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## Local mom invents device to take guesswork out of breastfeeding

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD  
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Jenny Lynde Walding understands the bond that can form between a mother and baby through breastfeeding.

She also knows it is not only about bonding; it is about helping a baby receive the nutrients and antibodies needed for a healthy start in life.

Originally from Texas, Walding holds a bachelor's degree in communications and graphic design, as well as a master's degree in design. She and her husband spent five years in Australia, where her first child was born.

"I breastfed, but my baby was failing to thrive," she said.

It was not until her daughter was diagnosed with a tongue-tie — a condition in which tissue under the tongue restricts movement and can make it difficult for a baby to latch — that Walding understood why her baby was not getting enough milk.

"For the longest time, I believed it was my problem and not my baby's inability to latch on properly during breastfeeding," she said.

Today, both of Walding's daughters are happy and healthy. But the experience stayed with her and eventually led her to invent a product designed to help lactating women better understand how well their babies are feeding.

The result was Milkmade, a company focused on modernizing breastfeeding support.

The core product is a sensor-enabled feeding device that

provides real-time feeding data during the early postpartum period. A companion mobile app translates that data into practical information, tracks patterns over time, and helps parents know when they may need professional support.

According to the CDC, about 86 percent of U.S. babies start out breastfeeding, but only about one in four are exclusively breastfed through six months. Walding said those numbers point to a need for better support for families who want to continue breastfeeding.

"My goal is to have Milkmade be equitable and accessible to women who want to breastfeed," Walding said. "We're mission-focused: breastfeeding should be accessible and equitable for all, which is why we were selected for the Charles R. Drew University BIP Accelerator out of Los Angeles."

Walding, a Certified Lactation Counselor, is also a graduate of RAMP in Roanoke and works with Activation Capital in Richmond, a Virginia state authority and non-profit organization focused on accelerating innovation and economic development in the life sciences and advanced technology sectors.

She said mothers have long had to rely on complicated and sometimes unreliable ways to determine how much milk their babies are receiving.

"The old way was using a breastfeeding management guide, monitoring a baby's urine and feces, and scales, and all this was time-consuming and unreliable," she said. "Milkmade has a lactation flow meter with direct volume output."

One of the most common reasons mothers stop breastfeeding, Walding said, is concern that they are not producing enough milk.

That uncertainty can be especially difficult for mothers who do not have easy access to lactation support. Walding said Milkmade is meant to give parents clearer information during those early days, when worry can quickly turn into doubt.

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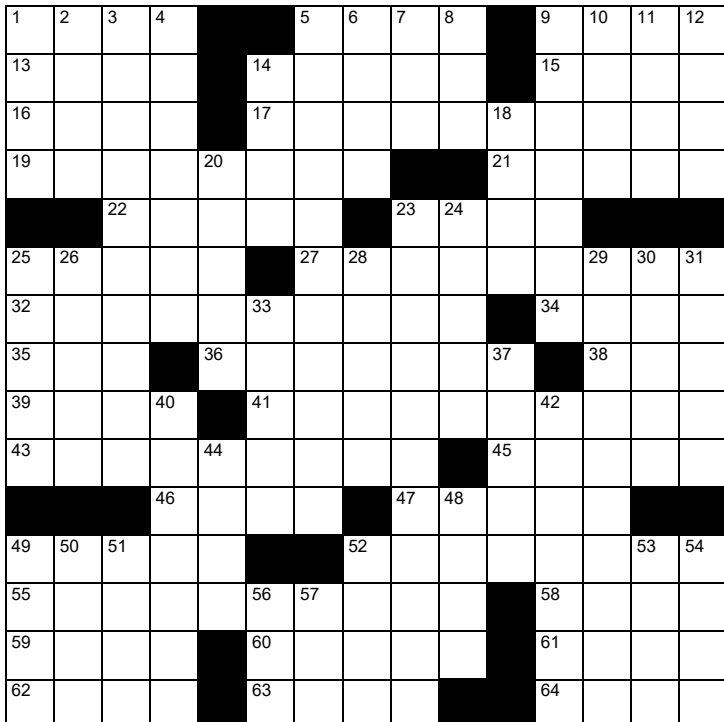
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# The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

