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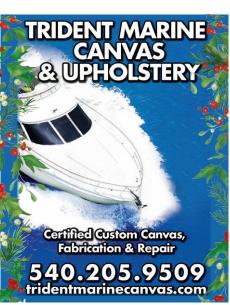
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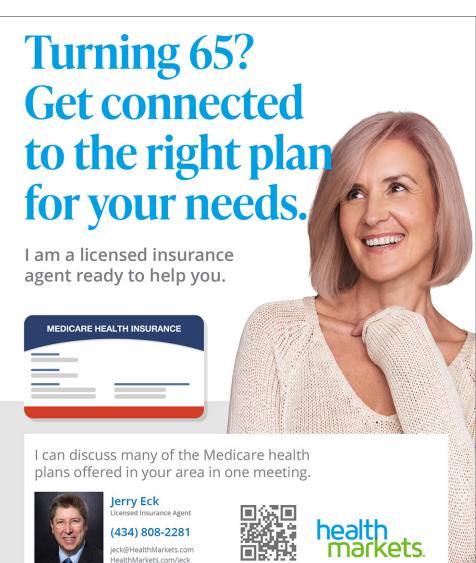
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Correction

Eliza was the daughter of James Monroe not James Madison as a headline on the cover of the *Fluvanna Review* incorrectly stated in last week's issue.

Laker honored for his stop-smoking efforts

CONTRIBUTED BY MIKE FEAZEL

Laker Scott Mein has been honored twice recently for his work helping people throughout central Virginia stop smoking via the Quit Nicotine/Smoking Blue Ridge Program that he heads.

Most recently, he was honored by the Free Tobacco Alliance Dec. 6. He also was nominated for the Virginia Governor's Awards on Volunteerism and Community Service and will be included on the 2026 Serve Virginia Honor Roll that will be released in January. In addition to his tobacco and other community service activities, Mein was a founding board member of the Lake Monticello Community Foundation.

The Quit Nicotine/Smoking programs are six-week programs held twice annually designed to help people quit using tobacco in any of its forms, smoking, chewing, vaping or other, Mein said. During the decade he has been working

with the program, Mein estimates at least 50 participants have quit using tobacco entirely and another 70 have significantly reduced their consumption.

"You cannot put into words the feelings you have when a person says they stopped smoking, dipping or vaping," said Mein, a retired teacher and coach now living at the Lake. "Deep down in your heart you know you saved a person's life!"

Mein's interest in preventing tobacco consumption dates back to his childhood, he said: "My father came from a family of eight brothers and sisters. They all died in their 50s, 60s and early 70s from tobacco related diseases. I remember visiting my uncle in the hospital who was dying from cancer and he had a cigarette between his fingers and said, 'I know I am going to die but I love to smoke cigarettes.'"

Mein said he heard about Quit Smoking Charlottesville shortly after he moved to the Lake in 2015, and quickly started a similar program for Fluvanna and Louisa counties. When the head of the Charlottesville program retired, Mein took the program over and expanded to also include Albemarle, Green and Nelson counties. He started calling each class member each week during the program to find out how they were doing, and continues doing so for up to six months after the class if the participant wants.

Mein notes that the average smoker

takes eight tries before they finally quit. Alumni typically attend the classes to support class members, generating the power of group, similar to AA classes, he said.

Mein said he plans to continue this program as long as he can, and would like to expand to other areas around the Blue Ridge Health District. The next class will be in the spring, then next fall. Class information is available from scottrmein@gmail.com.

Work to Begin on Restoring 'Acropolis of Palmyra'

CONTRIBUTED BY MIKE FEAZEL

Work will begin early in the new year on the \$2.2 million restoration of Fluvanna's Historic Courthouse, which Fluvanna Historical Society President Kathleen Kilpatrick described as "nationally significant" and the "Acropolis of Palmyra," at a Dec. 16 community meeting at the 200-year-old courthouse.

Much of the meeting was meant to reassure local residents and workers at county offices that there would be little disruption of traffic and access during the two-year project.

The first phase will focus on restoring the exterior of the courthouse, including replacing the slate roof, spot re-pointing and replacing of bricks, restoring windows and doors, replacing the stucco on the iconic columns, repainting shutters, rebuilding chimneys and replacing the bell enclosure on the roof.

The second phase involves repairing and repainting the interior, new HVAC systems, electric and lighting, some plumbing, and strengthening the balcony railing. The exterior phase is expected to be completed by the end of 2026 and the interior a year later, said architect Andrew Marshall.

A hoped-for third phase would go

further in restoring the interior of the historic building to its original look.

Some walking paths near the courthouse will be closed during the work, and parking directly in front of the courthouse and on one side will be affected. But officials said residents and visitors will continue to have easy access to offices nearby.

Part of the reason for doing the work in stages is to assure it remains accessible to visitors and tourists during the nation's 250th birthday celebrations next year, Kilpatrick said. About two thirds of the funding for the project came from the state Department of Historic Preservation and the VA 250 project.

Fluvanna County provided much of the remainder of the funding and will oversee the project, said County Executive Eric Dahl. He said the county received three bids to do the work and is still evaluating them. He said he hopes to get final approval from the county board in January.

"I am not sure people here fully appreciate how important this building is," Kilpatrick said of the courthouse, calling it "a resource of premier importance." She said it became the model for county courthouses throughout the country.

Fluco girls basketball falls in final quarter

BY DUNCAN NIXON CORRESPONDENT



Fluco girls fall to Albemarle. Photo by Duncan Nixon.

Two evenly matched teams met on Munro Rateau court at Fluvanna High on Dec. 16. The Albemarle Patriot girls started making their three point shots in the second half and the Fluco girls fought to keep the game close, but ultimately fell 44-37.

