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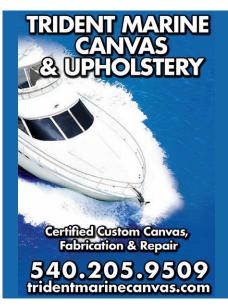
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# Gray Foxes at the Lake complete another good year

BY DUNCAN NIXON CORRESPONDENT



Shaun Chen, Tom Mundell, Tom Sick, Les Tinsley and Paul Schmidt. Photo by Duncan Nixon

The senior men's Gray Foxes held its annual year-end banquet on Nov. 10 at Cunningham Creek winery. There were 73 attendees at the banquet, including three guests. It was an excellent turnout. A total of 86 men competed

Grey Foxes President Paul Schmidt presided over the awards ceremony for the 18 hole men's group and John Stenz handled the awards for the nine hole men's group. The 18 hole group plays on Thursday mornings, while the nine hole group plays on Tuesday mornings.

Schmidt said that the low gross round for the year was posted by Shaun Chen who shot a one over par 73. Five golfers were right behind with low rounds of 74. They were Tom Mundell, Tom Sick, Jim Beach, Les Tinsley and Marc Hogan. All of these top golfers are fairly new to the Gray Foxes.

There was a tie for best low net score for the year. Mitchell Moon and Rand Melton both posted 66s. Again, five golfers were one stroke off the pace. They were, Rich Barringer, James Davis, Michael Holmes, Larry Cormier and Mike Ruggiero.

Ringers is a yearlong competition in which players record their best score on each hole for the season .The winner for gross score was Tom Mundell with a 63. The winner for net score was John Stenz with a 48. The match play winner for the year was David Gallagher.

Each week 18-hole participants put \$6 in the pot, and at the end of the round the best scores for the day are awarded funds from the pot. Colt Sinclair was the overall top money winner, with Ben Stoppe close behind.

The nine hole gray foxes did not have as extensive statistics as the 18 hole Gray Foxes. John Stenz announced that based on a point system that was applied all season, Rich Winston was the top point getter, followed by Rand Melton and Tom Slayton.

The banquet was provided by Tasti Vittles catering and the food was very well received.

At the end of the banquet, it was announced that the Gray Foxes had expressed their appreciation to retiring golf course supervisor Jim Prucnal by gifting him a top quality grill. Prucnal was instrumental in bringing the Lake Monticello course from near disaster to one of the top-rated courses in the state.

# Letter to the Editor

#### Deny pavilion

The Lake Monticello Community Foundation has proposed the gift of a pavilion on the rare open space near the clubhouse and the pool.

I know and realize the foundation has done wonderful work in terms of the disabled playground and the dock on the pond.

However, I hope the Board of Directors will reconsider the proposal of a pavilion.

I don't think the Lake needs a new amenity right now, while the Lake fire and rescue department needs money for major repairs.

It is not feasible to build something just because there is a nice, small green space to dig up or to have one more amenity that will require its own special rules and regulations.

Plus, a main concern of the Board of Directors and foundation should be whether the proposal would impact the quality of life of the surrounding residential neighborhoods. noise alone would, I think, devalue the nearby homes. I doubt that any of the board members live close to

the proposed pavilion. And, no, I do not own a house near the clubhouse.

In summary, please do not allow the building of this project. Instead, the foundation should think about covering the necessary funds for the firehouse.

-Peggy and Brian Flick, Lake Monticello



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#### **Butler talks about mosaics**

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD CORRESPONDENT



Eileen Butler. Photo by Page Gifford

Artist and former art teacher Eileen Butler discussed mosaics with members of the Fluvanna Art Association at its monthly meeting on Nov. 8. She showed some of her unique work, particularly a pair of old red Birkenstocks, which she couldn't bear to part with, and turned them into stunning mosaic art.

"My love of mosaics began when we were building a house," she said. Being the artist that she is, she wanted to incorporate some unique finishes in the house as it was being built. It began with a natural soapstone counter top for the kitchen, then she discovered pieces of pink tumbled marble, commonly found on beaches, and used it in a mosaic for the bathroom. "All I wanted to do was mosaics."

She took it to the next level, working with third and fourth graders, teaching them mosaics. The completed student projects were then set into the floor of the entry of Jackson-Via Elementary School. Next became an entire school project with help from other community members, making the recessed outside entry more prominent with the design of welcoming arms done in

This led her to a more focused study on the art of mosaics. She took a course on Byzantine mosaic, spending three hours just cutting stones.

"I get why we have to practice, but it was hard," she said as she showed the heavy tile cutter with two lethal-looking rotary blades.

Like any artist, she loves her materials, like mirrored tiles, sea glass, and stained glass. She added that grout colors can be mixed or acrylic paint can be added to grout for different colors.

She did warn against grandiose designs and to start with the basics and start small.

"Make a sketch, a pattern, choose your tiles and colors, and lay them out on your pattern or sketch."

# Annual tree lighting to honor Mozelle Booker

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD CORRESPONDENT

This year's annual Fork Union tree lighting ceremony will kick off the holiday season with a dedication in memory of the late Mozelle Booker. Skylar Grace Booker, Mozelle's 7-yearold granddaughter, will make the dedication.

Mozelle Booker, a native of Fluvanna, was a dedicated educator and community leader who inspired those around her through her commitment to learning, equity, and service. Her vision extended beyond the classroom, as she worked tirelessly to uplift her community and empower others to reach their full potential. She was the first African-American woman to be elected to the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors, serving 16 years before retiring last year.

Her passion for education and her love for her community shone through in everything she did, leaving a lasting impact on everyone she met. Carrying on the work of her late husband, Jerome Booker, Mozelle supported every aspect of the county's needs, including water infrastructure, the new high school, educational opportunities, non-profits, the arts, and history. Toward the end of her term, she was committed to expanding housing and

home-ownership opportunities.

"There have been challenges, but I am proud of my work," Booker said upon her retirement.

As both an educator and community leader, she championed educational access and civic engagement. Her greatest accomplishment was working to bring people together to talk, bridging differences in points of view and experiences, listening to and understanding the community's needs, and giving a voice to the underserved. She will be remembered as a force of support, assuring those in her community that she would continue to be a voice for the underrepresented. Her legacy will always be her strength and grace, which made her an exceptional mentor, advocate, leader, and role

Additionally, artist Will White III will once again design this year's star, which will be raffled off at the event. A few select vendors will be available for holiday shopping along with Tasty Vittles food truck.

## Fluco sports news

BY DUNCAN NIXON CORRESPONDENT

A number of Fluco senior athletes are moving on after a strong fall season. At a signing ceremony on Nov. 12, volleyball player Molly McCall signed a commitment letter to play next year at Virginia Commonwealth University. Jack Jefferies signed to compete in cross country and track at Radford University. Ruby Frazier signed to run cross country and track at the University of Richmond, and Henry Jefferies signed to play lacrosse at Emory and Henry. All are staying in Virginia.

