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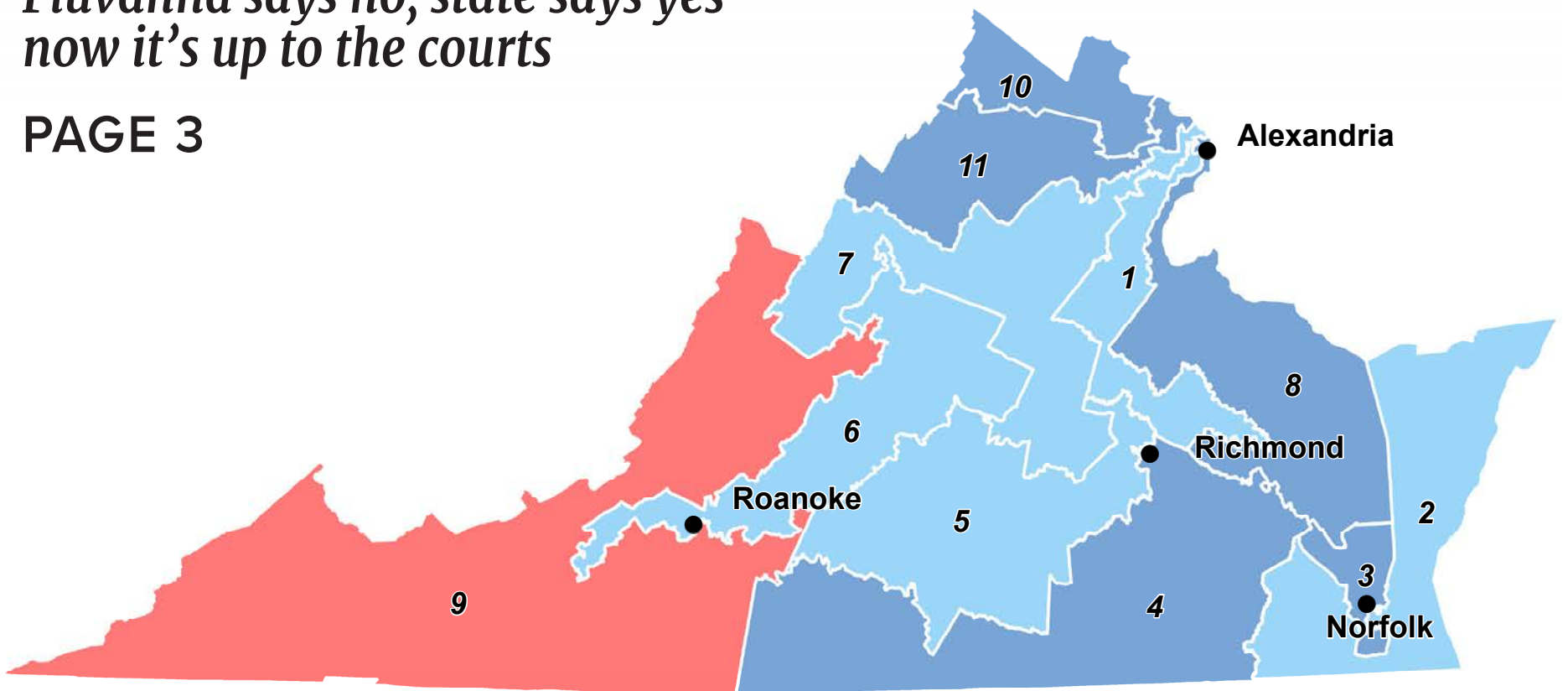
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## Fluvanna voters reject redistricting amendment as courts weigh next steps

BY HEATHER MICHON,  
EDITOR

A majority of Fluvanna County voters rejected a proposed constitutional amendment that could reshape Virginia's congressional map, even as the measure narrowly passed statewide.

The amendment, which would allow a mid-decade redraw of congressional districts, was approved by 51.66% of Virginia voters.

### The Local Vote

Locally, the outcome was more decisive.

With 12,550 ballots cast in the April 21 special election, 6,868 Fluvanna voters opposed the amendment, while 5,682 supported it.

Because the measure was decided by a statewide vote, local results do not affect the

outcome, but they do offer a snapshot of how voters in different regions responded to the proposal.

Fluvanna's vote reflects the county's current place in the 5th Congressional District, a traditionally rural and Republican-leaning district. Under the proposed changes, the county could be shifted into a redrawn 6th District expected to lean more Democratic.