The Flucos started strong in a low scoring contest They led at the end of the first quarter 11-7. Seven of the Flucos' points were scored by junior guard Ameyah Agee. She made the first seven points of the game on two short jump shots, a free throw and a lay-up. It looked like the Flucos might run away with the game, but the Patriots started making free throws to cut the gap, their only basket in the quarter came as the quarter ended.

The rate of scoring in the second quarter matched the first, but in this

quarter it was Albemarle 11 and Fluvanna 8, so Flucos led by one at halftime. Junior Azaiya Miles had five for the Flucos including a three point basket. Again, the quarter ended with a last second basket by the Patriots.

The Patriots sank a three point shot with about two minutes remaining in the third quarter to take a four-point lead at 30-26. They would never relinquish the lead. Fluco inside player, freshman Peyton Baber scored as the quarter ended to get the Flucos back to a two point margin. Baber fought hard inside against older and bigger players and looks like promising player.

Midway through the fourth quarter an Albemarle three pointer boosted their lead to 38-30. Miles had a steal for a lay-in to cut the lead to 40-35, but there was only a minute and a half remaining. Albemarle scored a basket and two free throws sandwiched a round another Miles lay-in and time expired.

Agee and Miles were both in double figures and scored all but six of the Flucos points.

The Fluco girls are off to a slow start, but Coach Josh McElhaney has a very young roster. There is only one senior on a roster of twelve and there are six freshmen.

The Fluco girls hosted Louisa County on Dec.19 and will host the Rt. 53 classic on Dec. 29. They will be busy in the new year with four games between Jan. 2 and Jan. 8.

Zion Crossroads medical park expansion brings more specialty care to area

BY HEATHER MICHON CORRESPONDENT

Fluvanna County residents will soon have closer access to specialized medical care, following a major expansion of UVA Health's Medical Park in Zion Crossroads.

The 12,000-square-foot expansion adds 30 exam and consultation rooms and an on-site laboratory. Pharmacy services and imaging are also available.

Patients will be able to access a wide range of specialties, including cardiology, dermatology, nephrology, pulmonary and respiratory care, orthopedics, urology, and women's health. They have also added adult and pediatric allergy specialists and treatment for inflammatory bowel disease.

"We want to ensure patients can receive the highest-quality care at a time and place that is convenient for them," said UVA Health CEO Mitchell Rosner, M.D. "This additional space at Zion Crossroads will enable us to serve significantly more patients in a welcoming environment."

The expanded services are expected to add an estimated 50,000 new appointment slots annually.

Eric Swensen, a public information officer for UVA Health, said decisions about which specialties to offer were based on an analysis of how many patients from the Zion Crossroads area were traveling to Charlottesville-based specialists.

The medical park will not offer urgent care or emergency medical services, though Swensen said that is "something we may consider in the future."

The Zion Crossroads Medical Park is located at 1015 Spring Creek Parkway, just off Exit 136 on I-64. Free parking is available. For appointments, call 434-234-1961.

Civics making a comeback in schools

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD CORRESPONDENT

Some locals were chatting over coffee and wondering why schools no longer taught civics. For those of us who were taught civics, we question why it is no longer taught in schools, particularly during a time when future generations need it the most. One local business owner commented on the current state of government. saying, "We need to learn about government." The lack of civics in school is concerning.

It was required that past generations had a strong understanding of civics and history, but due to a shift in educational priorities, such as an increased focus on STEM and other subjects that could be tested and measured, this reduced instructional time for civics. Other contributing factors include a lack of teacher training and confidence, fear of political polarization and community backlash when discussing current events, and decreased federal and state funding for civics education.

Historical events, including the 1957 launch of Sputnik by the Soviet Union, sparked a major shift in U.S. education policy so the nation could compete technologically. The 1958 National Defense Education Act secured federal funding for science, math, and foreign language education.

Increased focus on testing and federal legislation, including the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), which was replaced by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in 2015, prioritized subjects like math and reading to improve test scores, causing a decline in time spent on civics and other social studies. The one failure seen over time was that some students did get left behind because of a lack of interest or aptitude for science and math. One mother, now with two grown sons, talked about the one who had a bent for science, loving school, and the other one, who she had to literally drag inside. The one who hated school became a lawyer. It could be

that what interested him was no longer available, including civics.

The original No Child Left Behind Act was credited with increasing accountability and providing more objective data on student performance. However, critics argued that the focus on standardized testing led to "teaching to the test," encouraging rote memorization and less in-depth understanding. Over time, this had consequences in all aspects of the curriculum, particularly critical thinking. STEM subjects were seen as more easily quantifiable and measurable than civics or history. This allows for standardized comparisons between schools and nations, which can be used to drive policy and investment.

The underlying thinking behind the NCLB Act and the ESSA Act is economic and workforce needs. There was a strong emphasis on preparing students for a globalized economy where technical skills were in high demand. Many believe a STEM-focused education is crucial for national economic security and for individual career success.

All this had a perceived link to national power. The ability to lead in science and technology has long been seen as a measure of national power and prestige, both during the Cold War and in the modern era. But having our students rise to the same level and compete internationally neglected individualism.

This has influenced students' choices when it came to careers. Many students and parents viewed careers in the STEM fields as having a high earning potential, leading many talented students focusing on these subjects to secure lucrative jobs after graduation. However, nowadays, that could be a risk with AI being front and center in the tech world.

Civic education is seen as more subjective and politically sensitive, making it harder to prioritize and fund compared to the more concrete and non-controversial nature of science and math. Over time, civics has been consolidated into broader social studies courses, and the depth of understanding has often been sacrificed for less rigorous coverage of current events.

