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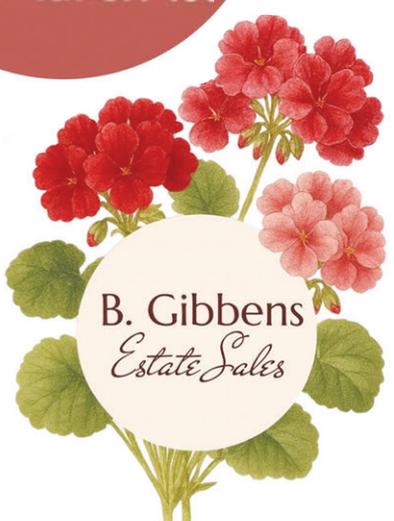
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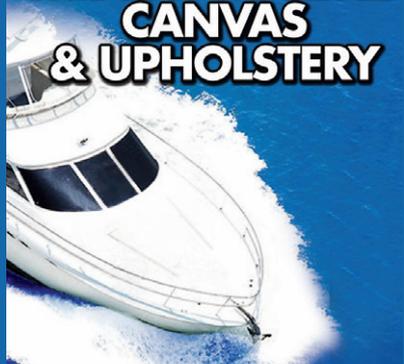
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- 5 ___ del Sol
- 10 Orch. section
- 14 "___ Dinka Doo"
- 15 Bread spreads
- 16 Opera feature
- 17 Working hard
- 18 Saving gas, say
- 20 Shortcut
- 22 Bobby of tennis fame
- 23 "The Zoo Story" playwright
- 24 Took to jail
- 26 Like draft beer
- 29 Renders invalid
- 33 Taunts on the field
- 36 Meetup, slangily
- 37 Sculler's need
- 38 Gibraltar and Magellan
- 40 Nonpro sports gp.
- 41 It ebbs and flows
- 43 Denier's words
- 45 Trap
- 47 "Peer Gynt" composer
- 48 Street reps
- 50 Indian flatbreads
- 53 Social no-no
- 56 "Calvin and Hobbes" cartoonist
- 59 "It's news to me"
- 61 Bones, in anatomy
- 62 Golfer's cry
- 63 Water and elec.
- 64 Fortune teller
- 65 Heads-up abbrs.
- 66 "One of ___ days..."
- 67 Latin "to be"

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- 5 Cola starter
- 6 One of five Norwegian kings
- 7 More parched
- 8 Highest rated
- 9 Japanese volcano
- 10 Steinbeck's birthplace
- 11 H.S. math
- 12 Smoke or napkin follower
- 13 Yields to gravity
- 19 Copier insert: Abbr.
- 21 Rogen and others
- 25 Trojan War figure
- 27 Clothing
- 28 Gave up, reluctantly
- 30 Quells, as rioters
- 31 Son of Isaac
- 32 "On the Verge" actress Elisabeth
- 33 Shopper's bag
- 34 Parade spoiler
- 35 ___ Cruces, N.M.
- 39 "Goosebumps" writer
- 42 Makes a cryptogram
- 44 Fragrant bloomer
- 46 Elvis' middle name, originally
- 49 Sink of "Stranger Things"
- 51 Plastic surgery targets
- 52 Catch
- 53 Minor quarrel
- 54 Call to a mate
- 55 Italian seaport
- 57 Business card nos.
- 58 Shock, in a way
- 60 Ump's call

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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- 1 Sporty Mazda
- 2 No further than
- 3 Wave-riding platforms
- 4 Shiny fabrics

SUDOKU

Edited by Margie E. Burke

Difficulty: Easy

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HOW TO SOLVE:

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

Answer to Previous Sudoku:

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

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A Packed Spring Awaits Fluco Athletics

BY DUNCAN NIXON
CORRESPONDENT

The snow and ice have mostly melted. The golf course is open again. In Central Virginia, a March snowfall is more exception than rule.

The spring sports season has arrived.

The Fluco spring calendar is full. In lacrosse, soccer, and tennis, boys' and girls' teams often face the same opponent on the same day, with one team at home and the other on the road. In soccer and lacrosse, JV games precede varsity matchups. Tennis fields varsity only. Baseball and softball, played on separate fields, also host and travel against the same opponents on the same dates. Outdoor track and field, with just one home meet, does not begin until April.

Baseball remains Fluvanna's traditional spring powerhouse. Coach Joel Gray's teams have been consistently strong, highlighted by a Class 3 state championship in the final season before COVID. Last year, the Flucos won the Jefferson District with a 10-3 record. Shortstop Sam Loving anchors both the infield and the lineup as one of the team's top fielders and hitters. The program routinely draws fans from across the county, not just parents and siblings.

Softball has posted solid results as well, finishing 10-5 in the Jefferson District last season, good for third place.

The soccer programs have yet to match that level of post-season success, but the boys' team features Brady Crisp, the Jefferson District's 2025 Player of the Year. In lacrosse, Fluvanna continues building after entering the sport later than many district rivals. Track and field includes standout Garrett Jordan, a star in multiple events. In tennis, Fluco players often compete against district opponents who began training at a younger age, but the program continues to develop.

All Fluco teams except track and field begin competition in mid-March. Baseball and softball open on the road and will travel to Myrtle Beach for four-game tournaments before returning home April 1.

