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Letters to the Editor

Sticker shock for the consumer

Food prices have skyrocketed! Consumers are financing their groceries with buy now, pay later loans. These loans are not just for big ticket items like a television or a summer vacation. It's a signal of shifting consumer habits and a troubling sign of financial stress for families. These tariffs are driving up prices on everyday goods. Businesses are warning consumers they can no longer absorb costs, leaving us consumers to foot the bill.

As a consumer, I was anticipating higher prices due to tariffs. Keeping this in mind, I front-loaded my shoe purchase as seen here.

As a former runner, marathon runner, ultra marathon runner, and triathlete, I always valued high quality running shoes for ultimate performance. Shoe glue never was

the answer, but purchasing new shoes provided the needed shock absorption. I'm no longer a runner. However, I make every effort to exercise with a goal of 10,000 steps or more on my Fitbit 4-5 times each week. That includes walking our dog, working out at Ivy Fitness Center or doing chores at home. One never has enough quality athletic shoes. An article in the Wall Street Journal last April was an eye-opener. A cause to stay ahead of the trade war and rise in consumer prices. I quickly reached out to Amazon and added shoes to my inventory. Again, making every effort to stay ahead of the ongoing tariff war. Feeling the squeeze! Thank you, MAGA America and our spineless representatives in Congress.

-Craig Conboy, Lake Monticello

Things that matter

I'd like to see the *Fluvanna Review* help its readers get on the same page about the things that matter most to everyone, regardless of their age, marital status, gender, race, religious practice, political persuasion and/or personal interests.

Things such as:

What's happening to our monetary system. The value of the dollar is being decimated, and it would behoove us all to know what is being done about it since everyone needs it in order to live.

What are those who generate and control the money supply doing? And what are those who use it as a means of exchange doing in light of that?

The increasing reliance on cell-phone technology coupled with the Internet to meet the needs for communication and the exchange of goods and services. What is actually going on with these rapid technological advancements, and how is that affecting us on all levels: individually and in our households, neighborhoods and greater communities?

How are we avoiding becoming too fragile?

Physical and figurative food:

non-toxic, nutritious nourishment for our body, mind and spirit. What are we feeding ourselves and allowing others to feed us? Whose responsibility is it to produce, prepare, preserve and store our physical food so that we have something to put in our mouth every day of the year? Is it the government's job? The grocery stores? The farmers? Or ours?

The same goes for the different types of figurative food that feeds our minds and hearts. How are these things being handled on an individual and household level and on a neighborhood and broader community level? Is it every man for himself, making demands on someone else to provide most if not all of these things for him?

Who's doing what on an individual/household level, and who's working cooperatively with others to meet their respective needs?

I believe print media, particularly a paper like this, can be a valuable tool in serving its readers with what's needed to survive and thrive in the modern age -- that is: local life-sustaining information.

-Carrie Wigal, Palmyra

It will be too late

I agree completely with Julius Newley's letter in last week's *Fluvanna Review* titled "Global disaster ahead." I would only like to highlight one problem that is rarely discussed. Most human beings are reactive and not proactive. Those of us who see

the freight train of climate disaster coming are screaming into the wind. Most people will not wake up until major ecosystems fail and affect their ability to live their comfortable lives. By then, it will be too late.

-Stephanie Cimillo, Columbia

Fluco golf team in action before the start of school

BY DUNCAN NIXON
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Anthony Weguespack, Ayden Spitzer, Blair Marshall, Caden Marshall, Caleb Kimble, Christian Wood, Colton Ball, Colton Edwards, Desmond Sadler, Jack Pittman, Jacob DeVane, Landon Kovarik, Micah Wood, Noah Bilderback, Thomas Hance, Tyson Owen. Photo courtesy of Coach Wiley House.

Classes at Fluvanna County High School began on Aug. 12. Nevertheless, the Fluvanna High School golf team played a dual meet against Madison County on Aug. 6 and hosted a 15 school event on Aug. 8. Teams came to the Lake Monticello course from all over central Virginia, coming east from Lynchburg and west from Richmond. Local Jefferson District schools competed as well. For the fifth year in a row, the Flucos hosted the Bockman Memorial Golf Tournament. Participation in the tournament has grown substantially. With such a large number of schools involved, a decision was made to limit the number of competitors from each school from six down to five. As is the case, when six golfers compete, only the four best scores count in the team competition.

Fluco Coach Wiley House noted that he fielded a young team, with only one senior in his starting five. The Flucos best score in the Bockman tournament was turned in by junior Thomas Hance, who shot 97. He played in the number three slot. House said that Hance has a very nice swing and a lot of potential. Second best for Fluvanna was Blair Marshall who played in the number one slot and turned in a score of 102. She was one of the few female players to participate. Golf is one of the few sports in Virginia that is co-ed. The Fluco team was up against some very tough competition. Several schools had a top four score of around 80 per player. Low scores of 69 and 70 were posted.

In their season opening nine-hole match against Madison County the Flucos posted a win with a score of

182 -196. Hance and freshman Caleb Kimbell, who plays in the number two slot, led the way for Fluvanna, both shooting 43. Marshall contributed a score of 46 and senior Christian Wood came in at 50.

The Bockman Tournament is named in memory of George Bockman, who was a force around the high school for years. He was an assistant coach, a bus driver and the person primarily responsible for construction of the dugouts and press boxes on the baseball and softball fields. The proceeds from the tournament are contributed to the Shriners. The Shriners, or Shriners International, are a fraternal organization well known for their philanthropic contributions, mainly to the Shriners children's hospitals around the country.



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Rivanna Lions Club needs volunteers

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
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Throughout the years, the Lions Club has been reaching out and helping around the globe, and they do this with dedicated volunteers. Fluvanna's local chapter needs volunteers to carry on the work in their communities. At their core, the Lions Clubs serve not only to their communities and throughout the U.S but also worldwide. They embrace and believe there is strength in diversity, appreciating differences, valuing unique talents and experiences, and the spirit of innovation. This helps volunteers to collaborate and become leaders in the community and humanitarian service. Their motto is "We are saving a world in need. One act of kindness at a time."

There are 46,000 local groups worldwide, with 1.4 million members in 200 countries, awarding 1.3 billion dollars in grants. The Rivanna Lions Club's programs include sight conservation, speech conservation, diabetes, youth programs, and more. The Rivanna Lions Club recently awarded the \$500 Kojan Memorial Scholarship to Fluvanna High School student Raeden Pitta for a two-year college program and sponsored another Fluvanna High School student to attend the Girls' State program. The club also sponsored several charity events in Fluvanna County including a 2023 golf tournament, White Cane Days to fund vision care, food donations, and sponsoring a yard sale fundraiser in September 2025 at 124 Jefferson Drive.

The Lions Club International was established in 1917 by Chicago businessman Melvin Jones, who believed that local business organizations should help to improve their communities and the world. Among their historical accomplishments, in 1925, Helen Keller suggested that they consider becoming "Knights for the Blind," which led to the organization's focus on sight conservation. Other key historical moments include being the first non-governmental organization invited to help draft the Charter for the United Nations in 1945. In 1985, they awarded their first grant of \$50,000 for earthquake relief in Mexico. In times of crisis, they continue to support those in need when disasters happen. In 2023, along with other U.S nonprofits, they founded the Choose Kindness Project, promoting bullying prevention, inclusion, and youth mental wellness.