Ruby Frazier and Jack Jeffferies both

ran in the Virginia state cross country meet. Frazier finished tenth in a field of 104 garnering All-State status. Jefferies finished a very strong 20th out of 104

Fluco field hockey goalie Savannah Peterson set a state record with 655 stops on the season. The Fluco volleyball team lost in the Region semi-finals to Liberty Christian Academy (LCA), but finished 22-5 on the year. The Fluco football team finished 7-4, after a first round playoff loss at Wilson Memorial on Nov. 14 by a score of 41-29.

# **RUDY TALKS TAXES**

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

# **Financial Tips That Sound Like Common Sense**

When it comes to personal finance, guidance is often delivered in quick, confident soundbites:

- Open a high-yield savings account!
- Sign up for a rewards credit card!
- Buy your food in bulk to save money!

On the surface, these suggestions sound like common sense. But managing your money is rarely this simple, as what works brilliantly for one person might not be the best move for someone else. Here's a closer look at a few common financial tips and how the hype holds up in practice.

#### #1 - High-yield savings accounts: A favorite low-risk move

Why they sound great: High yield savings accounts (HYSAs) are often promoted as a simple way to make your cash work harder. While a standard savings account may pay just 0.01% interest, many HYSAs offer more than 4% APY, a major boost if you're building an emergency fund or saving for shortterm goals.

The reality check: Everyone should consider better yields for their everyday funds. To not do so is simply giving this money away to the bank. But you need to be smart. Putting this money in CD's often includes a hefty early withdrawal penalty. So find accounts with reasonable rates and then know how to transfer the money penalty-free to transaction accounts when you need it. Remember, a 4% yield on \$5,000 provides approximately \$200 every year. Would you be willing to take \$200 and throw it on the street? Most banks hope the answer is yes, so they can pick it up.

Worth the hype? Yes, for the savvy consumer. While it won't change your financial situation, it helps establish best practices and encourages active management of your financial life.

#### #2 - Credit card rewards: Free money or clever marketing?

Why they sound great: The pitch is to earn cash back, travel points, or perks for spending money you were going to spend anyways. Some cards even have generous signup bonuses worth hundreds of dollars.



rying a balance and paying interest, these rewards vanish into the void - lost in never-ending interest charges. Many cards also have annual fees, category restrictions, or minimum spend requirements that can lead you to overspend for the sake of earning points.

Worth the hype? Yes, but only for those who DO NOT carry a balance from month to month. If you're debt-averse and organized, rewards cards are a tool, not a trap.

#### #3 - Buying in bulk: The Costco/Sam's Club effect

Why it sounds great: The logic is simple: buying in bulk means paying less per unit. Warehouse clubs and bulk shopping apps promise you'll save a fortune on everything from cereal to toilet paper.

The reality check: Bulk buying can indeed slash your cost per item, but only if you use it and have the space to store it. So be careful with perishables you can't consume in time. And know your storage limits, especially for bulky items like paper towels.

Worth the hype? If you have a large family the savings are easy to obtain. If not, you simply need to be a smart shopper or shop with a friend or two to share the bulk purchase and the savings.

Financial tips are great, but only if you understand how they work and make them work for you and your situation. Here is wishing you a great Thanksgiving Holiday!

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# Foundation makes five more grants to community groups

CONTRIBUTED BY MIKE FEAZEL

The Lake Monticello Community Foundation made five more \$1,000 grants to local community service organizations, including local food banks, bringing the foundation's total donations for the year to nearly \$35,000.

The latest round of \$1,000 contributions approved by the foundation board is going to MACAA's Fluvanna Food Pantry, Fluvanna's FLRD Community Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, the Fluvanna SPCA and Lake Monticello

Volunteer Fire and Rescue. Previous contributions included scholarships for high school students who showed commitment to community service, other community service groups, and the new access walkway at Lake Monticello's Main Beach.

"We were especially interested in helping the local food banks that are so important during this time of great need," said Foundation President Alan Stewart. "The Foundation intends to continue to find ways to help the community, both inside and outside the Lake."

## **Bowers named executive director of MACAA**

PRESS RELEASE

The Monticello Area Community Action Agency (MACAA) named Suzanne Bowers as its new executive director.

She brings more than 20 years of nonprofit leadership experience, with a strong record of building programs that uplift families, expand opportunities, and strengthen communities. Known for her compassionate leadership and commitment to equity, she has dedicated her career to helping people thrive through education, advocacy, and collaboration.

Before joining MACAA, Suzanne served as executive director of Nest Academy RVA, where she guided the organization's growth and strengthened partnerships that improved access to inclusive education. She previously led the Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center (PEATC) for nearly 18 years, helping thousands of Virginia families navigate educational systems and access critical supports for children with disabilities.

"I am honored to join MACAA and continue its mission of empowering individuals and strengthening families," said Suzanne Bowers. "This organization has a long and proud history of serving Central Virginia, and I look forward to working side by side with the team, our partners, and the community to expand opportunity and build a brighter future for all."

MACAA Board Chair Sarah Shalf added, "Suzanne's deep experience in community-based leadership and her genuine passion for helping others make her an ideal fit for MACAA. We are thrilled to welcome her as we continue to build on the strong foundation of service that has defined this organization for decades."

Suzanne holds a Bachelor of Science in Education from High Point University and a Nonprofit Management Certification from Duke University. Throughout her career, she has been recognized for her collaborative spirit, inclusive approach, and dedication to creating lasting community impact.

#### **About MACAA**

For more than 60 years, the Monticello Area Community Agency (MACAA) has worked to empower individuals, strengthen families, and build thriving communities across Charlottesville and surrounding counties. Through early childhood education, housing stability, and workforce development programs, MACAA helps neighbors overcome barriers and achieve lasting self-sufficiency. Learn more at www.macaa.org or follow MACAA on social media to stay connected.

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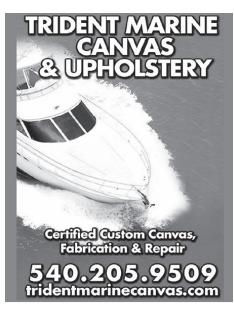
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## Booker honored for life of faith, education, and public service

BY HEATHER MICHON CORRESPONDENT

Family, friends, former students, faith leaders and public officials assembled at the Fluvanna County High School auditorium on Sunday afternoon (Nov. 16) to celebrate the life and legacy of Mozell H. Booker.

Booker, who died on Sept. 30 at the age of 83, was remembered as a steady, compassionate leader who broke barriers as the first woman to chair the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors and as one of the earliest Black supervisors elected in the county.

Speakers across the two-hour ceremony described her as a mentor, educator, advocate and the heart of her community — "our lady of devotion," as Sunday School Union president Teresa Baskfield called her.

From the opening prayer to the final benediction, speakers returned again and again to her core beliefs: faith, education, and civic engagement.

"From our earliest days together, Mozell paired herself with a sense of purpose, faith, and determination that only grew stronger with time," said her longtime friend Bertha Armstrong.

