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Tenaska lawsuit cites warnings over financial commitments

New court filing questions agreements made before plant approval

HEATHER MICHON, EDITOR

A new filing in a lawsuit brought by the Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC) on behalf of six Fluvanna County residents alleges that county officials were warned about potential legal problems with Tenaska's financial commitments before the Board of Supervisors approved a special use permit for construction of Expedition Generation.

In an Oct. 15 filing in Fluvanna County Circuit Court, the plaintiffs seek permission to amend their lawsuit against the county and Expedition Generation Holdings LLC, the company behind the proposed 1,540-megawatt natural gas-powered plant.

The proposed amended complaint cites internal correspondence and reviews by county advisers questioning whether the county could legally include millions of dollars in financial commitments as conditions of a special use permit (SUP).

Some of those commitments were later moved into a separate legal agreement called a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants.

Spencer Gall, a senior attorney with SELC, said the documents, obtained during discovery, reinforced the argument that the payments and the permit were directly connected.

"The internal emails confirm what was already obvious to the public: the permit and the cash payments were a package deal," he said in an email to the Review.

The plaintiffs contend the arrangement violated Virginia land-use laws and ask the court to invalidate the SUP supervisors approved on Mar. 18.

Concerns raised

The 76-page proposed amended complaint describes how two firms hired by the county raised concerns about the financial commitments in the weeks leading up to the Mar. 18 vote.

As county officials worked to finalize the SUP conditions in early 2026, Tenaska proposed several major financial commitments. Among them was a $5 million "Good Neighbor Fund" that would pay qualifying homeowners within two miles of either the existing or proposed plant between $10,000 and $30,000 over four years, depending on their proximity to the site.

Tenaska also offered funding for public safety, including support for the Sheriff's Office and construction of a fire and emergency medical services station in the Kidds Store area. Initially proposed at $5 million, the commitment increased to $7 million during the Mar. 18 meeting when supervisors agreed to redirect $2 million originally proposed for residential solar assistance.

The commitments also included making some of the plant's wastewater discharge available to the county at no charge, although the county would be responsible for the costs of collecting, processing

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and using the water.

The law firm Sands Anderson questioned as early as Jan. 7 whether the proposed Good Neighbor Fund was sufficiently connected to the impacts of the project. It also recommended additional documentation establishing the connection between the public safety funding and the plant.

A second consulting firm, the Berkley Group, raised similar concerns, warning that the proposed conditions could "create legal and procedural risk because they fall outside the traditional scope of zoning authority."

On Feb. 2, an attorney for Tenaska sent county staff a revised set of SUP conditions, explaining that, based on advice from Sands Anderson and subsequent discussions, the community benefit and first responder provisions had been removed from the proposed conditions and placed in a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants.

Disputed distinction

The central legal question is whether the financial commitments contained in the restrictive covenants were genuinely separate from the SUP or effectively served as additional conditions of its approval.

During the Mar. 18 Board of Supervisors meeting, after the SUP vote, County Attorney Dan Whitten explained that the financial commitments could not be included in the SUP conditions because they lacked a sufficiently close connection to the proposed land use. He described the use of restrictive covenants for these commitments as "a new mechanism in Virginia."

Tenaska's attorneys maintained that the commitments were voluntary, legally enforceable and separate from the SUP. They said the agreements reflected the company's desire to maintain a positive relationship with the county and provide additional community benefits, rather than an attempt to secure approval of the project.

The plaintiffs dispute that distinction, arguing that the county negotiated the financial commitments and the SUP together and that supervisors relied on the promised benefits when approving the plant.

They also contend that several commitments exceed the county's legal authority and may be unenforceable, including against future property owners.

The lawsuit further alleges that the county violated Virginia's public notice and hearing requirements. Although the SUP was advertised and considered during a public hearing, the restrictive covenants were listed separately as an action item and were not the subject of their own advertised

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Types of relationship-driven scams

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- **The family emergency tactic.** These schemes exploit emotional connections by pretending to be a child, grandchild, spouse, or close friend facing an urgent situation. The caller or message may claim there has been an accident, legal issue, or financial problem requiring immediate help. By creating fear and urgency, the attacker attempts to bypass your normally careful decision-making and instead trigger an emotional response.
- **The professional network deception.** Infiltration into your network begins with research into companies, executives, and professional relationships to create convincing impersonations. A scammer may pose as a business partner, executive, vendor, or colleague to request payments, confidential information, or access to accounts. The deception works because the request appears to come from someone familiar and trusted.
- **The investment opportunity trap.** Rather than making an immediate financial request, scammers often begin by building credibility through relationships, referrals, and shared connections. They may present themselves as experienced investors or industry insiders offering exclusive opportunities. Once trust has been established, the eventual request feels more legitimate and lowers the natural skepticism that might otherwise prevent fraud.