The local Rivanna Lions Club meets on the first Monday at 5:30 p.m. at the Bunker Bistro dining room for dinner, then a meeting. For more information about Lions Club International, visit <https://www.lionsclubs.org/enor> or contact Ken Quantock at 434-242-4608, KHQuantock@gmail.com.

Obituary

Charles Otterbein Layman

Charles Otterbein Layman, 95, affectionately known as "Charlie", of Troy, claimed the promise of resurrection on Monday, August 4, 2025. He was surrounded by loved ones, holding the hand of his beloved bride of 71 years, Ruth Webb Layman, his "Honey."

From the Mountain Valley community of Rockingham County, Charlie was preceded in death by his parents, Herman L. and Ruth Miller Layman; sisters, Doris Jean Locker and Betty Jane Layman; and son, James Webb Layman.

In addition to Ruthie, he is survived by their children: C. Alan Layman (Julie); Lester F. Layman (Penny); Barbara Layman (Kellie); Betty Witt (Mike); grandchild Courtney Layman (Sarah); and great grandchildren Jaymes and Etta Milston. He was "Uncle Charlie" to numerous nephews and nieces, and had many devoted friends.

Charlie was a faithful employee of the US Postal Service for 34 years, 13 as Postmaster of Gordonsville, 22942.

Charlie served his country in the US Navy during the Korean Conflict and was a life member of Gordonsville VFW Post 7638. A long-time citizen of Gordonsville, he served on the Orange School Board, the Rappahannock Service Authority, and Jefferson National Bank Advisory Board. For the last 27 years, he and Ruthie lived in Fluvanna County. They volunteered with Meals on Wheels, and he was active in Zion United Methodist Church and Three Chopt Ruritan Club. An active servant leader in United Methodist churches for 70 years, he modeled a love of neighbor as prescribed by the Gospel.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 16 at 11:00 am at Zion UMC, 1674 Zion Road, Troy, VA 22974. Visitation will be at 10:00 am; a Zion "Celebration of Life" reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, Charlie requested your gifts be made to organizations that better the quality of life in your community.

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

1 Social class

6 Temps

10 Get rough

14 Big name in kitchen foil

15 Ron Howard role

16 Place for portraits

17 Former fillies

18 Lowest female voice

20 Putting before

22 Ease

23 Amazon assistant

24 Floor specialists

25 One of TV's Ewings

27 Mica or quartz

30 Urgent notice

32 Reykjavík language

36 Workout focus

37 UV stopper

38 "Junk begets junk" acronym

39 Bible division

41 Fable writer

42 Aid to motorists

44 Be nosy

45 Sailor's direction

48 Parting word

50 Drapery fold

51 Word on many Christmas cards

55 "Objection!" response

57 Beginning

58 Emerald ____

59 Mr. Peanut prop

60 Apprehensive

61 Cousin of a herring

62 Rams' ma'ams

63 Roaring Twenties auto

3 Some roller coaster riders

4 Exam for some immigrants

5 Least difficult

6 Like well-adjusted dogs

7 Privy to

8 Croonin' Crosby

9 Workout segment

10 "Survivor" event

11 Berry of "Die Another Day"

12 Marrying locale

13 Sneaky tactics

19 Indian yogurt dip

21 VII tripled

24 "The Tell-Heart" (Poe poem)

25 Agreement

26 Skin softener

28 Desktop graphics

29 Many-legged insects

31 Withdrew

33 Hands out

34 Composer Stravinsky

35 "Roger that"

37 Yemen's neighbor

40 Blood line

41 Fictional mouse

43 "____ whiz!"

45 Orbital point

46 Watery snow

47 Electrical pioneer

49 French movie houses

51 Nibble away

52 Painter Magritte

53 "Chicago" actor

54 River of Hades

56 Bar stock

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SUDOKU

Edited by Margie E. Burke

Difficulty: Easy

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

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Wilmington Club has long, welcoming history

CONTRIBUTED BY CAROLYN TALLEY



Photos courtesy of Carolyn Talley.

Over the past seven decades the Wilmington Clubhouse has been home to many social events. It was originally started by a group of parents in 1951 as a place for their teenagers to have dances and parties without alcohol. The land was donated by James Bell and the building was constructed by the men in the community. It was also used as a polling place over the years. It has been the host to countless dances, birthday parties baby showers, family reunions and meetings. Earlier this summer it was the location for the first time to a wedding. Mary and David Tilman who are members of the club rented it for their granddaughter's wedding. Filling the large room with lots of curtains, sheers, candles and flowers transformed this very simple space into a lovely wedding chapel. The metal folding chairs were covered with special fitted covers. The members of the club

made sure the building was clean and in good condition. The fully equipped kitchen was where the food was prepared. Tables were filled with food and the guests enjoyed a wonderful meal following the ceremony.

The clubhouse is currently home to two groups that use it monthly for dinners. It is available to non-members to rent at other times.

The Wilmington Club is a group of Fluvannians who meet on the third Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. to share a potluck meal and each other's company. Sometimes there is a speaker and other times we have a game night or music. Often it is simply a time for members to talk and share stories. There are some people who were teenagers when the club began and are now great-grandparents. There are also people who are new to Fluvanna who like the idea of sharing a meal with their neighbors and getting to know more about the place we live. We would love to have you join us. Contact Lillie Childress at 589-2148.

The other group currently using the clubhouse is the Fluvanna Ruritan Club which is a civic group formed in rural areas. It is a fitting club to meet here because Ruritan is a word made by combining two Latin words. "Ruri" means "open country" and "tan" refers to "rural or small town life." Ruritans can be found throughout the county participating in local events. They are the force behind the local celebration of the National Day of Prayer. Ruritans volunteer at the Fluvanna Fair and are busy fundraising so they can support youth sports teams and scholarship for local high schoolers. You have heard of Ruritan Lake Road, but did you know that Ruritan Lake was created by our local group in 1956? The Ruritans meet at the clubhouse for a dinner meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. If interested in more information contact them at: fluvannaruritanclub@gmail.com.

The Wilmington club is hosting a yard sale on Saturday, Sept. 6 from 8 a.m. to noon. A wide array of items including baked goods and plants will be for sale. If you have items to donate or questions regarding the yard sale please call 981-8085 to schedule a pickup.

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\$60.9 million in Hurricane Helene disaster assistance authorized for Virginia farmers

VIRGINIA FARM BUREAU PRESS RELEASE

The worst of Hurricane Helene’s unexpected impacts brought out the best in Virginia’s agriculture community. Farmers immediately dispatched hay bales, fencing supplies and financial donations to Southwest Virginia farmers in the aftermath of the September 2024 storm’s catastrophic flood and winds.

Now the U.S. Department of Agriculture is extending more assistance as recovery continues.

Almost \$61 million in federal disaster aid funding will cover infrastructure, timber and plasticulture losses in ad-

dition to market losses and future economic losses related to Helene.