The boys' soccer team opens at home on March 16 against Madison. Girls' soccer hosts Goochland on March 18. Boys' tennis opens on the high school courts against Rocktown High, a new school in Rockingham County, while girls' tennis hosts Goochland on March 19. Boys' lacrosse opens March 17 at home against Rockbridge High. Girls' lacrosse plays its first home contest on March 24 against James Monroe.

Marvin Townsend Jr., Member of 'Charlottesville Twelve' and Veteran Officer, Dies at 79

FLUVANNA REVIEW STAFF

Marvin Townsend Jr., one of the "Charlottesville Twelve" who helped integrate the city's public schools in 1959 and later spent decades in law enforcement, died Feb. 4 in Palmyra. He was 79.

In September 1959, Townsend was the oldest of nine African American students who entered Venable Elementary School (now Trailblazer Elementary), marking the first integration of Charlottesville's schools. Three Black students enrolled at Lane High School on the same day.

Townsend went on to serve for many years with the Charlottesville Police Department, where he

was remembered as "the epitome of a community policing officer," particularly for his long service in the 10th and Page neighborhoods.

After retiring, he continued his commitment to public service as a volunteer with the Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office under then-Sheriff Ryant Washington.

In a statement posted Friday, the office said it was "grateful for the time he spent with us, and for the kindness, professionalism, and dedication he brought every day."

Funeral services were held Feb. 20 at Lake Christian Church.

Friends of the Library Hosts Author Kari Joyner 'Foster the CASA Cat' explores trust, trauma and patience

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT



Author Kari Joyner will speak about her book *Foster the CASA Cat* and her work with CASA on March 4 at 10 a.m. at a Friends of the Library event.

Joyner earned a history degree from Longwood University and spent 10 years teaching at Randolph-Henry High School while completing a master's degree in school library media. She later served seven years as the school's librarian.

A lifelong cat owner, Joyner said she immediately connected with Foster, the stray cat who wandered into the CASA office.

"One day, while I was trying unsuccessfully to coax her closer, I had a realization," she said. "This is exactly what many of the children we serve at CASA experience. Even when adults show up with consistency and compassion, children who have lived through trauma may still hesitate to trust or connect."

That insight became the foundation for *Foster: The CASA Cat*, which uses the office cat's story as an allegory for the emotion-

al journey many children face in foster care. The book helps young readers understand why some children may seem guarded or slow to warm up, and how patience and consistency can make a difference.

The book was created for children in foster care and the advocates who support them. Joyner said donors helped ensure that every child served by Piedmont CASA received a copy. A Rotary Club Local Service Grant later expanded distribution to elementary schools throughout the organization's service area. The book is now also available in Spanish, translated with help from a former colleague.

Joyner became involved with CASA while preparing to relocate to Charlottesville. After years in education, she said she was ready for a new way to serve.

"I loved my work in education and the relationships I built with students, but I felt ready to apply the skills I'd gained — communication, advocacy and relationship-building — in a different setting," she said. "CASA felt like the right place to combine purpose with meaningful, community-based work."

Piedmont CASA provides best-interest advocacy for children involved in the court system in Virginia's 16th Judicial District, which includes Charlottesville and the counties of Albemarle, Greene, Louisa, Madison and Fluvanna. The organization recruits and trains volunteers who serve as consistent advocates for

children who have experienced abuse or neglect.

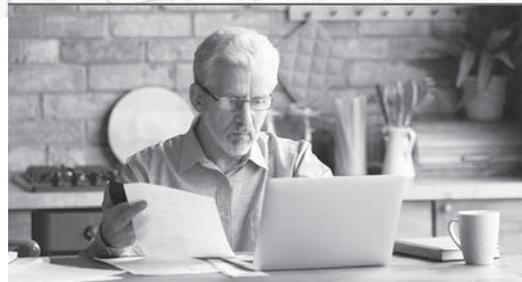
"A CASA volunteer often becomes one of the few steady adults in a child's life," Joyner said. "Our goal is to make sure a child's needs and best interests are clearly represented in court."

She hopes the book helps children in foster care feel safer connecting with caring adults and encourages empathy more broadly.

"Sometimes," she said, "the most powerful thing we can offer is patience."

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



Your Business's Essential Tax Return Filing Checklist

Tax season has a way of sneaking up on even the most organized businesses. This checklist gathers the key pieces you should have in order before filing, so your business can move through the process with less stress and fewer surprises.

Essential #1 - Books that actually add up. Accurate books aren't just helpful, they're the foundation of a reliable return.

- Reconcile accounts before filing begins
- Make sure income and expenses are recorded consistently
- Confirm your accounting software matches your bank records
- Review prior year adjustments or corrections

Essential #2 - Payroll that matches the paperwork. Payroll accuracy isn't just about timeliness, it's about making sure every number tells the right story.

- Double-check W-2s and 1099s for accuracy
- Verify all payroll tax deposits have been filed
- Keep records of bonuses, commissions, and benefit payments
- Confirm year-end payroll summaries match reported figures

Essential #3 - Look back to file forward. What you reported last year matters because it sets the stage for this year's return.

- Review deductions and credits from the prior year
- Carry forward losses, depreciation, or credits if applicable
- Ensure consistency in how income and expenses are reported
- Compare net income trends to flag unusual changes

Essential #4 - Gather evidence that backs every claim. Every deduction should come with backup.