## ACROSS

- 1 Pendulum paths
- 5 Gulf War missile
- 9 Chipping choice
- 13 European auto
- 14 Scorn, with "at"
- 15 Junction point
- 16 Top spot
- 17 Projectile points of old
- 19 Stepped in for
- 21 German surrealist Max
- 22 How great minds think?
- 23 Bull's-eye hitter
- 25 Aquatic nymph
- 27 Really close game, say
- 32 Combative
- 34 Mythical ship
- 35 Word on a door
- 36 Generous ones
- 38 Altar constellation
- 39 Chemical endings
- 41 Reversed on appeal
- 43 Colander cousins
- 45 Takes a breather
- 46 Salacious look
- 47 "Love \_\_\_ you need" (Beatles lyric)
- 49 Love, in Lyon
- 52 Colts and Cowboys
- 55 Revels in the moment
- 58 Resting on
- 59 Actor Morales
- 60 This puzzle has 72
- 61 Fountain fare
- 62 Tax form IDs
- 63 Sent back: Abbr.
- 64 Prefix with "while"



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- 2 Chinese food staple
- 3 Office seeker
- 4 Out of this world
- 5 Flying Toasters, e.g.
- 6 Firewood quantity
- 7 Area 51 craft
- 8 Airport in TX
- 9 Lack of activity
- 10 Speckled steed
- 11 Racetrack ratio
- 12 Place to brood
- 14 Quarterback's woe
- 18 Rosemary, e.g.
- 20 Staffers
- 23 Like some portfolios
- 24 Red flag
- 25 April, May and June, e.g.
- 26 Insurance broker
- 28 ABC or NBC, e.g.
- 29 Certain worker at the UN
- 30 Everglades wader
- 31 Map lines
- 33 Excelled
- 37 Port city of India
- 40 Greyhound lookalikes
- 42 Press statement
- 44 Cloth and cash endings
- 48 Some cameras, for short
- 49 Amazes
- 50 Sunday service
- 51 "The Good Earth" wife
- 52 Marine: Abbr.
- 53 Online admins
- 54 Petty quarrel
- 56 Text-scanning tech
- 57 Phillies' div.

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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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## Local mom

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"What Milkmade is addressing is that the number one reason for breastfeeding cessation is perceived insufficient milk supply and low supply," she said. "Currently, there is no way to tell the difference."

Her device is designed to measure intake and output, helping mothers better understand whether their babies are getting enough milk. Walding said reducing the guesswork can make breastfeeding a better, less stressful experience and help parents know when they may need additional support.

With two patents pending, she is now working to bring the device to market. She is seeking grants, donations, investments and partnerships to help get Milkmade into the hands of families who could benefit from it.

To learn more about Jenny Lynde Walding's work, visit <https://milkmade.me/>

follows another with amazing rapidity.

The competition was not as close as some meets, as FAST relied on its depth to win 470-400.

The meet began with the medley relays.

In a medley relay, four swimmers compete as a team, with each swimming a different stroke: backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, or freestyle. The boys and girls in the 8-and-under age group swim 100 meters. In the older age groups, the boys and girls swim 200 meters. There are five age groups, so there are 10 medley relay races. FAST won seven of the 10.

The medley relays were followed by the individual events. The first individual winner for FAST was Annabeth Thurston-Wells in the girls' 9-10 50-meter freestyle, followed by Levi Rensch in the boys' 15-18 freestyle. In the last individual freestyle event of the night, FAST's Madison Clark won the girls' 15-18 50-meter freestyle.

The meet next turned to breaststroke. An early winner for FAST was Hazel Adams in the girls' 8-and-under 25-meter race. FAST then won both 9-10 events, with Grady McCoy winning for the boys and Harper-Page Amatt winning for the girls. Eleanor Grubb was first for FAST in the girls' 11-12 breaststroke, and Abby Caruso won the girls' 15-18 race.

The backstroke events came next. Thurston-Wells won again for FAST in the girls' 9-10 age group. Rensch was also a second-time winner, easily topping teammate Riley Covert as FAST took first and second in the boys' 15-18 race. In the girls' 15-18 backstroke, FAST again finished first and second, with Abby Caruso first and Josie Caruso second.

In the butterfly, FAST won both 8-and-under races, with Jason Bradley winning for the boys and Adams winning again for the girls. In the girls' 9-10 butterfly, Amatt scored her second win. In the 15-18 age group, FAST won both races, with Rensch and Clark scoring easy victories.

The final events of the meet were the longer-distance freestyle swims. In the boys' 9-10 100-meter freestyle, FAST took first with a close win by McCoy. In the

## FAST swims past Louisa, 470-400

BY DUNCAN NIXON  
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR



Photo by Duncan Nixon

The Fluvanna Aquatic Sports Team (FAST) hosted the Gators from Louisa County on June 24 at the Fork Union Military Academy pool.

The FUMA pool is a high-quality indoor facility, and FAST Coach Mike DiFazio said the team has 67 swimmers this season, ranging in age from 6 to 18.