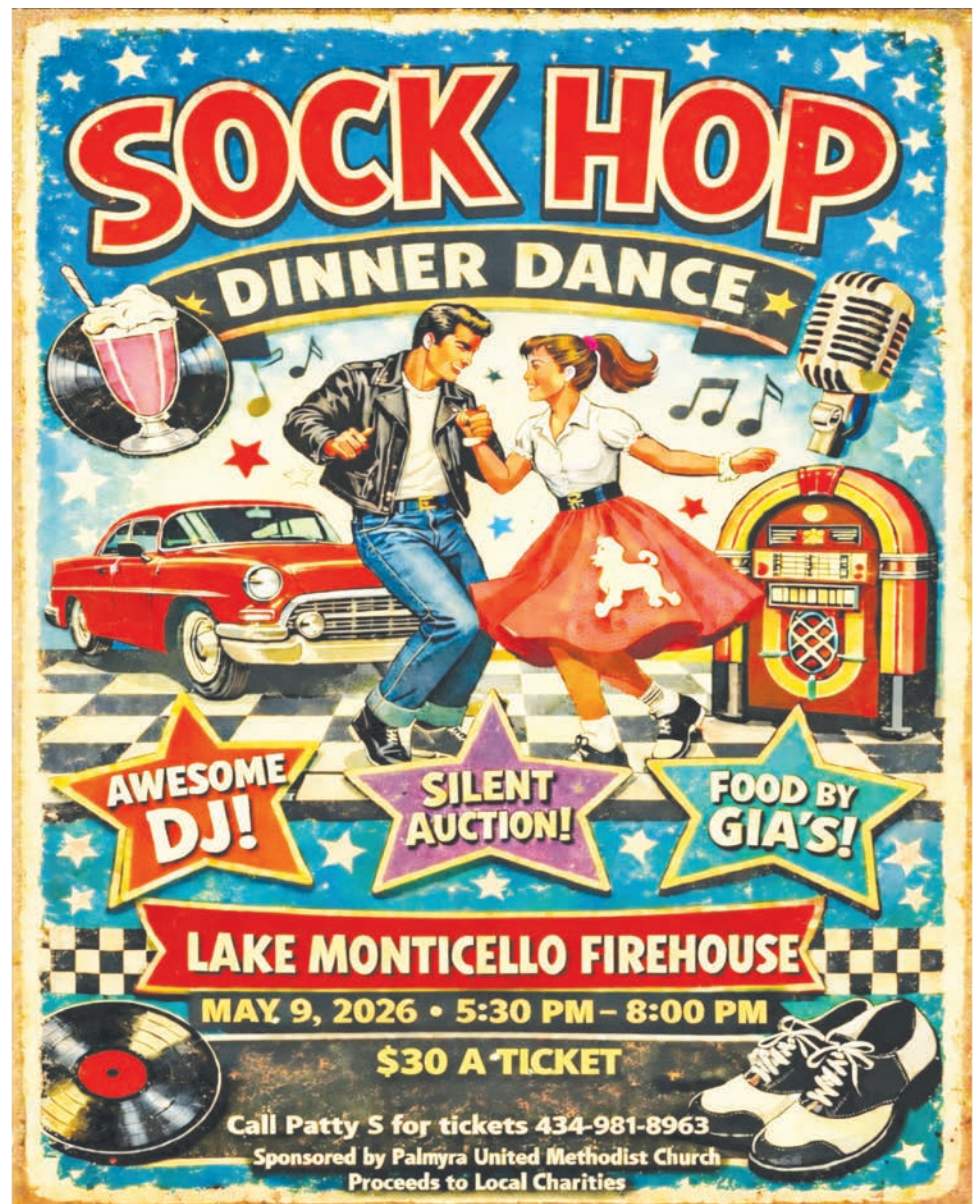
Turnout in Fluvanna reached 57% — unusually high for a special election — and outpaced much of the state during early voting.

By Election Day, the county recorded 353 ballots cast per 1,000 registered voters, according to the Virginia Public Access Project, compared to a statewide rate of 228 per 1,000.

### What Comes Next

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## Letters to the Editor

### Give (Geese) Peace a Chance?

To the Editor,

Today is April 22nd, and since 1970, we have seen fifty-five years of Earth Day events serving as inspiration for Americans to change their habits and consider the environment in terms of stewardship instead of a source of exploitable resources to be harvested, sold for profit and consumed. I remember attending an Earth Day celebration on the National Mall in Washington D.C. in 1990. Kevin Bacon spoke to the crowd about using reusable cloth diapers instead of disposable ones. I also remember some children at a Metro stop helping me fill in the letters on my sign that proclaimed, "STOP EATING ANIMALS."

Last month was the hottest March on record in U.S. history, according to data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The average temperature across continental America in March topped the 20th-century average by 9.4 degrees Fahrenheit. Parts of Arizona reached almost 110 degrees. The last time I checked, most of March was still considered the season of winter. Are we running out of time to clean up our act?

For Earth Day this year, Fluvanna County offered a free used tire drop-off event and Lake Monticello chose this week to schedule bulk trash pickup days. I'm sure we can do better than that with programs that educate and inform residents on topics from rooftop solar to preserving our natural habitats and wildlife. It takes leadership and foresight to establish the policies required to truly protect the only planet we've ever considered our home.

And speaking of wildlife, what's going on with the decision to round up the geese on the golf course fairways only to send them off to be killed?

It turns out that there is a more humane alternative. The Wildlife Committee has contacted an organization called GEESE PEACE, which will examine the problem in person and offer an appropriate solution at no charge.