How to protect yourself

- **Privacy is the first line of defense.** The strongest protection against relationship-driven scams is limiting the information criminals can use to build credibility. Every public detail including your family connections, professional affiliations, travel habits, or financial interests can become a piece of a larger profile used to create a convincing approach.
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public hearing.

The plaintiffs argue that the covenants effectively functioned as SUP conditions and should have been subject to the same public notice, public examination, and hearing requirements as the permit itself.

Gall said the amended complaint does not introduce substantially new legal arguments but instead strengthens and expands the factual basis of the original lawsuit.

"The bottom line is that Fluvanna County's approval of Project Expedition was unlawful from day one, which is why we've asked the Court to toss the permit," he said.

Next steps

Plaintiffs Carrie and Darryl Wheaton, Julie and John Noggle, and Karolina and Christopher Whitmore filed the lawsuit on April 17. All live near the proposed plant site on Branch Road.

Beyond challenging the financial arrangements, the lawsuit raises concerns about noise, air pollution, construction traffic, and other environmental impacts. It also alleges that supervisors failed to adequately consider the project's effects on surrounding properties and the county's rural character.

Fluvanna County and Tenaska have challenged the plaintiffs' legal standing to bring the case.

The county did not respond to the Review's request for comment before press time.

Gall said the court's next step is to consider the plaintiffs' request to amend the complaint. He said it is too early to know whether a hearing will be necessary.

After that, he expects the parties to brief and argue demurrers filed by the county and Tenaska. Demurrers challenge whether a lawsuit contains legally sufficient claims to proceed.

The court has not ruled on the allegations, and the March 18 SUP approval remains in effect.

Planning Commission backs solar project, advances data center restrictions

West Bottom proposal wins unanimous support despite neighborhood concerns

HEATHER MICHON, EDITOR

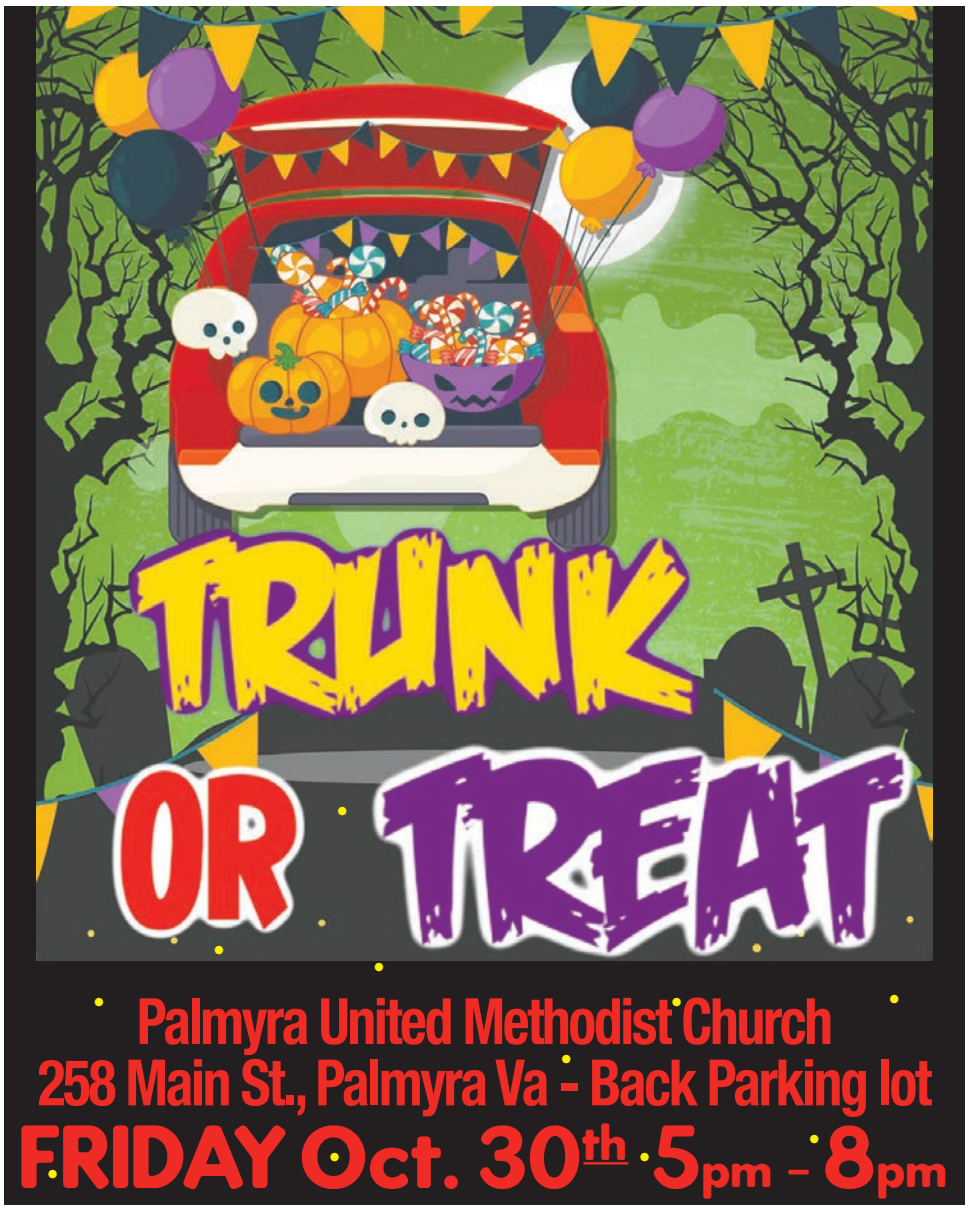
Fluvanna's Planning Commission unanimously backed a proposed solar facility in the West Bottom community on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