- Keep receipts, invoices, and logs for every deduction
- Organize digital records in one place
- Separate personal and business expenses clearly
- Maintain mileage logs for vehicle-related deductions

Essential #5 - The right papers for the right

structure. Your filing should reflect your business structure, down to the details.

- Make sure incorporation or partnership documents are current
- Verify ownership percentages and agreements
- Keep a record of major business decisions
- Review changes in entity type or tax election status

Essential #6 - Confirm what you've already paid. Before finalizing anything, make sure your estimated tax payments are accounted for.

- Gather records of quarterly payments
- Check totals against what's reported on the return
- Correct any discrepancies early
- Verify any prior overpayments or credits applied

Essential #7 - Update your list of fixed assets. Your fixed asset schedule can become cluttered with equipment you no longer use.

- Update depreciation schedules for all business assets
- Make sure new asset purchases are recorded with correct start dates
- Confirm depreciation methods (e.g., straight-line vs. accelerated) match your filing strategy
- Review Section 179 or bonus depreciation opportunities

Essential #8 - Review credits you may qualify for. Tax credits can be powerful, but only if you're eligible and prepared to prove it.

- Review current-year tax credits available for your business type or industry
- Confirm documentation for each credit (e.g., R&D, energy efficiency, hiring incentives)
- Make sure you haven't double-counted expenses used for credits and deductions
- Track carryforward credits from previous years

Filing your 2025 tax return doesn't have to be a scramble. Use this checklist to help you stay organized this tax season. Remember the filing deadline for Partnerships, S Corps and C Corps is March 15th for calendar year tax filings. Now is the time to make your appointment by calling us at 434-442-4044 or emailing us at info@rwftaxservices.com.

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Eligible fields of study include agriculture, plant and environmental science, entomology, landscape design and management, life sciences, and agricultural education.

Information about eligibility and application requirements has been shared with area schools and local home-school networks. Details are also available on the Fluvanna Master Gardener website at www.fluvannamg.org.

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The scholarship is funded by proceeds from the organization's annual plant sale, scheduled for May 2 at the Park and Ride lot on

Turkeysag Trail, across from Jefferson Pharmacy.

Master Gardener programs focus on educating residents about creating and sustaining healthy ecosystems in the community.

Suspect Indicted, Arrested in 2023 Ridge Road Homicide

FLUVANNA REVIEW STAFF

A Fluvanna County special grand jury has indicted a man in connection with a fatal shooting that occurred more than two years ago on Ridge Road.

Maurice Lecroy Brown was indicted on charges of second-degree murder and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony in the August 2023 killing of 43-year-old Johnnie Antoine Brown.

He was taken into custody Feb. 18 at his residence without incident and is currently being held without bond at the Central Virginia Regional Jail.

The charges stem from a shooting reported around 3 a.m. on Aug. 20, 2023, in the 3700 block of Ridge Road.

Fluvanna County Sheriff's deputies and Fire and Rescue personnel responded to a call of a person shot and found Johnnie Brown suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Life-saving

measures were attempted at the scene, but he was later pronounced dead.

At the time, investigators said an eyewitness reported seeing multiple individuals leave the area in a two-door vehicle. The Sheriff's Office described the case as an active investigation and asked for the public's help in identifying suspects.

In announcing the arrest, the Sheriff's Office thanked the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office and assisting agencies for their work.

Investigators are asking anyone with information to reach out to the Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office or contact the Criminal Investigations Section directly. Tips can also be shared anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 434-977-4000.

Brown's next court appearance is scheduled for March 20.

Board Formalizes FOIA Safeguards, Reaffirms Sanctuary Status

BY HEATHER MICHON
EDITOR

The Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors voted Wednesday night (Feb. 18) to reaffirm its 2019 resolution supporting the Second Amendment, reviving a debate that first swept through Virginia localities six years ago.

The resolution declares Fluvanna County a "Second Amendment sanctuary" and affirms the board's support for the right to keep and bear arms under both the U.S. and Virginia constitutions.

It states that the county opposes laws it views as infringing on those rights and expresses the board's intent to protect citizens' constitutional freedoms to the fullest extent permitted by law.

The original resolution passed Dec. 11, 2019, following a series of sometimes-contentious public hearings. The vote was 3-2, with Tony O'Brien (Rivanna) and the

late Mozell Booker dissenting.

Fluvanna was among roughly 130 Virginia localities, including 91 counties, that adopted similar resolutions between 2019 and 2022, amid fears that then-Gov. Ralph Northam and a Democratic-controlled General Assembly would enact stricter gun laws.

With Democrat Abigail Spanberger taking office as governor in January and Democrats again holding the General Assembly, some localities have moved to reaffirm those earlier declarations. At least 20 counties and municipalities have revisited the issue in recent weeks.

Reaffirming the resolution does not alter county ordinances or limit enforcement of state law. Under Virginia's Dillon Rule framework, localities cannot override statutes adopted by the General Assembly. Like its 2019 predecessor, the sanctuary declaration serves primarily as a political statement of opposition to state-level gun restrictions rather than a legally binding directive.

"Legally, it doesn't carry a lot of weight," Mike Sheridan (Columbia) acknowledged. "But this is expressing our discontent of Richmond continuously telling us what we can or cannot do."