Otherwise, the USDA will arrive in May as they have done before to recommend the removal and killing of the geese. They get paid for their service. Why not put a pause on this and give GEESE PEACE a chance?

- Julius Neeley, Palmyra

### A Helpful Hint

As I walk my dog, I often see dog poop left behind by others, and get so annoyed. But every once in a while, I have left the house, sure I have a bag in my pocket, and then am extremely chagrined to find out I don't. I do go back to pick it up later, or, since there is often trash along the roads, I have found a take-out bag or cup to use. Once, I used a somewhat rotten newspaper from a neighbor's mailbox cubby. So I thought it would be handy and helpful for all of us to make use of those cubbies- if we stash a few grocery bags in them, everyone would be able to find a bag when needed in case they forgot. Making trash bags handy in those unused cubbies seems like an easy way to help each other improve the neighborhood - and remove the excuses from those who don't clean up after their own dogs.

- Rebecca Smith, Palmyra

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the 2030 census, a move that could significantly alter the balance of Virginia's delegation in Washington. Under new maps, the current 6-5 split could shift to one heavily favoring Democrats, potentially as much as 10-1.

Analysts at the UVA Center for Politics described the statewide outcome as "a close, but clear, vote."

But the election results may not be the final word.

Multiple legal challenges are now working their way through the courts, many of which focus on how the amendment reached the ballot. Opponents argue the General Assembly violated the Virginia Constitution by approving the measure during a special session not called for that purpose and by failing to meet procedural requirements, including timing rules and public notice.

In January, Tazewell County Circuit Court Judge Jack C. Hurley ordered the referendum halted, finding the process unlawful. The Virginia Supreme Court later allowed the vote to proceed and heard arguments on the case this week.

A ruling could determine whether the amendment takes effect or whether the statewide vote is set aside. If upheld, lawmakers could move forward with redrawing congressional districts ahead of the next election cycle. If struck down, current district lines would remain in place until after the next census.

The court has not indicated when it will issue a decision.

For now, Virginia's voters have weighed in — but whether those votes will ultimately reshape the state's political map remains in the hands of the courts.

# PUBLIC NOTICES



## PUBLIC HEARING Fluvanna County Planning Commission Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2204, a Public Hearing will be held in the **Morris Room, of the Administration Building, 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 item:

**ZTA 26-11: ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF FLUVANNA, VIRGINIA BY AMENDING §§ 19-2-1, 19-3-2, 19-3-3, 19-3-6.2, 19-8-1, 22-22-1, AND 22-23-8 AND ENACTING § 19-3-1.1 TO CLARIFY AND IMPROVE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBDIVISIONS, PRIVATE ROADS, AND SITE DEVELOPMENT PLANS.**

A copy of the complete text of the above 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, May 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

The Virginia Department of Transportation and the Board of Supervisors of Fluvanna County, in accordance with Section 33.2-331 of the Code of Virginia, will conduct a joint Public Hearing at the Fluvanna County Circuit Court, 72 Main Street, Palmyra 22963, at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed Secondary Six-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2027 through 2032 in Fluvanna County, and on the Secondary System Construction Budget for Fiscal Year 2027. Copies of the proposed Plan and Budget may be reviewed at the Louisa Residency Office of the Virginia Department of Transportation, located at 3709 Davis Highway, Louisa, or at the Fluvanna County Administrator's Office located at 132 Main Street, Palmyra, Virginia.

All projects in the Secondary Six-Year Plan that are eligible for federal funds will be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which documents how Virginia will obligate federal transportation funds.

Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this hearing should contact the Virginia Department of Transportation at 829-7616. Persons wishing to speak at this public hearing should contact the Fluvanna County Administrator's Office at 434-591-1910.

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

### 7 Interesting Financial Facts



Money touches nearly every part of our lives, yet many people are surprised by how common certain financial behaviors actually are. Here are 7 interesting financial facts that highlight real trends in personal finance, along with practical tips to help you make smarter decisions.

**FACT #1: 46% of Americans with credit cards carry a balance from month-to-month.** Nearly half of credit card users revolve a balance at some point during the year. Carrying a balance means paying interest, which can often exceed 20% annually.

**Financial tip:** Use credit cards like a debit card. Only charge what you can pay off in full each month. If you already carry a balance, consider the avalanche method - pay extra toward the card with the highest interest rate while making minimum payments on the others.

**FACT #2: 73% of taxpayers receive a tax refund each year.** While a refund can feel like a financial windfall to some, it actually represents an interest-free loan to the government.

**Financial tip:** Consider adjusting your tax withholding if your refund is very large. Take the extra money in your paychecks and redirect it into savings or investments.

**FACT #3: Americans hold over \$1.67 trillion in auto loan debt.** With rising car prices, more buyers rely on financing, often stretching loan terms to keep monthly payments manageable.

**Financial tip:** When buying a car, focus on the total cost rather than just the monthly payment. Shorter loan terms and larger down payments can significantly reduce the interest you pay over time.

**FACT #4: 40% of U.S. homeowners own their homes without a mortgage.** A growing share of homeowners have fully paid off their homes.