The commission also advanced an ordinance intended to prohibit stand-alone data centers, although questions about smaller data facilities remain unresolved.

The solar proposal, submitted by Fluvanna CSG1 LLC and developed by Dimension Energy, would place approximately 9,400 solar panels on 21 acres of a 141-acre property along Bremo Road.

The 4.65-megawatt facility would operate under Virginia's Shared Solar Program, which allows eligible Dominion Energy customers to subscribe to solar projects and receive credits on their electric bills.

Dimension Energy representatives said subscribers could generally receive a 10% discount, with a proposed 20% discount for eligible West Bottom residents.





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After a public hearing and discussion, the Planning Commission voted 5-0 to find the project substantially in accord with the county's Comprehensive Plan and 5-0 to recommend approving a special use permit.

The Board of Supervisors must still approve the permit before the project can go forward.

The proposal is considerably smaller than an earlier Pine Gate Renewable's Swallowtail Solar project at the same property. That application proposed a 16-megawatt facility with construction spread across 145 acres of two parcels. The county did not advance it after changing its solar ordinance in 2024.

The Board of Supervisors revised its solar regulations earlier this summer to comply with changes in state law governing local restrictions on solar facilities.

During two public hearings, West Bottom residents raised concerns about groundwater, environmental safety, and preserving their historically significant rural community.

Nadine Armstrong and William Woodson both pointed to the community's experience with coal ash operations at the nearby Bremo power station, and questioned whether residents would bear additional impacts from development.

"We're trying to preserve our neighborhood," said Armstrong. "It's a historical neighborhood. And we only have so many people left in that neighborhood."

Other speakers supported the project, arguing that solar development could provide income for rural landowners and advance the county's renewable energy goals.

Commissioners generally agreed that the project's limited footprint, substantial setbacks, and surrounding woodland would help preserve the area's rural character.

They also discussed emergency access, stormwater management, potential archaeological resources, and noise from electrical inverters.

Dimension Energy said it would conduct an on-site cultural resources study later in the site-plan review process. The company also said it does not plan to incorporate battery storage

The developer agreed to consider additional protections, and commissioners added a requirement to buffer the inverters to their recommendation.

Company representatives estimated the project could generate $460,000 in revenue for the county over a 35-year lifespan.

They proposed a $15,000 contribution to the county and an annual payment of $1,400 per megawatt. This payment could increase over time.

Data center restrictions advance

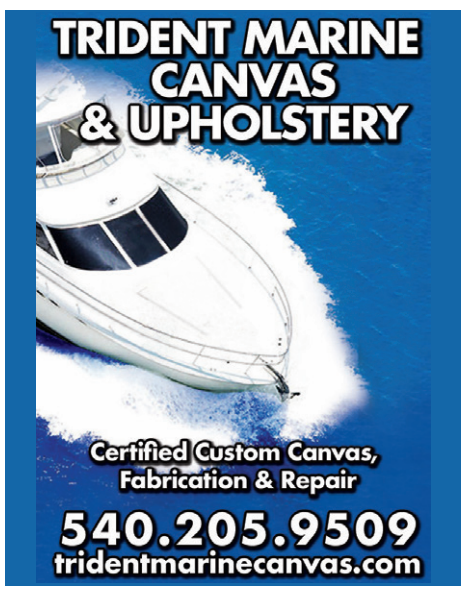
In a separate unanimous vote, commissioners recommended removing data centers as a special-use permit in the county's I-1 and I-2 industrial districts.

However, they deferred proposed regulations governing data centers operated as an accessory use to another business.

The Board of Supervisors had previously raised concerns that a data center ban could inadvertently impact businesses that rely heavily on computer servers. Commissioners agreed that more work was needed to distinguish those operations from stand-alone commercial data centers.

Several residents urged stronger protections against large data centers, citing concerns about electricity consumption, water demand, and rural land preservation.

The proposed restrictions now move to the Board of Supervisors for consideration, while the Planning Commission continues working on the accessory-use provisions.







Fluvanna schools maintain accreditation, but attendance concerns persist

HEATHER MICHON, EDITOR

With improved test scores and strong graduation rates, all four Fluvanna County public schools have retained their accreditation, but officials said chronic absenteeism remains a concern.

