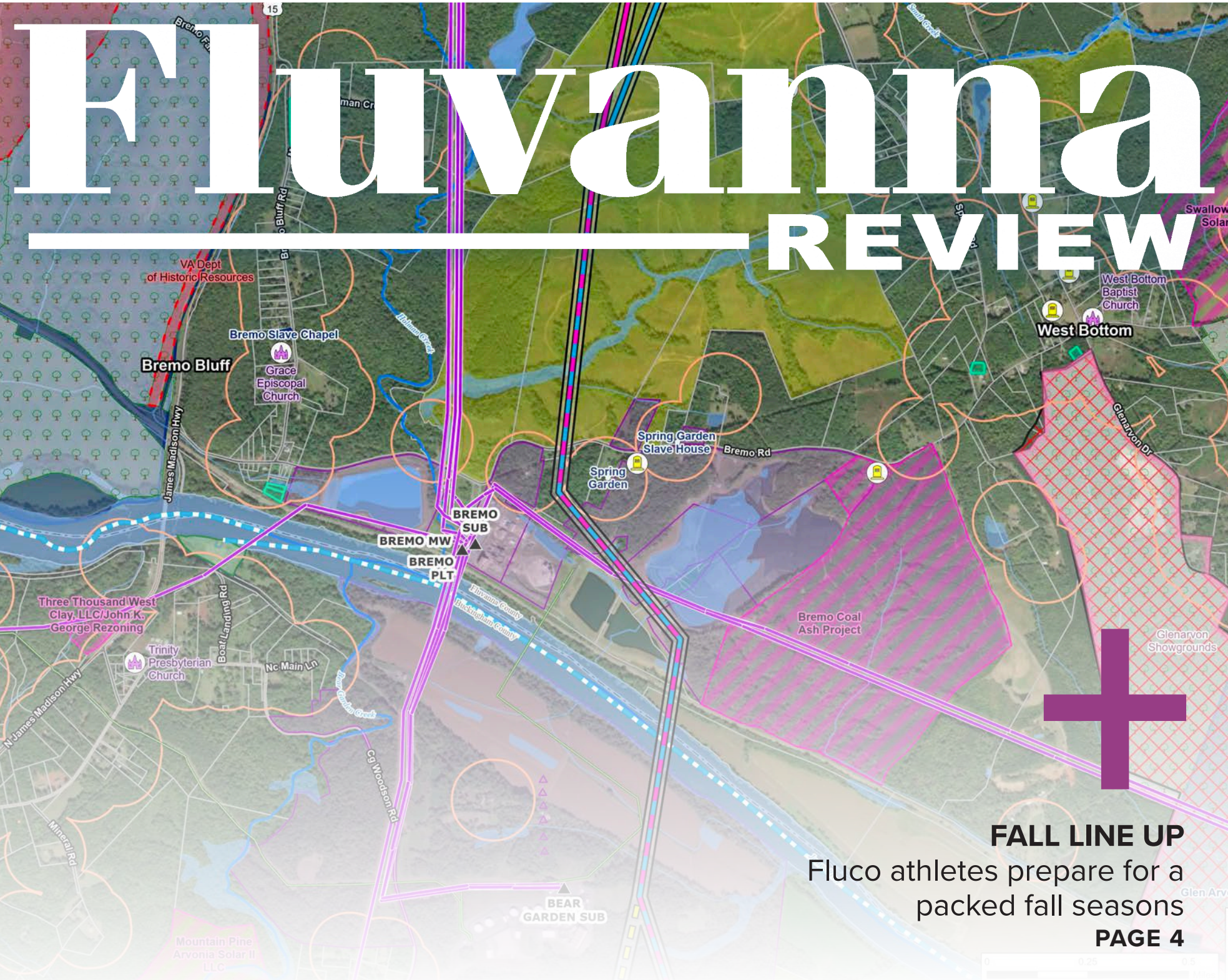




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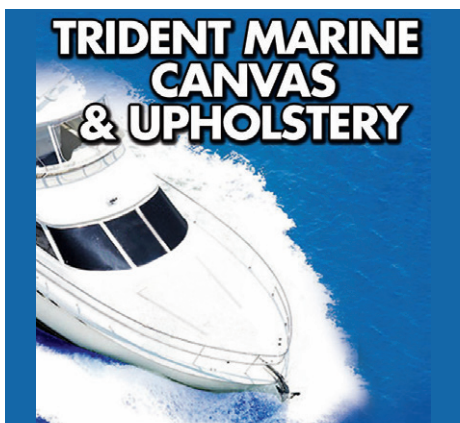
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Remembering longtime
Lake resident Peggy
Alexander

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
ARTS & CULTURE CONTRIBUTOR

Peggy Tyndall Alexander passed away on July 4, 2026, at the age of 80. Alexander was remembered as a longtime member and employee of the Lake Monticello Owners' Association. She served as LMOA's communications manager for more than 25 years and used her photography skills to document life and events at the lake.

She was also the Lake historian and knew seemingly every detail about the community since its creation in 1969. Alexander was a master at setting the record straight when it came to the lake's history.

Alexander was raised on a farm in Pleasant Grove, near Mount Olive, North Carolina. She later graduated from Mount Olive College, where she majored in business.

Her love of growing things and

gardening remained a part of her life. She spent most of her adult years in Virginia and lived on a farm for 10 years, where she raised sheep. She also combined her business skills with her interest in herbs to create and manage Arvon Grove Herbs and Spices.

After moving to Lake Monticello, she became a member of the Beautification Corps and the Fluvanna Garden Club.

Alexander was also a member of the Fluvanna Art Association, exhibiting her work in shows and winning several ribbons. Her fondness for landscapes, particularly the countryside and gardens, was evident in her colorful paintings.

Alexander was pragmatic and independent and was not above seeing the humor in everyday life. Above all, she was dedicated to LMOA and cared deeply for the people with whom she lived and worked.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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5 Whole bunch
9 Kitchenware
13 ___ Mawr, Pa.
14 Starch source
15 Concerning
17 Salon services
19 Pisa landmark