Armstrong said she would cherish the memories of the two of them "sitting shoulder to shoulder at local board meetings, strategizing, doing

community gatherings, and standing up for services and policy changes," she said. "Most precious of all were the quiet conversations, those long talks filled with encouragement, reflection, dreams, and the occasional gentle challenges."

A lifelong educator, Booker spent more than 30 years in public schools in Fluvanna and Albemarle as a teacher, special education administrator and principal.

Her service extended far beyond education. During her 16 years on the Board of Supervisors, Booker championed school funding, equity, senior services, local history, and voting access.

"I really hope that each of you took a moment to look around as you walked into Fluvanna County High School, took a look at the sky, took a look at our campus, took a look at our grounds," said FCPS Executive Director Donald Stribling. "Mrs. Mozell Booker was instrumental in making this all happen."

Stribling said Booker was a mentor whose influence extended well beyond school walls. "She showed us what it means to give without expectation, advocating for those in need, or simply showing up with a listening ear and a very, very generous heart. She believed that every student had a spark

waiting to be discovered."

"Each of us, through our relationship with her, carries a piece of Ms. Booker's legacy in our hearts...but more importantly, in our actions. And in that way, her story continues," he said.

Marvin Moss, president emeritus of the Fluvanna County Historical Society, spoke of his relationship with Booker and her husband, Jerome, which formed not long after he moved to the area in the 1990s.

He noted that the Bookers had lived all over the world during Jerome's years in the Air Force, "but after he retired, they did something remarkable: they returned to Fluvanna County."

They made a lasting mark on the county, broadening its understanding of its own history and pushing it toward progress. "She was part of history. She and Jerome made history," he said.

It was a day filled with memories and laughter. Valarie Thomas, who first met Mrs. Booker as a young student, sang in tribute to the woman who had so often been known to break into song.

Booker's daughter, Kimberley Hundley, thanked the audience for remembering her mother and said the family plans to hold a public memorial in the spring.

In her final days, Booker had been

Thank you to everyone across

adamant that she didn't want a funeral or memorial — "Let my work speak for me," she said.

But Hundley said this was going to be the one "head-butt" she ever won with her mother.

In his closing remarks, Dr. Maurice Carter noted that the name "Mozell" was derived from the Hebrew word for "Moses."

"She is not dead. She is alive," he said. "Because her energy flows within the course of her names."

He said she would appreciate the day's celebration, "but I believe she would be more interested in someone taking up the cause."

"Mozell is saying, will you now take up the cause?" said Carter. "What can you do to further your political, spiritual, to become an activist, to make somebody's life better?"





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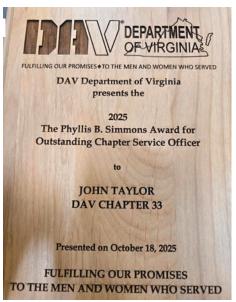
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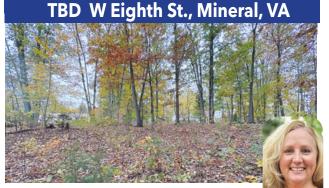
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On Monday, Nov. 10th the Fluco JV football team won the championship by beating the Louisa County Lion's at Louisa, 30 to 26. Fluco JV final record was Final 10-1. 3 Consecutive JV Championship (all under Coach Josh Barringer). Eli Harris had 3 rushing TDs, Caleb Ray had 1 rushing TD. Caleb Ray and Jake McCall each had an interception. Eli Stribling and Samajh Childs led the team in tackles.



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## Fluvanna schools sound alarm on soaring absenteeism crisis

BY HEATHER MICHON CORRESPONDENT

Fluvanna County school officials delivered a blunt message to the School Board on Wednesday night (Nov. 12): chronic absenteeism has become one of the division's most urgent concerns, fueled by issues that stretch far beyond the classroom and for which there is no easy or immediate fix.

Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing two or more instructional days per month, or 10 percent of the average 180-day academic year, whether excused or unexcused.

Kaitlyn Harlow-Burner, coordinator of mental health services for the division, said that while Fluvanna's numbers had nudged down from 37 percent in the 2022-2023 school year to 25 percent in 2024-2025, the division still posts some of the highest absentee rates in the region, especially among high school students.

By comparison, Charlottesville and Greene County both sit at 20 percent. Nelson County is at 12 percent. At the other end of the spectrum, Louisa County had just a seven percent absentee rate.

#### 'How can we help?'

Harlow-Burner and Student Outreach Coordinator Jessica Lavin underscored that absenteeism is often a symptom of larger struggles. Most kids aren't skipping school because they don't care. Instead, they are often navigating barriers that even adults might struggle to overcome.

The absenteeism rate is highest among the most economically disadvantaged students, reaching as high as 66 percent by grade 12

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Amanda Galloway, who works on the county's juvenile court cases, said that too often, people assume absenteeism stems from families who do not value education. While that is sometimes the case, the majority of cases she sees are far more complex.

"We have minor issues with things like bullying," she said. "But then we have much more severe issues."

Many of her cases involve students living without running water, teenagers staying home to care for younger siblings while parents work, or kids navigating homes marked by severe mental illness or addiction. Some students suffer from their own untreated mental or physical health problems.

Others are victims of crime, "and unfortunately, a lot of it is sexual violence," she added. A growing number struggle with substance abuse themselves.

Because there is no single cause, there is no easy fix.

Harlow-Burner described the esca-

lating series of steps the schools have to address absenteeism, starting with automated calls, then personal outreach, and repeated home visits.

At its core, she said, are simple, human questions: "What can we do? How can we help you? Why are you missing these days?"

Sometimes the answer is a lack of running water. Sometimes it's family chaos. Sometimes it's nothing more than a kid buckling under pressure. "Whatever it is," she said, "we try to problem-solve that."

And sometimes, the intervention is even more direct.

Lavin, Harlow-Burner said, "brings students to school every single day. I am not kidding. Every single day. If we did not have her, those kids would not come to school because they don't want to come to school."

If the absences continue, students are placed on attendance improvement plans, followed by diversion programs aimed at avoiding formal charges.

Only after those steps fail do cases move to court petitions — the last tool in a system designed to intervene, not punish.

#### Time and money

Palmyra representative Dr. James Kelley noted that funding for two halfyear attendance positions had been included in the recent budget carryover package and could become part of the 2027 budget cycle.

Would those positions help move the needle?

Harlow-Burner didn't hesitate: her team, she said, already runs suicide-prevention programs, substance-use interventions, student outreach, the clothing closet, and the full slate of mental-health initiatives.

"Attendance takes up a lot of time," she told the board.

Dedicated staff, she said, could focus solely on home visits, morning knock-and-go outreach, and supporting students with chronic excused absences or those avoiding the bus because of peer conflicts, while giving her team more time to work on other interventions

Galloway noted that asking for new positions is never easy in Fluvanna, but she urged them to think about the long-term math.

Some chronic absentee cases end up with children entering the Children's Services Act (CSA) system.