The motion passed 4-1, with O'Brien voting no.

Bylaws

Following the previous week's cancellation of a town hall after a third supervisor signaled he would attend, the board amended its bylaws to formally limit attendance at town halls and community meetings to no more than two supervisors.

The change is designed to avoid triggering Virginia's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), which can require advance public notice and open-meeting procedures when three or more members of a five-member board gather to discuss public business.

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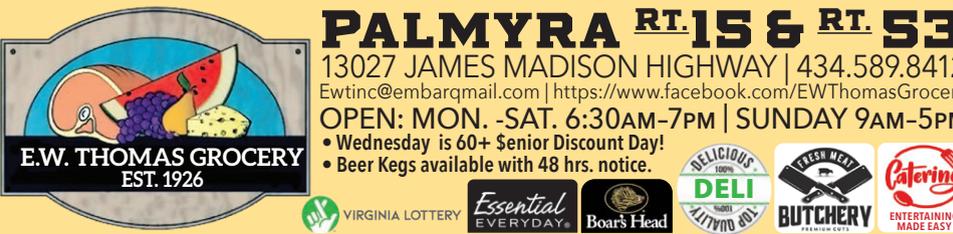


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However, County Attorney Dan Whitten recommended codifying the two-member limit, saying it would eliminate any risk of inadvertently crossing the FOIA threshold.

The board also amended its bylaws to clarify how zoning applicants may speak during public hearings.

Under the revised rules, planning staff will first introduce the item, followed by a presentation from the applicant. After the public hearing is opened and closed, the applicant will be allowed a rebuttal period limited to responding to issues raised during public comment — but may not introduce entirely new information at that stage.

For zoning matters deferred to a later meeting, applicants will no longer automatically receive presentation time. Instead, the board must first agree to hear updates before the applicant may speak.

The board also adopted formal deadlines for zoning materials.

Applicants must now submit presentation materials by the close of business on the Wednesday prior to a meeting, while staff reports are due by the Tuesday of meeting week.

The bylaws also specify that comments and presentations must be directly relevant to the matter under consideration, giving the chair clearer authority to keep hearings focused.

Taken together, the changes formalize procedures governing how board members engage with the public and how applicants present their cases. The bylaw amendments were approved 5-0.

Expressive Activity

The board also received an updated briefing on a proposed expressive activity policy, which would establish rules governing demonstrations, leafleting and other First Amendment activities on county-owned property.

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Whitten told supervisors that Fluvanna currently has no formal written policy addressing such activity. Establishing clear guidelines would help staff respond consistently and reduce the risk of disputes over how expressive activity is managed on county property.

The draft framework discussed at earlier meetings would set guidelines for “time, place, and manner” restrictions at locations such as county parks, the fairgrounds, and other public facilities, while seeking to balance free-speech rights with public safety and operational concerns.

Wednesday’s presentation did not introduce major changes from the prior draft, and no vote was taken. The proposal remains under review.

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3rd Annual Prom Night

3rd Annual Adult Prom Night at the Fluvanna County High School on Saturday, March 21, from 7 to 11 p.m. We're transforming the space into a dreamy springtime escape. Enchanted Garden theme with twinkle lights, florals, think Whimsical. Music all night by DJ Breezy Brown. Photo Booth! Tickets can be purchased by PayPal, here: <https://www.paypal.com/cp/payment/2D254AJMUBFAG>.

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VIRGINIA DEPT. OF VETERANS SERVICES: Need Help? Attention Veterans and Dependents! Visit us at the Fluvanna Community Center, 5725 James Madison Highway > by appointment only. Call Jeannette Flint at (434) 529-6431 to schedule your appointment. www.dvs.virginia.gov

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VOLUNTEERS FOR MACAA FOOD PANTRY: We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help support MACAA's work in the Fluvanna community. Tasks: food pickups, sorting donations, stocking, packing boxes, checking in visitors, and other minor tasks. Volunteer hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., M-F. No prior experience needed – training will be provided. Call (434) 842-2521 or email foodpantry@macaa.org.

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LMOA Contacts USDA About Canada Geese

Despite efforts to control the size of the resident Canada goose population at the Lake Monticello Golf Course, it has reached an unmanageable size. Recent measures have included visual and audio scares (lasers, sound blasts). Canada geese are said to consume up to three pounds of turf per day per goose, leave large amounts of pathogen-laden droppings, and are aggressive during nesting. Because Canada geese are protected under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act, management must be humane and compliant, a service the USDA provides. The Lake Monticello Owners' Association (LMOA) has decided to move forward with USDA's process. We expect a site visit from them in May to assess whether our population qualifies for a culling. If Lake Monticello qualifies, the "roundup" will take place in early summer when the geese are molting. No date has been set for the onsite visit.

Officer Mark Foster Honored for 25 Years of Service

Lake Monticello Police Department (LMPD) Officer Mark Foster was recognized by the Louisa County Board of Supervisors for his 25 years of service to the Louisa County Sheriff's Office this past Tuesday, February 25, 2026. Mark retired as the Lieutenant of their Criminal Investigations and Support Services Division in 2025. Louisa County Administrator Christian Goodwin said, "This recognition is a small but heartfelt way to express our sincere gratitude for your

dedication, commitment, and the many contributions you have made over the years. Your service has had meaningful impact, and we are truly thankful for the time, care, and professionalism you bring to your work. We are honored to take a moment and publicly recognize your milestone." Congratulations, Officer Foster!