Inconsistent state requirements contribute to the quality of education in civics and history, while some states require a civics course, other states do not have high school civics requirements at all. Many states have limited or no civics requirements for students in elementary and middle school, creating gaps in foundational knowledge. Virginia is changing that with legislation to strengthen civics in schools beginning in middle school.

We are currently seeing a significant move toward increasing and strengthening civics education in schools, largely driven by shifts in societal needs. This push is a direct response to concerns about declining civic knowledge, rising political polarization, and the spread of misinformation.

Virginia is upgrading civics education through a multi-pronged approach that includes modifying its K-12 standards, new legislation emphasizing local government education, comprehensive teacher professional development, and partnerships with cultural institutions.

There is bipartisan support for better civics education as politicians on both sides see it as a crucial way to ensure students understand American institutions and can participate constructively in the democratic process.

In 2023, the Virginia Board of Education adopted a history and social sciences SOL with the aim of testing knowledge of civic, democracy and economics. The structure and function of local government is included in the 12th-grade Virginia and U.S. Government course, which encourages understanding of local government and civic engagement at the community level.

The modern approach to civics is moving beyond simple memorization of facts to emphasize practical skills, including critical thinking and media literacy, to evaluate information. The ability to engage in meaningful civil

discourse and hands-on learning, such as student-led projects, debate clubs, and community service, has been shown to increase student engagement and knowledge.

Organizations and federally supported projects like Educating for American Democracy are working to provide frameworks and resources for states to upgrade their history and social studies curricula.

Educators and policymakers view a strong civics curriculum as essential for developing engaged, informed citizens who can navigate complex societal issues and sustain a healthy democracy. While some challenges remain, including maneuvering politically tense environments and supporting equitable access to programs across all districts, the current trend is a clear and deliberate move to prioritize civics education in American schools. This gives students a solid foundation for becoming informed citizens and an understanding on how to seek out correct facts and information.



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Season of Shadows exhibit at library

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD CORRESPONDENT







Season of Shadows

For the first time in its 50-year history, the Fluvanna Art Association is hosting its fifth art show in one year. President Carol Sorber announced the news to members at the December meeting and asked for ideas for 2026.

It was a busy year for artists, but a productive and interesting one.

The current art show at the Fluvanna County Public Library explores shadows in varying modes in Season of Shadows. There were abstract prints by Alyce Walcavich, showing fluidity and drama, as if the shadows were dancing. Another artist chose two different styles: a black and white winter scene featuring zentangle patterns, and another with dancing silhouettes on a psychedelic, colored background reminiscent of the 1960s. Deborah Nixon's snow-covered deck overlooking the lake in black and white brings out the somber grayness of the day but with a peaceful feeling. Lorraine Momper's is the opposite, with the sun coming through leafless trees, casting strong shadows on the snow. Her attention to detail and bits of muted color feature an emotional realism.

Shadows is not an easy subject, and one that is challenging when coming up with an idea, and these artists came up with similar ideas given the theme of Season of Shadows, but their approach and execution were vastly different.

The show will be up through Jan. 20, with an artists' reception on Jan. 10, from 12-2 p.m.

Grant will expand milk dispenser program in Virginia schools

VIRGINIA FARM BUREAU PRESS RELEASE

The Virginia State Dairymen's Association has received a \$115,000 grant to expand the use of bulk milk dispensers in school cafeterias across the commonwealth.

The grant was made possible by the Van der Lely Foundation, an independent initiative contributing to a better world through entrepreneurship and innovation.

This investment marks a major step in helping more Virginia schools transition from single-use milk cartons to a more student-friendly way of serving milk, said Eric Paulson, VSDA executive director.

To date, the milk dispenser grant program has supported 54 schools across 19 districts, totaling 77 dispens-

ers statewide. Starting in 2026, VSDA will expand the project to 18 additional cities and counties through July 2027.

"This support accelerates a project that's already proving its value in Virginia schools," Paulson continued. "We're seeing less waste, higher milk consumption, and an overwhelmingly positive response from school staff and students. It's a simple change with a big impact."

Roughly three-quarters of children ages 2 to 18 do not consume the daily recommended amount of real dairy, according to the National Institutes of Health.

Switching to milk dispensers eliminates cartons, which lowers packaging waste. Meanwhile, access to dispensers significantly increases student milk consumption. At one of the pilot schools,

milk packaging waste dropped by nearly 90%, while overall consumption rose more than 50%.

Homestead Creamery in Franklin County delivers milk directly to 30 schools and universities utilizing the dispensers.

"Kids love the independence milk dispensers give them to pick their flavor of ice-cold milk," said Erin Saacke, sales manager. "The dispensers keep it much colder than refrigerated cartons, which can be a challenge to open."

And some students don't like the taste of the carton, she added, which results in waste of unopened containers.

"When serving themselves from the dispensers, we are finding that the kids actually are drinking it all and receiving the nutrients they need," Saacke said. "We look forward to expanding into more school systems and appreciate that the milk dispensers preserve our product quality."

Homestead Creamery's fall Farm Day connects families to the region's farming traditions and dairy sector.

"And they want to support local agriculture by drinking local milk," Saacke said.

Strengthening that connection between Virginia students and the local dairy farms feeding their communities is at the heart of this effort, Paulson added.

"We're grateful to the Van der Lely Foundation for believing in this work," he said. "They're helping us scale something that benefits kids, farmers and the environment."

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Virginia ice cream maker receives international praise for iconic cow-to-cone flavors

VIRGINIA FARM BUREAU PRESS RELEASE

A Fauquier-based ice cream company's slow-churned, homegrown flavors recently claimed the international spotlight.