Jason Pratt, a farmer in Smyth County, lost a barn in the resulting floodwaters and didn’t have flood insurance. Other losses were taken care of by Farm Service Agency programs, but he’s hoping to qualify for additional assistance through the USDA funds.

This funding is part of the \$30 billion disaster assistance relief effort authorized by the American Relief Act 2025. U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins recently signed a block grant agreement with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services that provides recovery assistance for Virginia farmers.

Eligible recipients include impacted commercial agricultural producers and forest landowners. The assistance covers damages to farm infrastructure, timber and aquaculture; market opportunity losses that did not receive insurance payments or federal relief funding; or damage to perennial crops that will result in future income loss.

“From damaged infrastructure to unharvested crops and unrecoverable timber, these impacts are real,” said Virginia Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Matthew Lohr. “We’re grateful for this federal partnership, which will help ensure Virginia producers can restore

operations and remain productive contributors to their communities and the commonwealth.”

Agricultural producers and eligible timber owners in 27 impacted localities can start the process through the Virginia Farm Recovery Block Grant Program portal. Award recipients can expect to receive grant funds later this year.

The localities included in the hurricane’s disaster designation area were determined by the federal government—not VDACS or the state. Disaster recovery applications are available to eligible agricultural and forestry landowners in the counties of Bedford, Bland, Buchanan, Carroll, Craig, Dickenson, Floyd, Giles, Grayson, Lee, Montgomery, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Pulaski, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise and Wythe; and the cities of Bristol, Covington, Danville, Galax, Norton and Radford.

Grayson County Farm Bureau president Danny Boyer lost marketable timber to the storm, which was not initially covered by emergency relief programs. He was unable to salvage the downed timber as he prioritized crucial repairs on 5,000 feet of broken cattle fencing.

“Sawmills cut what salvaged timber they could, but they got so much, they had to stop taking supplies for a while,” Boyer recalled. “But now there is potential to get some assistance for that damaged marketable timber.”

In the region hard-hit by Hurricane Helene, many farmers were reluctant to accept help.

“I’m just blessed I could keep going,” said Boyer, who is still working to repair 2,500 feet of fencing. “Others had their barns and houses washed away.”

Virginia Cooperative Extension agents and Virginia Department of Forestry representatives can assist eligible farmers with registration, deadlines and technical assistance.

Grayson County Extension agent Kevin Spurlin said the block grant package can help farmers with

damages not covered by insurance, FSA funds or emergency conservation programs.

They are entitled to assistance, he said.

“This is money set aside for these purposes,” Spurlin explained. “These farmers paid taxes. This is money coming back from what they’ve put in through the years and will help with losses that aren’t covered in other ways.”

Farm Bureau members helped with fencing, hay transport and emergency cash assistance though the Virginia Foundation of Agriculture, Innovation and Rural Sustainability’s Farm Relief Fund.

“For folks who received that, it was a tremendous leg up and sure helped us to keep going and get to the next year,” Pratt said.

Farmers and foresters won’t be made whole after Hurricane Helene, he acknowledged.

“But this federal funding is a stepping stone to get things started,” Pratt continued. “With inflation, almost everything farmers lost costs more now to replace compared to what they initially paid. It’s not possible to cover all the costs, but we appreciate anything to help pick up steam to get moving again!”

The registration and grant application periods will be announced once the USDA work plan is approved as VDACS is developing the online application portal. Producers receiving funding for certain losses must maintain USDA Risk Management coverage for two crop years.

Among the documents farmers and forestland owners should begin gathering are federal tax forms, FSA farm numbers, photos of damaged infrastructure, insurance adjustment reports and proof of payments.

For a complete list, program details, eligibility criteria or general questions, click the “Relief Notice” at vdacs.virginia.gov or email DisasterRecoveryGrants@vdacs.virginia.gov.



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Community Calendar



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Wilmington Club to meet

The Wilmington Club will have its August meeting on Saturday, **Aug. 16** at the Pavilion of Lyles Baptist Church. Gather about 6 p.m. with dinner about 6:30 p.m. For more information contact wilmingtonclub@gmail.com

Ruritans to meet

The Fluvanna Ruritan Club will be meeting at Lyles Baptist Church **Aug. 19** at 6:30 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Ronald Unnerstall of the Fork Union Drive-In. This week Fluvanna Ruritans will be helping at the Fluvanna County Fair, so stop by the information booth and see us.

Cash, food accepted

Fluvanna Leaders for Race & Diversity (FLRD) is located at 14455 James Madison Highway in Palmyra. It is open on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It accepts cash and food donations. (434) 987-1938.

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.



AAUW seeking members for Rivanna Branch

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Virginia is seeking members for a potential Rivanna branch. The AAUW is a non-partisan organization that helps advance women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

The organization, founded in 1909, was established in Richmond. In 1925, the AAUW formed a statewide organization. Although the organization was established in 1909, it had been forming as early as 1881 to support women college graduates. In an 1885 paper, the organization disproved a prevailing myth that college impairs a woman’s fertility, and most recently, a study documenting the economic impact of workplace sexual harassment. They have supported the academic achievements of many thousands of scholars, from scientist Marie Curie, the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, to astronaut Judith Resnik, the second woman to travel in space. From 2020 to 2025, AAUW National awarded 1,538 grants totaling \$29,600,000.

Their advocacy efforts include the Equal Pay Act, first proposed in 1945 and finally passed in 1963; the Title IX amendment in 1972; the Family and Medical Leave Act in 1993; the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act in 2009; and the Pay-check Fairness Act, which was passed

by the U.S. Representatives in 2019 but is awaiting action in the Senate.

Member Sally Pattison-Cisna moved to Virginia Beach in 2008. She did not find a job, so she looked for volunteer opportunities. She attended an AAUW meeting and continued with the organization until she moved to Lake Monticello in 2022.

“I was president, newsletter editor, and mostly, membership VP in addition to leading on fundraisers and our STEM conference for middle school girls. I am still a member of the Virginia Beach branch,” she said, but wants to get a local branch started in this area if possible.

Pattison-Cisna spoke about what she believes is the most important issue the AAUW has addressed.

“AAUW’s goal is to inspire women to become empowered with the confidence and knowledge to stand for women’s rights. AAUW National lobbies our congressional representatives to support legislation they believe helps promote equality for women and girls,” she said. “I especially appreciated AAUW’s core commitment to girls and women, especially for higher education and economic security. As a member, if you sign up for AAUW Two Minute Activist, you are sent regular alerts on when and how to engage with your representatives.” She adds that this

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Fluvanna County Goes Back to School!

Fluvanna County Schools went back in session on Tuesday, August 12, 2025. That means kids will be walking to and from their bus stops mornings and afternoons between 6 AM and 8:30 AM and 3 PM and 5 PM. Keep an eye out for them and drive carefully! Also, most of our lifeguards will be heading back to school as well. Each year, we face the challenge of keeping the pool adequately staffed once school resumes, and this year is no exception. Please know that we will do our best to stay open as usual, though we might encounter some capacity challenges on weekdays. Thanks so much for your understanding and support!