"A residential placement now runs about \$42,000 per child," she said. "If we can keep even one or two kids out of the CSA system, it essentially pays for these positions."

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This season, Virginians can give thanks for the commonwealth's vast array of homegrown ingredients by savoring them during the holidays.

Farmers markets and farm markets across the commonwealth are offering abundant Virginia-grown ingredients for enhancing holiday meals—from sweet potatoes, greens and apples to a variety of meats, cheeses and baked goods.

"Virginia's farmers markets are a cornerstone of our state's food system year-round, but the holiday season is an especially meaningful time to shop locally," remarked Kim Hutchinson, Virginia Farmers Market Association executive director.

She noted that buying from local farmers and food producers "keeps dollars in our communities, supports small businesses, and helps build a more sustainable and resilient food system for Virginia.

"It's also a wonderful way to connect with the people who grow the food we love, that we gather around, and that we share with family and friends," Hutchinson added.

Jesse Roberts of Bibb Forest Farm in Louisa enjoys sharing recipe ideas with his customers at Charlottesville City Market.

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ask questions," he encouraged. "A lot of our market clientele ask us about our favorite way to eat something, they end up trying it and loving it, and come back for more."

Roberts keeps busy throughout the holiday season harvesting a variety of greens, radishes, winter squash, sweet potatoes, garlic and more seasonal staples.

He invites customers to try discerning the subtle differences in taste between his purple, white and orange sweet potatoes—all "absolutely delicious," and exceptionally sweet after a two-week curing process.

His winter squash undergo a similar curing process for optimal sweetness. He said his Black Futsu squash are among the "best-tasting pumpkins" currently available; heirloom pumpkins are ideal for soups; and delicata squash is a customer favorite.

For preparing delicata in stews, he recommends quartering it lengthwise with the skin on, removing the seeds, and cooking it like summer squash.

"And if you're roasting it, which is probably the best way to experience the flavor as is, you cut it long-ways and add a little bit of salt. You can make it savory or sweet in terms of spices," he noted.

The farm's salad turnips, purple top

turnips, red round radishes and watermelon radishes are best enjoyed raw in salads. Roberts' hardneck garlic is another customer favorite and boasts "stronger, wild allium flavors."

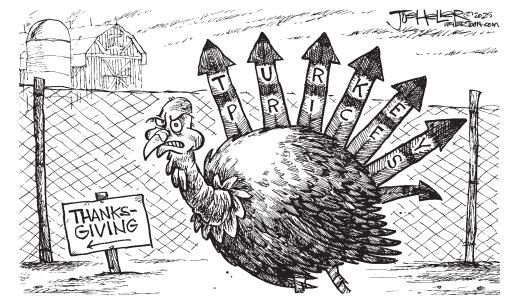
He expects to have his tatsoi, spinach, bok choy, Swiss chard, other greens and cilantro available through January, depending on the weather.

Roberts' family enjoys incorporating the farm's ingredients into their own Thanksgiving meals. He especially favors any savory sweet potato dish, and boiling down beets and salad turnips in a stock to "bring out their sweetness."

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Customers can find Bibb Forest Farm at the Charlottesville market the next two Saturdays. They also can visit the farm's website to browse available inventory and order for pickup in Louisa, Henrico or Midlothian; or delivery in Charlottesville on select days. Online orders can be placed on Thursdays from 8 p.m. through Monday. Visit bibbforest-farm.com for more information.

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



# **April & May Property Transfers**

PROPERTY TRANSFER DEEDS ARE PROVIDED BY THE FLUVANNA COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT.

Park, Ann L. to Godwin, Mark L. and Betsy Godwin. See document for full description. \$361,000.

#### 4/02/2025

Southern Property LLC to Howard. Kyle and Michelle Howard. Lot 37 Phase 4 Meadow Brook Subdivision. \$820,178.

Liberty Homes Va Inc. to Sisk, Nicholas E. and Kayla d. Sisk. 2.724 Acres. \$340,000.

#### 4/03/2025

Hutcherson, John F. to Cooper, Jason M. and Michelle H. Cooper. Lot 374 Part 2, Section 1 Ashlawn LM. \$260,000.

Liberty Homes VA Inc. to Palmer, Grant Wilson and Jennifer M. Palmer. 2.748 Acres. \$569,999.

Swayze, Chan e H. to Orr, Ronald and Courtney Orr. Lot 176 Phase 2 Shadwell LM. \$300,000.

US Delta Timberlands ... to Catlett Land Company LLC. and Person Properties, LLC. 137.68 Acres. \$660,864.

Stanley Martin Homes... to Price, Johnathan Daniel and Diana Maria Price. See document or full description. \$294,840.

#### 4/07/2025

Harris, Gayle C. exc. To Bickley, Warren Allen. See document for full description. \$194,000.

Catlett Land Company ... to Dunivan, Martin H. 8.867 Acres. \$77,540.

#### 4/08/2025

Garrett, Evan L. to Tridento, Matthew M. and Fallon Tridento. Lot 320 Phase 10 Cherokee LM. \$321,000.

#### 4/10/2025

Stribling, Donald F. to Legacy Realty Group LLC. See document for full description. \$300,000.

Collier, Lisa Ann to Ownby, John Wesley, Jr. and George Roach. Lot 297 Phase 4 Fairway LM. \$250,0001.

Pence, Taylore R. to Trissel, Kyle and Anna Elizabeth Camdn Trissel. Lot 38 Phase 10 Cherokee LM. \$315.000.

Chittick, Michaela Lynn to Court, Johnathan d. and Alyssa M. Court. 11.909 Acres. \$375,000.

#### 4/11/2025

Maust, Shayne to Henderson, Cody. Lot 332 Phase 1 Ashlawn LM. \$312,000.

#### 4/14/2025

East Path LLC. to Little, Christopher and Collen Little. 4.8975 Acres. \$409,900.

Prairie Diamond Prope... to Myers, Carl B. and Joshua Dean Myers. Lot 104 Phase 11 Falcon Hills LM. \$298,000.

Storms, Dorothy S. to Hill, Johathon T and Sarah Stolfa. See document for full description.

Santa Maria , Sandra J. to Bialy, Jeff A. and Nicola J. Bialy. Lot 275 Phase 3 Montpelier Addi-tion 1 LM. \$408,000.

Storms, Dorothy S. to Randall, Debra. 55.872 Acres. \$150,000.

#### 4/15/2025

Irwin J. Fehlberg Revo ... to Rish, Deanna. Lot 21 Phase 4 Sycamore Square Subdivision. \$350,000.

Liberty Homes Va Inc. to Glenn, Areatha Katherine and Kenneth Justin Flager. Lot 23 High Point Subdivision. \$329,690.

Albrecht, Joseph C. to Hinton, Alexander and Caitlin Hinton. See document for full description. \$350,000.

Hull, Robin C. to Hannum, Charles W. and Cynthia Hannum. Lot 215 Phase 3 Addition 1 Montpelier LM. \$315,000.