20 Shortening of a word
21 South Wales port
23 Assisting in crime
25 Like some wines
26 Pillow filler
29 Portend
31 In an unconvincing way
33 People from Tehran
36 Fictional Scarlett
37 Paid promos
38 Speck in the ocean
39 Commonly accepted as such
41 Smartphone feature
42 High school grade
44 Smooth (out)
45 Ostrich-like bird
47 Looney Tunes fare
49 Montpelier's state
51 Former German state
55 "Piece of cake", e.g.
56 Overly eager
58 Hosiery thread
59 Holiday carol
60 Defense acronym
61 "Moonstruck" star
62 Reason for an R rating
63 Unappetizing fare

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26 Failure
27 Honolulu's home

- 28 Unskillful
30 Letting go
32 Unpunctual guest
34 Roman emperor
35 "South Park" boy
37 Turning aside
40 "Terrible" ruler
41 Singing group
43 Clincher
45 Worse than bad
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53 Enthusiastic about
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Get ready for Fluvanna High fall sports

BY DUNCAN NIXON
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

The Fluvanna High School fall sports calendar is out, and it is full.

The sport that leads off the fall season is golf, with the Flucos hosting the annual multi-team George Bockman Memorial event on Aug. 6.

The golf season is shorter than fall sports seasons that are played indoors or under the lights because golf cannot be played after dark. Therefore, the schedule needs to be completed before daylight saving time ends on Nov. 1. The golf team will be on the road Aug. 10, 13 and 17 before hosting Goochland on Aug. 20.

Fluco football starts quite a bit later. After two scrimmages on Aug. 13 and 21, the regular season starts Aug. 28, when the Flucos host Spotsylvania. They then travel south to take on Buckingham County on Sept. 4. On Sept. 10, they will host Chancellor High. Their bye week follows, and then it is into the tough Jefferson District, with seven district contests in a row. After a couple of down years, Fluco football has come back strong in the last few seasons under coach Mitchell Pace.