Harbor Dredge Update

Due to Winter Storm Fern, Harbor Dredge experienced delays in completing dredging at other lakes. They have notified LMOA that they plan to begin staging equipment next week with a target start date of March 2. An updated dredging schedule has been posted on lmoa.org on the Lake Health page under the Facilities & Operations tab. Please note that there will be parking disruptions at the Marina beginning Tuesday as Harbor Dredge stages equipment. There may also be traffic disruptions along Jefferson Drive between the Main Gate and the Marina.

LMOA Holds 4th of July T-Shirt Design Contest

LMOA is looking for three t-shirt designs to help celebrate America's 250th Birthday during LMOA's annual Independence Day celebrations. Submit designs by March 1, 2026, by emailing Communications Assistant Melissa Kalinosky at mkalinosky@lmoa.org or by dropping them off at Member Services (41 Ashlawn Blvd.). Designs should be patriotic in nature and represent Lake Monticello in an appropriate and respectful manner. The three categories are

5K Spirit Run, Swim Across the Lake, and 250th at Lake Monticello. Staff will narrow designs down to the top 5, and voting will be open to the community on March 4th. The winner will be announced on April 6, 2026 and will receive a T-shirt with their design as well as an LMOA "swag bag". The shirt and corresponding merchandise will be available for residents to purchase online starting in the spring. **Please note:** Participants must be 18 or older and understand that the rights to the winning design will become the property of LMOA.

Lake Job Opportunities

Golf Course Mechanic: Lake Monticello Golf Course is looking for a dependable and experienced Golf Course Mechanic to help keep our course and equipment in top condition. For more information, call the Golf Pro Shop at 434-589-3075.

Police Officer: The Lake Monticello Police Department (LMPD) is seeking qualified individuals who have been Virginia-certified police officers in good standing within the past 5 years and are eligible to be re-certified. LMPD is one of 9 authorized Private Police Departments in Virginia. This is a unique opportunity to serve a non-traditional police agency and is ideal for a recently retired police officer. If you are interested, please visit CAREERS at lmoa.org.

Pool Positions: Our pool is hiring for several exciting summer positions, including Front Desk Attendants, Lifeguards, and an Assistant Manager. Please email questions

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Ladies Golf Breakfast

Spring is right around the corner, and so is the Lake Monticello Ladies Golf Association's (LMLGA) annual breakfast meeting. It is Open to all women interested in learning more about the women's leagues at Lake Monticello that start in April 2026. Join them for breakfast downstairs in the Ashlawn Clubhouse, on Tuesday, March 10, from 9:30 - 11:30 AM. The cost is \$5 for former players signing up for a league, but FREE for new interested players seeking information! The Ashlawn Clubhouse is located at 41 Ashlawn Blvd.

Registration OPEN for Senior Men's Golf Group

The Gray Foxes have opened registration for their upcoming season, which will start on Tuesday, March 24 for 9-hole players and Thursday, March 26 for the 18-hole players. The registration form is available at the Pro Shop at 51 Bunker Blvd. Please complete the form clearly and submit it with the \$75 fee by March 17 to secure your spot for the new season.

Lakeside Fried Chicken

Beginning March 1, enjoy a Virginia Fried Chicken Buffet every Sunday in the Lakeside Restaurant from 3-8 PM at 41 Ashlawn Blvd. The buffet cost is \$19.95 and includes: fried chicken, collard greens, baked beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, coleslaw, and biscuits. For \$8 enjoy a delicious Apple Pie a la mode or Chocolate Cake! A full bar will be available for drink purchases.

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School Board Seeks \$620K More in Local Funds in \$60M Budget Plan

BY HEATHER MICHON
EDITOR

The Fluvanna County School Board approved a \$60,387,459 operating budget for fiscal year 2027 on Wednesday night (Feb. 18), a roughly \$3.4 million increase — about 6% — over the current year.

The plan calls for a local funding request of \$24,410,943, an increase of \$620,727 from the county's FY26 contribution.

The bulk of the overall growth comes from higher state revenues, with smaller increases in federal funds.

The budget includes a 3% salary increase for staff and absorbs a projected 9% increase in health insurance costs, holding employees harmless from premium hikes.

It also funds several new positions and program upgrades, including student support and attendance roles, a math interventionist, instructional aides, a speech-language pathologist, a half-time nurse, an HR/finance generalist, a maintenance position, a part-time transportation dispatcher, and additional athletic stipends.

Operating needs include technology upgrades, instructional tools, and other division-wide expenses.

Board member Sean Brennan (Columbia) praised staff for their work assembling the spending plan.

"This is sustainable growth for the future. This has been a phenomenal job," Brennan said.

But not all members were convinced.

Charles Rittenhouse (Cunningham) opposed the budget, pointing to what he characterized as a \$3 million increase despite declining enrollment.

"I don't know how to justify that," Rittenhouse said, noting that staffing has fallen by 33 positions and there are 18 fewer students in the system.

The motion ultimately passed on a voice vote.