**Financial tip:** Even if paying off your mortgage early is appealing, balance this goal with other priorities such as retirement savings and emergency funds.

**FACT #5: U.S. households owe about \$18.8 trillion in total debt.** Mortgage debt accounts for the majority of this amount, followed by auto loans, student loans, and credit cards. Debt can help people achieve major life goals like homeownership or education, but too much can limit financial flexibility.

**Financial tip:** Track your debt-to-income ratio. While having no debt is the ideal situation, keeping monthly debt payments below about one third of your income can help maintain some financial stability.

**FACT #6: 67% of Americans have little to no savings after each paycheck.** Rising housing costs, inflation, and everyday expenses have made it difficult for many households to build savings.

**Financial tip:** Start with small, automatic savings. Even setting aside a small amount from each paycheck can build meaningful financial security over time.

**FACT #7: 54% of working-age Americans have some form of post-secondary education.** More than half of U.S. adults have continued their education beyond high school through a variety of paths - including four-year colleges, community colleges, trade schools, technical programs, and professional certifications.

**Financial tip:** If you're considering additional education or training, evaluate the return on investment before committing. Sometimes shorter programs, certifications, or trade schools can provide strong earning potential with significantly lower costs than a traditional four-year degree.

Now that tax season is officially over (over but not yet completely done!) it is time to start planning for the rest of the year. We are ready to help with all your tax questions and concerns. Reach out to us at 434-442-4044 or email [info@rwftaxservices.com](mailto:info@rwftaxservices.com) for a consultation.

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## Fluvanna drivers may see lower tax bills under new system

HEATHER MICHON,  
EDITOR

Fluvanna County taxpayers will receive their first-half county tax bills in the coming weeks, and many residents may notice that their personal property taxes are slightly lower.

That's not because tax rates have changed—the rate for cars and other personal property remains \$4.10 per \$100 of assessed value—but because the county has changed how those values are calculated.

Commissioner of the Revenue Lauren R. Sheridan said the office has moved to using average trade-in values to assess personal vehicles, replacing a system that reflected higher-end valuations.

"When I looked at it, the majority of vehicles fell under average condition," Sheridan said.

Vehicle values in Fluvanna are based on data from J.D. Power,

which tracks car values both regionally and nationwide. Under the new approach, assessments are more closely aligned with what vehicles along the East Coast would realistically sell for, rather than what they might fetch in top condition.

The result is a modest decrease in assessed values for many vehicles. Because the personal property tax rate has not changed, lower assessments will translate into slightly lower tax bills for many residents.

Sheridan, who took office in early January, said the decision was not intended as a tax break, but as a matter of fairness and accuracy.

"My job is to make fair and equitable assessments," she said.

The office has also updated how it handles high-mileage vehicles.

Previously, cars received a flat reduction in value at 150,000 miles. Under the new system, mileage adjustments are more gradual and reflect actual wear and tear, allowing for more precise valuations.

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Changes apply to the current tax year, and the application deadline has been extended to Dec. 5, giving residents an additional six months beyond the previous June deadline.

Vehicles that are 20 years old or older do not need to apply, as they are already assessed at a base value. Likewise, vehicles with 250,000 miles or more no longer require annual applications, as they have already reached the maximum reduction.

Other categories of personal property, such as boats and trailers, are not affected by the changes.

While personal property taxes remain a frequent source of frustration for many residents, Sheridan said the revenue plays a key role in funding county services.

“It’s a local tax that goes direct-

ly back into the county—schools, infrastructure, things people rely on every day,” she said.

Detailed information on the new valuation methods and mileage adjustments will be printed on the back of tax bills and posted on the county website.

Residents with questions about personal property or real estate assessments, land use, or tax relief programs—including those for seniors, individuals with disabilities, and veterans—are encouraged to contact the Commissioner of the Revenue’s office.

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## Fluvanna artist's work to benefit Service Dogs of Virginia

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD  
ARTS & CULTURE CONTRIBUTOR

Combining her finesse as a painter with a deep-seated love for her four-legged subjects, Fluvanna Art Association member Susan Edginton creates striking, color-rich portraits of dogs that capture the eye and the heart.

Now, Edginton has used her artistic talent to design a fiberglass Labrador statue to benefit Service Dogs of Virginia's Art Unleashed fundraising project.

Dedicated to increasing independence for people with disabilities, Service Dogs of Virginia (SDV) is the only school in the state training medical alert dogs.

Accredited by Assistance Dogs International, SDV places assistance and facility dogs across five program areas—including Physical Assistance, Autism, and PTSD—matching approximately ten new clients annually with life-changing partners while mon-



Susan Edginton with her art work

itoring over 50 active teams.

To ensure accessibility for those in need, SDV never charges for its dogs, absorbing the \$40,000 in training and placement costs.

"We believe in the power of these dogs to change lives for the better. We are delighted to have artists partner with us for this public art event to help our fellow Virginians receive a highly trained dog who will improve their lives for years to come," said Executive Director and Founder Peggy Law, who started the program in 2000. "At present, we are working on building a new facility so that we can double the number of dogs we place annually from ten dogs to twenty or more."