Ange, Lauren Grace to Kensy, Daniel John and Tina Shepherd Kensy. Lot 259 Phase 2 Shadwell LM. \$415,000.

Brown, Sherman Nath ... to Oliver, Blaine and Shannon Oliver. Lot 4 Cunningham Meadows. \$330,000.

Fisher, Jennifer to Aber, Edward and Annetria Aber. Lot 346 Phase 8 Nahor LM. \$379,900.

Jackson, J. to Smith, Andrew J. and Christina L. Pace. Lot 171 Section 1 Ashlawn LM. \$336,605. Famesgate Farm LLC. to Rolling Hills Farm LLC. See document for full description \$6,625,000.

Anile, James S. to Trent, Gary and Jeanette Trent. Lot 28 Phase 4 Fairway LM. \$460,000.

Stanley Martin Homes... to Thompson, Logan and Christopher John Giba. See document for Full description. \$309,335.

Jenifer, Gary D. to Hannah, Everett Glendon and Diana Fabiola Hannah. Lot 260 Phase 9 Knoll-wood LM. \$530,000.

Polansky, Jeanine M. to Hilditch, Albert E., Jr. Lot 230 Phase Four Fairway LM. \$505,000.

Easton, Bernard El, Jr. to Mullins, Brandy E. 6.58 Acres. \$125,000.

#### 4/22/2025

Kutch Moon, Amanda G. ... Bebel Construction LLC. 2.00 Acres. \$188,000.

Liberty Homes Vallnc, to Cuff, Catherine A Lot 223 Phase 10 Cherokee Section LM. \$399,900.

Plautz, Barbara L. to Murphy, John B., Tr and Bonnie H. Murphy TR, John B Murphy Trust, Bonnie H. Murphy Trust. Lot 149 Phase 2 Shadwell LM. \$690,000.

#### 4/23/25

Dve. Diane J. to Home Front Homes LLC. 14.474 Acres. \$266,000.

Marx, Owen Joseph, TR to Marx, James H., Jr. and Marilyn Marx Horner , Marilyn M Horner. \$92,068.

#### 4/24/2025

Simple Land Guys LLC. to Bates, Jennifer H. and Kevin N. Bates. 20.344 Acres. \$117,000.

Gentry, Mickey J. to Fahner, Amanda. Lot 108 Phase 7 Crofton LM. \$320,000.

Stanley Martin Homes... to Abney. Sharlene Chang . See document for full Description \$309,090.

Stanley Martin Homes ... to Gutierrez, Emilio Lewis . See Document for full description. \$304.840.

Stanley Martin Homes ... Lipps, Chakriya D. and Chakriya Nicole Shiflett. See document for full description. \$299,340.

Bredenberg, Gregory E. to Della Giustina William and Amber B. Della Giustina. 2.500 Acres. \$420,000.

Brown, Bobby L. to Hussey, Walter. \$105,000.

#### 4/25/2025

Musselman, Dustin to Bishop, Jason M. 0.979 Acres. \$269,000.

Jones, Ethan Wills to Buster, Aaron M. and Hannah O'Connell, 2,361 Acres, \$320,000.

#### 4/28/2025

Wilson, Barry to Liberty Homes VA Inc. see document for full description. \$118,000.

Liberty Homes VA Inc. to Boisseau, Kenneth Allen. Lot 24 High Point Subdivision. \$399,999.

#### 4/29/2025

Smith, Leonard, Jr. to Lopez, Emily. Lot 337 Phase 1 Ashlawn LM. \$351.500.

Gerney, Jerome M. to Trivett, Richard Scott. Lot 15 Phase 9 Knollwood LM. \$414,000.

Beverly, Joshua Scott to Holbert, Audrey A. and Josh Wall. 2.000 Acres. \$340,000.

#### 4/30/2025

Shakoor, Betty J. to Sparks Bates LLC. 6.332 Acres. \$37,500.

Mix, William Avery to Bahel, James Thomas and Amy Zanger Bahel. Lot 231 Phase 4 Fairway LM \$612,000.

Gilligan, William K. to Tower, Brian and Jennifer Tower. Lot 309 Phase 12 Edgewood LM. \$472,500.

Stanley Martin Homes ... to Squire, Kagan and Elena Squire. See document for full description \$321,085

Goffin, Ralph H. TR to Esser, Mark Thomas and Kathy Elizabeth Esser. Lot 352 Part 2 Section 1 Ashlawn LM. \$1,400,000.

Liberty Homes VA Inc. to Deane, Sean Carr. Lot 3 Forest Glen. \$570,000.

#### 5/01/2025

DiMarco, Michael J. to Good Buy Real Estate LLC. 2.00 Acres. \$162,500.

Worley, Robert Lee to Kotowski, Jenna, Lot 299 Phase 5 Addition One LM. \$356,000. Cunningham, Fay E. to Thacker, Troy Allen. Lot 6

Phase 3 Montpelier LM. \$225,000. Huemmer Living Trust to Patterson, Brian and

Kathleen Patterson, Lot 179 Phase 3 Addition One Montpelier LM. \$420,000.

#### 5/02/2025

Stanley Martin Homes ... to Allen, Abigail Rae and Justin James Allen. See document for full description. \$375,864.

Short, Darrin W. to Emery, Zachary and Megan Emery. 3.599 Acres. \$489,900.

Smith, Jennifer K. to Kennedy, Shawn and Nikki Sullivan. \$415,000.

#### 5/05/2025

Lang, Frederick M. to Crouch, Frances E. and Grady K. Snyder, Jr. See document for full description. \$725,000.

4 All Land, LLC. To Lowry, Mackenzie Smith and Mackenzie F. Smith, and Brent Lowry. 2.260 Acres. \$426,206.

#### 5/07/2025

Stanley Martin Homes ... to Worley, Ruzena Marie. See document for full description. \$314,340. See document for full description.

COR Properties, LLC. To Commonwealth of Virginia Dep... State Highway PB 2 pgs. 237-240. \$6,200.

Jarvis, Richard A. to Dodge, Matthew R. and Melinda S. Dodge, Lot 125 Phase 6 Riverside Addition One LM. \$450,000.

Carlisle, Judith Berman N. to Moore, Rex Alan and Sarah Jean Moore. Lot 157 Phase 2 Shadwell LM. \$875,000.

#### 5/08/2025

Perez, Michael Alexis ... to Ratigan, Brendan Leo and Milissa A. Postallian. Lot 12 Edgewood LM. \$335,000.

Caputo, Stephani M to Harley, Silas Paul and Marie-Joane Cardin. Lot 220 Phase 12 Edgewood LM. \$315.000.

#### 5/09/2025

FFC Properties, LLC. To Greve, Richard W. Lot 57 Phase 3 Montpelier LM. \$285,000.

Webb, Myra Ruth to Sclater, Gregory and Pamela Sclater. See document for full description. \$165,000.

Wills, Raymond C. to Truong, Tiffany Nghi. 2.000 Acres. \$274,900.