Assistant Superintendent Gemma Soares presented the division's latest academic performance and accreditation data to the School Board on Oct. 14.

Fluvanna County High School earned the state's distinguished performance designation, while Central Elementary, Carysbrook Elementary, and Fluvanna Middle School met state performance standards.

All four schools remain fully accredited, continuing a streak of approximately 14 years.

The division's strongest result was the Class of 2026 graduation rate of 98.6%. This compares with a statewide average of 93.5%. About 62% of Fluvanna graduates earned advanced diplomas, compared with 50% statewide.

Division-wide, testing scores generally held steady or improved. The high school saw higher scores in math, science, and history; reading scores held steady, and writing scores declined slightly.

Despite these achievements, chronic absenteeism remains a challenge.

Students who miss at least 10% of the school year, or about 17 or more days, are considered chronically absent.

The division-wide chronic absenteeism rate was 23.5% in the 2025-26 school year, down 8.5% from the previous year.

"We are trending down, slow and steady," Soares said. "Overall, though, we are still above the state average of 12.9%."

There was significant variance between schools. For example, Carysbrook Elementary's rate dropped from 19.16% in 2024-25 to 6.75% in 2025-26, while Central Elementary's rate rose



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from 11.25% to 14.66% over the same period.

Board members questioned whether differences in how schools and divisions record absences make the figures difficult to compare.

"I have a hard time processing a number that tells me that our kids are not in our buildings twice as much as the average division in the state," said Palmyra representative James Kelley.

Under state guidelines, principals can use discretionary leave codes for certain students who are absent from their regular classrooms but remain "academically engaged." Those days do not count toward chronic absenteeism.

Officials said Fluvanna historically took a conservative approach to those codes and has been working to standardize attendance reporting. Two part-time attendance positions have also been added.

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Some stat highlights include Garrett Jordan's 430 yards rushing and 7 TDs in the last two games, Jack Pace's 260 passing yards and TD, and Terence Baskerville's 3 INTs in the last two games.

But what stat lines do not show is the hard work put in by the offensive & defensive lines, the special teams solo tackles when it matters, and the scout team players that consistently grind everyday in practice to make us better. True teammates like Carson Haney, Peter Fulk, Gio Pankau, the Colwell Twins, Maddox Quilling, and many more who come every day and contribute to our success. Thank you, fellas!

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Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to (i) protect the freedom to make personal decisions about prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, birth control, abortion, miscarriage management, and fertility care; (ii) protect doctors, nurses, and patients from being punished for these decisions; and (iii) allow for restrictions on access to abortion during the third trimester of pregnancy except when the patient's health is at risk or the pregnancy cannot survive?

EXPLANATION FOR VOTERS
QUESTION 1

Present Law

Currently, the Virginia Constitution does not explicitly provide to its citizens a right to reproductive freedom nor does it explicitly protect or prohibit certain kinds of health care procedures or decisions.

Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment would add to the Virginia Constitution's Bill of Rights the fundamental right to make and carry out decisions about a person's own reproductive care with only certain, specific exceptions. The proposed amendment specifically allows the state government to pass laws to regulate abortion care in the third trimester of pregnancy, but requires any such law to allow for abortion care when it is medically needed to protect the life and health of the pregnant person or because the fetus is not viable.

FULL TEXT OF AMENDMENT

[Proposed new language is underlined. Deleted old language is ~~stricken~~.]

ARTICLE I

BILL OF RIGHTS

Section 11-A. Fundamental right to reproductive freedom.

That every individual has the fundamental right to reproductive freedom, including the ability to make and carry out decisions relating to one's own prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, abortion care, miscarriage management, and fertility care.

An individual's right to reproductive freedom shall not be, directly or indirectly, denied, burdened, or infringed upon unless justified by a compelling state interest achieved by the least restrictive means.

Notwithstanding the above, the Commonwealth may regulate the provision of abortion care in the third trimester, provided that in no circumstance shall the Commonwealth prohibit an abortion (i) that in the professional judgment of a physician is medically indicated to protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant individual or (ii) when in the professional judgment of a physician the fetus is not viable.

The Commonwealth shall not discriminate in the protection or enforcement of this fundamental right.

The Commonwealth shall not penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against an individual based on such individual's own exercise of this fundamental right or such individual's own actual, potential, perceived, or alleged pregnancy outcomes, including miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion. The Commonwealth shall not penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against any individual for aiding or assisting another individual in exercising such other individual's right to reproductive freedom with such other individual's voluntary consent.

For the purposes of this section, a state interest is compelling only if it is for the limited purpose of maintaining or improving the health of an individual seeking care, consistent with accepted clinical standards of care and evidence-based medicine and does not infringe on that individual's autonomous decision making.

This section shall be self-executing. Any provision of this section held invalid shall be severable from the remaining portions of the section.