In addition to the operating budget, the board approved a separate \$2,482,925 cafeteria fund budget. The food service

program, which operates under the federal Community Eligibility Provision and provides free meals to all students, is expected to receive about \$300,000 in general fund support to offset rising food and labor costs.

School officials are scheduled to present the approved budget to the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors on Feb. 25.

Bus Money

In other business, the School Board approved a plan to request reallocation of approximately \$75,000 in capital funds originally set aside for school bus purchases to instead help acquire an 11-passenger activity van and a bucket truck for facilities work.

"We'll never be able to buy a bus with \$75,000," said Superintendent Peter Gretz

Rather than allow the funds to remain unused, administrators recommended redirecting the money toward smaller-scale transportation and maintenance needs.

The activity van would be used to transport students for athletics and other school-related events. The bucket truck, likely to be purchased used, would support maintenance operations, allowing staff to perform more work in-house, including lighting, electrical, and exterior repairs.

Administrators said acquiring the equipment would improve operational efficiency, reduce the need for contracted services, and ensure the division has the tools needed to maintain aging facilities.

With the School Board's approval, the administration can request the county government to allow them to reallocate the \$75,000 these purchases.

FMS Track Upgrades

School officials also provided an update on ongoing improvements at Fluvanna Middle School, including upgrades to the outdoor track and surrounding facilities.

Donald Stribling said winter weather has delayed paving work, which requires sustained warmer temperatures to com-

plete properly. With conditions improving, staff expect asphalt work to resume in March or April, with additional site work continuing into the spring and early summer months.

The project has included removing aging bleachers and improving exterior areas, including handrails, fencing, and restroom access.

Board members asked for confirmation that the final result

would meet accessibility standards, and staff indicated the site would be ADA-compliant once completed.

School leaders said they are coordinating athletic schedules as construction continues, working to ensure meets and practices can proceed while allowing the contractor to complete the project properly.

The improvements are part of the division's broader effort to address aging facilities and upgrade athletic infrastructure.

PUBLIC NOTICE



PUBLIC HEARING Fluvanna County Planning Commission Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

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

SUP 26:08 Lenherr – A Special Use Permit request in the A-1, Agricultural, General District to allow a specialty retail store on approximately 3.1 acres of Tax Map 18-A-4. The parcel is located in the Rivanna Community Planning Area and the Cunningham Election District.

ZTA 26:10 – An ordinance to amend and reordain the Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia by amending §22-15-2 to include volunteer fire departments and rescue squads as being exempt from requirements in the County Sign Ordinance.

SUP 25:06 Prater – A Special Use Permit request in the A-1, Agricultural, General District to construct a landscaping materials supply business on a parcel totaling approximately 8.193 acres, Tax Map 17-A-72. The parcel is located in the Rural Residential area and the Cunningham Election District.

A copy of the complete text of the above ordinances 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.

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Case No.: CL25-918

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. 62-A-10
Account No. 2501

All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of real property, lying and being situate in the Fork Union Magisterial District, Fluvanna County, Virginia, adjoining the lands now or formerly of William Palmer, Capt. C. G. Snead, and the road running from Steames to West Bottom Church, and the land now or formerly of George Mack, containing twelve (12) acres, more or less, according to a plat and survey made. by C. E. Watkins S.F.C. bearing a date of January 17, 1924, and of record in Deed Book 15 at Page 92 among the records of the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Fluvanna County, Virginia.

Less and except that 1.13 acre tract of land conveyed to Audrey Hill from Harold Hill, Et Al by Deed dated September 20, 1971, and recorded January 3, 1972, among the records of the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Fluvanna County, Virginia in Deed Book 86 at Page 254.

Less and except that 2.00 acre tract of land conveyed to Dorothy D. Hill from Harold Hill, Et Al by Deed dated February 15, 1977, and recorded June 30, 1978, among the records of the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Fluvanna County, Virginia in Deed Book 129 at Page 001.

And being the remaining portion of real property conveyed to Vincent Hill and Lizzie Hill from James Scott and Lucy Scott, his wife, by Deed dated June 4, 1924, and recorded August 28, 1924, among the records of the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Fluvanna County, Virginia in Deed Book 15 at Page 91.

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 15 at Page 92, Deed Book 86 at Page 259, Deed Book 129 at Page 008.