Algae Watch at Tufton Pond

The Blue-Green Algae Watch at Tufton Pond is no longer in effect. The algae treatment that was implemented by Solitude on July 30 was effective. We do not have results from other algae testing at this time, but we will keep you updated when that is available.

Golf Job Opportunity

The Lake Monticello Golf Course is seeking a part-time golf attendant for our outdoor operations. If you would enjoy working outdoors on our beautiful golf course, please review the job description on lmoa.org (Careers) and submit your application! Did you know our golf course serves as a training site for our local high school? It also hosts various tournaments, including

the annual George Bockman High School Invitational held this week. Mr. Bockman was a passionate golfer at Lake Monticello and a champion of high school sports and golf. This year, 15 schools participated, with 75 players competing for the title!

Piecemakers Honor FPOW

On Thursday, August 8, the Lake Monticello Piecemakers (quilting group) honored Lt. Col. Glenn L. Myers, a Vietnam Veteran and former POW, with a Quilt of Honor in recognition of his extraordinary service to our country. Lt. Col. Myers served in the U.S. Air Force from 1965 to 1985, spending nearly six years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam. This intricate and heartfelt quilt—crafted by more than a dozen members of the Piecemakers—was presented in a moving ceremony at the Ashlawn Clubhouse, draped over the veteran by loved ones in the traditional gesture of love, gratitude, and healing. Members of the Piecemakers and the LMOA community then lined up to offer Lt. Col. Myers a hug, honoring both the spirit of the quilt and the deep appreciation we hold for his courage and sacrifice. Thank you, Lt. Col. Myers, for your service!

Lake Fireworks Are Back!

The LMOA Board of Directors and Staff are excited to invite their residents to a fireworks display at the Lake Monticello Golf Course on August 28, 2025, at 8 PM! A handy online map with information is available on our website, but here is

a short summary:

Parking and Viewing

- The public viewing area is on the 18th Fairway.
- We will have extra Accessible Parking spots; these are open to those with a valid disabled parking placard or disabled license plates.
- Some streets will only have parking on one side.
- Bunker Bistro is taking dinner reservations for August 28, making it possible to come early, dine, and walk to the 18th Fairway to watch the show.
- Please be mindful not to enter private properties to reach the golf course; marked walking paths will guide you.

What to Expect

- The Golf Course will operate under a modified schedule.
- Fireworks will be launched from the dam near the 9th Fairway.
- A mandated safety zone around the launch site will be clearly marked and monitored.
- For your own safety, please do not try to enter any marked restricted areas.
- The greens will be marked as restricted areas, and our volunteers will be watching over them.
- Please use the provided trash bins.
- The fireworks display is for our residents and their guests.

What to Bring

- We suggest bringing along blankets instead of chairs to prevent damaging the fairways.
- Don't forget to carry a flashlight

and wear bright clothing!

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

Did you know...

Nearly all boating-related fatalities are the result of drowning, and most of these fatalities could have been prevented if a life jacket had been worn. Here are some important safety reminders about life jackets (Personal Floatation Devices or PFDs) that apply to all boats, including paddlecraft (canoes, kayaks, and stand-up paddleboards):

- There must be one wearable Coast Guard-approved life jacket for each person on the boat.
- The life jacket must be the appropriate size for each intended wearer.
- Each life jacket needs to be “readily accessible” if not worn. Readily accessible means the life jackets are out in the open, ready for wear, or stowed where they can be easily reached (it is recommended that paddlers always wear their PFD).
- Each life jacket should fit properly. This is especially important for children.
- Choose the appropriate life jacket for the intended use.

If you live at Lake Monticello and need to borrow a life jacket, visit the Life Vest Closet at the Marina to borrow an approved life jacket that meets your needs.

encourages you to send letters to your legislators, write letters to the editor, and make other timely calls to action. Your participation regarding issues you deem important registers your opinion by contacting your congressional representative at <https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/>.

“Our Virginia Beach branch held an annual STEM conference for middle school girls for five years. We did this in partnership with a local college. I was responsible for recruiting STEM professional women in Hampton Roads to conduct hands-on STEM workshops reflecting their careers,” she said. “We had a keynote speaker. One of whom was deep into the Mars landing application process. One mom wished we could do it every Saturday.

AAUW National also holds a yearly conference for hundreds of college women leaders from all over the country to train for leadership, be inspired, and network. This is the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL).

AAUW Virginia asked Pattison-Cisna to invite women and men to a meeting to consider whether they would be interested in beginning a Rivanna AAUW branch here.

“Many have already signed up to be invited to our meeting,” she said, adding that signing up does not mean you are joining. This would be an informational session to see if people are interested enough to consider joining.

“When we meet, I will describe what having a branch here would involve. To make a branch work here, we would need folks determined to spend a few hours each month to begin relationships with our local colleges and universities, especially to connect with any women’s groups/courses they may already have. We would determine what projects we wanted to initiate and what we could do for fun, too,” said Pattison-Cisna.

She described some of the activities she was engaged in while living in Virginia Beach, enjoying the diversity of AAUW Virginia Beach activities for the city and its branch. That branch had community outreach activities and funded a yearly

scholarship, usually for at least \$1,000 for women returning to college. They held voter registration and pay equity events in the local community colleges, and also worked with local college women to address the culture of women applying for jobs and/or asking for raises and benefits. They often used AAUW National’s programs Start Smart, Work Smart, and Money Smart, which train women in salary and benefit negotiations and guidance for financial security.

“These programs are designed to help women learn to successfully advocate for themselves and help close the pay gap for women everywhere,” she said.

AAUW Virginia Beach had many other activities, including book clubs, annual banquets, international dining, and Movie Sisters.

“We also had branch meetings with local women talking about their experiences as women in our work world. With Movie Sisters, we supported women artists by attending only movies written, directed, and/or produced by women. Afterwards, we’d have lively discussions at the closest coffee shop about

the show and a few other topics,” she said. “I have never agreed on everything AAUW stands for; nevertheless, I enjoy being part of voter registration for college people, helping women and girls think about salary and benefit negotiation, STEM for Girls, and, hopefully, inspiring women to be active in prompting their legislators to support the programs they believe in. This is in addition to getting to know the women and men who our branch might interest.”

“I have met so many friendly folks as I’ve participated in Lake Monticello and Fluvanna County groups the past two years. As mostly retired folks, they may yearn to find a worthwhile activity to fill those hours. If we find enough folks interested, we’ll help with that in a very meaningful way with an AAUW Rivanna Branch,” Pattison-Cisna said.

If you would like to join the meeting to consider beginning an AAUW Rivanna Branch, email, text, or call Sally Pattison-Cisna at pattisonsj@gmail.com or 757.374.8527.



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A week after meals tax goes into effect, supervisors have questions

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

Fluvanna County's new food and beverage tax took effect on Aug. 1, and some restaurateurs and winery owners have questions, particularly about what happens when a customer only orders a beverage.

The Board of Supervisors raised those concerns at its meeting on Wednesday night (Aug. 6).

"So if I were going to Blue 53 or Sal's, if I were to have a drink—let's call it a soda—and I ordered no food, would

that Dr. Pepper be subject to the food and beverage tax?" asked Mike Goad (Fork Union).