Fluco Volleyball tops Orange County 3-0

BY DUNCAN NIXON
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

The Fluvanna County volleyball team swept the Orange County Hornets three games to none at home on Oct. 15.

When a volleyball team wins three-nothing, it often means the teams weren't evenly matched. In this case, the Flucos were clearly the stronger team, but the Hornets put up strong resistance to what seemed like an inevitable outcome.

Fluvanna won the opening game 25-20 as the Hornets closed a seven-point gap to 15-8, then to only three points at 19-16. MaryAlyce Kidd recorded two service aces to regain a six-point lead, 22-16. Sophomore Sydney Gentry served the winning point for the Flucos.

The Flucos started slowly in the second game. They bounced back to take an 8-6 lead, but the Hornets surged to a six-point lead, 19-13, despite several im-

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – QUESTION 2

To Be Voted On at the November 3, 2026, Election

BALLOT QUESTION

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to (i) remove the ban on same-sex marriage; (ii) affirm that two adults may marry regardless of sex, gender, or race; and (iii) require all legally valid marriages to be treated equally under the law?

EXPLANATION FOR VOTERS
QUESTION 2

Present Law

Marriages, civil unions, and other legal relationships with the same rights, benefits, and effects of marriage between persons of the same sex or gender are prohibited under Virginia's Constitution. This prohibition is no longer enforceable as a result of the United States Supreme Court decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges* in 2015, but the prohibition on marriages between persons of the same sex or gender remains in the state's Constitution. If the Supreme Court were to overturn its previous decision, that prohibition would be enforceable again.

Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment removes the prohibition on marriages between persons of the same sex or gender from the Virginia Constitution's Bill of Rights. It is replaced with the fundamental right to marry, requiring the state to recognize and treat equally under the law any lawful marriage between two adult persons, regardless of the sex, gender, or race of either person. The proposed amendment prohibits the state from denying a marriage license to two adult persons because of their sex, gender, or race.

FULL TEXT OF AMENDMENT

[Proposed new language is underlined. Deleted old language is ~~stricken~~.]

ARTICLE I

BILL OF RIGHTS

Section 15-A. Marriage.

That ~~only a union between one man and one woman may be a marriage valid in or recognized by this Commonwealth and its political subdivisions~~ marriage is one of the vital personal rights essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness.

This Commonwealth and its political subdivisions shall not ~~create or recognize a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance, or effects of marriage~~ deny the issuance of a marriage license to two adult persons seeking a lawful marriage on the basis of the sex, gender, or race of such persons. ~~Nor shall this Commonwealth or its political subdivisions create or recognize another union, partnership, or other legal status to which is assigned the rights, benefits, obligations, qualities, or effects of marriage~~ This Commonwealth and its political subdivisions shall recognize any lawful marriage between two adult persons and treat such marriages equally under the law, regardless of the sex, gender, or race of such persons.

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pressive kill shots by the Flucos.

The Flucos' sophomore Norah Ferrell took over the serve and the Flucos cut the lead to four at 17-21. Usually, the first team to 20 wins in games to 25 wins by two. In this game, senior Alyssa Lewis kept that from happening. Lewis tied the score at 22-22 while serving. The score went to 23-23, and the Flucos scored on a block at the net and a kill shot to win 25-23.

In the third game, the Flucos started slowly again, losing four of the first five points. With Ferrell serving, the Flucos came back to tie the score at 8-8. The teams split the next ten points, 13-13. With junior Grace Davis serving, the Flucos scored three consecutive points. The Hornets responded with three quick points to tie 16-16. Lewis's kill shot put the Flucos up by two. Ferrell took over service with the Flucos leading 19-17, and the Flucos scored six straight points to win 25-17 and end the match.

After the match, Coach Aimee McCall noted that the Hornets were much improved from earlier in the season. However, the Flucos are a strong, deep team and were not about to lose, as the Hornets simply weren't going to win three games against them.

The Flucos are now 15-5 overall and are second in the Jefferson District. The Flucos played at Monticello High on Oct. 20 and will play at Albemarle High on Oct. 22. Their final two regular-season games will be at home against Charlottesville and at Western Albemarle on Oct. 27 and 29.



PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – QUESTION 3

To Be Voted On at the November 3, 2026, Election

BALLOT QUESTION

Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended (i) to provide for the fundamental right to vote in the Commonwealth, (ii) to revise the qualifications of voters so that a person convicted of a felony is not entitled to vote during his period of incarceration but is automatically invested with the right to vote upon release from incarceration, and (iii) to update the existing prohibition on voting by persons found to be mentally incompetent to instead apply to persons who have been found to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting?

EXPLANATION FOR VOTERS QUESTION 3

Present Law

Virginia's Constitution currently provides that a person who is convicted of any felony loses the right to vote for the rest of their life unless the Governor of Virginia takes administrative action to restore that specific person's right to vote. This is the only means of getting back the right to vote after a felony conviction.

