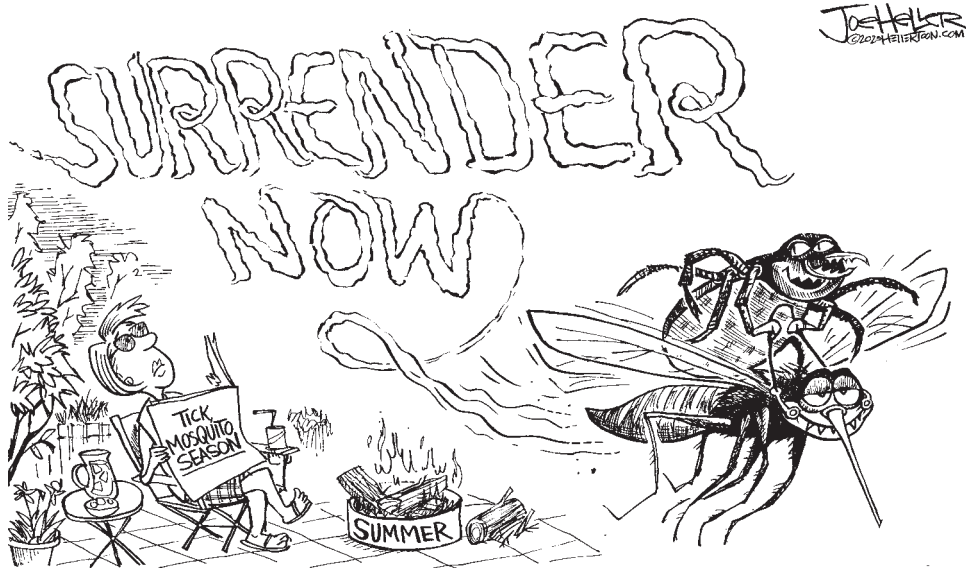
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Reed resigns from School Board, joins district as teacher Chair admits he did not attend June meeting to force cancellation

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

Fork Union representative Danny Reed resigned his seat on the Fluvanna County School Board on Friday morning (July 18) to take a teaching position with Fluvanna County Public Schools.

The resignation came near the start of a special session of the board, which assembled primarily to approve Reed's employment contract.

Under Virginia law, School Board members cannot work for the school district.

the community for politicizing his potential departure.

Chair Andrew Pullen (Columbia) amplified these claims in a video statement released on Facebook after the meeting.

In this video, Pullen said Reed had approached him about applying for a job with the district sometime before the scheduled June 11 meeting.

Shortly before the meeting, Pullen said "suddenly we find out that this information's been leaked" and that "all the Democratic kingmakers in Fluvanna were working all their avenues to try to find a candidate."

Controversy

Before resigning, Reed said he was "embarrassed" by how the situation had "snowballed" from a personal matter to a source of public rumor and speculation over the previous six weeks.

Instead of the confidentiality granted to other job candidates, Reed said his situation had turned into "political games, a mockery of this school board, and a very unnecessary distraction."

Without naming them directly, Reed seemed to blame fellow board member James Kelley (Palmyra) and others in

No show

The June meeting never happened because they did not have enough members present to form a quorum.

"We're approaching the June meeting where we know this political circus is getting ready to happen," said Pullen, "so I didn't attend the June meeting for that reason, because if there's no quorum, there's no business. And when there's no business,

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Application Requirements: Applications must submit the following by **4:00 p.m. on August 1, 2025:**

- A **Letter of Interest** (not to exceed 300 words)
- **25 signatures** from residents of the Fork Union District along with a **notarized form** from the Board of Elections

Applications must be **hand-delivered** to the Clerk, Fluvanna County School Board:

Brandi Critzer

14455 James Madison Highway
Palmyra, VA 22963

Selection Timeline:

- **August 11, 2025 – Closed Meeting Interviews:** The School Board will interview applicants in a closed session at 9:00 a.m.
- **August 13, 2025 – Public Hearing:** During the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m., the names and qualifications of all candidates will be publicly presented.
- **August 20, 2025 – Special Meeting:** The School Board will hold a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. to announce the appointment of the new member for the Fork Union District.

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF FLUVANNA

COUNTY OF FLUVANNA, VIRGINIA,
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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.

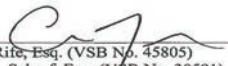
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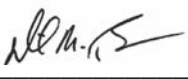
IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, hat the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Eugene K. Coates, who is believed to be deceased 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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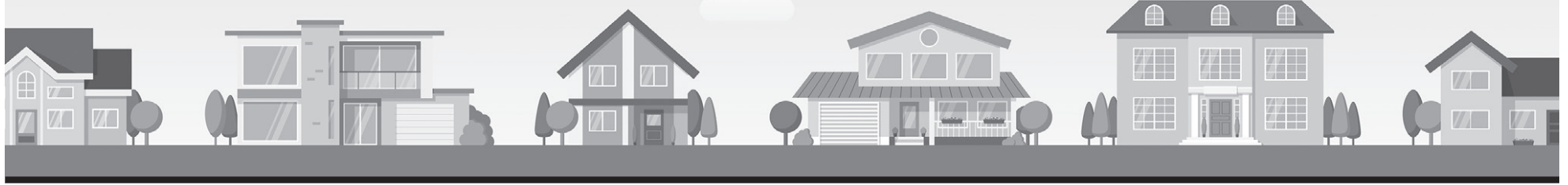
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School board continued from page 10. they couldn't make a spectacle out of Danny."