In that scenario, "they should not be charging the four percent," said County Attorney Dan Whitten.

The same applies in local wineries. If you just order a glass of wine, it is not taxed; if you add on a cheese plate or a salad, it is taxed.

"So why don't we call it a 'food and beverage with food' tax?" Goad replied.

Whitten explained that it was simply the way the state code was written. The only exceptions are places like Charlottesville, where the law allows them to set higher rates and apply the tax to beverage-only purchases.

Goad said the county may need to step up communications with business owners to help them understand how the tax works.

Commissioner of the Revenue Mel Sheridan did not disagree, but noted, "we are six days into a new program, and that's got a learning curve." As with any new tax, it will take people some time to adapt.

private home wells. Dewberry recently presented preliminary plans for a new system that would remove those risks by replacing wells with a raw water line running from the James River Water Project to a new water treatment and wastewater treatment plant to be constructed near Fork Union. Now, Dewberry will be tasked with turning their preliminary sketches into a working plan.

The design phase will take about a year and cost \$1.7 million.

Fluvanna County will not pay out-of-pocket for the design phase or future construction, with Dominion having committed \$47.1 million for water system improvements.

Fork Union water

Supervisors took the next step in securing Fork Union's water and wastewater supply, approving contracts with Dewberry Engineering to allow the firm to design a new system for the Fork Union Sanitary District (FUSD).

The project stems from a 2021 special use permit granted to Dominion Energy to build a lined landfill near the old Bremono Power Plant to contain decades of toxic coal ash currently being held in covered ponds near the site.

This raised concerns about the potential for groundwater contamination within a 1.5-mile radius of the landfill, including two FUSD wells and several

Pleasant Grove paving

The supervisors also approved a \$200,000 contract with ProSeal Services to pave some of the gravel roads within Pleasant Grove.

This will include the road and parking area near Pleasant Grove House and the road and parking lot near the soccer fields. They will also install nine speed humps to make sure people stay within park speed limits.

The bid came in about \$21,200 over-budget, but was the lowest of the four bids received. Supervisors unanimously approved the additional allocation of funds along with the contract.





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COUNTY OF FLUVANNA, VIRGINIA,
a Political Subdivision of
the Commonwealth of Virginia,

Complainant,

v.
VICTORIA MILES, ET AL.

Respondent(s).

Case No.: CL25-336

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. 45-A-11
Account No. 2790

All that certain tract or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Columbia Magisterial District of Fluvanna County, Virginia, containing 10 acres, more or less, described by metes and bounds on plat of survey entitled "Land of Victoria Miles, DEC'D", dated June 13, 1958, made by Kenneth M. Hart, C.L.S., of record in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Fluvanna County, Virginia, in Deed Book 54, at Page 258.
And being the same property conveyed to Victoria Miles from S.R. Moon and Christian Moon, husband and wife, by Deed dated September 26, 1891, and recorded October 28, 1891, in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Fluvanna County, Virginia, in Deed Book (O.S.) 26, at Page 385.

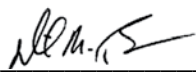
This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Deed Book 45, at Page 81 and Deed Book 406, at Page 346.

IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Catherine M. Miles, 798 Prospect Avenue, Charlottesville, Virginia 22903; Doris A. Langhom, 6386 Community House Road, Columbia, Virginia 23038; Dena Parker, 1803 W 3rd Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834; Darren T. Durren, 2001 S Sunset Avenue, Apt. F122, Roswell, New Mexico 88203; Myeshia Allen, 405 N York Street, Artesia, New Mexico 88210; Shankia M. Miles, 209 N 10th Street, Artesia, New Mexico 88203; Emilio Armendariz, 1252 S 36th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215; Early J. Miles, 1821 N Lea Avenue, Roswell, New Mexico 88201; Juanita Langhom, 5266 Community House Road, Goochland, Virginia 23063; Ann Martin, 2306 Hampstead Avenue, Apt. 4, Richmond, Virginia 23230; Phyllis Martin, 6317 Community House Road, Columbia, Virginia 23038; Brenda Martin, 3826 Shannon Hill Road, Columbia, Virginia 23038; Franetta Bland, 2586 Community House Road, Columbia, Virginia 23038; Gabrielle T. Peace, 9909 Allen Gayle Drive, Fort Washington, Maryland 20744; Blaine Hawkins, 2005 Barley Drive, La Plata, Maryland 20646; Betsy T. Ferguson, 6903 Standish Drive, Hyattsville, Maryland 20784; Phyllis B. Tyree, 3036 Waddington Drive, North Chesterfield, Virginia 23224; Robinette F. Diggs, 600 E Williamsburg Road, Apt. 322, Sandston, Virginia 23150; Zolandria P. Friday, 10707 Mountain Ash Drive, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060; Sylvia D. Friday, 1863 Watt Avenue, Apt. 21, Sacramento, California 95825; Wayne J. Friday, 204 Evergreen Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23223; The following respondents are those whose last known addresses are unknown: Karen Martin; Stiffney Martin; Irving Martin; Leroy Martin; Jaylash Dean; Donaven Dean; The following Respondents are believed to be deceased: Pauline Miles, 3841 Shannon Hill Road, Columbia, Virginia 23038; Katherine M. Mickle, 3018 Warder Street NW, Washington, DC 20001; Richard L. Mickle, 1000 Brightseat Road, Apt. 448, Hyattsville, Maryland 20785; Carolyn T. Hawkins, 1511 Dunwoody Avenue, Oxon Hill, Maryland 20745; Joseph L. Tyree, Jr., 9909 Allen Gayle Drive, Fort Washington, Maryland 20744; Robert J. Friday, Jr., 1863 Watt Avenue, Apt. 20, Sacramento, California 95825; John G. Miles, 413 N Robinson Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21224; Mary Martin, 6317 Community House Road, Columbia, Virginia 23038; Kenny L. Martin, 726 Orangedale Avenue, Charlottesville, Virginia 22903; Rosa L. Martin, 300 S Wayne Avenue, Apt. 626, Waynesboro, North Carolina 22980; Everett L. Harris, 995 Riverrun Drive, Charlottesville, Virginia 22901; Christopher Martin, 1801 Blackburn Road, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060; Dorian Martin, 804 Brook Hill Road, Apt. 523, Richmond, Virginia 23227; Ella Nora Jackson Miles, 4053 Shannon Hill Road, Columbia, Virginia 23038; James W. Miles, 2586 Community House Road, Columbia, Virginia 23038; John E. Miles, 413 N Robinson Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21224; Maria Miles, 2001 S Sunset Avenue, Apt. C210, Roswell, New Mexico 88203; The following Respondents are believed to be deceased, and their last known addresses are unknown: Victoria Miles; Bertha Miles; Ernest Miles; Rosa R. Hart; George Hart; Emma Rollins; Florence R. Jones; Lena M. Friday; Robert J. Friday; Bernice M. Tyree; Katrina A. Tyree; Frances B. Miles; 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 September 22, 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.