Volleyball is a sport in which the Flucos have consistently fielded strong teams. Head coach Cristi Harlow has retired, but there is no reason to think the Flucos will not continue to be strong under new coach Aime McCall. The Flucos' volleyball season starts with two scrimmages in mid-August.

The regular season opens with road contests against Buckingham County and Mills Godwin High. On Aug. 29, the Flucos will host the Farruggio Tournament and then host Buckingham and Mills Godwin. Regular-season play against Jefferson District opponents does not begin until Sept. 15, when the Flucos host Goochland.

Field hockey is a sport that the Flucos came to later than many of their rivals. This season, the field hockey squad under coach Jennifer Payne has a grueling schedule

of 19 contests. Many of the scheduled opponents are not the usual Jefferson District schools.

The schedule starts Aug. 25 at Spotsylvania High. The team then travels to Justice High. The field hockey team's first home game is Sept. 8, when the Flucos host Charlottesville. The next day, they host Western Albemarle.

The Fluco cross-country team under coach Melanie Kennedy has been strong in recent years, but two of the top girls and one of the top boys have moved on in the last two years. Kennedy coaches both the boys' and girls' teams.

This year's schedule includes a number of multi-team events. On Sept. 2, the Flucos will run in the Ragged Mountain event north of Charlottesville. On Sept. 19, they will compete in an event at Fork Union Military Academy. On Sept. 26, they will run in the VICA event, and on Sept. 30, they will host the Route 53 meet.

The Jefferson District year-end event will be run over the Fluco course on Oct. 21. Cross-country is another sport that cannot be contested after daylight saving time ends. It would be impossible to run three miles through the woods in the dark.

The competition cheer squad also competes in the fall. This year, there are four meets on the schedule before the district and regional meets. Only one is at home. It is scheduled for Sept. 26.

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Valley Link opponents prepare for possible court fight

BY HEATHER MICHON
EDITOR

Opponents of the proposed Valley Link transmission line are preparing for a fight—one that may ultimately depend less on public outrage than on paperwork, expert testimony and a carefully constructed legal record.

That was the message from a public meeting at Moss-Nuckols Elementary School in Louisa on Tuesday, July 28, a gathering that drew well over 100 residents from across the project's nine-county path.

Speakers told residents that the upcoming State Corporation Commission (SCC) review will be crucial in challenging the 765-kilovolt line that will cut across Central Virginia.

Assuming the SCC approves Valley Link's \$1 billion proposal, opponents could challenge the ruling with the Virginia Supreme Court. This means that residents, citizen groups, and local government must get their objections on the record now.

"Courts cannot evaluate evidence that was never placed before the SCC," said Michael Rogers of Orange County.

Reagan said opponents need to challenge the utilities' evidence, cross-examine witnesses and preserve every argument they may later want a court to consider. Public comments remain important, he said, but formal interveners with attorneys and expert witnesses will carry much of the legal burden.

If approved, the Joshua Falls-to-Yeat project would run 115 miles from Campbell County to Culpeper County through nine Central Virginia counties, including Fluvanna. The project was selected through PJM Interconnection's regional transmission planning process to address projected electricity demand.

A major focus will be the demand forecasts used to justify the project.

Reagan said technical experts will be needed to examine how

much projected growth comes from Northern Virginia data centers, and how much depends on speculative commercial projects that may never be built. Opponents also want to know whether large electricity users included in earlier forecasts have been canceled, delayed, or scaled back.

Speakers cautioned that opponents should not concede that the line is necessary by asking Valley Link to take a different route or requesting underground construction. Reagan said doing so could allow the SCC to treat the underlying need for the project as undisputed.

Instead, he said, opponents should directly challenge whether Valley Link is necessary, and whether it serves the public interest under Virginia law.