Pre-meet warm-ups are a kind of organized chaos, but once the meet gets underway, one event

girls' race, Amatt won again, this time by an impressive 27 seconds. Maddy Ford won for FAST in the girls' 13-14 age group.

In the final event, the girls' 15-18 100-meter freestyle, the Carusos finished first and second again, with Abby first and Josie second. FAST had the first five finishers in the event.

## Grace & Glory welcomes new pastor

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Grace & Glory Pastor Lou Florio

Grace & Glory Lutheran Church has welcomed the Rev. Louis "Lou" Florio as its fourth pastor.

The congregation, located at 683 Thomas Jefferson Parkway in Palmyra, called Florio during a congregational meeting on Palm Sunday, March 29. He began his ministry at Grace & Glory on May 1 and was officially installed as pastor on Sunday, June 28.

Florio's installation service filled the sanctuary and included music, food and guests from across the region. The Rev. Paul Toelke, Dean of the Germanna Conference, presided, and the Rev. James Knisely of Hebron Lutheran Church in Madison, the oldest Lutheran church continuously operated by Lutherans in the United States, served as guest preacher.

The offering collected during the service was donated to the Fluvanna Christian Service Society, and attendees also contributed nonperishable food for MACAA's Fluvanna Food Pantry.

The church is celebrating 25 years of serving Palmyra and the surrounding region.

Florio is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, and Virginia Commonwealth University. He holds a Bachelor of Arts, a Master of Di-

vinity and a Master of Science.

A pastor, speaker, former missionary, blogger, and regional podcaster, Florio is known for blending theological depth with humor, warmth, and a conversational style that connects with people inside and outside the church.

His ministry has included work with children, youth, and young adults, focusing on helping them build healthy resilience. He has also served adults through spiritual care work as a hospital and hospice chaplain with Mary Washington Healthcare in Fredericksburg.

Florio is a second-career pastor and a decorated six-year veteran of the City of Alexandria Police Department. His ministry also extends to law enforcement chaplaincy. He serves as vice chair of the Chaplain's Board with the Hanover County Sheriff's Office and as a chaplain with the City of Fredericksburg Police Department.

He is credentialed through the International Conference of Police Chaplains as a Master Chaplain. In 2018, Florio received the National Sheriffs' Association Medal of Merit for his contributions to the community and to the field of law enforcement and criminal justice.

Florio most recently served as associate pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg and previously served at Messiah Lutheran Church in Mechanicsville.

His wife, Kristine, recently retired from the federal government, and Florio said they are looking forward to making Fluvanna home. "We are very excited to become part of the Fluvanna community," Florio said.

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## Valley Link project draws residents to second Fluvanna meeting

HEATHER MICHON, EDITOR

Valley Link representatives returned to Fluvanna County on June 22 to answer community concerns about the latest set of maps for the proposed Joshua Falls-to-Yeat transmission line, saying public comments and conversations with landowners have helped shape revisions to the controversial project.

The open house at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Palmyra was the project team's second in-person meeting in Fluvanna this year.

Representatives said they had received and reviewed thousands of comments since the first round of open houses in March and had spoken with many affected property owners.

The updated maps, they said, reflect an effort to reduce impacts on homes, farms, historic sites and environmentally sensitive areas while still meeting the project's engineering requirements.

Company representatives stressed that the new routes use timber tracts whenever possible to reduce impacts on homeowners and historically or environmentally sensitive sites.

### The Project

The proposed Joshua Falls-to-Yeat line is a 115-mile, 765-kilovolt transmission project that would run from Campbell County to a proposed new substation in Culpeper County, crossing parts of Central Virginia, including Fluvanna. Valley Link is a joint venture involving Dominion Energy, FirstEnergy Transmission, and Transource.

The company says the line is needed to strengthen the regional electric grid and meet rapidly rising power demand across Virginia and the broader Mid-Atlantic region.

For many Fluvanna residents, however, the central question remains less about regional grid planning and more about local cost.

As at earlier meetings, residents raised concerns about property values, noise, viewsheds, farms, forests, wildlife, electromagnetic fields, and the use of private land for a project many see as primar-

ily serving demand elsewhere, especially Northern Virginia data centers.

### Local Opposition

Groups that have formed to oppose the project were outside the meeting space, distributing petitions and flyers.

"I don't want to see it turned into an industrial corridor," said a representative of Preserve Rural Virginia. "People have worked so hard all their lives – there are large parcels of land that have been in the same ownership for generations. And now you have Dominion Energy that just wants to grab it and do whatever it wants with it, and it's morally wrong to me."