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Entered on the 24th day of July, 2025

Judge



FLUVANNA COUNTY
SCHOOL BOARD
Meeting Notice

The Fluvanna County School Board will hold a special meeting on Monday, August 20, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of announcing the appointment of the new Fork Union District School Board member. The meeting will be located at the School Board Office, located at 14455 James Madison Highway, Palmyra, VA.

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF FLUVANNA
SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C., SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE

Complainant,

v.
DIANE J. DYE,

Defendant.

Case No.: 25CL615

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this action is to obtain the whereabouts of any persons including but not limited to: Diane J Dye and any other persons having an interest in the surplus proceeds of a trustee's sale pursuant to a Deed of Trust dated June 24, 2009 executed by Diane J Dye, for the benefit of AmTrust Bank secured by the property located at 2540 Long Acre Road, Palmyra, VA 22963. This Deed of Trust was recorded on June 29, 2009 in the Clerk's Office of this Court in Document No. 0902532, in Book No. 796, at Page 614.
Upon consideration whereof, this Order of Publication is granted, and is ORDERED that any interested persons do appear here on or before October 9, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., which date is no sooner than fifty (50) days after entry of this Order of Publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in The Fluvanna Review newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Fluvanna, Virginia.

Entered, this 6th day of August, 2025.

Clerk

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Tenaska holding public meeting on new power station

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

Nebraska-based energy company Tenaska has announced plans to build a new natural gas-powered plant in Fluvanna County, expanding its presence in the area with a second facility adjacent to its existing generation station near Scottsville.

The company will be holding a “community meeting” at Fluvanna County High School on Thursday night (Aug. 14) to introduce residents to the planned Expedition Generating Station.

Energy reliability

The facility will be built on about 50 acres on a 425-acre parcel of land owned by the company, just across from the existing power plant on Branch Road. The Transco pipeline would provide natural gas.

Designed to generate up to 1540 megawatts (MW) – enough electricity to power 1.5 million homes – company officials say the project is intended to meet the growing regional need for electricity and to increase the reliability of the power grid.

Jerrold Pitts, senior director of project development for Tenaska, said the company is working to obtain a generation interconnection agreement with Dominion Energy and with PJM Interconnection, the body that regulates the power grid across 13 states.

The agreement “would allow for the project to come online and provide wholesale energy into the PJM market and will also help meet very important capacity needs within the PJM region and the PJM capacity market.”

Expedition Generating Station is one of 51 projects selected as part of PJM’s recent Reliability Resource Initiative, designed to increase the stability of the regional power supply.

Regulatory process

This project faces a long regulatory process, lasting up to two years. The current timeline envisions construction starting in late 2027 and the plant

coming online in 2030 or 2031. The first step is winning special-use permits from Fluvanna County. Once these local permits are approved, they can then go on to the state regulators at the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the State Corporation Commission (SCC).

Economic impact

If approved, the plant is expected to generate more than 1,400 temporary construction jobs and 29 permanent positions once operational.

Tenaska anticipates that the project could generate up to \$250 million in tax revenue over 30 years, with \$14 million annually in the first five years.

Community concerns

At a meeting held just for those who live in the area, company spokesperson Timberly Ross said the main concerns were over noise pollution and the impact on local roads.

She said the company is working to address those issues as they develop their final plans.

However, the project is likely to gain some scrutiny from local and regional environmental and other groups concerned with the impact of gas-fired power stations on air and water quality.

Community members are invited to bring their questions and concerns to the Community Meeting on Thursday, Aug. 14, at Fluvanna County High School. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

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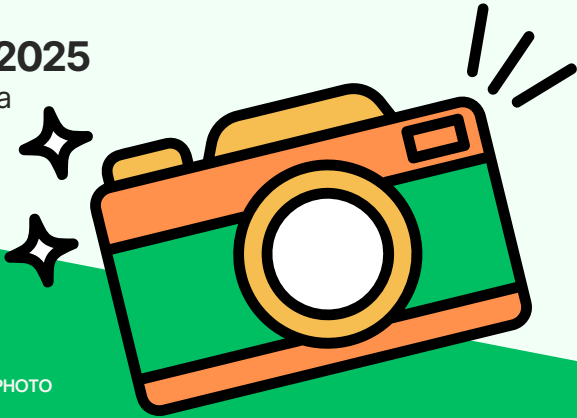
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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF FLUVANNA

COUNTY OF FLUVANNA, VIRGINIA,
a Political Subdivision of
the Commonwealth of Virginia,

Complainant,

v.
SUZANNE R. MIRSKY A/K/A
SUZANNE RUTH MIRSKY, ET AL

Respondent(s).

Case No.: CL25-350

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. 47-A-43D
Account No. 311028.

All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of real property, together with improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being situate in the Cunningham Magisterial District, of Fluvanna County, Virginia, containing 2.00 acres, more or less, show on a plat of survey as Lot 2 made by Robert L. Lum, C. L. S., dated June 13, 1990, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Fluvanna County, Virginia, in Deed Book 218, page 694A, and having tax map number 47-A-43D. Designated as 4381 West River Road, Scottsville, Virginia 24590 ("Property Address")

And being the same real property conveyed to Suzanne R. Mirsky and Hinda G. Mirsky from Thomas L. Musselman, Jr., and M. Kent Ivey by General Warranty Deed dated October 27, 2005 and recorded December 2, 2005 among the records of the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Fluvanna County, Virginia in Deed Book 662 at Page 938.

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 228 at Page 266, Deed Book 218 at Page 694A.

IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Suzanne R. Mirsky a/k/a Suzanne Ruth Mirsky, whose last known address is Inmate ID 2065901, Virginia Correctional Center For Women, c/o Dana Ratliffe - Walker - Warden, 2841 River Road, Goochland Virginia; Hinda G. Mirsky, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; James Mirsky, whose last known address is 520 Balboa Avenue, Capital Heights, Maryland 20743; 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 September 24, 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.

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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.
DAVID T. RICHARDSON AKA DAVID
THEODORE RICHARDSON, JR., ET AL.

Respondent(s).

Case No.: CL25-412

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Fluvanna, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Fluvanna, Virginia, described as follows:

Tax Map No. 19-A-27
Account No. 307392

All that certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being situate in the Palmyra Magisterial District of Fluvanna County, Virginia, on the east side of and adjoining Secondary Route No. 644, about 3 miles north of the Village of Palmyra, containing 1.44 acres, more or less, according to a plat of survey made by Carroll Gillispie, C.L.F., S.F.C., dated February 20, 1960, of record in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Fluvanna County, Virginia, in Deed Book 57, at Page 171.

Less and except that portion of land conveyed to Edgar Samuel Brown, Jr. and Barbara Ann Brown, his wife, from Viola Carter Richardson and David Richardson, her husband, by Deed of Bargain and Sale dated April 5, 1961, of record in the aforementioned Clerk's Office in Deed Book 59, at Page 48, and corrected in Deed Book 59, at Page 88.

And being the remaining 0.94 acre, more or less, portion of the same property conveyed to Viola Carter Richardson from Pearlle Payne Carter, widow, by Deed of Bargain and Sale dated March 11, 1960, and recorded April 2, 1960, in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Fluvanna County, Virginia, in Deed Book 57, at Page 170.