Louisa County Board of Supervisors Chairman Duane Adams said counties along the route have been working together to strengthen local comprehensive plans, coordinate legal strategy and present a unified face. Adams said localities have limited authority over transmission-line routes, but comprehensive plans can provide evidence of local land-use priorities. Counties may have more direct authority over substations, which can require local land-use approval.

Adams maintains that Valley Link expected people in Central Virginia to roll over, but instead, residents were standing up to protect their communities.

"Our land is no less valuable, no less important than Northern Virginia," he said. "I would argue that our land is more important, because we grow things on it that people eat."

The meeting's final presentation focused on possible health and environmental effects from electromagnetic fields associated with high-voltage transmission lines.

Theodora Scarato, introduced as director of the wireless and electromagnetic fields program at the Montana-based nonprofit Environmental Health Sciences, cited studies involving childhood leukemia, Alzheimer's disease, pregnancy outcomes, insects and wildlife.

She argued that commonly cited exposure standards for electromagnetic fields are designed primarily to prevent short-term effects and do not fully address long-term residential exposure.

Those claims are likely to become another area where opponents seek expert testimony and scientific evidence for the SCC record.

Valley Link is working on finalizing route maps and is now expected to submit an application

to the SCC by the end of the year.

Speakers repeatedly emphasized that the project is not inevitable simply because it reaches the SCC. They said transmission proposals can be altered or withdrawn when legal, political and financial obstacles build throughout the regulatory process.

"This is a long, hard fight," Adams said. "But this is a fight we can win."

RUDY TALKS TAXES

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

Stay Tax-efficient With Multi-Year Planning Strategies

Tax planning is often framed through the lens of a single calendar year. In reality, income doesn't arrive in a neat, evenly spaced way. It may show up earlier or later than expected, or multiple income sources could end up hitting all in the same year, pushing you into higher tax brackets.

By taking a multi-year planning approach instead, you gain more control over when income is recognized and can better align losses and deductions to offset it. Here's what this looks like in practice

STRATEGY #1: Balance income across years to manage tax brackets

Who should consider this approach: Anyone over age 59 who has balances that will be subject to Requirement Minimum Distributions from retirement income in later years. Individuals with variable or multi-source income such as investors with taxable portfolios, business owners, or anyone who experiences fluctuations from bonuses, capital gains, or distributions. The key to this strategy is to be tax efficient EACH year leveraging the progressive nature of the tax code.

Planning tips:

- Intentionally recognize more income in lower-income years to take advantage of lower tax rates, up to the next tax bracket.
- Focus on limiting additional taxable income in years when you're stuck in higher tax brackets.
- Calculate your RMD withdrawal requirements when you will hit age 73 to know how much you will be REQUIRED to withdraw and understand that projected tax rate.
- Avoid stacking multiple income events into the same year when you have flexibility.
- Be mindful of how portfolio distributions, rebalancing, and external income may overlap.

STRATEGY #2: Coordinate income with losses and deductions

Who should consider this approach: Anyone whose income or deductions vary from year to year. If you expect a spike in income this year or in the near future, whether from a bonus, business income, asset sales, or a one-time event, you can begin identifying deductions now to help offset that income when it occurs.

Planning tips:

- Time the sale of appreciated assets in years when you have realized losses available.
- Be mindful of timing so losses and deductions aren't wasted in lower-income years.
- Consider bunching itemized deductions such as property taxes or charitable contributions in a year you anticipate a large bonus or spike in income.
- For business owners, consider timing major expenses like equipment purchases to coincide with higher-income years, allowing you to immediately expense the cost and offset the increase in income.

STRATEGY #3: Manage which income to use each year

Who should consider this approach: You're not always stuck with how your income gets taxed. The order in which you pull income, and which sources you rely on in a given year, can significantly change whether that income is taxed at lower capital gains rates or higher ordinary income rates.

Planning tips:

- Manage the mix of ordinary income and capital gains to avoid unnecessary tax increases.
- Coordinate portfolio income with external income like salary, bonuses, or business earnings.
- Adjust withdrawals or distributions to keep total taxable income within target ranges.
- Use flexibility across accounts to avoid stacking multiple high-tax income sources in the same year.