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: Gracie Faulkner 205 Bookerdale Road, Apt 35, Waynesboro, Virginia 22980; Sharon Ross 748 Prospect Avenue, Apt D, Charlottesville, Virginia 22903; Gordon Branch 240 Moraga Street, Apt 105, Charlottesville, Virginia 22911; Brian Hill 3943 Old Brook Road, Richmond, Virginia 23227; Willie Hill 4082 Richmond Road, Troy, Virginia 22974; Jerome Hill 35 Hopi Way, Apt H, Palmyra, Virginia 22963; Vanessa Armstrong 7763 Ridge Road, Apt 6, Arvonnia, Virginia 23004; Benjamin Hill Jr. 4530 Marshall Run Circle, Apt 102, Glen Allen, Virginia 23059; Roscoe Hill, whose last known address is 317 Spring Road, Bremo Bluff, Virginia 23022; Melvin Hill, 74 Belmont Avenue, Apt 2, Jersey City, New Jersey 07304; Althea Mayo, 990 Amphill Road, Cartersville, Virginia; 23027; Florence Hill Palmer, 281 Spring Road, Bremo Bluff, Virginia 23022; The following respondents are those whose last known addresses are unknown: Keith Hill; Barbara Hancock Freeman; Rita Smith Hill; Craig McKinnon; Gordon McKinnon; Gerard McKinnon; Hugh Michael McKinnon; Gerald McKinnon; Clarke McKinnon; Dustin McKinnon; Richard Bennett; Morrell Hancock Jr.; Joyce Hancock Jackson; Harold J. Hill; Weldon Hill; Arthur R. Braxton; Theresa D. Green; Roberta C. Braddock; Alyce B. Walker; Lori Guerriero; Audrey Bennett Pittman Thompson; Mary Ann Bennett Webb; Dinesa Johnson-Hansen; Gilda Johnson-Flowers; Alice Johnson; Dorothy Johnson; Gloria Jean Johnson; Robert Johnson Jr.; Roberta Johnson Grant; Andrew Johnson; Florence Ellen Johnson Green; Linda Turnquest; Cheryl Hill; Lois Hill; Carolyn Butler; Barbara Johnson; Karen Hill; Michele James; David Turnquest; Bruce Hill; Alexander Lewis Green; Virginia C. Carino; Lisa Hill; Bertha M. Hill Johnson; *The following Respondents are believed to be deceased, and their last known addresses:* Vince Hill a/k/a Vincent Hill, c/o Ellis Hill, 490 Blueberry Hill Drive, Scottsville, Virginia 24590; Lizzie Hill, c/o Ellis Hill, 490 Blueberry Hill Drive, Scottsville, Virginia 24590; Herbert Hill, 3860 Monacan Trail Road, North Garden, Virginia, 22959 *The following Respondents are believed to be deceased, and their last known addresses are unknown:* Sallie Hill; Lucy Hill Scott; Mattie Scott James; Fred D. James; Clara T. James; Marie Emma James Brown; William Charles Hill; Cornelia Hill Braddock; Benjamin Braddock Jr.; Herbert Lewis Braddock; Harry McKinley Braddock; Harry Vincent Braddock; Doris Elnora Braddock; Arthur Braddock; Bernice Braddock Braxton; Harold Braxton; Vincent Hill Jr.; Ernest Hill; Clara Hill Rogers; Betsy Hill; Clarence J. Hill; Richard Hill; Audrey Hill; Mabel H. Hill Jenkins; Robert Hill; Mary Hill; John Hill; Harold L. Hill Sr.; Mary Dallas Hill; William Floyd Hill; James McNoll Hill; David J. Hill; Nellie Hill Braddock; Grace Hill Hancock; Morrell Hancock; William Hill; Henry Hancock; Lucille Hill Bennett; Raymond Bennett; Constance Bennett McKinnon; Marilyn Bennett Higgs; Dustin Higgs; William Bennett; Mildred Bennett; Florence Hill Bennett; Albert Bennett; Samuel Hill; Ada May Hill Moore; Beatrice Moore Jackson; Teresa Moore Macneil; Mabel M. Moore Newkirk; Beverly V. Moore Johnson; Frank A. Moore Jr.; Joyce P. Moore McEachin; Donald E. Moore; Roland Ashby Hill; Theodore Steve Hill; George Samuel Hill; Holman Hill; Ellen Hill Johnson; Robert Johnson; Gladys Johnson; Frank Johnson; Barbara Ellen Wallace; Gene Elizabeth Falag; Andrew Lee Green; Henry Ludlow Green II; Eliza Johnson Bennett; Jacob Hill; Carl Edward Hill; Carl Edward Hill Jr.; Jacqueline Hill; William "Billy" Hill; Leona Hill; Robert B. Hill; Ronald L. Hill; Laura Hill Hackett; Elvira Hill; Junious Hill; Francis Hill; Shadrack Hill; James Russell Hill Sr.; James Russell Hill Jr.; Benjamin Franklin Hill; Frances Armstrong Hill; Raymond Armstrong; Shelby Hill; Marjorie Estelle Hill Cabbell; Cora Hill; Ellis Hill; Freda Ross; 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 April 10, 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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- Fluvanna Review Office
(inside & outside)
- Long & Foster Realtors
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- Fluvanna Ace Hardware
- BP Gas Station
- Beaverdam Market
- Detail Me Now
- Orme Fitness Center
- Meals On Wheels
- Shell Gas Station/Dunkin Donuts
- Tucker Griffin Barnes
- Mailbox Express
- Mailboxes/Jefferson Center
- Jefferson Pharmacy
- Salon DeShano & Spa
- Gia Italian Restaurant
- T-Mobile
- Food Lion
- Pleasant Grove House
- Fluvanna Sheriff's Office
- Fluvanna County Library
- E.W. Thomas Grocery
- El Vaquero West
- Cuppa Joe
- Lake Centre Mailboxes
- Hometown Grill
- Tractor Supply
- Beautiful Gate Church
- Broken Island Mailboxes