The said Viola Carter Richardson aka Viola Lucy Richardson died May 28, 1961, and pursuant to her List of Heirs dated and recorded June 6, 1961, in the aforementioned Clerk's Office in Will Book 9, at Page 367, Viola Carter Richardson aka Viola Lucy Richardson may have passed her interest in the above-described property via intestate succession to the following individuals: Ernest Lee Barnett, Sandra Dorene Barnett, Helen Pearl Richardson, David Theodore Richardson, Jr., and David Theodore Richardson, Sr.

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 380, at Page 508.

IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Ernest Lee Barnett, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; 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 September 22, 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.

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Entered on the 21st day of July, 2025


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PUBLIC NOTICES



PUBLIC HEARING
Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors
Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-1427, a Public Hearing will be held in the Fluvanna County Circuit Court, at 72 Main Street, Palmyra, 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:

APPROVE A RIGHT OF WAY DEED OF EASEMENT AND A UTILITY DEED OF EASEMENT ON PARCEL TM #18-A-1E AT ROUTE 600 AND ROUTE 618 TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

Copies of the complete text of the above easements 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 Caitlin Solis, Clerk to the Board, at (434) 591-1910. All interested persons wishing to be heard are invited to attend the public hearing.

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF FLUVANNA

In re:)
The County School Board of)
Fluvanna, Virginia)

Case No.: 25CL581

ORDER

THIS DAY came the County School Board of Fluvanna, Virginia, by counsel, and moved this Court to order a special election.

IT APPEARING TO THE COURT that a vacancy occurred in the seat representing the Fork Union District on the County School Board of Fluvanna effective July 18, 2025; that the School Board is appointing an individual to fill the vacancy on an interim basis according to the timelines and processes established by Virginia Code § 4.2-228; that the term for the Fork Union District representative on the School Board expires on December 31, 2027; and that the special election should be held in conjunction with the next ensuing general election, as required by Virginia Code § 24.2-226(A), in November, 2025.

UPON CONSIDERATION WHEREOF, IT IS ORDERED and DECREED that a special election to fill the vacancy on the County School Board of Fluvanna for the seat representing the Fork Union shall be conducted at the general election to be held in November 2025, pursuant to Virginia Code § 24.2-682, Article 5 of Chapter 6 of Title 24.2 of the Code of Virginia, and all applicable law.

The Clerk is directed to forward a certified copy of this Order immediately to the secretary of the electoral board for the County of Fluvanna, Virginia, to the State Board of Elections, and to Counsel for the School Board.

Entered: 07/25/2025

Judge

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE AND THOMAS JEFFERSON PLANNING
DISTRICT COMMISSION CDBG
and HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL CAPER REPORT
15-DAY COMMENT PERIOD:
August 15 – September 1, 2025
PUBLIC HEARING TJPDC SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 7pm
Water Street Center, 407 E. Water St.
Charlottesville, VA 22902**

Charlottesville and TJPDC invite all interested citizens to comment on the Draft Program Year 2024 CAPER annual report. The report describes how the participating jurisdiction used funds to provide low-income affordable housing and community development in the program year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. The draft is available at <https://tjpd.org/public-comment-draft-caper-py24/> or by contacting Laurie Jean Talun at 434-422-4080 or Anthony Warn at 434-906-2582.

**PUBLIC HEARING
Fluvanna County Board of Zoning Appeals
Tuesday, August 19 2025 at 7:00 pm**

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2204, a public hearing will be held in the Morris Room of the Fluvanna County Administration Building, located at 132 Main Street Palmyra, VA 22963 for citizens of the County to have the opportunity to be heard by the Board of Zoning Appeals on the following request:

BZA 25:04 – Pardee Virginia Timber 2 LLC: A request for a Variance to Section 22-4-3 (C) (1) (b) of the Fluvanna County Code to allow for a reduction of the required minimum frontage from three hundred (300) feet to two hundred (200) feet on State Route 639 for the parcel identified as Tax Map 28, Section 10, Parcel 1. The subject property is zoned A-1, Agricultural, General, and is located in the Rural Preservation Planning Area and in the Cunningham Election District.

BZA 25:05 – Project Hoops: a request for a variance for size requirements for directional signs as defined under section 22-22-1 of the Fluvanna County Code for a property located in the Columbia Election District and identified as Tax Map 11-9-2.

BZA 25:06 – Ash Market: A request for a variance to max sign height requirements under section 22-15-3 of the Fluvanna County Code for the Ash Market located in the Fork Union Election District and identified as Tax Map 51-a-103.

The meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be in person and instructions for public participation during the meeting will be made available on the Fluvanna County website: www.fluvannacounty.org Interested persons may submit written comments prior to the scheduled meeting to planning@fluvannacounty.org or call 434.591.1910, between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday – Friday or visit the County Administration Building at 132 Main Street Palmyra, VA 22963.

**PUBLIC HEARING
Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors
Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.**

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

ORDINANCE TO WAIVE CERTAIN SIGN REQUIREMENTS UNDER SECTION 22-15-3 OF THE FLUVANNA COUNTY CODE FOR THE FORK UNION DRIVE-IN LOCATED IN THE FORK UNION ELECTION DISTRICT AND IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP 51-A-61.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND "THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF FLUVANNA, VIRGINIA", BY AMENDING § 9-2-2 TO INCREASE THE COSTS OF CERTAIN WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGES AND § 9-2-5 TO INCREASE THE METER DEPOSIT FOR THE FORK UNION SANITARY DISTRICT

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 Caitlin Solis, Clerk to the Board, at (434) 591-1910. All interested persons wishing to be heard are invited to attend the public hearing.

Virginia watermelons thrive in spite of wet weather

VIRGINIA FARM BUREAU PRESS RELEASE

Despite a wetter-than-average summer, some Virginia growers are anticipating a watermelon season worthy of celebration.

Halifax County farmer Trey Reese of Reese Farms Inc. in Scottsburg began harvesting his 70-plus acres of watermelon around July 2. While he couldn't supply wholesale customers by the Fourth of July rush, he's thankful for a relatively smooth season.

As of July 29, Scottsburg accumulated over eight inches of rain throughout the month—doubling the area's historical average for July, according to The Weather Channel.

"We've had too much rain, but some people have had a lot worse," Reese reflected.

Remnants of Tropical Storm Chantal swept through Halifax County in early July, contributing to flooding and road closures in some areas. Reese is thankful his farm escaped the brunt of the

storm and his watermelons survived.

"I'm sure some growers in the county are having issues because they're bound to—it's just raining too much," he noted.

"It just seems to not want to stop," remarked Mary West of Mt. Olympus Farm in Caroline County.

Like Reese, West's 2 acres of watermelons are grown under plastic with drip irrigation.

"We have access to pond water, so we'd rather have a dry year than a wet year, because you can put it on but you can't take it off," she explained. "When it's wet, it promotes funguses, molds, mildews and a whole handful of problems that you have to deal with."

And drier years tend to yield sweeter watermelons, West added.