Start your tax planning now!

A multi-year approach to tax planning is less about reacting and more about controlling outcomes. By spreading income, coordinating deductions and offsets, and choosing where to pull your income from, you can reduce unnecessary tax increases and create more consistent, tax-efficient results over time. This is not easy to do, but in the long run it is worth it. We can help you take stock of where you are and then chart a path forward that puts YOU in the driver's seat for tax liabilities! Call us at 434-442-4044 or email info@rwftaxservices.com for your appointment.

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Tenaska project enters permit phase

Debate shifts from local approval to state environmental review

BY HEATHER MICHON
EDITOR

Tenaska representatives held an open house at Fluvanna County High School on Tuesday, July 28, the first since the Board of Supervisors approved a special use permit for the proposed Expedition Generation power plant back in March.

More than 100 people attended the session, with many raising questions about the potential health impacts and environmental impacts of the 1.5-gigawatt gas-fired power plant, should it be built.

The meeting was required as part of the Prevention of Significant Deterioration air permit process. The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality received Tenaska's 377-page application on April 30 and is now undergoing a technical review.

The proposed plant's chief health-related air pollutants include nitrogen oxides, fine particulate matter known as PM2.5, carbon monoxide, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and other toxic pollutants.

Larry Carlson, Tenaska's vice president for environmental affairs, outlined the company's proposed pollution controls and said the project would use what regulators determine to be the best available control technology.

Some residents argued that meeting federal standards did not fully address their concerns.

Opponents cited a study commissioned by the Southern Environmental Law Center and conducted by researchers at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, which projected that emissions could increase asthma attacks and other illnesses and contribute to two to three premature deaths annually.

The company has disputed the study's conclusions, arguing its methods and models are not those used by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or the DEQ.

If approved, the plant would be required to submit quarterly emissions reports, semiannual monitoring and deviation reports, annual compliance certifications and emissions inventories to DEQ. Continuous emissions-monitoring data would also be submitted quarterly to the EPA.

Reviewing the air permit could take many months to complete. Once that is done, the DEQ will prepare a draft permit and open a public comment process that will include additional public meetings and a hearing. Tenaska is also expected to submit a separate water-quality permit application later this year.

Since the Nebraska-based company unveiled the project last summer, the proposed plant has divided residents over whether its promised economic benefits outweigh its potential costs.

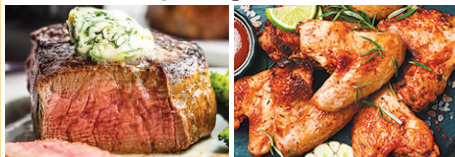
Supporters have emphasized the need for reliable electricity, the millions of dollars in projected local tax revenue, and other benefits, while opponents have raised concerns about air pollution and public health, water withdrawals and discharges, noise, property

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After months of deferrals and debate, the Planning Commission recommended denial of critical local permits. The Board of Supervisors overruled them, approving the special use permit in

March and shifting the dispute into the state and federal permitting process.

Should permits ultimately be granted, Tensaka could start the construction project as early as late 2027, with the plant going online sometime in 2031.

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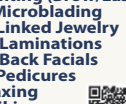


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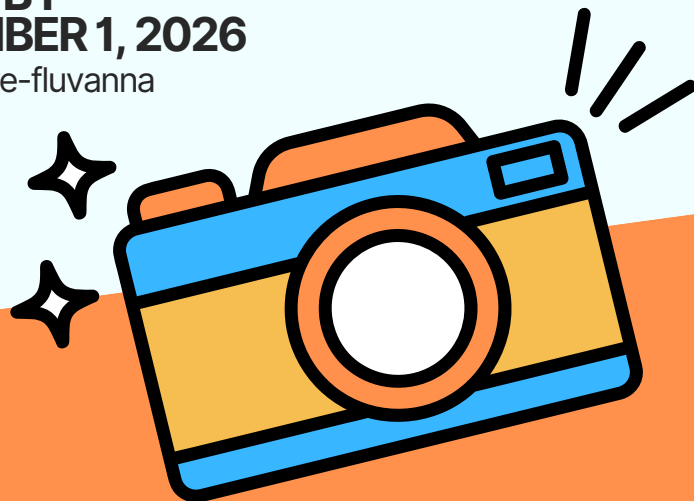