Moo Thru took home three awards in the North American Ice Cream Association's annual Ice Cream Clinic in November. The iconic Virginia company earned a blue ribbon for its vanilla ice cream, a red ribbon for its strawberry flavor and a white ribbon for its chocolate variety.

Contest results were announced in November at the association's convention in Florida.

Producers from across the U.S. and Canada submitted over 2,000 pints to Cornell University's Dairy Extension Team in August for food safety and quality testing. Ice cream samples were scored on flavor, body, texture, presentation, color and melting profile.

Moo Thru's vanilla ice cream claimed

the highest-ranking score in the vanilla

Taylor Gough, Moo Thru production manager, said she feels "blessed" to produce a standout product. She takes pride in her vanilla ice cream's distinct lightness, richness and caramel aftertaste.

A true "cow-to-cone" experience, Moo Thru's high-quality ice cream is made possible with the family's herd of 875 dairy cows. Gough's father and husband oversee Cool Lawn Farm's grain and crop production while her brother operates the dairy side of the

"If you treat your cows well, they'll treat you well, and that shines through in our product," she noted.

The Smith family launched Moo Thru in 2010 in an effort to diversify the dairy business and connect more consumers to the farm. Today, their extensive ice cream menu also features ingredients from other local farms—like their butter

pecan ice cream made from locally sourced molasses.

"A lot of people don't really know where their food comes from," she explained. "My parents wanted to offer a product that people could recognize as coming from a farmer. And we always had ice cream in our freezer."

The first Remington shop was an instant success. Gough, her mother and mother-in-law worked from "sunup to sundown" to keep up with demandchurning out 30 gallons of ice cream weekly from the back of the store.

"We've just been so amazed with the growth and all the support from our customers and community," Gough reflected

Moo Thru has since expanded to an ice cream production facility down the road, and franchise locations in Lake Anna, Hillsboro, Charlottesville, Winchester, Herndon and Crozet. Their ice cream also can be found at the Rappahannock and Culpeper CFC Farm

& Home Center locations and at Red Truck Bakery in Warrenton and Marshall.

In peak summer months, Gough's team of six produces up to 550 gallons of ice cream a day-stirring in cookie dough, chocolate chips and other ingredients by hand.

"It's very labor intensive work," she noted. "We're all exhausted at the end of the summer with 'Hulk' arms."

She looks forward to implementing a continuous flow machine to cut back on labor-intensive work, improve product consistency, and keep pace with growing demand and an influx of franchise requests.

"I don't know what the future entails, but my goal is to always maintain the quality of our ice cream and the specialness of Moo Thru," she said.



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- 1. PLOWING: The Lake Monticello Owners' Association (LMOA) is proud of its dedicated Facilities & Operations (F&O) Staff and Law Enforcement Officers who work tirelessly during storms. Ensuring the safety of our residents remains our highest priority. It is important to recognize, however, that our F&O Team operates within certain limitations that larger organizations like VDOT do not face. Here are some factors to consider when setting expectations:
- Our small team has only a few opportunities each year to practice clearing our 62 miles of roads. Each storm has unique obstacles to overcome, and staff turnover also makes lessons learned a challenge.
- Currently, everyone on shift stays in radio contact, directing plows to areas with the greatest community impact.
- Priority is given to Jefferson Drive and the main roads of the outside sections.
- Sometimes, plowing can actually worsen the situation — when there is not enough snow, and the snow is wet, plows can't clear roads without creating ice slicks and wearing down blades.
- Continuous snowfall can cover previous efforts, giving the impression that no one has been on your street.
- It may take some time before plows pass through side streets for the first or second time - and sometimes our team does not reach your road before the snow

- or ice melts naturally.
- Our efforts are further limited by the need to protect lake health. Lake Monticello is like a bowl and runoff eventually ends up in the lake via streams. This prevents us from using chemicals or large amounts of salt to speed up melting.
- Until roads are cleared, it is always wise to stay home unless travel is absolutely necessary.
- 2. SLEDDING HILL: When it snows, LMOA looks forward to offering the hill at Hole 14 on the golf course for sledding. It is one of the unique perks that make our community so much fun. However, it is not always possible. During snowfall, the Course Superintendent checks conditions in the morning and decides whether to open it for sledding. If the snow is not deep enough or the ground is too soft, the hill will stay closed. A little damage to the hill can be repaired, but in some cases, the potential for significant damage is too high for the hill to recover well. Damage to the course could result in lost business, and revenue loss will affect our Members' wallets. Remember, according to the LMOA Deed, we must maintain a golf course, so ensuring its success is prudent. Please trust that the Course Superintendent wants the hill open for sledding but must balance that with his duty to protect the course. If we open the sledding hill, we will announce it on the official Facebook page, and a sign will be posted there. If you hear nothing, it is best to assume it is closed.

3. TRASH PICKUP DELAYS:

During inclement weather and most

holidays, trash and recycling pickups at Lake Monticello will be delayed by one day. If you are unsure during bad weather, place your totes out on the regular collection day and leave them out the following day if they are not picked up. There will be delays during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's.

Pet Beaches Are Open

Pet are allowed on Beach 2 and Beach 5 during the months of December through March. Please keep the pets leashed and clean up after them. F&O rakes beaches and replenishes sand in the spring.