The current constitutional provision also imposes a broad restriction, while using outdated terminology, on voting by persons found to be incapacitated. A person who is determined by a court to be incapacitated, regardless of the kind of incapacity, loses the right to vote, and only a court can restore the person's right to vote later.

Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment enshrines in the Constitution the fundamental right of all qualified persons in the Commonwealth to vote. Two exceptions to this right are for persons who are serving a sentence of incarceration for a felony conviction and persons who are determined by a court to not understand the act of voting. Such right cannot otherwise be restricted by laws.

Under the proposed amendment, a person who is convicted of a felony loses the right to vote during their period of incarceration. Once released from incarceration, the person gets back the right to vote without needing to apply for restoration by the Governor.

The proposed amendment also requires a specific finding by a court that a person does not understand the act of voting in order for that person's right to vote to be taken away.

With the right to vote, a person also has the right to be a juror, the right to be elected to an office, and the right to be a notary public.

FULL TEXT OF AMENDMENT

[Proposed new language is underlined. Deleted old language is ~~stricken~~.]

ARTICLE II.

FRANCHISE AND OFFICERS.

Section 1. Qualifications of voters.

(a) In elections by the people, the qualifications of voters shall be as follows: Each voter shall be a citizen of the United States, shall be eighteen years of age, shall fulfill the residence requirements set forth in ~~this section~~ subsection (b), and shall be registered to vote pursuant to this article. Every person who meets these qualifications shall have the fundamental right to vote in the Commonwealth, and such right shall not be abridged by law, except that:

(1) No person who has been convicted of a felony shall be ~~qualified~~ entitled to vote ~~unless his civil rights have been restored by the Governor or other appropriate authority.~~ during any period of incarceration for such felony conviction, but every such person, upon release from incarceration for that felony conviction and without further action required of him, shall be invested with all political rights, including the right to vote; and

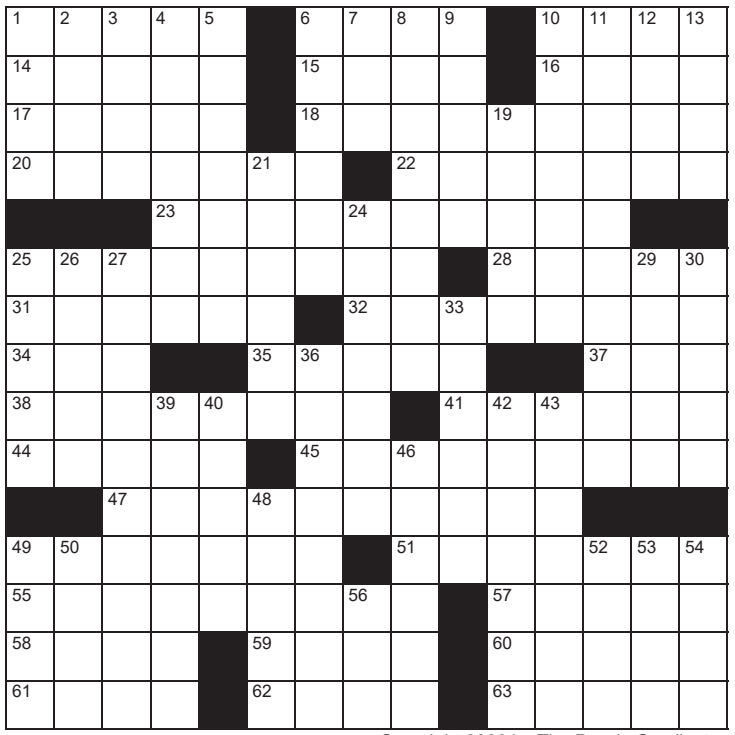
~~As prescribed by law, no~~ (2) No person who has been adjudicated ~~to be mentally incompetent~~ by a court of competent jurisdiction to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting shall be ~~qualified~~ entitled to vote during such period of incapacity until his ~~competency~~ capacity has been reestablished as prescribed by law.

(b) The residence requirements shall be that each voter shall be a resident of the Commonwealth and of the precinct where he votes. Residence, for all purposes of qualification to vote, requires both domicile and a place of abode. The General Assembly may provide for persons who are employed overseas, and their spouses and dependents residing with them, and who are qualified to vote except for relinquishing their place of abode in the Commonwealth while overseas, to vote in the Commonwealth subject to conditions and time limits defined by law. The General Assembly may provide for persons who are qualified to vote except for having moved their residence from one precinct to another within the Commonwealth to continue to vote in a former precinct subject to conditions and time limits defined by law. The General Assembly may also provide, in elections for President and Vice President of the United States, alternatives to registration for new residents of the Commonwealth.

(c) Any person who will be qualified with respect to age to vote at the next general election shall be permitted to register in advance and also to vote in any intervening primary or special election.