Ford, Mryna J. to Brown, Kenneth L. and Marion A. Brown. See document for full description. \$60,000.

Barber, Daniel H. to Liberty Homes VA Inc. 3.891 Acres. \$53,500.

Moore, Todd H. to Snow, Kevin Earl and Margaret Catherine Donohue. \$212,000.

Barbaris, Brynn Elizab... to Billings, Rebekah. \$350,000.

#### 5/12/2025

Kile, Marissa J. to Larson, Francis W., TR and Larson Estate Revocable Trust. Lot 348 Phase 8 Nahor LM. \$345,000.

Paschall, Michael to Scott, Veronica Briar and Cody Nicholas Kahn Bowman. \$320,000.

#### 5/13/2025

Liberty Homes Vallnc, to Tucker, Carly and Connor Fields. Lot 48 Phase 6 Riverside LM. \$326,999.

McCarthy, Michael T. Jr., to Wood, Shelly f. and James A. Wood. \$230,000.

Wright, Jason to Mitchell, Melanie C. \$20,000. Stanley Martin Homes ... to McGlynn, Laurell Amy. \$394,990.

#### 5/14/2025

Stanley Martin Homes ... to Westfall, Tucker and Alison Bowles. See document for full description. \$319,340.

White, Harley W. to Scott, Rachelle R. and Logan D. Via. 3.589.Acres. \$290,000.

McDonald, Shannon L. to Cowan , Ryan and Danielle L. Cowan. Lot 3 A. Phase 11 LM.

Koch, Edward G.,II, TR to Donohue, Michael and Jayne Donohue. \$1,130,000.

Hodge, Ruth Evelyn to Down to Earth Investments, LLC. See document for full description. \$160,000.

#### 5/15/2025

Nunziato, Daniel T., TR to Kelley, Laura. 5.435 Acres. \$525,000.

Haught, Troy E. to Fulford Private Equity Lending. Lot 310 Phase 8 Nahor LM. \$277,167.

Stanley Martin Homes... to Hagan, Carolynne and Scot Hagan. See document for full description. \$315,340. Stanley Martin Homes ... to Dunne, Dennis J.,

TR and Christophili C. Dunne, TR and Dunne Family Trust. See document for full description.

Stanley Martin Homes ... to Artman, Brenna Chritine . See document for full description. \$314 590

Clerke, Diane Alice to Palmer, Stacy. Lot 63 Phse 10 Cherokee LM. \$270,000.

Daddy Rabbit, Inc. to McJilton, Tomislav and Morgan Kennedy. 2 Acres. \$385,000.

#### 5/19/2025

Catlett Land Company ... to Bucknor, Demion and Chelsea Bucknor. 12.433 Acres. \$130,000.

Nissley, Dennis E. Tr to Jenk, Christopher D. and Anna Chung Hee Jenks. Lot 24 Section 3 Meadow Brook Subdivision. \$760,000.

#### 5/20/2025

DES Construction Inc. to Amann, David Owen and Elizabeth Anne Amann. Lot 73 Phase 3 Montpelier LM. \$465,000.

Arvidson, Matthew to Barrales, Nicholas L. and Savannah J. Hartman. Lot 98 Phase 5 Tufton LM. \$305.000.

Troup, Timothy Scott, Jr. to Finley, Cole L. and Randall M. Wolfe. Lot 319 Phase 10 LM. \$322,000.

#### 5/21/2025

Walker, Kathleen H. to Flevarakis, John and Julie Flevarakis. Lot 436 Phase 3 LM. \$650,000. 5/21/2025

Liberty Homes VA Inc. to Troup, Timothy, Jr. 2.661 Acres. \$583,000.

#### 5/22/2025

Obermeyer, Charles R., II to Harris, Besse M. and John R. Harris. Lot 111 Phase 11 Falcon Hills LM. \$485,000.

Creel, Joshua K. to 16 Begum LLC. Lot 332 Phase 5 Tufton Addition 1 LM. \$489,000.

#### 5/27/2025

Hoal, Ralph Wayne to Schindler, Jennie Neva Marie and Codey M. Smith. Lot 158 Section 8 LM. \$260,000.

Mentor, Brittany M. to Jameson, Kenneth A. and Anna Q. Jameson. 2.00 Acres. \$306,000.

Fluvanna County Habit... to Hunt, Ashley. See document for full description. \$238,110.

US Delta Timberlands ... to McRae, Chad Garrett. 160 Acres. \$425,000. Liberty Homes VA Inc. to Seres Madr, Krisztina and Michael Madr. 5.090 Acres Columbia Mag-

istrate District. \$464,497. Polonis, Donald to Banks, Whit and Phyllis

## Banks. Lot 329 Phase 5 Tufton LM. \$382,500.

5/29/2025 US Delta Timberlands ... to Catlett Land Company LLC. And Pearson Properties LLC. See document for full description. \$324,000.

Shiflett, Heather Lee, to Fichner Olivia Julianna. Lot 65 Phase 5 Tufton Section LM. \$370,000.

Czajkowski, Jacob to Cholewicki, Joshua. 14.00 Acres. \$120,000.

Stanley Martin Homes ... to Thomas, Michelle. See document for full description. \$343,539. Amorosi, Joanne Marie to Wormington, Geral E. and Stephen L. Wormington. See document for full description. \$500,000.

Stanley Martin Homes ... to Bitely, Katelyn. See document for full description. \$409,590.

Stanley Martin Homes ... to Turner, Jillian Marie. See document for full description. \$374,000.

# 5/30/2025

Stanley Martin Homes ... to Mukhlis, Abdul Waris. See document for full description. \$473,790.

4 All Land, LLC. To Batten, Cody and Destiny D. Batten. Lot 3 Bacons Point Subdivision. \$431,861.

Dillon, Christopher E. to Cante, Juventino Lopez and Irma Elizabeth Fonseca Gomez. Lot 474 Phase 3 Montpelier Addition 2 LM. \$359,000.

Kimkowski, Edward C. to Brower, David Rex and

Cathy Lee Brower. Lot 292 Phase 4 Fairway LM. \$376,200. Baughan, Matthew J. to Ecleo, Mark Siegfried Tan and Daniel Tradway. \$285,000.

McAfee, Keenan to Busching, Ethan Pythias and Kaitlin Nicole Busching. Lot 318 Phase 5 Addition One LM. \$385,000.

Kinlin, Aniello Foster to BHL Group LLC. And Rural Land Tracts, LLC. And Catlett Land Company, LLC. 58.34 Acres. \$250,000.

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# **Community Calendar**





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#### Society to reinstate service

Fluvanna Christian Service Society will be reinstating their Thanksgiving service after a hiatus of five years. The service will be held at Lyles Baptist Church, 92 Lyles Church Lane, in Wilmington on Sunday, Nov. 23 at 3 p.m. Reverend Ellwood Reid, from Cloverdale Baptist Church will conduct the service.