The project has also drawn increasing attention from historic preservation groups. Preservation Virginia named the nine-county Valley Link corridor to its 2026 list of Virginia's Most Endangered Historic Places, citing potential effects on rural landscapes, battlefields, historic districts, scenic rivers and other cultural resources.

In Fluvanna, local preservationists have raised concerns about possible impacts to the Bremo Historic District, the Fluvanna County Courthouse Historic District, historic properties along Bremo Bluff Road, and other locally significant sites.

### Next steps

If the project moves forward, the final decision on whether to approve the line and where it may be built will rest with the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

Valley Link's current project schedule calls for an SCC filing in the final quarter of 2026, with SCC approval projected in 2027, permitting and easement acquisition running into 2028, and construction beginning in late 2028.

Once the SCC application is filed, the public will have another chance to comment through the formal state review process. The SCC will evaluate the project's necessity, proposed routes, costs, and potential impacts, including effects on scenic assets, historic districts, and the environment.

For now, Valley Link is continuing to accept comments through its website, interactive GeoVoice map, dedicated email address, and project hotline. Visit <https://vltransmission.com/joshua-falls-to-yeat/> for details.

# Star gazing in Fluvanna



## Fun events to view in July

July brings the long summer days, when vacations and leisure time enable us to think not only about our planned events but also about celestial events in our universe. This month begins with the moon in its last quarter, followed by lots of lunar and planetary conjunctions (when remote objects visually appear close to one another) for us to view. Hopefully, some of these events capture your interest and motivate you to spend time observing the dark night and early-morning sky this month.

Let's get ready to engage in observing these events by setting up your stargazing equipment, charging your cell phones, linking to Sky Guide, Sky View Lite, or any other stargazing 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 & 2 (July 1-11)

On July 6, the moon will be in conjunction with the planet Neptune in the constellation Pisces. It is best to view this event using binoculars or a telescope.

On July 7, the moon reaches its last quarter phase, when the left side facing Earth is illuminated. The moon can be viewed within the constellation Aquarius. Also on this date, the moon will be in conjunction with Saturn in the constellation Pisces.

On July 9, the planet Venus will be in conjunction with the star Regulus in the constellation Leo. This event should be visible with the naked eye.

On July 10, the moon will be in conjunction with the Pleiades (aka the Seven Sisters) star cluster, while on July 11, the moon will be in conjunction with the planet Uranus within the constellation Taurus. The Pleiades conjunction can be seen with the naked eye; the conjunction with the planet Uranus will require a telescope

or binoculars. Also, in the early morning of July 11, the moon, Mars, and the Pleiades star cluster will be visible in the constellation Taurus. These objects can all be viewed with the naked eye.

### Week 3 (July 12-18)

On July 13, the moon will be at perigee, the point in its orbit closest to 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, when the moon was farthest from the Earth.

On July 14, the moon will enter its new moon phase and will be 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 Gemini. This moon phase gives us a better view of the night sky, since there will be no moonlight to obscure the view of stars and planets.

On July 16, the moon will be in conjunction with the star Regulus in the constellation Leo.

On July 17, the moon will be in conjunction with the planet Venus in the constellation Leo.

### Weeks 4 & 5 (July 19-31)

On July 20, the moon will be in conjunction with the bright star Spica within the constellation Virgo. The best time to view this event is around 10 pm; they can be seen with the naked eye.

On July 21, the moon enters the first quarter moon phase and will be found in the constellation Virgo. This phase is marked by the right half of the moon being illuminated. This date also marks the transition from winter/spring to summer when the maximum tilt of Earth's North Pole towards the Sun allows the Sun to shine for the longest time of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.

On July 24, the moon will be in conjunction with the bright coppery red star Antares in the constellation Scorpius.

On July 25, 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.

On July 29, a full moon appears and can be viewed in the constellation Capricornus. With the moon at its apogee (farthest away from Earth) at this time, the full moon will appear a bit smaller than normal. This full moon is commonly known as the Full Buck moon because the buck (male) deer has fully grown antlers at this time. Other names for this moon include the Berry Moon (Anishinaabe people), Half Way Summer Moon (Anishinaabe people), Salmon Moon (Tlingit people), Raspberry Moon (Algonquin and Ojibwe people), Month of the Ripe Corn Moon (Cherokee people), and Feather Moulting Moon (Cree people). The moon can be found in the constellation Capricornus.

### In Summary...

So ends the highlights of 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

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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://SkyatNightMagazine.com>; [theskylive.com](https://theskylive.com); the Farmers' Almanac; <https://www.timeanddate.com>; <https://www.aianta.org/native-american-moon-names/>]

- From your Fluvanna County Stargazer, Pat Beers Block



## South Boston Road closure expected to last nine months

HEATHER MICHON, EDITOR

A major traffic project on South Boston Road in Palmyra is expected to close part of the road for about nine months, creating a long-term headache for residents, commuters and businesses along one of the busiest corridors near Lake Monticello.