- Wahoo BBQ
- Kidd's Store & Deli
- Route 6 Market
- Family Dollar
- Raceway Gas
- Town & Country Comm. Market
- Sal's Italian Restaurant, Fork Union
- Fork Union Pharmacy
- Fork Union Village Shopping Center
- Fork Union Post Office
- Fluvanna Community Center
- Columbia Store
- Columbia Post Office
- Central Elementary School
- Fluvanna Middle School
- Fluvanna High School
- Carysbrook Elementary
- Fluvanna Courthouse
- Fluvanna Chamber of Commerce
- Fluvanna School Board Office
- Campbell Tire
- Troy Post Office
- Royals of Troy
- Green Dogs Unleashed
- REMAX
- Kents Store
- Kents Store Post Office

ALBEMARLE COUNTY

- Keswick Post Office
- Tip Top Restaurant, Pantops
- Rivanna Gear & Apparel
- Bodo's Bagels, Emmett St.
- Bus Station/Water St., C'ville
- Bus Station 3rd. St./Water St.
- Trailway Station
- UVA Hospital Bus Stop/JPJ

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19 Lafayette Dr.

- C'ville Water St. Parking Garage
- C'ville Downtown Mall
- Post Office
- Whiskey Jar
- Landmark Hotel
- Firefish Gallery
- Hamiltons
- Bus Station
- Timberlakes
- LaTaza Restaurant, Belmont
- Lee Park Market Street

LOUISA COUNTY

- Louisa Post Office
- Food Lion
- Dollar General
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- Spring Creek Dentistry
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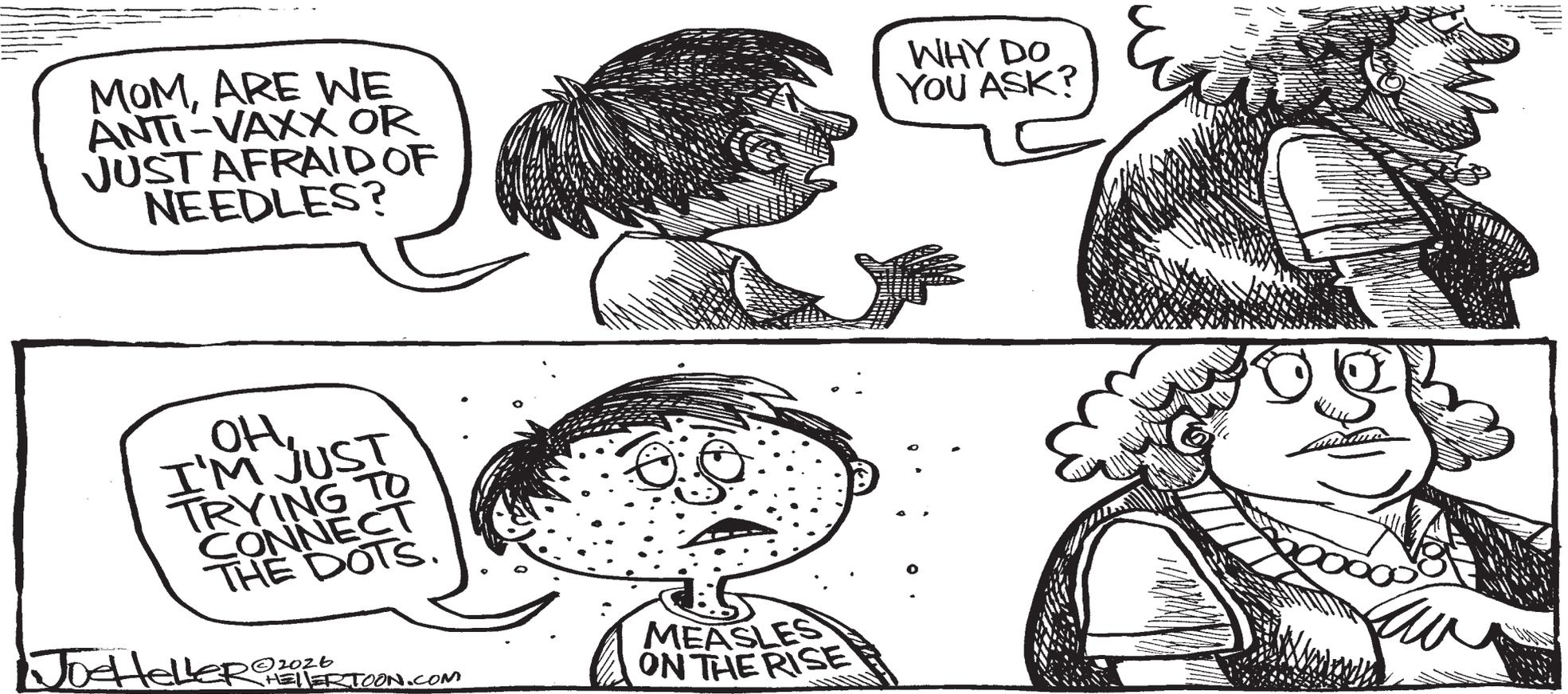
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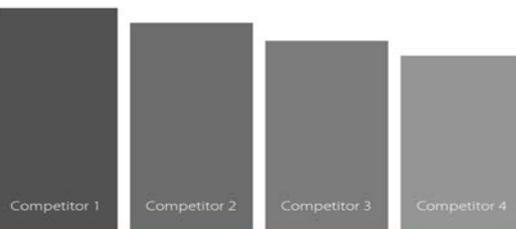
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