#### **Holiday shopping**

Holiday shopping at Lake Monticello at the Ashlawn Club House on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Locally made items by our local talent. Contact

Susanna at fiveohclub@gmail.com for more information.

#### Benefit concert to raise money for the food pantry.

A benefit concert to raise money for the for the food pantry is called "Foodstock" and takes place on Saturday, Nov. 29, at Bunker Bistro. It's free and open to the public (including non-lake residents). The musical lineup is still coming together, but it will include at least 4 artists/bands.

#### Parents day out

As a Christmas gift to our community, Beulah Baptist Church in Kents Store is hosting a Parents Day Out on Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for children ages 3-12. Snacks and lunch for the children will be provided. Advanced registration is required by Nov. 22: https:// beulahchurchonline.org

#### **Donations needed**

FCSS Happy Face Christmas Party will be held Saturday, Dec. 6, at Central Elementary School. Doors open at 9 a.m. FCSS is collecting

new toys (\$20 minimum), stuffed animals and books for children infant to 13 years of age; also collecting new winter coats and pi's size infant to 18. Collection boxes are set up at various locations. End of donations is Nov 26. To volunteer or have questions email mlindauer4@ gmail.com

#### 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.



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# PUBLIC NOTICES



# PUBLIC HEARING Fluvanna County Planning Commission November 18, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2204, a Public Hearing will be held at Carysbrook Performing Arts Center, 8880 James Madison Highway, Fork Union, VA 23055, for citizens of the County to have the opportunity to appear before and be heard by the Planning Commission on the following item(s):

ZMP 25:04 NVA Properties LLC – A request to rezone Fluvanna County tax parcel 17-A-10 from R-3 Residential, Planned Community to B-1 Business, General. This rezoning is necessary in order to construct an automobile repair service establishment on the parcel. This parcel is located in the Cunningham Election District and the Rivanna Community Planning Area. The parcel was rezoned to R-3 as part of the Villages at Nahor Planned Community in 2004.

**ZTA 25:10** – An Ordinance to amend and reordain "The Code of the County of Fluvanna" by amending §§ 22-11-2.1, 22-11-2.2, 22-12-2.1, 22-12-2.2, and 22-22-1 to change data centers from a by-right use to a use allowed by special use permit in the I-1, Industrial, Limited and I-2, Industrial, General districts, and to modify the definition of "Data Center."

Copies of the complete text of the above ordinance is available for public review at <a href="http://www.fluvannacounty.org/">http://www.fluvannacounty.org/</a> and at the Office of the Fluvanna County Administrator during normal business hours. Questions may be directed to the Planning & Zoning Department at (434) 591-1910. All interested persons wishing to be heard are invited to attend the public hearing.

## NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE

## 778 Jefferson Drive, Palmyra, VA 22963

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust dated May 17, 2016 and recorded at June 17, 2016 in Book 964 Page 13 and a Loan Modification recorded on May 3, 2021 in Instrument Number 210002210 in the Clerk's Office for the Fluvanna County Virginia Circuit Court, Virginia, securing a loan which was originally \$290,000.00. The appointed SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Fluvanna Circuit Court located at 72 Main Street, Palmyra, Virginia 22963.

#### December 16, 2025 at 12:00 PM

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

All that certain lot or parcel of land, with improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situated in the Cunningham Magisterial District, Fluvanna County, Virginia, shown as Lot 144, Phase Two-Shadwell, Lake Monticello, on plat by Huffman-foster and Associates, dated July 1969, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Fluvanna County, Virginia, in Deed Book 76, pages 564 through 566.

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

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

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

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT

Rosenberg & Associates, LLC (Attorney for the Secured Party) 4340 East West Highway, Suite 600 Bethesda, MD 20814 301-907-8000 www.rosenberg-assoc.com

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# **PUBLIC NOTICES**

## VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF FLUVANNA

COUNTY OF FLUVANNA, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of

the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant,

LEWTON CARTER, ET AL Respondent(s).

Case No.: CL25-731

### 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. 51-A-170B Account No. 3527

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 Fork Union Magisterial District of Fluvanna County, Virginia, containing two (2) acres, more or less, by survey, as shown on plat, of survey made by Robert L. Lum, C. L. S., dated February 22, 1984, said plat of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Fluvanna County, Virginia in Deed Book 155 at Page 700.

And being the same real property conveyed to Lewton Carter and Clover E. Carter, husband and wife, as tenants by the entireties, from Joseph S. Smith and Viola H. Smith, husband and wife, by Deed of Gift dated June 12, 1984 and recorded July 2, 1984 among the records of the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Fluvanna County, Virginia in Deed Book 155 at Page 698.

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 155 at Page 699, Deed Book 155 at Page 700, Deed Book 197 at Page 536, Deed Book 39 at Page 492, Deed Book 155 at Page 689.

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: Lewton Carter, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 1430 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, New York 10027; Clover E. Carter, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 1430 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, New York 10027; Ditech Financial, LLC flk/a Gree Tree Servicing flk/a Green Tree Acceptance Inc., 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. January 8, 2026 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,

SUSAN JENKINS, ET AL. Respondent(s).

Case No.: CL25-792

# 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. 59-A-30 Account No. 2890

All that certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being situate in the Fork Union Magisterial District of Fluvanna County, containing 5 acres, more or less, and known as part of the Spring Garden Farm.

And being the same property conveyed to Susan Jenkins from B.W. Ancell and Gertrude Ancell, his wife, by Deed dated March 30, 1922, and recorded May 22, 1922, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Fluvanna County, Virginia, in Deed Book 13, at Page 201.

This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described.

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: Susan Jenkins, 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 <u>January 8, 2026</u> 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

REGINA A. WRIGHT, Plaintiff,

GERALDINE TYLER, et al.,

Defendants.

#### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to effect partition and sale of certain real property, Tax Map 33- A-13, and 33-A-13A, of which William Henry Key died seized and possessed on July 28, 1958. The legal description of this property is:

ALL THAT certain tract or parcel of land situate and being in Fluvanna County, Virginia, and bounded and described as follows: all that certain lot being on the road leading from Columbia to Kents Store, adjoining W.O. and E.H. McGehee, Emma L. Banks and others, containing (5) acres, according to a survey made by C.E. Watkins, S.F.C. on the 16th, day of Jan. 1915; and reference is hereby made to a plat of said survey for a more detailed description of the said land..

ALSO BEING a portion of the property conveyed to William Henry Key by deed from Vergilia F. Argyle dated March 15, 1915, recorded in the Fluvanna Circuit Court Clerk's office in Deed Book 9, Page 8, and being part of what was known as, "Haden's Old Field," located about two miles from Kent's Store, Virginia, near Byrd Grove Church, containing ten and three quarter acres (10-3/4) as described in said Deed.

An affidavit having been filed stating that there are or may be persons, whose names or addresses are unknown, interested in the subject property who are potential heirs, descendants, or successors in interest to William Henry Key, and such persons have been made defendants by the general description of "parties unknown."

It is hereby ORDERED:

That such parties unknown do appear on or before January 22, 2026 and do what is necessary to protect their interests.