LMPD Warns of Scams

The Lake Monticello Police Department (LMPD) warns the community of scams targeting our senior citizens. These victims often receive calls from individuals posing as bank officials from the 'fraud department,' tricking them into converting their funds into cryptocurrency under the guise of safety. Sadly, this deception leads to stolen account information with little hope of recovery, with one recent loss exceeding \$150k. LMPD urges residents to let unknown calls go to voicemail and to verify any suspicious messages by contacting their bank directly or visiting in person. Unfortunately, some residents also fall prey to "caretakers". LMPD Officer Mowery and Chief Mooney have dedicated significant effort over the past year to investigating these cases, successfully recovering approximately \$70k. We are immensely proud of our hardworking, committed officers who serve and protect our community. If you or someone you know has been affected, please do not hesitate to reach out to law enforcement for help.

December Cancelations and Closures at LMOA

The Wednesday Strength Class is canceled for the rest of December. LMOA Offices and the Marina will be closed on December 25, December 26, and January 1. LMOA Offices will also close early on December 24 and 31 at 2 PM. There will be no GM Corner on December 26 and January 2. The golf course is closed Christmas Day and early on Christmas Eve.

Ready for Billing Season?

LMOA Staff is gearing up to send out 2026 dues and fees statements in the first half of January. There are a few steps Lake residents can take to get ready:

- If you're interested in choosing the monthly payment option for next year's dues, you can complete and submit your agreement now. Getting your submission in early can help us process everything on time.
- Please make sure LMOA is updated on any changes to your vehicle ownership this year so you are billed correctly for barcodes. Please submit the Member Vehicle Verification Form with any updates or changes to your vehicles before Christmas. This will notify both the Barcode and Billing Offices to ensure accurate billing for 2026

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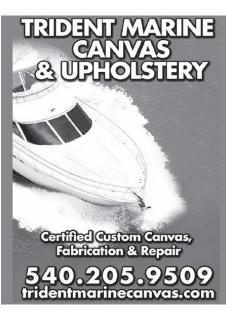


















Supervisors close out year amid debate over speech, zoning and growth

BY HEATHER MICHON CORRESPONDENT

The year's final meeting of the Board of Supervisors (Dec. 17) began on a contentious note, after Chair, Chris Fairchild (Cunningham) raised a complaint he said he had received about a vendor at a recent Art in the Park event at Pleasant Grove Park being told they could not circulate a petition related to Tenaska during the county-sponsored event.

Details of the incident were not immediately clear, and County Administrator Eric Dahl and County Attorney Dan Whitten said they would be willing to discuss the matter — in closed session.

The irony of moving a discussion about a citizen's free speech into a closed session was not lost on Tracey Smith, who raised the issue during public comment.

Smith had seen the incident at Art in the Park, saying that "some private citizens that registered, were approved, and were there with their booths in their tent, and they were told that they couldn't talk to neighbors, collect signatures, [or] talk about any issues that directly affect the county."

She noted this was not the first time "county employees continue to act as independent actors and just show up and insert their personal feelings just everywhere. It just keeps happening."

Moving discussions out of public view only amplifies the problem, she said.. "To continue to want to take things to closed session and discuss them just continues to erode the trust that we're supposed to have," she said.

While Virginia law allows supervisors to move certain matters into closed session, including legal and personnel issues, when a motion was made late in the meeting, it was not entirely clear what specific exemption applied in this case or why the discussion could not continue in open session.

Goodson's Auto expansion deferred

A local auto shop's proposal to open a second location on Rt. 53 at Garden Lane sparked an extended public hearing that stretched over more than three hours, as residents raised questions about traffic, zoning, and neighborhood impacts.

The plan covers approximately 5.8 acres at the intersection of Rt. 53 and Garden Lane, where Goodson's Auto proposes to build a new auto repair facility. The Goodsons currently operates a shop at Crofton Plaza and says it has enough demand to support a second location.

First, the property would have to be re-zoned for business use, a request the Planning Commission denied in November.

At issue is the site's proximity to the Villages at Nahor, a retirement community of nearly 75 homes. The proposal has drawn strong opposition from residents, many of whom do not want an auto repair business operating so close to where they live.

"This is not about the Goodsons," resident Steven Bevis told the board. "This is about protecting our neighborhood and making sure zoning decisions don't change the character of where we live."

Speakers also pointed to access and traffic safety, with some arguing that a dedicated turn lane from Rt. 53 should be required before the project moves forward. Several supervisors echoed those concerns, saying they wanted additional input from the Virginia Department of Transportation before making a decision.

Supervisors also wrestled with issues ranging from site access and vegetation buffers to the proposed buildina's desian.

Several acknowledged the importance of supporting a well-known local business, while also grappling with concerns about viewsheds, rural preservation, and the rights of nearby homeowners.

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Ultimately, supervisors said they could not reconcile the competing issues in a single evening. Instead, they voted to defer the request until later in 2026, giving the Goodsons and their engineers more time to develop a proposal that could address residents' concerns.

Zion South approved

While deferring the Goodson's Auto request, supervisors unanimously approved the rezoning of the Zion South property from agricultural to industrial, clearing a key hurdle for the large-scale, mixed-use development planned near the Zion Crossroads corridor.

The decision advances a project that supervisors have repeatedly pointed to as central to the county's long-term economic development strategy along I-64.

During the discussion, supervisors noted ongoing concerns about infrastructure capacity, including roads, utilities, and public services, and emphasized the importance of managing how and when industrial development occurs.

Data center restrictions

Supervisors unanimously approved changes to the county's zoning ordinance that remove data centers as a by-right use in industrial districts.

Under the revised ordinance, data centers will instead require a special use permit, a move supervisors said would ensure greater public oversight and allow the county to weigh factors such as infrastructure demands, environmental impacts, and compatibility with surrounding uses on a case-bycase basis.



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New American flag presented to the American Legion

CONTRIBUTED BY SANDY TURNER

The Veteran's Park in Dixie turned 75 years old this year. The American Legion and Point of Fork DAR along with the Knights of Columbus and the Fluvanna Ruritans have been holding Veterans remembrance ceremonies there for years. .