The Virginia Department of Transportation and its contractor, Caton Construction Group Inc., announced last week that crews

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will begin mobilizing Monday, July 6, for safety improvements at the intersection of South Boston Road (Route 600) and Lake Monticello Road (Route 618).

The road closure is expected to begin in late July and remain in place through approximately April 2027, said VDOT spokesperson Alexis Breeden. Work on the overall project is expected to continue until September 2027.

### Traffic Impacts

The closure will affect a half-mile segment of South Boston Road between Lake Monticello Road and River Ridge Drive. According to VDOT's project page, a 2020 traffic study found that Route 600 carries an average of 6,600 vehicles per day.

For residents along the South Boston Road corridor, including the Riverside section of Lake Monticello, Island Hill, Broken Island, Sycamore Square and nearby neighborhoods, the closure is likely to change daily travel patterns for months. It will also affect travel near businesses in the area, including Tractor Supply, CVS, Dollar General, and others along or near the corridor.

A traffic alert with more specific information on the detour schedule is expected in early July.

### Safety Improvements

The project will add a left-turn lane on South Boston Road at Lake Monticello Road and include sight-distance improvements along the Lake Monticello Road approach to the intersection. VDOT said the goal is to improve safety by adding a queue lane for vehicles turning left from South Boston Road and improving overall visibility at the intersection.

Residents south of the closure, including those near River Ridge Drive and Broken Island Road, will still be able to travel southwest on South Boston Road toward Route 53. Lake Monticello residents with gate passes can use Jefferson Drive to reach Lake Monticello Road at the Main Gate.

The closure will be in place 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Emergency vehicle access will be maintained throughout the

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**Photo, from left to right:** LMOA GM Tom Schauder and LMOA Board Directors Nick Canada, Jennifer Richardson, Dean Tistadt, Scott Murdoch, Mary Jane Warner, Rich Russell, and Reese Peck at the organizational meeting that followed the 54th Annual Meeting of LMOA Members.

## LMOA Welcomes New Board

At the Lake Monticello Owners' Association's (LMOA) 54th Annual Meeting of Members, held on June 27, 2026, at 10 AM in the Fairway Clubhouse, the voting results were announced by Election Committee Chair Barb Rohr. The results were as follows:

- Quorum was met.
- Mary Jane Warner (831 votes), Reese Peck (673 votes), and Rich Russell (766 votes) were elected to the LMOA Board of Directors.
- No other proposals were presented for a vote this year.

In a special open session immediately following the annual meeting, Dean Tistadt was appointed to fill the vacancy created last year due to an insufficient number of candidates. He may serve as an appointed Board Director until the next Annual Meeting for a maximum of one year. Nominations and votes determined that Scott Murdoch will act as President, Jennifer Richardson will be Vice President, Mary Jane Warner will be Treasurer, and Nicolas Canada will act as Secretary. Please welcome the new LMOA Board of Directors!

## LMOA Reminds Residents That They Are Responsible for Their Guests

Wednesday, July 1, 2026, was the preferred date for registering guests at the Main Gate to ensure no delays at the gates. The festivities on July 3rd and 4th are exclusively for residents and their guests. As per policy, LMOA residents are accountable for their guests' conduct and are advised to register only those guests they will be accompanying. In 2024, excessively large guest lists caused unsafe conditions, leading to the permanent removal of fireworks from Beach 3. This year, LMOA aims to have a safe celebration and encourages residents to carefully manage guest lists.

## History of the Lake's Patriotic Ski

The Lake Monticello Patriotic Ski is a beloved 4th of July tradition that began in 2005 when former Cypress Gardens skier David Weidig approached former Marina Manager and avid skier Gary Hannifan about bringing water skiers to the Independence Day Celebrations. Three water skiers, holding four-foot American flags were pulled behind a decorated boat as onlookers cheered from Beaches 1 and 3. Over the years, the show has grown to include multiple flag skiers and a skier pyramid, all made possible by a dedicated team of volunteers, boat owners, drivers, spotters, and skiers. Special thanks to long time skiers Tony O'Brien, Dan Shutte, Bella O'Brien, Joe Roth, Valerie Roth, Julie Roth, Nance and Greg Stamper, and Leila and Austin Hay; drivers Ray Good and Gary Hannifan; and spotters Adrienne O'Brien and Steve Bahrer. Catch them this year at 10 AM from the Main Beach on July 4th!