"Art Unleashed is where creativity meets compassion to train more dogs more efficiently to help more people in need and ensure our ability to create life-changing partnerships for generations to come," added Law.

This public art display and auction is designed to bring together artists, dog lovers, philanthropists, and the community to help SDV build a permanent home.

Edginton and 19 other local artists were commissioned to transform life-sized fiberglass Labrador statues into unique, vibrant works of art.

These 20 statues each serve as a platform for storytelling and creative expression, while fostering a sense of community belonging.

Thrilled to contribute to such a worthy cause, Edginton designed her Labrador statue with vibrant 1960s icons, featuring "flower power" motifs and peace signs.

After securing sponsorships from individuals and businesses, the Labrador statues will be displayed throughout Charlottesville from July through October 2026, positioned outside sponsoring businesses and along sidewalks and street corners.

Each statue will feature a plaque with the artist's name and a QR code linking to their biography, and all works will be included on a public map highlighting their locations.

The project will culminate in an auction on October 24, 2026, where the statues will be sold to benefit Service Dogs of Virginia.

Proceeds will support the construction of a new facility, allowing SDV to double the number of service dogs it places each year.

For more information, visit [www.servicedogsva.org](http://www.servicedogsva.org).

## Long night for Fluvanna girls lacrosse in 18-6 loss

BY DUNCAN NIXON  
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

The Fluvanna girls lacrosse team hosted Western Albemarle on April 21. The Warriors entered with a 4-1 record, while the Flucos stood at 1-4.

Western Albemarle jumped out to a decisive early lead, scoring eight goals in the first quarter.

The Warriors struck first on the opening possession, winning the draw and scoring after two quick passes. After a minute and a half, the Flucos responded with a goal by freshman Izabella Campbell—the first of her three on the night.

Unfortunately for Fluvanna, Western Albemarle answered with seven straight goals to close the quarter with an 8-1 lead. The Warriors moved the ball well, with most of their goals coming from point-blank range.

The second quarter started more evenly, with the Flucos holding their own. With 8:06 left in the half, sophomore Zoe Jeffries scored her first of two goals. Fluvanna could not sustain the momentum, however, and Western Albemarle added four more goals before halftime to take a 12-2 lead.

The Warriors opened the third

quarter with three more goals, triggering a running clock for the remainder of the game. The Flucos scored with 5:16 left in the period, as Jeffries netted her second goal on an assist from Campbell. Western Albemarle led 16-3 at the end of the third.

In the fourth quarter, Fluvanna outscored Western Albemarle 3-2. Campbell added two more goals, and junior Riley Bishop also scored.

After the game, Coach Jennifer Payne cited senior Alexia Wood for her toughness on defense and senior goalkeeper Megan Drumheller for handling constant pressure. She also noted that standout senior attacker Savannah Peterson was out with an injury.

Fluvanna hosted Goochland on April 29 and will travel to Goochland on May 1. After that, the team has four games remaining in the regular season: home matchups on May 5 and May 6 against Monticello and Brentsville, followed by an away game at Orange County on May 8 and a final home game against Charlottesville on May 12.

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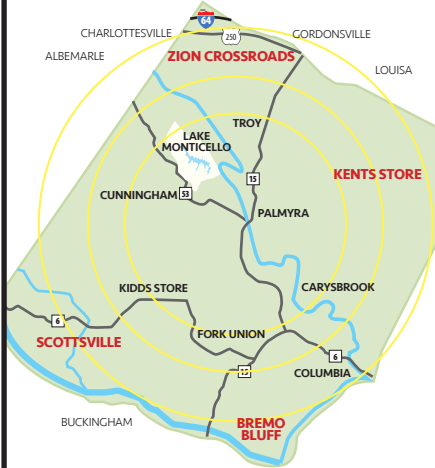
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## Fluvanna Master Gardeners Class of 2026 completes training

CONTRIBUTED BY E. DIANNE CAMPBELL

The Fluvanna Master Gardener Class of 2026 has graduated!

In a ceremony at Fluvanna Public Library on April 25, students received their handsome diplomas and were feted by accompanying family members and the new friends in the horticultural community.

Twelve students worked through 50 hours of training, plus homework. Thursday evening online classes were taught by university professors or noted experts in their subjects. Hands-on Saturday morning field experiences were guided by recognized professionals within this ecosystem.

In addition to the class and field trips, the students commit to 50 hours of volunteer work service with the many FMG projects scheduled before year-end.

The Master Gardener training is offered once a year, beginning in late January and continuing through to the end of April. Subjects cover the spectrum from basic plant pathology to turf, pruning, and fruits.

Registration for the 2027 class will begin in October. Those interested in the program can discuss it with the FMG Help Desk gardeners at Fluvanna Public Library on Tuesdays, from 2 to 5 p.m. Further information and class registration are available at the website. [www.fluvannamg.org](http://www.fluvannamg.org).