This last Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, the women of POF, NSDAR noticed that the American Flag was getting tattered. Research shows that on Nov. 13, 1950 Point of Fork NSDAR presented the American Legion with the American flag to fly at the park. It was decided at our December meeting to celebrate the 75th anniversary by presenting the American Legion with a new flag.

On Dec. 16, Sandra Lindner-Turner, chaplain of the Point of Fork, NSDAR presented a new American Flag to Commander Richard R. Eaton, American Legion Post 2003. He said they will

fly this new flag on Memorial Day 2026 to celebrate America's 250th birthday.

The American Legion and the DAR perform community service organizations that work to improve the Fluvanna community. Both support our military and veterans. The American Legion does this by supporting the American Legion baseball T\team for youth, sponsors high school students to Boys and Girls State and conducts an oratorical competition for high school students.

The Point of Fork, DAR has been working to preserve history by cleaning headstones in local cemeteries and encouraging students to study American history with the annual DAR American essay contest for middle and high school students. In 2024 Point of Fork, NSDAR helped to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Lafayette's return to the USA and Fluvanna County.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA FLUVANNA COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

72 Main St., Palmyra, VA, 22963

Professional Foreclosure Corporation of Virginia v. Gail E Desandis Case No. 25CL1005

The object of this suit is to:

Interplead surplus funds resulting from a foreclosure sale of the property located at 461 Mechunk Creek Drive. Troy VA 22974, pending judicial determination of the lawful distribution of said funds.

It is **ORDERED** that The Unknown Heirs of Gail E Desandis appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before February 12, 2026 at 9:00 AM. NIM.

12/3/2025

DATED

David M. Barredo, Judge

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF FLUVANNA

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

LENORE Y. BRYANT, ET AL Respondent(s).

Case No.: CL25-735

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. 30-A-60A Account No. 30791

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 the County of Fluvanna, State of Virginia, containing one-half (1/2) acre, more or less, just off Route 15 and adjoining the Rosa Carter store and property on the west and lands now or formerly of Lena Carter and Allen Carter on the north, east and south.

And being the same real property conveyed to Leeroyie Carter from Lena Carter and Allen Cater, husband and wife, by Deed dated May 19, 1961 and recorded June 2, 1961 among the records of the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Fluvanna County, Virginia in Deed Book 59 at Page 186.

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: Leerovie Carter a/k/a Leroy Lee Carter unknown; Diane Y. Carter, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Leroy Carter Jr., whose last known address is unknown; Nation Wide Investors, Inc. d/b/a Waters Homes, whose last known address is unknown; T. Dix Sutton, Trustee, whose last known address is unknown; Linwood E. Toombs, Trustee, whose last known is unknown; and that any officers, any trustees in dissolution, 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 30, 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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PUBLIC HEARING Fluvanna County Planning Commission Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2204, a Public Hearing will be held in the Morris Room in the County Administration Building at 132 Main Street, Palmyra, Virginia 22963 for citizens of the County to have the opportunity to appear before and be heard by the Planning Commission for the following items:

FY 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan - Public review and recommendation of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for fiscal years 2027 through 2031 (FY2027 – FY2031) which is to be submitted in conjunction with the fiscal year 2027 (FY2027) Fluvanna County Budget. The CIP lists the major construction and acquisition efforts planned for the next five (5) fiscal years and it describes proposed methods of financing for CIP projects as is prescribed in Virginia State Code.

ZMP 25:05 Kevin and Ashley Wright – A request to rezone from A-1, Agricultural, General, to R-1, Residential, Limited 7 +/- acres of Tax Map 50-A-129D. The subject property is generally located on the west side of Gold Mine Road (Route 671) approximately 0.1 mile north of West River Road (Route 6). The parcel is located within Fork Union Election District and the Rural Residential Planning Area.

A copy of the complete text of the above plan and ordinance is available for public review at https://www.fluvannacounty.org/ and at the Office of the Fluvanna County Administrator during normal business hours. Questions may be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department, at (434) 591-1910. All interested persons wishing to be heard are invited to attend the public hearing.

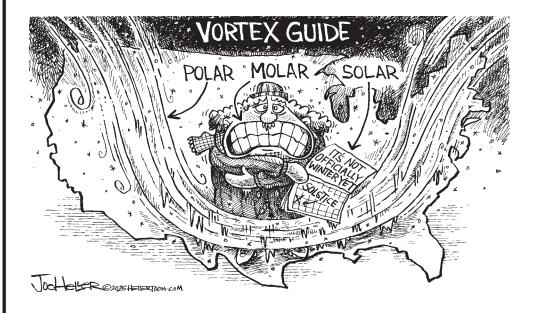


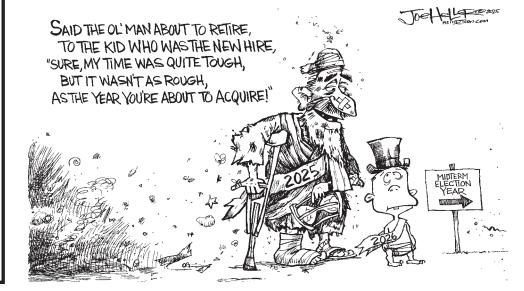
PUBLIC HEARING
Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors Wednesday, January 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-1800, 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:

CONSIDERATION OF A DEED OF QUITCLAIM FOR A DRAINAGE EASEMENT LOCATED ON TAX MAP 5-23-2 IN THE COLUMBIA ELECTION DISTRICT AND IN THE ZION CROSSROADS COMMUNITY PLANNING AREA.