**PHOTO:** The original Patriotic Ski team: David Weidig, Joanne Weidig, Tony O'Brien, Gary Hannifan, and Scott Dugan. We lost Scott Dugan in 2020 and David Weidig earlier this year, but their legacy lives on as we continue this unique Lake Monticello tradition each Independence Day.

## Non-harmful Algae at Tufton Pond

The algae visible in the pond have been tested in a lab, confirming that they are predominantly non-harmful cyanobacteria and green algae, which are generally considered normal. As part of our lake health program, testing at Tufton Pond is routine, and our team will continue to monitor and test algae growth throughout the summer and alert the community if and when necessary. Water testing results of Lake Monticello for the month of June are normal and have been posted on lmoa.org (log in and search under Facilities & Operations, Lake Health, Lake Water Testing).

## Water Safety Tip of the Week from the Lake Monticello Volunteer Water Safety Team

Did you know that Lake Monticello has special safety rules for towing skiers and tubers? Some of those rules include:

- There must be two people on board: one driver and one responsible observer.
- The orange flag must be flown (not waved) when a towed person is in the water.
- Multiple tows must have towlines of equal length appropriate for the purpose.
- All persons being towed must wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket specifically for towed sports.
- Turn off the boat motor when picking up, loading or unloading from the water, or when docked or at the shoreline.
- Towing is prohibited within 75 feet of shore, swimming areas, docks, coves, and no-wake areas.

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closure. Breeden said an 11-foot-wide lane will be available for emergency vehicles, with gates installed at both ends of the closure to prevent unauthorized public access.

“VDOT will coordinate with the Fire and Rescue squad to ensure they have proper access during the road closure,” she said.

**Schedule Changed**

The timing of the project may surprise residents, who had previously heard that construction was unlikely to begin this year.

Breeden said earlier public hearing materials included a tentative schedule, and the current schedule is based on the contractor’s plan to complete the work.

“The current schedule is provided by the contractor,” she said. “It is when the contractor expects to start the project.”

Breeden said the schedule changed after the project’s tree-clearing restrictions were modified.

“Initially, there was a restriction on clearing trees, allowing removal only from November to April,” she said. “Now that this limitation has been lifted, trees can be removed from July to April. This change enables the contractor to start work earlier than initially assumed. Importantly, this adjustment should not extend the length of the closure; it merely changes the timing of the closure.”

VDOT said schedules remain tentative and may change because of weather, unforeseen soil conditions, environmental commitments or other factors.

The South Boston Road and Lake Monticello Road project is one of two Fluvanna intersection projects included in VDOT’s June 24 announcement. The other is a planned roundabout at the intersection of Richmond Road (Route 250) and Troy Road (Route 631).

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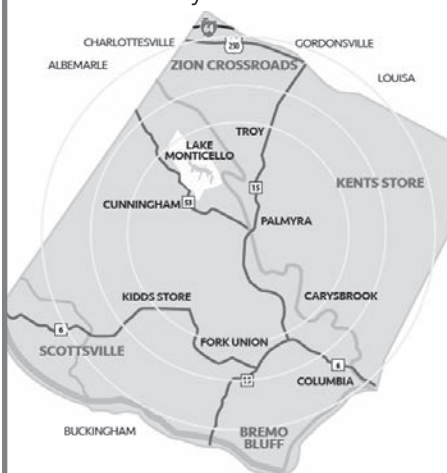
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**Announcements**



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
**Fluvanna County Planning Commission**  
 Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

At the July 7, 2026 Planning Commission meeting, the Commission will hold public hearings and consider the following items:

**ZTA 26:15 – An ordinance to amend and reordain “the Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia” by amending § 22-18-1 through § 22-18-7 and repealing § 22-18-7.1 to reflect changes in the Virginia Code regarding the powers and proceedings of the Board of Zoning Appeals.**

**ZTA 26:16 – An ordinance to amend and reordain “the Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia” by enacting § 22-26-8 to authorize the Zoning Administrator to reduce the number of required off-street parking spaces by 20% for residential, multifamily and mixed-use development in accordance with assigned criteria.**

**ZTA 26:17 – An ordinance to amend and reordain “the Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia” by enacting §§ 22-13-8 and 22-16-9, amending §§ 22-4-2.1, 22-4-2.3, 22-5-2.1, 22-6-2.1, 22-7-9.1, 22-8-2.1, 22-16-8 and 22-17-15 to allow a manufactured home to be placed upon any open lot in a nonconforming manufactured home park, to allow a nonconforming manufactured home not located in a manufactured home park to be replaced with a newer manufactured home, and to allow a manufactured home on an individual lot in any zoning district where site-built housing is allowed.**