"If you're angry with me for doing that," he added, "I don't care."

No public comments

Pullen was equally unapologetic about removing a public comments section from the agenda, which is within his authority as chair. "We don't remove public comment for every meeting, we removed it from this one so that we can get done with the business we had to get done," he said.

Prior to the meeting, Kelley shared an excerpt from an email from Pullen regarding the cancellation of public comments. "I am not going to play into you and your obnoxious group of supporters who continue to use the school board for their own political theater and make a mockery of our school board," it read.

When one audience member said something loud enough to be heard during an open section of the meeting, Pullen told her to "shut up" or he would call the sheriff's office and have her removed.

A difficult summer

In comments at the close of the meeting, Kelley said the summer had been "a difficult one" for the board.

He said had received a number of calls from citizens about the rumors

before the June meeting. "I was disappointed to hear things from my community before I hear them from my boardroom."

The failure to hold or reschedule the June meeting had only served to draw the issue out by over a month. "I feel for all those involved, because no one deserves scrutiny for that long. No one deserves scrutiny related to their employment. It's problematic. To be honest, things could have been dispatched within June or July, but they just weren't," he said.

Kelley said that Pullen had "denied two seated board members the request to have legal counsel present today, despite us having genuine interest in legal guidance as a board. And further, I believe that I was asked by this board and board members to do things that are ethically and morally wrong, and at best, legally ambiguous."

"I look forward to moving past this dark period," he concluded.

Replacement process

Reed, who has a long career in social media marketing, will be teaching in the Career and Technical Education (CTE) department at Fluvanna County High School.

Before adjourning, board members approved a schedule for selecting a replacement who will fill the seat until the end of this year.

Applicants need to submit a letter

of interest of no more than 300 words and with at least 25 signatures from Fork Union residents, and a notarized letter from the Board of Elections. This package needs to be hand-delivered to clerk Brandi Critzer at the school administration building at 14455 James Madison Highway no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 1.

The remaining board members will hold closed meeting interviews at 9 a.m. on Aug. 11, followed by a 7 p.m. hearing during the regular monthly meeting on Aug.13. The new member will be announced at a special meeting on Aug. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

A special election for a permanent replacement will be held in November.

Fluvanna Art Association exhibits at local winery

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT



At The Lake by Alyce Walcavich.

For the first time, members of the Fluvanna Art Association were invited to exhibit at Cunningham Creek Winery. The exhibit "Summer Days" will be on display from July 17 to October 6.

The show features a variety of work by member artists, including watercolors, acrylics, and prints. The show evokes feelings of warm summer days, lying in a hammock, canoeing on the lake, or sitting on the beach. Some of the work evokes moments of quietness and solitude in rolling landscapes and sun-dappled flowers.

The Fluvanna Art Association will have a reception on Friday, July 25, from 6:30-8:30 p.m..

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Despite a rocky start to the season, Virginia's peach growers are harvesting one of summer's sweetest fruits, with juicy, ripe peaches filling market stands.

Virginia's erratic spring weather and fluctuating temperatures disrupted the regular peach growing season for some farmers. In certain areas, frost damaged delicate blossoms while heavy rainfall in other regions spoiled ripening earlier peach varieties.

"The trees located upland on the mountains survived, but those lower in the frost zone are bare," said Donald Ayers, a fourth-generation farmer who grows peaches on Ayers Orchard in Carroll County. "We've got about a 50% crop this year."

But despite weather challenges and smaller crop, there's still "plenty of peaches available right now," said Ayers.

Growing over 20 varieties that ripen in succession from early July through Labor Day, Ayers keeps his market tables stocked throughout summer. His fresh peaches are sold directly on the farm and at farmers markets in Hillsville and Blacksburg, and in Greenville, North Carolina.

"We're in Redhaven season right now," Ayers said, referring to the sweet, juicy, yellow-flesh variety.

He also grows Majestic, Contender and Elberta, along with white peaches like Carolina Belle and China Pearl—a customer favorite because of its high sugar content and sweet flavor.

"Everyone wants the freestone peaches, especially for canning," Ayers commented, noting their easy-to-remove pits.

In Prince Edward County, Walter Glascock of Glascock Orchard also faced some weather woes.

"The early peaches didn't do so well because the hot weather and all the rain we got, which caused some brown rot problems," Glascock explained. "But my late peaches are doing very good."

The orchard grows several varieties that start ripening in early June. Those that ripen early are clingstone, while mid- to late-season varieties are free-

stone and tend to be larger in size, Glascock said.

Selling peaches at Farmville Farmers Market and Clay's Garden Center & Farm Market in Blackstone, Glascock said that while his crop isn't as robust as expected, customer demand remains strong. So strong that he had to temporarily pause U-Pick until more peaches ripen.

"People poured into our orchard a couple days before July 4th," he said. "We thought we were going to be open through the holiday weekend but closed early" because they were nearly picked clean.

A beloved summer staple, peaches are as popular as ever, and farmers are ensuring there are plenty to enjoy across the commonwealth. According to the 2022 U.S. Census of Agriculture, nearly 500 farms grow peaches across 1,300 acres—a 26% increase from 2017's census numbers.

With August's National Peach Month right around the corner, consumers can celebrate by whipping up peach ice cream, peach pie or a peach and tomato salad. Or, just bite right into a fresh-picked peach.

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