Copies of materials for the above project 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.





August Property Transfers

8/01/2025

ZDC 1 LLC to Amazoncom Services LLC. 39.916 Acres. \$2,544,100.

8/04/2025

Pittman, Rollins Willis ... to Demarr, Susan and Michael Demarr. Lot 319 Phase 8 Nahor LM. \$335,000.

8/05/2025

Hellinger, Ronald to Watkins, James M., and Hali M. Morris. 2/50 Acres. \$376,500.

Smalling, Mary Sue to Hil, Ronald Alan and Melissa May Hill. Lot 443 Phase 3 Addition 2, Montpelier LM. \$465,000.

Reynolds, Andrew J. to Mehalic, Mason B. and Erin L. Mehalic. Lot 222 Phase 6 Riverside Addition 1 LM.\$389,900.

8/06/2025

Kent Hennessy, Teresa J..to Rockshel and Sons Development... 01.75 Acres. \$110,000.

8/07/2025

Conner, Audrey to Jumpstart Properties LLC. Lot 331 Phase 9 Knollwood Section LM. \$215,500.

Liberty Homes VA Inc. to Johnson, Kevin Gerald and Victoria Noel Johnson. \$384,050.

Sowers, Susan C, TR to Moriarty, Andrew A. 2.000 Acres. \$185,000.

Lake Monticello Holding... to IQ Holdings LLC. \$500,000.

8/11/2025

Wood Tolson, Gladiol... See document for full description. \$195,000.

Henderson, Christian to Patton, Kylie True. Lot 26, Forest Glen Subdivision. 2.25 Acres. \$552,000.

Goldsmith, Phyllis D. to Counts, Timothy and Lori Counts. See documents for full description. \$225,000.

8/12/2025

Commonwealth Trust ... to Federal National Mortgage as ... \$79,473.

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Carr, William M. to Pinelli, Alex and Courtney Elizabeth Pinelli. Lot 67 Phase 3 Sycamore Square Subdivision. \$575,000.

Smith, Jeanne M. to Riffel Tracy Lynn. Lot 117 Phase 5 Tufton LM. \$338,500. Isabellas Breeze LLC to Arqueta Martinez, Fransi and Cinthya M. Ordonez

Padilla. 2.08 Acres. \$329,000.

8/13/2025

Pearson Properties LLC to Richardson, Bryan Adam and Hannah Lafayette Richardson. 36.438 Acres. \$250,000.

8/14/2025

Stanley Martin Homes ... to Everett, Sean Thomas and Julie Elizabeth Everett. See document for full description. \$314,840.

Stanley Martin Homes ... to Macdonnell, Kirsten Elizabeth. See document for full description. \$316,340.

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Stanley Martin Homes ... to Stinson, Cody and Ashley Mackow. See document for full description. \$299,990.

Stanley Martin Homes ... to Harlow, Sean Patrick Justas and Nescel Vitudio Alingasa. See document for full description. \$359,789.

Matteson, Joel L. to Stefanick, Michael David and Stephanie Noel Stefanick. Lot 215 Phase 2 Shadwell LM. \$400,000.

Southern Property LLC to Chirco, Michael A. Jr and Helena R. Chirco. Lot 38 Phase 4 Meadow Brook Subdivision. 0.51 Acres. \$787,367.

Brotherton, Thomas R. to Steps & Stones, LLC. Lot 321 Phase 4 Fairway LM. \$303,689.

Hill, Robert Hugh to Matteson, Joel Lynn and Loretta Ann Matteson. Lot 15 Phase 2 Taylor Ridge Estates subdivision. 2.56 Acres. \$725,000.

Down to Earth Invest... to Church Home LLC. See document for full description. \$270,000.

Elliott Duvalle to Fisher, Wendy . Lot 332 Phase 8 Nahor LM. \$360,000.

8/18/2025

Denby, S. Scott to Harding, Brent. Lot 135 Section 1 Ashlawn LM. \$240,100.

Robbins, Makenna Reed to Albertella, Gabrielle Elizabeth and David Mattew Ogle Price. See document for full description. \$245,000.

Bivins, William Todd, TR to BHL Group LLC and Rural Land Tracts LLC , Catlett Land Company LLC. 76,606 Acres. \$212,000.

8/19/2025

Hall, Tracy Michael to Smith, Connie Chic . Lot 177 Phase 6 Riverside Addition 1 LM. \$330,000.

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McMurray, Alicia to Bu, Reina E. and Densyl Ohanny Alvarado. \$289,000.

Stanley Martin Homes ... to Thornton, Nathan \$314,340.

8/21/2025

Fork Union Rentals LLC to Payne, Janice. 2.00 Acres. \$29,500.

Williamson, James Mic... to Shreve, Ashlyn Nicole and Owen Thomas Leydig. Lot 339 Phase 12 Edgewood LM. \$317,000.

8/22/2025

Stanley Martin Homes ... to Pankau, Brant. See documents for full description. \$309,835.

Hinkle, Jordan Franklin to Waugh, Heather. Lot 115 Phase 11 Falcon Hills Section LM. \$320,000.

Donohue Trust to Adkins, Michael F, II, and Ruth Mann Adkins. \$370,000.

8/25/2025

Expedition Trust Comp... to Merrick, James and Cady Merrick. 34 Acres.

Sherry, Jesse L. to Barnes, Anna Whiddon. Lot 487 Phase 12 Edgewood LM. \$479,999.

Yokoyama, Linda to Wright, Cody Michael. \$275,000.

8/26/2025

Estate of Barbara C. Ri... to Robbins, Makenna. See document for full description. 185,000.