**ZTA 26:18 – An ordinance to amend the Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia by repealing §§ 22-3-1 through 22-3-5.4 and 22-28-1 through 22-28-25 and amending §§ 22-4-2.2, 22-9-2.2, 22-10-4, 22-11-2.2, 22-12-2.2, 22-22-1, and enacting §§ 22-28-1 through 22-28-23 to conform to the Code of Virginia updates regarding solar regulations and battery storage as required by the 2026 Virginia Acts of Assembly.**

**ZTA 26:21 – An ordinance to amend and reordain “the Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia” by amending §§ 22-10-4 and 22-22-1 to add Teen Centers as a use allowed by a SUP in properties zoned B-C, Business, Convenience and adding a definition for teen centers.**

**SUP 26:09 Lenherr – A Special Use Permit request in the A-1, Agricultural, General District to allow a machine shop on approximately 4.5 acres of Tax Map 40-4-8. The parcel is located in the Rural Preservation Planning Area and is in the Fork Union Election District.**

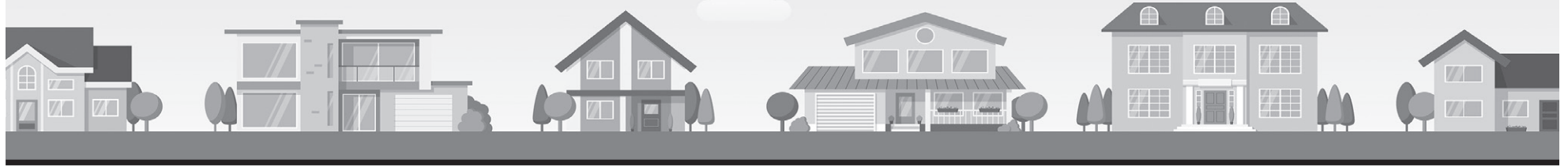
**SUP 26:10 Flucos Den Center – A special use permit request in the B-C, Business, Convenience District to operate a teen center on a parcel totaling approximately 1.163 acres, Tax Map 18B-5-4. The parcel is located in the Rivanna Community Planning Area and Palmyra Election District.**

**Addendum to 2015 Comprehensive Plan, 2024 Update: an addendum to Fluvanna County’s 2024 Update of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan. This addendum addresses electric transmission lines.**

The meeting will be held in the Morris Room of the Administration Building, 132 Main Street, Palmyra, Virginia 22963 for all interested persons to have the opportunity to be heard by the Planning Commission.

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Fornecker, John  
Gentry, Elijah Phoenix  
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Hartsock, Lucy Florence  
Hughes, Benjamin Miller  
Jones, Collin Pierce  
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Lipscomb, Carly Ann  
Lute, Hayden  
McComb, Kashton Xander Jaxon  
Messer, Juliana Hope  
Moeller-Madere, Eris Violet  
Persaud, Liliana Camille  
Placencia Diaz, Angeline Monserrat  
Rethemeyer, Dylan Jackson  
Singleton, Stephon Ezra  
Smith, Emry Leonard  
Stargell, Liam Ashton  
Stover, Cohen Alexander  
White, Theo Michael  
Wilder, Ryker Emery  
Young, Clare Marie

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Armstrong, Jesse Laron  
Ashworth, Grayson Boyd  
Bates, Isabel Yvette  
Beck, Aubry Lynn  
Billings, Khye  
Birckhead, Keighton  
Brewster, Barrett Martin  
Cambria-Jackson, Amiraca Faith  
Campagna, Reece Stephen  
Carrico, Geneva June  
Childers, Taydem Marie  
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Collier, Lincoln Otis  
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Edwards, Serenity Robert  
Etheridge, Kyrie Jamir  
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Grout, Emily Taylor  
Grubb, Eleanor  
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Kinane, Bradley  
Kirby, Everett Gage  
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Koontz, Skyler Brooke  
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Louk, Colton  
Martin, Mia Jane  
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McClanahan, James Austin  
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Morris, Paisley Marie  
Mozingo, Evan Phillip  
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Perkins, Alyza Brogan  
Pinero, Amilia Maria  
Price, Jacob  
Proudfoot, Carlin  
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Robbins, Quinn Caroline  
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Trent, Mya Yvonne  
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Walding, Savannah Taylor  
Wallace, Braelyn Nicole  
Wear, Amelia Sunshine  
Whitworth, Harper Michelle  
Williams, Jeremiah Justice  
Zarella, Luna Sophia