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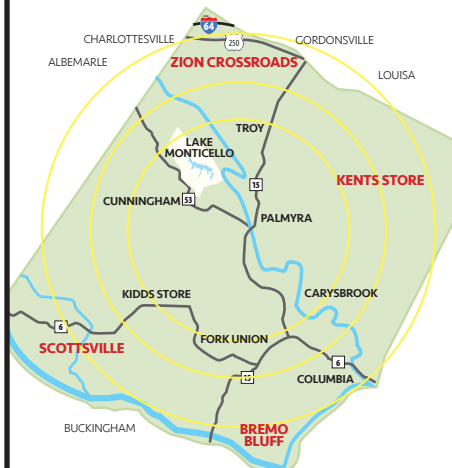
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Announcements



PUBLIC HEARING Fluvanna County Board of Zoning Appeals Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2204, a public hearing will be held in the Morris Room of the Fluvanna County Administration Building, located at 132 Main Street Palmyra, VA 22963 for citizens of the County to have the opportunity to be heard by the Board of Zoning Appeals on the following request:

BZA 26:12 - Hensley: A request for a one hundred eighty (180) foot variance to Section 22-4-3 (C)(1)(B) of the Fluvanna County Code to allow a reduction of the required minimum frontage (residual lot), and a request for a two hundred fifty (250) foot variance to Section 22-4-3 (D) to allow a reduction of the minimum lot width at setback (residual lot), and a request for a twenty (20) foot variance to Section 22-4-3 (E)(3) to allow for a reduction of the required minimum front setback (new lot) for the parcel identified as Tax Map 16, Section 20, Parcel 27. The subject property is zoned A-1, Agricultural, General, and is located in the Rural Residential Planning Area and in the Cunningham Election District.

The meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be in person and instructions for public participation during the meeting will be made available on the Fluvanna County website: www.fluvannacounty.org Interested persons may submit written comments prior to the scheduled meeting to planning@fluvannacounty.org or call 434.591.1910, between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday – Friday or visit the County Administration Building at 132 Main Street Palmyra, VA 22963.



PUBLIC HEARING Fluvanna County Planning Commission Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

At the August 11, 2026 Fluvanna County Planning Commission meeting 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(s):

SUP 26:09 Lenherr – A Special Use Permit request in the A-1, Agricultural, General District to allow a small home industry 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.

ZTA 26:22 – An ordinance to amend the Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia by amending §§ 22-7-8 and 22-7-11 and enacting §§ 22-7-13 through 22-7-19 to amend regulations in the R-3, Residential, Planned Community District to establish setback, frontage, and height regulations and to require public or central water and sewer service.

ZTA 26:23 – An ordinance to amend the Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia by amending §§ 22-4-2.2, 22-11-2.2, 22-12-2.2, and 22-22-1 and enacting §§ 22-29-1 through 22-29-23 to define and regulate electronic transmission facilities.

Copies of the complete text of the above ordinances and plan are available for public review at <https://www.fluvannacounty.org/> and at the Office of the Fluvanna County Administrator during normal business hours. Questions may be directed to 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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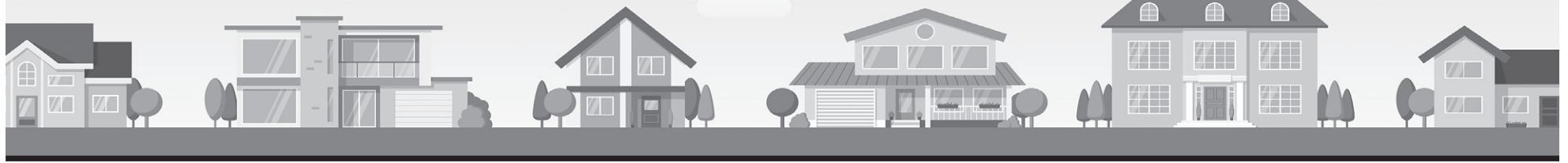
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Fun events to view in August