Entered on the 20th day of October, 2025

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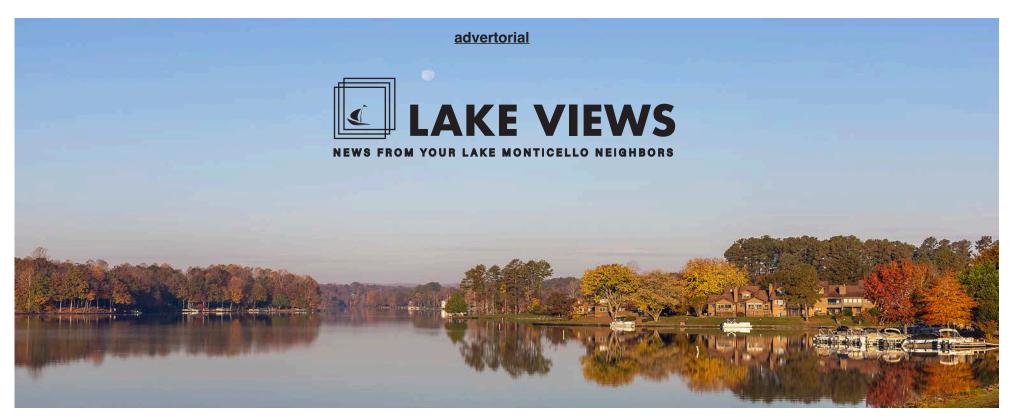
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#### **Organizational Changes**

LMOA warmly bids farewell to Golf Course Supervisor Jim Prucnal (Troon) and Facilities & Operations Director Tracy Chandler (LMOA). Jim's dedication to maintaining the course over the past decade has truly contributed to the standard we enjoy today. We send our best wishes to Jim as he looks forward to a happy retirement later this month. Jim will be succeeded by Will Searcy, a seasoned Troon team member. We also extend our heartfelt good luck to Tracy Chandler as he embarks on exciting new ventures before the New Year. Over the past two years, Tracy has done an outstanding job in his field. If you are interested in the F&O position, please feel free to reach out to HR at rmathews@Imoa.org.

#### **November Board Meeting**

The next LMOA Board meeting is on November 20 at 7 PM in the Fairway Clubhouse. These meetings are open to LMOA Members. If you cannot attend in person, our volunteer Broadcast Group records sessions for later viewing, or you can watch live on Comcast Channel 977 and YouTube. To share inperson feedback with the Board of Directors, please sign up by emailing mfitzgerald@lmoa.org. You can find the Agenda and Packet by logging into Imoa.org and selecting Board Meeting Details under the GOVERNANCE tab. The topics to be discussed in November include reports from the External Audit Company and the General Manage as well as the following approvals:

- Trash collection costs of common areas to be paid from the Improved Property Fund
- Permanent Funding Sources

- for Payment of PPP Loan Settlement
- 2026 Budget and 2023 & 2024 Audits
- **Employee Holiday Bonus**
- Annual Donation to Lake Monticello Volunteer Fire & Rescue
- Golf Committee RP to purchase name plates
- 2026-2030 LMOA Strategic Plan

#### **Watch Out for Deer**

November is deer mating season and also the peak season for deervehicle collisions, particularly around dawn and dusk. However, you've probably noticed Lake Monticello deer seem active throughout the day, so please be careful! You can reduce your risk of a deer-vehicle collision by:

- Actively scanning the road ahead and along the shoulders for deer, especially for the reflection of their eyes.
- Using your high beams when possible, unless another vehicle is approaching.
- Slowing down immediately if you see a deer near the roadwaythere are often others nearby. If one deer crosses, expect others to follow.
- Honking your horn when you see a deer to move them out of the roadway.

#### **LMBC Cancels Holiday Home Tour**

Unfortunately, the Lake Monticello Beautification Corps (LMBC) must cancel the Holiday Home Tour in December, as there were not enough home hosts. This sometimes happens. Please be on the lookout for other ways to support LMBC - a club dedicated to beautifying our common spaces!

## **Happy Face Donations**

The Fluvanna Christian Service Society (FCSS) Annual Happy Face party is December 6, 2025, at Central Elementary School, opening at 9 AM. FCSS partners with Social Services, Region 10, and Health Services to ensure qualifying families have a joyful Christmas. For the event, FCSS is collecting new toys (minimum \$20) at the Ashlawn Clubhouse. Stuffed animals, toys, books for children aged infant to 13, scooters, makeup kits, Bluetooth speakers, wireless earbuds, tumblers, LEGO, Polaroid cameras, and fitness watches are all recommended (please no toy guns or weapons). They also seek new winter coats and pajamas in sizes infant to 18. Donations can be accepted until November 26, 2025. For questions, contact Martha Lindauer at mlindauer4@gmail.com or 703-505-3351.

#### **News From Bunker Bistro**

- Order your Thanksgiving dinner to go at www.bunkerbistro.com. Quantity is limited, so click on the link today to order!
- Looking for a small venue for your office Christmas party or luncheon? Call us! We have great deals for November and December!
- Nov 21: Smooth and jazzy with THE NORMS 6-8:30 PM
- Nov 22: THE INVASION -Beatles (and other English musicians) Tribute Band 6-8:00 PM with Bangers & Mash Dinner special!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Nov 15: Free Wellness Clinic I 10-11 AM I Ashlawn Clubhouse. You can enjoy the foods and

celebrations you love while nourishing yourself and staying on track -even during the holidays. learn how with Registered Dietitian Rachel Hart from Central Virginia Nutrition Counseling during a free, interactive 1-hour session with a Q&A. Preregister with Cynthia Moore at cynhygeia145@gmail.com.

Nov 23: Holiday Arts & Crafts Festival I 8 AM - 3:30 PM I Ashlawn Clubhouse. Come stock up on beautiful and unique handmade gifts for your friends and loved ones from talented local vendors. Bring cash, cards, Venmo, or Zelle. For more info, email: FiveOhClub@gmail.com.

#### Nov 29: Free 'Foodstock' Concert | 5 - 8 PM | Bunker Bistro.

Fluvanna food banks are struggling, and local musicians want to help with a benefit concert featuring local performers, Though the 'Foodstock' festival is free, organizers ask for donations to the food bank of at least \$10 per attendee. Food and drinks are available for purchase from the bistro. Due to SNAP benefit delays, food banks face increased demand and can use all the help they can get. For more information, visit tinyurl.com/fluco-foodstock.

#### Dec. 13 Free Santa Parade 15 – 8 PM I Jefferson Drive

No need to be alarmed if you hear sirens on Saturday, December 13, between 2 and 3 PM - it's all part of the festive Santa Parade! Invite your family and friends to wave at Santa and other particpants along Ashlawn Blvd. or Jefferson Drive intersections. The parade lasts approximately 45 minutes as it makes its way around Jefferson Drive, beginning at the Ashlawn Clubhouse at 2 PM.



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