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke



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ACROSS

1 Like some cheddar
6 Auction actions
10 Self-satisfied
14 Seesaw, essentially
15 Scoundrel
16 Bread for gyros
17 Crop up
18 Writes in the margin
20 Small amount
22 Parsley, e.g.
23 Producing, as electricity
25 Mistake maker
28 ____ of burden
31 Salon jobs
32 AWOL soldier
34 Infamous Amin
35 Citadel student
37 "So ___ heard"
38 Accompanied
41 Pizza topping
44 Related maternally
45 Sliding stocks
47 Whodunit staple
49 Earhart, for one
51 Made sense
55 With fervor
57 Guard dog's warning
58 "Yes ___?"
59 Prefix with call or cop
60 Broadcast sound
61 Expansive
62 Privy to
63 Bakery supply

DOWN

1 Loud door sound
2 Day saver
3 Passionate
4 Calls it quits
5 Lead up to
6 Faultfinder
7 Suffix with "invent"
8 Blue denim fabric
9 Mink's kin
10 Special wrench
11 Pain-lessening
12 Western tribe
13 Long cut
19 Cultural group
21 World Heritage Site org.
24 Forest denizen
25 Salt solution
26 "Put a ___ it" (hush)
27 Certain Protestants
29 Dissolve
30 Head lock?
33 Unexcitable
36 News anchor Cooper
39 Gorged oneself
40 Brought about
42 Actress Lohan
43 Babe in the woods
46 Coloring stick
48 Muslim beauty
49 Russia's Sea of ____
50 Aloe ___
52 Bit of baby talk
53 "Battle Cry" novelist
54 Scheme
56 Wall St. action

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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2								

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:

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

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Fluvanna Veterinary opens

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
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On Monday, October 12, Fluvanna Veterinary opened for business in the former Martha Jefferson medical clinic, across from Wahoo BBQ at 17 Centre Street.

The clinic is state-of-the-art, with separate treatment areas for dogs and cats.

Dr. Rohan Rajapakse, DVM, MSc, DACLAM, known as Dr. Rohan, is a caring, experienced veterinarian dedicated to providing thoughtful, personalized pet care while building lasting relationships with the families who love them.

Community Calendar

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County Calendar

QR Code provided by the Fluvanna Leadership Development Program

Annual Fall Festival and Trunk-or-Treat
Come join us for an evening of Good Food and Fun! Beulah Baptist Church (1633 Kents Store Way Kents Store, VA) is holding our Annual Fall Festival and Trunk-or-Treat Saturday **October 31st** 5pm-7:00pm. Everything is Free! Sno-Cones, Popcorn, Trunks full of candy, and other Food and Games. Call 434-589-2245 for more info.

Central Virginia Veterans Breakfast
Central Virginia Veterans (CVV), Inc will be holding their monthly 'G.I. style' breakfast on **October 31,** 2026. Time is 8:15 AM at Wahoo BBQ & Grill, Slice Road Gate, Lake Monticello. Cost is $12 per person (cash only please). Veterans and spouses/friends are welcome. Questions? Contact Paul Bethke (703) 965-8363.

Donations Needed
FCSS Happy Face Christmas Party 2026 will be held Sat., **Dec. 5** at Central Elementary. FCSS is collecting new toys ($15-30) and books for children, ages infant to 13. A collecting new winter coats and PJs, sizes infant to 18. Collection boxes are set up at various locations. To volunteer or have questions, email Mary Kidd at marykidd01@gmail.com.

Free Rural Health Clinic at Dunbar Rosenwald School on the **1st Thursday of each mont**h from 2 to 5 p.m. through December. County residents can receive needed health services to address local health inequities and disparities.

Cash, food accepted
Fluvanna Leaders for Race & Diversity (FLRD) is located at 14455 James Madison Highway in Palmyra. It is open on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It accepts cash and food donations. (434) 987-1938.

Food Pantry & Food Assistance
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A graduate of Sri Lanka's veterinary school, Dr. Rohan continued his graduate studies and biomedical research in France before building his veterinary career in the United States. He has served as a clinical veterinarian at both the University of Virginia and the University of Pennsylvania and is board-certified by the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine.

With extensive experience in small animal medicine and more than 20 years of connection to the Charlottesville area, Dr. Rohan is proud to call Central Virginia home.

"My goal is to provide high-quality, compassionate veterinary care while treating every patient and pet owner with the time, attention, and respect they deserve," he said.