August brings us closer to the end of summer, with the pressure of upcoming school events and our last summer vacations. This month begins with the moon in its full phase, followed by lots of lunar and planetary conjunctions (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 night and early morning dark 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 (August 1-8)

On August 2, the Comet 10P/Tempel 2 will move close to the Sun and should be bright enough to see using binoculars. Look for the comet just after sunset.

Also on August 2, the planet Mercury will be at its maximum distance from the Sun and therefore visible in the early morning sky.

On August 3, the moon will be in conjunction with the planet Neptune and can be seen in the constellation Pisces.

On August 7, the moon will be

in conjunction with the Pleiades star cluster (aka the Seven Sisters and M45). Also on this date, the moon will be in conjunction with the planet Uranus; binoculars or a telescope is needed to see this event in the constellation Taurus.

Week 2 (August 9-15)

On August 9, the moon will be in conjunction with the red planet Mars and can be found in the constellation Taurus.

On August 10, 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, when the moon was farthest from the Earth.

Also on this date, the moon will be in conjunction with the orange star Pollux in the constellation Gemini. Pollux is easy to find as it is the brightest star in the Gemini constellation.

On the morning of August 12, six planets will be observable in an event called the planet parade. The planets include Jupiter, Mercury, Mars, Uranus, Saturn, and Neptune. The brightest planets- Jupiter, Mars, Mercury, and Saturn- should be visible with the naked eye; other planets will require the use of binoculars or a telescope.

The celestial highlight this month is the appearance of the Perseids meteor showers. The peak night occurs on August 12-13 when meteors up to 100 per hour flash through the sky. With the new moon phase starting this very evening, the dark sky should provide excellent viewing of these meteors.

Recall that when the moon is in its new moon phase, it is a time when the moon will no longer be visible except as a ghostly sphere in the sky; this month the new moon will be positioned in the constellation Leo. 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.

On August 15, the planet Venus will be farthest from the Sun and visible in the constellation Virgo. Viewing Venus can occur using the naked eye in the evening sky.

Weeks 3 - 5 (August 16-31)

On August 16, the moon is in conjunction with the planet Venus and the bright star Spica in the constellation Virgo. On August 17, the moon will be in conjunction with the bright star Spica within the constellation Virgo. The best time to view this event is around 10pm; they can be seen with the naked eye.

On August 19, the moon enters the first quarter moon phase and will be found in the constellation Libra. This phase is marked by the right half of the moon being illuminated.

On August 20, the moon is in conjunction with the red star Antares in the constellation Scorpius.

On August 22, 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.

On August 25 through early September, the planet Venus is in conjunction with the star Spica in the constellation Virgo.

On August 27, a full moon appears and can be viewed in the constellation Aquarius. 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 Sturgeon Moon because, in the Great Lakes region, sturgeon were most easily caught at this time. Other names for this moon include the Black Cherry Moon (Anishinaabe people), the Ricing Moon (Anishinaabe), the Mountain

Shadows Moon (Tlingit people), the Corn Moon (Algonquin and Ojibwe people), the Harvest Month (Dakota people), and the Flying Up Moon (Cree people).

To end the month, a 96% partial lunar eclipse will occur on August 28. This eclipse will be fully visible in North America. The moon should have a dark orange color and be visible with the naked eye.

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

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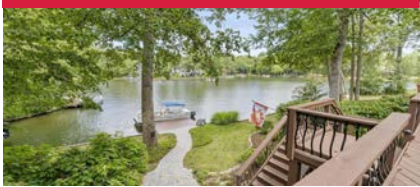


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