(Above) Fluvanna Master Gardener Class of 2026 graduation included, from left, Lori Bennett, Mike Stankevicz, Katherine Cook, Instructors Vicki Buffmire and Nancy Rosnagel, Leilani Hall, Cindy Bettinger, Mark Moritz, and Debbie Aduna. Not shown were Brenda Hartshorn, Mary Courts, Joe Mannix, Amy Rummel, and Cheryl Turpin.

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## Carysbrook Students Receive Grant to Visit Pamplin Historical Park

*Mrs. Shelly Farley received a competitive grant from American Battlefield Trust's History Field Trip Grant Program*

(Washington D.C.) - Carysbrook Elementary's Shelly Farley and the 4th-grade classes visited Pamplin Historical Park, thanks to a grant from the American Battlefield Trust's History Field Trip Grant Program. This trip provided students with an exceptional, hands-on history learning opportunity. Grants are rewarded based on a competitive national application process, demonstrating Mrs. Farley's commitment to excellence in the classroom.

"For the students, history is no longer a silent page in a textbook when you're walking the ground where it happened; at Pamplin Park, students traded their pencils for perspective, discovering that the most powerful way to understand the past is to feel it with their own two hands", said Mrs. Farley.

The American Battlefield Trust is

the largest battlefield land preservation organization in the country, having saved more than 58,000 acres of hallowed ground across 24 states. Through visiting preserved battlefields and walking in the footsteps of the citizen soldiers who fought there, the Trust aims to provide a foundation of good citizenship for the leaders of tomorrow. The Trust strives to produce excellent educational resources in a variety of formats for both educators and the public alike, ensuring that Americans never forget how their country was forged.

Every year, the Trust receives applications from classrooms across the country to participate in the History Field Trip Program, which offers funding and assistance to K-12 teachers planning field trips to Civil War, War of 1812, or Revolutionary War battlefields and related

historical sites. During the 2023-2024 school year, over 10,000 students from 33 states participated.

"These kids get a chance to go to where history was made, where our country was created and defined," said Trust President David Duncan of the History Field Trip Grant Program recipients, "Battlefields are outdoor classrooms that will teach future Americans about our democratic republic."

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## MEET THE LMOA BOD CANDIDATES! PART 2

The Lake Monticello Owners' Association (LMOA) is pleased to introduce three new certified Board of Directors (BOD) candidates whose names will appear on the 2026 Annual Meeting ballot during the week of Memorial Day. In Part 2, we get to know candidate Mary Jane Warner. Learn more about her through her biographical statement below, and look out for his Broadcast Group Interview on LMOA's YouTube channel. Next week, catch Part 3 with Reese Peck.

**" I AM COMMITTED TO MAINTAINING THE HIGH STANDARDS OF CARE THE COMMUNITY EXPECTS."**

"I hold a bachelor's degree in art from Athens State University. I have 30 years of experience in the banking industry, having served as a Branch Manager, Regional Manager, and Mortgage Lender. Additionally, I have volunteered as a Coordinator for Hospice of the Valley."

"I currently serve as a member of the Broadcasting Committee and have done so for more than nine years. I am also the Past President of Newcomers, a role I held for two years. During my time with Newcomers, I served as Chair of the History 13 Group for four years. Additionally, I am the creator and host of Cooking at the Lake, which I have led with great enthusiasm for the past eight years."

"For the past nine years, I have been actively involved with Lake Monticello through various

committees and groups. During this time, I have developed a deep appreciation for the Lake Monticello community and the quality of life it offers. I have served as the #2 camera operator for numerous Board meetings and have gained great respect for the dedication and service demonstrated by Board members. I am eager to contribute my experience and commitment to help ensure the community continues to grow and thrive."

"As a Board Member, my goal would be to manage spending responsibly while preserving the quality-of-life residents enjoy at Lake Monticello. I believe this can be achieved through thoughtful, cost-efficient decision-making. In recent years, there have been opportunities to replace necessary items while realizing significant savings, such as the purchase of police vehicles

from another department at reduced cost. I will actively seek similar opportunities to maximize value for the community."

"Preserving the quality-of-life Lake Monticello offers is a core responsibility of the Board. For many residents, their home is one of their most significant assets, and it is vital that its value is protected and allowed to grow. When members pay their annual dues, they rightly expect those funds to be managed wisely and used in ways that benefit the entire community. While I bring experience and perspective, I value learning from others and remaining open to new information. I am committed to listening, staying curious, and seeking the best possible solutions that serve the interests of the entire community."

"My objective for the coming year is to safeguard the funds entrusted to the Association by its members. While I do not have a single issue driving my candidacy, I am motivated by a strong desire to serve the community. With four Board positions on the ballot, we will be losing valuable experience, and it is important to ensure continuity in quality management and ongoing improvements as new Board members step into these roles."

"I am committed to maintaining the high standards of care the community expects. On a lighter note, I am also a strong supporter of enhancing our common areas, something as simple as adding benches can greatly improve shared spaces. I have been pleased to see new benches installed recently and would advocate for additional improvements, potentially with support from the Foundation."