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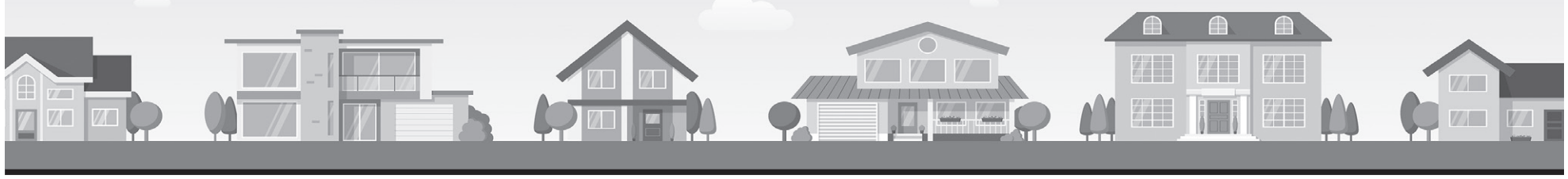
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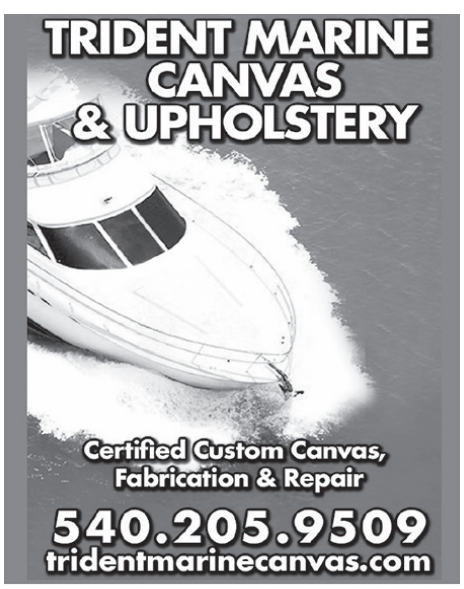
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The Lake Monticello Marina is scheduled for a new fuel pump this fall, and we purchased a new fuel spill kit to go with it. To train on how to use the kit in the event of a fuel spill, our Facilities & Operations Team joined Chief Richie Constantino from the Lake Monticello Volunteer Fire and Rescue, along with LMPD Officer Dan Mowry, on Friday, October 9, at 9 AM. The session also included a review of federal and state laws. Thank you, LMVFR, for your unwavering support!



Lake Monticello Beautification Corps Road Clean-Up

LMBC will be leading the fall clean-up of Lake Monticello Road (Route 618) on Saturday, October 31. The goal is to clean roadside trash from Rt. 53 roundabout to South Boston Road. All LMOA residents and local volunteers outside of the Lake are welcome to join. Meet at the Ashlawn Clubhouse, 41 Ashlawn Blvd. at 9:00 AM. Safety vests, gloves, and trash grabbers provided, but you're welcome to bring your own if you prefer. Trash bags provided. Questions? Contact Alan Aldag at aaldag@outlook.com or Joe Mannix at jgmannix2@comcast.net.



Lucas is Going to Nationals!

If you love youth golf, you'll want to know this: Lake Monticello eleven-year-old **Lucas Dunaway** is heading back to the National Finals of the Drive, Chip, and Putt competition at Augusta National Golf Club on April 4, 2027, the week before the Masters! Lucas finished first in the local, sub-regional, and regional competitions, securing his spot in the finals. A regular participant of our PGA Junior League, Lucas also placed second nationally two years ago in a younger age bracket. He will compete against 9 other boys in this televised event. Congratulations and good luck, Lucas!

Thank You, From 'In the Pink'

The Women's Committee of the Martha Jefferson Hospital Foundation extends its thanks to LMOA for the use of our tennis courts for the annual In the Pink Tennis and Pickleball Charity Event that was held in September. LMOA is proud to support events that make a difference in our community!

OCTOBER

October 23: **South Canal Street Band**, 6-8:30 PM, Bunker Bistro Patio. $10 cover.

October 25: **EarthQuest Birds of Prey** Program, 1 PM on the Ashlawn Clubhouse Lawn. Join the Wildlife Committee for this always-popular Birds of Prey program!

October 30: Young Residents & Families Committee's Annual **Bunker Pumpkin Walk**, 6-7:30 PM on the Bunker Park Track. Join the YRF Committee for an evening of jack-o'-lanterns, candy, and fun!

October 29: Team Challenge: **EAT IT – DRINK IT - SOLVE IT**! 6:30 PM, Bunker Bistro. Grab your team of 6 and be the first team to eat 19 pretzel bites, 6 chicken tenders, drink 12 beers (or cider), and solve a 300-piece puzzle to win $. Reserve your spot today by calling **434-591-0106**.

October 31: **Halloween** at the Bunker Bistro. **Music by F.O.G.** 6-8:30 PM. Costumes welcome!

Every Sunday - Wednesday, 4 PM: LAKESIDE RESTAURANT @ Ashlawn Clubhouse **Buffet Dinners**!



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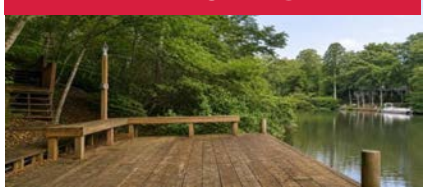
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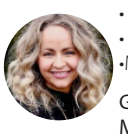
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