Despite excessive rain leading up to the farm's early July harvest, West is grateful for a promising harvest. Her classic Sugar Babies, standard red seedless and yellow seedless melons are satisfying eager farm market cus-

tomers and Northern Virginia farmers market customers.

"Everyone seems to be wanting melons early this year," she said.

While West favors the Sugar Babies, "it just depends on your taste buds." Some customers prefer the taste and tradition of her seeded melons—grown primarily as pollinators of her seeded varieties.

"There are plenty of customers who just want a 'good old-fashioned, spit-my-seeds watermelon,'" she quipped.

Reese's seeded Estrella watermelons help pollinate his seedless Black Jacks—known for their dark skin, exceptionally sweet flavor and crisp texture.

"I'm lazy. I just eat the hearts in the field, and the heart's good on all of them," he laughed.

Reese knows his melons are ripe and ready to pick when the tendrils dry up in the field, but thumping melons at

the store to determine freshness takes practice, he noted.

"Thump the belly, and if you hear a flat sound, it's overripe and probably tasteless," West advised.

Customers can purchase West's watermelons and various seasonal produce at her onsite farm store and at the Herndon, McLean and Reston farmers markets in Fairfax County. She expects ample melon offerings through September—coinciding with the farm's pumpkin season.

Reese's melons are available for purchase at his uncle's onsite retail stand, Reese's Farm Fresh Produce, through September.

Watermelons are grown on 241 farms totaling 595 acres, according to The U.S. Department of Agriculture's 2022 census.

West encourages melon lovers to indulge in the plentiful peak-season offerings and "support local—wherever your local is."

AITC welcomes applications for educator grants

VIRGINIA FARM BUREAU PRESS RELEASE

Are you an educator who's always wanted to plant a school garden? Or maybe you want to organize farm-to-table activities.

Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom wants to help teachers integrate creative agricultural projects and learning experiences inside and outside their classrooms. Through its educator grant program, the nonprofit provides funding for teachers to expand children's understanding about the sources of their food and fiber, and how farming and agriculture impact their daily lives.

AITC will award over \$30,000 for the 2025-26 school year to support educator projects. Teachers and other organizations like 4-H clubs and FFA chapters that work with schools and parent-teacher associations can apply for up to \$500 for agriculture-related initiatives.

"Many students have little connection to where their food comes from, and these grants help bridge that gap," said Lynn Black, Virginia AITC's director of education. "Through hands-on projects like learning gardens, egg incubators and growing systems, teachers can bring agriculture to life in their classrooms. These projects also offer lasting educational benefits, with many being used across different grade levels and even among entire schools."

The deadline for grant applications is Oct. 13. However, applications received by Aug. 15 are eligible for AITC's "early bird" notification. This early decision lets educators begin their projects at the beginning of the school year. Instructors who complete the application early will be notified by Sept. 8.

Grant projects can occur at school, during home learning or in the community, and may include learning gardens, STEM integrations or unique agricultural

experiences for students. Previous projects ranged from classroom hydroponic gardens to composting systems and student-led mini farmers markets. Some attended local Ag Day events, while others took part in farm-to-table activities—cooking produce that they grew.

Last year, AITC awarded 68 grants, totaling over \$33,000 and reaching 25,000 youth. One project was led by Emalee Owens, a kindergarten teacher at Fredericksburg Academy in Fredericksburg. She and her students built a schoolwide sensory garden with herbs and native vegetation for pollinators and wildlife.

"Our students participated in every part of our garden plan," Owens said. Through cultivating and harvesting herbs and native plants, students learned about plant nutrition, life cycles, insects and pollination. Academic lessons about the garden covered math, science, language arts and social studies.

"Most importantly, our garden helped students develop a deep personal connection to the natural world," she said. "All of our students enjoy picking herbs and viewing the wildlife that's attracted to the garden. These lessons will stick with them for a lifetime."

To apply for a grant, or to learn more about educational activities available through Virginia AITC, visit virginia.ag-classroom.org/teachers/grants.

The Virginia Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that promotes a greater understanding and appreciation of agriculture through education and outreach activities. To learn more and support, visit virginia.agclassroom.org.



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Honoring a hero with a Quilt of Honor

PRESS RELEASE

The Lake Monticello Piecemakers, a local volunteer and quilting group, on Aug. 7 honored Lt. Col. Glenn L. Myers, a Vietnam veteran and former POW, with a Quilt of Valor in recognition of his extraordinary service to our country.

Lt. Col. Myers served in the U.S. Air Force from 1965 to 1985, spending nearly six years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam. This intricate and heartfelt quilt—crafted by more than a dozen members of the Piecemakers—was presented in a ceremony at the Ashlawn

Clubhouse. The quilt was draped over the veteran by loved ones in the traditional gesture of love, gratitude, and healing. Members of the Piecemakers and the LMOA community then lined up to offer Lt. Col. Myers a hug, honoring both the spirit of the quilt and showing a deep appreciation for his courage and sacrifice. Thank you, Lt. Col. Myers, for your service.

Unique aid to bikers, transcontinental and local, coming to Palmyra

CONTRIBUTED BY MIKE FEAZEL

A free bike repair station to help transcontinental bicyclists, as well as local bike enthusiasts, is set for a grand opening at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 18, in Palmyra.

The new station includes a shelter, tools necessary for basic bike repair, and amenities from the adjacent grocery store. The BRS is positioned strategically along the TransAmerica Bicycle Trail, which is known as the “Appalachian Trail for Bicyclists.” The cycling route connects the Pacific Ocean to the Chesapeake Bay, traversing historical, geographical, and cultural landmarks across the USA. It also called federal highway BR 76.

The trail passes east-west through Fluvanna County — between Charlottesville and Richmond, continuing to the coast.

“As a veteran of the TransAmerica myself, I know that it’s a real blessing to have a place to rest and regroup and gather information about where I am on the trail,” said Al Mink, who organized the effort carried out by volunteers from the Fluvanna Rotary and others. “By this point in the trail, there are often little nagging things wrong with bikes that the proper tools can fix. And the nice thing is that this free station is also great for local bicyclists as well.”

“Through the Magic of Rotary, this station will increase bicyclists’ awareness and appreciation of Fluvanna County,” said Fluvanna Rotary 2024-25 President Jeff Fuller. “Instead of just quickly passing through, it will encourage bikers to slow down and visit some of our beautiful historic sites, eating places and shops.”

The station is expected to serve more than 1,000 bicyclists annually, both locally and those biking across the country.

Joy Kline, governor of Rotary District 7600, said “thanks to funding from a Rotary District grant to the Rotary Club of Fluvanna, a remarkable Bike Repair Station has been installed in historic Palmyra Village — offering riders along the TransAmerica Bicycle Route peace of mind with access to essential tools to keep their bikes in top condition. This is a shining example of how

Rotary supports meaningful community development and brings people together, one project at a time.”

Building the station required hundreds of volunteer manhours, plus \$7,000 raised from sponsors, including generous land use by the E.W. Thomas grocery store in Palmyra, plus the Fluvanna Leadership Alumni Group, Aqua Virginia, the Fluvanna Rotary Club, Blue Wheel Cycling, and the Adventure Cycling Association.

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