Adams, Kathryn, TR to Amraen, John C. and Linda C. Amraen. Lot 242 Phase 4 Addition 1 Fairway Section LM. \$670,000.

Kirk, James M. to Farruggio, Carolyn. Lot 7 Kent Farms Subdivision. 10.00 Acres. \$736,000.

8/27/2025

Steffel, Jerome, TR to Keller Arledge, Pamela and Samuel Newmann Heller. Lot 54 Phase 1 Ashlawn LM. \$930.000.

Mancini, Mark, III to Heller, Samuel Neumann and Bethany Heller. 9.772 Acres. \$130,000.

Pinelli, Alex to Rimler, Brandon J. Lot 4 Phase 6 Riverside LM. \$308,000.

Watts, Charles H., II, TR to Gianakos, Nicholas J. 90.25 Acres. \$300,000.

8/28/2025

Stanley Martin Homes ... to Sediqi, Zalgai and Treena Hakimi. See document for full description. \$327,085.

Rimel, John M. V to Cheney, Justin Paul and Amanda Marie Cheney. Lot 4 Cunningham Pines Subdivision. \$552,500.

Olecka, Anna to States, Devanne Gladys. Lot 272 Phase 12 Edgewood Section LM. \$389,000.

Moorhouse, Matthew to Pope, Jaso Bradley and Jessica Nicole Pope. Lot 373 Phase 8 Nahor Section LM. \$424,900.

8/29/2025

Stanley Martin Homes ... to Hostetter, Bradley. See document for full description. \$384,589.

Barcia, Deno to Cecil, Richard Earl Sr. and Nancy Lee Cecil. Lot 27 Phase 4 Village Oaks Subdivision. \$420,000.

Oliver Creek LLC to Smajlovic, Nermin. 1.706 Acres. \$341,900.

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Fluvanna Leadership Development Program

FCHS study and scheduling information

FCHS programs of study and student scheduling information night will be held Jan. 14 at 6 p.m. in the FCHS auditorium so residents can learn more about the student scheduling and course request process, high school academic programs of study, diploma types and requirements, and special programs like Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, and Career & Technical Education (CTE) classes. Q&A session at the end! Please enter through the doors at the rear/northern side of the cafeteria.



Virginia takes on fentanyl

Thanks to It Only Takes One initiative

VIRGINIAN FOUNDATION FOR HEALTH PRESS RELEASE

Fentanyl is a drug so powerful that even one pill has the potential to take a life.

Often disquised in counterfeit versions of prescription pills such as Adderall, Xanax, and Percocet, it creates an unexpected overdose threat, thereby killing victims who never even knew they were taking it.

Fortunately for Virginians, the Commonwealth is now leading the nation in responding to the dangers of fentanyl. According to data from the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Virginia saw a 50.5% year-over-year drop in fentanyl-related overdose deaths and a 58% decrease since the 2022 peak.

Contributing to this progress is the fentanyl awareness initiative, It Only Takes One. The effort was launched in January 2024 by First Lady Suzanne S. Youngkin in partnership with the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth (VFHY), the VDH, and Attorney General Jason Miyares's One Pill Can Kill campaign. The campaign pilot focused on the City of Roanoke, one of Virginia's hardest-hit communities, before expanding statewide to save lives.

"The It Only Takes One fentanyl awareness initiative has a simple message: It only takes one mistake to take a life, but one conversation or intervention to save a life," said Youngkin. "Thanks to courageous Virginians sharing their stories, leaders stepping forward, and families committing to have tough conversations, we are sparking change across the Commonwealth.'

It Only Takes One has taken a twofold approach to combatting the insidious threat of fentanyl: Increasing the awareness of the drug's dangers and expanding education on how to respond to an unexpected overdose.

Numerous REVIVE! trainings have been hosted as part of It Only Takes One events, teaching groups across the Commonwealth how to use naloxone to save an opioid overdose victim. More than two million Virginians have been reached with prevention messages, thanks to more than 200 news stories generated across television, radio, print, and digital media. Hundreds of Virginians have directly engaged in the effort, becoming Fentanyl Family Ambassadors to inspire action in a variety of ways: sharing their tragic stories, adding the names of their loved ones to the Memorial Wall. pledging to have a tough conversation with a young person in their lives, and more.

At its core, the campaign is simply about connection. And the small action

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of talking about fentanyl might be what matters most.

"I'm proud that this campaign has inspired more than 500 adults to pledge to have a courageous conversation with a teen or child about fentanyl," Youngkin said. "Parents, family members, teachers, coaches, and friends can all have an impact and that one conversation truly can make a difference."

The campaign's impact is captured in Our Journey, a short film documenting how Virginians are coming together to reverse overdose trends.

What's Next: Fentanyl College Ambassador Program

College students are particularly vul-

"This builds on our ongoing efforts to protect lives, and we encourage Virginia college students who are stepping up to lead a movement," said Youngkin. "It only takes one person, one conversation, and one decision to save a life."

About It Only Takes One

ItOnlyTakesOne.Virginia.gov.

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nerable to the dangers fentanyl presents. The First Lady officially launched the Fentanyl College Ambassador Program at James Madison University on National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day, August 21, 2025. The program has continued through the fall and empowers student leaders to raise awareness on campuses, host naloxone trainings, and encourage peerto-peer conversations about fentanyl risks.

It Only Takes One is a statewide fentanyl awareness initiative led by the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth in partnership with the Virginia Department of Health, the Office of the Attorney General, and the First Lady of Virginia. The campaign emphasizes frank conversations, clear facts, and practical resources to prevent fentanyl poisonings and overdose deaths. Learn more and take the pledge at www.

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Edited by Margie E. Burke **HOW TO SOLVE:**

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