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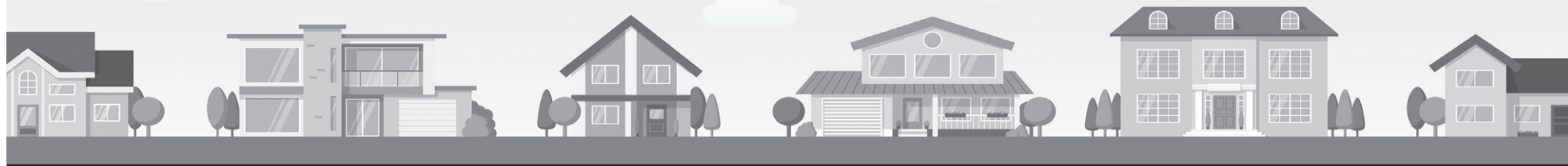
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- 1 Fill-in worker
- 5 Chooses
- 9 Mentally quick
- 14 Summon, as a cab
- 15 Sure anagram
- 16 Comaneci of the balance beam
- 17 Links org.
- 18 Become frayed
- 19 Secluded valleys
- 20 Robust walker
- 22 Lift up
- 24 Ticket category
- 25 Cairo's river
- 26 Posed for a portrait
- 28 Stingy
- 33 Mr. Eastwood
- 35 Optional course
- 36 Therapeutic plant
- 37 Man-goat of myth
- 39 Nostril wrinkler
- 40 Pasta favorite
- 42 Sidewinder, e.g.
- 43 Do in, as a politician
- 46 Albanian money
- 47 Santa's reindeer, e.g.
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- 50 Queen consort since 2022
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- 59 Sheep's genus
- 60 Toms and bucks
- 61 Translucent gem
- 62 Mild expletive
- 63 Lift in a gym
- 64 Be dependent
- 65 Sets as a price

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- 2 NYC "river"
- 3 Seasonal movements
- 4 Tartan cloth
- 5 "Animal Farm" author
- 6 \_\_\_ Vallarta
- 7 Airport screening org.
- 8 In a calm way
- 9 Like a sleeping baby
- 10 Texas island city
- 11 "The very \_\_\_!"
- 12 Pocket particles
- 13 Soldier's stance, with "at"
- 21 Heating conduit
- 23 Long-term prisoner
- 26 La \_\_\_ opera house
- 27 Words before well or forgiven
- 29 Take hold
- 30 Powerful ocean surges
- 31 Conjure up
- 32 Former Yankee Jeter
- 34 Strips in a darkroom
- 37 Rope fiber
- 38 Cartoon artist
- 41 Futile
- 42 Splinter group
- 44 Ethically indifferent
- 45 How bowstrings are strung
- 49 Kapolei greeting
- 50 Casino freebie
- 51 Winglike
- 52 Runner's distance
- 54 Like some jokes
- 55 Head-shaker's sounds
- 58 "Tarzan" extra

### Answers to Previous Crossword:

S	K	I	T		O	S	C	A	R		T	E	A	L
C	O	C	A		P	L	A	N	E		O	G	L	E
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## DOWN

- 1 Conclusion starter

# SUDOKU

Edited by Margie E. Burke

Difficulty: Easy

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		1	8					
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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:

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6	4	7	9	2	5	3	8	1
1	9	2	3	7	8	6	5	4
8	6	3	2	5	7	1	4	9
9	7	5	4	3	1	8	2	6
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## Star gazing in Fluvanna



### Fun events to view in May

May seems to be all about the moon and its interactions with the various celestial bodies in our universe. The month begins with a beautiful full moon, the first of two this month, followed by lots of lunar and planetary conjunctions (remote objects visually appear close to one another), and occultations (one body appears to cover another) that occur throughout the month; and the annual ETA Aquariids meteor shower that will light up the midnight sky this month. Hopefully, some of these events capture your interest and motivate you to spend time observing the night and early morning dark sky this month.

Let's get ready to engage in observing these events by setting up your star gazing equipment, charging your cell phones, linking to *Sky Guide*, *Sky View Lite*, or any other star gazing applications that you find useful, and settling into your favorite viewing spot to witness the magic of the night and early morning skies!

### Weeks 1 and 2 (May 1-9)

Like April, this month starts with the full moon shining on Earth on May 1. The full moon, colloquially known as the "Flower Moon", is so named due to the emergence of a multitude of flowers in the Northern Hemisphere. This full moon has also been called the "Planting Moon" (Dakota, Lakota people); the "Moon of Shedding Ponies" (Oglala people); and the "Budding Moon", the "Leaf Budding Moon", and the "Egg Laying Moon" (Cree people).

On May 3, the moon is in conjunction with the bright red star Antares in the constellation Scorpius.

On May 4, the moon will be in apogee in its orbit around Earth. At this time, the moon will be farthest from Earth. One of the most noticeable impacts is lower high tides and higher low tides; in other words, the moon has less pull on the Earth than at other times during its orbit around Earth.