## 6th Grade - All A's

Aiello, Lily Anna  
Allen, Bennett Robinson  
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Bean, Julian Quinn  
Butler, Charles Patrick  
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Cowger, Ethan Cole  
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Green, Judith Marie  
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Payne, Kendall Brooke  
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Rohleder, Jaxon James  
Ruddock, Joseph Matthew  
Rusk, Evelyn Cadence  
Sellick, Darcy Cameron  
Stancil, Graham Caswell  
Stone, Teagan  
Torkornoo, Ethan Selasie  
Williams, Jamierah Nicole  
Wilson, Carter Blake  
Worley, Grayson Walker  
Yowell, Dawson Ronald

## 6th Grade - A's and B's

Alessi, Cole  
Aziz, Nasira Marie  
Barlow, Luke Everett  
Bland, Ashton Christian  
Boothby, Miles  
Brewster, Desmond Lewis  
Burton, Logan Joseph  
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Evans, Colin William  
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Gibson, Alaina Nicole  
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Gravitt, Natalie Jayne  
Gross, Porter Quinn  
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Hernandez, Isabella Angel  
Herring, Kaiden Glenn  
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Johnson, Madoc Davin  
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Aljiji, Duena  
Arndt, Russell  
Barcelona, Ionica Obliosca  
Bass, Leah Rochelle  
Beirne, Calvin Alexander  
Butler, Ella Louise  
Carter, Emma  
Carter, Kayden Royce  
Cary, Cameron Rose  
Curtner, Hayden  
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Elliott, Maci Delaine  
Esch, Joshua Wesley  
Ford, Madelyn Rhea  
Geffken, Matthew Thomas  
Jasper, Andrew William  
Ketola, David Michael  
Koerper, Isabella Eliis  
LaRochelle, Erin  
Lewis, Aaliyah Mackenzie  
Morgan, Olivia  
Morris, Peyton Ann  
Mundy, Julian Maximilian  
Napier, Jae'Sean Edward-Lee  
Payne, Harper  
Pomare, Damian Roy  
Seiden, Eliana Lee  
Woolstenhulme, Jason Michael

## 7th Grade - A's and B's

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Anderson, Jazmyne Ann  
Bartley, Shania Lynn  
Beichner, Declan Alexander  
Black, Kyleigh Ann  
Bobbio, Jason Lee  
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Leconte, Shaddia Elisia  
Mauck, Logan Davidson  
McCall, Abby Rose  
McComb, Keslie Belle  
McLain, McKenzie Kristin  
McLaughlin, Josslyn  
Mehalic, Aiden  
Menta, Averianne  
Miller, Oliver Monroe  
Nelson, Elijah Alexander  
Porter, Annabelle  
Portman, Silas Cole  
Powell, Charles Benjamin  
Rabinovitch, Reverie Belle  
Rhea, Chloe Viviana  
Sadler, Stewart Matthew  
Scopelliti, Owen  
Scott, Jah'Vier Jaquice  
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Sidwell, Mason  
Simonin, Rhiley Jayde  
Snowden, Elijah James  
Sweeting, Cameron Jeffrey  
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## Fluvanna Rotary marks 20 years of service



Fluvanna Rotary Ex. Sec. Rudy Garcia greets guest during the 20th anniversary celebration.

The Fluvanna Rotary Club marked its 20th anniversary on June 9 with a dinner at Hardware Hills Winery, bringing together nearly 100 club members, visiting Rotarians and community guests to celebrate two decades of volunteer work in the county.

The evening looked back to the club's founding on June 8,

2006, and highlighted the civic and charitable projects that have become its calling card. Club President Andrea Kojan opened the program, with Executive Secretary Rudy Garcia offering a retrospective on the organization's history.

The celebration also included a series of awards and recognitions. Raghvendra and Anita Singh were named the 2025–2026 Rotarians of the Year for their service to the club and commitment to Rotary's mission. Kojan also presented President's Member Awards, and new members were inducted as part of the evening's program.

District Rotary Foundation Chair Joy Kline praised the club for its community projects, including work with Fork Union Military Academy's Interact Club, food and essential support for residents, and a recent district grant project

that helped fund a bicycle repair station for cyclists and travelers.

The evening also marked a transition in leadership, with Al Mink and Jane Smith installed as co-presidents for the 2026–2027 Rotary year.

Founded as the Rotary Club of

Fluvanna County, Palmyra, the club is part of Rotary International District 7600. Its work focuses on service projects in Fluvanna County and beyond, including education, economic development, health, food assistance, and other community needs.



Fluvanna Rotary Club's 20th anniversary at Hardware Hills Winery. Photos by Lynn Stayton-Eurell



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