The Eta Aquariid meteor shower (Major, Class I) will be visible from April 15 to May 27, with the best visibility and most activity occurring on May 5. In the Northern hemisphere, the zenith hourly rate (ZHR) can be as high as 30 meteors each hour. Aquariid meteors may be challenging to see, however, due to the presence of the full moon. It is best to look for meteors in the radiant (the area in the sky from where meteors seem to start) near the star Eta Aquarii within the constellation Aquarius. These meteors might be visible between midnight and dawn, provided you try to block the shine of the full moon with some physical barrier (e.g., buildings, trees).

On May 9, the moon moves into its last quarter, when the left side facing Earth is illuminated. The moon can be viewed in the constellation Sagittarius.

### Week 3 (May 10-16)

On May 13, the moon will be in conjunction with the planet Neptune. The use of binoculars or a telescope is highly recommended to view this event.

On May 14, the planet Mercury will be in conjunction with the planet Saturn in the constellation Pisces in the early morning hours.

On May 15, the moon will be in conjunction with the planets Mars and Saturn in the constellation Pisces in the early morning hours.

On May 16, the moon will move into its new moon phase and can be found near the constellation Aries. The new moon phase, a time when the moon will no longer be visible except as a ghostly sphere in the sky, will find the moon within the constellation Aquarius. This moon phase gives us the opportunity to better view the night sky since there will be no moonlight to obstruct views of stars and planets.

### Week 4 (May 17-23)

On May 17, the moon will be in perigee, a position in its orbit when it is closest to the Earth. The impacts of this are higher high tides and lower low tides. This orbital position is the opposite of the moon being in apogee, which occurred earlier this month, then the moon was farthest from the Earth.

On May 18, the moon will be in conjunction with the planet Venus in the constellation Taurus. Using binoculars or viewing unaided is possible this month when viewing them.

On May 19, the moon will be in conjunction with the planets Venus and Jupiter in the constellation Gemini in the evening hours.

On May 19 (through June 7) the planet Jupiter is in conjunction with the bright star Pollux (aka the North Star) in the constellation Gemini.

On May 20, the moon is in conjunction with the planets Jupiter, and the bright stars Castor and Pollux in the constellation Gemini. Jupiter should be easy to see since it will appear as a golden bright object in the sky.

On May 21, the moon is in conjunction with the Beehive star cluster (aka Messier 44) in the constellation Cancer.

On May 23, the moon enters the first quarter moon phase and will be found in the constellation Leo. This phase is marked by the right half of the moon being illuminated. Also, the moon will be in occultation with the star Regulus in the constellation Leo on this date.

### Weeks 5 and 6 (May 24-31)

On May 27, the moon is in conjunction with the bright star Spica in the constellation Virgo.

On May 31, the full moon is in conjunction with the bright red star Antares in the constellation Scorpius.

Also on this last day of May, the moon will move to another full moon phase. When two full moons appear in one month, the second moon is known as the Blue Moon. This month, the moon will be at its apogee (farthest away from Earth), is not

only a Blue Moon but also a Micromoon due to its smallness.

### In Summary...

So ends the highlights of this month. Enjoy the treat of observing two full moons this month! For additional sky events and news about new celestial sightings, visit NASA's website for updates. And remember to keep track of the International Space Station (ISS) movements through the downloadable ISS phone app; look for the aurora borealis flare-ups, which are noted on the website with the same name; and track other space-related websites noted below that provide information about rocket and satellite launches.

With the perpetual motion of planets and stars, the daily changing sky promises to entertain you for a lifetime! Until next month, keep your eyes facing the morning and evening sky to see the wonders of our universe as we Earthlings travel through it!

[Information has been extracted from *Astronomy Calendar of Celestial Events 2026 - Sea and Sky* (seasky.org); <https://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov>; <https://highpointscientific.com/astronomy-hub>; <https://amsmeteors.org/meteor-showers>; <https://starwalk.space>; <https://spacetourismguide.com>; Wikipedia; <https://SkyatNight-Magazine.com>; [theskylive.com](https://theskylive.com); the Farmers' Almanac; <https://www.timeanddate.com>; <https://www.aianta.org/native-american-moon-names/>]

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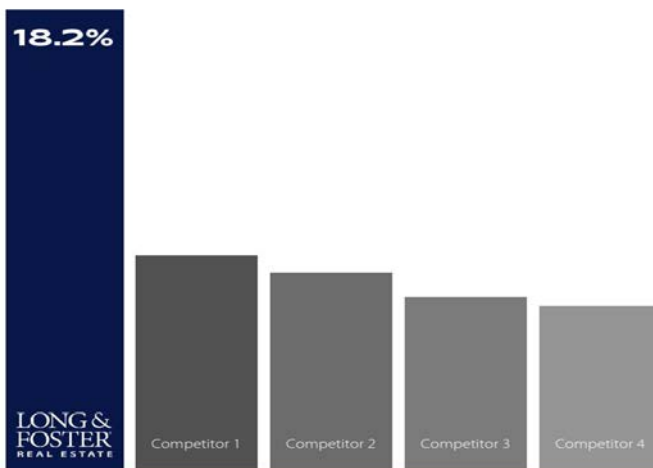
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